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Home Of Donna Greene

Who filed?

Sheriff
Democrat: Darren Jackson, Joe Cheyne
Republican: Kerry Fritz, Joe Simpson

Pct. 1 Commissioner
Democrat: Ralph Trevey (I), Max Beasley.
Republican: None

Pct. 3 Commissioner
Democrat: C.D. Gray Jr. (I)
Republican: Howard Limmer

District Judge
Democrat: None
Republican: Ernie Armstrong

District Attorney
Democrat: Lealand W. "Pete" Greene
Republican: Dana W. Cooley (I)

County Attorney
Democrat: Marvin Sentell
Republican: Michael W. Hartman, Dena Reecer

Tax Assessor-Collector
Democrat: Rona Sikes (I)
Republican: None

Pct. 1 Constable
Democrat: Rodney Josey
Republican: None

Pct. 2 Constable
Democrat: Billy Joe Gannaway
Republican: None

U.S. Rep. District 17
Democrat: Charles W. Stenholm
Republican: Rudy Izzard

State Rep. District 70
Democrat: David Counts
Republican: Carl Willingham, Scott McLaughlin

Candidate filing for March 12 primaries ends

Pete Greene files for DA

Tuesday's late afternoon action by Lealand W. "Pete" Greene to file for district attorney closed out the filing period for the March 12 primary elections.

Greene, who is currently serving as county attorney, was one of six Scurry County residents to file in the Democratic Party yesterday. No local residents filed in the Republican Party on the final day.

Greene is unopposed in seeking the Democratic nomination for district attorney in the 132nd District. He will face Republican candidate Dana W. Cooley in the November general election. Cooley is the current district attorney, appointed by Gov. George Bush last July.

Others filing Tuesday were Marvin Sentell for county attorney, Max Beasley for Pct. 1 commissioner, Rodney Josey for Pct. 1 constable and Billy Joe Gannaway for Pct. 2 constable.

Bill Love had also filed as Pct. 1 constable Tuesday morning but withdrew his name after Josey filed late in the afternoon. Love, a former longtime constable, said he had filed because he felt it was important to keep the office open. Both Josey and Gannaway are uncontested.

Greene, a Snyder native and former district attorney, is the current county attorney.

"I think I can run the district attorney's office more efficiently at less cost to the taxpayers," said Greene. "I have the experience, the background — fourteen years as district attorney and six years as county attorney. I just feel like I can do it on a full-time basis without having to employ an assistant to assist me in those duties."

Greene served as assistant county attorney in Lubbock before being drafted into military service in 1969. He served with the U.S. Army legal branch for two years.

He was appointed district attorney for the 132nd District in 1971 and held that post until 1984 when he resigned to run for the first of two unsuccessful bids as district judge.

Greene was appointed county attorney in 1989, replacing Mike Line, who resigned. He was elected for the remainder of the term in 1990 and ran unopposed in 1992. He also maintains a private law practice.

He received his law degree from Baylor University in 1968.

He is a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. His wife, Donna, represents Premiere Travel. He has a stepdaughter, Erin Kirk, an eighth grader.

In the Pct. 1 commissioners race, Beasley will face Democratic incumbent Ralph Trevey in the March primary. There is no Republican candidate for the office.

Beasley, 49, has been employed with Snyder Concrete since September of 1994. He is a Snyder High School graduate, attended classes at North Texas State University and continuing education courses from Western Texas College, Howard College and New Mexico Junior College.

He previously was employed as a store manager at Pro Parts here and as a sales representative with Parts Warehouse in Midland. He also previously worked for Danny's Auto Center and Pride Petroleum, Electrolux Corporation and was owner and operator of Western Dirt Service.

He and his wife, Mariene, have two children: Heath, age 15, and Kenneth, age 14.

"I think I can make a difference in the way the business of Scurry County is being run," said

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Pete Greene

Rodney Josey

Max Beasley

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "History repeats itself because nobody understood the lesson the first time."

It was before our time, but there are those who can still get lathered up for a debate concerning the remodeling of the Scurry County Courthouse.

In 1971, the hottest issue in town was the proposed remodeling of the courthouse. By the fall of 1972, a modern shell was built around the old structure. Visitors inside the courthouse can still be shown the old brick walls.

A lot of interesting things go on inside a courthouse. One of our favorite stories is the well-known Snyder bootlegger who was standing trial for the umpteenth time during the oil boom.

The prosecuting attorney had made a powerful presentation and had placed a pint of whiskey on the rail in front of the jury just before the judge called for a recess.

When court was resumed, the judge had to declare a mistrial. It seems that the defendant and his lawyer had drunk the evidence.

Courthouses came to mind when we saw a calendar of famous courthouses put out by a former newsman.

It contains a story about Lubbock where Lubbock enhanced its petition for county status by signing up every available male, then adding the names of horses on the IOA Ranch.

The calendar also reveals that an Angelina County trial ended abruptly when a hound ate the evidence, the ears of a purloined pig, while court officers were breaking up a fist fight.

Other interesting courthouse tidbits:

--A runaway bull razed a Cooke County courthouse.

--Confiscated cattle paid for the first Hopkins County courthouse.

--A Grayson County courthouse was torn down in 1856 to settle a bet over a goose purportedly nesting under the floor.

--Anahuac became the county seat of Chambers County because of its high tolerance for pigs.

Morgan's 1996 calendar is titled "Old Friends: Great Texas Courthouses."

INSIDE JOB - Painting contractor Warren Meeks is putting the finishing touches on one unit of the Golden Terrace Village Phase III, senior housing project located adjacent to Cogdell Hospital. The project is expected to be completed by March 1. (SDN Staff Photo)

Counts to face opponent for November's election

David Counts, the Knox City Democrat seeking his fifth full term as District 70 State Representative, won't have an opponent in the March Primary but will face off against one in November.

Stonewall County Commissioner Carl Willingham on Tuesday announced his candidacy for Counts' post on the Republican ticket. Willingham will face Big Spring businessman Scott McLaughlin in the March Primary.

U.S. Rep. Charles W. Stenholm (D-Stamford) also has a November opponent in Rudy Izzard (R-San Angelo). Neither is opposed in the March primaries.

Budget shutdown...

GOP House leaders criticize Senate plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defiant House Republican leaders criticized a Senate-passed plan today that would return government workers to their jobs. The White House branded the House leadership "the gruesome group" for refusing to compromise.

In a series of brief interviews, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said he doubted that the House would even take up the legislation today. The bill would bring resume normal government functions through Jan. 12, including paying the workers.

Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, formed a "zero" with his fingers when asked the chances that the House would approve the measure.

At the White House, spokesman Mike McCurry said many House Republicans want a stopgap spending measure to return federal workers to their jobs. But he said it was being blocked by Gingrich, House Majority Leader Richard Armey, R-Texas, and Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, the House majority whip.

"That's Armey. That's Gingrich. That's DeLay. The gruesome group up there," McCurry said. "It's gruesome what they're doing to the federal workforce and what they're doing to the American people."

Until today, the White House blamed the shutdown on House Republican freshmen. Last month, President Clinton wondered out loud if the tail was "wagging the dog" in the House.

The administration also planned a series of events, including a Cabinet meeting this evening, to underscore the impact of the shutdown.

Clinton and congressional leaders planned to resume White House budget talks today. Gingrich planned to first brief rank-and-file GOP lawmakers on sessions that both sides say are making progress.

"We hope coming out of that conference with the Republicans is a strong sentiment by a majority of Republican members of the House that their leadership is just wrong and they should bring this measure up for immediate vote," McCurry said.

Underscoring House differences with the more moderate Senate, Gingrich on Tuesday linked an end to the 19-day shutdown to an agreement with Clinton on balancing the budget by 2002.

"If there is an agreement on a basis for balancing the budget, a lot of things could happen in a very few hours," he said.

One indictment sealed...

Four indicted by grand jury

A Scurry County grand jury handed down four indictments Tuesday, including one for sexual assault and another which was sealed.

Grand jury members indicted Daniel Eric Fish for sexual assault, a second degree felony. Fish, 19, of 3110 Ave. U is charged with sexually assaulting a girl under the age of 17 on Nov. 26. Bond has been set at $10,000.

Randall Taff Randolph, 26, of 1712 College Ave. was indicted for the Jan. 1 offense of driving while intoxicated. Randolph is out on $2,000 bond.

David Guerra Jr. was indicted for the Dec. 16 offense of driving while intoxicated. Guerra, 29, of 1601 Ave. L is being held on $2,000 bond.

The grand jury also returned one indictment which remains sealed.

ASK US

Q—Is Texas the only state that allows citizens to get a permit to carry a concealed weapon?

A—No, 27 other states have similar laws.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 35 degrees; low, 17; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 17; trace precipitation; total for 1996, .21 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 30-35. SW-W wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, breezy, warmer. High 60-65. W wind 15-25 mph, gusty.

Warmer, Windy

Sunset: 5:53 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:17 a.m.

Of two days in 1996, the sun has shone one day in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A fool rejects his father's discipline, but he who regards reproof is prudent.

Proverbs 15:5

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Response to Spaying Program Means Fewer Pets Will Die

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for bringing the SPAY USA program to the attention of your readers. Almost 12,000 calls were received in the first three weeks after the column was published. We hired a 24-hour answering service to take the calls, and our most experienced staff people worked seven-day weeks to keep up with the referrals. The number of calls is down to about 250 a day now.

Many of the inquiries were for more than one animal — often three or more cats, and sometimes up to 30! As of Nov. 17, there were 3,019 cat spays, 5,459 cat neuters, 3,085 feral cat (sex unknown) alters, 3,084 dog spays, 2,279 dog neuters and 882 dog (sex unknown) alters.

The biggest problem we have now is cats. Taking into account that a male cat can be responsible for many litters per year, and a female can have three litters per year, we are being conservative when we take the total number of cat surgeries (11,563) and estimate that each of them could have produced 10 kittens in one year — or 115,630 cats. A year later, if each of those had been responsible for 10 more kittens, there would be well over a million. The dog numbers are not quite as dramatic, but nonetheless, we will see the difference at shelters next spring.

I wish we could persuade people to keep cats indoors, to put ID's on them in case they slip outside, to adopt them with the understanding that they live 15 to 20 years, and to spay or neuter them.

At this time, there are literally tens of millions of homeless cats. People get cats because they are "easy to take care of," then leave them outside with no identification, unaltered, where they multiply like rabbits. The cat crisis today is what the dog crisis was 20 years ago.

Thank you, Abby, for all of the good you have accomplished with a single column.

ESTHER R. MECHLER,
DIRECTOR, SPAY/USA

DEAR ESTHER: No need to thank me — that's what I'm here for. I'm delighted to know that your program, which resolves the problem of homeless, unwanted pets without destroying them, is making a difference.

For those readers who missed the original letter back in October, SPAY/USA is a program that provides referrals to veterinarians who offer low-cost neutering and spaying. The SPAY/USA phone number is 1-800-248-SPAY (7729).

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DEAR ABBY: From time to time, you've published letters from people who had found money. One woman bought a pair of jeans at a yard sale and found $5 in one of the pockets. A high school student found a wallet on the pavement. When I read those letters, the correct behavior was evident. Then something similar happened to me, and I wasn't so sure anymore.

I had finished shopping in a drugstore that is owned by a local family. When I got outside, I discovered I had been given $10 too much in change, so I went back in and said, "You've made a mistake in my change." Assuming I meant I had been shortchanged, the owner angrily interrupted with: "Once you're outside the door, we don't do anything about it!" and he walked away. I replied, "You gave me $10 too much, and I was going to return it."

I turned around and walked out with the $10. Abby, what would you have done had that happened to you?

OVERCHANGED

DEAR OVERCHANGED: I would have insisted that the owner accept the money — and in the future, I would take my business to another drugstore.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: One more for "Annoyed in Minnesota," who was offended by people who responded to questions by saying, "I don't care":

My mother tells the story about my grandfather who was driving his buggy down the road and came across a man who was walking.

Grandpa asked the fellow if he wanted a ride, and the fellow replied, "I don't care."

Grandpa said, "I don't care either. Giddyup!"

LYNN BARTEAU,
ST. CHARLES, MO.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular," Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Woman who posed as boy pleads guilty; gets 1 year

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A woman who posed as an abandoned boy and told social workers she wanted a warm place to stay has finally got one — in jail.

A tearful Birdie Jo Hoaks pleaded guilty to two misdemeanors Tuesday and was sentenced to a year behind bars, telling the judge: "I swear as God is my witness that I did not mean for this to happen the way it did. I was simply looking for a place to stay."

Hoaks, 25, of San Jose, Calif., had told Utah state workers she was a 12-year-old boy whose stepmother and father had left him at a bus stop a week before Christmas because they could no longer care for him. Hoaks presented a letter she claimed was written by the boy's mother.

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After Jan. 4th, you will need to take your tree to the landfill. If placed in the area for brush & tree limbs, there will be no charge.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Parties complete state primary ballots

AUSTIN (AP) — The two major political parties have completed their primary election ballots, with Texas Republicans predicting bold gains and Democrats saying not so fast.

GOP Chairman Tom Pauken, buoyed by growth that he said is bringing Republican primaries to all 254 counties for the first time, voiced the hope for big things in 1996.

"I think we've really got the best slate of candidates we've ever had," Pauken said. "What we're trying to do is put together a conservative infrastructure."

But new state Democratic Chairman Bill White vowed a vigorous effort by his party after losses in recent years.

"The interest among high-quality candidates in running under the Democratic banner has been very good this year," White said.

Democrats' goals, he said, include doing "a better job, frankly, than we have done in the past .... to make sure that our candidates at all levels effectively communicate their mainstream values and beliefs to the public, so that the image of the Democratic Party is more an image of the future."

Tuesday was the deadline for candidates to file for the March 12 primaries. Runoff elections will be April 9.

In the presidential primaries, President Clinton was joined on the ballot by a number of lesser-known hopefuls, while all the major Republicans filed.

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, utilized the state's unusual "LBJ Law" to file for both president and re-election.

That law, first passed for then-Sen. Lyndon Johnson's dual races in 1960, also is being used this year by Fred Hudson of Center, who listed his occupation as lawyer-merchant and is seeking both the Democratic presidential nomination and the party's nomination for the U.S. House in the 2nd Congressional District.

Pauken said Gramm's chances were good to win the 123 Texas delegates to the Republican National Convention. But he said Kansas Sen. Robert Dole might do well if he has swept the earlier primaries in states leading up to Texas.

"Right now, Phil Gramm is the favorite," he said.

In the Senate race, where Gramm is seeking a third term, his primary challengers were former state Sen. Henry C. Grover of Houston and David Young of Austin, a former Democrat who has run unsuccessfully for a string of statewide posts.

On the Democratic side, the Senate primary turned into a genuine battle.

Seeking the nomination to challenge Gramm's re-election are two congressmen — John Bryant of Dallas and Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs — plus Houston lawyer John Odam and Victor Morales of Crandall, a high school teacher.

Joining Bryant and Chapman in giving up seats in the U.S. House were five other Texas congressmen, making for one of the most open congressional fields in years.

Also stepping down this year are U.S. Reps. Ron Coleman, D-El Paso; Kika De La Garza, D-McAllen; Jack Fields, R-Humble; Pete Geren, D-Fort Worth; and Charles Wilson, D-Lufkin.

Pauken said the GOP's goals for this year are to break the century-old Democratic lock on the Texas Senate, where Republicans now hold 14 of the 31 seats; gain eight to 10 seats in the Texas House, where Democrats hold a majority of 86-64; pick up two or three seats in the U.S. House; and gain a majority on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

"I'm encouraged by what's taking place," he said. "For the first time ever, most of the winnable legislative seats currently occupied by Democrats will have Republican challengers.

"Depending on what happens at the national level, and that's the great uncertainty, if we do what Texas has been able to do in the past on the presidential election front — I think we're going to have an excellent election down ballot," Pauken said.

White said the Democrats are determined to keep control of the state House and Senate, and to at least hold their own in Congress.

As for the Court of Criminal Appeals, he said, "We do not have as a goal to try to politicize the judiciary."

A spokesman for Secretary of State Tony Garza said a number of independent candidates also filed notice Tuesday of their intent to seek offices in the November general election.

In addition, spokesman Gene Acuna said, Ross Perot's Reform Party was among several independent parties that have registered with the secretary of state. Independent parties have until May 28 to file petitions to put the names of presidential candidates on the November ballot.

Federal judge orders Austin man held on charge of fraud

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin man will remain in jail while a federal grand jury considers indicting him on a charge of wire fraud related to four young Americans' 1991 arrest and imprisonment in Mexico.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Alan Albright said Tuesday that there is enough evidence to send the case against Oscar Estrada Gomez to a grand jury. He ruled that Gomez should remain in jail until a decision on an indictment is made.

Gomez, 45, had been jailed awaiting a bond hearing since his Dec. 22 arrest. He is accused of duping the families of four young people who were arrested and held in a Mexican prison in December 1991.

The young people, at the time 18 to 24 years old, were arrested on charges of obtaining illegal amounts of Valium. They were held for 9½ months and then released without being convicted.

One of them, Jennifer Whitt of Albany, drew widespread attention after she suffered a severe bronchial asthma attack and died a few hours after her release from the Reynosa, Mexico, prison in October 1992.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gerald Carruth said Gomez told the families he had influence on both sides of the Texas-Mexican border and could negotiate their children's freedom using their money. They turned over a total of $4,340, Carruth said.

On Tuesday, FBI Special Agent Nancy Houston recounted for Albright how Gomez allegedly became involved:

—A mutual friend introduced Gomez to Mary Ann Stewart in Austin, the mother of one of the four young people, shortly after she discovered the arrest of her son and three other people;

—Gomez convinced Mrs. Stewart to quickly collect $6,000 — $1,500 for each of the four — to secure their release;

—Gomez told Mrs. Stewart he would use the money to "grease the palms" of Mexican officials to get the young people out of prison;

—Through wire transfer services, Mrs. Stewart raised a total of $4,250, which she gave to Gomez.

Gomez is charged under federal law because the money transfers crossed state lines. The families of the young people lived in Louisiana, North Carolina, Austin and Albany, west of Dallas.

Wrinkle cream OK'd

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp. has won permission to promote its acne drug as a wrinkle reducer.

Tretinoin, sold under the brand name Retin-A, was approved in 1971 to treat severe acne and soon won wide popularity as a potent wrinkle remover.

On Friday, the FDA said Ortho has proved that tretinoin does reduce fine wrinkles and brown spots, giving the company permission to sell a special cream version under the brand name Renova.

Renova is different from Retin-A only because its more soothing cream formula is better suited for aging skin, Ortho said. It will be available next month.

Studies indicate that after 24 weeks of using Renova, 30 percent of people had moderate improvement, 35 percent had minimal improvement and 35 percent saw no change.

Date Book

Jan. 3, 1996

Today is the third day of 1996 and the 13th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lucretia Mott (1793-1880), abolitionist-feminist; Father Damien (1840-1889), missionary; J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973), writer; Victor Borge (1909-), comedian-pianist, is 87; Sergio Leone (1921-1989), director; Bobby Hull (1939-), hockey great, is 57; Victoria Principal (1945-), actress, is 51; Stephen Stills (1945-), musician, is 51; Mel Gibson (1956-), actor, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, Floridian George Steinbrenner bought the venerable New York Yankees.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit. Not a nasty, dirty, wet hole... It was a hobbit hole, and that means comfort." J.R.R. Tolkien

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1883, a bright meteor, the trail of which remained visible for nearly a half-hour, was observed over the eastern portion of the Midwest.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Dec. 28) and full moon (Jan. 5).

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Cholesterol drugs are linked to cancer

CHICAGO (AP) — A study that found two of the most popular types of cholesterol-lowering drugs cause cancer in rodents is drawing criticism because it was based on doses far larger than those prescribed for humans.

The study, published today in The Journal of the American Medical Association, says the drug types statins and fibrates should be reserved for patients who are in imminent danger of heart problems, such as those with known heart disease.

Currently, the drugs are prescribed to people at relatively low risk of heart disease. The drugs include lovastatin, marketed as Mevacor, and gemfibrozil, marketed as Lopid.

In an editorial accompanying the study, two doctors noted that the study called, in some instances, on doses equivalent to more than 300 times what is recommended for humans. A drug maker also questioned the study's validity.

In the past decade, prescriptions of drugs to lower cholesterol and other fats have increased 10-fold, with more than 26 million U.S. prescriptions filled in 1992, said the researchers, Dr. Thomas B. Newman and Stephen B. Hulley of the University of California at San Francisco.

Patients may take cholesterol-lowering drugs for more than 30 years, even though the drugs have only been tested for much shorter periods.

The researchers reviewed data from cancer studies on rodents that pharmaceutical companies are required to submit to the Food and Drug Administration as part of the drug approval process. They also looked at other FDA records and previous studies.

Studies found that lovastatin — when administered at blood concentrations two to four times the levels seen in the maximum doses that might be prescribed to patients — caused a higher-than-normal incidence of stomach, liver and lung tumors in mice, the researchers said.

At somewhat higher levels, the other statins that were reviewed — pravastatin, marketed as Pravachol; simvastatin, marketed as Zocor; and fluvastatin, marketed as Lescol — caused rodent cancer, the researchers said.

Gemfibrozil, a fibrate, caused liver cancer in mice at blood concentration levels comparable to those seen in humans taking the medication, the researchers said.

The researchers acknowledge that drugs that cause cancer in rodents may not do so in humans, or may only do so in certain groups of humans. But they said it would be unwise to dismiss the rodent studies entirely.

Two researchers not associated with their work took a sharply different view.

"For the two most popular cholesterol-lowering drugs, lovastatin and gemfibrozil, the doses (given to animals) were 312 and 10 times the human recommended dose, respectively," Drs. James E. Dalen and William S. Dalton of the University of Arizona College of Medicine in Tucson wrote in an editorial accompanying the study.

They said people who are alarmed by the study should remember that of the 1,000 compounds contained in roasted coffee, 26 have been tested for cancer-causing potential and 19 are considered positive.

Sleepy driver and mechanical problems eyed in crash probe

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A bus driver may have fallen asleep before his vehicle slammed into an oncoming bus on a desolate Mexican highway and killed 25 people, a Mexican state prosecutor said Tuesday.

Survivors aboard the deluxe Elite commercial bus said the driver seemed to be dozing off, said Vicky Salazar, a prosecutor for the Mexican state of Sonora.

"They're not sure, but it seems like he was falling asleep. He was only driving by himself from Mexico City," said Salazar, who is leading the investigation.

Salazar had said Monday that there were two drivers. However, only one appeared on the preliminary list of dead and injured, and Salazar said her staff could not explain the discrepancy.

The bus was headed north from Mexico City to Tijuana, a two-day, 1,500-mile trip typically made with two drivers alternating in six-hour shifts.

The southbound Transportes de Pacifico bus was traveling from Tijuana to Guadalajara, west of Mexico City, and apparently was not at fault, investigators said.

Skid marks led investigators to believe both buses were speeding, and that the Elite bus crossed the center line of the two-lane highway, a dozen miles south of the Arizona border crossing at Lukeville.

Six of the dead were under the age of 10. None of the passengers on either bus was an American citizen, she said.

One passenger on the Elite bus, Antonio Vega Perez, said in a signed statement that he overheard the driver talking to another bus driver about mechanical problems when the bus stopped at Navajoa, about 400 miles south of the crash site.

The driver said "there was some kind of problem with the clutch," said Vega Perez, who was headed back to his job as a tailor in Los Angeles. "The bus was making a lot of noise."

Three other survivors also told investigators they had noticed problems with the brakes, but were ignored when they asked for the brakes to be checked when the bus stopped at Navajoa.

Wrecker driver who took car without permission indicted

HOUSTON (AP) — A wrecker driver who towed a Houston school teacher's car without her permission, leaving her without her clothes, medicine, money and gradebook, has been indicted on two counts of auto theft.

A grand jury indicted Majed Elayyand, 32, in that case and in a similar one from last February, prosecutor Larry Standley said Tuesday.

Ann Kelley, 54, had flown to Massachusetts for her mother's funeral and was on her way home from a Houston airport Dec. 6 when she stopped for gas and her car would not restart, she said.

She phoned for a AAA wrecker.

However, the man who showed up in a wrecker within 30 minutes and hooked up her car said he was not a AAA driver and refused to release her car unless she paid him, she said.

He then left with her vehicle, which she said contained most of her clothing, her medication, her winter coat and the gradebook she needed to fill out report cards for 150 students.

Ms. Kelley said it took her 13 days to find her car on a storage lot and it cost her about $400 to get it back. It still wouldn't start, she said, and now it also had a flat tire and front-end damage and had been left outside with its windows open.

Ms. Kelley was facing a visit from her adopted daughter without any money for food for Christmas dinner, or anything else, she said.

Ms. Kelley, who works two extra jobs to pay for her daughter's college studies and for her own graduate studies, had already borrowed money to fly to her mother's funeral.

The Houston Chronicle told of her plight in a story Dec. 23, and she was overwhelmed with offers of food, money, help and good will.

One man who read about her problems was Sgt. Jim Thorpe, assigned to Houston Police Department's auto theft division. He met Ms. Kelley outside the courtroom where a hearing was held Dec. 29 on her complaint against Elayyan.

Standley credited Thorpe with conducting the investigation necessary to charge Elayyan. A warrant was issued Friday, and he was arrested on New Year's Eve.

"Ironically, the arresting officers checked their computer database and discovered another case, from February 1995, with similar facts and circumstances," Standley said.

Ms. Kelley, who was finishing her report cards Tuesday, said she wouldn't want to undergo the experience again, but added that it put her in touch with "a lot of wonderful, wonderful people, whom I thank with all my heart."

"Just the fact that people care makes me so happy," she said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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	SOUTH ♠K 5 4 ♥K Q 6 5 4 ♦A K ♣A Q 7	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
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1 ♣	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣
Dbl.	2 ♥	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥3

Same match, different result

By Phillip Alder

The final of last year's Marlboro Venice Cup was a repeat of the previous one, held in 1993, between Germany and the United States This time, Germany turned the tables, winning 312-248. Ahead by only three points before the last 16 boards, the Germans won this final session 70-9. The winners were Sabine Auken, Daniela von Arnim, Beate "Pony" Nehmert and Andrea Rauscheid, with Klaus Reps the non-playing captain. Karen Caesar and Marianne Mogel were also on the German team, but they didn't play in the final.

The losers were Kerri Sanborn, Karen McCallum, Sue Picus, Rozanne Pollack, Kitty Munson and Carol Simon. The first three were on the victorious 1993 team.

In this deal from the final session, the Americans reached a poor six no-trump, going three down. The Germans stopped in three no-trump after the given auction. One club was strong, artificial and forcing. One spade showed either both majors or both minors. Two clubs was correctable: West couldn't pass with the majors.

West led the heart three: 10, jack, king. South, Auken, cashed her top diamonds, getting the bad news when West inaccurately threw a low club. Auken exited with a low heart, West going in with the eight and switching to the club jack.

After winning with the club queen, declarer played a spade to dummy's 10 and East's jack. Auken won the spade return with dummy's ace, played a spade to her king, cashed the club ace and exited with her last club. East could take two club tricks, but then she had to lead from the J-9 of diamonds into dummy's Q-10.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; landscape and design program, by Gertrude League; hostesses, Sandra Browning and Wyvonne Davis; 9:30 a.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Rudy's Restaurant; 6:30 p.m.

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

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or573-8929; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

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

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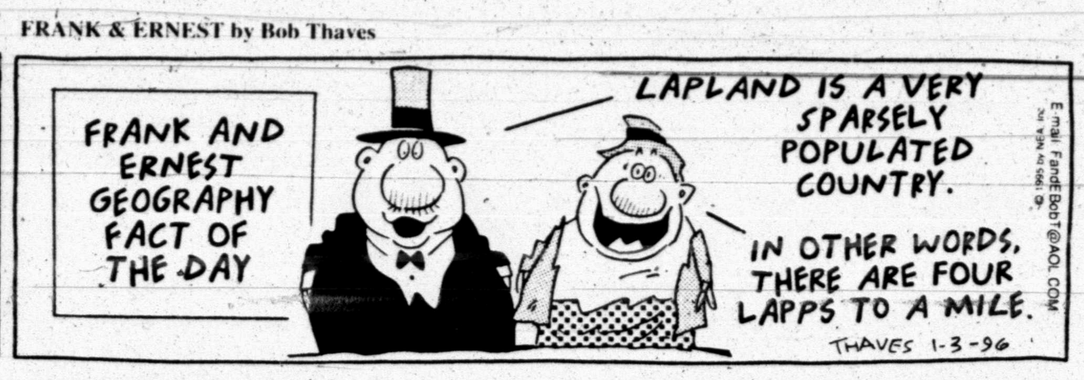

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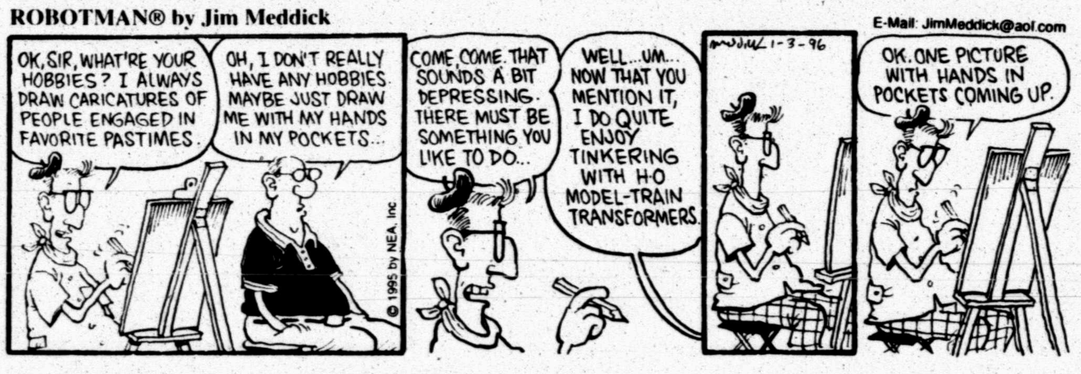

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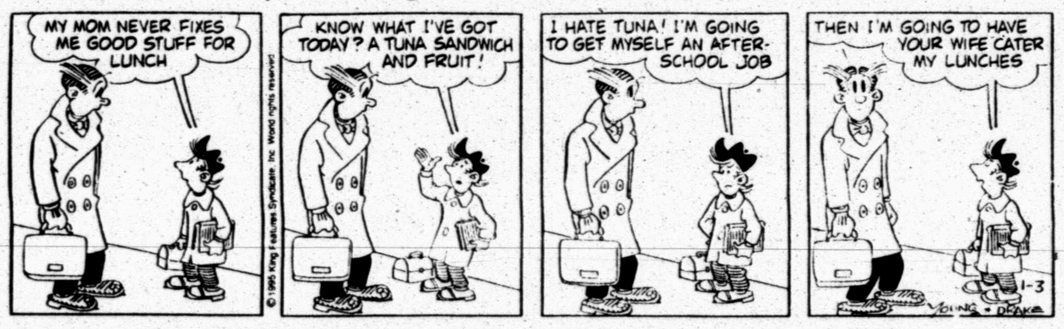

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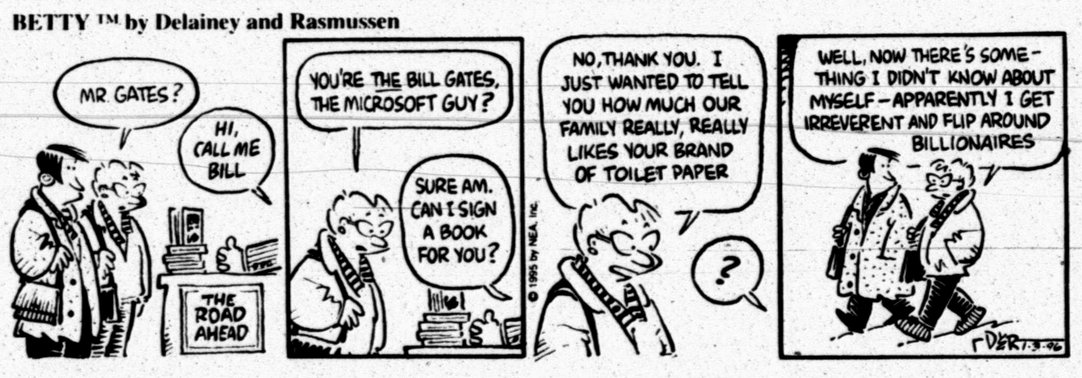

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1 Newsman Huntley
5 Turf
8 At the house of (Fr.)
12 Zhivago's love
13 — out (stretch)
14 Princeton's rival
15 Cat on — — Tin Roof
16 Research room
17 Baby lions
18 Unpleasantly
20 — — ease
21 Officeholders
22 Baseball's DiMaggio
23 Frosting
26 Noisiest
30 Wooden shoe
31 Uses scissors
32 Pronoun
33 Poetic time of day
34 Character on Friends
35 Type of muffin or chip
36 Cheeriest
38 Fixed prices
39 Tennis equipment
40 Craving
41 Peaceful poem
44 Private gathering place (2 wds.)
48 Sheltered nook
49 Over there
50 Slippery
51 Author Harte
52 Height (abbr.)
53 Bathe
54 Disorder
55 — de mer
56 Resorts

DOWN

1 Highlands group
2 Sounds of laughter
3 God of love
4 Making lace
5 Vends
6 All right
7 New socialite
8 Rode a bike
9 Pull
10 Island of exile
11 Spicy quality
19 Participle ending
20 Debts (abbr.)
22 Notes
23 Champagne bucket
24 Nile queen, for short
25 Charged particles
26 Craving
27 Island
28 Painful
29 Wine casks
31 Expense
34 Film unit
35 Voids
37 Bays
38 Bridge of San Luis —
40 Barbra Streisand movie
41 Missile abbr.
42 Gilded
43 Actor Montand
44 Bitter nut
45 Jump
46 Edible seaweed
47 Unplayed golf holes
49 Sweet potato

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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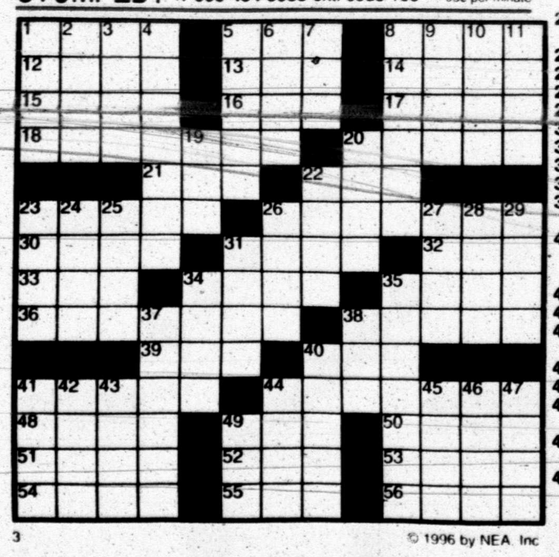

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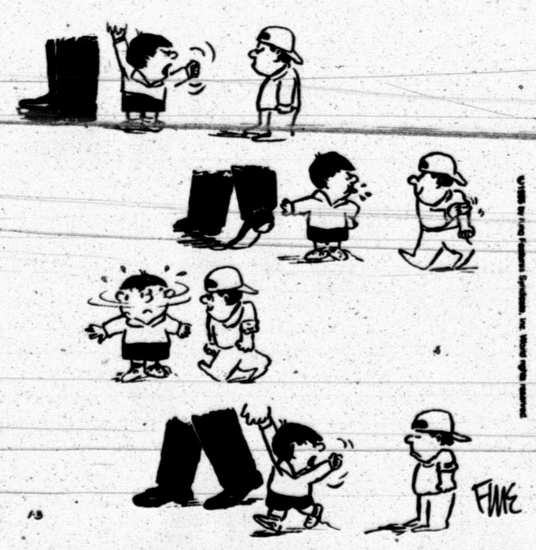

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SPORTS

No doubt about it, Nebraska is the best college football team

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — On the field, they found perfection. There, at least, no one could touch them.

In a season when coach Tom Osborne spent as much time defending his troubled players as they spent defending the national championship, Nebraska stamped itself as one of college football's greatest teams with one of the most overwhelming efforts ever.

Billed as a matchup between the nation's two best teams, the No. 1 Cornhuskers instead made Florida look like all the Pacifics and Missouris and Iowa States they usually rout. Gators coach Steve Spurrier could only close his eyes and rub his brow as Nebraska wrecked his Fun 'n' Gun offense and romped 62-24 Tuesday night in the Fiesta Bowl.

Lawrence Phillips, suspended for six games after assaulting a former girlfriend, ran for 165 yards and three touchdowns in his first start since the incident. Quarterback Tommie Frazier ran for 199 yards and two scores, including a 75-yard, tackle-breaking surge that may have convinced NFL scouts that there's a place for him yet.

"We wanted to come and show everybody we were the best team," center Aaron Graham said. "If the program was bad, if the program had flaws in it, then we should have crumbled.

"We didn't crumble. We stood strong. The program has a strong foundation and we wanted to show that to everybody," he said.

At 12-0, Nebraska became the first team to repeat as champions since Alabama in 1978-79 under Bear Bryant, and the first team to win consecutive titles with perfect records since Oklahoma in 1955-56.

The only beating Nebraska took all year came from critics who branded the Huskers outlaws after Phillips and three others were arrested during a three-month period. Osborne, whose character and ethics had never been questioned, found himself under attack for allowing Phillips back on the team and permitting two players charged in shootings to continue playing.

"I'm glad the season is over," Osborne said to reporters. "I hope all you guys concentrate on basketball now. I need a vacation."

So does Spurrier after Florida (12-1) surrendered its most points since a 63-14 loss to Auburn in 1970. Danny Wuerffel, who led the nation's second-best passing game, was intercepted three times and sacked a career-high seven times, once for a safety.

"Nebraska's just way better than us," Spurrier said. "They outcoached us and outplayed us. We got smashed up front ... Tommie Frazier made us look like we weren't trying at times.

"They clobbered us up and down the field. They're just too good for us," he said. "We did not come to the ballpark to play the best we could, I'm embarrassed bout that. As coaches, we did a lousy job somehow."

Nebraska dominated the meeting between the nation's last remaining undefeated, untied teams, scoring 29 straight points in the second quarter for a 35-10 halftime lead.

By then, this season's Super Bowl of college football looked like another real Super Bowl — in other words, a mismatch. Maybe there's a reason — in less than four weeks, the NFL will also hold it championship game at Sun Devil Stadium.

UNDER PRESSURE—Snyder's Tami Tucker goes up for a shot under heavy pressure Tuesday afternoon as the Lady Mustangs from Andrews defeated the Lady Tigers, 42-40, in the last non-district game. The Lady Tigers will open District 5-4A play at 8 p.m. Friday in Levelland. (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

Lady Tigers drop game to Andrews

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

The Lady Tigers from Snyder High School hit their first three shots of the afternoon, but quickly became as cold as the weather outside and suffered a two-point loss to the Lady Mustangs from Andrews, 42-40.

Snyder took a 15-12 lead at the end of the first quarter, but could only manage eight points in the second quarter to hang on to a one-point lead at halftime, 23-22.

The third quarter proved to be the difference in the game as the Lady Tigers were outscored, 12-5. Andrews took a six point lead into the fourth quarter, 34-28.

Snyder stayed four to six points behind Andrews in the fourth quarter until the 1:47 mark when Erica Garvin hit a jumper to make it 42-40, Andrews. The Lady Mustangs had two different chances at the free throw line, but could not convert the front end of the one-and-ones.

With 4.5 seconds to play, Snyder's Jami Brown inbounded the ball to Garvin who just missed a three-point basket. Jina Miller picked up the offensive rebound, but could not get the basketball to fall as the horn sounded.

The Lady Tigers, now 9-10 for the season, will open District 5-4A play Friday in Levelland. The varsity will tip off at 8 p.m. after the JV game at 6:30 p.m.

ANDREWS 42, SNYDER 40

Andrews	12	10	12	8	— 42
Snyder	15	8	5	12	— 40

Andrews: Ramsey 3 0-0 6, Allen 3 0-1 6, Fields 4 0-0 8, Connelly 7 0-0 14, McDonald 4 0-0 8, Totals 21 0-1 43.

Snyder: Brown 5 0-0 10, McGuire 0 2-2 2, Kidd 0 2-4 8, Blackwell 1 0-0 2, Garvin 5 2-2 15, White 0 0-0 3, Totals 11 6-8 40.

3-Point goals: Andrews 0, Snyder 4 (Kidd 2, Garvin 1, White 1). Record: Snyder 9-10.

NBA AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
National Basketball Association
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Orlando	23	6	.793	—
NewYork	19	10	.655	4
Miami	15	13	.536	7½
Washington	15	14	.517	8
Boston	12	16	.429	10½
NewJersey	11	17	.393	11½
Philadelphia	6	22	.214	16½
Central Division				
Chicago	25	3	.893	—
Cleveland	16	12	.571	9
Indiana	16	12	.571	9
Detroit	15	14	.517	10½
Charlotte	14	16	.467	12
Atlanta	13	16	.448	12½
Milwaukee	10	18	.357	15
Toronto	9	21	.300	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
Houston	23	8	.742	—
SanAntonio	19	8	.704	2
Utah	21	9	.700	1½
Denver	13	17	.433	9½
Dallas	8	20	.286	13½
Minnesota	7	21	.250	14½
Vancouver	5	25	.167	17½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	21	8	.724	—
Sacramento	17	9	.654	2½
L.A.Lakers	16	16	.500	6½
Phoenix	13	14	.481	7
Portland	13	17	.433	8½
GoldenState	12	17	.414	9
L.A.Clippers	11	19	.367	10½

Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Portland 101, New York 92
New Jersey 81, Milwaukee 72
Cleveland 108, Washington 100
Seattle 111, Atlanta 88
Houston 105, Minnesota 100
Utah 102, Dallas 92
Indiana 102, Denver 87
Philadelphia 90, L.A. Lakers 89
Wednesday's Games
Portland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Joe Sewell of the 1932 Yankees struck out only three times, the fewest in the history of the club.

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Hermleigh splits with Trent

The Hermleigh Cardinals had five players in double figures as they defeated Trent Tuesday, 67-61.

Joey Sanchez was high point with 19, Larry Lambaren added 14, Jack Hudgins 12, Michael Breitweiser 11 and Billy Luna 10. T.J. Ward also had a free throw.

Lambaren had 10 rebounds and Sanchez nine. Sanchez also had 10 steals and Luna had four assist.

The Cardinals were 25 of 73 from the field and 17 of 25 at the free throw line.

In girls action, Trent won 55-51.

Jennifer Roemisch was high point with 20. Kelly Gonzales was close behind with 18. Bridgett Moore added six, Maranda Terry four and Ester Martinez three.

Roemisch had 10 rebounds and Moore added five assist.

The Cardinals' record goes to 5-10 while the Lady Cardinals are 1-13.

Next action for Hermleigh will be Friday when the host Highland. The JV will play at 5 p.m. with the Lady Cardinals and Cardinals to follow.

Fisk records hole in one

Russell Fisk aced the 135-yard par 3 at the Western Texas College golf course Saturday. He used a seven iron.

Witnesses were Levi Hill, Toby Goodwin, John Wright, Rick and Mary Beth Kahlich and Tracey Chaidez.

Lady Bulldogs continue to win

The Ira Lady Bulldogs won their twelfth basketball game of the year Tuesday with a 63-37 pounding of Blackwell.

Terri Robinson scored 20 points to lead the way for Ira. Melissa Brasuel had 15, Jody Rankin nine, Rikki Wilkes six, Brook Wilkes five. Starcia Martin, Audra Oliver, Marcia Martin and Misty Chance all had two points.

The Lady Bulldogs moved to 12-2 for the season.

Despite 27 points by Todd Collom, the Ira Bulldogs were defeated by Blackwell, 87-67.

Scott Strong added 12 and Billy Box 10.

Next action for Ira will be Friday when they host Rule.

BOWLING NEWS

Wishball
League Standings as of 12/28/95

Team	Won	Losts
J.W.W.	120½	90½
Snyder Golf Shop	115	95
The Shack	106½	103½
Superiors	110	110
Melco	96½	113½
Blue Sunoco	91½	119½

High Series Scratch: David Carroll 499.
High Series Handicap: Jerry Surratt 622.
High Game Scratch: Wayne Monroney 201.
High Game Handicap: Trey Wilson 224.
200 Games: Wayne Monroney 201, David Carroll 200.
Splits: Bill Miller 3-10, Jerry Surratt 3-10, Otto Aikin 4-6.

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Campo fills in for Blake as Dallas readies for Eagles

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator Dave Campo is wearing two hats in the playoffs.

New Oklahoma coach John Blake — the former Dallas defensive line coach — was given permission to leave the Cowboys and hit the recruiting trail.

"I was concerned about how he (Blake) could do a 100 percent job in both places," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said Tuesday. "I talked to him about it last night and he was relieved about the decision. He will have a lot of distractions. He needs to get on the recruiting trail if he expects to make an impact by the signing date on Feb. 8. He said he knew it."

Switzer's influence helped land Blake the job, although the former Oklahoma player has never been a head coach or coordinator.

"I promised John a zirconian Super Bowl ring if we win the big one," Switzer joked.

Campo has coached the Dallas defensive line when Butch Davis was the coordinator.

"While we'll miss John Blake we won't miss a beat in preparation because Campo has coached the position before," said owner Jerry Jones. "There was no question letting John get on with the Oklahoma job was the thing to do. He needed to start preparing his staff for the future."

Blake didn't attend practice and was busy wrapping up his business in Dallas.

Jones announced Tuesday that the 7,000 available tickets for the NFC divisional playoff game against Philadelphia on Sunday sold out in 16 minutes.

"You can see everyone is excited about us playing Philadelphia again," Jones said. "We have a lot of respect for them and so do our fans."

SWC has 3 in top 25...

Nebraska repeats as national champs

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Nebraska followed up its Fiesta Bowl blowout of Florida with another lopsided victory today — in the final Associated Press college football poll.

Hours after thrashing the Gators 62-24 Tuesday night, the Huskers were officially crowned national champions for the second straight year in a unanimous vote.

Nebraska, the first repeat champion in 16 years, received all 62 first-place votes from a nationwide media panel.

"We haven't gotten the respect we deserve these last couple of years," defensive tackle Christian Peter said. "I think finally this ought to wake a couple people up."

Florida (12-1) remained second in the final AP poll. Rounding out the Top 10 were Tennessee, Florida State, Colorado, Ohio State, Kansas State, Northwestern, Kansas and Virginia Tech.

Florida State, which beat Notre Dame 31-26 in the Orange Bowl, finished in the top four for a record ninth consecutive season.

Notre Dame was 11th, followed by Southern Cal, Penn State, Texas, Texas A&M, Virginia, Michigan, Oregon, Syracuse, Miami, Alabama, Auburn, Texas Tech, Toledo and Iowa.

NCAA TOP 25

By The Associated Press
The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1.Nebraska(62)	12-0-0	1,550	1
2.Florida	12-1-0	1,474	2
3.Tennessee	11-1-0	1,428	4
4.FloridaSt.	10-2-0	1,311	8
5.Colorado	10-2-0	1,309	7
6.OhioSt.	11-2-0	1,161	4
7.KansasSt.	10-2-0	1,147	10
8.Northwestern	10-2-0	1,124	3
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Fed workers struggling to get by on half pay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal workers receiving a fraction of their normal pay are flooding credit unions and aid centers with requests for loans and other help to deal with the very personal impact of the government's budget crisis.

The Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund, with offices in Denver and Washington, reported thousands of calls asking for application forms for grants or no-interest loans.

The group's $2 million budget was in danger of being exhausted in a matter of days by the surge in demand, director Steve Bauer said. "This is beyond imagination," he said. "We are inundated with requests."

Federal employees are much like the average Americans they serve, Bauer said. "They are middle class, and many live from paycheck to paycheck. It doesn't take much to push them over the edge financially."

The pinch of the federal government shutdown, now in its 19th day, began to hit home as hundreds of furloughed workers received paychecks for half the usual amount Tuesday.

Struggling to slide by until Congress and the White House can agree on a budget, distraught federal employees were applying for unemployment pay or pleading with banks and mortgage companies for some breathing room.

"It's a state of near-depression," said Vidal Falcon, a financial officer at the Veterans Affairs Department. "We have the mortgage and payments on a couple of other notes coming due. We weren't going to be able to manage that on half a paycheck."

So he and his wife, Georgene, who is a writer and editor for the same federal agency, visited their credit union and left with a loan for a week's combined salary, to be paid back over six months at 6 percent interest.

Their story was being repeated nationwide.

"Our phone system is just loaded," said Terrie Bossert, vice president of the Federal Employees Credit Union in Kansas City, Mo., which is offering 12 percent loans for six months and putting off other loan repayments for a month for employees affected by the shutdown.

Among aid checks sent out so far was the $420 rent for a single mother in Dallas who works as a $23,500-a-year secretary at a VA medical center. The woman's child-care center had threatened to stop caring for her 6-year-old because she was two weeks behind in payments, Bauer said.

The VA Medical Center in Miami set up a food bank for employees and gave them a letter to show to landlords and creditors, indicating workers are likely to get retroactive pay once a budget agreement is reached.

In Grand Junction, Colo., a branch of Alpine Bank offered interest-free loans to federal workers.

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Cold spell subsides across state

LUBBOCK (AP) — Accumulations of snow in Lubbock wore off like a New Year's resolution, and forecasters say more warmer weather is in store today.

Freezing cold had tightened its grasp Tuesday across much of the state.

A half-foot of snow fell in Van Horn in far West Texas. Freeze and frost warnings were in effect for the typically warm Rio Grande Valley. Temperatures, however, weren't expected to dip low enough to harm agriculture.

"The major crops that are in right now would be carrots, cabbage, onions — all your winter vegetables. Those are extremely cold-hardy crops, and it will not hurt any of those," said Bill Weeks, executive vice president of Texas Citrus and Vegetable Growers.

Weeks said citrus crops would not suffer unless temperatures plunge and stay in the 20s.

Today's highs for most of West Texas were expected to be in the 40s, and after a drop into the 20s again tonight, Thursday's highs should be in the mid-50s, the National Weather Service said.

About 2 inches remained on the ground in Lubbock, left over from frozen precipitation and high winds that caused some of the city utility's electric fuses to blow out Monday. Temperatures hovered in the 20s.

Cotton experts on the dry South Plains were thankful for the snow. And they hoped this cold spell would help kill off the boll weevil, a pest that has survived the mild winters of recent years.

"Although it (the cold) is not necessarily all that pleasant, we need to have it," said Don Johnson, executive vice president of Plains Cotton Growers in Lubbock.

Don Jennings, street superintendent in Lubbock, said crews worked into the night putting salt and sand at intersections.

"It's slick in a few spots, but basically was pretty good," Jennings said.

In Midland, skies were clearing and snow was starting to melt after low visibility and cross winds caused diversions and delays Monday at Midland International Airport.

Skies were gray in El Paso, where the ground was blanketed with snow at dawn Tuesday. Only a few minor traffic mishaps were reported to police.

"I couldn't believe it when I looked out the window this morning," said resident Irma Valenzuela. "But the way El Paso weather is, I'll probably be wearing shorts and a tank top by 3 p.m."

Streets were caked with ice in Alpine and every tow truck was busy Tuesday, said police dispatcher Maribel Castro. None of the fender-benders was serious.

"I'd advise not to drive in this direction," Ms. Castro said. "We've had numerous, numerous accidents."

Thick snow fell Tuesday afternoon, she said.

Roberge finishes weapons course

(FHTNC) — Marine Pfc. Brandin J. Roberge, son of James M. and Joni Wenetschlaeger of Snyder, recently completed the Artillery Weapons Repair Course.

During the course, at U.S. Army Ordnance Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. students are taught the mechanical, electrical and hydraulic components of towed and self-propelled artillery, rocket launchers, and air-defense weapons. Studies also include maintenance procedures, systems fundamentals, troubleshooting and repair.

The 1995 graduate of Snyder High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1995.

Minter completes apprentice course

Air Force Airman Michael C. Minter has graduated from the communications-computer systems operations apprentices course at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss.

Students were taught how to operate and maintain electronic data processing equipment including software, tape and disk management and other related tasks.

Minter is the son of Mickey D. and Debbie K. Minter of Snyder. He is also a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School.

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Area peace officers note busy day Tuesday

Three people were arrested Tuesday, including one who chose to lay out a fine in the Scurry County Jail for public intoxication.

Arrested at Municipal Court at 9:55 a.m. was a 33-year-old male who had been charged with public intoxication.

At 1:20 p.m., officers arrested a 27-year-old female in the 1200 block of 25th Street on outstanding warrants for the issuance of bad checks, no Texas driver's license and for failure to appear on the charges.

At 10:09 p.m., officers arrested a 26-year-old female on outstanding city warrants for no liability insurance, disregarding a stop sign and for failure to appear on the charges.

In other activity, a minor two-vehicle accident was investigated at 9:26 a.m. in the 2300 block of Avenue R. Involved were a 1988 Plymouth driven by Fern Portis of 701 16th St. and a 1992 Ford pickup driven by Wesley McGinty of HC72, Box 2C, Ira.

A two-vehicle accident was investigated at 2:27 p.m. in the 2200 block of Avenue R. Involved were a 1991 Chevrolet driven by Elsie Thompson of 305 24th St. and a 1990 Pontiac driven by Ronald Gilliland of 603 N. Avenue T.

An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted at 3:21 p.m. from Wal-Mart. Scott Stout stated someone had broken into his vehicle while it was parked in the store's parking lot.

Robert Brown of Rent-A-Tire spoke to an officer at 4:29 p.m. in reference to a theft. An offense report for theft of service was submitted.

A hit-and-run accident was investigated at 8:48 p.m. in the parking lot of IGA on South College Avenue. Involved were a parked, unoccupied 1984 Pontiac owned by Guadalupe Munoz of 106 Ave. R and a vehicle which left the scene.

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AirTouch	29¼	28⅞	29	+ ⅜
Albertsons	33¼	32¼	33	
Alldsignal	49⅝	49⅛	49¼	
Alltel	29⅝	29⅜	29½	+ ⅛
AmStores	27⅛	26⅞	26⅞	+ ⅛
Ameritech	60½	60	60½	+1
Amoco	71⅛	70⅛	70⅞	—1⅛
AndarkPtr	53⅜	53⅜	53⅜	— ⅜
Armcolnc	6⅝	6⅛	6⅛	+ ⅛
AtlRichfld	114⅝	113⅜	114½	+1⅛
ATMOS Egy	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞	— ⅛
Aviall	9⅝	9⅛	9⅛	— ⅛
BakerHughes	24½	24	24½	— ⅛
BellAtl	68⅞	68	68½	+ ½
BellSouth s	44⅝	43⅝	44½	+ ⅛
BethSteel	14½	14	14½	+ ⅛
BritPet	102⅞	102½	102½	+ ½
BurlNoSFe	77½	76⅞	76⅞	— ⅜
Caterpillar	59⅞	59⅜	59½	+ ⅛
CenSoWst	28	27⅞	28	+ ⅛
Chevron	53⅝	53	53½	+ ½
Chrysler	56⅛	55⅛	56½	+ ⅜
Coastal	37	36⅝	36⅝	— ⅛
CocaCola	75⅞	75½	75½	+ ⅜
ColgatePalm	72⅛	71⅝	72	+1⅛
ComclMetals	25⅛	25	25½	+ ⅛
CooperIn	37½	37⅛	37½	+ ⅛
CyprusAmax	27	26⅝	26⅞	— ½
DalSemicn	19⅝	19⅛	19⅛	— ⅜
DeltaAirl	78	75⅞	77½	+2
DigitalEq	63⅛	61⅛	61⅜	—1⅛
Dillard		29	28⅝	29
DowChem	71⅞	71⅛	71½	+ ⅜
DresserInd	24⅜	24⅜	24⅜	— ⅜
DuPont	72⅞	71⅞	72½	+ ⅛
EastmanChem	66⅞	64½	65½	+1
EstKodak	69⅞	69⅛	69½	+ ⅜
EljerInd	10	9⅝	9½	— ½
Enserch	16⅛	16	16½	+ ⅛
Entergy	29¼	28⅞	28⅞	— ⅜
Exxon		81	80½	80½
FstBksAm s	12⅝	12⅛	12½	+ ⅛
Flowers s	13⅛	12⅞	12⅞	— ½
FordMotor	30⅛	29⅞	30½	+ ⅜
GTE Cp	45	44⅞	44½	+ ½
GenDynam	61	59⅞	61	+ ⅜
GenElec	73⅞	73⅛	73⅞	— ⅛
GenMills	58⅞	58	58	— ⅛
GenMotors	52⅞	52⅛	52⅞	+ ⅜
GenMotors E	54	53⅞	53½	+ ⅜
GePacif	70	69	69½	+ ½
GlobalMar		8⅜	8⅜	8⅜
Goodrich	71	69⅞	70½	+ ⅞
Goodyear s	44⅞	44⅛	44½	— ⅛
GtAtlPac	23	22⅞	22⅞	— ⅜
Haliburtn	49	48½	48⅝	— ⅜
Hanson ADS	15⅜	15⅛	15½	+ ⅛
HarteHanks s	20⅝	20⅜	20½	+ ½
HoustonInd s	24⅞	24½	24½	+ ⅛
IBM	91⅛	90½	90½	— ⅛
IntlPapers	39½	38⅞	39½	+ ⅛
JohnsnJns	86½	85½	86½	+2⅛
K mart	7⅝	7⅜	7½	+ ⅛
Kroger	38⅜	37½	37½	+ ⅛
Litton		45	44⅞	45
Lowes Cos	34½	33⅞	34½	+ ⅛
Lubys	22½	22⅛	22½	+ ⅛
MayDeptStrs	44⅛	43 15-16	44½	+ ⅛
Medtronics	52⅛	51⅞	52½	+ ⅛
Mobil	114⅝	113⅜	113½	+ ⅛
Monsanto	124⅞	123⅞	124⅛	— ⅛
Motorola	59	57⅞	58	—1
Nationsbk	70⅝	69½	69½	+ ⅛
Navistar	11⅛	11	11½	+ ⅛
NoramEngy	8⅞	8⅜	8⅜	— ⅛
Norwest	33	32⅞	33	+ ⅛
Nynex	53⅛	52⅞	53½	+ ⅛
OryxEngy	13⅜	13⅛	13½	+ ⅛
PacTelesis	34⅛	33⅞	34½	+ ⅜
PanhECp	28⅞	28⅜	28½	+ ⅛
Penney JC		48⅝	48⅛	48⅝
Pennzoil	43⅜	42⅞	43½	+ ⅜
PepBoys	27⅛	27⅛	27½	+ ⅛
PepsiCo	56⅞	56	56½	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	63⅛	62⅛	62⅛	— 1⅛
PhilipPet	34⅛	34	34½	+ ⅜
PilgrmPrd		6⅛	6⅛	6⅛
Polaroid	47⅛	46⅞	47½	+ ⅛
Praxair	33⅛	32⅞	32⅞	— ⅜
ProctGamble	84⅞	83⅛	84½	+1⅛
PubSNwMx		17⅞	17⅞	17⅞
RoyalDutch	141⅛	141	141½	+ ⅛
SBC Comm	59⅝	58⅜	59½	+1⅛
SaraLee	32⅞	32⅞	32½	+ ⅛
SearsRoebs	40⅛	39⅞	39⅞	— ⅜
SherwinW	41⅜	40⅞	41⅜	+1
SmthBchADS	55	54⅞	55	— ⅛
SmthBc eqt	54⅞	54⅛	54⅞	— ⅛
SouthernCo	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	— ⅛
SwstAirlines	23⅞	23⅛	23½	+ ⅛
Sprint	39⅝	39⅜	39½	+ ⅛
SterlingChm	8⅛	8⅛	8½	+ ⅛
SunCo	27⅞	27½	27½	+ ⅛
TNP Ent	18⅜	18⅛	18½	+ ⅛
Tandy	41⅛	40	40	—1⅛
Templtnl	45⅞	45	45½	+ ⅜
Texaco		49⅛	49	49⅛
Texaco	78⅞	78⅛	78⅛	— ⅛
TexasInd	53 9-16	53⅛	53½	+ ⅛
TexasInsts	49	47⅞	48⅜	+ ⅛
TexUtil	41⅛	41⅛	41⅜	+ ⅛
Textron	71	69⅞	71	+1
Travelers	61⅞	61⅛	61⅜	— ⅜
TrinityInds	32⅞	31⅞	31⅞	— ⅜
TritonEngy	58⅞	58⅜	58½	+ ⅜
Tyler	3	2⅞	3	+ ⅛
US WestCm s	35⅞	34⅞	35½	+ ⅛
USWstMda n	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛	— ⅛
USX Delhi	10⅝	10⅛	10⅛	— ⅛
USX-Marathn	19⅝	19⅜	19½	+ ⅛
USX-USS	32⅞	31⅞	32½	+ ⅜
UnCarbde	38⅛	37⅞	37½	+ ⅜
UnPac	67⅞	67⅞	67½	+ ⅜
UnitedTech	94⅛	93⅛	93⅜	— ⅜
Unocal	29⅝	28⅞	28⅞	— ⅛
WalMart	23⅜	23⅛	23½	+ ⅛
WstnGasRs	16⅝	16⅛	16⅝	— ⅛
WestghEl	18⅜	17⅞	18½	+1
WinnDixie s	37⅞	37⅛	37½	+ ⅜
Woolworth		13⅛	13	13⅛
XeroxCp	137⅛	135⅛	135⅞	— ⅛
ZenithE	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛	— ⅛

Cigarette makers say new FDA rules would be costly

WASHINGTON (AP) — The five largest U.S. tobacco companies say the government's plans to regulate cigarettes would initially cost more than 20 times what federal regulators have estimated.

The cigarette makers, in a 2,000-page filing with the Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday, called the pending rules an "illegal power grab" that would hit not only the tobacco industry, but the profits of retailers and advertising companies.

The plan "strikes at many thousands of people in many thousands of businesses," said Philip Morris Vice President Steven Parrish. "Make no mistake: In this fight, we are not alone and in this fight we are right."

The cigarette makers said the FDA's rules would cost about $1 billion up front and another $1 billion a year to comply with and still wouldn't make a dent in smoking by young people.

But the FDA says the regulations would cut teen-age smoking in half, saving about $2.6 billion a year in medical bills and $900 million in lost productivity from tobacco-caused diseases that eventually afflict those smokers.

The FDA estimates start-up costs to industry under the proposed rules at up to $39 million, with annual expenses of $227 million.

The industry's arguments came on the deadline for public comment on the FDA's plan to decrease tobacco's appeal to teen-agers by restricting how it is sold and advertised.

Anti-smoking groups delivered last-minute pleas to the FDA, too.

"We are amazed that people are so blind to see how easy it is for little kids to get cigarettes," said Morgan Lesko, 13, who has been buying cigarettes since the second grade as part of efforts in Maryland to expose illegal tobacco sales to minors.

And the attorneys general of 25 states said they can't keep young people from smoking without federal help. "Advertisements that encourage teen smoking undermine the laws and policies of our states," Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal wrote the FDA.

The FDA must consider and respond to each argument in devising its final tobacco rules. As of Friday, it had received 570,000 letters. Form letters made up the bulk and aren't considered separate votes under rules of the agency listed 57,000 different comments to consider before it received Tuesday's mail.

"We will try and be as expeditious as possible," FDA spokesman Jim O'Hara said. It typically takes about a year to finalize federal regulations.

Some 3,000 U.S. teen-agers begin smoking every day, and the government says 1,000 will eventually die of a tobacco-related disease.

The FDA's proposed rules include strong restrictions on marketing, including the popular Joe Camel cartoon character and any advertising near schools. Also called for are a ban on vending-machine cigarette sales and a requirement that cigarette companies pay $150 million a year educating teen-agers on tobacco's hazards.

Cigarette makers said the rules would require about $1 billion up front, to do everything from shutting down vending machines to inspections to check on illegal sales to minors, said Tobacco Institute attorney David Remes.

Another $1 billion a year would be lost, mostly by advertisers who could no longer sell billboards or ads in magazines read by teen-agers and by store owners who would lose thousands of dollars a month from tobacco promotions, Remes added.

Joining Philip Morris in Tuesday's comments were Brown & Williamson, R.J. Reynolds, Lorillard and Liggett tobacco companies.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Stress can elevate blood pressure

DEAR DR. GOTT: What would cause extreme differences in blood pressure readings in a 45-year-old woman? One day she's at 148/90, the next 118/70. My wife's doctor is not concerned.

DEAR READER: Many people show enormous variations in their blood pressures; most of us exhibit modest fluctuations, depending on what we're doing or how we're feeling.

To doctors, concerned about the danger of sustained hypertension, it's not the degree of fluctuation that matters. Rather, it's the overall pattern.

For example, a person can run a consistently elevated blood pressure of, say, 160/95 millimeters of mercury. Unless this pressure regularly drops into the normal range (below 150/90 or lower, depending on age), such a patient is at risk for a plethora of medical complications, ranging from stroke to heart failure.

In contrast, another adult can exhibit blood pressure readings of 170/100, alternating with normal values. Such a patient is said to have "labile" hypertension, which does not need treatment.

Similarly, an individual can have high readings, at times of stress, for several days a week. However, he or she need not worry if the blood pressure falls to normal even one or two days a week.

Stress, genetic factors, obesity, a sedentary lifestyle, kidney disease, and a diet high in salt are common factors leading to hypertension. Appropriate attention to any (or all) of these factors will reduce blood pressure levels, without the need for medication.

Although your wife may occasionally have a mildly elevated blood pressure (148/90), she then falls to 118/70, a normal value. Thus, she does not have hypertension. Perhaps her high readings are caused by anxiety — the apprehension of being in a doctor's office, for example.

She can investigate such a pattern by taking her own blood pressure. This exercise may enable her to identify environmental (or personal) issues that cause her blood pressure to rise. Her doctor is not concerned because she does not have a serious problem with hypertension.

Nonetheless, he is obligated to discuss this situation with your wife, to put the readings into perspective. Also, he should probably reassure her, thereby lessening her anxiety and, I hope, reducing her pattern of high readings.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 60 years old, in good health, and very active. My doctor told me I should start taking Provera and Premarin for my bones. I did and menstruated very hard at the end of each month with unbearable cramps. I had no problem with menopause and am not going to take these pills anymore. Would you please advise me?

DEAR READER: The female hormones progestin (Provera) and estrogen (Premarin and other brands) do protect post-menopausal women from osteoporosis, the age-related brittleness of bones that leads to fractures. The hormones also protect women against heart disease.

However, as you've discovered, the use of these drugs may lead to troublesome and uncomfortable bleeding, a complication to which many women object. In addition, recent studies have confirmed a higher risk of breast cancer in women who are prescribed supplemental estrogen progestin.

Consequently, you should carefully consider the risk/benefit ratio of such therapy before taking the medicine. For example, if your mother and sisters suffered from advanced osteoporosis at early ages, your doctor is correct that the risk of NOT taking hormones is outweighed by the probability that you, too, may experience premature disabling bone disease. Also, you can have a bone density test, a type of X-ray, to measure the amount of calcium in your bones.

[illegible] is present in your family, the risk of hormone supplements exceeds any benefit.

In most instances, the case is not so clear-cut. Therefore, you should request a meeting with your gynecologist to sort out the various factors in this complex decision. Remember that other drugs, such as Didronel, are useful in treating osteoporosis, without causing the side effects associated with hormone therapy.

To give you more information, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Breast Cancer and Disorders" and "Osteoporosis." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: Several months ago one of your articles referred to Ivyol, a desensitization medicine for hypersensitivity to poison oak and ivy. I would like to have more information from you regarding the treatment as the doctors (an allergist and dermatologist) I've been to have never heard of Ivyol.

DEAR READER: Ivyol is one brand of a medicine to desensitize people who are extraordinarily susceptible to severe poison ivy. As far as I know, the product is commercially available. The initial treatment is three injections several weeks apart, followed by a booster dose each year.

In my experience, Ivyol works well and has saved many of my patients from uncomfortable outbreaks of poison ivy every summer and autumn. The main ingredient in this product is rhus toxicodendron, the primary allergen in the poison ivy plant.

If Ivyol is unavailable in your area, I suggest you purchase poison ivy tablets that are accessible over-the-counter and contain the ingredient I mentioned.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 4, 1996

Interesting developments could prevail in the year ahead. Just when the elements seem to conspire against you, changes that will put you back on top of the heap might occur.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In partnership arrangements today your way of doing things could be more effective than the methods or procedures suggested by co-workers. Do what's best for everybody. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to be fair today and share the gains from a collective effort. However, do not reward someone if he or she did not contribute.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not get caught up in petty politics today in your social involvements with friends. Maintain a friendly demeanor without acting as anyone's campaign manager.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Material objectives can be achieved today, but it might not be as easy as you first thought. Keep your thinking cap on if money is the primary issue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It will be imperative to assess situations realistically today. Complications could arise if you deliberately gloss over or ignore existing problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep your guard up today if you're in the company of a person who took advantage of your generous nature in the past. He or she may hope to repeat the crime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You should try to be your own person, but don't carry it to extremes today. If a team effort is required, work with the group, not against them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Indifference or poor judgment may cause you not to take proper advantage of something offered to you today. This could be beneficial to your career.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you need a favor today, go to a trusted, reliable friend. Do not request anything from an acquaintance who has let you down recently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your luck might be fickle today, so don't leave anything to chance. You can still succeed if you use resourcefulness and ingenuity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Avoid promoters who grossly over-exaggerate the quality of their offerings today. Their pitches will most likely be superior to their products.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Financial trends continue to look reasonably promising, but prudence will be required. Extravagant gestures could throw your budget off-balance.

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If mothers drank during pregnancy...

Increase in leukemia found in babies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women who drink alcohol during the last six months of pregnancy increase by about 10 times the risk that their babies will develop leukemia during infancy, according to a study published today.

Even with the steep increase in disease associated with drinking mothers, infant leukemia is extremely rare. But researcher Xiao-Ou Shu said the research supports the recommendation not to mix pregnancy and alcohol.

"A pregnant woman, I believe, should avoid drinking any alcohol at all," said Shu, a University of Minnesota researcher and the lead author of a study published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The alcohol study is based on interviews with the parents of 302 children who developed leukemia by the age of 18 months. For comparison, the researchers also interviewed the parents of 558 healthy children.

For women who drank any amount at any time during the pregnancy, the risk of their babies developing infant leukemia increased by 160 percent, the study found. For a specific type of disease, acute myeloid leukemia, or AML, the risk was increased by 260 percent, said Shu.

The statistically highest risk was for maternal drinking in the six months before birth, she said.

"If a mother drinks during the second and third trimesters, the risk of AML can be as high as 10.5-fold," said Shu.

Infant leukemia is "extremely rare," she said. Only about three babies per 100,000 live births develop leukemia before the age of 18 months in the United States. Shu said her research showed that the rate increases to about 32 babies per 100,000 live births among drinking mothers.

Dr. Martha Linet of the National Cancer Institute said that Shu's conclusion "is a new finding" and cautioned: "One would want to see the results replicated to make sure that it is not the result of chance alone."

But Linet said there already are many studies that show pregnant women should avoid alcohol and if Shu's research is verified, "it provides one more major reason."

Shu said the fundamental conclusions of her study are based on answers to a question about any use at all of alcohol during pregnancy.

Attempts to link the amount of drinking to specific risks of leukemia were not successful, she said.

"I think the mothers tended to under-report how much they actually drink," said Shu. However, she said, there was enough data to suggest "the more a woman drinks, the higher the risk."

The study also attempted to link parental cigarette smoking to the risk of leukemia, but Shu said the data was inconclusive.

But the connection between maternal alcohol and an increased risk of infant leukemia, she said, is strong.

"We looked at it in a variety of ways (statistically) and found that it is very significant," said Shu.

Government wipes out felony charges against James Watt

WASHINGTON (AP) — With government prosecutors eager to close the books on the 1980s HUD influence-peddling scandal, former Interior Secretary James Watt was able to obliterate 18 felony charges by pleading guilty to a single misdemeanor.

Watt had faced felony counts of perjury and making false statements to cover up his work as a consultant seeking federal aid from the Department of Housing and Urban Development after he left government in 1983. The indictment against him last February alleged that he was paid more than $500,000 for contacting political appointees at HUD during 1984-86.

Watt pleaded guilty Tuesday to one misdemeanor count of withholding information and documents in June 1990 in an attempt to influence the federal grand jury investigating the HUD scandal. He faces a possible sentence of up to six months and a maximum fine of $5,000.

As part of his plea, Watt has agreed to pay a $5,000 fine, one of his attorneys, William Bradford Reynolds, said at a hearing before U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth. Lamberth scheduled a sentencing hearing for March 12.

Watt, who previously had pleaded innocent, declined comment as he left the courtroom.

Watt was indicted after Adams' five-year investigation into corruption at HUD during the Reagan administration under then-Secretary Samuel Pierce.

Denise Woodwick, Kaila Bethel, and Deborah Boyd

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Southern Mesa Cotton Conference planned for mid-January in Lamesa

Local officials are encouraging area producers to make plans to attend the Southern Mesa Cotton Conference, set for Jan. 15 in Lamesa.

"A direct result of producer-requested educational programming, the Southern Mesa Cotton Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture," said Scurry County Extension Agent Terry Millican.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, Garza, Midland, Martin and Howard counties, will also feature information on the latest production technology for dryland production, insect control and weed control. The Farm Program and production outlooks will be discussed.

Dr. Preston Sasser, with Cotton Incorporated, will discuss Cotton Fiber Quality Now and Future Needs. Other speakers include Mark Lange with the National Cotton Council, Bill Rogers with TDA, Dr. Dan Krieg of Texas Tech University, and Jackie Smith, Kater Hake, John Farris and Tommy Doederlein with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers.

The conference is set for Jan. 15 in the Dawson County Annex Building, located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa, and will begin at 8 a.m.

The registration fee is $15 if paid by Jan. 10, or $20 after. Registration forms and fees, payable to Dawson County Ag Fund, should be sent to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331.

Registration forms may be obtained from the Extension office in any of the participating counties.

Five Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program. Producers who need to determine the number of CEUs they have accumulated may call TDA at 1-800-835-5832.

The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pate Emu Farm

Here a chick, there a chick, everywhere a chick, chick, is a very familiar sound around the emu farms this time of the year. Everyone is reporting a good lay as well as a good hatch. 1996 should be a great year in the emu business.

Question: What is the best way to prepare the hide for tanning should an emu die?

Answer: I contacted Ponder Boot Co. of Fort Worth to give the answer to this question. I have seen both the finished tanned hides and apparel made from these hides. They were excellent quality.

The first thing they reminded me of is not to forget the skin on the lower legs and feet, as they tan very well and make nice trim. Do not pluck the bird, rather shear the feathers off and then remove the skin. It is important to remove the skin as soon as possible so the holes of the feather shafts will close.

They emphasized the importance of removing "All the fat and meat" from the skin. Leaving any fat or meat on the skin will result in discoloration in the finished hide. Once the skin is free of all meat and fat hang it where it can be washed by running water over it. Hang to let dry. Lay on a clean flat surface and salt liberally, very liberally. Roll up in jelly roll fashion in a clean cloth. Now place in three plastic bags, one at a time tieing each one up before placing it in the next. It's a good idea to rinse the skin again and complete the process of salting again before mailing. It can be kept in the refrigerator up to three weeks before mailing. It takes 60 to 90 days to get the tanned hide back.

Personally I have had excellent mailing results by carrying the rolled up skin in the plastic bags to "Mail Center and More," they packaged and mailed them by UPS. The skin arrived the next in good condition.

Area emu raisers will meet Jan. 13. The meeting will be held in the banquet room of Rudy's Restaurant, at 7 p.m. Al Jodion, United Emu Co-Op director, will be the speaker.

For further information call Pate Emu Farm, 573-5340.

High Plains forum slated in Hereford

HEREFORD — Strategies to help assure growers of profitable production and marketing of crops will focus on "Integrated Crop Management of Vegetables" during the annual High Plains Vegetable Conference here Jan. 16.

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Avenue C at Park Avenue. It is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Tech University, Deaf Smith County Extension Vegetable Development Committee, Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce and Texas Department of Agriculture.

The program has been approved TDA for five continuing education units for commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators. Applicators are required to obtain five CEUs of training each year to retain certification. The $25 registration fee includes lunch.

"The conference goal is to improve the competitive position of Texas vegetables and to increase family farm profitability and sustainability," said Dr. Roland E. Roberts, Extension Service vegetable specialist at Lubbock who has coordinated the conferences since 1971.

"As the federal farm program becomes less supportive, growers of many crops will see advantages of planning more diversification with vegetable crops," Roberts said. "It is wise to conduct a detailed study of cropping systems that include vegetables and investigate marketing opportunities well in advance of launching a new venture in diversification.

"This conference is deigned to enable growers to get information and visualize successful systems of integrated vegetable crop management."

A special feature this year will be a workshop on integrated pest management for melon and vine crops. It will include a survey of grower concerns and needs, presentations of up to date control measures for insects, diseases and weeds, plus successful culture practices. It will include opportunities for growers to ask questions of the speakers and voice their concerns.

"All growers will profit from hearing detailed discussion of water requirements and irrigation scheduling for vegetable crops," Roberts said.

Other sessions will provide in-depth presentations on potato nematode control, onion varieties to fit market windows, potential for Jerusalem artichoke, pepper stand establishment and breaking the yield barrier for watermelon. Special breakout sessions will be offered growers of potatoes and chili peppers.

Reports and inspiring stories of successful harvesting and dehydration of millions of pounds of potatoes, carrots and other vegetables from the High Plains will be given by representatives of the Society of St. Andrew, a charitable organization which helps procure food for the nation's needy, and Breedlove Dehydrated Foods, the Lubbock plant which processes vegetables for use by food banks.

Some 25 exhibits and educational displays will be presented by agribusiness professionals serving the vegetable industry.

Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District

by Mindy Wills

It is recommended that seedlings receive 10-15 gallons of water the first growing season and approximately 10 gallons the second season to supplement the water that nature might not provide in this area. The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District can provide for all of your irrigation supply needs.

HACKBERRY TREE

The Hackberry Tree, also known as the Nettletree or False Elm has a pleasing round crown profile. It may attain a height of 60 feet, and 18 inches in diameter and has several easily identifiable features. The grayish brown bark is generally smooth with numerous corky warts and scale-like projections. The leaves range in color from a light green above to a paler green beneath and are very rough in texture, like sandpaper.

Flowering occurs in the spring. It also produces a small, purplish/black fruit that often hangs on the tree throughout the winter. The fruit is known to be eaten by both game and song birds. This tree is highly drought resistant, is not threatened by insects, and is fairly free from serious attack by diseases.

This is only one of many trees available through the Upper Colorado SWCD and January is the final month for receiving orders. For further information or to place an order, come by 5309 Big Spring Hwy., Snyder or call 573-6317.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 751 head of cattle at the Sat. Dec. 30, sale. Slaughter and stocker cows were $2 to $3 higher. Stocker cows were steady. Feeder yearlings and calves were $3 to $4 lower.

Feeder and stocker steer calves — 200 to 300 58 to 72; 300 to 400 56 to 64; 400 to 500 52 to 62; 500 to 600 50 to 59; 600 to 750 50 to 58.50.

Feed heifers and heifer calves: 200 to 300 52 to 61; 300 to 400 48 to 58; 400 to 500 44 to 55.50; 500 to 600 44 to 55; 600 to 750 44 to 54.75.

Packer cows 24 to 38.25; Packer bulls: 43 to 54.75; Young Springer cows: 375 to 610; Light bred 275 to 400.

Texas Farm Bureau launched on Internet

WACO — Texas' largest farm organization has opened a web site on the Internet. The Texas Farm Bureau launched its home page on the World Wide Web of the Internet after a two month test.

"The Texas Farm Bureau has pulled onto the 'Information Super Highway,' said Bob Stallman, Texas Farm Bureau president. "We are very excited about the potential for communicating with the public and our members."

The Texas Farm Bureau Home Page on the World Wide Web, is part of the American Farm Bureau Federation's "Voice of Agriculture" web site, which will eventually link the national organization with state and county Farm Bureau web sites. Eventually, the Farm Bureau sites could become the largest inter-connected presence on the Internet. The Texas Farm Bureau Web Site can be found at http://www.fb.com/texas—state/texasfb.htm. The American Farm Bureau Voice of Agriculture Page is located at http://www.fb.com.

The Texas site currently has explanations of the organization and its mission, legislative information, news about agricultural and consumer issues, educational information for the classroom, Farm Bureau services and products and more.

Currently, three county Farm Bureaus also have sites of their own. McCulloch County Farm Bureau, in Southwest Texas, was the first county Farm Bureau in Texas on the World Wide Web. Cherokee County, in East Texas, and Cameron County, in the Rio Grande Valley, have since been added.

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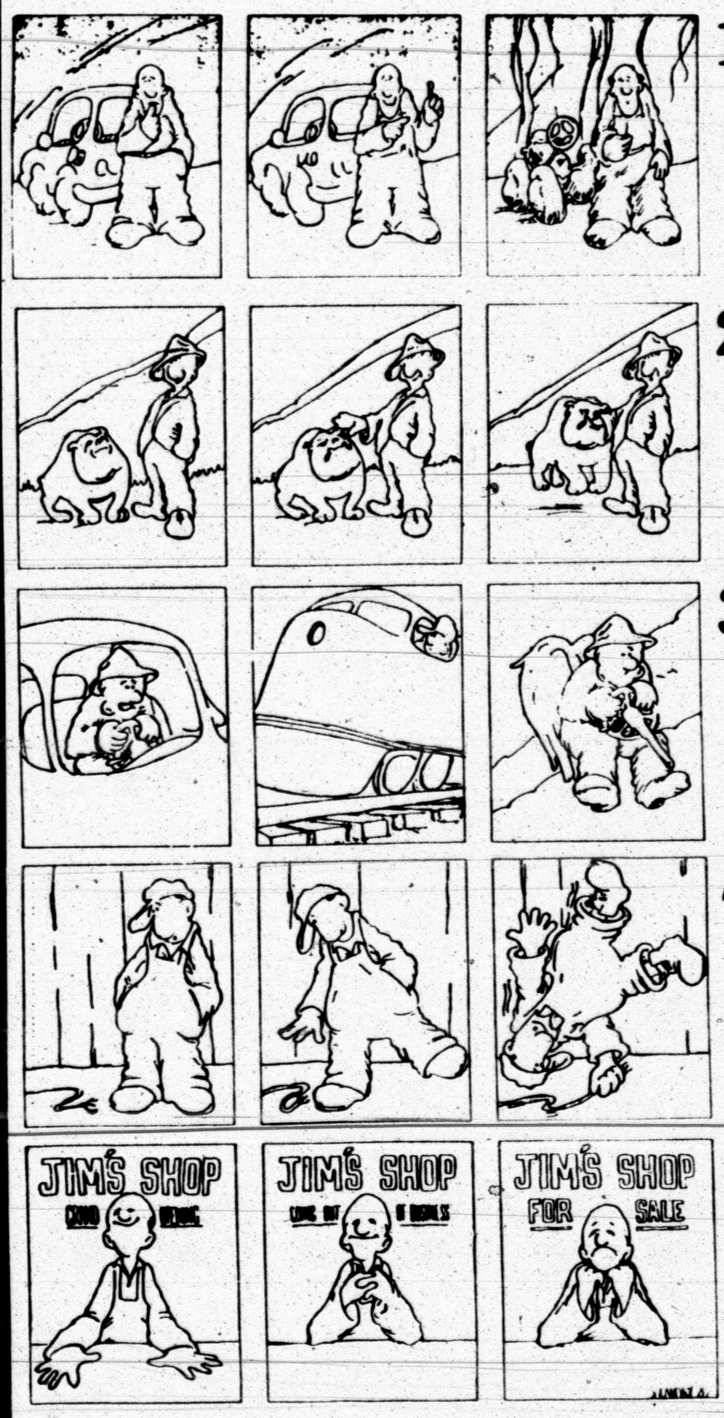

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Package bomb said threat against ATF

OPELIKA, Ala. (AP) — A note found with a package bomb that injured an Episcopal priest calls for action against the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, investigators said today.

Jim Cavanaugh, special agent in charge of the ATF's Birmingham office, said the note included these words: "Alabama to unite against the ATF conspiracy."

Cavanaugh said a retired ATF agent lived near the wounded priest and the bomb may have been left at the wrong home. But he said investigators have not ruled out that the Rev. Mike Schnatterly, injured by flying nails in Monday's explosion, was the intended victim.

Schnatterly, 40, is recovering at an Opelika hospital. Federal authorities said earlier that he was under guard, and Cavanaugh said today that the retired ATF agent also is being provided police security.

Cavanaugh said the former agent, whose name was not released, retired from the agency about 20 years ago and his work prior to retirement was in the area of bootleg liquor investigations and similar cases in rural Alabama.

The ATF agent said the note found at the scene was partially destroyed in the blast and it was not clear if it was intended to be left. He said it appeared to be a communique between people, but no names were found on it.

He said the language closing the document used the words "at last the time has come for the" but the rest of that sentence was destroyed. He said it picked up with the words about uniting against "the ATF conspiracy."

Pentagon refuses to absolve two in Pearl Harbor attack

HONOLULU (AP) — The Pentagon has rejected an appeal by relatives and supporters of two U.S. military commanders at Pearl Harbor when Japan attacked in 1941. It said they must share some of the blame for the tragedy.

The decision came in a 50-page report delivered Saturday to the families of the late Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and the late Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short.

Relatives of Kimmel and Short, backed by historians and numerous retired military officials, had sought to clear the names of the two officers and restore them to their full ranks.

In hearings before senior military officials and the Senate Armed Services Committee in April, they argued that Washington made the commanders scapegoats for the debacle to hide its own failure to anticipate the surprise attack.

Kimmel, then commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Short, then commanding general of the Army in Hawaii, were found guilty of dereliction of duty and forced to retire shortly after the attack.

A Navy Board of Inquiry in 1944 and a congressional commission in 1946 reversed the ruling in Kimmel's case, but still maintained he must be held accountable for mistakes. The Army never reversed the ruling on Short.

The Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941, killed 2,403 people, sank or damaged 18 warships, destroyed 188 planes and drew the United States into World War II.

Kimmel was blamed for not carrying out reconnaissance flights that might have detected the approaching Japanese fleet, and for taking almost his entire fleet into the harbor, where it was vulnerable, despite warnings that war was imminent.

Kimmel's supporters argued that the Pentagon left him without adequate equipment and failed to inform him of decoded Japanese messages that suggested they were preparing to attack Hawaii.

What's Up?

Model airplane club

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 p.m. at Winston Field. Visitors and guests are welcome.

Student, ISD report cards

Snyder ISD will distribute individual report cards Thursday. Included will be the 1994-95 School Report Card from the Texas Education Agency for the campus the student attends.

The School Report Card is a report required by the Texas Legislature to be sent to the parent of every child enrolled in public schools. The report provides information concerning student performance, expenditures and student-teacher ratios.

Social Security info

Representatives of the Social Security Administration from Big Spring will be at the Senior Center here on Jan. 9 from 10 a.m. until noon and 1-2 p.m.

Video series continues

The Key To The Kingdom video series is airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The seventh tape, "Housecleaning with Jesus," will be shown at 7 p.m. Monday.

Pick 3

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

8-4-9

(eight, four, nine)

Cash 5

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

1-9-21-23-32

(one, nine, twenty-one, twenty-three, thirty-two)

Obituaries

Marcia Murray

1943-1996

Funeral service for former Snyder resident Marcia Stone Murray, 52, is set for 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery. Officiating will be Bob Brinkley, minister of Hermleigh Church of Christ, and Milton Stephens of Snyder.

Mrs. Murray who resided in Lexington died Monday, Jan. 1, in a Rockdale hospital following a sudden illness.

Born Jan. 14, 1943 in Snyder, she married Kevin Murray in Snyder in 1991. He survives. Mrs. Murray was a member of East Side Church of Christ.

Other survivors include two daughters, Kelly Randall of Three Rivers and Nicole Overman of Austin; her mother and stepfather, Faye and Charles Faulkner of Snyder; a sister, Belinda Roberson of El Paso; and two grandchildren, Shane Overman of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Zachary Randall of Three Rivers.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charlie Stone, on Feb. 11, 1991.

Alvin Gunn

1952-1996

LUBBOCK — Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Resthaven Chapel for Alvin E. Gunn, 43, who died Monday, Jan. 1, at his home in Lubbock.

Paul Jantzen, pastor, will officiate, and burial will follow in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Mr. Gunn, manager of used car sales for Shamrock Chevrolet, was the brother of Betty Woodard of Snyder.

Born in Vernon, Mr. Gunn had lived in Lubbock since 1982, having moved from Albuquerque, N.M. He was a graduate of Vernon High School and attended West Texas State University in Canyon.

He married Marianne Man on Jan. 2, 1987 in Lubbock.

Survivors include two sons, Matthew Gunn and Wesley Gunn, both of Lubbock; his mother, Annie Adel Gunn of Vernon; a brother, William Gunn of Vernon; two other sisters, Shirley Gallmeir of Amarillo and Patsy Kirtpatrick of League City.

Bill Clement

Bill A. Clement

1935-1996

Graveside service is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in Hillside Memorial Gardens for Bill A. Clement, 60, who died Tuesday, Jan. 2, in Abilene Medical Center following a lengthy illness. The Rev. Miller Robinson will officiate and arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Clement, born on Oct. 21, 1935, in Pottsboro, married Rosie Holliday on Jan. 19, 1976 in Durant, Okla. They owned and operated B&R Frame Shop for 14 years. His latest project was framing the Borden County queen-size quilt which was hung in the courthouse in June, 1995.

Mr. Clement moved to Snyder in 1972 and worked for Clark Lumber Co. for six years, three years for Dal-Worth Paint Co., and then began B&R Frame Shop in 1981.

He was a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and was past-president of the local United We Stand, America.

Survivors include his wife, Rosie Clement of the home; a daughter, Cathy Keith of Abilene; two sons, Randy Underwood of Merkel and Jeff Clement of Snyder; a brother, Jim Clement of Sherman; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Hospice of the Big Country.

Horace Curlee

1922-1996

ROBY — Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church for Horace Curlee, 73, who died Monday, Jan. 1, in an Abilene hospital.

The Rev. Steve Patterson was to officiate and burial was to follow in the Roby Cemetery.

Mr. Curlee, a retired banker and insurance agency owner, was the brother of Icy Foree of Snyder.

Born in Stonewall County, Mr. Curlee moved to Fisher County in 1929. He attended Rotan schools and graduated from Roby High School. Mr. Curlee was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He worked as a banker in Rotan, Gruver and Stinnett and operated Roby Insurance Agency until his retirement. He was a member of the Lions Club in Gruver and Stinnett and twice served as president of the Roby Lions Club. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club and served as treasurer of the First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Curlee married Louise Harris in 1943 in Roby. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Keith Curlee of Windthorst, Jimmy Curlee of Gorman and Jerry Curlee of Abilene; two other sisters, Lula Belle Hull of Tulsa and Lorene Stuart of Roby; a brother, Tandy Curlee of Colorado City; two stepsisters, Jane Huber of Irving and Virginia Ivy of San Angelo; and five grandchildren.

Dale Rains

1914-1996

BALLINGER — Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church for Dale W. Rains, a former Snyder resident.

Officiating will be the Revs. Winford Gore and Jerry Howell. Graveside service is set for 3 p.m. Thursday in Snyder's Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Rains, 81, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, in a Ballinger hospital.

Born in Gustine, Mr. Raines moved to Ballinger from Snyder in 1988. He married Millie Wade in 1940 in Snyder and she preceded him in death.

Mr. Rains was an oilfield contractor and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Scurry Masonic Lodge, El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory and Ballinger VFW Post.

Survivors include four sons, William Rains of Austin, Darrell Rains of Ballinger, Garry Rains of Baycliff and Jerry Rains of Thorndale; a daughter, Jan Cromleigh of Luling; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Ballinger Carnegie Library parking lot fund or to a favorite charity.

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First lady questioned on legal role in defunct thrift's deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government agency wants to ask Hillary Rodham Clinton some more questions about work she may have done on a questionable loan while a partner at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock.

The Washington Post reported in today's editions that the Resolution Trust Corp. sent a new round of questions to the first lady on Dec. 21, apparently as a result of issues raised in testimony before the Senate Whitewater committee last month.

The questions involve a loan made by the now-failed Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan to the father-in-law of Webster Hubbell, the former Rose partner and associate attorney general now in prison for defrauding law firm clients.

Whitewater committee investigators have characterized the $1.15 million loan to Seth Ward as a sham transaction to enable the S&L headed by James McDougal, the Clinton's Whitewater partner, to circumvent regulations limiting the amount of land it could invest in directly. They have said the loan was structured so Ward would not have to repay the money if the land deal went bad.

The transaction involved the so-called Castle Grande property, a 1,050-acre commercial tract south of Little Rock that McDougal and Ward bought for $1.75 million in 1985.

Madison lent Ward the full purchase price of $1.15 million for his share of the property and proposed to gradually take the property off his hands and give him a 10 percent commission on parcels as they sold.

The Post said current Rose firm lawyers have told RTC investigators that a word processing code on an option document arranging for Madison to pay Ward $400,000 for a 22-acre parcel indicates it was prepared by Mrs. Clinton.

Candidates

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Beasley, who also stated he had lived in Scurry County most of his life and felt it was time to give something back to the county.

"A large number of people are apparently dissatisfied with the way the county's business is being run," added Beasley, who said he had been approached by a large number of people to run for the commissioner's post.

"We are going to need some new ideas for operating the county government over the next few years and it can't be business as usual," said Beasley.

Josey, 35, has been an Ira resident for the past nine years. He is a graduate of Post High School.

In addition to being employed as a maintenance worker for Cogdell Hospital, Josey works part-time as an EMT with Snyder EMS and is a fire department volunteer. His wife, Cindy, is employed by Snyder EMS. They have two children, Lindsey, 14, and Rusty, 10.

"I would like the office to become more active and involved in the county," said Josey.

Sentell is unopposed on the Democratic ticket for county attorney. He will face the Republican nominee, either Dena Reecer or Michael W. Hartman, in November.

In the race for Pct. 3 commissioner, Democratic incumbent C.D. Gray Jr. will face Republican Howard Limmer in November.

The sheriff's race promises to be contested in March and November. Darren Jackson and Joe Cheyne will face off in the Democratic Primary; Kerry Fritz and Joe Simpson will meet in the Republican Primary.

In addition to the two constable posts, candidates unopposed in the primary and the general election are 132nd District Court Judge Ernie Armstrong, a Republican, and County Tax Collector Rona Sikes, a Democrat.

Exhibit pays tribute to 23 dead primates

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — "Gentle father, fierce protector. Eloquent in silence. ... Powerful, playful, dignified."

Zoo keeper JoAnne Adams searched deep within herself for the words to describe the Philadelphia Zoo's patriarchal gorilla, one of 23 primates that died in a Christmas Eve electrical fire.

Her still-fresh memories joined a display of pictures, letters and videotaped images in a Remembrance Gallery that opened Tuesday as a monthlong memorial to the beloved animals.

"People standing and watching and just being able to cry is a good first step," said Simone Gorko, a psychologist brought in to help workers and visitors cope.

The overnight fire in the $6 million World of Primates building led to the smoke-inhalation deaths of six gorillas, three Bornean orangutans, four white-handed gibbons and 10 lemurs, all endangered species.

The memorial went on display as the zoo reopened for the first time since the fire. Zoo staffers completed it in three days, putting their thoughts down in writing and gathering photographs from employees' personal collections.

"There's a mixed sense of sadness and pride," said Andrew Baker, curator of primates and small animals. "Pride that we were able to do something that represents the animals the way they should be represented."

By many accounts, the most moving display was a short video documentary of the animals in their zoo habitats.

In one scene, a lemur dangles with one arm from a tree and turns its face toward the camera, outstretching its arms. Another scene captures a baby gorilla stroking its mother's face while she pulls the youngster close to her.

Zoo keeper Maria Schwalbe sobbed quietly through the documentary before quickly walking out. Her thoughts, however, remained on the photo wall, next to the primates she had grown to love.

Probated sentence given area woman

A Scurry County woman received a probated sentence after pleading guilty to felony theft in 132nd District Court Tuesday afternoon.

Sally Tavarez Alvarado, 43, received a sentence of two years in state jail, probated for five years, and a $500 fine. She had been indicted in December for a series of 24 thefts during May and June while employed at Western Rent and Own. She was also ordered to pay $7,953.78 in restitution.

Alvarado received deferred adjudication, meaning that if she meets the terms of her probation, her record will not indicate she has been found guilty of the charge.