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Following environmental study...

Stanfield report indicates no cancer-causing agents

A preliminary report from the firm that conducted the environmental study at Stanfield Elementary indicates no cancer causing agents were found in the survey of the building.

Brian Rogers of King Consultants said the testing also indicated that no asbestos was detected in the drinking water, or the building's air.

"Asbestos was the immediate concern because that is what people know about," said Rogers.

Rogers said the building's duct work and the air inside the building did indicate a significant amount of mold and fungus.

"There is years of dust and mildew in the system, just like every other school in Texas," said Rogers.

"But there is no connection between that type of material and cancer," Rogers emphasized.

Rogers said the material in the duct work is being cultured to determine exactly what it is.

"It'll probably be 10 days before we get the report back on that," said Rogers.

Rogers said his company, and two other environmental companies, would look at the final results of the survey before making recommendations to the school district.

A check for carbon dioxide indicated the levels were higher than industry standards, but could be corrected by letting outdoor air into the building.

"The levels were not excessive," said Rogers.

Rogers said a methane check indicated those levels were well below industry standards.

"Basically what we found was that the building's air quality is common to most school buildings in Texas."

"When we get the report back on the duct work, we'll make a recommendation to the school district on how to correct that problem. I emphasize again that there is no connection on what we found in the duct work with cancer. Being in that environment for five days in a row might have some connection to allergies, but not cancer," said Rogers.

The school district contacted the environmental firm for the study after a letter was sent to Supt. Gayle Lomax and Asst. Supt. Lee McNair, noting that since 1993, six teachers who had worked in the building, had contacted cancer.

The letter stated that four of those teachers taught in rooms, three, five and nine on the south side of the north wing.

No students have reported similar illnesses as the six teachers.

SHARING HER STORY — Belita Nelson shares with Snyder High School juniors and seniors her son's battle with heroin addiction and the dangers of the drug. Nelson is a co-founder of The Starfish Foundation, a non-profit organization focusing on the prevention and intervention of adolescent drug abuse. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS grad shares heroin story

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

The best thing Belita McCravey Nelson ever did for her son was have him locked up.

But it wasn't until after almost two years of lies, broken promises and shattered dreams that finally, in desperation, she did so in an attempt to save his life.

Nelson's son, 20-year-old Jason, is a recovering heroin addict.

His battle with the deadly drug and Nelson's struggle to save her son, changed the course of both their lives.

Nelson told her story Wednesday night to a group of about 30 people in the Jerry P. Worsham auditorium.

The Beginning

It was 1996 and Nelson, a 1970 graduate of Snyder High School, was a debate teacher at Plano East in Plano, a town of about 173,000 located north of Dallas.

Nelson had been named one of the top 100 debate coaches in the nation, and her star debater, who had been named one of the top 100 debaters in the country, was her only son, Jason.

"I had a dream job at a dream school and a dream team," Nelson said. "I had the world by the tail."

Denial

Then her comfortably knit world began to unravel.

In February 1996, while searching through a closet in her home, Nelson stumbled upon what was essentially a Pandora's Box.

"I found in a box in the top of one of my closets a syringe, matches, a spoon and a brownish vial. I honestly didn't know what it was."

The opening of that box unleashed the beginning of the end of her denial.

Nelson said she asked her son, 'What is this?'

"It's heroin," he answered.

Her next question, Nelson said, is what made her the "Poster Child for Denial."

"I said, 'Okay, which one of your friends brought that stuff into my house?'"

Nelson said she could not grasp the fact that her son, her dream debater, a boy who had made good grades and had never given her any problems, was a junkie.

"I told him, 'You are not a junkie.'

"He said, 'Yes, I am. Mother, it's my heroin.'"

And thus began the battle, and for Nelson, what seemed like an unending rollercoaster ride.

Good Liars

After the discovery and confrontation, Nelson said she basically asked her son, "Okay, what are we going to do about this?"

Jason convinced her that they could kick his habit at home.

"This is when I found out heroin addicts are good liars," Nelson said.

After six months, Jason had relapsed. So, Nelson quit her dream job and she and Jason moved to Lubbock, so she could start graduate school, hoping the change would be what Jason needed.

"It took Jason two weeks to find heroin in Lubbock."

Tough Love

Soon it was to the point where Nelson was afraid Jason was going to kill himself.

"Now he looked like a junkie. He was 6'3" and 120 pounds. I knew I had to get him off the streets."

Jason had taken Nelson's car and not brought it back. Concerned, she called a friend in the Lubbock police department and asked what she should do.

"He told me to turn the car in as stolen. I thought, 'turn my son in?'"

Nelson decided to take her friend's advice.

The Unraveling

As she sat in her home, filling out the papers that would have her son arrested, one of her former debate students, who was at that time attended Texas Tech, brought to her a story from the Dallas Morning News, entitled "The New Faces of Heroin."

On the page was a picture of another former student — he was dead of a heroin overdose. In addition, another student was in jail on possession charges.

"Here I am about to have my son arrested for being a heroin junkie and one of my favorite students is dead. In 12 hours there was no more room for denial.

"I don't ever want to have to live through anything as traumatice, as emotional as those 12 hours."

Jason was eventually arrested, but 48 hours later, a friend from Plano bailed him out.

At one point during the battle, Nelson agreed to let Jason enter a methadone program which advocates say is suppose to slowly ween addicts off heroin.

Critics contend, however, that it is simply a transfer of addiction.

The First Step

Eventually, Jason admitted he had a problem.

Nelson said he told her, "I've got to get off the methadone. I've got to get off everything."

The nightmare continued as Nelson could not find a place that would detox Jason off heroin. All contended the process was too dangerous.

In desperation, Nelson did the only thing she knew to do — she detoxed him herself at home. An equally dangerous move.

"It took three months and we made two trips to the emergency room when his blood pressure was so high I thought he was going to die, but I had no other choice, no alternative. My insurance was capped out."

Relapse

In December of 1997, Nelson knew Jason had relapsed again.

She found heroin in his room again, a dangerously 88 percent-

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A man usually feels better after a few winks...especially if she winks back."

The year 2000 is still a year away, but its acronym already has worn out its welcome.

"Y2K" — used in discussions about an end-of-the-millennium computer glitch — topped the 23rd annual list of banished words issued by Lake Superior State University.

Lake Superior State releases the list at the start of each year from submissions gathered from academia, advertising, business, journalism, the military, politics and sports.

Some other words and phrases on this year's list:

—The '-gate' construction: The -gate words used to describe happenings in Washington and elsewhere, such as Filegate and Monicagate.

—Stun: Douglas Pearson of Lansing, Mich., is "stunned" at the overuse of stun in sports stories. His example: "Canucks stun Wings."

—Courtesy Call: Al Schut of Muskegon, Mich., wonders when unsolicited sales calls are ever considered a courtesy.

—Ask for it by name: "As if there's any other way." — Eric Zonyk of Charlotte, Mich.

—So: As in, the phrase most loved by teen-agers. "I'm SO not going there."

More stuff from last year:

Never mind all that talk about lying to a grand jury in Washington.

The tale of a vehicle whose gasoline tank never needed filling because of a mechanical defect was deemed the year's best lie by the Burlington Liar's Club.

Frank E. Simo of Kenosha said he and his wife traveled to California and back without fueling. The way Simo explained it, a mechanic said the feat was the result of the fuel gauge stuck at its fullest setting.

Club president John Soeth said his club, founded in 1929, received about 500 entries from all over the world. Among 1998's honorable mentions:

— "It was so windy this past November that I had to tie our logs to our fireplace grate to keep them from getting sucked up the chimney."

— "I live so far up north I have to look south to see the northern lights."

— "Our weeping willow tree is so large that our insurance agent required us to carry flood insurance."

To guarantee an even playing field, Soeth said the club does not accept submissions from politicians.

Ira ISD extends Howard's tenure

Ira ISD trustees extended the contract of Supt. Rick Howard when it met in regular session this morning.

Howard's contract will run until June 30, 2002, and he also received a $2,500 raise which is effective immediately.

Howard's salary is now $57,500 per year.

In the only other action this morning, the Ira board added items to the district's improvement plan. The overall plan was approved last month, said Howard.

Hermleigh's school board meets at 7:30 p.m. today and will continue the evaluation of Supt. Jerry Church.

The board will also consider the monthly financial statements.

SNYDER SCHOOL BOARD — Snyder ISD board of trustees will be recognized with a reception from 5-5:30 p.m. today in the junior high school library. Shown on the first row, from left, are Luann Burleson, Supt. Gayle Lomax and Janet Stribling. On the back row are, from left, Richard Chambers, Mark McCormick, Bill May, Glen Cheek, and Mike Lavan. (Contributed Photo)

Friday city council meeting is cancelled

A called meeting by the Snyder City Council for Friday noon has been cancelled.

The council was scheduled to consider the first reading of an ordinance for re-platting one lot and one tract of land at the industrial park.

Upon further study, however, the city staff and not Scott the 19 plat necessary.

Trustees face short agenda

Snyder ISD board of trustees have an abbreviated agenda to consider this evening when it meets at 6 o'clock in the Snyder Junior High School library.

Only two action items await the board's consideration — approving policy updates and consideration of bids for equipment from a Telecommunications Infrastructure Funds (TIF) grant.

The equipment will link Northeast Elementary, East Elementary and West Elementary by computer, and is funded by the $80,000 grant.

The board will also hear the Academic Excellence Indicator System report for 1997-98 from Dr. Melissa Jones.

Prior to the board meeting, the trustees will be honored with a reception at the library from 5-5:30 p.m. in recognition of school board appreciation month in Texas.

ASK US

Q—How much money did the hospital in Sweetwater get from the tobacco settlement

A—Rolling Plains Hospital received $293,067.85. Other area entities receiving money include Borden County with $14,111.20, and Mitchell County Hospital District with $141,571.16.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 52 degrees; low, 24; 7 a.m. Thursday, 25; no precipitation.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low, middle 20s. Light wind. Friday, mostly sunny, warmer. High, mid 60s. SW wind 10-20 mph, gusty.

Cord Welsh
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 6:02 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:43 a.m.
Of 13 days in 1999, the sun has shone 13 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"To persevere, trusting in what you hope for, is courage."

Euripides

Firms sued for 'America's worst sweatshop'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Thousands of Asians have been lured to the U.S. territory of Saipan to make clothing for American companies, only to be beaten, forced into getting abortions and made to live under guard in cramped, rat-infested quarters, according to lawsuits filed Wednesday.

Saipan was described by one lawyer as "America's worst sweatshop" where more than 50,000 Asians have been recruited with promises of good wages to make clothing tagged "Made in the USA."

Three lawsuits seek more than $1 billion in damages for conditions they claim have persisted for the past decade in the 13-mile-long tropical isle in the Central Pacific.

The lawsuits are the first legal attempt to hold U.S. retailers accountable for alleged mistreatment of workers by subcontractors under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, attorneys said at news conferences in New York City and Los Angeles.

In describing the workplaces, plaintiffs' attorney William Lerach said in Los Angeles that they "would make medieval conditions look good."

Two worker class-action suits were filed in federal courts in Los Angeles and Saipan. A third lawsuit was filed in San Francisco state court by the human rights groups Global Exchange, Sweatshop Watch, Asian Law Caucus and the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees.

Among the 18 companies named in the suits are The Limited, Wal-Mart, Sears, The Gap, Tommy Hilfiger, the May Company, J. Crew, Oshkosh B'Gosh, Associated Merchandising, Cutter & Buck Inc., Gymboree Manufacturing, Lane Bryant Inc., Warnaco and Dayton-Hudson Inc., which owns Marshall Fields.

Of the companies named, Nordstrom, Warnaco, Tommy Hilfiger, J.C. Penney, Wal-Mart, Osh Kosh B'Gosh and Dayton Hudson Corp. insist they hire subcontractors that strictly follow U.S. labor laws. Other companies said they had no comment or did not immediately return phone calls.

Wal-Mart said it does not even accept merchandise from factories in Saipan.

According to the lawsuits, 32 Saipan factories force people to work up to 12 hours a day, seven days a week, and threaten them with beatings and verbal abuse if they refuse unpaid overtime to meet quotas set by factory managers.

Workers' passports are confiscated upon arrival, they are not allowed to leave the factory compound and their social activities are strictly monitored, Lerach said.

The factories — mostly owned by Chinese, Japanese and Korean subcontractors — stamp their clothing with "Made in the USA" and are exempt from duties, tariffs and quotas imposed on imported clothing.

In the fiscal year that ended in October, the Saipan factories shipped an estimated $1 billion in wholesale clothing duty-free to the U.S. mainland, saving more than $200 million, Lerach said.

Pamela Rucker, spokeswoman for the industry group National Retail Federation, said whether it is misleading to use a "Made in the USA" label is a matter for the Federal Trade Commission and truth-in-labeling laws to regulate.

"Without seeing the charges, the most that we can say is that retailers are understandably shocked by any such allegations," Ms. Rucker said.

Saipan is part of the Northern Marianas, an island chain seized by U.S. troops from Japan in World War II that negotiated a commonwealth relationship with Washington. The deal left control of immigration and minimum wages in local hands, and exempted Saipan's exports from U.S. duties and quotas.

Many workers, most of whom are young women from China, the Philippines, Bangladesh and Thailand, allegedly pay as much as $7,000 as a "recruitment fee" to go to Saipan,

Five receive ASU degrees

SAN ANGELO — Five Snyder students at Angelo State University were among 337 students to receive degrees during the fall commencement at the university.

Julie J. Clinkinbeard received a bachelor of science with a major in psychology; Kandace Denise Gard received a bachelor of science with a major in biology; Kari L. Greene received a bachelor of science with a major in early childhood; Suzanne Sweeney Overton received a bachelor of science, with a major in early childhood and Patsy Nardine Sterling received a bachelor of science, summa cum laude, with a major in early childhood.

Probation given for DWI offense

A 49-year-old Snyder man Monday pleaded guilty to felony driving while intoxicated.

Catarino R. Guerrero of 212 34th Street entered the guilty plea in 132nd District Court for the Sept. 6 offense.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Guerrero to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 10 years. Guerrero was also fined $1,000 and ordered to serve 240 hours in the Scurry County Jail as well as participate in a court-approved substance abuse program.

Company offers free LD service

BALTIMORE (AP) — A Maryland company is offering free long-distance service to callers around the country if they agree to listen to advertisements first.

BroadPoint Communications, a Landover, Md.-based company, tested the plan in Pittsburgh last year and began offering it nationwide on Tuesday.

People who sign up for the service, called Freeway, will get up to two minutes of free long-distance calling in the United States for each advertisement of 10-15 seconds that they listen to.

Company president and CEO Perry Kamel says BroadPoint expects to have 1 million members by the end of the year.

Users must listen to the advertising before they are able to obtain the free call. For example, for a free 10-minute call, the user must listen to five ads. Broadpoint won't allow the call to extend beyond the 10 minutes, issuing a warning before cutting the caller off. The user, however, is free to call back and listen to more ads for additional long-distance time.

After a couple of weeks of advertising, the service began in Pittsburgh last April with about 800 people using it, Kamel said. The number of users quickly grew to 10,000.

Kamel said enrolling in the service is free, but that Broadpoint may have to look at the possibility of charging if demand moves beyond expectations and the company needs to expand rapidly.

But analysts question whether people will be willing to pay for free long-distance with their time, and whether those who are will be the customers businesses want to reach.

"The question ... is whether the kind of customer who uses a free long-distance service is a demographic match with upscale customers advertisers want to get to," said Gary Arlen, president Arlen Communications Inc., which analyzes consumer telecommunications services.

Companies that have signed on to advertise through Freeway include TGI Friday's, Acura and Blockbuster Entertainment. But in addition to large companies, local businesses can advertise as well.

"If Joe's Lumber wants to advertise in a particular radius of his store in Minneapolis, we can accommodate that," Kamel said.

Charity boxes bound for Honduras stranded at Portland's airport

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — When 11-year-old Brittany McCord heard Honduran children were suffering from the effects of Hurricane Mitch, she packed a shoe box with little stuffed animals, shampoo and crayons and hoped it would find its way to a needy little girl.

But her box — and 42 tons of boxes like it — is still sitting at the Portland International Airport because no planes are free to transport the load.

The Air Force had planned to make the delivery before Christmas.

Another 133 tons of supplies are accumulating in warehouses throughout the state, according to officials with Operation Shoebox, a community-based humanitarian organization.

The delay is disappointing for children like Brittany, a sixth-grader at Fowler Middle School in Tigard.

"I wanted her to be really happy because she would have some nice things," Brittany said. "I was thinking she might be sad because they lost everything there, and there were some people on the streets."

Mitch struck Central America in October, killing at least 9,000 and leaving thousands more homeless. Honduras was hardest hit, with more than 5,600 people killed, 8,000 people missing and $5 billion in damage.

Humanitarian and Air Force workers hope the supplies will reach Honduras within the next two months, but there are no promises.

"It's [illegible]," said Bill Inman, president of Operation Shoebox. "It seems like Oregon is just off the beaten track, and it's hard to get squadron leaders around the country to think about picking (the supplies) up."

Simpson's possessions to go on auction block

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The auction of O.J. Simpson's possessions could turn out to be a financial fizzle because collectors have been shunning the former football star's memorabilia since his 1994 murder case.

The auction firm of Butterfield and Butterfield plans to sell Simpson's Heisman Trophy, his No. 32 football jerseys, carpets, paintings and Tiffany-style lamps as well as a large collection of memorabilia.

The auction is scheduled for Feb. 16.

Proceeds will come nowhere close to satisfying a $33.5 million judgment owed to the estate of Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and the family of Ronald Goldman. The judgment comes from a civil wrongful death suit in which a jury found Simpson liable for the killings of Ms. Simpson and Goldman. Simpson was acquitted of murder in an earlier criminal trial.

Experts testifying at Simpson's civil trial claimed his possessions would continue to be prized by collectors and would bring top dollar for the rest of his life. The testimony helped jurors set the damages figure.

The auction will have 80 lots of property for sale. The most valuable piece is the Heisman Trophy awarded to Simpson in 1968 as college football's best player.

Dealers in sports memorabilia said there will be a market for the trophy because it is so unique, but other items will be hard to move.

"Looking back at our records, we've had no inquiries or sales of Simpson stuff," said Brooke Tabak of Champion Sports Collectibles. "We have some of his rookie cards and autographed lithos and photos, but nobody's calling for any of it."

Simpson continues to live in Los Angeles with his two young children. He has appealed the civil trial verdict, but lawyers have said this doesn't prevent the auction from going forward.

Date Book

Jan. 14, 1999

Today is the 14th day of 1999 and the 25th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1878, Queen Victoria made Europe's first private telephone call, at her residence on the Isle of Wight.

On this day in 1952, the "Today Show" premiered on NBC.

On this day in 1964, Mary [illegible] peared on "American Bandstand" to sing her hit song "Holiday."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benedict Arnold (1741-1801), American Revolutionary general-turncoat; Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), missionary; Andy Rooney (1919-), writer-commentator, is 80; Yukio Mishima (1925-1970), writer; Julian Bond (1940-), U.S. politician, is 59; Faye Dunaway (1941-), actress, is 58; Lawrence Kasdan (1949-); director-screenwriter, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, the Green Bay Packers won Super Bowl II by defeating the Oakland Raiders 33-14.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Affirmation of life is the spiritual act by which man ceases to live unreflectively and begins to devote himself to his life with reverence in order to raise it to its true value." — Albert Schweitzer

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 9) and new moon (Jan. 17).

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EVERETT PRESENTS DAR PROGRAM — Jean Everett, pending member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Martin Preuitt Chapter, and author of "Pioneer Profiles" presented a program for DAR members Tuesday. Helen Hatter and Nonnie Ward were hostesses. DAR regent Dorothy Browne, pictured right, will present the program, "Alaska," at the Feb. 9 meeting at the Snyder Country Club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

LIONS HELP SPECIAL OLYMPICS — Tommy Cotton, local head of delegation for Special Olympics and head coach for many years, spoke to Lions Club members Tuesday. Following the meeting Special Olympics coaches, Deborah Beall, left, and Juanita Glass, both Lions Club members, presented Cotton with a $400 donation for Special Olympics competition at track and field events and bowling. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Recipes For The Cook

TEXAS CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER PIE

For those brave enough to indulge in this decadent dessert, the result will be a smooth, focused experience of pure peanut butter heaven.

Crust:

1½ cups graham cracker crumbs
½ cup sugar
½ cup (1 stick) butter, melted

Filling:

16 ounce cream cheese, room temperature
2 cups creamy peanut butter
1¾ cups sugar
1 cup heavy whipping cream

Topping:

⅓ cup sugar
⅔ cup heavy whipping cream
3 ounces semi-sweet chocolate
½ cup (1 stick) butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

To make the crust:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine graham cracker crumbs with sugar and the melted butter. Stir until thoroughly blended. Press mixture into the bottom and sides of a 10-inch pie tin. Bake crust for 10 minutes. Set aside to cool.

To make the filling:

Mix cream cheese, peanut butter and sugar in a mixing bowl [illegible] cheese/peanut butter mixture. Spoon filling into cooled crust.

To make the topping:

Combine sugar and heavy cream in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 7 minutes. Remove pan from heat. Add chocolate and butter; stir until melted. Stir in vanilla. Cool until slightly thickened. Pour over pie as evenly as possible. Refrigerate 4 to 5 hours before serving. Garnish with toasted peanuts.

Makes one 10-inch pie (8-10 servings): 1,079 cal; 19 g pro; 83 g carb; 75 g fat; 64% cal from fat; 154 mg chol; 501 mg sod; 4 g fiber.

Potatoes were first discovered as a food source by the Indians of Peru.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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North
♠ 7
♥ K Q 4
♦ A 8 5 3
♣ A Q 8 4 3

West
♠ 9 8 6 4
♥ A 10 8 5 3
♦ 10 9 7
♣ 9

East
♠ K Q 10 3
♥ J 9 6 2
♦ ---
♣ K 7 6 5 2

South
♠ A J 5 2
♥ 7
♦ K Q J 6 4 2
♣ J 10

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 9

A silver anniversary

By Phillip Alder

Last year, Ib Lundby completed 25 years as editor of Dansk Bridge, putting out his 250th issue in September.

Here is an interesting deal that he spotted. How should the play go in six diamonds?

West's lead was *awful*. Leading a bid suit is a bad idea in the best of times, but when you have the missing ace, it is ludicrous. (If partner gets in to give you a ruff, the contract is dying anyway.)

South knew the lead was a singleton; also he took careful note of the club spots. After winning with dummy's ace, declarer played a trump to hand, getting the bad news. Now he led the heart seven, putting West on the spot.

If West had won with the ace, declarer would have taken West's return, drawn trumps, and cashed the king-queen of hearts, discarding a spade and a club. Then, South would have led the club queen, ruffing away East's king and setting up dummy's eight. The contract would have come home with one spade, two hearts, six diamonds, two clubs and a spade ruff in the dummy. So, West ducked.

Now came a low club from dummy, putting East in a quandary. If East had won with the king, declarer would have got two club tricks in the dummy and succeeded. So, East ducked.

After South played the club jack, West had an insoluble problem. If he had discarded, declarer would have drawn trumps, ruffed out the club king and got 12 tricks as mentioned above. So, West ruffed. But now there were *two* spade ruffs available in the dummy. South was home.

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Mrs. Henderson to have 90th birthday party Sunday

Eugenia (Jeanie) Henderson will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday with a party at the Hermleigh Community Center from 3 to 5 p.m.

Born on Jan. 19, 1909 in Hurst Springs, Texas, she moved with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Patterson, to Blackwell in 1914, and to Hermleigh in 1941. She moved to Snyder in 1992. She married Ben F. Henderson, on June 25, 1929. He died in 1984.

They had two boys, Charles Henderson of Hermleigh and Harrell Dean Henderson of Snyder. Mrs. Henderson has five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Jeanie Henderson

She was a longtime member of the Hermleigh United First Methodist and is a current member of Snyder First United Methodist Church.

Friends and family are invited to help her celebrate this occasion and your presence is the only gift desired by Mrs. Henderson.

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Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.

—Mark Twain

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; houseshoe courts, located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information, call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m. Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Health note: getting sleep

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) — Sleep. You've been practicing it all your life, but as you get older, you find the rules have been changed.

Lifestyle changes also have an impact. Being active promotes sleep, but as you get older, less physical and social activity means you're less primed to drop off easily. If you're retired, you have more free time and that often translates into more coffee and alcohol, or a little extra nap now and then — all which can interfere with a regular night sleep routine.

So what to do? Here's advice from the Mayo experts:

— Minimize sleep interruptions. Close off the bedroom, keeping it quiet (you might need a fan or "white" noise to cancel other noises) and at a comfortable temperature. Drink less before bedtime so you won't have to get up and go to the bathroom as often.

— Limit your time in bed. Get up the same time each morning, regardless of when you went to bed the night before.

— Avoid or limit caffeine, alcohol and nicotine. Tobacco and coffee are stimulants that can keep you awake; you might doze off with an alcoholic drink, but your sleep will be less restful and you'll wake up frequently.

— Exercise and stay active. Get 20 to 30 minutes of vigorous exercise every day, about 5 to 6 hours before bedtime. Then keep yourself occupied until bedtime.

— Try to reset your body's clock with light.

— Avoid or limit naps. If you just have to snooze, do it for no longer than 45 minutes.

— Don't try to sleep if you can't. The harder you try, the more elusive it gets. So turn on the television or read a book.

— Relax. A warm bath or light snack before bedtime can help.

— Check medications. Ask your doctor if your medicine might be contributing to sleeplessness. Check over-the-counter preparations to make sure they don't contain caffeine or other stimulants, such as pseudoephedrine.

— Don't put up with pain. Make sure your pain reliever is effective enough to let you sleep.

— Get help. If these steps don't bring relief or you feel that your insomnia is related to another sleep-related condition, depression or anxiety, talk to your doctor.

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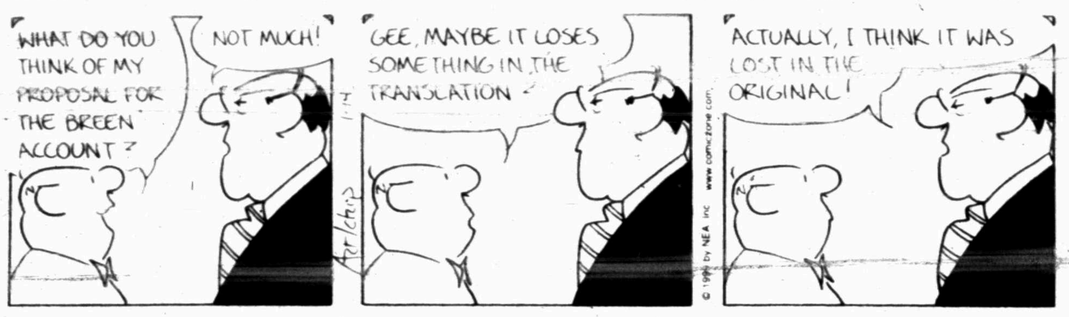

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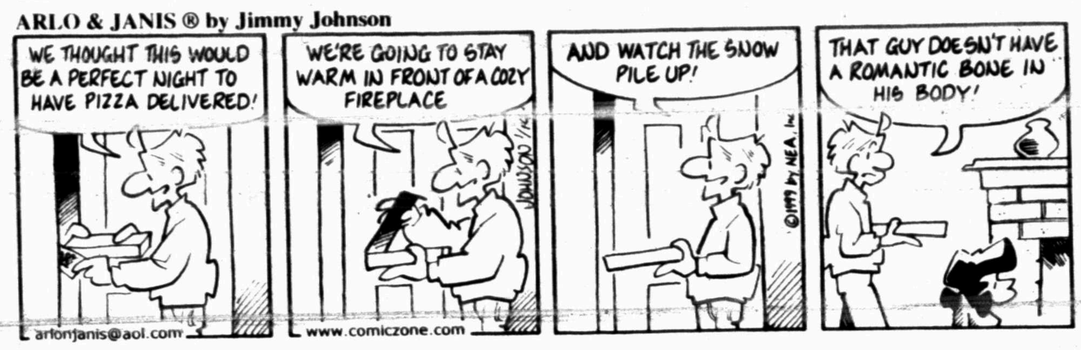

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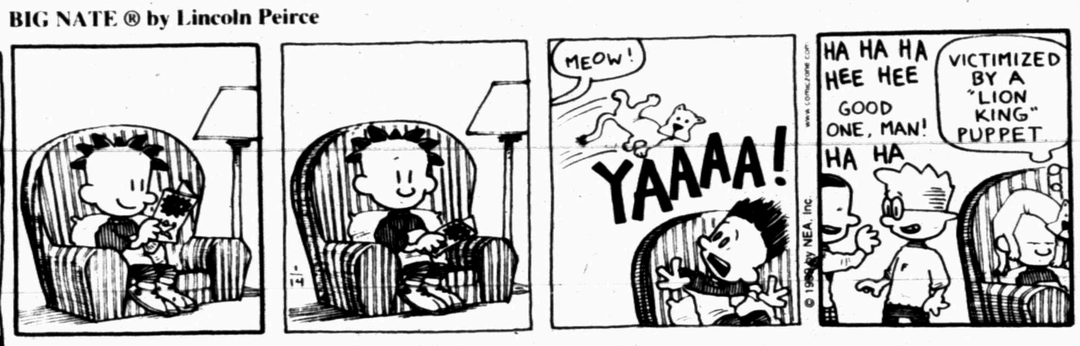

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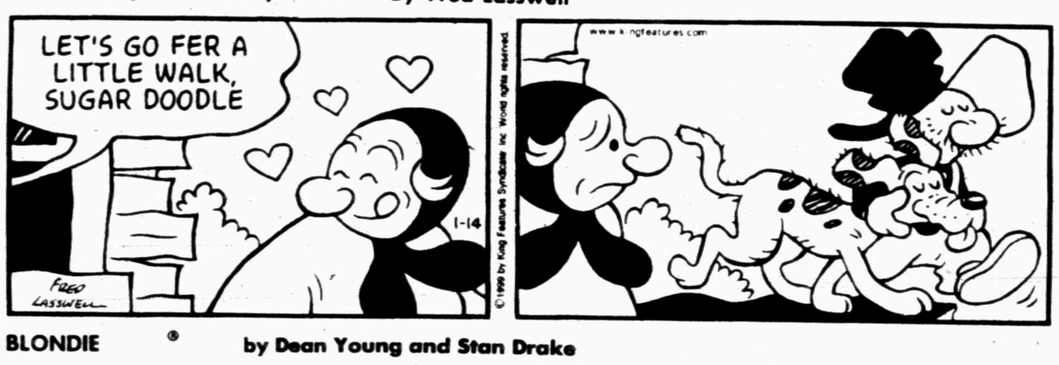

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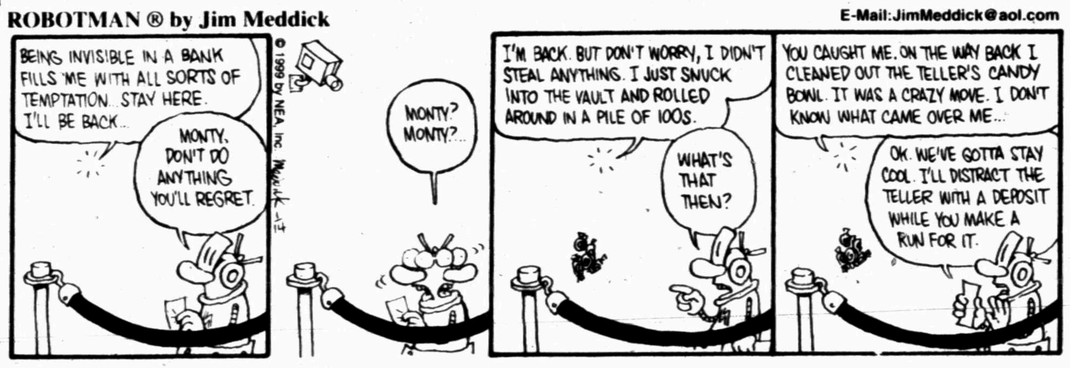

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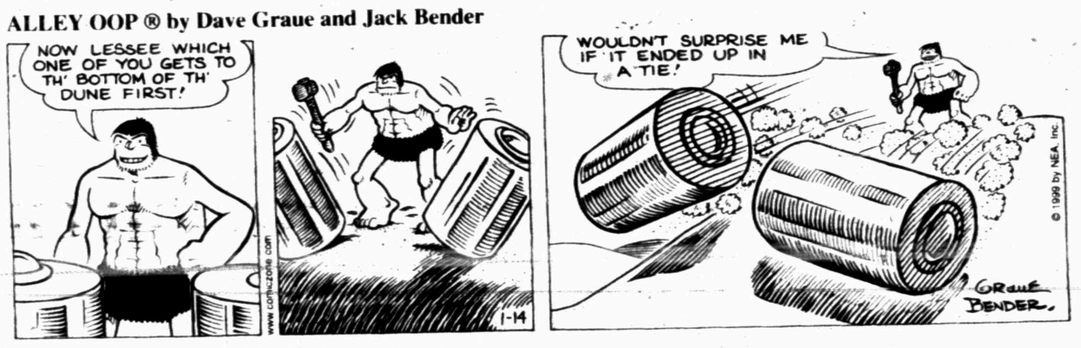

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13 Football team
14 One or the other
15 Crescent shaped
16 Neighbor of Ga.
17 Elev. info
18 Map abbr.
21 Minute groove
23 Hearing organ
26 No
28 — Misbehavin'
29 Compass pt.
30 Dry
31 Rank of a noble
33 Western mountains
36 In a frenzied state
37 Vex
38 — Mountains of Russia
40 Achy
41 — — rule (generally)
42 Less cooked
44 Cool!
45 Queen of the fairies
46 Electrical unit
48 Sign up (for classes)
51 Dejected
55 Curly-haired dog
56 Street sign (2 wds.)
57 The Beatles' — Road
58 Nervous —

DOWN

1 Wide shoe size
2 Psychic Geller
3 Betrayer
4 Safety agcy.
5 Pares
6 Published blunders
7 Wail
8 Midwestern college
9 Actress Gardner
10 Part of a tennis match
11 Chemical suffix
13 Seinfeld regular
18 Lenin's country
19 Not ours
20 Cry of triumph
22 Wood-cutting tool
23 Captivate
24 Long-haired cat
25 Smelled strongly
27 That girl
32 Ethiopian title
34 In a rustic manner
35 Suitable for farming
39 Actor Jack —
43 River in Europe
45 Method
47 Pitcher Hershiser
48 Clean-air org.
49 San Francisco's — Hill
50 Be a thief
52 Wise bird
53 Capuchin monkey
54 Organ of sight

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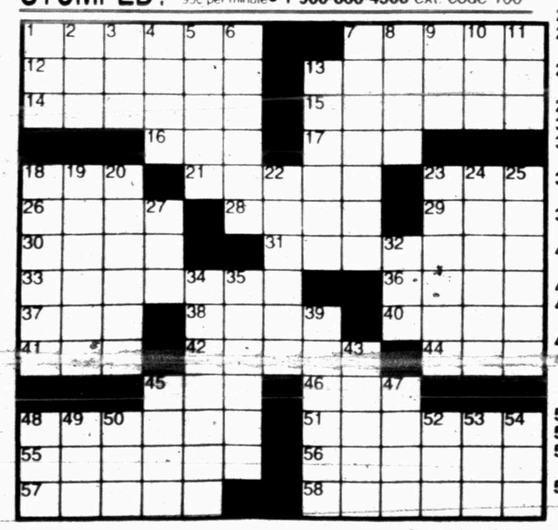

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SPORTS

In Ft. Stockton

Tigers ready for district play Friday

After eight weeks of tournament action and tune-up games, it's finally here.

District 5-4A boys competition begins Friday and it's time for teams with playoff aspirations to buckle down and get to work.

The Snyder Tigers (9-11), a postseason entry in '98, open the district race at Ft. Stockton (12-7).

The beginning of league play couldn't have come at a better time for the Tigers, who are currently playing their best basketball of the season.

Since the holidays, Snyder has claimed the runner-up spot at the Brownwood tourney and toppled rival Lamesa.

The win over the Tors was big, but coach Bud Birks knows a victory over the Panthers would be even bigger.

"Obviously this is a really big game. The district opener always is," said Birks. "It would be great to come out of the long trip with a victory and if we play smart and play hard, then we can."

The Tigers will be lining up against a much bigger Ft. Stockton squad. The Panthers have starters that stand 6-6 and 6-3, as well as players off the bench of equal height.

Ft. Stockton will look to make the entry pass into the post as a first option. But if it's not available, then quick ball reversal usually nets the Panthers a three-point attempt.

"They're a post oriented team that will look to get the ball inside first," Birks said. "But they also take a lot of shots from the outside. If any of their players on the perimeter get an open look, then the shot's going up.

"We've played lots and lots of teams this season that are taller than we are. We just have to keep doing the same things that we always do defensively, get a lot of pressure on the ball and deny the easy pass."

While the Panthers hold a height advantage, the Tigers might get the edge in quickness. Guards Tyler Warren, Jared Hester and Brady Cobb, along with Justin McNair on the wing, could utilize their quickness to shut down the Panthers' outside game.

Following Friday's action, which starts at 7:30, Snyder travels to Sweetwater on Tuesday.

5-4A Boys

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Lake View	0	0	16	7
Ft. Stockton	0	0	12	7
Snyder	0	0	9	11
Sweetwater	0	0	7	12
Big Spring	0	0	6	13
Andrews	0	0	5	17

Friday's games: Snyder at Ft. Stockton; Andrews at Big Spring; Sweetwater at Lake View

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Basketball: WTC Lady Dusters host Howard, 7:30 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum.

Snyder 9th grade girls and boys at Sweetwater tournament.

Snyder 7th and 8th grade boys at Andrews tournament.

Ira Jr. High and Hermleigh Jr. High at Highland tournament.

FRIDAY

Basketball: Lady Tigers at Ft. Stockton, varsity at 6 p.m. and JV at 7:30 p.m.

Snyder Tigers at Ft. Stockton, JV at 6 p.m. and varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Hermleigh varsity hosts Highland, girls at 6:30 p.m. and boys at 8 p.m.

Ira varsity hosts Sands, girls at 6:30 p.m. and boys at 8 p.m.

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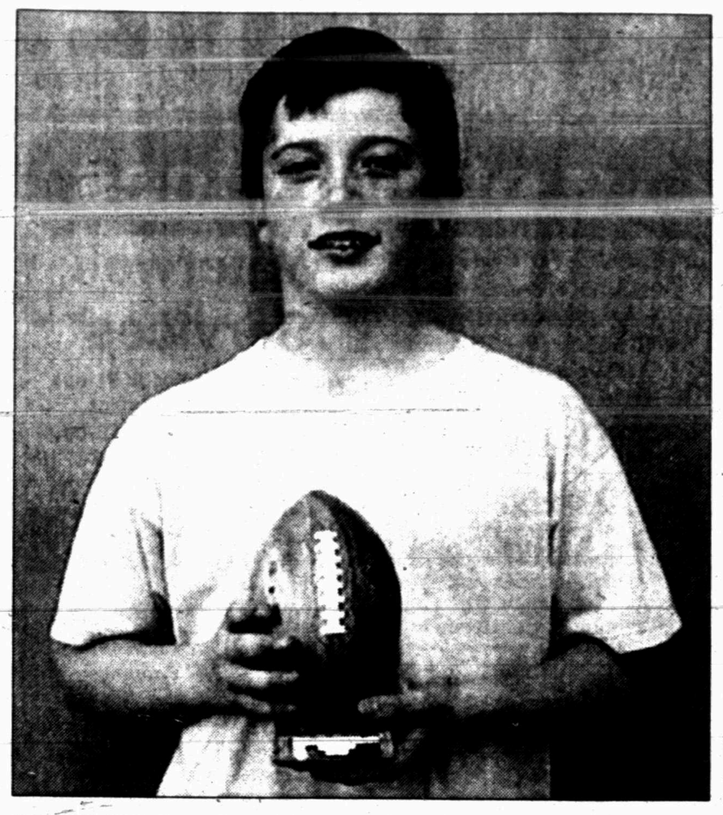

FOOTBALL HERO — Ira sixth grader Wesley Kellner displays the trophy he won at the Gatorade National Punt, Pass and Kick competition over the weekend. Kellner captured third place in the 11-year-old division. (SDN Staff Photo)

Kellner nabs third place

Ira's Wesley Kellner has a memory that will last a lifetime.

Kellner, age 11, took third place at the Gatorade National Punt, Pass and Kick competition over the weekend.

The Ira sixth grader competed at the frosty confines of the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, N.J. prior to the New York Jets-Jacksonville Jaguars AFC Divisional Playoff game.

"It was really cold which made it more difficult," Kellner said. "It made it harder to kick it than it did to pass it, but it was still a lot of fun."

Kellner had won preliminary competitions at Ira, Lubbock and Dallas to earn the trip to New York where he stayed at the same hotel as the Jets and participated on the same field where some of the NFL's greatest players competed.

Jimmy Johnson calls it quits

MIAMI (AP) — Three rings were enough for Jimmy Johnson.

He planned to resign today from the Miami Dolphins and doesn't think he'll coach again, his father said Wednesday night.

The stunning development came less than a week after the Dolphins were eliminated from the NFL playoffs with a 38-3 loss in Denver. The most lopsided postseason loss in franchise history spoiled Miami's bid to play at home in the Super Bowl on Jan. 31.

"Jimmy told me he was ready to retire and wanted to start enjoying himself," C.W. Johnson said from his home in Port Arthur, Texas. "He said the season wore on him. I told him I was glad and that was the best news I had heard in a long time."

The 55-year-old Johnson coached the Miami Hurricanes to the 1987 national championship and led the Dallas Cowboys to consecutive Super Bowl titles in 1992-93. He was hired by the Dolphins in January 1996 and said he would have the team in the NFL title game in three years, but he won only one playoff game with Miami.

Johnson arrived at his office at about 8 a.m. EST to meet with Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga, who rushed back from the baseball owners' meeting in California, where he was completing the sale of the Florida Marlins.

Johnson was also expected to meet with his assistant coaches and quarterback Dan Marino before any announcement was made.

"I have not been told at this point in time," Dolphin spokesman Harveyy Greene said when asked if a new conference was planned. "Jimmy is meeting with Wayne. After that I'll be given instructions on whether there's something to announce."

The Dolphins' flagship radio station, WQAM, braced listeners by playing B.B. King's "The Thrill Is Gone."

Johnson's expected resignation as coach and general manager was first reported by Fox Sports News. According to the elder Johnson, his son said "this is it for him in coaching. He said he was going down to his place in the Florida Keys and work on his house down there."

Johnson is under contract through 2000 after signing a one-year extension last April. Following Saturday's loss, he talked optimistically about next season, but he hasn't met with the media since then.

The death of Johnson's mother, Allene, on Dec. 20 may have been a factor in his decision, and his father has been battling cancer. Johnson also complained frequently during the past season about officiating, media criticism and the attitudes of modern players.

Johnson worked for Fox in 1994-95 during a hiatus from coaching.

NCAA Basketball Scores

EAST
American U. 75, William & Mary 64
Bucknell 78, Army 42
Cent. Connecticut St. 66, Monmouth, N.J. 57
Colgate 68, Lehigh 59
Dartmouth 69, Harvard 67
Iona 71, Loyola, Md. 68
Lafayette 76, Holy Cross 64
Massachusetts 69, Duquesne 55
Miami 74, Rutgers 62
Rhode Island 74, Fordham 60
Rider 61, Md.-Eastern Shore 51
Seton Hall 63, West Virginia 58, OT
St. Francis, N.Y. 80, Fairleigh Dickinson 71
Villanova 76, Boston College 57
Wisconsin 61, Penn St. 58
SOUTH
Arkansas 61, Mississippi St. 59
Auburn 74, Mississippi 59
Coastal Carolina 90, High Point 81
Duke 82, Wake Forest 72
Florida 68, South Carolina 51
George Mason 78, Richmond 52
Georgia 70, Vanderbilt 63
LSU 71, Alabama 70
Louisiana Tech 95, Ark.-Little Rock 83
Maryland 89, North Carolina 76
N.C.-Asheville 79, Radford 70
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Old Dominion 54, East Carolina 51
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UNC-Greensboro 61, The Citadel 53
W. Carolina 97, Tusculum 81
MIDWEST
Ball St. 68, W. Michigan 66
Cent. Michigan 63, N. Illinois 62
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FAR WEST
Gonzaga 104, Portland 57
N. Arizona 62, Montana 59
New Mexico 82, San Jose St. 81, OT
San Diego 61, St. Mary's, Cal. 56

Women's Basketball Scores
EAST
Bucknell 78, Army 67
Connecticut 101, Seton Hall 41
Georgetown 80, Pittsburgh 61
Harvard 65, Dartmouth 63
Holy Cross 68, Lafayette 50
Kent 86, Buffalo 77
Manhattan 72, Marist 60
Syracuse 73, Boston College 70
SOUTH
Charleston Southern 76, Elon 64
Coastal Carolina 75, High Point 69
Miami 85, Providence 63
Radford 71, N.C.-Asheville 70
W. Kentucky 95, New Orleans 73
MIDWEST
E. Michigan 77, Marshall 72
Kansas 54, Missouri 52
Kansas St. 79, Nebraska 67
Toledo 79, Bowling Green 65
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 82, Texas 63
Oklahoma 74, Oklahoma St. 58
Texas Tech 68, Texas A&M 65
FAR WEST
Iowa St. 90, Colorado 84

WTC, Howard meet tonight in Scurry County Coliseum

After garnering pre-season recognition and non-conference success, tonight's hardwood duel with Howard could prove just how far Western Texas has come.

The Lady Dusters and the Lady Hawks square off tonight at 7:30 at Scurry County Coliseum in probably the biggest game in recent Western Texas history.

The Lady Dusters (12-5) plan on competing for one of the WJCAC's four regional tourney berths, and as always, the road goes through Howard (16-1).

The biggest difference between tonight's contest compared to other recent meetings with the Lady Hawks is that WTC is expected to give Howard a run for its money.

"We realize what's at stake tonight," WTC coach Valery Jackson said. "We're really excited to have this opportunity and I think the girls are ready, so now we'll just see."

Howard comes in ranked fourth in the nation, averaging over 80 points per outing. The majority of the Lady Hawk offense is generated by its full-court defensive pressure.

A definite must for the Lady Dusters is to not get rattled and fall behind early, according to Jackson.

"We've got to take care of the ball in the early going," the second-year coach said. "Howard likes to get turnovers and get you down in the first few minutes. It's important for us not to lose our composure and just play our game."

Both squads feature young rosters, with just two sophomores starting for Howard and only one for WTC.

The Lady Dusters are coming off a setback in the conference opener at New Mexico. Just prior to that contest, WTC pounded Blinn at the coliseum, the same Blinn team that Howard had to rally against to scrape out a five-point win.

"We know what we're capable of and we know that we can play with Howard," said Jackson. "It's just a matter of focus and execution. Everybody they bring in the game is a scorer for them and we have to be ready to play tough defense."

A victory tonight would cap a long road back to respectability for the Lady Dusters and put WTC basketball back on the map.

"A win tonight would be huge," Jackson stressed. "It would be tremendous for this town, this school and this team. If we've ever had a good chance to do it, tonight is it."

WJCAC Women

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Season W	Season L
Howard	1	0	16	1
Midland	1	0	14	2
New Mexico	1	0	13	3
Clarendon	1	0	7	2
Western Texas	0	1	12	5
Odessa	0	1	11	3
South Plains	0	1	9	8
Frank Phillips	0	1	5	11

Thursday's games: Howard at WTC; South Plains at Frank Phillips; Clarendon at Odessa; New Mexico at Midland.

Lady Tigers continue play after two wins

Having already notched a pair of blowout victories heading into Friday night's contest against a 4-15 Ft. Stockton squad that was throttled, 74-17, in its last outing, the key to another Lady Tiger win could be to simply show-up.

Snyder will be looking to keep its share of the District 5-4A lead Friday night when it travels to Ft. Stockton for a 6 o'clock tip-off with the Prowlers.

The Lady Tigers are 2-0 after turning in impressive performances against Andrews and Big Spring, sitting atop the district standings along with Sweetwater and San Angelo Lake View.

Being a heavy favorite against the Prowlers, and with big ball-games on next week's schedule against the league's other co-leaders, the largest problem facing Snyder coach Rick Archer could be keeping his team focused on Friday's action.

"Even though we're expected to win, we have other goals that we want to accomplish in the game, such as keeping our turnovers below a certain number and other things like that," Archer said.

"To reach those goals we have to keep playing on our level, not someone else's. We can't get caught up in how good or how bad our opponent is playing or anyone else for that matter. We can only deal with how we are performing. And right now we want to keep performing at a high level, regardless of who we're playing."

The Lady Tigers took to the floor Tuesday against Big Spring with only eight players. But that number will grow by at least one and possibly as many as three for Friday's contest.

The one definite addition will be Rina Geiger who missed Tuesday's action due to personal reasons.

Kameron Kallemeyn battled illness against the Lady Steers and missed practice on Wednesday, but could see time against the Prowlers.

The other possible addition is Callie Bane. The sophomore guard has been released by doctors, following surgery to repair a knee injury suffered Dec. 4 against Frenship.

"I'm not sure how much Callie will play on Friday," said Archer. "We don't want to rush her back. She's important to this team and there's no need to risk another injury. We'll probably work her in slowly, giving her more minutes on Tuesday against Sweetwater and then even more next Friday against Lake View."

In other action around the district, Andrews visits Big Spring on Friday, while Lake View hosts Sweetwater in a battle of district undefeateds on Saturday.

5-4A Girls

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	2	0	10	11
Sweetwater	2	0	17	4
Lake View	2	0	9	11
Andrews	0	2	5	15
Ft. Stockton	0	2	4	15
Big Spring	0	2	4	17

Friday's games: Snyder at Ft. Stockton; Andrews at Big Spring; Sweetwater at Lake View.

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Tech drops Aggies

LUBBOCK (AP) — Rayford Young came off the bench to score a game-high 22 points, as Texas Tech rallied from an 11-point deficit in the first half to cruise past Texas A&M 82-68 Wednesday.

Tech (10-7, 2-2 Big 12) never trailed in the second half, dominating Texas A&M (7-7, 0-4) and handing the Aggies their 25th consecutive road loss in conference play.

Clifton Cook led A&M with 17 points. Shanne Jones added 15 points for the Aggies, who suffered their sixth straight setback.

Andy Ellis came off the bench to score 14 points and grab a career-high nine rebounds for the Red Raiders. Mario Layne and Javon Banks each scored 10 points for Tech, 8-1 at home this season.

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Saturday, Jan. 9
Atlanta 20, San Francisco 18
Denver 38, Miami 3
Sunday, Jan. 10
New York Jets 34, Jacksonville 24
Minnesota 41, Arizona 21

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 17
Atlanta at Minnesota, 12:35 p.m. (FOX)
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At Miami
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Bush sticks to tax cut plan

AUSTIN (AP) —, While lawmakers are looking at budget numbers and a somewhat smaller than expected surplus, Gov. George W. Bush says his budget proposal still will include a tax cut.

The Republican proposed $2.7 billion in tax cuts during last year's campaign. He says those figures were based on a $6.3 billion budget surplus being projected at the time.

But even with the extra revenue now estimated at $5.6 billion, Bush said Wednesday, "I'm still going to introduce a budget that prioritizes public education and that will cut taxes."

Bush earlier had called for a $2 billion school property tax cut, $400 million in sales tax reductions and $300 million in business tax cuts.

"I can tell you I was going on a set of numbers," the governor said of his campaign proposal. "It's going to be changed somewhat, like everybody's else's numbers will have to be." But he didn't say what changes might be made.

Introducing a $91.7 billion spending plan Wednesday, the Legislature's top budget writers warned colleagues there isn't enough extra money to fund every tax cut and spending idea that has been proposed.

"There is not enough money to do everything that every politician has promised they would do to the extent they promised," said Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Added his Senate Finance Committee counterpart, Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant: "My job and Junell's job is to bring a little sobriety to the party."

The 2000-2001 budget plan the two introduced — which will serve as the blueprint for legislative deliberations — includes about $3.3 billion more than current spending, which the Legislative Budget Board puts at $88.4 billion.

More than three-fourths of that increase would go to public and higher education.

"I think that properly reflects the priorities of the people of the state and of the legislators," Ratliff said.

Beyond the $91.7 billion total budgeted, the bill proposes another $1.8 billion in spending of money that will come from the state's lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

The plan calls for devoting those funds to health care programs and health education endowments. If adopted, that would bring total spending to $93.5 billion, a $5.1 billion hike.

The budget bill introduced leaves about $2.5 billion in what Ratliff termed "discretionary" funds to be spent as lawmakers see fit.

Ratliff noted a long list of proposals, including tax cuts, higher spending on public schools, more for colleges, and higher spending on the state's Child Protective Services program.

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BellSouth s	47 7-16	46¾	47 5-16	+ 5-16
BethSteel	9½	9 5-16	9 5-16	— 1-16
BurlNoSFe s	33 5-16	32¼	33 3-16	— ¼
CBS Corp	35 13-16	34 13-16	34 13-16	— 5-16
Caterpillar	48 7-16	47 15-16	48	— 1-16
CenSoWst	27¼	27 1-16	27¼	— ¼
Chevron	81¼	80¾	81 1-16	— ¼
Citigroup	52 15-16	51¼	51¼	— 5-16
Coastal s	33¼	32½	32¾	— ¼
CocaCola	65 1-16	63½	63¾	—1 5-16
ColgatePalm	79¾	78¼	79	+ ¼
CooperIn	43 13-16	43 11-16	43¾	
CyprusAmax	10 13-16	10 9-16	10¾	+ 1-16
DaimlrChry n	103 15-16	102 5-16	102½	+11-16
DallSemicn	41½	40 3-16	40 9-16	— 5-16
DeltaAirl s	56 1-16	55 5-16	55½	—11-16
Dillards Inc	27¼	26¾	26¾	— ¼
DowChem	92 13-16	91¾	92 1-16	+ ¼
DuPont	57	55¼	56 1-16	—15-16
EastmanChem	46½	46¼	46¼	— 3-16
EstKodak	72¼	70 9-16	71	—7 11-16
EDS Corp	49½	48 15-16	49 3-16	
Entergy	30¾	30	30¾	— ¼
Exxon	70	15-16	70	70¼
FstBksAm	19¾	19¼	19¾	+ 1-16
Flowers	23¼	22¼	23 1-16	+ 3-16
FordMotor s	61¼	60¾	61¼	+ ½
GTE Cp	64 11-16	63 11-16	63 15-16	— ¼
GenDynam s	54 9-16	53¼	54	— 1-16
GenElec	98¼	96 5-16	98¼	+1 9-16
GenMills	80	11-16	80¼	80¼
GenMotors	82 13-16	81 5-16	81 15-16	+ ¼
GaPacGP	64	63 1-16	63½	— ½
GlobalMar	9	11-16	9¾	9¾
Goodrich	34 13-16	34¼	34¼	—19-64
Goodyear s	52¼	50¼	50 15-16	—11-16
GtAtlPac	30¼	29 13-16	29¾	— 7-16
Halliburtn	31¼	31 3-16	31 13-16	+ 1
Hanson ADS	38 11-16	38 7-16	38¼	+ 9-16
HartleHanks s	25¼	24¾	24 15-16	+ 1-16
HomeDepot	54¼	53 15-16	54 13-16	+99-128
HoustonInds	31 1-16	30 9-16	30½	— ¾
IBM	184 15-16	182	183	— 2½
IntlPaper	45¼	44¾	44 11-16	+ 1-16
JohnsonJn	79 13-16	78¼	79¼	+ 7-16
K mart	15 7-16	15	15	— 5-16
Kroger Co	57	55¼	55¼	— 1¼
Litton	61 7-16	61¼	61¼	+ ¾
LockheedM s	39 5-16	38½	38 13-16	—1 3-16
Lowes Cos s	52 11-16	51 9-16	52 3-16	+ ½
Lubys	15 5-16	15¼	15 5-16	
LucentTech s	107¾	105¼	106¼	+ 1¼
MayDeptStrs	61¼	61	61	— 9-16
MediaOne	50¼	49½	50	— ½
Medtronic	70½	69 15-16	70 1-16	+1 1-16
Mobil	85¼	84¼	84¼	— 7-16
Monsanto	43 11-16	42¼	42½	— 2
MorganJP	107 3-16	103¾	103 7-16	— 3¼
Motorola	71½	68 5-16	69¾	— 1½
NCR Corp	46¾	45¾	46 7-16	+ 9-16
Navistar	32½	31¼	32 7-16	+1 1-16
OryxEngy	14	13 11-16	13 15-16	+ 3-64
Penney JC	41¼	40¾	41 5-16	+ ¼
PennzEnrgy s	16 1-16	15 9-16	15 15-16	+ ¼
PepBoys	14¼	13-16	14 13-16	— 1-16
PepsiCo	39¼	38¼	38 13-16	—1 7-16
PhelpDodge	53¼	52	7-16	52¼ + ½
PhilipPet	41 9-16	41¼	41 5-16	— 3-16
PilgrmPrd B	22¼	22	9-16	22¼ + ¼
Polaroid	19 13-16	19¼	19 11-16	+ ¾
Praxair	36 1-16	35	11-16	35¼ —17-128
ProctGamb	88½	87	1-16	87¼ — ¼
PubSNwMx	20 1-16	19	13-16	19¼ — ¼
RoyalDut	45¾	44¾	45 9-16	+ 7-16
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Sprint	48½			
SearsRoeb	44	43	9-16	43¾ — ¼
SherwinW	28¼	28¼	28¼	+ 1-16
SmithklBchm	69¾	68¼	68½	— ¼
SouthernCo	28 9-16	28	5-16	28½ — 3-16
SwstAirl s	26 11-16	26	1-16	26¼ — ¼
SprintFON n	76¼	76¼	76¼	— ¼
SprintPCS n	26½	25¾	26	3-16 + ¾
Sunoco Inc	35 3-16	34	13-16	35 1-16 + 1-16
TNP Ent	36¼	36	11-16	36¼
Tandy	44¼	43	11-16	43 15-16 — ½
TempleInland	60	59	5-16	59½ — 9-16
Tenneco	34¼	33¼	34	1-16 + 3-16
Texaco	51¼	51	51½	+ ¼
TexInd	27	26¼	26	11-16 —11-16
TexasInst	92 15-16	91	3-16	92 11-16 —13-16
TexUtil	45 5-16	44¾	44	11-16 — 9-16
Textron	72	5-16	71½	72¼ + ¾
TriconGlbR	49	27-32	49¾	49¾ — 1
TrinityInds	37¾	37	9-16	37¼ — 1-16
TritonEngy	8	1-16	7¾	7 15-16 + ¼
Tyler	5		4¾	4¾ — ¼
US West Inc	63	5-16	62¾	63¼ — ¼
USX-Marathn	29		28¾	28 15-16 +11-16
USX-USS	26¾	25	7-16	25½ — ½
UnCarbde	44¼	43	1-16	43 9-16 — ¼
UnionPacif	47 7-16	46	13-16	46 13-16 — ¼
UnitedTech	111		109¾	110¾ — ¼
Unocal	31	9-16	31	31¼ + 3-16
Venator Grp	7	3-16	6	13-16 6 15-16 — ¼
WalMart	80	13-16	79	11-16 80 13-16 + 3-16
WellsFargo	36		35½	35 15-16 —11-16
WstnGasRs			6¼	66¼ + ¼
WinnDixie	44	11-16	43	11-16 43 13-16 — 1¼
Xerox Corp	115¾	111	111	15-16 —2 5-16

Health Briefs

Knowing culture can help counseling

By The Associated Press

Knowing what mattered to poor black and Hispanic women in one Texas city helped counselors make almost a 40 percent difference in the number reinfected with sexually transmitted diseases, researchers say.

AIDS, gonorrhea, chlamydia and other STDs are far more common among minorities than among whites. Clinic workers have found that it is harder to get women to stop doing things that put them at risk than it is to get men to change.

Rochelle Shain's group at the University of Texas found a way to deal with that, according to today's New England Journal of Medicine.

Before researchers began counseling women for this study, they spent 18 months looking at local black and Hispanic life, cultures, values, beliefs, behavior and knowledge.

They then enrolled 617 women who were being treated for STDs at clinics in the San Antonio area. The women were divided into two groups, and the researchers looked at the numbers who came down with a second STD.

Drink milk, keep your colon healthy

By The Associated Press

Adding calcium to the diet — through milk or other means — can help prevent tumors in the large intestine, researchers reported today in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The effect was moderate but significant, wrote Dr. J.A. Baron of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H.

The study looked at 832 people who underwent surgery for colorectal adenomas — benign tumors — at six hospitals around the country.

About half got calcium supplements and half got placebos. Doctors looked to see whether they developed another adenoma over the next four years.

More than 80 percent were taking their pills at least 90 percent of the time during the fourth year.

In the second through fourth years of the study — the main risk period — 127 of the 409 people taking calcium had developed at least one adenoma, compared with 159 of the 423 taking placebos.

Moreover, there were more tumors per patient in the placebo group: 0.73 compared with 0.55.

Pre-emptive mastectomy effective

By The Associated Press

The increasingly common practice of removing both breasts while they are healthy is an effective, if radical, way of preventing breast cancer in women at high risk for the disease, researchers say.

The findings published in today's New England Journal of Medicine were first reported by The Associated Press in 1997 when they were released at a medical conference in San Diego.

The researchers said they consider prophylactic mastectomy, as it is called, to be at least 90 percent effective in reducing breast cancer. It's not totally effective because the disease may already have spread before the breasts are removed.

Dr. Lynn Hartmann and colleagues from the Mayo Clinic reviewed the cases of 639 women who had both breasts removed because of their family history of breast cancer.

Among the 425 considered to be at moderate risk, 37 cases of breast cancer would have been expected after 14 years of follow-up. Only four actually occurred.

New study examines animal bites

By The Associated Press

What's worse than a dog's bite? Germs, for starters — though a bite from Fido is still much "cleaner" than one from a human being.

Cultures from 107 infected dog and cat bites turned up 152 kinds of bacteria, including 10 not previously known to infect people, according to a study in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

There were an average of five kinds of germs per bite.

It's the best study of the topic so far and should persuade doctors not to try the cheap route when treating infected bites, emergency physicians said.

The germs aren't dangerous unless the skin is broken, meaning it's probably OK to let your dog lick your face. In fact, human bites are much more dangerous, in terms of germs transmitted.

"If you have a choice about being bitten, you don't want a person. Choose your cat," said Dr. Toni Mitchell of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Millions of people get bitten every year. About 270,000 go to emergency rooms to have dog and cat bites treated, and about 9,000 have to be hospitalized.

Most of the time, it's because of the damage to flesh and bone from the bite itself. However, infections can force amputation and even cause death. The class of germs found most often includes ones that can cause meningitis and blood infections.

Scurry County Country

Ag program slated Monday in Lamesa

"A direct result of producer-requested educational programming, the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BMP's (Best Managment Practices) for cotton, grain sorghum and peanut production," says Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent for Scurry County.

This conference will be held Monday in the Dawson County Annex Building, located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa and will begin at 8 a.m. The registration fee, which includes technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits, is $20. 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.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn and Garza counties, will also feature information on the latest production technology for crop production, insect control and weed control of cotton, grain, sorghum and peanuts. Risk Management and production outlooks will also be discussed. Top quality speakers from across the state and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trials. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers. Also, producers will be able to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

Four and a half Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be produced for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at the program.

Speakers include Shelly Hennington with Texas Department of Agriculture; Drs. Roland Roberts, Randy Boman, Robert Lemon, Graig Fincham, James Leser, Ted McCollum and Peter Dotray; Dr. Wayne Keeling with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; and County Agent John Farris with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Producers who wish to pre-register should mail in a registration form with their fee. Registration forms may be obtained from the extension office in any of the counties listed above.

Accommodations for all persons with disabilities will be made for the meeting. Contact John Farris at the Dawson County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary and/or service needed.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 684 head of cattle for the Thursday, Jan. 7, sale. Cows were $3 better. Young yearlings and calves wqre $2 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing - cutters - utility) 34 to 39.95.
Canners and low cutters: 28 to 333
Slaughter bulls: 41 to 52.
Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 85-105
400-500: 72-85
500-600: 68-75
600-700: 65-70
700-800: 65-70
Feeder Heifers choice:
300-400: 68-77.50
400-500: 65-77
500-600: 64-70
600-700: 60-66
700-800: 57-64
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 64 to 72.50; 700-800, 58 to 64.
Cow and calf pairs: Good 500 to 810; Grade 425 to 550.
Springers: 300 to 550.
Baby calves: 125 to 175.
Doodlers 125 to 210.

Singer's opera back in spotlight

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Six years after its debut, an opera written by Carly Simon is back in the spotlight.

The Opera Company of North Carolina has chosen "Romulus Hunt," about how a young boy and his imaginary friend come to grips with divorced parents, to open its season tonight.

It will mark the first time a professional company has performed the opera since its initial runs in New York and Washington in 1993.

Originally, the Opera Company had hoped to have Simon be a part of the casting and rehearsal process. But because of scheduling conflicts, she only had time to be part of several fund-raising functions.

Simon was expected to be on hand for tonight's performance.

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Town & Country Topics
By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Eating smart while eating out

Eating out is a way of life in America. Don't say no to a restaurant meal just because you are watching your weight. By selecting menu items wisely, you can meet your nutritional needs and control calories.

Eat out and eat slim. Eating out while controlling weight is not impossible, but it does create concerns. Two rules to follow when dining out, whether at a restaurant, at work, or as a house or party guest: 1) plan ahead and 2) eat moderately by selecting the low-calories foods from the Daily Food Guide.

By following the two rules, eating out will be an enjoyable social event not an overindulgent food orgy.

Plan ahead. Never starve yourself before eating out. It's difficult to make wise food choices when you're ravenous. Instead, eating sparingly early in the day to save calories and control hunger. Skipping meals pior to eating out is never recommended because this can result in gorging.

Be moderate. Part of weight maintenance is learning how to select foods without excess calories. Wise, low-calorie selections from the "appetizer" list include tomato juice, grapefruit juice or sections, clear broth or vegetable soup or fresh fruit cup. Avoid creamed soups and fish. Stop when you are full or when you have eaten your allotted calories. Ask the server to remove your plate and the remaining food from the table.

Consider your own behavior when eating out. Use the yes and no questionnaire to help you.

1) T F I tend to overeat in restaurants because I try to get my money's worth.
2) T F To control calories, I skip a meal before going out to eat.
3) T F As a guest, I always eat what is served to avoid being rude.
4) T F I can resist the bread, chips and appetizer served before a restaurant meal.
5) T F I always have a dessert when eating out.

Answering questions with a "True" indicates you probably have a problem controlling calories when eating out.

Remember that moderation, variety and portion control are important to smart eating whether at home or out. Follow your meal plan by selecting low-calorie choices from the basic food groups to achieve weight maintenance.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,319 head of cattle for the Saturday, Jan. 9, sale. Feeder steers and heifers wer $2 to $5 higher. Slaughter cows were $1 to $2 higher, bulls were $4 higher. Bred cows were $25/head higher. Pairs were firm. trqading was active and demand good.

Feeder Steers:
200 to 300: 96 to 105
300 to 400: 93 to 103
400 to 500: 83 to 93.50
500 to 600: 71 to 78
600 to 700: 65 to 72.50
Feeder Heifers:
200 to 300: 75.50 to 81
300 to 400: 72 to 80
400 to 500: 67 to 75
500 to 600: 64.50 to 70.50
600 to 700: 62 to 67.50.
700 to 800: 61 to 64
Young bred cows: 420 to 530
Medium age to older cows and calves: 510 to 635
Slaughter cows: high yielding 30 to 35.
Slaughter bulls: high dressing 45.75 to 48.
Cow and calf pairs: 400 to 480.

Cave completes continuing education classes

Bryan Cave, O.D. of Snyder, recently attended a weekend of continuing optometric education entitled "Cornea, Contact Lenses and Contemporary Vision Care" at the 15th annual Symposium presented by the University of Houston College of Optometry (UHC0).

The annual symposium provided information on new developments and current trends in eye care.

The symposium began with workshops on the UHCO campus which included corneal topography, lens fitting, binocular indirect ophthalmoscopy, therapeutics and punctal plug insertion.

Lectures were also presented at the Renaissance Houston Hotel. Experts from around the world also participated in a mock trial on laser refractive surgery.

One program concentrated on future trends in contact lens correction and was highlighted by a presentation for Dr. H. Dwight Cavanagh, this year's distinguished awardee for research on the cornea and contact lens.

Texas Briefs

Senator considers social promotion

AUSTIN (AP) — The decision to promote students from one grade to the next — even if they repeatedly failed a state achievement test despite remedial help — would remain at the local school level under a proposal to implement Gov. George W. Bush's push to end social promotion.

"The question of whether to promote the child even though they're not able to pass three administrations of the test would be a local decision," Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins said in an interview.

"That's one that would also be a public record. We would know the number of students that fail the TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) test," said Bivins, R-Amarillo. "So you've got, I think, a good system of local control and checks and balances in place in an approach like that."

He said plans to file within a couple of weeks a bill to combat social promotion, the term for advancing students to the next grade even though they aren't academically ready.

Bush, who initially proposed requiring students to pass the TAAS at certain grade levels to be promoted, said he supports allowing schools to determine if there is a mitigating circumstance if a child can't pass the test.

DPS: Sex offenders info easier to find

AUSTIN (AP) — Information about Texas' 15,500 registered sex offenders — including their name, age, ZIP code and even shoe size — is now available on the Internet.

"What this means to our citizens is easier access than ever before to information that can give an indication of the relative safety of a neighborhood in terms of potential sex crimes," Col. Dudley Thomas, Texas Department of Public Safety director, said Wednesday.

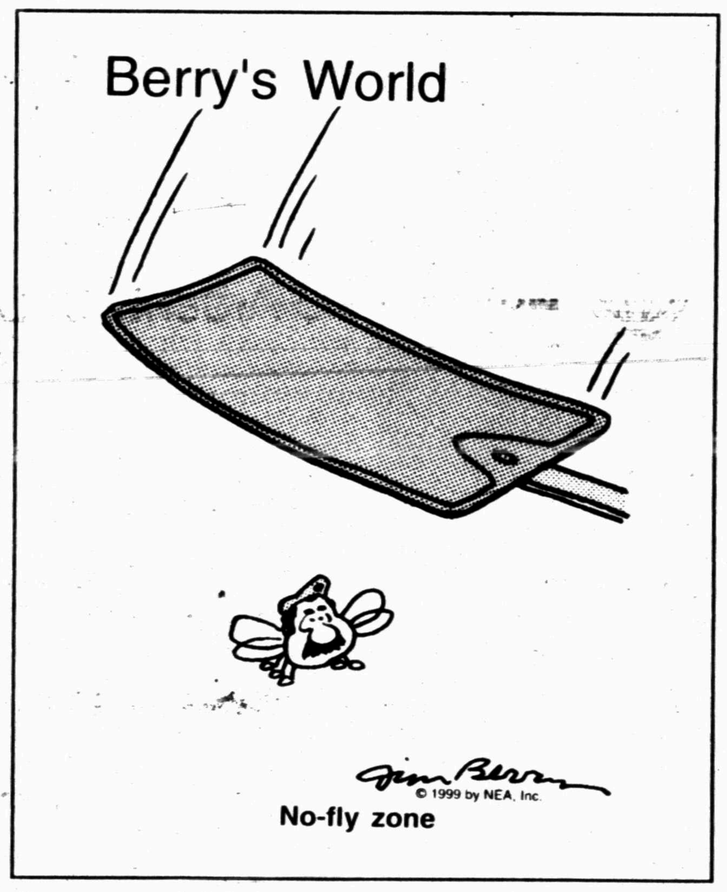
The data has been available at the local level through sheriff and police officials, but this makes it available electronically and statewide, said Mike Cox, DPS spokesman.

The database, which will be updated about twice a week, was added to DPS' Internet site earlier this week.

The system will be particularly helpful to employers, schools and youth-oriented organizations that may want to identify sexual offenders, Thomas said.

The database does not include the offender's picture, specific street address, telephone number, Social Security number, drivers license number or any information that would identify the victim of the offense. Shoe size is included because footprints can be helpful in criminal investigations.

Thomas said he cautioned people using the website to remember that there may be more than one person with the same name in their town.



No-fly zone

9-year-old killed in DART accident

DALLAS (AP) — A 9-year-old boy was killed when he was struck by a Dallas Area Rapid Transit light rail train in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas, authorities say.

Witnesses said the boy had left a grocery store Wednesday afternoon and ran in front of the train not long after it pulled away from a train station.

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Hyperbole, many facts used in Clinton's trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barely under way, the Senate impeachment trial is already flooded with understatements, overstatements and selective use of the facts, courtesy of two excellent sets of lawyers.

To President Clinton's team, the "stability of our constitutional government" may hang in the balance. To House prosecutors, "the honor and integrity of the United States" is at stake.

The voluminous filings that landed in the Senate this week on the Monica Lewinsky sex and cover-up scandal are the work of legal teams operating in overdrive.

"In the final analysis, the House is asking the Senate to remove the president because he had a wrongful relationship and sought to keep the existence of that relationship private," Clinton's lawyers wrote in defense of a client accused of perjury and obstruction.

Not that the White House is ignoring the alleged perjury and obstruction. Instead, it is trying to obliterate the two articles of impeachment in a 71-page brief so all-encompassing that it even touches on the original Whitewater allegations against the Clintons.

The Whitewater probe, which the president's lawyers dismissively refer to as an "investigative dead-end," resulted in the conviction of the Clintons' business partners on 22 felony charges. Recently, prosecutor Kenneth Starr revealed he seriously considered referring Whitewater-related evidence against Clinton to the House for a possible impeachment inquiry late last year. The five-year Whitewater probe is ongoing.

In their filing with the Senate, the Clinton team delves deeply into the grand jury testimony in the Lewinsky probe, a tactic that a legal scholar says could undercut calls from Clinton supporters for a trial with no witnesses.

In rebutting the obstruction charge, Clinton's lawyers highlight the testimony of presidential secretary Betty Currie that she didn't feel any pressure "whatsoever" when Clinton asked questions like "I was never really alone with Monica, right?"

Clinton's lawyers didn't bother to mention another section of Mrs. Currie's grand jury testimony: The part in which she said she felt as though Clinton wanted her to agree with his statements.

"It's interesting that the White House is relying on the detailed accounts of witnesses, because it raises questions of witness credibility," said St. Johns University law professor John Barrett. "If the White House is right that Currie is a credible witness for them, the way for the Senate to deal with that is not to read the cold transcript but to question her."

Clinton's lawyers aren't the only ones making selective use of grand jury testimony.

House managers are trying to link Ms. Lewinsky's false affidavit denying a sexual relationship with Clinton to the efforts of presidential friend Vernon Jordan to line up a job for her.

House managers are making much of the fact that Jordan called the chairman of MacAndrews & Forbes in New York when Ms. Lewinsky told Jordan her job interview at the firm had gone "very poorly." Jordan made the call the day after Ms. Lewinsky signed her affidavit in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case against the president.

What the House managers didn't mention is that the company executive who scheduled a subsequent interview with Ms. Lewinsky says he never even knew about Jordan's call.

Ms. Lewinsky's affidavit denying a sexual relationship is problematic for Clinton because he is the one who raised with her the possibility of filing it as a way of avoiding testifying in the Jones case.

The president asserted in his grand jury testimony Aug. 17 that he thought Ms. Lewinsky would be able to file a truthful affidavit.

"Ms. Lewinsky plainly was under no obligation to volunteer to the Jones lawyers every last detail about her relationship with the president — and the failure of the president to instruct her to do so is neither wrong nor an obstruction of justice," his legal team said.

In the end, the "details" in Ms. Lewinsky's affidavit consisted of statements such as "in the course of my employment at the White House I met President Clinton several times. ... I have the utmost respect for the president, who has always behaved appropriately in my presence."

The Clinton legal team also came up with a rebuttal for a cellular phone record that House managers are using to suggest Clinton engaged in obstruction. Showing that Mrs. Currie telephoned Ms. Lewinsky, prosecutors are touting it as proof the president dispatched his secretary to retrieve gifts he'd given to the former White House intern.

What the House managers didn't focus on was the fact that the call came late in the day and that it lasted at most just one minute, which the White House suggests bolsters Mrs. Currie's testimony that it was Ms. Lewinsky who initiated the gift exchange. Clinton says he knows nothing about the transfer of gifts.

Texas executes condemned cop killer

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Death row inmate Troy Farris was executed Wednesday night for fatally shooting a Tarrant County sheriff's deputy more than 15 years ago.

Farris, 36, was pronounced dead at 7:16 p.m., six minutes after the lethal drugs were released into his arms.

In a brief final statement, he turned to an adjacent witness room and expressed love to four family members of murder victim Clark Rosenbalm Jr.

"I can only tell you Clark did not die in vain," Farris said. "I don't mean to offend you, but through his death, it led this man to God."

He also expressed love to his family members, several of whom were execution witnesses, and thanked them for their support.

"Like they say in the song, I guess, I just want to go out like Elijah, on fire with the spirit of God," Farris said. "I'm done. Take me, Jesus. Take me, Jesus. I love you."

As the drugs took effect, Farris gasped a couple times and stopped moving.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

The disappearing rights of smokers

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a smoker and I am fed up with hearing about the rights of non-smokers. If I want to smoke, that's my right. It's my body I may be harming, not yours. Why don't non-smokers just shut up and stay in non-smoking areas?

DEAR READER: Non-smokers DO stay in non-smoking areas. The problem is that tobacco smoke doesn't.

Let me respond to you as a pipe-smoker who is familiar with both sides of the issue. The smoke I breathe from my pipe is MY smoke; I assume responsibility for the risks I take when I light up. No one would deny that you and I have the "right" to abuse ourselves; perhaps we're nuts, but that's another issue.

However, our smoke fills the environment. It spreads out in swirling blue clouds, leaks under doors, saturates upholstery — in short, it extends quite a distance beyond us. Increasingly, non-smokers are irritated by tobacco smoke. They're physically irritated because this smoke smells bad to them, stings their eyes, causes coughing, and is more than an occasional nuisance to many people with allergies. Non-smokers are also psychologically irritated because they view smokers as selfish polluters who show little regard for the comfort and safety of those around them. If you look at the issue objectively and unemotionally, they are right. Come on — you know they're right. Nowhere in the Constitution is there a statement about the Rights of Smokers. On the contrary, there are lots of references to the rights people have when another person is doing something to them. That's the issue, I think.

No one might care what your smoke does to you — or mine to me. But when that smoke affects those around us, they have a right to insist that we think about THEM.

Here's an analogy. You are not permitted to burn garbage in your yard or turn up your stereo to the point where the sound shatters windows in your neighborhood. Those activities would be inappropriately intrusive, and there are laws to protect your neighbors from your garbage smoke and noise pollution. Similarly, you can't go around beating people up because you feel like it.

Instead of getting heated up about non-smokers, try to see the problem from their perspective. Tobacco smoke is unhealthful. Maybe all those non-smokers are really doing you a favor. Why not try, as I did, to cut down and limit your smoking to areas where only you will breathe the smoke? Your change in habit and attitude could have some really positive effects in your life.

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

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 15, 1999

Since a more independent and self-sufficient you might emerge in the year ahead, you will do very well in any ventures or enterprises you personally create and direct. Be confident and take that plunge!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) People might agree with you externally if you press your opinions or views on them today, but internally you could leave them seething. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't take it as an invitation to be candid today if a friend asks for your opinion about something important to him or her. Your pal might be looking for approval, not criticism.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you find that you and your mate are not agreeing on things today, postpone any controversial discussions until tomorrow when both of you might be in a more congenial mood.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The best way to arouse the ire of the boss today is to not take your work seriously. You better not spend too much time gossiping around the water cooler.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Instead of making a quick kill, impulsive actions could end up costing you money today. Be extremely patient in all of your commercial dealings at this time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're going to hand out directives to those at home today, first set the example you want them to follow. Without it, you'll only create an unpleasant atmosphere.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This may not be the day to try a do-it-yourself project if something needs to be mended. Sometimes it pays to call in an expert, for you could be rather clumsy today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You could be called today to explain the management of funds entrusted to your care. Be prepared to justify any expenditure you've made regarding expense accounts at home or office.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try not to take your bad temper out on the family today. If something is bothering you, face up to it and deal with it, instead of trying to lay the blame on others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Rather than concentrating on people's good points today, you might be inclined to fixate on their shortcomings and create complications where none exist. Don't!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even though your requests might be small, try not to press friends for favors today. People in general are too concerned about their on affairs to deal with yours at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The only way you might be able to get your way is by coming on very strong today. Although this could accomplish your objectives, chances are you'll pay a stiff price later.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Cell Phones in Cars Add To Arsenal of Distraction

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: As a longtime member of our local traffic safety commission and past volunteer AARP 55-Alive driving instructor, I wish to comment on the recent letter from Tom Lynch of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mr. Lynch suggested that the use of cell phones is safe because truck drivers have used CB radios for many years. What he failed to add is that accidents involving trucks have increased dramatically in recent years. Part of the reason is the increased number of trucks on the road — but how many others are due to inattentive driving because the driver was on the radio or otherwise occupied?

He also suggested that you will next advocate passing laws against tuning the radio while driving, looking at your passenger and conversing while driving, adjusting the temperature while driving or driving without adequate sleep. While I don't advocate laws preventing those activities, if drivers could be convinced to refrain from those practices, we would have much safer highways.

Driving is a full-time responsibility. Inattentive driving is the cause of more motor vehicle accidents than any other single activity, although it's not always listed on accident reports as such, because it's too difficult to prove in a court of law.

Thanks for your support of highway and driver safety, Abby.

JAMES G. SEIDL,
MEDFORD, WIS.

DEAR JAMES: You put your finger on the problem when you said that inattentive driving is the culprit. I have received mail from many readers complaining about having been caught in traffic with commuters who apply makeup while driving, who turn around to converse with passengers in the rear seat, or to try to control animals that are loose in the car. What many people seem to forget is that the car continues to move while the driver is distracted.

So many drivers ignore stop signs and red lights that some cities have begun installing cameras at busy intersections to record the license plates of the scofflaws. Pedestrians shouldn't have to fear stepping off the curb.

In my own defense, I wasn't entirely off the wall when I suggested there ought to be a law. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle is against the law in Connecticut, and has been since the days of the old radio-telephone. However, the law is seldom enforced.

Some drivers even keep a telephone headset draped over their rearview mirror for hands-free telephony.

R.C. JESPERSEN, KEENE, N.H.

DEAR R.C.: Thank you for the information. Whether it's enforced to the max or not, I'm pleased to learn that law is on the books. One down, 49 to go. Other countries have such laws, and we should, too.

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DEAR ABBY: I won a gift certificate for two free dinners at a very nice restaurant. If I call another couple to join us for dinner, should I be expected to share the certificate with them — or do I explain that my wife and I will be eating for free because of the certificate and they will pay for their own dinner?

JOSEPH F. IN
SHERMAN OAKS, CALIF.

DEAR JOSEPH F.: It would be far more diplomatic if you and your wife went alone to the restaurant and enjoyed your windfall, rather than pulling out your certificate for two freebies while your friends present cash or their credit card.

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Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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2ND FRONT PAGE

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Impeachment trial opens today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opening their impeachment case against President Clinton, House prosecutors told senators today they need trial witnesses to prove the president should be removed from office. They argued Clinton's defense defies "evidence as well as common sense."

Hours before beginning their opening argument in Clinton's impeachment trial — the first since 1868 — the Republican House members filed a rebuttal brief that dismissed Clinton's earlier written arguments and tried to use them to bolster their own case for calling witnesses.

"To the extent that President Clinton's trial memorandum raises issues of credibility, those issues are best resolved by live testimony subject to cross examination," the House prosecutors said. Senators won't decide whether to allow witnesses until after both sides make their opening arguments at the trial.

Among the witnesses the prosecutors are considering calling are the president and Monica Lewinsky, House officials said.

The White House fired back today that the House case is based on political revenge, not law. Press secretary Joe Lockhart said Clinton would not testify. "Any witness opens up this process to lengthy delays," he said.

The press secretary charged that the House prosecutors have "consistently bent, changed, shifted the rules" according to their political goals, have flip-flopped on matters such as the need for witnesses and have tried repeatedly to introduce "extraneous issues" such as campaign finance.

"I don't think the founders intended a party that is in the majority in the Congress could remove a president at their whim based on partisan political differences," Lockhart said.

In a freezing drizzle, 14 people had lined up outside the Capitol by midmorning for a chance to view at least a few minutes of the trial. The Senate set aside 50 seats in the gallery for the public, and those seats were to be rotated every 15 minutes or so.

"It's crazy. That 15 minutes better be great," said Al Sitterson, 32, who drove in from the Virginia suburbs to get in line at 5:20 a.m., dressed in heavy winter garb. He had hoped to end up with a ticket as a souvernir but was told he couldn't.

The president wasn't expect to watch the trial proceedings, traveling instead across the Potomac to Alexandria, Va., for a crime prevention event before departing for a trip to New York to encourage Wall Street to invest more in minority interests. On Wednesday, he said he intended to work on the nation's business throughout the trial and trusted senators to do "the right thing."

The House rebuttal to the White House memorandum was submitted to the Senate just hours before the trial was to resume in the Senate. Clinton is accused of perjury before a grand jury and obstruction of justice in his efforts to conceal his affair with Ms. Lewinsky. Sixty-seven of the 100 senators must vote to convict him to oust him from office.

Heroin

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pure heroin, and had him arrested once again.

Jason spent time in the Lubbock County Jail before being sent to a Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility (SAFPF). He has completed that and is now staying in a half-way house.

Recovery

As for Nelson, she has co-founded a non-profit corporation created to fight teenage heroin addiction called The Starfish Foundation, and has devoted her life to try to prevent this tragedy from happening to others.

"I am simply a parent who got mad. The only way to make any meaning out of my life and what I've been through, is to try to help other people.

Today, Nelson, reports, Jason is doing better.

"I had to turn to the criminal justice system because I had no choice — but that's a good thing. Day by day, with God's help, I believe he will make it."

Two arrested Wednesday

Two people were taken into custody on Wednesday, including one person on a warrant for misdemeanor revocation of probation.

A 23-year-old male was booked into jail at 11:59 a.m. following his arrest earlier in Colorado City by Mitchell County authorities. The man was arrested on a warrant to revoke misdemeanor probation terms and on a warrant for public intoxication.

Officers also arrested a 22-year-old male at Municipal Court earlier in the day to lay out fines for speeding.

In other activity, an officer was requested at Snyder High School at 12:46 p.m. in reference to someone knocking out the windows of a pickup. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

An offense report for Class B theft was submitted at 4:38 p.m. in reference to the theft of a bicycle from the 3100 block of Crockett.

Deputies transported a male subject to the Big Spring State Hospital following the report of threatened suicide at 6:38 p.m.

Obituaries

Mary Ellen Keith

Mary Ellen Keith

1946-1999

Mary Ellen Keith died at 6:40 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, in Snyder Oaks Care Center following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Keith, 52, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Fluvanna Church of Christ. Fred Austin and Don Campbell will officiate. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 8, 1946 in Snyder, she was reared in the Fluvanna Community and was a graduate of Snyder High School and Texas Tech University. She taught kindergarten and elementary reading for many years in Chilchinbeto, Ariz., where she also served as principal. She also taught in Post, and was a member of the Fluvanna Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lloyd Keith on Dec. 12, 1979.

Survivors include one daughter, Carrie Keith of Austin; one son, Chad Keith of Snyder; her parents, Lloyd and Mabelle Ainsworth of Fluvanna; and her former-husband, Shonie Keith of Chilchinbeto, Ariz.

Mrs. Huddleston

1909-1999

Virginia Layne Huddleston, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, in the Bronte Nursing Home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Huddleston, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dayton McCarter, Baptist minister, will officiate, and burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Born July 31, 1909 in Glen Rose, she married Homer Walker Huddleston on Dec. 22, 1928 in Snyder. Several years later the Huddlestons moved to Post where they farmed until Mr. Huddleston's death in 1970. She moved to San Angelo in 1979.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Josie Layne; a son, Kenneth Rae Huddleston in 1978; a grandson, Richard Keith Huddleston in 1995; and two brothers, Henry and Buck Layne.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Ruth Huddleston of San Angelo; a daughter-in-law, Minnie Huddleston Buchanan of Snyder; four sisters, Thelma Ford and Mattie Hobbs of Snyder, Lu Looney and Anna Bell Stewart of Groveton; three grandsons, Mike Huddleston of Snyder, Doug Huddleston of Monahans and Gary Huddleston of Bronte; a granddaughter, Debbie Farr of Merkel; a granddaughter-in-law, Donna Hudleston of Midland; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers and honorary pallbearers will be all of her nephews.

Visitation with the family will be held from 6 to 8 tonight at the funeral home.

Preston Baker

1909-1999

COLEMAN — Preston Baker, a former resident of Snyder, died Monday, Jan. 11, in Odessa's Medical Center Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Baker, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Burkett Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 27, 1909 in Coleman County to James A. and Betty Tabor Baker. His mother died when he was two-years-old and his father married Lillie Carson. He grew up in Coleman County and attended school at Rae.

He married Tillie Rhoads on Sept. 27, 1927 in Burkett. She died in 1972. He later married Nellie Hearn and she also preceded him in death.

Mr. Baker had lived in Snyder for 25 years. He was retired from an oil well servicing firm and moved to Gardendale three years ago. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Linda Baker of Gardendale; six sisters, Essie Hunter of Rockwood, Madie Burton, Thelman Cox, Mary Trammell and Ovella Harris, all of Coleman, and Ronnie Winslett of Brownwood; seven brothers, J.C. Baker of Lovington, N.M., O.T. Baker of Vernon, James A. Baker, Bob Baker and Ed Baker, all of Brownwood, Howard Baker of Fort Stockton and Jerry Baker of Odessa; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association.

Mr. Martinez

1934-1999

Emiterio Villanueva Martinez of Hermleigh died this morning in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Rosary for Mr. Martinez, 64, is set for 7 p.m. Friday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Salome Barrera officiating.

Mass for Mr. Martinez is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Johns Catholic Church in Hermleigh with Fr. Gerry Leatham officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born March 3, 1934 in Alice, he married Alice Mireles on Dec. 17, 1998 in Hermleigh. Mr. Martinez was a self-employed dirt contractor and a member of St. Johns Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father and by three brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Martinez of Hermleigh; two daughters, Anita Tovar and Gloria Gutierrez, both of San Marcos; three sons, Max Martinez and Johnnie Martinez, both of Snyder, and Bennie Martinez of Lubbock; three brothers, Joe Martinez of San Angelo, Manuel Martinez of Waxahachie and Juan Martinez of Snyder; six sisters, Benita Davila and Bruna Gutierrez, both of Colorado City, Christina Cevallos and Irene Alderete, both of Sweetwater, Romana Bugarin of Waxahachie and Maria Terrazaz of Las Vegas; 21 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Leonard Kahlich

1923-1999

SLATON — Leonard (L.J.) Kahlich of Slaton, father of David Kahlich of Snyder, died Wednesday, Jan. 13, at his home in Slaton after a lengthy illness.

Services are pending for Mr. Kahlich, 75, at England Funeral Home in Slaton.

Born on March 13, 1923 in Slaton, he married Bernice Buxkemper in April of 1946 in Slaton. Mr. Kahlich, a World War II veteran, was a member of the Seabees. He was a cotton farmer in Slaton for many years and had worked for Lee Lewis Construction. Mr. Kahlic was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include three other sons and their spouses, Wayne and Mileen Kahlich of Brownwood, Jimmy and Crystal Kahlich of Slaton and Gary and Trish Kahlich of Dallas; a daughter-in-law, Joanne Kahlick of Snyder; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Helen and Jim Potter of Ohio, Susie and Greg Schwertner of Ballinger, Linda Ross of Austin and Mary Kahlich of San Antonio; one brother, Charles Kahlich of Slaton; three sisters; 16 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Hospital

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ONGOINGS

Cancer Society board meeting

Directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Persons interested in helping organize the Relay for Life are invited.

School board reception

A reception to honor the Snyder ISD board of trustees will be held from 5-5:30 p.m. today in the junior high library. January is school board appreciation month in Texas.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet at 6:30 this evening at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer-grief support group, a group for parents of teens and a group for adult-children caring for elderly parents.

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will meet at 7:30 tonight at the lodge hall to work in the EA Degree.

Gold Coat luncheon

The Snyder Gold Coat luncheon will be held at noon Friday at the Spanish Inn.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Two Elements of Coming to Christ," followed by "Giving Your Child Roots and Wings."

Fluvanna fire department

Residents of the Fluvanna Community are invited to a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the community center for the purpose of reorganizing the volunteer firedepartment.

Planetarium shows

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is again available for group shows Thursday evenings and Friday mornings and afternoons. The shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. There are three presentations available in the 59 seat auditorium, one for pre-K, another for K through 4, and one for general audiences. For reservations contact Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Parkinson's Disease support group

The Parkinson's Disease community support group will meet Tuesday from 10 until 11:30 a.m. at the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board room. Guest speaker will be Loretta Lee, speech/language pathologist.

Library storytime change

Beginning this month, Storytime for 4-5-year-olds at the Scurry County Library will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Scholastic book fair

Snyder Head Start will have a scholastic book fair from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1-6 p.m. Jan. 25-29. For more information call 573-7403 or 573-1784.

Ira Bulldog annual

Ira's 1999 Bulldog annuals are on sale until Jan. 26, the last time they will be offered this school year. The cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without. Contact Becky Hudgins at the school. Only a few are left.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Pick 3

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

2-6-3

(two, six, three)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth an estimated $10 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 3, 12, 20, 24, 27 and 29.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $14 million.