Happy Thanksgiving!

Community dinner served at The Shack

Snyder Rotary Club's first Community Thanksgiving Dinner is set for today at The Shack.

Several area businesses and members of the Rotary Club are joining together to serve a Thanksgiving dinner between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Snyder ISD Supt. Gayle Lomax, who is Rotary's committee chairman for the project, said The Shack is donating its facilities, and that Lawrence IGA is providing the turkeys.

Employees of the restaurant, along with Rotary members, Snyder High School Student Council and National Honor Society members, will donate their time to serve and clean tables.

Lomax said the names of needy persons and families eligible for the meal were provided by various social agencies, including Snyder Daycare Center, Noah Project and the WIC program.

He added that he hopes 200 to 250 people turn out for what Rotarians envision as becoming a Thanksgiving tradition in Snyder.



ROTARY THANKSGIVING PREPARATIONS — These Snyder High School students were up early Wednesday to help in preparations for the Snyder Rotary Club's first Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Shown from left are Thomas Bishop, Salvadore Aguirre, Rotary district governor-elect Marvin Sentell, Sterling Cave, Melanie Kidd, Cela Ashby and Lindsey Griffin. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Home Of Randy Green

Disney World trip?

Sick kid would rather have Pentium Pro chip

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. (AP) — The keys to the Magic Kingdom were his for the asking, but Peter Valeo had other worlds to conquer.

When the charitable Starlight Foundation offered to grant the paraplegic 12-year-old's fondest wish — a visit to Walt Disney World, perhaps? — Pete instead chose a chip: Intel Corp.'s new Pentium Pro microprocessor and all the hardware he could imagine.

Intel agreed, donating a $10,000 system that would make any cyberfreak salivate. The Santa Clara, Calif., company also made Pete a member of an elite user group that is testing the chip for flaws.

"He has the most powerful computer of any 12-year-old on the face of the earth," Intel spokesman Howard High said.

"It's great," Pete said Wednesday. "It is so fast compared to my other one, it is like light speed."

He said a game that takes three minutes to load on his dad's PC is ready to play in five seconds on the new system.

The sixth-grader, paralyzed from his midsection down since last December by transverse myelitis, an inflammation of the spinal cord sheath, spends two to three hours a day playing games such as Doom,

See Sick kid, Page 10A

TxDOT releases preliminary study

The Texas Department of Transportation has announced that preliminary results of the first phase of its highway study indicate there is no justification for a speed limit lower than 70 miles per hour on the majority of rural interstate and divided highways in Texas.

TxDot officials note that rural interstate and divided highways make up only about 10 percent of the total highway system in Texas, but carry more than 60 percent of the traffic.

The department is in the process of reviewing Texas' 77,000-mile highway system. Officials are in the first phase of that study.

The study is in response to the anticipated repeal of the 55 mile per hour speed limit law by the federal government. That repeal could come before the first of the year.

TxDot officials note that a 70 mile an hour speed limit was established by the Texas Legislature in 1963.

In 1973, the legislature approved a temporary law giving the Texas Transportation Commission authority to set the maximum speed limit lower than 70 miles an hour to avoid the loss of federal transportation funds. In 1974, the national maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour went into effect.

If the 55 mile per hour law is repealed by the federal government, the 1963 law providing a maximum limit of 70 miles per hour will go back into effect in Texas.

The law would also allow the Texas Transportation Commission to set a speed limit lower than 70, but only if the lower speed limit is supported by proper engineering and traffic studies. If such a study does not support a lower speed limit, the maximum speed limit will be 70, as required by Texas law, TxDot officials said.

TxDOT's preliminary results released this week indicate there is no justification for a speed limit lower than 70 miles per hour on most rural interstate and divided highways. The three-member Transportation Commission meets Nov. 30 and will set new speed limits based on traffic engineering studies.

The study focuses on determining the speeds that 85 percent of motorists drive during non-rush hours. If the average speed is lower than 70, then the state could set a lower speed limit.

The department will be studying other highways in the future, with smaller farm-to-market type roads being reviewed last because they have less traffic volume.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Have a nice Thanksgiving."

It's turkey time — most of us either eat a stuffed one or we end up being stuffed.

Today, we're told that millions of Americans will sit down and enjoy a turkey dinner believing we are enjoying a family tradition that has been observed faithfully since the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620.

El Paso actually claims the first Thanksgiving observance in North America, in 1589. Maine, Virginia and Florida also boast of observances that predate the more widely-known feast in Massachusetts.

In case you have visitors for the holidays, it may be important to know that the male bird is the only one that makes the "gobble, gobble, gobble" sound. The female only makes a clicking noise.

With this piece of information, one can actually call his brother-in-law a turkey — in the spirit of the holiday, of course.

Many associate Thanksgiving with football. The sporting connection is documented as Gov. Bradford scolded the colonists for playing games in the public street.

There are many things to be thankful for on this 1995 Thanksgiving Day:

--Lorber Industries is coming to Snyder.

--The TDCJ distribution center project is still a possibility.

--There seems to be a renewed sense of community spirit and cooperation.

--The Rotary Club and others are making sure that everybody in Snyder can have a good meal today.

--Snyder has already made the playoffs in three sports.

--Powell isn't going to run for president.

--Jack Denman paid for coffee.

--Jerry Jones has to sign Deion's paycheck.

--The O.J. Simpson trial is over.

--Dennis Rodman has left Texas.

--There's a coffee shop open today.

--The brother-in-law is staying home.

--There's still 31 shopping days 'til Christmas.

And everybody can be thankful they're not a has-been turkey after today.

Sales tax rebates up slightly

Sales tax rebates for the City of Snyder were up slightly this month compared to 1994, according to information released this week by the State Comptroller's Office.

Sales tax rebates to Scurry County continue to be up significantly.

The city received $127,374.07 this month, a .05 percent increase over the $127,298.48 taken in during November of 1994. For the year, sales tax rebates lag behind 2.8 percent from last year, comparing $1,263,198.12 received through November this year to $1,299,673.50 taken in over the same period in 1994.

Sales tax rebates for the county continue to show improvement. The county took in $68,092.81 this month, a 15.59.percent increase from the $58,904.13 received in November last year. For the year, the county has taken in $640,971.83 in sales tax rebates, a figure 10.41 percent higher than the $580,533.92 taken in through 11 months of 1994.

This month's payments include taxes collected by monthly sales tax filers on September sales and by quarterly filers for July, August and September, and reported to the Comptroller in October.

City	Nov.'95	Nov.'94	+/-	Year'95	Year'94	+/-
Abilene	$2,307,428.98	$2,188,061.66	5.45%	$18,726,879.89	$17,994,820.94	4.06%
Big Spring	$364,039.57	$401,726.54	-9.38%	$3,301,425.22	$3,177,534.06	3.89%
Colorado City	$43,190.18	$39,708.86	8.76%	$343,883.98	$355,246.27	-3.19%
Lamesa	$91,139.72	$93,062.58	-2.06%	$788,588.84	$609,699.19	29.34%
Lubbock	$1,962,387.22	$1,974,798.01	-0.62%	$18,677,168.26	$20,085,956.77	-7.01%
Post	$20,290.89	$21.559.11	-5.88%	$188,731.49	$172,940.90	9.13%
Roby	$2,528.09	$2,570.26	-1649%	$16,026.65	$21,101.37	-24.04%
Rotan	$15,280.26	$17,135.77	-10.82%	$120,285.70	$127,882.27	-5.94%
Sweetwater	$179,515.58	$178,168.95	0.75%	$1,573,211.82	$1,502,977.08	4.67%

Good for 1996-1997...

Voter registration cards to be mailed Wednesday

New voters' registration certificates will go out in the mail next Wednesday, according to Frances Billingsley, county clerk and voter registrar.

Billingsley said the new cards will be orange and will be used during 1996 and 1997. The Texas Election Code requires that new certificates be mailed out no later than Dec. 5 of odd-numbered years.

Anyone who has moved and not changed their address is encouraged to contact the county clerk's office early next week. The office will be closed today and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Anyone who is using an updated 911 address since they received their last voter registration card also needs to inform the county clerk's office in person or in writing.

While the clerk's office has obtained list changes from the post office and made many corrections, residents need to be sure that their new address has been recorded without error.

Changes of address must be made in writing or in person. They cannot be taken over the telephone.

Residents who have not moved, changed their address or name, will receive their new card automatically through the mail.

Santa Claus here Saturday

Santa Claus will arrive in Snyder on Saturday.

St. Nick will be at the gazebo to visit with children from 6 until 8 p.m. as part of the courthouse lighting ceremony.

The lights will be turned on at 6 o'clock.

ASK US

Q—Is the city considering purchase of the old TU Electric building?

A—No, say city officials.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Thanksgiving, mostly sunny. High, mid 60s. Light wind. Rest of weekend, fair.



Sunset:
5:42 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:19 a.m.
Of 326 days in 1995, the sun has shone 310 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

He who walks in his uprightness fears the Lord, but he who is crooked in his ways despises Him.

Proverbs 14:2

Palace raises white flag after interview by Princess Diana

LONDON (AP) — Under siege by an angry and wounded Princess Diana, Buckingham Palace raised a white flag Tuesday and offered to talk about her future "as a member of the royal family."

Opinions of Diana's performance in Monday's 55-minute interview ranged from pity to weariness to cracks about her sanity, but it was a true national event. The BBC said 21.1 million tuned in, more than one in three people throughout the country.

"I think it gives the royal family an opportunity to embrace her back into the family with open arms and I hope they do," said Neville Lee, a businessman who was at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday to receive an honor from Queen Elizabeth II.

Diana dumped the explosive question of divorce on her husband, saying she didn't want one but waited to hear his wishes. She also suggested he is not fit to be king, and talked at length about her fear and resentment of the enemies she detected within the royal household.

Police were called out in Devon to keep reporters away from James Hewitt, Diana's former riding instructor and, she admitted, her former lover.

Charles, 47, said nothing about the program Tuesday as he visited the Cornish fishing port of Newlyn in southwestern England. Diana, 34, who resumes her role as informal ambassador with a trip to Argentina on Wednesday, was out of sight.

The palace would say nothing about divorce — that was a private matter for Charles and Diana — but apparently was ready to talk about her wish for "clarity" about her role, and her dream of being a high-profile envoy for Britain.

More than likely, palace officials also took note that one of Britain's most popular women had declared "she won't go quietly."

"I'll fight to the end, because I believe that I have a role to fulfill and I've got two children to bring up," she said.

The score, after solo television interviews from both Charles and Diana: One confessed adultery each, and Charles the clear ratings loser with 13.5 million watching his interview last year.

By comparison, one in four Americans tuned in to the Michael Jackson television interview in June, and half the country watched the final episode of "Cheers" in 1993.

An informal phone-in survey conducted Tuesday by Independent Television drew 15,000 callers, 83 percent of who said they liked Diana more after the interview.

"On the Princess of Wales's public duties, we will, of course, be talking again to the princess, to see how we can help her define her future role and continue to support her as a member of the royal family," the palace statement said.

The statement was said to have been made with the approval of Queen Elizabeth II, Charles and Diana.

A common myth holds that taxpayers who use the four-month extension instead of filing by April 15 are more likely to be audited. In fact, there is no correlation between extending the deadline and being audited.



WTC MEATS JUDGING TEAM — Western Texas College and 13 other colleges participated in the Beef Empire Intercollegiate Meats Contest in Garden City, Kan. recently and finished third in overall competition with the team taking third place in questions, pricing/selection and fifth in grading. Team members shown are, seated left to right, Brandy Atkinson, Jessica Critz and Jennifer Morris. Standing are, from left, Randy Cornett and Ethan Holtman. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC judging team earns 3rd

Western Texas College meats judging team recently competed in the Beef Empire Intercollegiate Meats Contest in Garden City, Kan. and finished in third place in overall competition.

Tarleton State edged out WTC by only two points for second place while Eastern Oklahoma State took top honors.

The local team was third in questions, pricing/selection and fifth in grading.

WTC students taking individual honors include Randy Cornett of Sweetwater, who was fifth in beef grading and Brandy Atkinson of Hermleigh, who was eighth in questions and ninth in the overall contest.

Ethan Holtman of Hawley, was 10th in the overall contest while Jesica Critz of Sweetwater, was eighth in selection and pricing. Jennifer Morris of Colorado City was 12th in beef judging. Also competing was Justin Goebel of Colorado City.

Dow Jones industrial average finally conquers 5,000 mark

NEW YORK (AP) — America's seemingly insatiable appetite for stocks toppled another round of records on Wall Street, crowned by the Dow Jones industrial average's first close above 5,000.

After a week of skimming below the surface, the best-known measurement of the market rose 40.46 points to finish Tuesday at 5,023.55.

The advance shattered more than just the Dow's previous record.

It was the first time the average surpassed two 1,000-point barriers in one year, having moved through 4,000 on Feb. 23. And it was a record 60th time this year that the average closed in advance throughout the year.

Investor confidence has been buoyed by a combination of moderate economic growth, low interest rates and little inflation that has helped boost the profits of U.S. corporations.

The index of stocks in America's corporate giants has risen by more than 30 percent this year.

On the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, weary brokers who spend their days scrambling between trading posts and squinting at video screens erupted in cheers as NYSE chairman Richard Grasso made a rare appearance to clang the closing bell.

Also setting records Tuesday were the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index, which gained 3.39 to 600.24 and the New York Stock Exchange composite index, which rose 1.31 to 320.23.

Strength in Dow Jones mainstays like IBM, McDonald's and General Motors led the Dow's upward move, taking the place — at least for now — of the high-technology issues that have dominated this year's rally.

Tuesday's performance highlights the market's remarkable uncharted territory. In 1925 and 1964 the average set 59 record highs.

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HHS CLASSMATES — Hobbs High School Class of 1945 celebrated their 50th anniversary with a luncheon at The Shack on Oct. 28. Those attending are pictured from left, first row, Florine Wood Davis, Marguerite Willingham Nettleton, Dorothy Robertson Clay, Jo Nita Callan Swarz and Arlon Weems; back row, Faye Walker Patterson, Helen Simmons Winter, Keith Snowden, Bettie Acker Hargrove, Fae Etheredge Rinker, Juanita Dixon Benbenek, Christine Driver Alden, Mineola Morris Parker, Andrew Willingham, James Nettleton and Welborn Willingham. Unable to attend were Iris Dorsett Bills and Philip Ware. (Contributed Photo)



BRIDAL SHOWER — Mande Henry, bride-elect of Greg Reeves, was honored with a bridal shower on Nov. 11 at East Side Church of Christ Multipurpose Building. The couple plan a Dec. 30 wedding at South Plains Church of Christ in Lubbock. Pictured from left are Wanda Crowover, aunt of the bride-elect; Irene Hudgins, her grandmother; Nell Henry, her mother; the honoree; Janie Reeves, the prospective groom's mother; Doris Seale, his grandmother; and Melissa Reeves, his sister. (Contributed Photo)

Writer's club meets in home at Ira

Scurry County Penwomen met Nov. 16 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bryant in Ira. Members planned upcoming events and several members read pieces they had written.

Sherry Bryant presided and Yvonne Nunn gave the invocation, including a poem she had written.

In a brief business session, Bryant was assigned the responsibility of turning in member's special news to the Poetry Society of Texas. The group set its Christmas party for Dec. 13 at 12:30 p.m at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. A gift exchange will be held. Members are asked to bring a gift for a basket for Dorothy Cox. Jean Everett will be the hostess for the holiday meeting.

The program, "The Sound of Poetry," was presented by Garnet Quiett. She said that with a handful of words, a poet brings the reader into the poem. "Using imagery, illistration, verbs and tone, with the addition of rhyme and meter, the writer can make a poem come alive," she stated. In conclusion, she read her poem, "Night Storm," in which she used these tools of poetry.

Members reading their own work included Nunn's poems, "Drought" and "Going to the Storm Cellar," which is to be included in the book she is writing titled "Growing Up on Deep Creek."

Quiett read two poems, "The Turkey" and "Mementoes For Mom;" Bryant read two poems, "Just Across Life's River" and "Some Day;" Beartha Warren read two poems, "His Last Word" and "Just Over the Way."

Bryant gave the word of encouragement "To a Friend," by Vera Holding, and Nunn won the hostess gift.

Refreshments followed.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 11-23-95
♠6 5
♥A K Q 10 6 5
♦Q 2
♣A 6 5

WEST
♠Q J 9 8 4 3
♥7 3
♦9 8
♣K Q J

EAST
♠10 2
♥J 9 8 4
♦K J 10 5
♣10 7 2

SOUTH
♠A K 7
♥2
♦A 7 6 4 3
♣9 8 4 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	2 ♠	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣K

Listen and deduce

While having fun at the bridge table, you shouldn't let any useful snippets of information pass by unnoticed. In the auction, sometimes even a pass supplies positive data. In today's deal, South paid no attention to the auction, going down in a contract that he should have made.

West did well to lead the club king. If he starts with the spade queen, South can play on hearts, establishing nine tricks: two spades, five hearts, one diamond and one club. But this lead removed the dummy entry to the long hearts. Not that that worried South. He ducked the club king and the club queen, but had to win the third club trick. Now he played off four rounds of hearts. After winning with the jack, East switched to the spade 10. South won with his ace, cashed the club nine and played a diamond to dummy's queen. Yet when East produced the king, the contract had died.

How could West have the diamond king? He opened with a weak two-bid, showing a decent six-card suit and some 6-10 high-card points. In addition, he was known to have three club honors. It was as near a certainty as one can get in bridge that West couldn't have the diamond king. If so, East was ripe for an endplay.

After winning the third trick, declarer should cross to hand with a spade, cash the long club and his second spade, and play hearts from the top. After winning the fourth round, East must lead away from the diamond king, letting South get home with an overtrick instead of an undertrick.

Allow the auction to influence your play.

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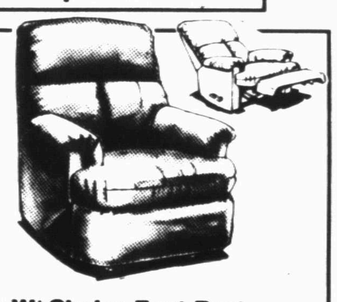


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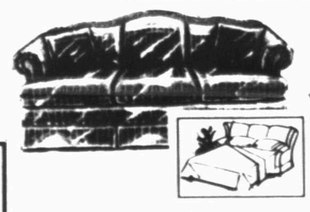
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'Baby Moses' observes 10th anniversary of transplant

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Eddie! Eddie!" Maria Aguirre called out as her son's squeals drowned out a telephone call.

"He's watching 'Batman Forever,'" she explained to a caller, adding later, "He thinks he's Batman."

The noisy little boy is Eddie Anguiano, better known as "Baby Moses," a pseudonym to protect his family's privacy when he underwent a pioneering infant heart transplant just four days after he was born in 1985.

At the time, he was the youngest person to undergo successful heart transplantation. Ten years later, he is the oldest living survivor of an infant heart transplant.

The 10th anniversary of his surgery was celebrated Monday at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, where one infant heart transplant was completed the same day and a second was under way.

Prior to Monday's two surgeries, Loma Linda surgeons had transplanted hearts into 195 babies under 6 months of age and 82 over 6 months. A total of 205 from both groups combined have survived.

Eddie's record as youngest infant heart transplant was eclipsed in 1987 by Paul Holč of Vancouver, who underwent the operation at Loma Linda three hours after being delivered by Caesarean section.

But for many families with sick babies, Eddie remains the inspiration.

"He is the one that everyone looks to," said Anita Rockwell, spokeswoman for the hospital in Loma Linda.

Eddie's mom agreed.

"It gives them hope," she said from her home in Fontana, about a 15-minute drive from the hospital.

She knows the families' anguish. Eddie was born Nov. 15, 1985, with hypoplastic left-heart syndrome, an underdevelopment of the left side of the heart that is fatal within days or weeks of birth. Her first baby had died of the same syndrome three days after being born.

"Back then it was very hard to look toward the future. We took it one day at a time. It was the most serious thing that ever happened to me," said Ms. Aguirre, whose marriage to Eddie's father, Nicholas Anguiano, later ended in divorce.

Unlike the situation with her first child, however, Eddie was born just over a year after Loma Linda surgeon Dr. Leonard Bailey stunned the medical world by transplanting a baboon heart into an infant known as "Baby Fae."

Baby Fae survived only 20½ days after her Oct. 26, 1984, transplant, but Ms. Aguirre saw a chance. She even wanted Bailey to try another baboon transplant but he never did another one.

"I didn't care where the pump came from as long as it worked. I didn't want to see another child buried," Ms. Aguirre said.

The call came when Eddie was 3 days old. A human heart had been found.

"All we know it was from a family up north. I think it was Sacramento or San Francisco. It was a little boy and that's about it," she said.

But hope mixed with uncertainty about how long Eddie would survive. Doctors now expect he will live to adulthood and "perhaps the normal lifespan," Rockwell said.

"At the time I had a lot of doubt. ... It was just praying every day that it would get to 10 years or even five," Ms. Aguirre said.

Ten years have indeed passed, though not without scares and ongoing concerns about his health and development.

Two years ago, after five years without a heart rejection episode, he experienced an episode but overcame it.

He must regularly return to Loma Linda for medication and examinations, and his mom, an optical technician, rushes him there if he gets sick.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Alternative remedies are no real cure

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been on many anti-depressant medicines and have had side effects from all of them.

Recently, I've heard about more natural, "alternative" remedies, such as L-tyrosine and B complex vitamins, and wonder what you think of this therapy?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, it doesn't work. Early claims (in the 1960s and 1970s) about "mega-vitamin" and herbal remedies have not been scientifically substantiated.

When such products seem to have benefit, the favorable results are most likely due to the "placebo effect": If a person believes a product or treatment will help, it usually does — to a degree. Although "natural" or herbal remedies are usually free of significant side effects, they don't relieve depression as well as standard therapy, such as prescription anti-depressants.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: When I was 6, I had a routine chest X-ray. My mother was told that I had a dangerously enlarged heart and should be prohibited from sports. At age 21, I had another routine X-ray and was told of an enlarged heart. I was referred to a cardiologist, who said that my heart was fine.

I am now 51 and in excellent health. I recently had an examination (with an X-ray). The doctor told me that my heart was "critically enlarged." Subsequently, I underwent a complete cardiac workup, including a stress test and coronary angiogram. All the cardiologists agree that my heart is in every way normal: no hypertension, coronary disease or other problem. I am physically active and have no symptoms. How can the doctors be so confused and misleading?

DEAR READER: You are, in statistical jargon, an "outlier": Your normal heart appears enlarged on X-ray.

Heart enlargement can reflect cardiac disease if, because of diseases (such as hypertension or arteriosclerosis), the heart stretches and becomes flabby. If the underlying problem is not corrected, severe disability will result.

On the other hand, some healthy people — notably well-trained athletes — have big hearts that are very muscular and perform well. This is probably due to hypertrophy, physiological enlargement — much as any muscle, when used regularly, will bulge.

Because your heart has been tested and found to be normal, I assume that your (healthy) heart is merely larger than ordinary.

I believe that this has caused consternation among your doctors because a large heart customarily indicates disease. They were mistaken. Fortunately, the cardiologists proved them wrong.

Your case proves the axiom that doctors should look at the patient as a whole, not at one specific test, before establishing a diagnosis. Doctors, being human, make mistakes. Tests are imperfect. The human body is complex. Enjoy your good health.

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College students encouraged to create recipes using bugs

STATESBORO, Ga. (AP) — A fly in the soup might mean a higher grade in Professor Frank French's class.

For a biology project at Georgia Southern University, French's students concocted recipes using termites, crickets and other bugs. Some used wild plants, but French awarded extra points for insects.

The toughest part of this semester's assignment: The students had to eat their creations, including creamy termite dip and crunchy cricket clusters.

"I wouldn't recommend it to anyone," said Gretchen Van Duyke, whose back-to-nature pizza was topped with termites and crickets.

The assignment helps students understand food sources around them. "They learn that a lot of wild plants and arthropods are, in fact, edible," French said.

Many insects are good sources of protein and fats, French said. "A pound of termites has more nutrients than a pound of beef or pork."

Thomas Maloy made crunchy cricket clusters by coating roasted crickets, cereal and peanuts with white chocolate. Rob Uribe created creamy termite dip from termites, garlic butter, pink salmon and cream cheese.

French has eaten termites and crickets — without cheese, chocolate or salmon.

Termites have a sweet, nutty flavor, "probably due to the natural fat in them, plus the wood contents they've been eating," he said. Roasted crickets "taste like a fat-laden hors d'oeuvres," but it's best to remove the legs and heads first.

Berry's World



10-year-old pleads guilty to reduced manslaughter charge

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Until now, the focus had been on blame and intent.

Now attorneys are focusing on how to rehabilitate Brandon Roses, the 10-year-old boy who shot his 5-year-old sister, Charolette, to death with a hunting rifle because she wouldn't mind.

The tow-headed fifth-grader pleaded guilty to manslaughter Tuesday just as he was scheduled to go on trial on a murder charge.

The lesser charge is defined as killing recklessly, which means the judge won't have to decide the question of whether the boy intended to kill his sister.

The plea agreement unites prosecutors and family members who have been divided over what is best for the little boy.

"We feel it will help us to heal and get on with our lives," Brandon's father, David Roses, said. "We feel it's best for Brandon. And it's appropriate for what happened."

The shooting occurred June 23 when Brandon was baby sitting for Charolette and his 6-year-old brother, Marshall, in their home in Mulino, 20 miles south of Portland.

Brandon, 9 years old at the time, was the second-youngest Oregon child to be accused of willful murder. The youngest was 6.

Prosecutors and defense attorney Michael Clancy released a joint statement after negotiating the settlement, saying they hope to go before Clackamas County Circuit Judge John Lowe within 30 days for sentencing.

"We don't lock up children under 12 years old in Oregon, so that is not an option," said District Attorney John S. Foote.

Since Brandon is too young for reform school, the judge could send him to a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children. He also could be treated as an outpatient.

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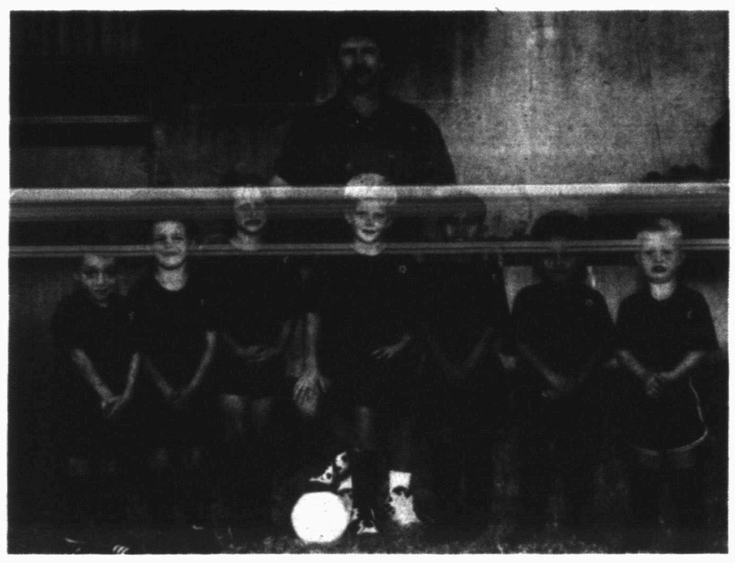
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UNDER SIX CHAMPIONS—Members of the under six soccer champs are left to right Forrest Clayton, Josh Ball, Erica Lee, Lance Day, Brandon Hill, Geraldo Padron, Jake Graves. On the back row is coach Jody Day. Not pictured is Guy Baldwin. (Contributed Photo)



SHOGUNS—Snyder Shoguns under 10 soccer team finished fourth out of 20 teams recently in the Big Country Invitational soccer tournament held in Abilene. Team members include, back row from left, Josh Ziegler, Kelly Moore, Emily Pinkston, Casey Flagnagan. Front row, Jed Martin, Matthews Qualls, Justin Stoker, Marcus Villareal, Chase Rushing, Richard Goodman and Roberto Sauceda. The coach is Rick Martin. Villareal was named tournament MVP. (Contributed Photo)

Thanksgivings past, bizzarre for Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — Thanksgiving Day at Texas Stadium. Sometimes it's like being in the Bermuda Triangle.

It's a time of unlikely heroes and crazy plays. Witness the last two years as examples.

Last year, Jason Garrett, a third stringer who had never started an NFL game, did so against the Green Bay Packers because Troy Aikman and Rodney Peete were injured.

Called "Rudy" by his teammates because of his resemblance to the Notre Dame movie hero, Garrett had an Aikman-like day and the Cowboys rolled to victory over the bewildered Packers.

Two years ago was a scene out of Football Follies.

The first and only snow and ice storm ever to strike Texas Stadium on Thanksgiving Day turned the Miami-Dallas game into a bizarre scene.

Players were slipping and sliding in a wintry wonderland. Dallas appeared to have the game in hand after the Cowboys blocked a desperate last-minute field goal attempt by the Dolphins.

Enter Leon Lett, the king of football bloopers. Lett had become famous in the Super Bowl while hot-dogging on what he thought was a sure touchdown. Nearing the goal he held the ball aloft in triumph only to suffer the indignation of a Buffalo player poking the ball away.

After Dallas blocked the Miami field goal, Lett thought he had to recover it or the Cowboys wouldn't have possession. He touched the ball and Miami recovered. The Dolphins won in the final second.

"We've had some bizarre stuff happen on Thanksgiving," said safety-linebacker Bill Bates. "For some reason it's always a crazy game with crazy things happening."

The Kansas City Chiefs, sporting the NFL's best record at 10-1 and a seven-game win streak, play the Cowboys (9-2) on Thursday. Usually good things happen to the Cowboys, who are 18-8-1 on Thanksgiving.

Kansas City owner Lamar Hunt, who lives in Dallas, said it's a big advantage for the Cowboys always to be playing at home on Thanksgiving and has lobbied fellow owners to take the game away from Jerry Jones, the owner the NFL loves to hate.

Kelner finishes in fourth

Wesley Kelner from Ira finished fourth in the eight-year-old division of the punt, pass and kick state meet.

He will now move on to perform at halftime of the Dallas-Washington game on Dec. 3.

Longhorns' QB questionable

AUSTIN (AP) — The Thanksgiving night showdown between No. 9 Texas and Baylor has turned into one big quarterback quandary.

The Longhorns' James Brown is nursing a sprained left ankle and is questionable for the game.

Baylor coach Chuck Reedy says he is simply not pleased with the play of his signal callers and may wait until game time to announce a starter.

Texas (8-1-1, 5-0 Southwest Conference) and Baylor (7-3, 5-1) kick off at 7 p.m. the game, which has SWC title and bowl ramifications, is being televised by ESPN.

"You'd like to think that going into the 11th game, you'd have your quarterback situation settled, but we don't really," said Reedy, who is trying to choose between sophomore Jeff Watson and true freshman Jermaine Alfred.

"All I can say is we'll have a quarterback in the game Thursday and we'll have a game plan he can execute," Reedy said. "I think whoever we have at quarterback will play well."

Brown, who is 12-1-1 as a starter and leads the SWC in pass efficiency and total offense, didn't practice this week. The first-string offense was instead run by redshirt freshman Rich Walton, who is 10-of-20 for 147 yards with one TD pass and two interceptions this year.

Texas coach John Mackovic said he would wait until kickoff before ruling out Brown as a starter.

NFL AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
National Football League
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	8	3	0	.727	223	198
Miami	6	5	0	.545	275	225
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	210	210
NewEngland	4	7	0	.364	177	242
N.Y.Jets	2	9	0	.182	163	285
Central						
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.636	277	242
Cincinnati	4	7	0	.364	269	277
Cleveland	4	7	0	.364	201	244
Houston	4	7	0	.364	231	223
Jacksonville	3	8	0	.273	184	250
West						
KansasCity	10	1	0	.909	265	161
Oakland	8	3	0	.727	271	187
Denver	6	5	0	.545	249	201
Seattle	5	6	0	.455	249	273
SanDiego	4	7	0	.364	196	238

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	9	2	0	.818	319	202
Philadelphia	7	4	0	.636	235	248
Arizona	3	8	0	.273	171	289
N.Y.Giants	3	8	0	.273	199	246
Washington	3	8	0	.273	227	268
Central						
GreenBay	7	4	0	.636	277	236
Chicago	6	5	0	.545	297	269
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	262	249
TampaBay	6	5	0	.545	175	191
Detroit	5	6	0	.455	260	264
West						
Atlanta	7	4	0	.636	241	226
SanFrancisco	7	4	0	.636	294	160
St.Louis	6	5	0	.545	201	236
Carolina	5	6	0	.455	202	213
NewOrleans	4	7	0	.364	205	252

Sunday's Games
Seattle 27, Washington 20
Tampa Bay 17, Jacksonville 16
Indianapolis 24, New England 10
Pittsburgh 49, Cincinnati 31
Atlanta 31, St. Louis 6
Carolina 27, Arizona 7
Philadelphia 28, New York Giants 19
Detroit 24, Chicago 17
Green Bay 31, Cleveland 20
Denver 30, San Diego 27
Buffalo 28, New York Jets 26
Dallas 34, Oakland 21
Minnesota 43, New Orleans 24
Kansas City 20, Houston 13

Monday's Game
San Francisco 44, Miami 20

Thursday, Nov. 23
Minnesota at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 26
Miami at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Chicago at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 4 p.m.
New York Jets at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Atlanta at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 27
Oakland at San Diego, 9 p.m.

NBA AT A GLANCE

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National Basketball Association
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
NewYork	8	2	.800	-
Orlando	8	2	.800	-
Miami	5	2	.714	1½
NewJersey	4	5	.444	3½
Boston	3	5	.375	4
Washington	3	5	.375	4
Philadelphia	2	6	.250	5
Central Division				
Chicago	8	1	.889	-
Indiana	5	3	.625	2½
Atlanta	6	4	.600	2½
Detroit	3	5	.375	4½
Toronto	4	7	.364	5
Charlotte	3	7	.300	5½
Milwaukee	2	6	.250	5½
Cleveland	2	7	.222	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	8	1	.888	-
Utah	9	2	.818	-
SanAntonio	6	2	.750	1½
Dallas	5	5	.500	3½
Denver	2	8	.200	6½
Vancouver	2	8	.200	6½
Minnesota	1	7	.125	6½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	7	3	.700	-
L.A.Clippers	6	5	.545	1½
L.A.Lakers	6	5	.545	1½
Seattle	6	5	.545	1½
Portland	5	6	.455	2½
Phoenix	4	5	.444	2½
GoldenState	3	7	.300	4

Tuesday's Games
Toronto 102, Seattle 97
Chicago 108, Dallas 102, OT
Denver 107, Atlanta 99
Portland 109, L.A. Lakers 108

Wednesday's Games
Houston at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
New Jersey at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Game
Houston at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Only game scheduled

Friday's Games
Miami vs. Washington at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Boston, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Utah, 8 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Portland, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

MEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL

Results of Sat., Nov 18
Velasquez Plumbing 41, Chaos 12
Anderson Detailing 7, Smokies 0
Sweetwater Stangs 7, Texas Rookies 0
Chaos 32, Wolves 15
Sweetwater Stangs 7, Wilson Motors 0
Snyder Iron & Metal 34, Velasquez Plumbing 12

League Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Snyder Iron & Metal	8	1
Velasquez Plumbing	8	1
Sweetwater Stangs	6	2
Wilson Motors	5	3
Chaos	3	5
Anderson Detailing	3	5
Texas Rookies	2	6
Smokies	1	7
Wolves	1	7

FISHIN' REPORT

WEST

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 5 feet low; black bass are fair; hybrid stripers are fair on spoons; catfish are fair to good on liver, shrimp and cut bait.

GRANBURY: Water clear; normal level; 68 degrees; black bass to 4 pounds are fair on chartreuse & white spinner baits and topwaters; striped bass are slow; white bass are fair on small spoons fished around sandy points early in the mornings; crappie are good on minnows fished around baited boat docks; catfish are fair on shrimp, night crawlers, cut and cheese bait fished over baited holes.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 6½ feet low; 60 degrees; black bass are fair, but small on worms; catfish in the 2 to 3 pound range are good on chicken liver; no report on crappie and white bass.

O.H.IVIE: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; lake level 1550.40; 61 degrees; black bass in the 14 to 17 inch range are good on slabs, crank baits, spinners and worms fished on the flats on the main lake and on the brush areas in 10 to 40 feet of water; smallmouth are fair on worms and crank baits fished in 10 to 30 feet of water in the rocky areas; white bass are fair on slabs fished in 30 to 50 feet of water; crappie are good on minnows fished in 20 to 40 feet of water at night; channel and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live and stink baits; yellow catfish are good on live bait fished in 10 to 20 feet of water in the Concho and Colorado Rivers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 2 feet low; 72 degrees; black bass are fair on crank baits and spinners; striped bass are fair; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs; catfish are fair on juglines baited with shad and perch.

PROCTOR: Water fairly clear; lake full; black bass up to 5 pounds are fair on crank baits and worms; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 14 feet of water; catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad and peanuts, yes peanuts.

SPENCE: Water murky; low; black bass are fair to good on crank baits; striped bass are good under the birds; white bass are scattered; catfish are fair on shrimp.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear; 16 feet low; 62 degrees; very few fishermen out.

Lady Westerner Thanksgiving Tournament November 23-25

Thursday: 5:00 Ranger vs. Rose St.
7:30 WTC vs. Paris
Friday: 5:00 Frank Phillips vs. Ranger
7:30 Rose St. vs. Paris
Saturday: 5:00 Paris vs. Frank Phillips
7:30 WTC vs. Rose St.

Lady Bulldogs remain undefeated

The Ira Lady Bulldogs improved their record to 5-0 Tuesday night with a 55-37 win over Trent.

The Lady Bulldogs won going away with 21 fourth-quarter points. Ira was led in scoring by Jody Rankin's game high 23 points. Terri Robinson had 13 and Melissa Brasuel with 10.

The Ira boys suffered a 13-point loss to Trent, 54-41. Ira was led in scoring by Todd Collom with 19 points.

The Lady Bulldogs took first place in the Rule tournament held recently. Ira defeated Throckmorton in the championship game, 57-51. In the second round, Ira knocked off Rule, 60-54, and opened the tournament with a nine-point win over Aspermont.

Jody Rankin was named tournament MVP.

Next action for the Bulldogs will be in the Dog Pound tournament, Nov. 30 - Dec. 2.

Girls

Ira	7	13	14	21	—55
Trent	4	13	10	10	—37

Ira: Rankin 23, Robinson 13, Brasuel 10, Chance 5, Chaney 4.

Boys

Ira	4	7	20	10	—41
Trent	16	10	8	20	—54

Ira: Collom 19, Sterling 7, Howard 6, Rosgers 6, Jamison 2, Espinoza 1.

Ira JHS splits with Trent

Ira Junior High split with Trent Monday.

The girls were defeated by Trent, 24-21. Morgan Clements was high point with nine.

The boys came out on top of Trent, 51-33. Ira had 10 players scoring, led by Logan Daves with 16.

Next action for Ira Junior High will be Monday at Borden County. Tip off is set for 6 p.m.

Freshman enjoy 40-point win

Shannon Hall's 25 points led the Snyder Lady Tiger freshman over Odessa Permian Tuesday, 68-28.

In addition to Hall, Teri Moore had 11, Leslie Daniell 10, Mandy Hess nine, Morgan Kelley five, Jamie Burrow four, Renne Trevino, Alicia Peoples and K.K. McClain two.

The Lady Tigers were one of two at the free throw line.

Snyder will face Lubbock High, Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

BOWLING NEWS

Roll-N-Hope
League Standings as of 11/06/95

Team	Won	Losts
Red Man Pipe & Supply	25	11
Louise's Coffe Shop	23	13
Carousel Arcade	21	15
Great Western	20	16
4 Non Blondes	19	17
Fuller Foods	17	19
IGA	16	20
CNB	15	21
J.C. Wells	14	22
Ghost	10	26

High Series Scratch: Brenda Hook 488.
High Series Handicap: Darlean Rankin 616.
High Game Scratch: Brenda Hook 189.
High Game Handicap: Brenda Hook 228.
Splits: Geneva Findley 2-7, Lyean Eckert 4-5, Wanda McAnally 4-5, Dorris Martin 3-10, Kary Moses 2-5-7, Sylvia Fletcher 2-7, Lynn Maldanodo 5-4-7 & 3-10.

Wishball
League Standings as of 11/16/95

Team	Won	Losts
J.W.W.	80½	59½
The Shack	78½	61½
Mammolite	78	62
Glasscock	68	72
Blue Sunoco	57½	82½
Melco	56½	83½

High Series Scratch: David Lyle 549.
High Series Handicap: Mark Glasscock 613.
High Game Scratch: Marcus Carroll 212.
High Game Handicap: Darrel Grant 229.
Splits: Jimmy Wilson 3-10, Otto Hikin 3-10.
500 Series: David Lyle 549, Rick Mammolite 545, Monte West 535, Marcus Carroll 515, Mark Glasscock 508, David Carroll 506, Darrel Grant 504.
200 Games: David Lyle 233, Rick Mammolite 201, Monte West 208, Marcus Carroll 212.

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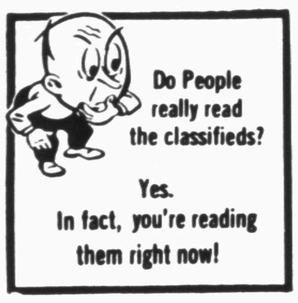
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Donald Ray Brock were issued on November 10, 1995, in Cause No. 5267, pending in the County Court of Scurry County Texas, to John Arley Brock.

The residence address of such Exceutor is 1525 Palm Valley Blvd., Apt. 701, Round Rock, Williamson County, Tx. and he received his mail at P.O. Box 201585, Austin, Tx. 78720-1585.

All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to be presented withing the time and the manner prescribed by law to the Executor in care of: Lealand W. Greene, Attorney at Law, 2515 College Ave., P.O. Box 125, Snyder, Tx. 79550. Signed this 10th day of November, 1995.
John Arley Brock,
Independent Executor

STATE OF TEXAS
To Isaias Martinez Guzman, Respondent,

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition by publication, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Jesusita Ortiz Guzman, Petitioner, was filed in the District Court of Scurry County, Texas, on the 3rd day of November, 1995, against Isaias Martinez Guzman, Respondent, numbered and entitled 'In the Matter of the Marriage of Jesusita Ortiz Guzman and Isaias Martinez Guzman." The suit requests General Relief.

"The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of the property which will be binding on you.

"Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, this the 7th day of November, 1995.
Elois Pruitt,
Clerk of the
District Court
of Scurry County, Texas
By: Joan Bunch
Deputy

Turkey processing facility stuffed with holiday orders

By KAY LEDBETTER
Amarillo Globe-News

AMARILLO — 'Tis the season for turkey dressing, or undressing, in the case of Chris and Sara Wieck and the Full Season Farms near Umbarger, where about 400 turkeys were processed for Thanksgiving dinners.

But don't expect to go to Full Season Farms today and pick up one of those turkeys, because Sara Wieck said they've all been spoken for some time now.

She said they have grown as large as they can with turkeys that are to be processed the week of Thanksgiving and sold fresh. But in the future, they will probably begin selling turkeys that are processed earlier and taken home by the customers to be frozen.

Anyone planning on getting a Full Season Farms turkey next year must place their order in March, Sara Wieck said.

That's the nature of the Wieck's business — longtime customers who order their farm-raised beef, chicken, sausage and turkeys in advance, she said. But, Sara Wieck said, that doesn't mean they're not opened to new customers also.

Full Season Farms started with friends wanting to get some of the chickens or beef the Wiecks served on their dinner table, Sara Wieck said.

A year before they opened the doors, the Wiecks did some market research by running an advertisement in the paper for "good farm fryers" and immediately sold out, she said.

They opened the doors to the business in 1990, starting with whole chickens and adding beef the following year, along with a small order of turkeys, Sara Wieck said.

The next step was to find someone to process the birds. After taking them to Littlefield the first year, Sara Wieck said they learned they didn't want to depend on someone else, so they built a processing plant.

"When you're providing food for someone, it's real important to have that control over quality," she said.

This year they've raised more than 8,000 chickens, 450 turkeys and will market 50 to 75 cows through the small store located next to their home north of Umbarger, Sara Wieck said.

New to the farm this year are Barbados sheep, Chris Wieck said. He expects to add lamb to the meat shelves by Easter.

"The lamb business has become more of a niche market than a commodity," Chris Wieck said. "While it's still treated as a commodity, you can go to the store and not find a very good selection like the other meats."

All of the meat is raised implant-free, antibiotic-free and stimulant-free, said Chris Wieck. In other words, he said, chemical-free "just like we've always done it for ourselves."

The tricky part, however, has been meeting demands with the home-grown operations, Sara Wieck said. Because they pride themselves on serving everything fresh, it means there's no place to call for another box of T-bone steaks if they run short, she said.

"We actually raise the animals, so we have to plan ahead," Sara Wieck said.

That prompted them to start a new order system within the business, she said. Regular customers will be asked to order several months ahead of time so Chris will know just how many head of cattle, turkeys, chickens or hogs he needs to be raising and how much feed he needs to grow to get them fattened.

The new ordering system also will allow Chris to plan around the farming duties, so he won't be having to come into the plant to process another batch so an order can be filled instead of doing the planting or plowing he needs to be doing, Sara Wieck said.

In addition to processing their own animals, Full Season Farms custom processes many birds for people with a few chickens or turkeys, Sara Wieck said. One custom-processing job included about 2,000 pheasants, and others are for 4-H clubs such as Potter County that need capons dressed after their annual show and sale, she said.

The order form will help free up the limited freezer space they have now, Sara Wieck said, so they will be able to divide it between the custom work and orders for their customers.

Showers based on baby safety help mothers be great moms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even longtime children's advocate Hillary Rodham Clinton didn't know everything about keeping babies safe when she had Chelsea.

Like any new mother, the first lady experienced the anxiety that comes with a newborn: the questions, the worries, the fears.

Should I put the baby to sleep face down or face up? How will I know if the bath water is too hot or too cold? Are high chairs safe to use?

To help, the Consumer Product Safety Commission recently hosted a baby safety shower to answer such questions for 80 mothers and moms-to-be.

It was a new twist on an old idea that agency officials hope will help reduce the accidental injuries that kill thousands of children every year.

"It was a blessing to me because you're never too old to learn anything," said Christine Davis, 27, whose youngest of six children is 3 years old.

For the event attended by Mrs. Clinton, four rooms at a local child care center were redecorated to look and feel like a real bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and living room.

The moms and moms-to-be, all from the Washington area, moved from room to room to watch officials from the consumer agency and the Gerber Products Co. demonstrate do's and don'ts of baby safety.

They learned that toddlers drown in toilet bowls, suffocate in cribs and strangle on window blind cords. Among the safety tips they picked up were warnings to lock medicines and household cleaners away, strap children into high chairs and cook food on the back burners of stoves.

"We are not taught these things," said Fontella Williams, 28, who has five boys and girls, ages 3 to 13. "A lot of deaths could be prevented."

Though not a typical baby shower with cute outfits and toys, the women still took home plenty — in knowledge and other baby gifts.

Gerber donated cabinet locks for the home and spoons and teething rings that the women won playing "Wheel of Safety" and "Safety Bingo."

Marion McMillian immediately practiced what she learned.

"I went home, and the latches that they gave me, I put it on the cabinet and I went out and bought several more," said the 28-year-old, who works at the center and is expecting her sixth child in January.

Mrs. Clinton, who is writing a parenting book, said she found during her travels as first lady that "many of us just don't know everything we need to know to keep our babies secure."

A graduate of Yale Law School and formerly one of the country's top lawyers, Mrs. Clinton learned how to care for Chelsea 15 years ago through "trial by error."

"There is nothing more important to any parent than keeping our babies and our children safe and secure," Mrs. Clinton said.

Unintentional injuries killed 6,674 children age 14 and under in 1992, according to the National Safety Council.

Ann Brown, chairwoman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and mother of two adult daughters, said safety showers are important because "there is no built-in instruction manual that comes with motherhood."

"There's no better way for a parent to show love for their baby than to take responsibility for their baby's safety," she added.

For more information on hosting a baby safety shower, contact the Consumer Product Safety Commission at (800) 638-2772.

Texas-born soft drink subject of new book

By MICHELE BRINKMANN
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — There is no prune juice in Dr Pepper.

Exploding that long-lived myth was the most interesting thing author Jeffrey L. Rodengen says he learned while writing his book about the legendary soft drink.

Recently, Rodengen visited Waco, where Dr Pepper was first formulated in 1885 by pharmacist Charles Alderton, to sign copies of his book, "The Legend of Dr Pepper/Seven-Up.

A devoted Dr Pepper drinker, Rodengen has spent the last two years traveling the country researching and collecting photographs about Dr Pepper and Seven-Up for his book.

"It is absolutely my favorite soft drink," Rodengen said Wednesday, sipping a homemade Dr Pepper at the Dr Pepper Museum. During his research, he spent countless hours with museum officials collecting facts about the origin of the drink and about the history of Waco.

"I was drinking Dr Pepper long before it was cool," he said.

Rodengen, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is a nationally syndicated columnist, producer, director and industrial historian who has written hundreds of articles chronicling American technology and industry. "The Legend of Dr Pepper/Seven-Up" is his 14th book.

The book covers the time from when the two soft drinks were formulated until their recent purchase by Cadbury Beverages.

But Rodengen said it focuses on Dr Pepper because it has a more interesting and longer history.

"I had no idea Dr Pepper was invented in Waco when I first started," Rodengen said. "The book includes how Dr Pepper grew from a regional to a national favorite."

The book contains reproductions of many original photographs of Waco from the 1800s and more recent photos of the museum.

"This is a lovely book that brings the history of Dr Pepper up to date," said Mildred G. "Milly" Walker, curator of collections at the Dr Pepper Museum. "This is a very readable book. It does not read like a calendar."

Walker said Rodengen's book is the second that has been written about Dr Pepper. In the 1970s, author Harry Ellis wrote "Dr Pepper: King of Beverages," which was updated in 1985 for the 100th anniversary celebration of the drink's invention.

Rodengen said although he is only promoting the book in Texas, he expects it will also be a best seller out of state.

Rodengen will have two more books out before Christmas about the history of Briggs & Stratton, a company that makes small engines, and Ingersoll-Rand, a construction/mining company.

But neither of them will be as fun as writing "The History of Dr Pepper/Seven-Up," Rodengen said.

Pointing to his drink, he said, "All this is is a little flavoring and carbonated water. It's not like writing about engines or nuclear submarines."

People can buy the book for $39.95 at the Dr Pepper Museum, bookstores or from the Write Stuff Syndicate Inc. publishing company by calling 1-800-900-BOOK.

Is GOP field 'charismatically challenged?'

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm likes to tell how he was turned down the first two times he proposed marriage to his wife Wendy. "I don't always make a good first impression," Gramm says. "But I do wear well."

Like the spurned marriage proposal, the Texas Republican and GOP presidential candidate likes the story so much he keeps repeating it.

Along with telling audiences his "mamma prodded me every step of the way" to success. And how he was a "foot soldier in the Reagan revolution." Over and over.

And Gramm isn't the only presidential candidate to keep repeating things.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, a septuagenarian, reminds audiences he's younger than nonagenarian Strom Thurmond.

And the word "values" appears in Dole political speeches almost as frequently as it does in ones by President Clinton.

"I'm here. I'm a survivor. I work hard. I've been a conservative all my life in the Congress. I believe in strong family values," Dole says.

At least Clinton and Dole, by virtue of being president and Senate majority leader, can exhibit leadership beyond rhetoric.

Clinton could announce a peace accord in Bosnia, for instance, as he did Tuesday from the Rose Garden. And Dole can announce a budget deal or say how the Senate will react to the Bosnian-peace plan.

But, for most of the others, there are just words. And more words. Torrents of words.

All candidates end up repeating what they say. But this is only November 1995, just under a year before the election.

Publishing millionaire Steve Forbes speaks on and on about his proposal for replacing the income tax system with a flat tax.

Conservative radio show host Alan Keyes says the nation's problems are due to the breakdown of the "family-based marriage" — and he says it in every speech.

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander talks at length about the importance of his being an outsider. "We need a real president," he says.

Wealthy Illinois tire manufacturer Morry Taylor tells audiences: "I am not a politician. I am not a lawyer. I make things." One of the things he makes is the same speech.

"Many of our candidates — God love them, all of them way above Clinton in character and integrity — they are charismatically challenged," asserts Rep. Bob Dornan, R-Calif., also seeking the GOP nomination.

Now that both retired Gen. Colin Powell and House Speaker Newt Gingrich have announced they won't run, Dornan may have a point. Powell or Gingrich would have enlivened the GOP race, to be sure.

Gramm is the worst offender in the same-speech category.

From his announcement in May in College Station, Texas, to speeches around the country, to a candidates' forum in New Hampshire last month to a one in Orlando, Fla., last weekend, Gramm repeats the same homilies and statements.

How many times, for instance, do audiences have to hear Gramm tell them that "I failed the third, the seventh and the ninth grades. ... But my mother didn't give up and I didn't either."

"Most Republicans have been addressing the nation more like accountants than leaders," Arianna Huffington writes in this week's issue of the conservative journal, the "Weekly Standard."

Huffington, a senior fellow at the conservative Progress and Freedom Foundation, said in an interview that Republicans "could easily lose both the White House and the House. Right now, Clinton has the high moral ground ... The problem is not charisma, it is message."

And why do the GOP candidates say they want to be president?

That was the question then-CBS correspondent Roger Mudd once used to trip up Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. But some of the answers this time around are almost as mundane as was Kennedy's grasping, inarticulate response.

Gramm: "I was a foot soldier in the Reagan revolution and as president I want to finish that revolution."

Dole: "If I get elected at my age, you know ... I'm not going anywhere. I'm just going to serve my country."

Alexander: "I'm running for president because our country needs our help."

Maybe charisma is too much to expect, but at least these guys could get some new material.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Tom Raum covers the White House and reports on national politics for The Associated Press.

Two states seeking to extradite suspect

RICHMOND, Ky. (AP) — A lawyer for a smooth-talking drifter suspected of a series of cross-country slayings says his client will fight extradition to states where he faces murder charges.

"We've been given no evidence that he killed anyone," Assistant Public Advocate Ernie Lewis said Tuesday, while acknowledging it was unlikely he would beat extradition attempts.

Glen Rogers, 33, is suspected of killing four women in California, Mississippi, Florida and Louisiana since September and is wanted for questioning in the 1993 death of an elderly Ohio man who was once his roommate.

Rogers pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges stemming from the high-speed chase just before he was captured Nov. 13.

In court, Rogers was tight-lipped but almost jaunty despite his shackles — at one point blowing a kiss to a woman in the front row and later giving her a clenched-fist salute.

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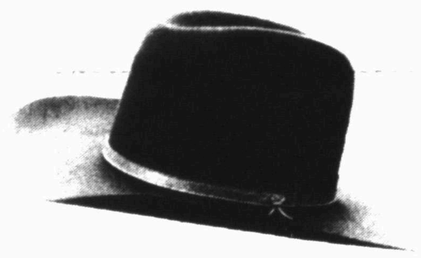
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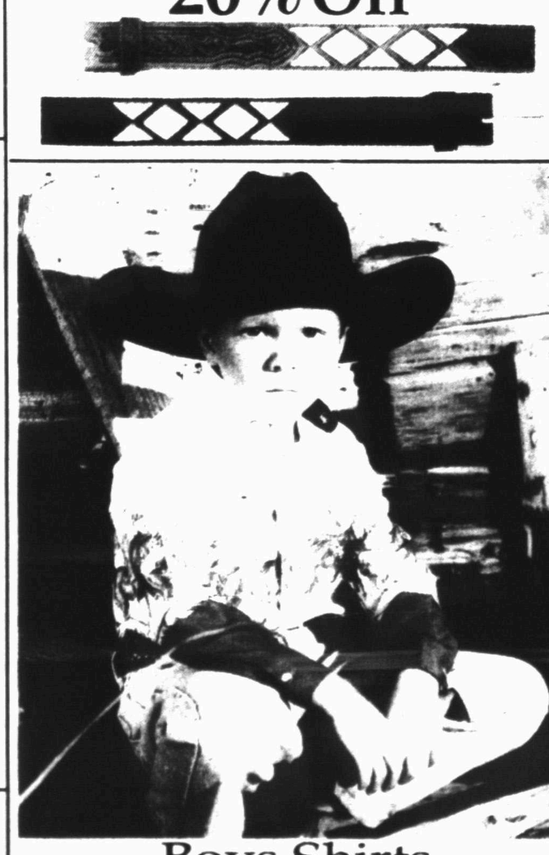
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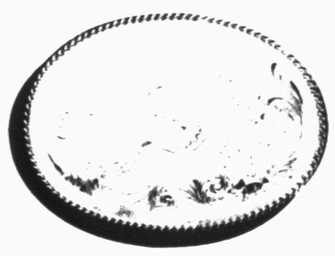
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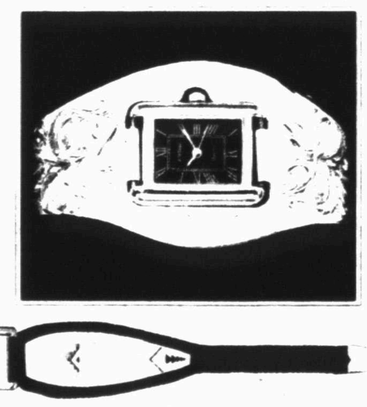
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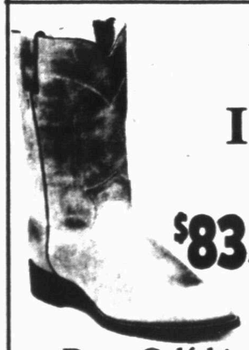


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Dear Abby

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Take This Day to Give Thanks For Freedom, Food and Friends

DEAR READERS: By popular demand, here is my traditional Thanksgiving column:

Today is Thanksgiving Day, so take a few minutes to reflect upon all the things for which you are thankful.

How's your health? Not so good? Well, thank God you've lived this long. A lot of people haven't. You're hurting? Thousands — maybe millions — are hurting even more. (Have you ever visited a veterans hospital? Or a rehabilitation clinic for crippled children?)

If you awakened this morning and were able to hear the birds sing, use your vocal cords to utter human sounds, walk to the breakfast table on two good legs and read the newspaper with two good eyes, praise the Lord! A lot of people couldn't.

How's your pocketbook? Thin? Well, most of the world is a lot poorer. No pensions. No welfare. No food stamps. No Social Security. In fact, one-third of the people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight.

Are you lonely? The way to have a friend is to be one. If nobody calls you, pick up the phone and call someone.

Are you concerned about your country's future? Hooray! Our system has been saved by such concern. Your country may not be a rose garden, but neither is it a patch of weeds.

Freedom rings! Look and listen. You can still worship at the church of your choice, cast a secret ballot, and even criticize your government without fearing a knock on the head or a knock on the door at midnight. And if you want to live under a different system, you are free to go. There are no walls or fences — nothing to keep you here.

As a final thought, I'll repeat my Thanksgiving prayer; perhaps you will want to use it at your table today:

O heavenly Father:

We thank thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service

That thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and may God bless you and yours.

LOVE, ABBY

An afterthought: Want an instant high? The surest cure for the holiday blues is doing something nice for someone. Why not call a person who lives alone and invite him or her to share dinner?

Better yet, call and say, "I'm coming to get you, and I'll see that you get home." (Some older people don't drive, and those who do may not like to go out after dark.)

Try it. And let me know the results.

P.S. Special greetings to those of you in the military who wrote from remote corners of the world to tell me that you are using my prayer on this Thanksgiving Day.

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Projected farm payments are revealed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican farm bill would enable farmers who received their crop subsidies in advance to avoid having to repay them, House Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts said.

Seeking to rally support for a plan that would replace the current subsidy system with direct payments to farmers, Roberts said the change would be a big accounting help to many.

"The current system adds insult to injury by forcing farmers, many of whom had no crop to sell, to repay advance deficiency payments," Roberts, R-Kan., said Tuesday.

If the GOP farm spending blueprint is enacted, Roberts said the 1995 advance deficiency payments would simply be deducted from whatever the farmer would get under the new system. The leftover money would go back into payments for other farmers growing that particular crop.

The GOP program, Roberts said, "will avoid a major cash-flow train wreck in farm country."

The farm bill is part of the overall Republican seven-year balanced budget plan that Congress sent to President Clinton this week. The president has promised to veto the overall bill, in part because of the cuts in agriculture.

The House Agriculture Committee released estimates showing how much farmers could expect to receive if the new direct payment system became law and they signed up for the new Agricultural Market Transition Program.

Roberts said the Agriculture Department's projections for 1996 call for few or no deficiency payments, meaning farmers would have to write the government a check returning any 1995 crop year subsidy they have received in advance.

For a Kansas wheat farmer, for example, the repayment would come to 35 cents a bushel, while a corn farmer would repay 25 cents a bushel.

Under the Republican plan, farmers who grow crops in the program — corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, wheat, rice and cotton — would receive a direct government payment as long as they received subsidies during one of the past five years. The payments would not be tied to commodity price or production levels, as current subsidies are.

Beatles draw big audience, but fail to set any records

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Musical history failed to make ratings history as the first chapter of "The Beatles Anthology" drew a large but unspectacular audience.

Sunday's Beatles special, featuring the band's first new song since its 1970 breakup, did help boost ABC to a weekly ratings win during the crucial November sweeps. TV stations use the ratings to set ad rates.

About 42 million viewers watched the special's first installment, Nielsen Media Research said. ABC put the figure at 47 million and said its expectations were met as the program drew a diverse audience.

"Anthology" ranked sixth for the week, out done by NBC's popular Thursday night lineup that includes "ER" and "Seinfeld."

The other two installments of "Anthology" air tonight and Thursday, when an "ER" rerun tries to stare down the Fab Four.

ABC posted four of the top 10 programs to win the week of Nov. 13-19, according to the Nielsen figures released Tuesday. It earned an 11.7 average rating and 19 share.

Second-place NBC, which remained the sweeps leader, earned an 11.5 rating and 18 share with five of the leading shows.

CBS, third with a 10.0 rating, 16 share, had only "60 Minutes" among the highest-rated programs. But its "Chicago Hope" came in 11th, its best Monday showing ever, with the departure of Dr. Geiger (Mandy Patinkin).

Fox Broadcasting Co., which programs 15 of the 22 prime-time hours, had a 7.6 rating, 12 share. Emerging networks UPN and WB earned a 3.4 rating, 5 share, and 2.5 rating, 4 share, respectively.

A single ratings point equals 959,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's 95.9 million TV homes estimated by Nielsen. Share is the percentage of sets tuned in to a show or network during a given period.

Among newscasts, ABC's "World News Tonight" was the leader with a 10.2 rating and 19 share. "NBC Nightly News" was second with a 9.0 rating, 17 share, followed by "CBS Evening News" with an 8.3 rating, 15 share.

Here are the top 10 shows, their networks and ratings:

"ER," NBC, 26.5; "Seinfeld," NBC, 22.0; "Friends," NBC, 21.1; "Caroline in the City," NBC, 18.8; "The Single Guy," NBC, 18.2; "The Beatles Anthology, Part One," ABC, 17.4; "Home Improvement," ABC, 17.2; "NFL Monday Night Football: Cleveland at Pittsburgh," ABC, 16.7; "NYPD Blue," ABC, 15.5; "60 Minutes," CBS, 15.4.

Hero award recipient arrested on robbery, weapons charges

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Mychael D. Ramsey almost lost a White House heroism award after the Clinton administration learned he had been arrested on a drug charge.

Administration officials said the 17-year-old was trying to turn his life around and gave him the award anyway.

Now he's charged with armed robbery.

Ramsey was ordered held on $35,000 bond Tuesday after police stopped him for speeding and arrested him for carrying a .357-caliber revolver in the glove compartment.

After two victims of a Nov. 6 robbery identified him as the man who robbed them of $342 in welfare money, Ramsey was charged with robbery and armed criminal action, said the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's office.

Ramsey told police he did not rob anyone and said he was carrying the gun for protection.

This summer, Ramsey received the Young American Medal for Bravery for rescuing three people out of a burning house in December 1993.

The Clinton Administration had briefly reconsidered the award after learning about Ramsey's misdemeanor marijuana possession arrest in November 1994.

Paying debts said harder

WASHINGTON (AP) — A borrowing binge of record proportions may be taking its toll on American consumers.

The Federal Reserve reported Tuesday that a quarterly bank survey has turned up more evidence of delinquent loans and bankruptcies.

Loan officers at 33 of 54 banks questioned said consumer loan delinquency rates have risen over the past year, the Fed said. Loan officers at most of the banks said the increase was expected, given a slowing economy and rapidly rising debt.

Two weeks ago, the Fed said consumer borrowing rose by $5.4 billion at an annual rate in September, the 28th straight advance and a new record. But the report also said the buildup in debt is slowing.

The September consumer credit increase was 6.6 percent at an annual rate, compared with a 12.7 percent rate in August.

With borrowing up about 30 percent over the last two years, analysts said consumer spending is climbing at a slower pace.

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Saldivar begins serving life sentence

GATESVILLE (AP) — A subdued Yolanda Saldivar entered a women's prison Wednesday afternoon to begin serving her life term for killing Tejano star Selena.

Ms. Saldivar was transferred to the Gatesville Reception and Diagnostic Center, after being held in the Nueces County Jail in Corpus Christi.

The 35-year-old Ms. Saldivar was found guilty Oct. 23 of murder after shooting Selena once in the back March 31 at a Corpus Christi motel. She had insisted the shooting was an accident, but a jury in Houston convicted her last month of murdering her former boss.

Ms. Saldivar must serve at least 30 years of her life sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

The news media was allowed to photograph Ms. Saldivar's arrival at the prison, but not talk to her. She was led into the prison by Nueces County deputies, who accompanied her on the drive.

Ms. Saldivar arrived in shackles, was strip searched and had a medical examination before she was issued a white prison gown.

She was photographed, fingerprinted, issued an identification card and taken to her 6-by-9-foot cell, which is isolated from the main cell block for her own safety.

Texas Department of Corrections spokesman David Nunnelee said he was with Ms. Saldivar during the processing.

"I just think her mood reflected the fact that she was quite down. She seemed sad," said Nunnelee. "She looked down at the floor most of the time she was in there during the processing."

The women's prison houses about 1,800 inmates and is 110 miles southwest of Dallas and 250 miles north of Corpus Christi.

New Orleans gambling project shut down

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — With gambling revenue falling far short of expectations, Harrah's closed its temporary New Orleans casino and halted construction on a permanent gaming hall Wednesday, throwing 2,800 people out of work.

The move came six days after Harrah's Jazz Co., the three-way partnership that owns the $820 million Harrah's New Orleans Casino project, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Harrah's officials said they hope to reopen the temporary casino and resume construction on the permanent one, but could not say when that might be.

Mayor Marc Morial called the shutdown a crisis for the city and said he will urge the partnership to reopen the casino while it tries to work out its problems.

The lost revenue could mean layoffs of 1,000 city workers and cutbacks in city services, the mayor said.

"We were just at the point where we could start planning for the future, like how are we going to improve the police department," Councilman James Singleton said. "Now that's out the door."

Harrah's had opened on May 1 a temporary casino that was to operate for a year until the permanent gambling hall — billed as one of the world's largest — was ready.

But the casino made only about 40 percent of its projected revenue, never enough to cover operating expenses or contribute to the permanent casino's construction costs.

In addition to thousands of residents suddenly unemployed for Thanksgiving, the city and state face a sudden drop in gambling revenue.

Louisiana could lose $75.7 for the fiscal year that began July 1. New Orleans could lose $23.6 million from the $400 million budget for the fiscal year that begins Jan. 1.

Wendell Gauthier, head of a group of local investors in the partnership, said it will probably take more than a week to complete a reorganization plan to present to the city, state, casino commission, creditors and lenders.

Pair who adopted many children convicted of racketeering, forgery

BEND, Ore. (AP) — A couple who won accolades for adopting dozens of troubled children was convicted Wednesday of racketeering and forgery for mismanaging their "Celebration Family." But they were acquitted of manslaughter in the deaths of three youngsters.

Capping a yearlong trial, the jury deliberated for seven days on a total of 22 counts before reaching a decision Tuesday. The decision was sealed and given to Deschutes County Circuit Judge Michael J. Sullivan for safekeeping overnight.

Dennis Nason was acquitted of manslaughter in the children's deaths, and his wife, Diane, was acquitted on two of three manslaughter charges. The jury was deadlocked on a third count against her.

The Nasons also were acquitted of criminal mistreatment and aggravated theft.

The couple showed no emotion during the 20 minutes it took the judge to read the verdicts, which were delayed a day so that attorneys could be summoned. The couple remain free pending sentencing Feb. 6; each could get anything from probation to 20 years.

Afterward, Mrs. Nason said she felt vindicated because she felt the manslaughter and child abuse charges were the most important. She said she and her husband simply adopted too many children.

"My heart was bigger than it should have been. I don't think I was wrong. I couldn't say no seeing where they came from," she said.

As for her convictions, Mrs. Nason said, "I don't know anything about racketeering. All we had was a mob of kids." Added her husband: "It's over. The jury did a good job."

During the trial, jurors heard from more than 200 witnesses and saw more than 1,350 exhibits, which filled six filing cabinets.

The charges alleged the couple allowed three small children to die neglected in their beds — an infant girl who died of starvation in 1988, and a boy of about 2 and a girl of about 4 who died of a form of dysentery called shigella in 1985, days apart.

They also were accused of using a cattle prod and other forms of abuse to discipline children, falsifying records to adopt more children, and siphoning off $10,000 in contributions to their school.

The couple adopted 84 children in addition to their six biological children and raised them in a 33-room farmhouse on the outskirts of Sisters with a spectacular view of the Cascade Range.

The prosecution argued the Nasons adopted more and more children to make more money. The defense countered that they were guilty only of doing their best to help children no one else wanted, children who were already in poor health when they arrived.

Many of the children came from Third World counties and suffered from physical, mental and emotional disabilities. The family earned awards for their efforts.

But the family began breaking down as financial support dwindled and Mrs. Nason's health declined. She began finding other homes for many of the children. Police and social workers began investigating allegations of abuse raised by some of the adopted children.

The state took custody of 12 adopted and biological children still living with them, but the Nasons won back custody of three biological children and a grandson they adopted.

They sold the farmhouse to pay legal fees, and it is now a high-priced school for troubled girls.

Some of the Nasons' children, and other relatives and supporters crowded into the courtroom to hear the verdicts. Some could be heard whispering "yes" as the not guilty verdicts were announced. Afterward, Dennis Nason hugged a supporter.

Afterward, Deschutes County District Attorney Michael Dugan said the prosecution was worth the $1 million it cost because the children had suffered. But he agreed that the Nasons began their huge family with good intentions.

Obituaries

Onieda Sevey

1916-1995

MERKEL — Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Rose Hill Cemetery for Oneida Tarpley Sevey of Abilene, formerly of Snyder. Bret McCormick, Blaine McCormick and Keith McCormick will officiate and arrangements are under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home in Merkel.

The family will greet friends from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Sevey, 79, died Tuesday, Nov. 21 in Abilene's Hendrick Medical Center.

Born in Mannsville, Okla., she graduated from Noodle High School in 1934 and had resided in Abilene since March, 1993. Mrs. Sevey had worked for Rogers Men's Wear in Snyder from 1948 to 1962, moving to San Angelo where she and her husband owned a shoe store. She later worked in the physical plant at Angelo State University from 1965 until her retirement in 1980. She then moved to Lamesa to be near her daughter.

Mrs. Sevey, a member of the Colorado and Jackson St. Church of Christ in San Angelo, helped with the elderly. She married Dois Melton in 1934, and later married David Sevey in 1962 in Snyder. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Vernell Clement of Lubbock and Freida McCormick of Abilene; a stepson, David Sevey of Muskegon, Mich.; three brothers, Ray Tarpley of Columbia, S.C., Joe Tarpley of San Antonio and Bill Tarpley of Austin; one sister, Leta Dixon of San Angelo; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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Lena East

DALLAS — Services are pending for Lena East of Dallas, sister of Velma Smith of Snyder, who died Wednesday, Nov. 22. She is a former resident of Snyder.

Other survivors include her husband, Jackson East of Dallas, and a son, Jackie East.

Sick kid wants chip

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Myst and Mortal Kombat III, writing e-mail and reading. His injury is not considered life-threatening.

The Los Angeles foundation grants special wishes to severely ill children.

Pete's colleagues in the 600-member "beta tester" group are putting their Pentium Pros through the torturous paces of engineering problems, mathematical research and movie special-effects creation.

Intel says Pete's biweekly performance reports may help it avoid the embarrassment and multimillion-dollar replacement costs it suffered last year after users detected calculating flaws in the Pentium chip, the Pentium Pro's predecessor.

Pentium Pro, which became commercially available earlier this month, is used mainly in high-priced machines for business and research. It is expected to become common in home PCs in two or three years.

Pete, an aspiring doctor who gets around with a purple wheelchair and walker, said the computer has "given me something to do."

Now that he has his dream system — complete with color printer, text scanner and musical instrument interface — what will become of the family's tired old 486-based PC?

"We'll move it back upstairs," said his envious dad, Tom Valeo, a theater critic for the Daily Herald in suburban Chicago, "so I can use it."

Police note DWI arrest

Snyder police arrested a 45-year-old man for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated at 2:50 p.m. Wednesday in the 2000 block of Avenue E. Police had been contacted by Fisher County officials in reference to a possible intoxicated driver at 2:05 a.m.

Sheriff's deputies were contacted Wednesday afternoon in reference to a burglary at 1746 Voss Lane. An offense report for burglary was submitted.

At 8:03 a.m. Wednesay, Harley Burnett contacted officers in reference to someone breaking the glass out of his 1991 Toyota pickup. A report for Class A criminal mischief was filed.

Sheriff's deputies indentified three subjects at 10:02 a.m. Wednesday in reference to a complaint of someone dumping trash on Bob Head's property along CR 254. The subjects and their parents picked up the trash and took it to the landfill.

At 10:31 a.m. Wednesday, a woman contacted police in reference to being bitten by a cat. The animal control officer investigated.

What's Up?

Change in Madrigal Dinners

Due to extenuating circumstances, the three Madrigal Dinners performances have been reduced to one, slated for Tuesday, 7 p.m. at the country club. A few tickets are still available and can be reserved by calling the high school at 573-6301 on Monday.

Anyone who has reservations and cannot attend the performance Tuesday may call for a refund.

Holiday hours for landfill

City officials have announced that the landfill will be closed today for Thanksgiving, then reopen Friday but be closed again Saturday.

Battle of Bands coming

Scurry Youth Center will host a "Battle of the Bands" from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the center.

Student bands interested in competing may pick up an entry blank at the center, located at 31st Street and Avenue B. Hours are 6-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 to midnight on Friday and from noon until 5 p.m. and 7 until midnight on Saturday.

The deadline to enter is Nov. 30.

SNS accepting applications

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is accepting applications for its 1996 workday. Applications may be picked up at Sam Robertson's Insurance Agency, the chamber of commerce or West Elementary and returned to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Texas, 79550.

Applications are due by Jan. 15, 1996. To be considered, applicants must own and be living in the house, be current on taxes and be age 65 or older or disabled.

Angel Tree outreach

Angel Tree is an outreach effort of prison fellowship. Churches and individuals are needed to assist in providing Christmas gifts for children in Snyder who have a parent in prison. If your church, organization or class would be willing to help, contact Bee Beauchamp at 573-0509 or Donna Gray at 573-2376 for further information.

Senior dedication ads due

Parents of SHS seniors are reminded that senior dedication ads for the Tiger's Lair yearbook are due Dec. 1. The message, photo and $30 may be mailed to SHS Student Publications, 3801 Austin Ave. Photos will be returned when the books arrive next fall.

For additional information, call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Orders taken for yearbook

Orders are still being taken for the 1996 Tiger's Lair yearbook. Orders placed through Dec. 15 will be $35. A $20 deposit may be made, with the balance due by Feb. 1. Beginning Jan. 2, the order price is $40. No extra books will be ordered. For information, call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Choir poinsettia sale

Snyder High School choirs are taking orders for poinsettias. They are $10 and come in traditional red, white and a mixed color called Jingle Bells. Poinsettias can be obtained through choir students or by calling 573-8034 or 573-6301. Orders will arrive the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Video series continues

The Key To The Kingdom video series will air on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The first tape, "A Sure-Fire Recipe For Happiness," will be shown at 7 p.m. Monday.

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Five tickets each won $75,738 in the Cash 5 lottery drawing.

The winning tickets matched all five of the numbers drawn in the Tuesday night drawing.

Four numerical matches were on 975 tickets, making each ticket worth $582.

And the prize for matching three of five numbers, which 32,714 tickets did, was $29 each.

The winning numbers were 4, 14, 20, 29 and 30.

Woman alleges sexual attacks by evangelist

DALLAS (AP) — Television evangelist Garner Ted Armstrong has stepped down as head of his ministry amid allegations from a Texas woman that he sexually assaulted her during two massage sessions in July.

Suerae Robertson, a licensed vocational nurse in Tyler, filed the lawsuit Wednesday in a state district court in Tyler, accusing Armstrong, 64, of making lewd demands and trying to force her to fulfill them.

Armstrong stepped aside Nov. 11 as head of the Church of God International and his weekly television program, which is carried nationally by cable and about 30 stations, said Charles Gross, administrative assistant at the Flint-based ministry.

"He has voluntarily removed himself from the ministerial and ecclesiastical activities of this ministry," Gross said, adding that Armstrong could return in the future.

No successor was immediately appointed, he said.

Flint is about 10 miles south of Tyler, which is 95 miles east of Dallas.

Ms. Robertson, 48, alleges that Armstrong began to visit her home in March for massage therapy after she ran a newspaper advertisement for her services.

According to the suit, Armstrong "insisted that he receive his therapy in complete nudity" and that Ms. Robertson "concentrate her therapy on the area of his groin, lower back, inner thighs and buttocks because of stiffness he purportedly felt from his driving."

The lawsuit alleges that Armstrong said he needed some "relief," grabbed Ms. Robertson's breasts and genitals and tried to bite her breasts. Then, according to the lawsuit, he put her in a head lock and tried to force her head toward his genitals, but she broke free and fled the room.

Collision course likely in future budget talks

By JOHN KING
AP Political Writer

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — For Bob Dole, the first test came when he telephoned news of the deal to reopen the government to undecided New Hampshire voters attending a ham and beans dinner here.

They roared approval.

Back in Washington, President Clinton got applause too, from House Democrats who many White House aides feared would revolt at word the president had agreed to a seven-year timetable to balance the budget.

But neither of these potential presidential rivals should take much solace in the early applause: For both, it came with a message, and a reminder that the temporary budget agreement hasn't veered Clinton and congressional Republicans from their collision course.

For Dole, the Senate majority leader, the message was to treat the temporary deal as little more than a down payment: In the month of negotiations to come with the White House, he will face extraordinary pressure not to give away too much of the $245 billion Republican tax-cut plan, or to retreat from the GOP commitment to send control of welfare, Medicaid and other programs to the states.

"Bob Dole is a big winner here," said Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson. "But we've got to finish the job." Or, as Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour urged: "Celebrate this great victory, but do not reduce your efforts."

As for Clinton, the support from House Democrats came with a stream of polite warnings.

"A winner," liberal Connecticut Rep. Rosa DeLauro called the measure that put 800,000 federal workers back on the job. But she was adamant that Clinton demand a dramatic retreat in the very tax cuts Dole was urged to defend.

More praise for Clinton came from Wisconsin Rep. David Obey, an unlikely source given his past remarks that Clinton can't be trusted. But it came with a demand that any deal protect "the safety net for children," suggesting liberal Democrats were hardly ready to drop fierce opposition to ceding so much power over social programs to states.

For all the bipartisan joy now that the unseemly government shutdown is over, there remains a fundamental divide between Democrats and Republicans, left to negotiations sure to be shaped by presidential politics.

Clinton vows to trim the GOP tax cuts and take a smaller bite out of Medicare spending. He also wants more money for his national service program and a tax-credit that helps the working poor, two programs targeted by Republicans.

AP analysis

Using more recent economic projections will provide some money that otherwise would be taken from Medicare, and Republicans — given recent opinion polls — will be happy to oblige if the budget is balanced in the end.

But Dole faces intense pressure not to go too far on tax cuts, or in allowing higher spending because of rosier economic projections.

"I am not going to support the sellout of everything we believe in," said Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, a Dole presidential rival who took issue with the agreement even before he knew the details.

But with House Speaker Newt Gingrich saying the tax cuts are negotiable, and other Republican leaders seemingly unified on budget strategy, Gramm's is a lonely voice, his pokes at Dole attributed more to politics than principle.

That was clear from the reaction Dole got Monday when he outlined the deal — and the tough task ahead — to Republican governors. The governors' embrace was a boost to a Dole presidential campaign dedicated to the proposition that leadership matters most. "Serving as president requires more than just catchy applause lines," was how he put it.

Clinton is sure to have critics within his party too.

"They have a left wing in their party they have to satisfy," Dole pointed out. Given that, he raised the prospect of another government shutdown in a month, if the White House and congressional Republicans can't follow their temporary deal with a historic agreement to balance the budget.

In Dole's party, the nervousness will be on the right wing, where the memories of past budget deals still sting.

William Kristol, the conservative strategist and commentator, recalled working in the Bush White House in 1990, trying to make sense of chief of staff John Sununu's argument that the budget deal in which Bush broke his "no new taxes" pledge "will work out fine for the administration and the president."

Instead, it was a major factor in Bush's 1992 defeat. This time, Kristol credited Gingrich and Dole for orchestrating "the mirror image of the 1990 deal."

"A Republican Congress got the upper hand over a Democratic president," Kristol said. "I think it will have good consequences politically for Republicans and good consequences in terms of public policy."

EDITOR'S NOTE — John King covers national politics for The Associated Press.

Tornadoes known for tossing trash many miles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dorothy and Toto may be the most famous victims of relocation by a tornado, but twisters have been known to litter the landscape for miles with items ranging from a cow to a headstone to a music box.

A sack of Kansas flour moved 110 miles in 1915 holds the record for distance traveled by a heavy item, but pieces of paper have been carried more than 200 miles, according to a report in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society.

"Part of the reason behind (the research) was that we may be able to come up with the fallout pattern in cases of hazardous waste," explained Amy Lee Wyatt, a researcher at the University of Oklahoma.

"We're working on articles right now that would be of use to forecasters if a tornado were to hit a hazardous waste site," scattering items like toxic chemicals, radioactive material and medical waste, Wyatt said.

The researchers from the University of Oklahoma and St. Louis University compiled historical reports of debris dropped by tornadoes and launched their own research the last two summers to track twister fallout.

They set up a toll-free phone number and asked people to call with reports of found items after a tornado, so they could try to track the origin of the debris.

Not surprisingly, they found that heavy items tend to come down close to their original location with light stuff going farther and paper getting the most distance.

Most heavy material falls out within 50 miles and lighter material generally hits ground within 90 miles of its starting point, they found.

Their analysis also showed that more than three-quarters of the debris came down to the left of the track followed by the storm.

Why to the left?

"That's one of the things we're trying to figure out. We think the winds in the thunderstorm cause it to be flung out that way," Wyatt said. Tornadoes are rotating columns of wind that almost always turn in a counterclockwise direction in the Northern Hemisphere.

Reading a study of the tragic 1984 Barneveld, Wis., tornado inspired Oklahoma's John T. Snow to launch the research, Wyatt explained. That analysis found paper scattered in a path as much as 26 miles wide for more than 100 miles.

A bank pouch was located 86 miles out of town. But Snow, dean of the Oklahoma College of Geosciences, realized little other information was available on tornado debris patterns.

Historical records contain plenty of newspaper reports of storms moving stuff around. "A lot of that you have to take with a grain of salt," Wyatt said.

But there were also some reliable reports, particularly in the massive volume, "Significant Tornadoes 1690-1991," by Tom P. Grazulis.

The record trip is 210 miles for a canceled check found in Palmyra, Neb., after a 1915 twister, the researchers found.

A tabulation of 163 reports of debris dropped from tornadoes since 1871 contains a wide selection of items.

A cow, for example, was listed as having been carried 10 miles by an Iowa twister on April 21, 1878 — no word on its condition.

Another heavy item was a headstone, transported three miles in an 1886 Minnesota tornado. In 1956 a Minnesota storm carried a carton of deer hides six miles.

Besides the cow, animals relocated by tornadoes include some Iowa chickens, moved six miles in 1913 and, ominously, a listing of "dead ducks" carried 25 miles by a 1915 Kansas twister.

Clothing seems to be a popular target for tornado relocation, including a 30-mile trip made by a vest in a 1913 storm in Nebraska. A Wisconsin coat traveled 13 miles in 1920, trousers went 30 miles and a wedding gown 50 in a 1953 Massachusetts storm.

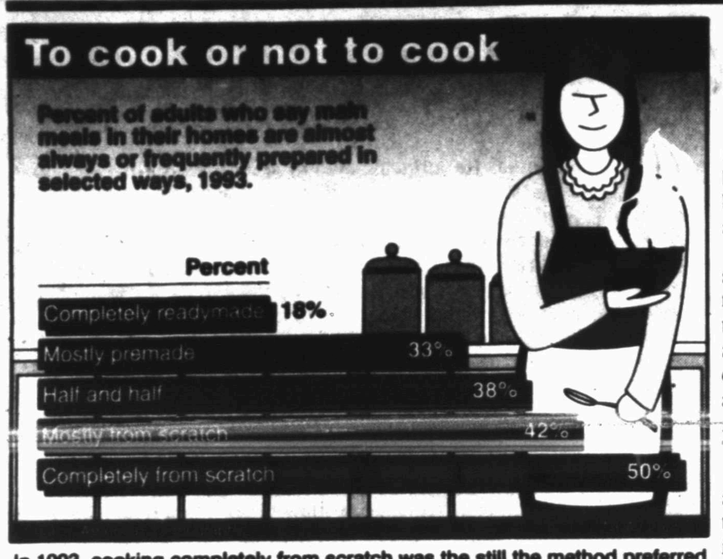
A pillow managed a 20-mile trip in a 1913 Alabama storm, while a 1917 Indiana twister hauled a jar of pickles 18 miles. A 1953 Massachusetts storm carried a sofa cover and a music box 35 miles each and in 1957, an Oklahoma tornado made off with an insurance policy, depositing it 40 miles away.

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State agency may buck 'concealed' law

AUSTIN (AP) — The Department of Transportation could become the first state agency to bar Texans from carrying concealed handguns in its buildings.

The Transportation Commission is to consider a policy Nov. 30 that would prohibit anyone from taking any weapon inside the agency's 25 district offices or other properties it maintains around the state, the Austin American-Statesman reported Tuesday.

The proposed ban wouldn't apply to the department's downtown Austin headquarters. Buildings around the Capitol are maintained by the General Services Commission, which hasn't decided whether to ban guns.

If approved, the Transportation Department would join a number of cities and counties that have passed bans in the wake of Texas' new right-to-carry law. The measure will allow licensed Texans to pack concealed handguns beginning Jan. 1.

A sponsor of the new law isn't happy about the proposed policy.

"This one's a little different because we are talking about the same level of government that passed the law in the first place," said Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena. "At least with cities and counties, you could argue that you have a lower echelon of government exercising local control."

Patterson said the policy would amount to one state agency passing judgment on another: The Department of Public Safety is issuing the concealed-gun licenses.

"On the one hand, DPS is saying, 'These people meet the standards to carry, as established by the Legislature,' and then Transportation is saying, 'Well, they don't meet our standards,'" Patterson said.

Eloise Lundgren, Transportation Department spokeswoman, says the proposed policy stems from safety concerns.

"Like everyone else, we are alarmed by what we see in the media about somebody, whether it's a disgruntled employee or a citizen, coming into an office and shooting people," she said.

"We are looking for any kind of deterrent and trying to make it as difficult as possible for anyone to have an opportunity to avail themselves to violence."

Patterson said a prohibition, punishable by a misdemeanor, wouldn't stop someone from committing murder or assault.

Ms. Lundgren noted that the proposed policy would cover all weapons, not just handguns.

"We want to make it consistent so that no one is armed. The reason we have never done this before now is it just never seemed like it was driven to the forefront before this concealed-handgun law," she said.

The new law prohibits the carrying of concealed handguns into any rooms where government meetings are taking place. It also allows state agencies to prohibit their employees from carrying handguns to work.

Attorney General Dan Morales has said in legal opinions that state, county, city and other governmental entities could ban weapons inside their buildings. The bans would be enforced through existing criminal trespass law.

Scientists link sickness in old, cell aging on molecular clock

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have linked an age-related breakdown of cells to disease in the elderly, giving weight to a theory that people have a "molecular clock" that winds down to eventual death.

The latest links were reported in studies published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

A study by the Geron Corp. suggests that identifying aging cells that have lost the ability to divide could predict a type of cardiovascular disease — the build-up of fatty plaque on inner arterial walls.

A related study by the National Institute on Aging found evidence that a cell's decreasing ability to replicate itself is also linked to a weakened immune system in older patients.

"These studies just build on the discovery of a so-called molecular clock that controls how cells age," said Carole Melis, a spokeswoman for Geron, based in Menlo Park, Calif. "The theory is that we die not because we wear out, but because we're programmed to at a certain point."

Both studies looked at a segment of DNA called the telomere — the heart of the molecular clock. The telomere controls genetic reproduction when a cell divides to create a new cell.

Studies in the past few years have shown the telomere is shortened slightly each time a cell divides until it is nearly gone and the cell can't replicate itself. It's like the plastic tip of a shoelace fraying until it's no longer useful, according to Calvin Harley, author of the Geron study.

"The problem is these cells don't die, they just sit there doing damage," he explained. "It's like an old car that doesn't run and is sitting in the back yard rusting away and damaging the environment."

Geron scientists examined the telomere length in the primary cells and tissue separating the blood vessel wall from the blood, and found that the cells indeed get shorter as they divide and age. Telomere loss was greatest in artery cells, implying the breakdown may contribute to atherosclerotic plaque formation and thrombosis, or blood clotting, the study said.

Harley said such treatments, which would presumably try to slow or halt the breakdown of a cell's ability to divide, are years away.

The National Institute of Aging study found telomere shortening in so-called T-cells of the elderly, which control a person's immune system, according to Dr. Richard Hodes, co-author of the paper.

Hodes said the results of the study could lead doctors to rethink gene therapy for elderly and AIDS patients, who may have too many cells that are no longer capable of dividing.

FDA wants to know if AIDS drug combination effective

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration and AIDS advocates will be watching to see whether a newly approved combination of the drugs 3TC and AZT actually prolongs the lives of people with AIDS.

The FDA authorized the use of 3TC in combination with AZT on Monday, after only 4½ months of review. The drug's manufacturer must now demonstrate that the therapy produces "clinical benefits," such as a reduction of opportunistic infections, the FDA said.

Glaxo Wellcome Inc., of Research Triangle Park, N.C., makes both 3TC and AZT. It found that when the two drugs are paired, 3TC appears to boost immune systems and lower the amount of HIV, the AIDS virus, in the blood for at least six months.

The combination therapy appears to work best in patients who have never tried AZT alone, prompting an FDA advisory panel to recommend earlier this month that it be offered as an initial therapy. Monday's action makes the 3TC-AZT combination patients' first new choice for initial treatment since AZT hit the market in 1987. All other AIDS drugs sold to date are supposed to be used after AZT fails.

Sold under the trade name Epivir and also known as lamivudine, 3TC should be available in pharmacies next week, Glaxo said in a statement.

Glaxo's wholesale price for the combined drug therapy will be $12.67 to $13.96 per daily dose, totaling $4,600 to $5,100 a year. Patients can expect to pay more.

It is the fifth member of a family of AIDS drugs that fight the disease by incapacitating a protein important in the virus' reproduction.

Numerous questions remain about the 3TC combination. There are some suggestions that when patients develop resistance to 3TC, they also may not respond to alternatives, such as the drugs ddI and ddC.

Nevertheless, AIDS advocates said they were pleased by the FDA's action.

'Goldeneye' debut shakes up latest box office count

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Goldeneye" set two box-office records in its debut — the best opening ever for both MGM and James Bond.

With a $26.2 million weekend gross, the Pierce Brosnan movie broke the previous Bond record of $11.5 million, set by 1987's "The Living Daylights." MGM's earlier weekend record was held by 1985's "Rocky IV," which took in $19.9 million in its premiere.

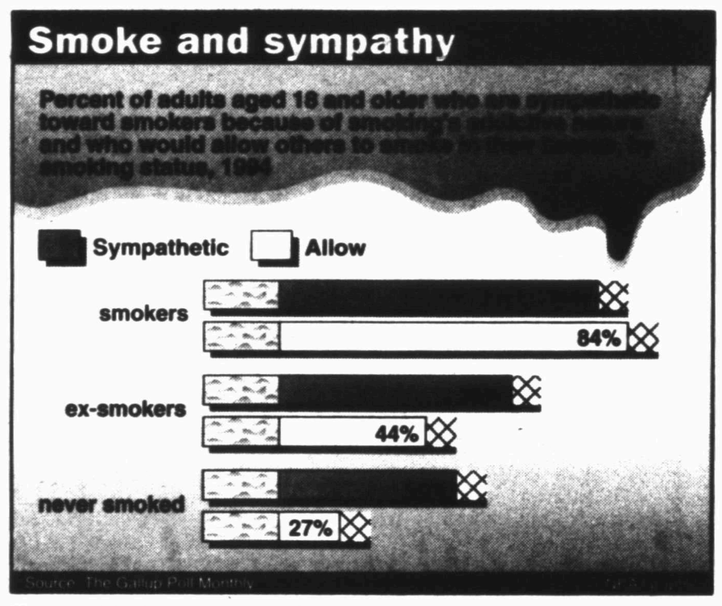
MGM said "Goldeneye" played well with both the older Bond audience and teen-agers attracted by the film's action scenes. It was the year's third-biggest opening, trailing only "Batman Forever" and "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls."

The "Ace Ventura" sequel dropped to second. "The American President" opened to fair business in third but has strong word-of-mouth. The children's film "It Takes Two" opened in fourth place.

In limited release, "The Crossing Guard," "When Night is Falling" and "Reckless" did not attract big crowds.

The Top 10 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. "Goldeneye," MGM, $26.2 million, 2,667 locations, $9,826 per location, $26.2 million, one week.
2. "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls," Warner Bros., $19.5 million, 2,652 locations, $7,357 per location, $65 million, two weeks.
3. "The American President," Columbia, $10 million, 1,506 locations, $6,650 per location, $11.1 million, 1½ weeks.
4. "It Takes Two," Warner Bros., $5.6 million, 1,581 locations, $3,519 per location, $5.6 million, one week.
5. "Get Shorty," MGM, $4.3 million, 2,103 locations, $2,061 per location, $56.9 million, five weeks.
6. "Copycat," Warner, $3 million, 1,643 locations, $1,830 per location, $23.7 million, four weeks.
7. "Powder," Disney, $2.4 million, 1,591 locations, $1,516 per location, $24.9 million, four weeks.
8. "Home for the Holidays," Paramount, $2 million, 1,000 locations, $1,961 per location, $11.3 million, three weeks.
9. "Seven," New Line, $1.6 million, 1,463 locations, $1,122 per location, $84.2 million, nine weeks.
10. "Now and Then," New Line, $1.5 million, 1,662 locations, $909 per location, $23.9 million, five weeks.



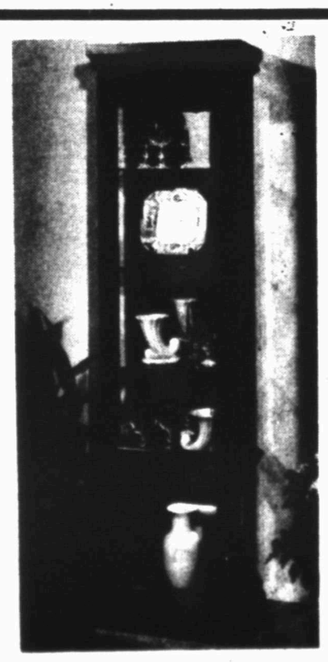
Not surprisingly, smokers are far more sympathetic to other smokers than are ex-smokers and those who have never smoked. Only about one-fourth of those who have never smoked would allow a smoker to light up in their home.

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Teen OK, one year after running away

BOSTON (AP) — One year ago, Billy Best's doctors gave him an ultimatum: continue chemotherapy treatments for Hodgkin's disease or face a painful death.

Twelve months have past — without radiation, IVs or traditional drugs — and Billy said he is cancer-free, something he attributes to "alternative" medicines.

"It's the only way it could have gone," said Billy, who was diagnosed last August and began taking homeopathic drugs in January.

Now 17, Billy attracted national media attention when he ran away from home in October 1994 to escape the painful chemotherapy treatments that he claimed were killing him.

"The reason I left is because I could not stand going to the hospital every week," Billy wrote in a note to his parents, who were living at the time in Norwell.

Doctors had told him he needed four more months of treatments to wipe out the remaining cancer around his windpipe. Without chemotherapy, the cancer would return, they said.

With duffel bag and skateboard in hand, Billy embarked on a cross-country trip that landed him in Texas. To lure their son back home, Susan and William Best promised Billy that he wouldn't have to continue the chemotherapy, provided he agreed to examine other options.

When Billy returned home — exactly one year ago this week — his parents decided one thing: Billy was not going to have to endure any longer the treatments he so despised.

Before the ordeal began, the Bests, who now live in Pembroke, thought alternative medicine was baloney.

"I didn't even know it was out there," said Billy in a telephone interview Monday. "I just thought that doctors knew everything and everything they said was all that was out there."

When Billy first mentioned the possibility of alternative medicine, his parents scoffed. "We said, 'Oh no, we can't do that. We have to go with the normal, conventional route,'" Susan Best said.

But while Billy was on the road and his story was making headlines across the country, his parents were deluged with information about alternative medicines. They waded through the packets, and found something that the family believed held promise.

For six months, Billy injected a treatment called 714X — a combination of camphor, nitrogen and mineral salts designed to boost the immune system. He also sipped an herbal drink called essiac, made from slippery elm bark and sheep sorrel, took vitamins and watched his diet.

The medicines "get rid of all the stuff you've got inside you," said Billy's father.

The Bests said doctors at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute where Billy was being treated urged him to continue chemotherapy.

In December, the doctors told him that the cancer was coming back around his windpipe, and described in "complete detail" that Billy would suffer a "painful and horrible death" if he did not continue the treatments, the Bests said.

Billy and his parents were undeterred, however, and initiated the alternative remedies against the doctors' orders.

In March, Billy returned to Dana-Farber, where he was told that the cancer was gone, his parents said.

Since then, the Bests have become outspoken advocates for alternative medicine. Billy, who said he is even considering working in the field, has given lectures on the subject — one at Rice University in Houston last spring and one to the Cancer Control Society in Pasadena, Calif., in September.

Billy also testified in October before a State House committee examining alternative medicines. And the family has begun selling the remedies Billy used.

Officials at Dana-Farber said they could not comment on Billy's health because "he's not under our treatment at this time."

Dana-Farber spokesman B.D. Colen said the hospital is pleased that Billy is doing well.

But he cautioned, "in any case such as this, where a patient has had a course of conventional treatment, it's impossible at a later point to assess the value of an alternative medicine that may then be tried."

But Billy, now a senior at Silver Lake Regional High School in Kingston, said he believes the remedies worked, and his mother said he is stronger and healthier than ever.

Billy said there is "always the possibility that (the cancer) could come back, but I know enough now that if it did come back I'd know what to do."

After enduring the loss of his hair during chemotherapy, the trumpet-playing, skateboarding teen-ager sported a full head of hair again — at least, until last week.

That's when he shaved nearly all of it off — but because he wanted to, he said, not because of some medicine.

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Nov. 23, 1995

Today is THANKSGIVING. It is the 327th day of 1995 and the 62nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1070 B.C., history's first recorded labor stoppage occurred when pyramid workers in Egypt sat down on the job.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franklin Pierce (1804-1869), U.S. president; Billy the Kid (William H. Bonney, 1859-1881), outlaw; Boris Karloff (1887-1969), actor; Harpo Marx (1888-1964), comedian; Jerry Bock (1928-), composer, is 67.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1905, the University of Chicago football team finished an unbeaten, untied season outscoring their opponents 495-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Thanksgiving as founded be th' Puritans to give thanks f'r bein' presarved fr'm th' Indians, an' we keep it to give thanks we are presarved fr'm th' Puritans." — Finley Peter Dunne

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1909, 7.17 inches of rain fell on Rattlesnake Creek, Idaho.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon.

Study: every American needs own mailbox in cyberspace

WASHINGTON (AP) — Every American should have a mailbox in cyberspace whether he or she owns a computer or not, a private study said Tuesday.

The widespread ability for people to send and receive electronic messages known as email holds important social, economic and political benefits, the Rand Corp. report said.

Those benefits include making sure poor people are not left out of the information age, creating new business opportunities and producing more informed voters.

But the task of administering millions of electronic mail addresses wouldn't be easy, some experts say.

One issue would be how to give out addresses to people with the same names. Now, once a commercial provider like America Online issues an address for a particular name, let's say John Doe, no other America Online customer can use that name on his mailbox. Although the name could be used on an electronic mailbox provided by another company like CompuServe, the ability to use one's name is extremely limited under the existing system.

To make electronic mail as universally available in the United States as telephones, the federal government and business would need to work together, the report said.

To this end, the study recommended using public funding — either from general Treasury revenues or a tax on communications companies and information service providers — to help people who otherwise could not afford electronic mail service.

The study estimated that it would cost roughly $1 billion to provide electronic mail to 10 percent of all Americans.

There are now roughly 6.7 million consumer electronic mailboxes — versus business mailboxes — with users generally paying a flat monthly fee of $9.95 for the first five hours of use, then $2.95 for each additional hour, the study said.

Blacks promoted less than women in military

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study for Congress found that blacks in the military are less likely to gain promotion than their white counterparts, but it stopped short of blaming the problem on racism.

The study by the General Accounting Office, released Monday, found "statistically significant" evidence that blacks get promoted less often than would be expected based on their numbers in the armed services. Women appeared to be gaining proportionally more promotions than would be expected.

The GAO, the investigative arm of Congress, reached no conclusion as to why disparities in promotion rates turned up for blacks and other minorities and for women. But it recommended the Defense Department improve its equal opportunity monitoring.

A Pentagon official responded that the recommended improvements are already being put into place.

"Our analysis showed some racial or gender disparities, although the number of disparities varied considerably ... across the services, and by race and gender," GAO analyst Mark Gebicke wrote.

The report, covering the years 1989 through 1993, was requested by Rep. Ronald Dellums of California, the senior Democrat on the House National Security Committee. Dellums, who is black, has long prodded the military on the issue of racial and gender discrimination.

Measuring promotion rates among women, American Indians, Asians, blacks and Hispanics compared with whites, the report found statistically significant instances of lower-than-expected promotion among blacks. Analysts measured actual promotions against what would be expected based on the proportion of blacks and other minorities to whites in each of the service branches.

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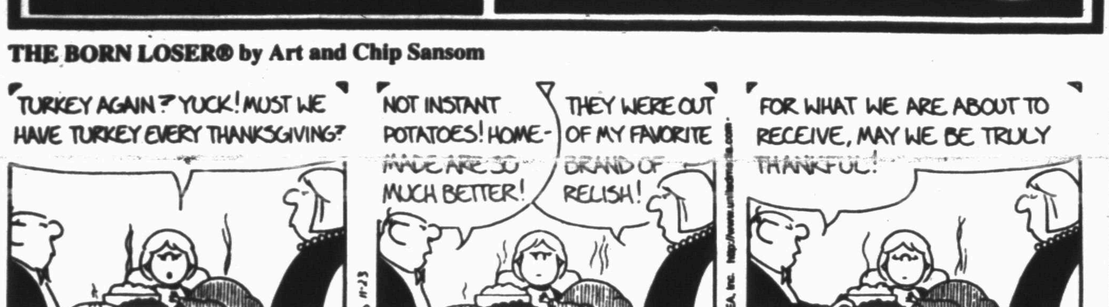
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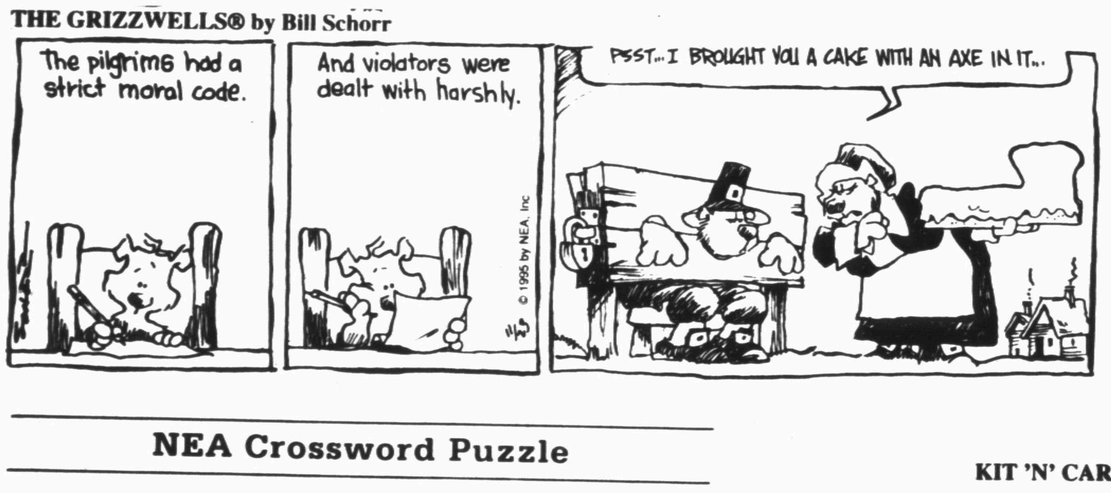
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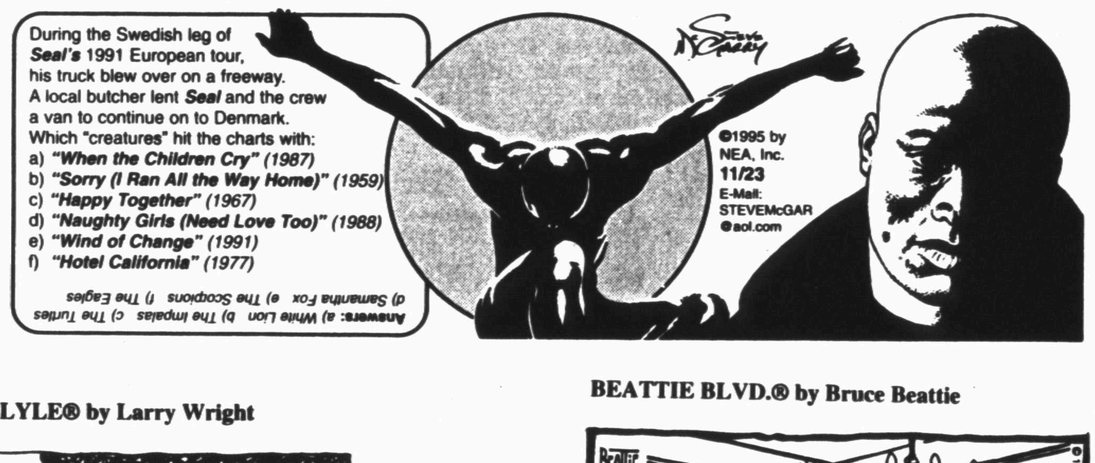
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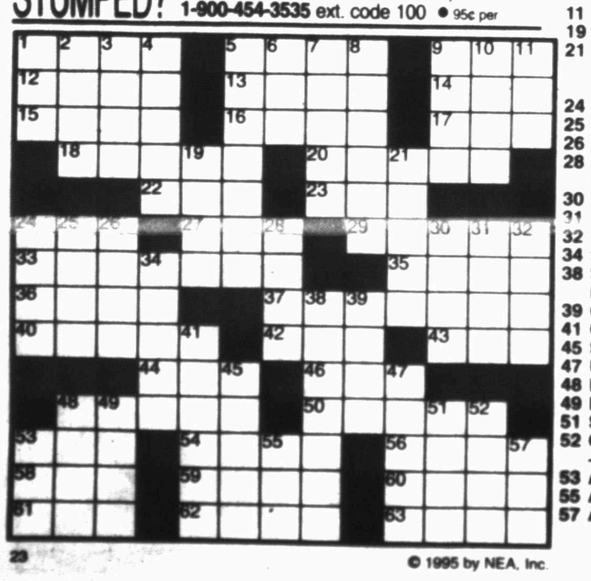
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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Nov. 24, 1995

In the year ahead you might become involved in several very ambitious endeavors, and the stakes could be higher than usual. Do not let size intimidate you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If things don't go your way today, you might overreact. If you do, associates used to your gentle ways may be shocked. Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead make wonderful Christmas stocking-stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail $2 for each and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state desired zodiac signs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are not normally given to emotional fits, but today something smoldering within you could trigger this unusual reaction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Objectives significant to you might not be of equal importance to your friends today. Try to respect their likes and dislikes.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Listen to the advice and suggestions of others today, but don't discount your ideas for achieving certain goals. You may be more on target.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You won't want to waste your time with small details today, especially in risky situations. Use caution and try not to become reckless.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This could be a good day to work on problems connected with your commercial affairs. Your understanding will be more comprehensive than usual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A team effort will be essential today. No matter how energetic, industrious and independent you feel, more can be accomplished in a group format.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Tackle some of the difficult little chores you've neglected lately. Accomplishing these tasks will provide great satisfaction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your chart indicates that you could succeed today in matters that require calculated risk. Do not shy from a challenge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When dealing with family members today, you might be more temperamental than usual. Walk softly, but put away your big stick.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You may not want to mince words today. In situations where you normally hold your tongue, you might let others know exactly how you feel.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It is good to be positive and assertive, but you must be careful not to carry your attitudes to an extreme today.

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Texas woman wants to preserve history

By MARY DOCLAR
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ARLINGTON — Carol Pock never understood what made her father cry when he got a letter from a European relative. Or why he was so reluctant to talk about his parents.

She remembers times during her childhood when he would disappear into his Chicago basement, where he would sift through a collection of pictures and mementoes locked in a wooden box.

It wasn't until she was in college that Pock, now 40, learned that her father, a Polish refugee who died when she was 12, had spent much of his life mourning the family members he lost in the Holocaust.

"I basically grew up with an incredible desire to know about my father, but absolutely no clues or no information because he was not around to tell me anything," said Pock, who moved to Arlington in 1982. "He always said to me, 'I had a family. They all died.'"

Pock's desire to better understand the Holocaust and her father's private anguish has led her to become part of an endeavor led by filmmaker Steven Spielberg to preserve the testimonies of thousands of Holocaust survivors around the world.

Inspired by the survivors he met while making the academy award-winning movie Schindler's List, Spielberg initiated the $60 million, three-year project in June 1994, opening offices worldwide and offering training sessions for interviewers and videographers.

The effort is being funded by Spielberg, Time-Warner, NBC and a number of other donors, said Kristie Macosko, a publicist for the foundation.

So far, 7,000 testimonies have been taken through Spielberg's Survivors of the Shoah (Hebrew for Holocaust) Visual History Foundation. The foundation plans to preserve the interviews with the aid of computer technology that will make the information accessible for future generations, Macosko said. The effort to find survivors has drawn responses from 24,000 people worldwide and 200 in Texas, she said.

Pock officially joined the effort last Thursday, when she and her husband, Les, interviewed Les and Magda Mittelman, two Holocaust survivors from Hungary who live in Arlington.

Pock said she volunteered for the project after hearing media reports about the effort and being invited to attend a training session by a friend who is the child of a Holocaust survivor.

For Pock, the interview is a chance to make a connection with her father's pain.

"I feel like it does connect me a lot to everybody who goes through that," said Pock, a dietary consultant who also teaches elementary students about the Holocaust atrocities of the 1930s and '40s. "I feel like we didn't know enough back then to encourage people to talk about it, to express their love, their pain. I feel that talking to survivors at least gives them the understanding that they did not go through it for nothing."

Julie Berman, the Mittelmans' daughter, said her parents are ready to tell their stories, which have been revealed to her and her brother in bits and pieces over the years.

"I don't think she's told me everything," Berman said of her mother. "I think it's been very difficult. I think it's still very hard for her to talk about it."

During a pre-interview conducted by Pock, Les Mittelman, 76, and Magda Mittelman, 72, sat at a dining room table, answering preliminary questions and identifying relatives in aged photographs.

Magda Mittelman remembered taking a train to a place where the odor of burning flesh filled the air. Her mother and father were later killed at the site, which she later learned was Auschwitz.

"I never believed ... that I ever would reach this age," she said.

Pock said she feels prepared for what could be a painful interview. During a 25-hour training session in Chicago this summer, interviewers were taught to respond to the survivors' stories without emotion or attempts to comfort the speaker, Pock said.

Family believes prayer aided woman's recovery chances

By SERENAH McKAY
The Victoria Advocate

VICTORIA — She gave her late mother's diamond ring to her daughter. She gave her coat to her best friend, and her clothes to charity. Her household goods she gave to her nieces and nephews.

Told she had terminal heart disease and too sick even for a transplant, Diannia Bonar Young left Houston and came home to Victoria to die.

Then one night, while in the throes of what she calls a "pity party," she told God she wasn't ready to die, but if she had to, she hoped he would at least let her die with dignity. Soon a warmth she couldn't explain came over her.

"I fell asleep, and when I woke up, I just knew I wasn't dying any more."

She started feeling so much better, in fact, she went back to Houston to yet another heart specialist to see if she was well enough to qualify for a transplant. But both she and the doctor were in for a shock.

In July, Dr. William Spencer, head of cardiology and transplant specialist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, called to tell her that test results showed she was perfectly healthy.

"He said, 'Not only are you not going to die — you're not even sick,' " Young recalled.

She first became ill in June 1993. In the hospital, she was diagnosed with heart failure. Doctors told her a viral infection had settled in her heart, causing it to swell.

They also said the condition — a disease of the heart muscle called congestive cardiomyopathy, and complicated by emphysema — was fatal.

After a rough year, she was back in the hospital in October 1994. This time, doctors also found a brain hemorrhage caused by high blood pressure and a sonogram showed a rupture in the back of her heart.

Dr. Juan Amell at Houston Northwest Medical Center pronounced her completely disabled, and predicted she had about one year to live.

"I was so weak I couldn't even go from one room to another, so I gave everything away and came back to Victoria, where I was raised, to be with my father," Young said.

Then came the healing that both she and her dad, Leland Bonar, call a miracle.

Having watched Young's mother die from the same illness in 1991, Bonar had asked members of the Westminster Bible Church to pray for his daughter. Relatives also held prayer meetings at their churches for her.

"If people don't believe in miracles, they should now," Bonar said.

But spontaneous recovery from congestive cardiomyopathy is not unheard of, said Victoria doctor Robert Oakley Jr.

Stressing that he has never seen Young as a patient, Oakley said the condition is a syndrome rather than a diagnosis, and has a number of causes. Chances of recovery largely depend on the cause, he said.

If it's caused by inflammatory or viral illness, he said, the recovery rate can be as high as 50 percent.

"Or perhaps a more conservative estimate would be one-third to one-half for someone with an acute case," he said.

Oakley said Young may have experienced a spontaneous remission. He hesitates to call it a miracle.

"To invoke divine intervention is more of an esoteric, philosophical question that I don't have the answer to, but spontaneous recovery from congestive cardiomyopathy is a fairly well-described, known phenomenon in the right physical setting. So, miracle or not, she's in good company."

Ninth set of twin calves born on Guadalupe County ranch

By MARTY SABOTA
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Lois and Arnold Bredewater are in steer heaven since their cow Bessie delivered her ninth set of twins.

Mom and calves, who made their appearance last weekend at the Bredewater Ranch in Guadalupe County, seemed oblivious to the moo-haha they've caused.

They shied away from reporter and photographer, although Bredewater said the tan, 1,400-pound critter gentle "except when stra..gers are around. She'll eat range cubes (vegetarian protein supplements) out of my hand."

After all, Bredewater raised Bessie, a Chianina crossbred beef cow, from a calf.

Bessie's first birth in 1985 was a single. From then on, as Bart Simpson would say, it was Cowabunga!

"When she had two sets of twins, we thought, 'This is neat,' " said Mrs. Bredewater, 62. "And then she had three. And then she had four.

"Pretty soon, people were gambling on it."

According to San Antonio Livestock Exhibition chair professor Bill Turner, about 1 of every 200 births is twins. Once a cow has twins, odds are it will have more.

But when the twins are different genders, the female calf usually is sterile. Eight of Bessie's nine sets have been a heifer and a bull calf, so they were destined from birth for the butcher.

Turner said another problem is the twins' mother often can't make enough milk. In Bessie's case, that has not been a problem, Mrs. Bredewater said as she watched the threesome cavort in a pen.

"She's a good mama," the smiling rancher's wife said.

Bessie, it seems, is just following in the family tradition. Her owner, a retired Air Force colonel, is an identical twin. And the Bredewater boys married twins.

Bredewater has been raising cattle since his retirement from Randolph Air Force Base in 1969. Except for Bessie, his herd, which once averaged 100 head but now stands at 20, has produced only two other sets of twins.

The rancher has no scrapbook of Bessie's accomplishments, since he never expected the twins streak to continue.

"Each year I'd thought she's never going to have another set and then sure enough," said the spry, 78-year-old rancher. "If we'd have had any idea, we'd have taken movies."

New area code recommended

DALLAS (AP) — An administrative law judge has recommended that a new area code be established for telephone customers in suburban Dallas.

The charge proposed by Judge Rick Guzman on Monday would leave all telephone customers in Dallas and part of Mesquite in the 214 area code. The surrounding area would be in the 972 area code.

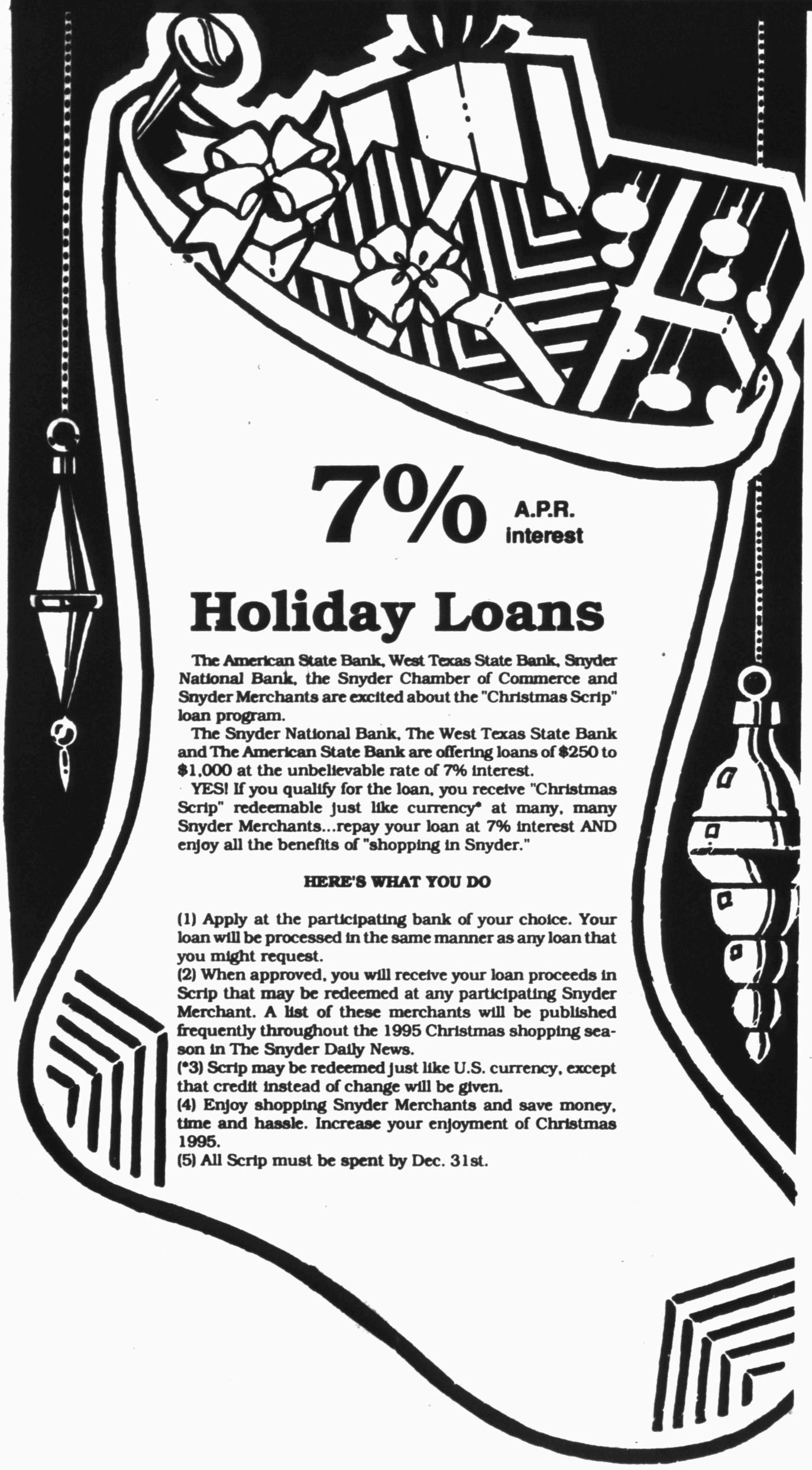
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