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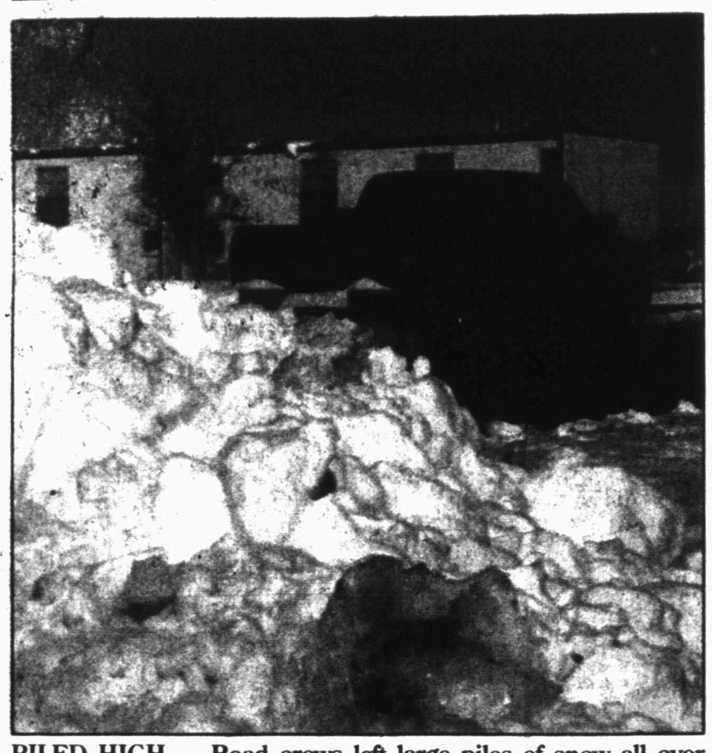

PILED HIGH — Road crews left large piles of snow all over Snyder this morning as they cleared city streets. (SDN Staff Photo)

TOUGH GOING — Plaza Truck Stop owner Mickey Nunley gets help from several employees after getting bogged down in deep snow this morning. The truck stop was overrun during the night with 18-wheelers getting off of U.S. 84 and Nunley became stuck while trying to help pull one of the trucks up an icy slope. (SDN Staff Photo)

Slippery roadways slow down traffic

It goes without saying that law enforcement personnel were busy Wednesday and Wednesday night as a result of the ice and snow.

In all, DPS troopers, Scurry County sheriff's deputies and Snyder Police Department officers responded to 28 weather-related accidents or people getting stuck, or sliding off roadways.

Luckily, there were no major accidents and only minor cuts and bruises reported.

Numerous reports of vehicles unable to negotiate the roadways, especially U.S. 84, were reported including one that stalled traffic near the Scurry-Garza County line beginning around 6 p.m.

"It wasn't an accident that had traffic backed up," said Scurry County Sheriff's Deputy Bill West. "There was an icy stretch of road that trucks simply could not move on."

West said for the most part, the 18-wheelers were moving cautiously...when they could move.

"We had a truck there try to pass another truck that could not move because of the ice. And then we had two trucks that could not move because of the ice," said West.

"TxDOT sanded that stretch of road and then the same thing happened around the rest stop," said West. "The ice prevented the trucks from moving at all."

West said Lubbock Wrecker had a large wrecker on the scene "for quite some time and they were busy."

"I talked to one driver who said he called his company for a wrecker and they were sending one from Big Spring. But every time that wrecker tried to leave IH-20 down there, the DPS needed him for an accident around there."

West said he was kept busy ferrying truck drivers from U.S. 84 into town.

"Every officer, trooper and deputy had all they could handle," said West.

West reported that drivers told him that the roads were wet, but not icy some 15 miles south of Post.

"But then another told me that he had been skating on ice since leaving Comanche."

Calls began coming in to dispatchers Tuesday and residents were greeted with a thick blanket of snow Wednesday morning.

The first call Wednesday morning came at 7:15 when DPS Trooper Terry Snyder reported a tractor-trailer was stuck in the center median of U.S. 84 about one mile south of the FM 1606 cutoff.

At 7:20 a.m. Trooper Snyder also reported several motorists stranded at the Allsup's convenience store in Hermleigh.

Just before 8 a.m., a caller reported a milk truck stuck in the barrow ditch on U.S. 84 near Ezell-Key Grain Co.

At 8:15 a.m., a woman requested an officer at 37th Street and Apple Dr. in reference to her vehicle being stuck in the snow.

A caller advised at 8:50 a.m. her vehicle was stuck 10 miles north of Snyder.

At 9:15 a.m. a truck driver requested a large wrecker to tow his tractor-trailer on U.S. 84.

DPS Trooper Troy Wilson advised at 10:30 a.m. of an abandoned vehicle on U.S. 84 near the entrance to the Covered S Ranch and reported the vehicle was secured.

Just minutes later Trooper Wilson reported an 18-wheeler stuck on U.S. 84 south of the roadside park and another truck stranded on the north side of the stop.

A vehicle was reported stuck in the driveway of the Travel Inn at 10:40 a.m. At 10:45, a caller told dispatchers of an elderly couple's car stuck in the 3200 block of Ave. A.

Sheriff's deputy T. J. Wood reported a one-vehicle accident on U.S. 84 at the Business 84 exit a short time later.

At 2 p.m. Wednesday the driver of a pickup requested a wrecker near the Inadale Community Center in reference to the vehicle sliding off the road and becoming stuck.

At 2:20 in the afternoon an unidentified caller reported a family stranded in a mini-van 18 miles north of Snyder on U.S. 84.

A man reported a Ford Bronco had gone off the road near Dunn just before 3, and officers assisted a woman whose vehicle was stuck in the Calvary Baptist Church parking lot at 3 p.m.

At 3:20 Snyder EMS drivers reported two vehicles stuck in deep snow off the road near Town and Country East.

Dispatchers were advised of an elderly woman's vehicle going into a ditch north of Snyder just before 4 p.m. on U.S. 84, and two vehicles went into the median on U.S. 84 north of Snyder at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The rest of the evening was the same as law enforcement personnel were dispatched to numerous weather-related calls.

Schools were closed for all local students Wednesay and Ira and Hermleigh were closed today. Snyder ISD started classes today at 10 a.m.

Final exams at Western Texas College were to have started today.

The campus did not open until 1 p.m., however, and finals set for tonight will be held as scheduled.

Finals that were scheduled for today will be rescheduled during the exam period which was to have ended next Wednesday.

The semester ends Dec. 7.

Cocaine delivery trial is recessed

The trial of Snyder resident Welton Cobb, charged with delivery of a controlled substance in a drug-free area, has been recessed until 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 11.

The trial got underway Tuesday, but Wednesday's ice and snow forced the recess.

"With witnesses and attorneys coming from out of town, plus for the safety of our jurors, I made the decision to recess the trial until further notice due to the weather conditions," District Judge Ernie Armstrong said Wednesday afternoon.

After consulting with both attorneys in the case, the judge said he decided on the December date.

"It will continue with the same jury," said Judge Armstrong.

The trial got underway Tuesday with a seven-woman, five-man jury hearing testimony from three prosecution witnesses including a Department of Public Safety lab worker, an undercover police officer, and a private individual who was working undercover with the police officer.

Cobb, 45, of 1201 29th St. was among 26 persons arrested last December on a county-wide drug sweep.

He has been out of jail on a $10,000 bond since his arrest.

ICU at hospital to be relocated

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers this morning approved the issuance of Requests for Proposals (RFP) for relocating the hospital's intensive care unit.

"We've evaluated a number of locations but we're looking at the northeast corner of the third floor," said hospital CEO George Parsley who said the relocation to that area would not require a great amount of renovation.

This is part of a three-part renovation and construction project for the hospital that will be paid for through $4.9 million in certificates of obligation issued by Scurry County.

Other projects include a major expansion of the emergency room area, and the renovation of the surgical unit.

Board members also approved submitting a application to obtain reimbursement for some $21,000 owed by patients who were first stabilized locally and then transported to a Level IV trauma unit such as University Medical Center, or Covenant Medical Center.

Parsley said the money is in a pool generated by unclaimed lottery winnings.

"There's about $668,000 in the pool for hospitals our size, and about $14 million in the pool for Level IV units," said Parsley.

Dink Foree questioned why the hospital had not been paid for these services.

Parsley said the treatments were for indigent patients, and for patients residing outside the county who simply had not paid the bill.

"So, it's not like we're not billing them?" questioned Foree.

Parsley replied that they were being billed, but not paying.

Parlsey also gave the monthly financial report in the absence of financial officer Joe Wright who was attending a medical meeting in Chicago.

Parsley noted that the average daily attendance in October averaged 21.6 patients, as compared to 11.8 a year ago.

He also pointed out that the number of home health visits had increased from 491 in October of 2000 to 1,137 last month.

The net income from the hospital was $91,002, as compared to a loss a year ago of $185,342.

The board's evaluation of Parsley in executive session was postponed until the December board meeting.

Board president Jim Bob Cave presided and board members in attendance were Foree, Stanley Martin and E.D. Walton. Nan Swanson and Terry Williams were absent.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Inspiration without perspiration is a daydream and perspiration without inspiration is a nightmare."

Former Dallas mayor Ron Kirk is running for the U.S. Senate Seat now held by Phil Gramm.

The high-profile mayor isn't getting at least one Texan's vote.

In a letter to the editor in the Dallas Morning News a few days ago, Snyder native Kelly Jones was plain spoken about her feelings about the Democratic senate candidate.

Earlier this year, Jones was the subject of an article in the Dallas paper about being forced from her apartment because of damage from the city's massive water leak. Jones has since retired to friendly West Texas and settled in Lubbock. Kelly wrote:

"The recent articles regarding what a great man Ron Kirk is made me sick to my stomach. Is this the same man who stood in my living room after the Feb. 8 pipe burst by White Rock Lake and said, 'I know the residents do not want to hear a lot of legal jargon, they need help.'

"Is this the same man who promised me personally he would get in touch with the Red Cross to help me find a place to stay? That's funny, I spent 33 days living in the top of my condo and not once did he or Mary Poss offer to really find me a place. The only person who cared was Laura Miller.

"I know Ron Kirk has high hopes for the Senate, but I will do everything I can legally to make sure he is not elected. Mr. Kirk, you just thought I was gone!"

The government is encouraging citizens to travel this holiday season, but we think we'll pass on this trip.

A New Jersey widow is giving her late husband the one thing he always dreamed of – a trip into outer space.

A tube containing his ashes was carried into orbit aboard a commercial rocket. The vial will be released about 500 miles above earth and will circle the planet for 14 months before descending to Earth and vaporizing.

Cost for space burial ranges from $5,300 to send ashes into orbit and land 'em on Earth. A moon landing is $12,500. All offered by Celestis Inc., a Houston-based company.

They probably have gift certificates.

Santa Claus will be here on Saturday

Christmas Parade entries are still needed

We've had the snow, and now here comes Santa Claus.

Santa will be at the courthouse from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday to hear Christmas wishes from boys and girls.

Then Santa will ride in the annual lighted Christmas parade sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce that gets underway at 7 p.m.

Entries in this favorite holiday event in the community are still being accepted at the chamber office. Those wishing to enter may call the chamber at 573-3558.

ASK US

Q—How much money is spent on welfare programs yearly in Scurry County?

A—In 2000, the figure was $4,416,785.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 27 degrees; low, 20; 7 a.m. Thursday, 25; snow for precipitation; total for 2001, 19.70 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low upper 20s. Friday, partly cloudy, warmer, high upper 50s. Friday night, partly cloudy, lows lower 30s.

Kimberlin Wilson
Warmer

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:24 a.m.
Of 332 days in 2001, the sun has shone 319 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Until I accept my faults I will most certainly doubt my virtues.
—Hugh Prather

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Time running out for winner to claim $13 million jackpot

HOUSTON (AP) — Time is running out for the Lotto Texas player who bought a $13 million winning ticket at a suburban Houston store to claim the lottery winnings.

A ticket purchased at Copperfield Liquor No. 6 in Humble on June 23 contained the winning numbers for the jackpot. The ticket was purchased with the cash value option, which make the winnings total $7,302,952.80.

And the owner of the ticket has just 22 days left as of today to claim the prize, said Linda Cloud, the Texas Lottery Commission's executive director.

"I hope they don't find out they had a $13 million ticket after it's no good anymore. Wouldn't that just kill you?" store manager Josh Brown said.

Brown said people come by or call every day to see if the prize has been claimed, or to get the winning numbers — 10-12-16-25-29-41.

Cloud, along with store owner Gary Hmaidan, held a news conference at the store Wednesday to maybe prod someone's memory.

The store has already received its retailer bonus of $130,000 for selling the ticket. The prize was split among Hmaidan and employees who were working the Saturday it was sold.

"Most of our business is regular customers," Brown said, "and most have lived in this area a long time."

But he said it wasn't likely any of the store's regular customers bought the June 23 ticket, since a five-foot sign on the store's window proclaims the ticket was sold there and has not yet been claimed.

Brown said he and other employees cannot even speculate with much assurance who might have purchased the ticket because it was sold on a Saturday.

"So many people come in on Saturdays, there's just no way to know who it could have been," he said.

Since Lotto Texas began in May 1992, only one jackpot-winning ticket has gone unclaimed, said lottery commission spokeswoman Kristina Tirloni. That ticket worth $12.4 million was sold in Flower Mound in 1994. It expired in April 1995, she said.

Unclaimed prize money — up to $40 million a year — is transferred to the state's Multicategorical Teaching Hospital Account, to fund indigent health care at the University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston and other facilities across the state.

Any unclaimed prize money beyond $40 million a year goes into the state's Tertiary Care Facility account, said Tirloni.

New York City rings in 2001 Christmas with tree lighting

NEW YORK (AP) — Still recovering from the World Trade Center attack, New York City opened the Christmas season Wednesday night with a patriotic spirit — lighting 30,000 red, white and blue bulbs on the Rockefeller Center tree.

First lady Laura Bush and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani jointly turned on the lights strung on five miles of wires on the 81-foot spruce. About 100,000 filled the streets between Fifth and Sixth avenues to watch.

"Tonight's tree lighting is a salute to our heroes, our traditions, and to the strength and unity of our nation," Giuliani said.

Bush wished New Yorkers a New Year "filled with peace."

"As we remember the loved ones lost and reflect on the spirit and courage that New Yorkers have shown in abundance, let us be thankful for our family, our friends and our great country," Bush said. "America loves New York."

The show, part of which was televised live nationally, included performances by Tony Bennett, Vanessa Williams, Jessica Simpson and Marc Anthony. Performances by Olympic pair skaters Kyoko Ina and John Zimmerman and the Radio City Rockettes were taped earlier and aired during the show.

Television viewers were invited to donate to charities benefiting the families of the trade center victims.

"We're from Chicago, and we've never seen this before," said Kerry Weiss, sitting on a sidewalk curb with her 14- and 16-year-old children.

Many spectators said the tree-lighting ceremony would show the country, and the rest of the world, that New Yorkers were rebounding from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I figured that after all we went through, we might as well come down and face our fears," said Breena Salberg, 24, who lives just outside New York City in Rockland County. "New York is still the best."

More than two months after the terrorist attacks, this festive heart of New York City resembled an armed camp. Hundreds of police officers guarded barricades set up to hold the crowds. Police kept passers-by from stopping to peer at the mammoth tree, yelling out, "Keep moving!"

But the security didn't dampen spirits.

"With what we're going through, we need some joy," said Jessica Rios, a college student who turned 20 on Wednesday.

The tree came from the back yard of Andrew and Kelly Tornabene in Wayne, N.J.

The spruce, which experts say is 71 years old, would have been a young tree when the Rockefeller Center tradition began in 1931. That year, workers building the Art Deco complex placed a small unadorned evergreen on the muddy construction site.

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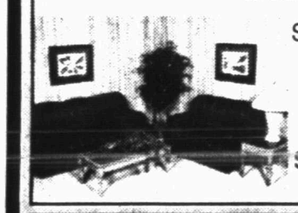
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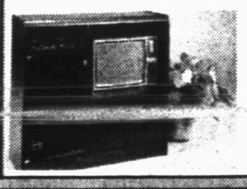
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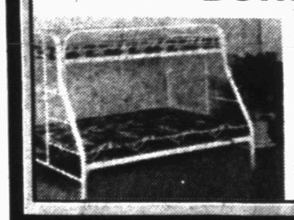
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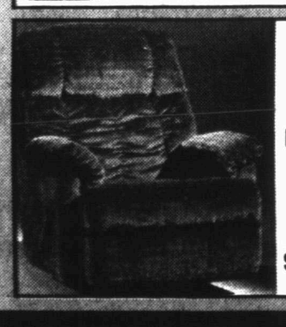
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Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001

Today is the 333rd day of 2001 and the 69th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1816, New York City's Bank for Savings was organized. It was the first savings bank in the United States.

On this day in 1944, the U.S. submarine Archerfish sunk the Japanese carrier Shinano.

On this day in 1959, Bobby Darin's "Mack the Knife" won the Recording Academy's Record of the Year award.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gaetano Donizetti (1797-1848), composer; Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888), writer; Busby Berkeley (1895-1976), director; C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), writer; Adam Clayton Powell (1908-1972), politician-minister; Madeleine L'Engle (1918-), writer, is 83; Chuck Mangione (1940-), musician, is 61; Garry Shandling (1950-), comedian, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1948, lightweight Hal Bagwell fought his 183rd bout without a loss. During his streak, he won 178 fights and tied five.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "That's the way things come clear. All of a sudden. And then you realize how obvious they've been all along." — Madeleine L'Engle

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Nov. 30).

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events
LOTTO TEXAS
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RESULTS

Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 1-9-25-35-47-50.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Pick 3

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

7-3-2

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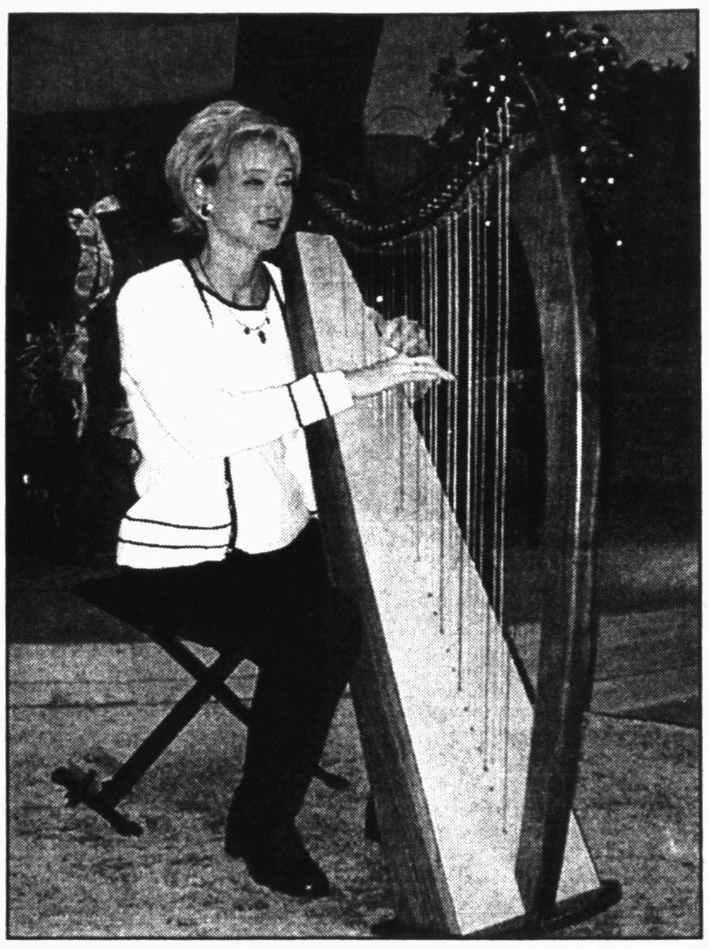

TUNING IN ON MUSICAL ARTS — Members of the Cosmorama Study Club heard a musical program by harpist Kim Gorman at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Hostesses were Charlotte Smith, Mary Lois Wilson and Paula Gilbert. From left are, standing, Sandra Robinson, Jane Crenwelge, Jo Ashley, Sherry Johnson, Tizzy Hall, Jo Flynn, Donna Stehley; seated, Durelle Gorman, Dorothy Rosson, Gilbert, Carol Miller, Smith, Margaret Dillaha and Mary Jimm Floyd. Michael Gibson will present the program at 4 p.m., Dec. 19 and hostesses will be Jan Harrell and Dillaha. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Cosmorama Study Club's theme for 2001-2002 is "Focusing on the Arts"

Healthy treats for holiday season

PARKER, Colo. — It's okay to indulge in fat-filled treats during the coming holidays, as long as you increase your exercise and watch your total calorie intake.

However, it is much easier, and just as satisfying, to keep yourself filled with healthful treats, such as grain foods, throughout this holiday season. By following this strategy, you will start the year off guilt-free and without any added pounds.

Not only is indulging in grain foods a great way to please your taste buds, it also will please your conscience, because grain foods are naturally low in fat. Grain foods also are filled with complex carbohydrates, which are packed with energy to keep you going strong during holiday parties and festivities.

Following are some quick-and-easy recipes to keep you happy and healthy throughout the upcoming hectic holiday season:

• What's a holiday celebration without Party Mix? The secret behind Reduced-Fat Party Mix is that it has about one-third the fat of the store-bought mix you nibbled on last Christmas.

• Do you get wrapped up in trying to figure out whose turn it is to run out for burgers or pizza for the kids? Instead, try getting wrapped up in spending time with the kids while making Tortilla Wraps.

• If you follow a healthful eating routine throughout the hectic season, reward yourself with America's favorite holiday treat — Gingerbread Men.

REDUCED-FAT PARTY MIX

3 tbsp. margarine or butter
2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 ½ tsp. seasoned salt
¾ tsp. garlic powder
½ tsp. onion powder
3 cups corn cereal
3 cups rice cereal
½ tsp. cinnamon
1 cup pretzels
1 cup garlic-flavor, bite-size, fat-free bagel chips or regular, fat-free bagel chips broken into 1-in. pieces.

Heat oven to 250 degrees.

Melt margarine in large roasting pan in oven. Stir in seasonings. Gradually stir in remaining ingredients until evenly coated. Bake 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Spread on paper towels to cool. Store in airtight container.

Microwave directions: Melt margarine in large, microwavable bowl, uncovered, on high. Stir in seasonings. Gradually stir in remaining ingredients until evenly coated. Microwave uncovered on high for 5 minutes, thoroughty stirring every 2 minutes. Spread on paper towlels to cool. Store in airtight container. IMPORTANT: Because microwaves cook differently, time is approximate.

Makes 24 half-cup servings.

Approximate Nutritional Analysis (per serving): 70 calories; 13 g carbohydrates; 2 g fat; 2 g protein; 0 mg cholestoral; 270 mg sodium.

TORTILLA WRAPS

2 tbsp. low-fat salad dressing or mayonnaise
4 10-in tortillas
½ cup chunky salsa
4 oz. sliced turkey or roast beef
½ cup shredded low-fat cheddar cheese
½ cup thin strips red pepper
½ cup sliced green onions
2 tbsp. sliced black olives

Spread salad dressing or mayonnaise on tortilla; spread salsa over salad dressing. Top with meat, cheese and vegetables as desired. Roll up and serve or heat in microwave 1 minute on medium power.

Each tortilla may be wrapped in plastic wrap after rolling and then refrigerated. For bite-sized snacks, cut into 1-inch slices.

Makes approximately 8 servings.

Approximate Nutritional Analysis (per serving): 159 calories; 21 g carbohydrates; 5 g fat; 8 g protein; 12 mg cholesterol; 390 mg protein.

GINGERBREAD MEN

1 cup sugar
½ cup unsweetened applesauce
¼ margarine
Egg substitute equivalent to 1 egg, slightly beaten
¼ cup molasses
3½ cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. ground ginger
Vegetable oil spray

In a large mixing bowl, beat sugar, applesauce and margarine with a sturdy spoon; beat in egg substitute, or egg, and molasses. In another large bowl, sift together remaining ingredients, except vegetable oil spray. Add to margarine mixture, stirring well. Cover and refrigerate dough until thoroughly chilled, about 2 hours. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Lightly flour a flat surface and roll chilled dough to ¼-inch thickness. Cut out gingerbread man shapes with a 5-inch cookie cutter. Spray baking sheets with vegetable oil spray. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes at 350 degrees. If desired, decorate with Confectioners' Glaze after cookies have cooled.

Make 30 gingerbread men.

Approximate Nutritional Analysis (per unglazed cookie): 110 calories; 2 g protein; 22 g carbohydrates; 0 mg cholesterol; 2 g total fat (0 g total sat, 1 g poly, 1 g mono); 0 g fiber, 65 mg sodium.

CONFECTIONER'S GLAZE

2 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
1 tsp. vanilla or rum extract
½ cup fat-free milk

Put confectioners' sugar in a small bowl. Add vanilla or rum extract; gradually whisk in milk until desired consistency.

Covers 30 gingerbread men.

Telephones stolen

KENNETT, Mo. (AP) — A lot of calls to the state office building in this southeast Missouri town have gone unanswered.

Someone stole all the phones.

Phones were also stolen over the weekend from state office buildings in the southern Missouri towns of Sikeston and West Plains.

Kennett police said 85 phones were stolen from the Division of Family Services, 30 from the Division of Workforce Development, and 20 from the Division of Aging. The stolen phones are valued at more than $37,000.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 11-29-01
♠ Q J 9 3
♥ 6 4
♦ J 10 6 4
♣ 9 6 5

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

East
♠ 10 8 5 2
♥ K J 2
♦ K 3 2
♣ K 7 3

South
♠ K 7
♥ A Q 10 5 3
♦ 8
♣ Q J 10 4 2

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

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

Opening lead: ??

Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001

From small acorns, plus scores grow

By Phillip Alder

Partscore deals usually take pages to describe fully. But not this one, which arose during a match between Los Angeles and New York many years ago.

When North-South, New York made three clubs against uninspired defense.

At this table, West was Howard Schenken and East was George Rapee. They were two of this country's best-ever players, winning a combined total of seven world titles and 57 national championships.

First, though, what would you lead against two clubs doubled?

Despite the doubleton club, Schenken preferred a takeout double to a two-diamond overcall. Although a passed hand, Rapee, not liking his bad spades and poorly placed king-jack of hearts, settled for one spade. Today, I think an expert panel would favor one notrump. When South continued with two clubs, Rapee had to do more, so doubled.

Schenken did well, beginning with the ace and another trump. And when dummy played low at trick two, Rapee did brilliantly, going low also. Note that if Rapee wins the trick, declarer unblocks an honor and uses dummy's club nine as the entry for a heart finesse to make his contract.

South continued with the spade king, Schenken correctly ducking. He knew that if Rapee held five spades, he would have bid the suit twice. After taking the second spade with his ace, Schenken led a low diamond to his partner's king. Rapee cashed the club king, then returned a diamond. Now declarer had to open up hearts from his hand. So Rapee scored two heart tricks to go with the one spade, one diamond and two clubs already banked: one down.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8494 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

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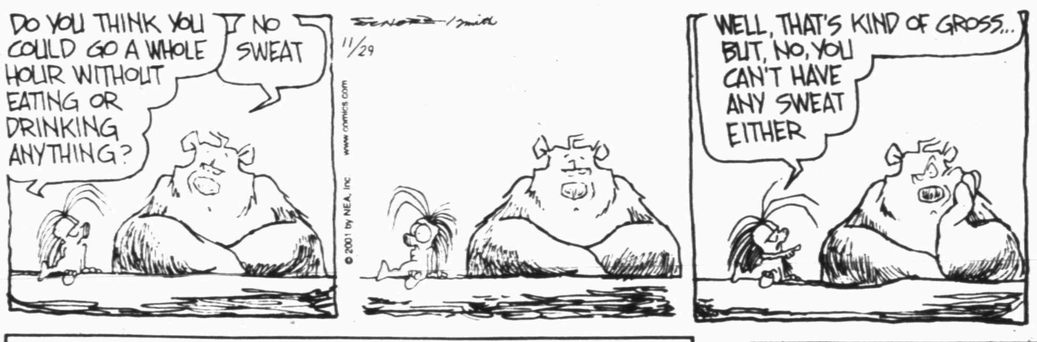

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Gift-tag word
4 "Yes," to Angus
7 Heaps
11 Day before
12 Gizzard
13 Sandwich cookie
14 Capture
15 Catcher's base
16 Employed
17 Ski race
19 Hardship
21 Retiree's kitty
22 Grain holders
23 Good-bye, in Montreal
26 Choir song
28 Got a prize
29 Identical
31 Shot up
35 Horne of jazz
37 Moves jauntily
39 Scurry
40 Fewer
42 Presses
44 Formality
46 Dwarf
47 Polishing agent
49 Take out
53 Grill steaks
54 Thor's boss
56 Evergreen
57 Aide
58 Pipe
59 The Plastic — Band
60 Retired
61 Hill builder
62 Mount a gemstone

DOWN

1 Marshes
2 Egg-shaped
3 Nashville's McEntire
4 Savory smell
5 Root vegetable
6 Washstand item
7 Overcharging
8 Relics of Dean
9 Lagers
10 Turf
12 Refrain
19 [illegible] perhaps
20 Computer pioneer
23 Leather-[illegible]
24 Fawn's mother
25 Place to spend the night
26 MDs' employers
27 Nope's opposite
30 Stomach muscles, in the gym
32 Fraternity letter
33 One, in Munich
34 Montgomery of jazz
36 Changed
38 Hushed
41 Bard's contraction
43 Rural addr.
44 Fix up an old house
45 Spitting —
46 Law
48 Jedi master
50 Flying saucers
51 Film (Spanish)
52 Pony's gait
53 IRS employee
55 Grayish-brown

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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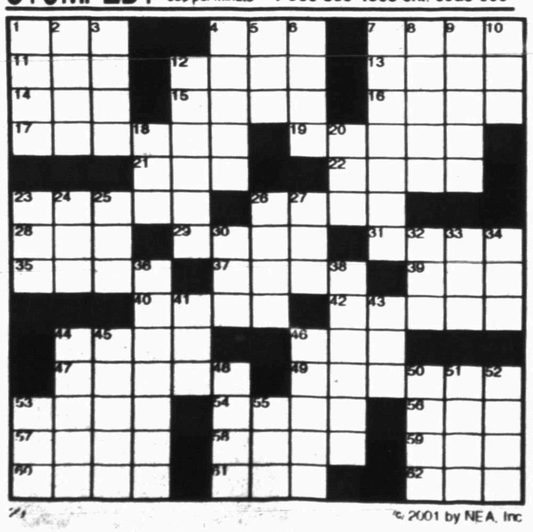

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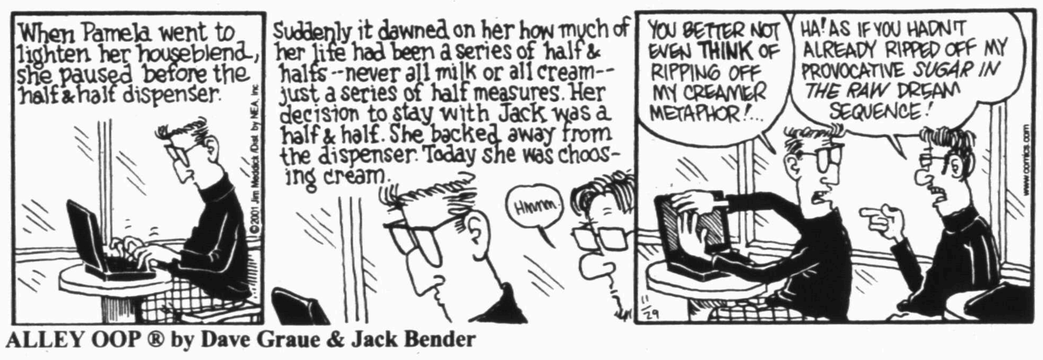

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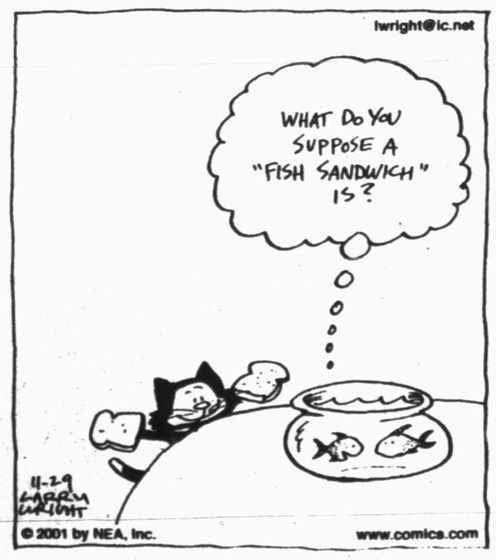

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SPORTS

Knight, Raiders earn OT victory

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — The Texas Tech Red Raiders are proving to be quick studies in Bob Knight-style basketball.

Texas Tech (5-1) continues to play with poise and purpose and Wednesday night added New Mexico State to its list of early season victims. Guard Will Chavis' free throw with 3 seconds left in overtime gave the Red Raiders an 81-80 win.

Knight, fired at Indiana after 29 seasons that included three national championships, took over a Tech team that last year went 9-19 overall and 3-13 in the Big 12. The way the Red Raiders are playing, the rebuilding may not take long.

Tech players have bought into Knight's patient, work for the good shot offense and smothering man-to-man defense. Both were a factor in the Red Raiders' second road win of the season. Tech, which consistently got easy lay-ups off its offense, hit 15 of 24 shots in the second half, and defensively the Red Raiders held New Mexico to 39.7 percent.

"We needed to get a lot of screens and at times I thought we did that really well," said senior center Andy Ellis, who hit 11 of 19 shots and led the Red Raiders' scoring with 28 points.

Ellis had a key defensive play when he blocked a short jumper by NMSU's Eric Channing with 30 seconds left in regulation and the Aggies up 72-70.

Kasib Powell added 17 points and Chavis 16 for Tech.

Chavis hit the game-winning free throw after missing his first attempt with the score tied at 80. New Mexico State tried to ice Chavis after his miss by calling a timeout.

"I was thinking I was going to make it," Chavis said. "We fought so hard, I felt like I would let my teammates down if I had missed it."

The Red Raiders rallied from a 72-66 deficit in the final 2 minutes of regulation, then traded baskets with the Aggies until Chavis was fouled by Dennis Trammell as Tech went for the last shot.

"We wanted to run the clock down to about 10 seconds," said Ellis. "We didn't want them to have time to take a shot."

New Mexico State (3-1) had a chance to win it, but Eric Channing's 15-foot jumper from the baseline bounced off the rim.

"I had a pretty good look," said Channing, who also missed a 3-pointer at the end of regulation that would have won it for the Aggies. "I was kind of fading away and I probably rushed it a little bit."

Channing, the Aggies' leading scorer, had trouble all night getting free for shots against Tech's defense. He got off only four shots in the first half and hit three of them.

The game, which had the atmosphere of an NCAA tournament game, gave Knight another victory over longtime coaching rival Lou Henson.

Wednesday night marked the first time that Knight and Henson coached against each other since the 1995-96 season, when Knight was still at Indiana and Henson was in his 21st and final season at Illinois. Henson came out of retirement a year later to take over the New Mexico State program after Neil McCarthy was ousted.

Channing and Trammell, who scored all 13 of his points in the final 7 minutes of regulation and the overtime, led a late second half rally by the Aggies that erased a 56-48 Tech lead. Both had chances to win it for the Aggies in regulation but both missed 3-pointers in the final seconds.

Channing and Brandon Mason each scored 16 for New Mexico State.

A 3-pointer by Trammell put New Mexico State up 57-56 and his layup with 2:11 left gave the Aggies their biggest lead at 72-66.

The Red Raiders scored the next points on a field goal by Nick Valdez, two free throws by Chavis and Mike Marshall's only points in the game — a field goal with 17.3 seconds left.

Knight once again was a big draw. He drew a sellout crowd earlier this month when Texas Tech beat SMU in Dallas and Wednesday's crowd of 12,517 was the largest for a New Mexico State home game in seven years.

Cagers await word on travel conditions

The Snyder High School basketball teams are ready to play. Now all they need is clearance from the administration.

As of mid-morning, Snyder's basketball plans for this evening were on hold pending word from SISD officials that roads were clear for travel.

The Tigers were to have squared off with El Paso Franklin this morning in the opening round of the Gene Messer Shootout at Frenship, while the Lady Tigers are scheduled to face EP Burges at 5:30 this evening in San Angelo's Concho River Classic.

SHS boys coach Bud Birks said the Tigers' game slated for this morning could be moved to later in the day, if the team could make it to Frenship.

"The people at Frenship told me that our game could still be played some time this evening," Birks stated. "It's my understanding that no teams coming from the East had made it to Wolfforth yet. When we get the word that we can go, then we'll head that way."

Mike Carter, the SISD director of transportation, said he hoped to make a decision by noon.

"All the roads are open, but we're still trying to gather information as to how safe those roads are for school buses," said Carter. "We're going to check the road to Colorado City ourselves this morning, and we're waiting to hear back about the condition of U.S. 84 to Lubbock. Hopefully, we'll know something around noon."

SHS girls' coach Mike Martin feels his squad will likely play at its originally scheduled time.

"We weren't planning on leaving until 2 this afternoon, so a noontime decision really won't delay us any, if we're able to go," Martin stated. "I imagine all the other schools made it to San Angelo, so I'm sure the tournament is on schedule."

As for other local teams, Ira and Hermleigh will not play their scheduled tournament games today.

The Ira boys and girls face either Dawson or Southland Friday morning at the New Home tournament, and Hermleigh's teams begin play Friday at the Aspermont tourney.

Robinson leads Spurs past Warriors

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — For years, David Robinson carried the San Antonio Spurs night after night. The 12-year veteran didn't exactly put the team on his shoulders against Golden State, but he showed some of his old flair around the basket.

Robinson recorded season highs of 19 points and 12 rebounds to lead San Antonio to a 94-83 victory over the Warriors on Wednesday night.

The performance topped his previous best of 17 points, set in the Spurs' last outing against Minnesota.

Offense "is not my role now, so I'm just giving them what I can on the floor. These last two games, I've been out there quite a bit, so I'm starting to get my rhythm.".

Eight of his rebounds were on the offensive end.

"I wanted to be extra aggressive," he said. "I did a good job of slipping in there and working against their bodies."

Robinson was one of three Spurs to finish the game with a double-double. Tim Duncan had 16 points and 12 rebounds, while reserve Malik Rose added 14 points and 11 rebounds. Three other Spurs also scored in double figures.

Still, coach Gregg Popovich was far from satisfied because the Spurs were outscored 46-41 in the second half after building a 20-point lead in the first half.

"We played good in the first half, and the second half was poor," he said. "We've got to play better on Friday (against Sacramento)."

Larry Hughes scored a season-high 31 points to pace the Warriors, who lost their fourth consecutive road game. Antawn Jamison had 16 points, and Danny Fortson grabbed 17 rebounds to go along with 11 points.

Hughes said the Warriors had trouble against Robinson and the 7-foot Duncan.

"Those guys always have their hands up," he said. "If one's not there, the other one is, so it's kind of tough."

San Antonio has held its opponent under 100 points in nine straight games.

Golden State led only three times, the last coming at 10-9 on a 3-pointer by Jason Richardson.

Duncan started a 15-5 run with a short jumper off a steal by Tony Parker before the Warriors closed to 26-20 at the end of the first period on Mookie Blaylock's 3-pointer and Jamison's jumper.

San Antonio broke the game open by scoring 15 consecutive points after Bob Sura opened the second period with a reverse layup that pulled the Warriors within four.

Hughes ended the drought with a layup with 5:50 remaining in the half. He made four of his five shots in the quarter, while the rest of the Warriors connected on only three of 17 shots to fall behind by 16 points at the half.

Philadelphia eager to please at annual Army-Navy game

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — City officials are rolling out a red, white and blue carpet for the Army-Navy football game, which could be Philadelphia's last opportunity to showcase itself as the home of the 102-year-old rivalry.

Philadelphia has played host to the Army-Navy classic 75 times, dating back to Dec. 2, 1899, but is scheduled to get the game just once more after this week before a 12-year contract expires in 2003.

Competition to keep the game is expected to be fierce.

"We've received feelers from all over the country: Chicago, San Antonio, Cleveland, Miami," U.S. Naval Academy associate athletic director Eric Ruden said. "Discussions have really not begun for 2004 and beyond, but we anticipate a lot of interest."

Loss of the game would be a blow to Philadelphia, city officials said.

The contest provides an annual boost of between $15 million and $20 million to the city's economy. Philadelphia hotels will rent 15,000 nights worth of rooms. Close to 40,000 people are expected to visit the city.

"It is really one of Philadelphia's treasures," said Larry Needle, director of the Philadelphia Sports Congress, the group in charge of the city's bid to retain the game.

"This is really our last chance as a city to make an impression on the academies before the final decision is made on future years," he said.

This year, the city has added a number of events, including a downtown pep rally and a game-day fan festival with live music and interactive games. Every fan entering Veterans Stadium this year will also get a small American flag.

The biggest selling point, however, will be the city's new football stadium, which is now under construction and scheduled to open in 2003.

"The reality is that Veterans Stadium cannot compete with the new facilities that are being built around the country," Needle said. "Without that new stadium there is little chance we will keep the game."

The city was embarrassed in 1998 when a railing collapsed, injuring nine students and leaving one with a broken bone in his neck.

The first Army-Navy game was played at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., on Nov. 29, 1890. Three more games were played at West Point and the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md..

NCAA Basketball Scores

MEN

EAST

Boston College 96, St. Bonaventure 82
Brown 67, Providence 60
Clemson 79, Penn St. 66
Florida 108, New Hampshire 56
Fordham 78, Iona 74
George Washington 79, Boston U. 76
Georgetown 91, Bethune-Cookman 61
Penn 89, Drexel 80
Princeton 69, Rider 57
Rutgers 76, Stony Brook 37
Saint Joseph's 84, Delaware 57
Yale 77, Sacred Heart 64

SOUTH

Alabama St. 71, Florida A&M 58
ETSU 77, N.C.-Asheville 71
Furman 87, Methodist 65
George Mason 80, Coppin St. 44
Georgia Tech 62, Wisconsin 61
Indiana 79, North Carolina 66
Kentucky 82, Kent St. 68
LSU 83, Towson 46
MVSU 79, Arkansas St. 77
Marshall 93, Ark.-Monticello 63
Memphis 86, Christian Brothers 54
Michigan St. at Virginia, ppd.
Mississippi 92, Morris Brown 45
Mississippi St. 70, Alabama A&M 45
Morehead St. 98, VMI 87
Nicholls St. 66, Loyola, N.O. 57
Richmond 62, Radford 52
South Alabama 71, SE Louisiana 43
South Carolina 64, Wofford 49
South Florida 86, Prairie View 63
W. Carolina 94, Emmanuel 61
William & Mary 70, Washington & Lee 55

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 65, Michigan 59
Cincinnati 77, Dayton 55
Detroit 73, Wyoming 57
E. Illinois 52, Indiana St. 50
Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 109, Indiana Tech 82
Kansas 105, Pittsburg St. 62
Nebraska 81, Texas-San Antonio 63
Northwestern 57, Florida St. 50
Notre Dame 86, Army 49
Wichita St. 102, Texas-Arlington 89
Xavier 87, Miami (Ohio) 58

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 79, Tulsa 75
Oklahoma 81, Cent. Michigan 64
TCU 91, SW Texas 88

FAR WEST

California 71, New Mexico 62
Fresno St. 73, Pacific 65
Montana 75, Washington St. 71
Nevada 84, San Francisco 59
Pepperdine 85, UCLA 78
Portland 71, Idaho 66
St. Mary's, Cal. 78, Sacramento St. 64
Texas Tech 81, New Mexico St. 80, OT
UC Irvine 71, Loyola Marymount 59
UC Santa Barbara 68, BYU 58
Utah St. 64, Idaho St. 59
Washington 77, UNLV 64

WOMEN

EAST

Delaware 86, Bucknell 66
Drexel 70, Wagner 65
Holy Cross 71, Northeastern 51
Marist 73, American U. 65
Quinnipiac 86, Lehigh 56
St. Peter's 56, Kent St. 50
Temple 66, Penn 60
Towson 55, Navy 54
Vermont 80, Dartmouth 60
Villanova 75, La Salle 58
Yale 67, Cent. Connecticut St. 38

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 65, East Carolina 55
Bethune-Cookman 77, Stetson 65
Clemson 71, South Carolina 63
Coppin St. 54, Morgan St. 49
E. Michigan 60, Delaware St. 43
ETSU 90, Radford 78
Gardner-Webb 63, N. Carolina A&T 53
Georgetown 64, George Mason 59
Mercer 67, Winthrop 45
N.C. State 99, Charleston Southern 45
Norfolk St. 77, Campbell 64
North Carolina 102, Kentucky 64
South Alabama 75, Southern U. 58
Vanderbilt 78, Xavier 56
W. Kentucky 84, Tennessee Tech 70

MIDWEST

Cincinnati 76, St. Francis, Pa. 49
Dayton 56, Maryland 53
Indiana St. 77, E. Illinois 63
Miami (Ohio) 77, Valparaiso 74, OT
Michigan St. 62, Detroit 61
Minnesota 80, N. Iowa 64
Saint Louis 69, SE Louisiana 55
West Virginia 90, Wright St. 53
Youngstown St. 70, Akron 47

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas St. 69, Jackson St. 62

FAR WEST

California 62, Fresno St. 55
Colorado St. 81, Colorado 69
Loyola Marymount 54, Cal Poly-SLO 46
Stanford 103, San Francisco 72

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	7	3	0	.700	214	212
N.Y. Jets	7	3	0	.700	208	182
New England	6	5	0	.545	257	212
Indianapolis	4	6	0	.400	265	298
Buffalo	1	9	0	.100	180	273
Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8	2	0	.800	189	121
Baltimore	7	4	0	.636	198	187
Cleveland	6	4	0	.600	189	150
Cincinnati	4	6	0	.400	140	204
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	183	237
Jacksonville	3	7	0	.300	172	172
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	8	2	0	.800	278	201
Denver	6	5	0	.545	254	239
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	182	224
San Diego	5	6	0	.454	263	226
Kansas City	3	7	0	.300	190	206

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	4	0	.600	232	131
Washington	5	5	0	.500	141	206
N.Y. Giants	5	6	0	.454	191	206
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	174	238
Dallas	2	8	0	.200	156	229
Central	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	8	2	0	.800	214	145
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	237	167
Tampa Bay	5	5	0	.500	207	180
Minnesota	4	6	0	.400	189	242
Detroit	0	10	0	.000	192	291
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	8	2	0	.800	296	170
San Francisco	8	2	0	.800	267	225
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	188	191
New Orleans	5	5	0	.500	226	216
Carolina	1	10	0	.091	161	252

Thursday's Game

Philadelphia at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Denver at Miami, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
Arizona at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Buffalo at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.
Open: N.Y. Giants

Monday's Game

Green Bay at Jacksonville, 9 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Baseball hearings to start next week

NEW YORK (AP) — Hearings will start Tuesday on the players' union grievance to stop baseball owners from eliminating two teams before next season.

Lawyers for players and owners met with arbitrator Shyam Das, and the sides agreed to two days of hearings next week in Irving, Texas, where the executive board of the players' association is scheduled to hold its annual meeting. The hearing shifts to New York for four consecutive days of testimony starting Dec. 10.

Iverson signs lifetime endorsement

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson signed a lifetime endorsement and marketing contract with Reebok.

The deal is an extension of the 10-year, $50 million deal the Philadelphia star signed after being selected by the 76ers with the No. 1 overall pick in the 1996 NBA draft.

Chargers get second kicker

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Steve Christie signed with the San Diego Chargers, giving them a reliable kicker to go along with a $1 million kickoff guy.

Christie, cut by Buffalo in early October because of a groin injury, will handle field goal attempts and PATs, while struggling Wade Richey will do kickoffs and maybe long field goal attempts.

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Detroit	9	5	.643	1
Toronto	9	6	.600	1½
Indiana	9	9	.500	3
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Memphis	2	11	.154	8
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Sacramento	11	4	.733	2½
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Seattle	8	9	.471	6½
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CIA officer first U.S. casualty in Afganistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rioting prisoners killed CIA officer Johnny "Mike" Spann at Mazar-e-Sharif in northern Afghanistan, the agency said today. He was the first American killed in action inside the country since U.S. bombing began seven weeks earlier.

Officials recovered his body from the prison compound today, only after northern alliance rebels backed by U.S. airstrikes and special forces quelled an uprising by Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners.

Spann, at the compound to interrogate prisoners, was caught inside when the riot began and had been missing since Sunday. The CIA provided few details of the circumstances of his death.

Spann had been in Afghanistan for about six weeks, said his father, Johnny Spann, during an afternoon news conference in the family's hometown of Winfield, Ala.

The father said his son, upon joining the CIA, told his family: "Someone has got to do the things no one else wants to do."

"That is exactly what he was doing in Afghanistan," said the father.

The flag outside CIA headquarters in McLean, Va., was lowered to half-staff. CIA Director George J. Tenet addressed agency employees this morning, saying Spann was an American hero and calling on fellow officers to "continue the mission that Mike Spann held sacred."

"And so we will continue our battle against evil with renewed strength and spirit," Tenet said, according to a statement provided by the agency.

President Bush said through a spokesman he regretted the death. "The president understands that this battle began Sept. 11," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said. "There may be more injuries, there may be more deaths, and the president regrets each and every one."

Spann was a paramilitary trooper within the CIA's Directorate of Operations' Special Activities Division. The agency's commando arm, like the Army's Green Berets, can arm and train local forces and conduct covert assaults.

Johnny Micheal Spann, 32, lived in a Virginia suburb of Washington. He leaves a wife, two daughters and an infant son.

"We've got another heartbreak and another hero," said neighbor Richard Faatz.

Before joining the CIA in June 1999, Spann served in the Marine Corps as an artillery specialist, reaching the rank of captain.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said he spoke to Mike Spann's wife, Shannon.

"She said that when I saw people, I should tell them her husband cared about America, cared about the future of America, and cared about the security of Americans," Shelby said, fighting back tears.

Four other Americans, all military personnel, have been killed in connection with the fighting in Afghanistan. All died in accidents outside the country, two in a helicopter crash in Pakistan.

The CIA has been running covert operations in Afghanistan alongside the more public military effort. CIA officers are believed to have been providing weapons, money and intelligence to rebel groups opposing the Taliban and al-Qaida, as well as interrogating prisoners captured during the fighting.

The prison riot began Sunday when hundreds of Arabs, Pakistanis and other non-Afghan prisoners captured after the fall of Kunduz, the Taliban's last stronghold in the north, broke free and stormed an armory for weapons.

Thousands of northern alliance fighters, aided by U.S. commandos and airstrikes, assaulted the compound, but the prisoners held out for days before the fortress was recaptured today. Hundreds of prisoners and dozens of alliance fighters were dead.

Five U.S. soldiers were wounded Monday when a U.S. bomb went astray. They were evacuated to a U.S. military hospital in Germany, where one is in intensive care and the other four were in good condition.

The CIA often keeps the death of one of its own secret, usually to protect a clandestine operation or the identities of foreign agents working with the officer. Neither was the case with Spann's death, and agency officials said today they wanted to publicly honor his service.

Spann is the 79th CIA employee to have died or been killed in the line of duty. Each has a star on the wall in the lobby of the agency's main building.

Slightly more than half of the stars include names. The identities of the rest are secret.

Two CIA officers died in the line of duty in 1998. No information has been released about their deaths. Some of the better-known include Robert Ames, who died in the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, and William Buckley, who was killed in 1985 after being kidnapped the previous year in Lebanon.

Bush administration buying smallpox vaccines for nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration says it will have enough smallpox vaccine on hand within a year to inoculate every American, but officials have no plans to use it absent a return of the virtually extinct but deadly virus.

The Department of Health and Human Services signed a contract Wednesday to buy 155 million doses of vaccine from a British company, preparing for the possibility terrorists would try to spread the highly contagious disease.

The contract with Acambis Inc. is supposed to bring the nation's stockpile to 286 million doses of the vaccine by the end of next year, promising protection for every American.

But there are no plans to resume the routine vaccinations of Americans that ended in 1972, HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson said. That's because the vaccine can be administered four days after exposure to smallpox and still offer protection and because it can cause some rare but deadly side effects.

Still, Thompson predicted that the contract would prompt demand for the shots by many Americans.

"That discussion is not only going to be taking place here in the department, but in Congress, at the White House and across America," he said.

Smallpox hasn't occurred in the United States since 1949 and was declared eradicated worldwide in 1980. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and a Moscow laboratory hold stocks of the virus, and bioterrorism experts worry that samples could fall into terrorists' hands and be used as a weapon.

Experts believe such a smallpox attack is unlikely, but it could overwhelm communities were it to occur. The virus is highly contagious, and nearly a third of its victims die.

"The risk does exist and we must be prepared," Thompson said.

"Obtaining the vaccine represents an important insurance policy," added Dr. D.A. Henderson, who led the global campaign that eliminated smallpox and is now Thompson's top bioterrorism adviser. "It's simply a prudent thing to do at this point in time."

But the risk of a smallpox attack is not significant enough to justify the risks associated with the vaccine, he said.

About three in every 1 million people vaccinated would get encephalitis, which can cause permanent brain damage or death. Another 250 among the total population vaccinated would get a smallpox-like rash that also can be fatal if not properly treated. And experts estimate that if every American were vaccinated against smallpox, about 400 people would die from the vaccine.

"It causes more complications than any vaccine we now have," Henderson said.

Should smallpox reappear, a federal response plan calls for isolating the patient and then vaccinating those in close contact with him or her.

The government already has 15.4 million doses of smallpox vaccine on hand, and officials are prepared to dilute each one to create five doses, bringing the total to 77 million. Researchers are studying whether each dose could be further diluted, to get 10 doses from each one.

In either case, the diluted vaccine would be used only if the new doses had not yet been delivered, or if they ran out, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease.

An additional 54 million doses already have been ordered from Acambis and are expected to be delivered next year.

The new contract will bring another 155 million doses, which are expected by late fall 2002. They will cost the government $428 million, or $2.76 per dose. That's less than the $509 million that the Bush administration has asked from Congress to pay for the new vaccine.

The initial budget request assumed that the government would need to buy 250 million doses, but new research has found that the existing vaccine can safely be diluted, meaning much less new vaccine is needed.

To make the newest batch of vaccine, Acambis has teamed with Baxter International, which will begin brewing doses immediately at an undisclosed European factory, Acambis spokeswoman Lyndsay Wright said. Acambis' own manufacturing will begin soon at a factory in Cambridge, Mass., she said.

After the vaccine is manufactured, it must be tested in clinical trials and then approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA promised an expedited review but vowed not to lower its standards.

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On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Is it OK for wife to make husband nuts?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have always liked eating nuts, but because of their fat content I try to avoid them. My wife, however, has some ideas about nuts that I can't agree with. First, she thinks that some nuts have significantly less fat than others. I think all nuts are created equal. Second, she thinks that the fat is not the harmful kind, so eating nuts can be good for you. I would like to believe her, but I doubt it. Can you shed some light on the topic? — **A.F., La Jolla, Calif.**

Dear A.F.: I like your wife's ideas. Let's face it: Snacks are an ever-present fixture in our diet. When we have neither the time nor the desire to sit down and have a full meal, we tend to quench our hunger pangs with a quick bite. As inevitable as these occurrences are, most of us fail to plan ahead, and we find ourselves at the mercy of whatever's available in a vending machine or fast-food outlet. I say that it's OK to go nuts. Sure, they're high in fat, but that's not the whole story. Nuts and seeds are also versatile, taste good and pack a variety of nutrients. In nature, they serve as the energy savings account for the plant. This reserve must be sufficient to fuel the seeds' sprouting and growth until the new plant can grow and produce energy on its own. The tiny nut or seed stores that reserve energy in the form of fat. For us, fat not only provides energy; it's the nutrient that keeps a meal in the stomach for a longer period, giving rise to a feeling of fullness. You asked about a low-fat nut. The one that comes to mind is the chestnut, with other nuts and seeds tending to be at the other end of the scale.

Most nuts tend to be rich in monounsaturates, but keep in mind that how or whether fat is "harmful" depends on the other things you eat. As long as we give our body the whole foods and nutrients it needs, the "harmfulness" is no longer an issue. As for nuts and seeds, nature protects its own, so these foods often come with antioxidants to help keep this energy supply wholesome for the plant-to-be. There is considerable research support for the concept that nuts have a place in a well-balanced diet. A weight-loss study published in the Oct. 5 issue of the International Journal of Obesity found that dieters following a Mediterranean-style, moderate-fat diet that contained peanuts and peanut butter were able to keep weight off for a longer period of time than those following a traditional low-fat diet. Almonds, aside from being high in protein, are a good source of vitamin E, dietary fiber and many of the B vitamins. Almonds contain a number of minerals, and they are one of the best nondairy sources of calcium and magnesium. A study with almonds, reported in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, found cholesterol-lowering effects of a diet using almonds as the main source of fat. Adding nuts and seeds is an exercise in imagination. In addition to eating them out of hand, you can include them in a stir fry, toss them into salads, or use them in sauces, on pizza, or added to yogurt for an extra crunch.

When combined with vegetables, fruits or grains, nuts can share center stage as part of a nutritious, complete meal that even works for those on a weight-loss regimen. They can be useful in satisfying the sometimes-insatiable energy demands of growing children. They can be used in morning cereal and make a great lunchbox treat.

They are certainly a more healthful choice than French fries, snack chips, cookies and microwaveable popcorn (made with partially hydrogenated oils). Plan ahead by stashing nuts or seeds in your office, bag or car. By doing so, you take control of your cravings and have a nutritious snack of your own choosing, available when needed.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided. Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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AT&T Corp s	17.47	17.02	17.28	—.07
Albertsons	33.79	33.25	33.73	+ .49
Alltel	64.20	63.30	63.86	+ .74
AmEl Pw	40.80	39.70	40.34	—.10
AndarkPtr	52.46	51.88	52.27	+ .29
ATMOS Egy	20.06	19.98	20.00	—.05
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BP PLC	43.99	43.60	43.96	+ .73
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CocaCola	47.28	46.79	47.00	+ .25
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CooperIn	39.81	39.51	39.57	+ .01
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EDS Corp	70.80	69.85	69.90	+ .10
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IBM	113.10	112.21	112.30	+ .15
IntlPaper	39.90	39.55	39.55	—.13
JohnsonJn s	59.21	58.80	58.82	—1.17
K mart	6.08	5.88	5.89	—.19
KinderMorg	48.45	47.45	48.35	+ .75
Kroger Co	25.39	24.90	25.33	+ .28
LockheedM	46.70	45.35	46.29	+ .79
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Lubys	6.75	6.70	6.70	—.01
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MayDeptStr	36.57	35.75	36.31	+ .21
Medtronic	46.25	45.57	45.81	+ .03
Motorola	16.97	16.46	16.66	—.35
NCR Corp	38.31	38.08	38.16	+ .15
Navistar	35.95	35.25	35.67	—.92
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PhilipPet	56.18	54.65	55.76	+ 1.12
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Compromise reached on plan to allow Mexican trucks more access to roads

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration and congressional negotiators have agreed on a plan to open more U.S. highways to Mexican trucks, but also to require more safety checks on the vehicles.

Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Phil Gramm, R-Texas, on Wednesday announced the deal reached by House and Senate negotiators and the White House. The issue had been a sticking point as the House and Senate negotiators try to reach agreement on a transportation spending bill.

"This is a victory for safety, for trade and for both our countries," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., a lead negotiator on the issue. Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., also participated in negotiations.

White House spokeswoman Jeanie Mamo said Wednesday night the administration was pleased to reach a tentative agreement that "achieves the president's twin goals of assuring the safety of Mexican trucks operating in the United States and honoring our NAFTA trade obligations."

The 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement among the United States, Mexico and Canada called for allowing Mexican trucks to travel throughout the United States by Jan. 1, 2000. But opposition from unions and safety groups kept that from happening. Currently, trucks from Mexico are restricted to a commercial zone along the border.

Bush has pledged to uphold the NAFTA provision, and Mexican President Vicente Fox has said it is key to U.S.-Mexico relations.

But opponents in Congress cited safety concerns and threw up a roadblock last summer.

The House passed an outright ban on Mexican trucks in June, while the Senate in August passed a measure calling for strict safety regulations and more truck inspectors at the border. Bush opposed both bills and threatened to veto the transportation spending bill if the final version delayed opening more roads.

"With the veto threat out there we knew we had to make some revisions and that's what we did," said Todd Webster, a spokesman for Murray.

Gramm and McCain had vowed to filibuster any measure that the White House opposed.

The senators said the agreement will "allow the border to open in a timely manner, consistent with our obligations under NAFTA, while protecting the safety of the American traveling public."

The agreement also got the endorsement of Rep. Martin Sabo, D-Minn., who attached the amendment banning the Mexican trucks to the transportation bill.

About 36 percent of Mexican trucks inspected last year were taken out of service, compared to about 25 percent of U.S. trucks.

Those who have favored opening more U.S. highways to the trucks say the failure rates are based on vehicles that operate only in the commercial border zone. They say carriers will use safer and better trucks for longer trips.

The Bush administration's plan would have permitted Mexican companies that said they were in compliance with U.S. safety standards to operate in the country for 18 months while their claims were verified.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, several groups said that policy seemed foolhardy in light of heightened border security.

Bret Caldwell, spokesman for the truck drivers' Teamsters union, declined comment because he had not seen the agreement. A spokesman for the Americans Trucking Associations could not be reached for comment.

Military services working together in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air Force special forces on the ground in Afghanistan call in airstrikes by Navy jets.

Marine helicopters retrieve the wreckage of a crashed Army chopper. Military special forces work alongside CIA operatives helping anti-Taliban groups. Army soldiers help provide security for other service members in dangerous areas of the country.

The war in Afghanistan is providing a real-world test of the Defense Department's goal of breaking down barriers and rivalries among the branches of the U.S. armed forces.

"There are certainly lessons learned as we speak," said Arthur Cebrowski, head of the Pentagon's military transformation program.

All five military branches — including the Coast Guard, under military command during wartime — are participating in the fight against terrorism prompted by the Sept. 11 attacks.

That makes coordination among the branches critical, especially in Afghanistan, where the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines all have had personnel both in the air and on the ground.

—Hundreds of Marines have secured an airstrip within about 70 miles of the ruling Taliban militia's last stronghold, Kandahar. Up to 1,100 Marines will hold the airstrip as a forward base for their operations in Afghanistan, said the war's commander, Army Gen. Tommy Franks. Marine Harrier jets flying from Navy carriers in the Arabian Sea also have bombed various targets in Afghanistan.

—Army special forces are in Afghanistan helping anti-Taliban forces and calling in airstrikes. Pentagon officials say a group of 20 to 30 soldiers from the Army's 10th Mountain Division, members of so-called "rapid-reaction forces," moved Wednesday from neighboring Uzbekistan into northern Afghanistan to provide security for U.S. military and humanitarian personnel. A group of Army Rangers and other special forces troops swooped into Afghanistan aboard helicopters last month and raided two areas near Kandahar.

—Air Force special forces also are with anti-Taliban fighters inside Afghanistan. Air Force attack jets and long-range bombers have joined in the airstrikes, with some on missions that took them to Afghanistan from bases in the United States.

—Navy attack jets have been a large part of the air campaign in landlocked Afghanistan, and other Navy personnel have been on the ground.

The military services have been longtime rivals for prestige, finances and recruits.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Nov. 30, 2001

In the year ahead you might take over an endeavor initiated by another. Once in your hands, the venture should grow considerably into a profitable and pleasurable experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Unless it is absolutely necessary, avoid any kind of partnership arrangements today. People in general are not as cooperative as usual and could turn out to be a hindrance rather than a help. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This is one of those days where you need to get going early, because unless you get a running start, tasks could pile up on you and cause a logjam difficult to dislodge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — No one, including you, will take kindly to butting into one's personal affairs. Mind your own business today, and politely tell others to do likewise when it's directed at you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Being too rigid regarding the position you take on a domestic issue will get the sparks flying today. A compromise can be reached, if you take the time to find it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — There is always something to be learned, so long as we keep an open mind. If you're too good at talking today and poor on listening, you'll miss data that could be important to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Stubbornly putting good money after bad would be a stupid move today. Before adding more to an already faltering investment, seek and follow sound advice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Decisions aren't apt to be wise or beneficial when made under pressure today. Don't let outside factors control your timetable. Be patient, even if you're squeezed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Know your limitations as well as your assets today, or else you could get yourself involved in a project or enterprise way beyond your talents and capabilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you're looking for ways and means to increase your holdings, forego gambling or following a tip from a well-meaning pal today. You're more apt to lose than win.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Failing to achieve your objectives today will be due to employing erratic methods or procedures. Test the waters first before jumping off any cliffs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Should you run into someone with whom you've recently crossed swords, don't fall for any flimsy excuses to re-ignite the fuse. No one will win or get any pleasure out of it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Friends and money rarely mix, and today will be no exception. Involvements you have that require the sharing of funds must be handled with extreme care.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Lucky teens driving drunk live to tell sobering tale

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl, and I'd like to offer my fellow teen-agers some advice: DO NOT RIDE WITH DRUNK DRIVERS! Getting into a car with a drunk driver and driving drunk are two of the stupidest mistakes anyone can make.

I know a lot of teen-agers will read this and blow off what I'm saying. I had that same attitude last week — but I learned the hard way.

Two nights ago, I was out with my boyfriend, who had been drinking. We were speeding along a country road and came to a sharp turn with a 10-foot drop. We weren't able to slow down fast enough. The car went airborne.

I closed my eyes. When I opened them, the hood was crushed and the windshield was smashed — but we walked away without a scratch. It was a miracle. Most people are not so fortunate.

If we had been injured or killed, nobody would have found us for days at the bottom of the ditch. So, I urge all of you not to be stupid. Don't drink and drive — or ride with a drunk driver. — **STILL SHAKING IN TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**

DEAR STILL SHAKING: I hope other teens will take to heart the hard lesson you learned. Your guardian angels must have been sitting in the car with you.

Regrettably, Americans of every age make the deadly decision to consume alcohol and get behind the wheel of a car, and the effects can be tragic injuries and death.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, last year — for the first time in five years — the number of impaired-driving deaths rose. This information must not be ignored because impaired-driving crashes are not "accidents" — they are predictable and preventable events.

This holiday season, I urge everyone to think carefully about the choices they make regarding alcohol consumption. Consider the lives and health of families and neighbors. If you plan to drink, don't drive. Agree in advance upon a designated driver, call a taxi or use mass transit. Make this a safe and happy holiday season by making wise choices. And remember, friends don't let friends drive drunk.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been having problems with my second wife. My son recently moved here from the East Coast to start a new life. She refused to let him stay with us for even one night. I had to set him up in a room-and-board situation nearby and help him find a job.

Every time he wanted to visit and spend the night, my wife refused. My son may be a little immature for his 21 years, but he's a good kid.

Now my father wants to come for a visit. Again my wife refuses. It's because of a remark my stepmother made three years ago while they were here. My wife still holds a grudge after all this time. I wish she'd get over it.

My family is not perfect, Abby, but they are important to me. I wish I could get my wife to bend a little. Do you have any advice? — **SAD AND CONFUSED IN AUSTIN, TEXAS**

DEAR SAD AND CONFUSED: Successful marriages require compromise. As long as your wife rules the roost, nothing will change.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Enron Corp. pushed to brink of bankruptcy

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp. was pushed to the brink of bankruptcy after the once-mighty energy trading company's credit collapsed and its main rival backed out of an $8.4 billion buyout plan.

News that Enron was being spurned by Dynegy Inc. sent its stock price spiraling 85 percent to close at 61 cents on Wednesday. Just a year ago, stock of the nation's largest buyer and seller of naturaln's credit rating, forcing it to pay billions of dollars in debt it probably can't afford. Dynegy immediately backed out of its acquisition plan after several days of efforts to renegotiate the deal.

Investors unloaded 339 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange — a record for one day — and sent Enron stock plummeting.

Enron was valued at $80 billion little more than a year ago and in 1999 the company agreed to spend $100 million over 30 years to put its name on Houston's major league ballpark. By Wednesday night, the company was worth about $500 million — and one Enron share was worth less than one-sixth the price of a $4 hot dog at Enron Field.

"I don't think that you see such a well-thought-of company falling down this quickly," Robert Christmas, a bankruptcy lawyer with Nixon Peabody LLC in New York, said of Enron's freefall over the last few weeks. "I can't think of one in recent history where it was this fast."

Enron, which was formed in 1985 and has 20,000 employees, was once the world's top buyer and seller of natural gas and the largest electricity marketer in the United States. It also marketed coal, pulp, paper, plastics, metals and fiber-optic bandwidth.

Dazed workers trickled out of Enron's downtown Houston headquarters Wednesday afternoon, across the street from the company's new $200 million, 40-story glass tower, saying they couldn't predict Enron's future — or their own.

"I don't know that there is a soft landing," said Enron employee David Picone. "Top to bottom, this is a hard landing for everybody."

In its heyday, Enron lavished contributions on politicians. The company and its employees have been the single biggest group of contributors to President George W. Bush's campaigns.

But even the company's political connections couldn't stop the slide. Enron's money-losing broadband unit and power operations in India and Brazil are up for sale, and analysts said Enron has no other obvious rescuers.

Enron and Dynegy, both based in Houston, had spent the last several days trying to work out a revision to their Nov. 9 merger agreement, which valued Enron stock at more than $10 per share. Dynegy finally scuttled the deal, saying some aspects of the takeover agreement had not been met.

"Sometimes, a company's best deals are the very ones it did not do," Dynegy chairman and chief executive Chuck Watson said.

Enron last month revealed that partnerships run by its executives had allowed the company to keep about $500 million in debt off its books and let the executives profit from the arrangements. The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating.

The company ousted its chief financial officer, Andrew Fastow, in October, and several weeks ago restated its earnings back to 1997 — eliminating more than $580 million in reported income in that time span.

Enron tried to restore investor confidence by promising to sell its money-losing businesses to shore up its once-profitable trading operation, but investors continued dumping shares.

Enron suspended payment of some debt and shut down its online trading operation Wednesday. Executives were "evaluating and exploring other options to protect our core energy businesses," said Kenneth L. Lay, the company's chairman and chief executive.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Anemia is always serious

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a healthy male, age 35. Prior to minor outpatient surgery, I was found to have an hematocrit of 21. The surgeon refused to operate and returned me to my physician who prescribed iron pills. After a month of therapy, my hematocrit was 27. Surgery was performed successfully. I stayed on the iron supplement for three months. My hematocrit remained below 30. My doctor says not to worry but I do, because I feel weak and tired. Should I obtain a second opinion?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt ... and don't delay. Your doctor has made a potentially dangerous error, but before explaining that, let me give you some background on your blood test.

The hematocrit is one of the simplest and most accurate tests for anemia. A sample of your blood is spun in a centrifuge at high speeds. This forces the blood cells to one end of the tube, where they become packed together, separating them from the fluid portion (serum) of the blood. Then the percentage of blood cells (to total volume) is measured.

Normal people ordinarily have 40 percent to 50 percent of their blood volumes made up of blood cells. Anything less than 35 percent is considered to reflect anemia, a lack of red blood cells. Your initial hematocrit was 21 — clearly abnormal. However, even after iron supplements, your level rose only to 27 — still in the abnormal range. In other words, you're still anemic, and the reason for this remains unclear.

As I have written before, anemia occurs under three general circumstances: when the bone marrow makes insufficient numbers of red corpuscles, when bleeding is present and when the body, for whatever reason, destroys blood cells.

In an otherwise healthy male (who doesn't lose blood from heavy menstruation), the most common cause of anemia is intestinal hemorrhage. If this is true in your case, your stools may be black (from the blood you're losing) and you won't respond to iron therapy (because you're losing large quantities of the mineral in your intestinal tract) until the source of the bleeding can be identified and treated. Intestinal hemorrhage can be life-threatening if it isn't controlled. Thus, I believe that your doctor is being more than cavalier in reassuring you that you needn't worry. On the contrary, the situation desperately calls for clarification.

In my opinion, you need a doctor who will plan an aggressive approach to your anemia. Such an approach will include additional blood studies, stool analyses and — probably — X-ray tests at the very least. You may also need a bone marrow examination to make sure that there isn't an abnormality in this blood-producing tissue. Don't delay in seeking a new physician. In the event that you do have hidden intestinal bleeding (or some other active process), you could easily drop your hematocrit five or 10 points, which could be exceedingly dangerous and would require transfusions. Let me know what your physician discovers.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Blood - Donations and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

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Man gets death sentence for killing girl

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Jurors Wednesday sentenced to death a man who admitted kidnapping and killing a 10-year-old girl two years ago.

Keith D. Nelson, 27, pleaded guilty Oct. 25 to a federal charge of kidnapping resulting in death for the slaying of Pamela Butler. The jury's verdict is final and not subject to a judge's discretion.

The girl disappeared from her Kansas City, Kan., home in October 1999, and her body was found three days later in woods near Grain Valley, Mo.

"For two years this is what I've been waiting for and what I've preached for — the death penalty," Cherri West said.

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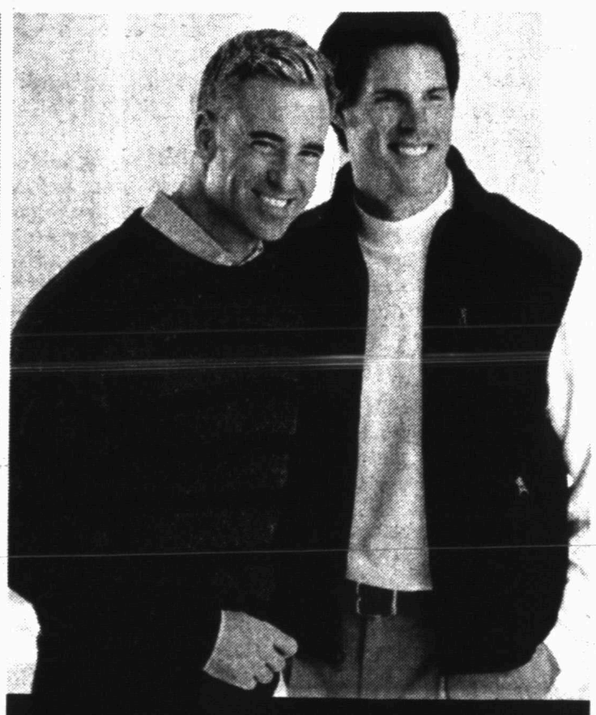

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Arabs oppose bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell said today he understands and is taking into consideration Arab objections to U.S. military action against Iraq.

"For now, this is nothing for us to disagree on," Powell said after a half-hour meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher, who reflected the concerns of Arab governments that President Bush would strike Iraq over its refusal to admit U.N. weapons inspectors.

"I think he heard us," Maher said at a joint news conference at the entrance to the State Department.

Powell, at his side, said, "We understand the caution of some of our friends."

Powell and Maher agreed Mideast peacemaking had taken on new momentum. Powell said it was up to Israel and the Palestinians to set the pace.

TO OPEN TONIGHT —*Merry Christmas Bedford Falls* will open as scheduled tonight at Western Texas College. Dinner will be served at 7 in the Student Center. The play will follow and dessert will be served in the lobby after the show. In the WTC-Ritz Production, Beth Bowen and Kent Wright portray George and Mary Bailey and Christi Williams plays their daughter. The dinner theatre will run again on Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday afternoon with lunch at 12:30 followed by the show. There will be a matinee on Saturday, at 2 p.m. with no meal. Dinner tickets are $15 for adults, $13 for seniors and students, and $10 for WTC faculty and students and Ritz season ticket holders. Reservations are required for the dinner theatre. All tickets for the Saturday matinee are $5. Call 573-8511, ext. 234, for reservations. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Officers answer varied calls despite weather

•Icy roads

Snyder police officers, DPS troopers and Scurry County Sheriff's deputies were kept busy all day Wednesday with calls from stranded motorists. Reports ranged from people sliding off of U.S. 84 to being stuck in city streets and in private drives.

Dispatchers received 28 weather-related reports during the day and through the night. A wrap-up of the mishaps can be found on Page 1.

•Dog bites

Snyder officers responded to two separate incidents involving dog bites Wednesday. The first was reported at 8:30 a.m. from the emergency room at Cogdell Hospital.

An officer responded and advised an offense report for a dog bite would be submitted and the dog was transported to the pound by its owner.

At 12:40 p.m. Wednesday an officer was requested at Cogdell Hospital in reference to a dog bite. A report for dog bite was filed and the owner transported the dog to the pound.

•Threat

A man requested an officer in the 400 block of 29th Street in reference to another man leaving his residence and threatening to go get a gun and return.

An officer contacted the caller at his residence who advised the other man had not threatened to get a gun. Both men were contacted and advised of the complaint.

•Assistance

A woman requested an officer at the Best Western Inn to transport her to Wal-Mart so she could buy milk for her baby and clothes for her children. She had an accident Tuesday night and was stranded in Snyder without a vehicle.

A deputy did assist.

•Suspicious drivers

A man requested officers attempt to locate a vehicle on 25th Street Wednesday morning in reference to the driver possibly being intoxicated. Officers did locate the vehicle and advised everything was in order.

At 2:45 p.m. a Snyder EMS driver requested that officers attempt to locate a pickup with a flatbed because the driver was moving fast and reckless, northbound on U.S. 84.

•Welfare concern

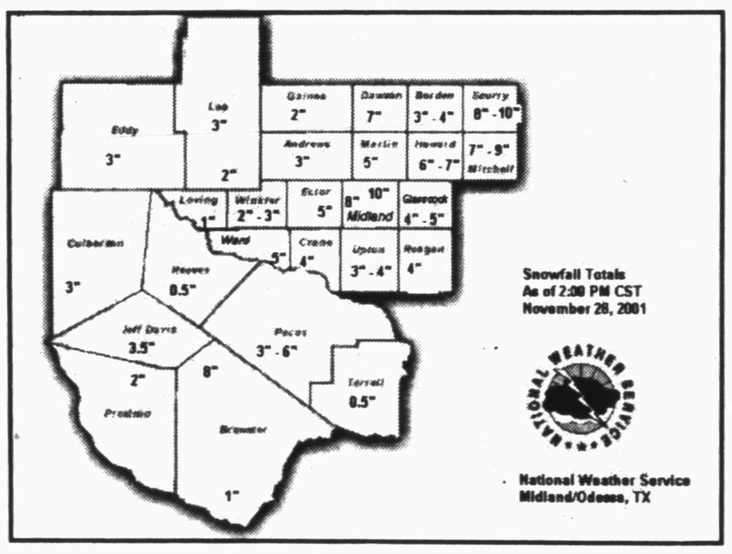
A man requested an officer check on his wife Wednesday evening in reference to her threatening to harm herself because of family problems. Officers contacted the woman who advised she was with her sister and did not plan to harm herself.

•Harassment

A woman contacted officers at 5 p.m. Wednesday concerning harassing phone calls she received from another woman. Officers contacted both women and advised them of the complaint.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Snyder One Stop requested an officer at 6 p.m. Wednesday about a $57.67 gas drive off. The clerk advised she had seen the driver and passenger in the store before and if they return she will make them pay or press charges.



Obituaries

Ken Davis

1922-2001

HORSESHOE BAY – Ken Davis, a longtime Snyder businessman, died Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Funeral service for Mr. Davis, 79, is set for 2 p.m. Friday at the Church at Horseshoe Bay with Dr. John Long officiating. Burial will follow at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park under the direction of Edgar Funeral Home in Marble Falls.

Born Sept. 6, 1922 in Moreland, Okla., he joined the U.S. Marines at the age of 17 and attended Officers Training School and served on The USS Pennsylvania at Pearl Harbor and during World War II.

Mr. Davis graduated from North Texas State University and then became active in the oil and gas business in West Texas.

He was the founder of Fluid Transports Inc. in Snyder and was a co-founder of Patterson Drilling Inc. and served on its board of directors until his retirement in 2000.

He married Sandra Johnson on Feb. 19, 1979 and they resided in Snyder until moving to Horseshoe Bay in 1980. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Church at Horseshoe Bay.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Davis of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and David Holt of Snyder and Vicky and Bud Speed of Plano; a son and daughter-in-law, Clay and Amy Johnson of Midland; two sisters, Lorene Lawly of Amarillo and Rosene Mason of Pampa; four grandchildren, Alan Holt of Austin, Kevin Holt of Snyder, Sarah Johnson and Shelby Johnson, both of Midland; and four great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Austin Hospice Christopher House, 2820 Martin Luther King Blvd. in Austin, 78702; or to a favorite charity.

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W.W. Mitchell

1919-2001

KOUNTZE — Funeral service for W.W. "Mitch" Mitchell, a former Snyder resident, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Broussard's Mortuary Chapel in Kountze. Local arrangements are under the direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Holly Grove Cemetery in Segno, Tex.

Mr. Mitchell, 82, died Monday, Nov. 25, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Aug. 24, 1919 in Saratoga, he graduated from Saratoga High School. Mr. Mitchell served in the U.S. Army from 1940-1945. He married Louise Flowers on Nov. 22, 1947 in Sinton. She died Feb. 11, 1994.

Mr. Mitchell, a Baptist, had lived in Snyder from 1970 to 1999 before moving to Lubbock. He was a district foreman for Sun Oil Co., working a total of 40 years in Snyder and in South America.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Byron and Kathy Mitchell of Ropesville; and two grandchildren, Robert and Rebecca Mitchell of Ropesville.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road in Lubbock, 79424, or the Ropesville United Methodist Church.

The family will receive friends and relatives from 7 to 9 this evening in Broussard's Mortuary.

Edgar Burkhalter

1912-2001

SAN ANGELO – Edgar Durrant Burkhalter, the grandfather of Michael Farris of Snyder, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, in Baptist Memorial Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Burkhalter, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Marvin Clark will officiate and burial will follow in Grape Creek Cemetery.

Born Oct. 10, 1912 in Pickens County, Ala., he married Mable L. Windle on Dec. 19, 1941 in Pickens County. She died March 13, 1995.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Beulah Burkhalter; 12 brothers and sisters; and a grandson, Sterling Woehl.

A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Burkhalter had lived in San Angelo since 1950 and retired after 25 years as a driver for the San Angelo Standard-Times. He then drove a school bus for the Grape Creek district.

Survivors include two daughters, Pat Woehl of San Angelo and Julia Womack of San Diego; two brothers, Floy Burkhalter of Arizona and Revis Burkhalter of Reform, Ala.; a sister, Marie Hickam of Gordo, Ala.; three other grandchildren, Courtney Woehl of San Angelo, Bennett Woehl of Los Angeles and Daniel Farris of Denton.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Tiger's Lair

This is the final week to order 2002 yearbooks for $45. Beginning next week, the price for a yearbook will be $50. Orders may be mailed to SHS Publications at the high school. Monday is also the deadline for senior dedications to be submitted. Cost is $45 for a color photo and message. Call 573-6301, ext. 35 for additional information.

Head Start registration

This is the last week for registration for Scurry County Head Start. Registration is from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Children must be three years old and meet income guidelines or have a disability. Bring a certified birth certificate, immunization record, child's social security card and proof of income.

GED testing dates

GED testing for the first time or re-testing will be held today from 5-9 p.m.; Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 5-9 p.m.; next Thursday 5-9 p.m.; and Friday, Dec. 7, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112.

Home for the holidays

Scurry County Home for the Holidays, sponsored by the Scurry County extension service, will be held at 6 this evening at the First United Methodist Church. Theme is Tex-Mex, featuring food, decorations, entertainment and door prizes. Admission is $5.

His Joy Ministries

His Joy Ministries, 904 26th, will host the 8th annual conference Friday and Saturday. Speakers will be Keith Miller from Amarillo and Moses Akitwine from Uganda. Music will be provided by Mercy and Truth from Dallas. Call 573-8401 for registration.

Turkey shoot

The Snyder FFA Booster Club will sponsor a Turkey Shoot from 9 a.m. until dark Saturday at the Canyon Reef Gun Club. For information, call Skip Craig at 573-7750 or Paula Williams at 573-5881.

SHS Madrigal Dinners

SHS' annual Madrigal Dinners are set at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the high school student center.

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club members are to bring a toy to Tuesday's meeting or be fined. The toy will go to Toys for Kids Christmas project headed by the Girl Scouts.

Korean War display

The Scurry County Museum is honoring veterans of the Korean War with displays of memorabilia through Tuesday.

"Married for Life" information

"Marriage for Life" information night will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at The Word of Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Home Bible study groups will soon start. For information, call Doug or Donna Nehring at 573-7471.

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and also on Dec. 15, Jan. 22, and Jan. 29, with the last day to interview set for Feb. 2. Classes are scheduled to begin March 4. Potential students must bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment, call the Counseling Center at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Head Start fundraiser

Early Head Start and Head Start programs are selling raffle tickets for a drawing to be held Dec. 13. There will be a drawing for $100 worth of groceries from Davidson's Supermarket and another drawing for a $50 gift certificate from Wal-Mart. Proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for students. Come by 2800 2nd St. or call 573-7403. Last ticket sales day is Monday.

SHS forensic team to host tournament

Snyder High School speech students will host its annual Fall Forensic Classic Friday and Saturday.

Some 21 schools have entered the Texas Forensic Association sanctioned tournament.

Two schools are from the Dallas area, one from the Austin area and the rest are from West Texas.

Eleven events comprise the tournament - including prose, poetry, impromptu speaking, foreign extemporaneous, domestic extemporaneous, oratory, the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, cross-examination debate, duet acting, humorous interpretation, and dramatic interpretation.

On Friday, the high school will dismiss at 3 p.m. because of a pep rally. Registration for the tournament will be conducted from 3:30-4 p.m. with the tournament kicking off at 4 p.m. Tournament events begin at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Judges will include former SHS speech students and coaches and members of the community. Parents of speech students will help run the tournament.

Twenty-seven forensic students, including a junior high student and two sixth graders, began planning the tournament at the beginning of the school year. Sponsors are Lynda McCormack and Ron Hester.

McCormack said the speech students have made all of the arrangements. She noted that they decided to have a two-day tournament rather than one because it allows students to enter more events. Debate categories, cross-examination debate, Lincoln-Douglas debate and duet acting will be held Friday because they require more time.

McCormack said schools like to enter the high school tournament because "we always have qualified judges."

Proceeds from the Fall Forensic Classic allow local speech students to travel to other tournaments. It's their main fund-raiser of the year. She also noted that by hosting this event students get to see "a different side of a tournament."

This tournament is McCormack's fourth at SHS and Hester's second. Previously, she sponsored two UIL speech tournaments and one TFA.