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SHE MIGHT LIKE THIS — Cousins Melissa Mullis (left) of Georgetown and Katy Mullis of Pflugerville check out a pair of pajamas for a gift while Melissa's mom, Debbie Mullis, looks over items in the background. The cousins are the granddaughters of Charles and Jerry Mullis of Snyder. (SDN Staff Photo)

Supreme Court to rule

Mark your calendars for Dec. 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court's decision to intervene in the Florida presidential recount controversy was a surprise to many who have watched the court's recent campaign to tip the federal-state balance of power toward the states.

The decision to hear George W. Bush's appeal "is to open a door to Supreme Court review of state election procedures generally," University of Virginia law professor A.E. Dick Howard said Friday.

"The court now holds in its hands the power to decide this election," Howard said, adding that Al Gore's lawyers "had better throw everything they have into this one."

"The odds of prevailing, in terms of both the constitutional text and statutory text, are with Gov. Bush," added Pepperdine University law professor Douglas Kmiec.

Numerous legal experts had expected the high court to deny review. But the justices said Friday they will hear arguments Dec. 1 on whether the Florida Supreme Court violated the federal Constitution and federal law when it allowed hand-counted ballots to be included in the state's vote totals after a deadline set by state law.

"They will definitively resolve the permissibility of including the hand-counted ballots," said Erwin Chemerinsky, a University of Southern California law professor.

In recent years, the justices have issued a series of 5-4 decisions that have boosted states' power versus that of the federal government.

In one of those cases last year, the court said, "When the federal government asserts authority over a state's most fundamental political processes, it strikes at the heart of the political accountability so essential to our liberty and republican form of government."

Harvard law professor Laurence Tribe, who is expected to argue for the Gore campaign, noted that in asking the court to turn down Bush's appeal, Gore's lawyers argued that "an appropriate view of (the federal-state balance of power) should make it reluctant to intervene."

"Clearly, it overcame that reluctance," Tribe said.

It's back to the books

WTC evening finals begin Wednesday

Western Texas College dorms reopen at 2 p.m. Sunday with classes resuming Monday.

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh students and faculty also return from the Thanksgiving break Monday.

For WTC evening students, final exams begin Wednesday with tests set for 6:30 p.m. Students with Thursday evening classes test at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Monday evening students test at 6:30 Dec. 4 and Tuesday evening students test at 6:30 Dec. 5.

Final exams for students with a day schedule get underway Dec. 4.

Students with a 10-10:50 Monday-Wednesday-Friday class test at noon Dec. 4 while those with a 12-12:50 MWF class test at 10 a.m. Dec. 4.

The final will be at 2 p.m. Dec. 4 for those in 1-1:50 MWF classes.

Students who attend 9:25-10:40 Tuesday-Thursday classes will take finals at 8 a.m. Dec. 4 and those in 1:40 to 2:55 TTH classes will take finals at 4 p.m. Dec. 4.

The final will be at 10 a.m. Dec. 5 for students attending 9-9:50 MWF courses and at 8 a.m. Dec. 5 for those attending 8-9:15 TTH courses.

Finals will be given at noon Dec. 5 in classes that meet from 10:50-12:05 TTH and at 2 p.m. Dec. 5 in classes that meet from 12:15-1:30 TTH.

Students who attend 3:05-4:20 TTH day classes will test at 4 p.m. Dec. 5.

The examination time for classes that meet 8-8:50 MWF is 8 a.m. Dec. 6. The test time is 10 a.m. Dec. 6 for classes that meet 11-11:50 MWF.

The end of the fall semester at WTC is Dec. 8. The campus closes Dec. 11 and will not reopen until Jan. 3.

Students in county public schools still have a few weeks left before their semester ends as Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh schools end the first half of the year Dec. 20.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Anger is a condition when the tongue works faster than the mind."

California and Florida have been in competition for a long time.

Both claim to have sunshine, beaches on sparkling water and the best orange juice.

We always figured California has led the nation in strange happenings, but Florida may have overtaken 'em.

We hear there is a new book out called "Voting for Dummies." It's a reference for Florida residents and others who don't understand about punching a hole and following arrows marked plainly on the ballot.

In several cities, including Lubbock, elementary school-age children were given the same ballot test. Surprise, surprise, all of them followed the directions perfectly.

And the classrooms included a boy named "Chad" and a sweet little girl with "dimples."

And on the Internet, the daily hits on Jeremy Norris' Turkeynecks.com jumped to nearly 12,000 from 15. They were wanting a look at a credit card ad on Al Gore.

The ad read: "Haircut at the mall, $10. Suit off the rack, $300. Losing the presidential election because 19,000 of your supporters are too stupid to follow direction and fill out the ballots properly, Priceless. For everyone else, there's George Bush."

Maybe the election stalemate is a message from a higher authority. One guy on TV mused, "If God had wanted America to have a president, he would have never created Bill Clinton or Florida."

And more election stuff...

A Republic of Turkmenistan stamp has become an instant collector's item. The stamp pictures Gov. Bush and vp Gore tugging on a presidential seal under the words, "Indecision 2000."

And the top response in a Internet poll on the Florida Supreme Court ruling on recounts: "Count long enough, and those pregnant chads are going to give birth to more votes."

And back to California. They may have actually hit on a good idea after all.

In Los Angeles County, a flip of the coin may be used to break an election deadlock.

But there are specific rules on the coin flip.

"A U.S.-minted quarter must be tossed to a height of at least six feet, flipping end over end."

Since the 1980s, two races for education posts were decided by the highly-scientific heads and tails method.

Only one coin toss allowed. No two out of three.

Blood drive to begin Monday for four days

The Scurry County Advisory Council of United Blood Services and the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Ladies Auxiliary have scheduled a blood drive for next week.

On Monday, the drive will be held at Walls Industries at 1609 Scott St. from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Donations Tuesday will be from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center at 1618 26th St.

Cogdell Hospital will hold the drive Wednesday for employees and family from noon until 5 p.m.

Price Daniel Unit employees will donate blood on Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Blood drive participants will receive a special "Survivor" T-shirt while the supplies last, said United Blood Service representative Casey Carson.

Donors must be able to supply proper identification before blood can be donated.

The need for type O positive and O negative blood is near critical levels in the West Texas area according to blood service personnel.

Approximately 1,000 blood units have been received in the area this month, but the need is 2,000 pints, or 125 per day, said Lee Patrick, associate executive director for UBS.

"We have gotten by this far because all the hospitals are working very diligently to monitor blood usage and on several occasions, we have been able to receive blood from other cities," said Patrick.

"However, this will not be an option for us any longer as other cities start to experience the typical decline in donations since the holidays are here," said Patrick.

"The local hospital inventories could begin to decline rapidly since we do not have much, if any, blood to replace what is being used on a daily basis," added Patrick.

Patrick and Carson remind everyone that blood cannot be manufactured.

"Blood can only come from healthy donors," said Carson, noting the minimum weight is 110 pounds and the age is 17.

"Until a viable blood substitute can be developed, patients recovering from surgery or battling illnesses like cancer and leukemia will be relying on the generosity of the residents of Snyder and other communities to give them a fighting chance," she added.

Tax refund is positive sign

The state sales tax rebate to the City of Snyder for this month reflects a positive note as it is up almost 13 percent as compared to the same time last year.

The city received $140,570 – up $15,951 from 1999.

The rebates go into the city's coffers and are the sole funding source for the Development Corporation of Snyder as that board works to attract industry to Snyder.

Statewide, a total of $281.5 million in rebates were made to 1,108 Texas cities and counties.

Across the state, that reflects a 15 percent increase over last year.

Area sales tax rebates

City	Nov. '00	Nov. '99	+/-	Year '00	Year '99	+/-
Abilene	$2,527,273	$2,349,257	7.57%	$22,771,814	$21,695,424	4.96%
Big Spring	$377,225	$314,281	20.02%	$3,313,943	$3,174,533	4.39%
Colorado City	$45,728	$39,257	16.48%	$402,218	$384,013	4.74%
Lamesa	$96,486	$86,927	10.99%	$802,282	$792,124	1.28%
Lubbock	$2,580,579	$2,376,559	8.58%	$25,124,391	$23,482,836	6.99%
Post	$26,189	$21,420	22.26%	$244,247	$194,663	25.47%
Roby	$3,088	$2,836	8.88%	$25,538	$22,946	11.29%
Rotan	$19,315	$17,751	8.81%	$122,544	$117,812	4.01%
Snyder	$140,570	$124,619	12.79%	$1,326,411	$1,312,994	1.02%
Sweetwater	$191,432	$181,947	5.21%	$1,711,473	$1,720,894	-0.54%

NOVEMBER REBATES — Sales tax rebates to the City of Snyder for November were up 12.79 percent over the same period in 1999 — $140,570 compared to $124,619. November sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in September by monthly filers and in July, August and September by quarterly filers. The sales taxes were reported to the comptroller in October.



Santa needs your letters

Santa Claus is working hard and fast at his workshop in the North Pole and his elves and Mrs. Claus are waiting on your letters for your Christmas wishes.

Mail your letters to The Snyder Daily News, Box 949, and we will send them to Santa after we make a copy in order to print them in our special Christmas greeting edition on Dec. 23. You may also bring them by the office.

But remember, you must have your letters to the newspaper before Dec. 15 in order for them to make it to the North Pole.

ASK US

Q—When will the Texas state quarter be minted?
A—2004.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 54 degrees; low, 33; 7 a.m. Saturday, 34; .01 of an inch precipitation; total for 2000, 21.13 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy, low upper 20s, NE wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, sunny, high upper 50s, wind becoming SW 5-15 mph.

Avery Ware
Sunny

Sunset:
5:42 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:21 a.m.
Of 329 days in 2000, the sun has shone 322 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta' put up with the rain.
—Dolly Parton

Son, FBI probe man's death in jail

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal authorities have joined a Houston-area man in probing the death of his father, a retired truck driver with a history of alcohol and mental problems, in a Panhandle jail this summer.

The FBI is investigating how Edward J. Fancher, 47, of Fritch, died July 19 in the Randall County jail in Canyon, where he had been held for two weeks on a charge of misdemeanor theft by check. The U.S. Department of Justice will review the investigation to determine if criminal charges are warranted, the Houston Chronicle reported Saturday.

The Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Officer ruled that the retired trucker died from hypertension heart disease. Hepatitis C and chronic alcoholism were listed as factors and the autopsy also found Fancher suffered from cirrhosis of the liver. It also lists more than two dozen bruises on his body.

A coroner's photograph shows Fancher with a bloody face, his eyes swollen shut, large bruises on his face and a 3-inch dent in his forehead.

Jail and county officials claim Fancher's injuries were self-inflicted from beating his head against his cell floor and falling off a bunk bed.

His son, John Fancher, 24, of Clear Lake City, says that doesn't explain his father's badly bruised face or the bruises on his arms, legs and chest.

"I'm not denying anything about him having cirrhosis or heart problems. But why was he in this shape?" John Fancher said. "I would like to see honesty. I would like to know what exactly happened."

John Fancher said he does not accuse jail officials of killing his father, but wants a reasonable explanation for the bruising. He has hired a private Houston pathologist to complete a second autopsy and hired an Austin attorney to develop a possible wrongful-death suit against Randall County.

"I want to know what happened," John Fancher said. "That's all I want."

John Fancher said his father was being treated at the Texas Panhandle Mental Health and Mental Retardation before his arrest.

Joel Richardson, Randall County Sheriff's Department chief deputy, said jailers did everything they could to prevent Edward Fancher's death.

"We have nothing to hide," Richardson said.

Jail officials said Edward Fancher's health deteriorated while he was in jail.

He fell off a bunk bed, ran into walls and was seen on his hands and knees in his cell banging his head on his bed, Richardson said.

"He was disoriented. He was wandering around in a daze," Richardson said.

Jailers gave Edward Fancher three medications for severe depression when he arrived at the jail, but stopped because they thought the doses were too high and were causing his disorientation.

Guards who checked on Edward Fancher throughout July 19 reported that they had seen him face-down in his cell, banging his head on the floor. According to jail records, a guard had checked on him ten minutes before his death and Fancher was still breathing.

Richardson said jail policy requires guards to make visual checks of inmates every 20 to 30 minutes.

Jail officials said the bruising may have occurred during attempts to resuscitate Edward Fancher and the dent in his forehead occurred while his body was being transported to Lubbock.

KEY TO THE KINGDOM
Three Lessons From Balaam
IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
Children Are A Heritage of the Lord
Cox Cable TV Channel 2,
November 27, 7:00 pm

Fed loan for Texas Turnpike approved

AUSTIN (AP) — It's been a long time coming, but state transportation officials believe an $800 million federal loan will be the jump-start they need for a massive highway project aimed at unclogging Central Texas roadways.

The loan will help fund the proposed 122-mile Central Texas Turnpike Project, the first phase of which is expected to break ground next month.

The keystone of the project is Texas 130, a highway first proposed in the mid-1980s that would cover the 90-mile span from Georgetown to Seguin. The alternative route is expected to relieve Interstate 35 traffic as much as 20 percent in some areas and 5 percent to 10 percent around downtown Austin.

"Even for Texas, this is a large project," said Phillip Russell, director of the Texas Turnpike facility division.

He compared the project to other monumental ones, such as Houston's Baytown Bridge. But unlike previous highways, Texas 130 would not be done in a piecemeal fashion.

It would be completed by one contractor, Russell said. "I don't think there's ever been anything close to that in the history of the highway department."

The loan, granted by the U.S. Department of Transportation on Tuesday, was the largest award ever made from a pool of funds created by the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 1998. Funding approval is contingent on the road projects receiving environmental approval.

The proposed turnpike project also includes the construction of a four-mile extension of Loop 1 in northern Travis County, 16 miles of the northern section of Texas 45 and 12 miles of US 183-A in southwest Williamson County.

The four roads are expected to cost $3 billion, including land and construction, over the next eight to 10 years. The rest of the funding would come from bond sales, cities and counties along the highways, and as much as $700 million from the Texas Transportation Commission. More money would probably come from tolls paid by drivers.

The first phase of the project will begin Dec. 18 with the construction of Texas 45 frontage roads in Round Rock.

The federal award is expected to speed up the completion of the turnpike, said Texas Turnpike Authority Chairman Pete Winstead.

U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, who supported the loan request, said the $800 million won't solve all Central Texas traffic problems, but it will put the region on the road to relief.

"Remarkable growth in our region has produced a situation in which traffic congestion threatens our quality of life and the overburdened infrastructure cannot support future economic growth," said Doggett, D-Texas.

A technological hotbed, Austin's growth has caused jamming on Interstate 35 and other Central Texas roads in the third-fastest growing region in the country.

The North American Free Trade Agreement has compounded the matter. Interstate 35, which stretches from Laredo to Minnesota's border with Canada, carries the highest percentage of NAFTA truck traffic in Texas at 31.6 percent.

That makes the turnpike nationally significant, said U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

"This growth has resulted in congestion and deteriorating safety on public roads," Gramm said, calling the loan "a significant step in reversing those trends."

Texas is adding traffic two and three times faster than it's adding population, said Gramm.

Over the next 25 years, the Austin-San Antonio region is expected to grow to more than 4.5 million people, double the size it is today, according to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation. The number of miles traveled per person is forecast to increase from 26 miles per day to 33 miles per day, while traffic volume is expected to grow by 180 percent, the study shows.


LEGAL AT LAST!
Happy 16th Birthday!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jerrod & Courtney

Man killed by police outside place where two found dead

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Police shot and killed a knife-wielding man before finding his slain wife and son inside their apartment on Friday afternoon.

Authorities, who called it a domestic violence case, were investigating.

Dead were Larry Monroe, 51, his wife Alejandra Monroe, 44, and son, Paul Erick Monroe, 12.

"We got a call about a murder and that the suspect was still there," police spokesman Lt. Orlando Rodriguez told the Brownsville Herald.

"Upon arrival, officers were confronted by a knife-wielding man who started to come toward the officers," Rodriguez said. "He refused the officers' command to drop the knife and kept advancing, threatening the officers. One of the officers shot the suspect at least one time."

Larry Monroe was taken to Valley Regional Medical Center, where he died.

Featherston on President's List

KERRVILLE — Snyder resident Jennifer J.. Featherston was named to Schreiner College's spring President's List. The honor requires full-time students to earn a 3.6 grade point average or better.

Pvt. Wells graduates

Army Pvt. Amanda M. Wells has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

She is the daughter of Victor G. and Connie Wells of Snyder. Wells is a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School.

Former king wins

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Former King Constantine of Greece won a European Court case Thursday demanding the return of palaces and estates seized by the state after the monarchy was overthrown.

The panel of 17 judges at the Human Rights tribunal in Strasbourg, France, ruled 15-2 that the confiscation of the royal real estate infringed a protocol of the European Convention of Human Rights stating each citizen is "entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions."


Happy Sweet "16" Rachel
From Mom, Dad, Jason & Jared

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.
BREAKFAST
Monday
Fruit
Buttered Grits
Toast
Tuesday
Juice
Glazed Donuts
Wednesday
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast
Thursday
Juice
Breakfast Pizza
Friday
Fruit
Pancake/Syrup
LUNCH
Monday
Barbecued Pork Rib Patties
Mashed Potatoes
Bean & Pea Salad
Hot Rolls
Applesauce Cake
Tuesday
Lasagna
Cream Style Corn
Tomato Wedges
Wednesday
Smothered Steak
New Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Plum Cobbler
Thursday
Chicken & Dumplings
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Biscuits
Mixed Fruit
Friday
Beef & Cheese Nachos
Salsa Sauce
Tossed Salad
Tortilla Chips
No Bake Cookies

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.
BREAKFAST
Monday
Breakfast Pizza
Juice
Tuesday
Pancakes
Sausage
Juice
Wednesday
Cereal
Toast
Juice
Thursday
Sausage
Biscuits w/Gravy
Juice
Friday
Sausage on a Stick
Juice
LUNCH
Monday
Barbecue Wieners
Parsley Potatoes
Sweet Peas
Biscuits
Brownies
Tuesday
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Peaches
Wednesday
Spaghetti
Vegetable Salad
Italian Bread
Pears
Plain Cake
Thursday
Chili Cheese Burritos
Corn
Shredded Lettuce
Cookies
Friday
Patti Melts
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Chocolate Cake

Drug dealer is beheaded

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — A Pakistani convicted of drug trafficking was beheaded in Saudi Arabia on Thursday, the Interior Ministry said.

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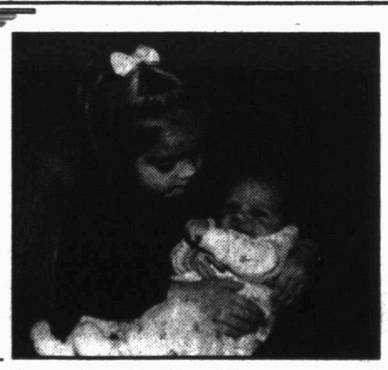
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Adelaide Wells McCormick

Emma Bess McCormick announces the arrival of her baby sister, Adelaide Wells, born October 9, 2000 at 6:05 a.m., weighing 9 lbs.! Proud parents are Charlie and Cayce McCormick of Wayne, Pennsylvania! Maternal grandparents are Steve & Judy Wells of Boca Grande, Florida. Great-grandparents are Rex & Delyte Baugh of Temple and Kirk Wells of Obion, Tennessee. Paternal grandparents are Junior & Barbara McCormick of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Bob & Marie Taylor of Shreveport, Louisana and Violet McCormick of Snyder.

Cattle rustling making a comeback in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — An estimated 200 head of cattle have been stolen so far this year from Central Texas ranchers in what law enforcement officials are calling a comeback of Wild West cattle rustling.

Nine head of cattle estimated to be worth $6,300 were stolen from H.C. Hilcher's ranch just outside of Smithville in Bastrop County.

Only one was recovered.

"They were just picked up," Hilcher said in Friday's editions of the Austin-American Statesman. "They were hauled to an auction in Gonzales. Some of them went to slaughter, and I think some individuals bought some of them."

At L-Bar, a large ranch based in Del Valle and owned by Bob Carr, some 110 animals were stolen. A former employee was arrested.

"We've been rustled real good," Carr said bitterly.

"It hurt me. It violated me. My family couldn't believe it. This is a story about human tragedy," he said.

Things have changed in rustling over the past 100 years.

Thieves now use pickups and trailers instead of horses, and they have to contend with locks and fences where once there was open prairie.

Owners who once used hired guns and impromptu hangings to protect their herds now use implanted microchips and law enforcement.

But investigators with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, known as the Special Texas Rangers, have been a constant since 1887.

The association was founded by some of Texas' largest cattlemen — such as C.C. Slaughter, who moved his Long S Ranch so many times that he had animals spread across six counties — and James C. Loving, whose father cut the Goodnight-Loving Trail, one of the most important cattle trails in the West.

Their primary goal in forming the association was to curb cattle and horse theft on the range.

More than 100 years later, the association has branched out into lobbying and animal health issues, but the special rangers are still the main weapon used against livestock thieves.

Although they are deputized, the inspectors are employed by the association, not the state.

Special Texas Ranger Keith Korenek, who serves nine Central Texas counties, arrested two men in connection with the Bastrop County thefts and is looking into others in Lee County that could be connected.

"Right now we've accounted for 19 head on this deal," Korenek said. "We've got those accounted for, but there may be more to this story than I know now."

Law enforcement officials can't say for certain how many head of cattle have been stolen. The association keeps track of the number of cases investigated (1,319 in 1999), and animals accounted for (4,493 cattle, 88 horses), but even they can't say for certain that's how many were pilfered.

Cows, unlike cars, they point out, can get up and leave on their own.

"I get a lot of calls," Korenek said. "But a lot of the time you know they're not stolen. There's no evidence anybody came in. Most of the time the cattle are just at a neighbor's house."

That was not the case with Bastrop County rancher Richard Neidig.

DNA test: Man indicted in 1985 slaying

ROSENBERG (AP) — A 37-year-old man has been indicted on murder charges in the 1985 slaying of his sister-in-law after DNA evidence led to his arrest, officials said.

Martin Charles Tonn Jr. of Destin, Fla., is accused of killing Cathy Keith, 20, in the Houston suburb of Rosenberg by cutting her throat. In September, Rosenberg police arrested Tonn at his mother's funeral in Alabama in connection with the 15-year-old crime.

He was indicted on murder charges Monday by a Fort Bend County grand jury, according to Friday editions of the Rosenberg newspaper, The Herald-Coaster.

The arrest was made after police discovered DNA evidence they believed linked him to the slaying of Keith and her mother, Peggy Keith, 44. Rosenberg police Lt. Brad Rollins said Tonn has not been charged in connection with the death of the mother because the DNA evidence was found only on the daughter's body.

Police said Tonn, who lived with his wife and baby in the same apartment complex as the women, was suspected of the killings at the time, but there was not sufficient evidence to press charges. The women's bodies, stripped and sexually displayed, were found in their apartment on Jan. 11, 1985, police said.

Both women were almost decapitated with a knife, said Rollins, who followed the case for years before DNA testing developed to the extent it has now.

He said a DNA sample from saliva mixed in semen found on Cathy Keith's body was kept, but degraded so much it wasn't able to be used for testing earlier. This year, more advanced technology allowed the DNA to be retrieved from the sample and to match it to Tonn's blood sample, police said.

The suspect's ex-wife, Susan, helped police find Tonn in Alabama, Rollins said.

Family mourns victims of three-car crash in C. Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — A southeast Texas family continued a vigil at a hospital Saturday for a teen-age girl and a young boy who survived a Thanksgiving family trip turned fatal that killed six people, including four of their relatives.

Members of the Bryant family tensely waited at the Scott & White Hospital in Temple for word about Laqueshia Hadnot, 15, and Tyrell Franks, 5, both of Cleveland, who were injured Thursday evening in an accident while while returning home from a holiday dinner with relatives in Killeen.

Six people were killed and three were injured in the three-car collision on rain-slickened U.S. 190 near Buckholts, about 25 miles southeast of Temple.

Hadnot was listed in stable condition after surgery for a broken pelvis and had cuts and bruises, while Franks was recovering from a head injury. The 5-year-old boy was listed in critical condition, but had regained consciousness and begun talking.

"He's stable with an abrasion over one eye," Cecilia Gilder, Laqueshia's aunt, was quoted by the Houston Chronicle Saturday.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, a car driven by Joel Martinez, 19, of Buckholts, inexplicably veered across the center stripe and slammed head-on into another vehicle driven by Royal Bryant, 64, of Coldspring.

A third car then slid into Martinez's.

Killed were Bryant, his wife, Arthurine Bryant, 59, and their grandson Clifford Hill, 5, of Coldspring.

Lekeshia Chapman, 15, of Cleveland, the Bryants' granddaughter, died Friday at the hospital.

Martinez and a passenger, Jose Reyes, 26, of Cameron also died and Julio Hernandez, 21, of Cameron, was injured. Hernandez was treated for arm and hand fractures and discharged, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The driver of the third car was not injured.

Gilder said four other Bryant relatives came upon the crash soon after it happened and the close-knit family was shocked.

"They were very loving grandparents," Gilder said. "All the kids loved their grandparents. That's why they were all together."

Investigators have not determined whether alcohol was involved in the crash, said DPS spokesman Tom Vinger.

Texas Lottery

Pick 3

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

1-0-3

Cash Five

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

13-18-20-23-36

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

99-11-9-22

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Cam Knows Best among 20 horses killed in barn fire

MANALAPAN, N.J. (AP) — A banned electric water heater is being blamed for starting a barn fire that killed 20 horses, including world record-holder Cam Knows Best, the runner-up in the 1998 Little Brown Jug.

The fast-moving fire at Gaitway Farm is being investigated as a likely accident, and no criminal charges were expected.

Portable electric water heaters, used to prepare hot mash to feed horses, have been prohibited at Gaitway since one caused a minor fire three years ago, farm manager Timothy Hundertpfund said Friday.

"It's not permitted on the farm, but it's impossible to police everything," he said. "They must have left it in a bucket of water. The water evaporated, and the rest is history."

He stood next to the charred posts of Barn No. 5 as a front-end loader scooped carcasses from the mud and ash into a truck for disposal.

One horse was rescued from the fire at the 14-barn farm in central New Jersey, where hundreds of standardbreds train for races.

The Monmouth County prosecutor's office is attempting to contact the last person known to have been in the barn before the fire broke out late Thursday. Officials would not give his name.

"At this point we believe this is an accidental fire so we don't anticipate criminal charges," Deputy Monmouth County Fire Marshal Richard Hogan said.

Hogan said the electric heater was placed in a plastic bucket, despite a manufacturer recommendation that it should only be used in metal containers. Officials recovered the remains of the 2-foot-long metal coil, which had melted plastic stuck to it.

The device was also not to be left unattended, Hogan said. The bucket was against a wooden wall, where the fire started, he said.

The barn did not have fire or smoke alarms, or a sprinkler system, but none of those items were required, Hogan said.

The fire was roaring when firefighters arrived six minutes after the first call. "It went up very quickly. We could see flames miles away," Hogan said.

Barn No. 5 at Gaitway was a one-story wood-frame structure containing 30 stalls, county Fire Marshal Timothy J. Smith said. Horses are typically bedded on straw or wood chips, which readily fuel fires.

A passing motorist, Jeff Webster, saw the flames and ran into the burning barn. Webster, who has horses at a nearby farm, got one horse out of its stall, but the heat kept him from rescuing others.

Police Chief John G. McCormack said his officers told him the dying horses were screaming in agony.

Five-year-old Cam Knows Best was co-holder of the world record for a mile on a five-eighths mile track. The horse had won $592,015 in 96 career starts, including 24 first-place finishes. He finished sixth in his last race, Nov. 13 at Dover Downs in Delaware.

Gay Congressman told to stay away from one shelter

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Rep. Jim Kolbe was asked not to volunteer at a Tucson homeless shelter's Thanksgiving dinner because he's a homosexual.

"This decision is based on your publicly announced sexual orientation that is diametrically opposite to admonitions in the Bible," Gospel Rescue Mission board member Evelyn H. Haugh wrote in a faxed memo. "This mission is founded on biblical principles, and we cannot give a public forum to a public official who is blatantly flaunting those principles."

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Allergic daughter should avoid cats

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 26-year-old daughter developed asthma in college. Testing revealed that she was highly allergic to cat dander. Now, her disease is controlled with steroids and inhalers. However, she has a house cat. I wonder if she might be able to reduce or eliminate these powerful drugs if the cat weren't in residence. Should she have house pets? What would you tell your daughter?

DEAR READER: Significant allergies to animal dander are a serious threat to asthmatics. The constant exposure to such allergens will not only worsen asthma but will often cause persisting wheezing and difficulty breathing, even if strong drugs are used as antidotes. I believe that your daughter's health would markedly improve if she were to avoid contact with animals, especially cats. I am particularly concerned about her case, because she requires steroids, medicines that cause serious and long-term side effects, such as diabetes, cataracts, deficient immunity, osteoporosis and others. It would be a shame if, in five or 10 years, she were to experience such avoidable consequences from the steroids.

So, I would tell her what I'd tell my own daughter: Give the cat away to a friend who can provide a good home, and avoid contact with domestic animals. To give you related information, **I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Allergies." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.**

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 8-year-old neighbor begs for snacks before each meal. Then, after eating them, he is not hungry and picks at his food. The mother thinks he needs Ritalin, the father says he's just being a normal boy. I think that the snacks should be prohibited. What do you say?

DEAR READER: I side with you. Snacking before meals is inappropriate for children of any age. Before even considering medication, I would forcefully — but with love — tell the child that meals are meals and snacks are snacks. The two shouldn't be confused. The child's parents need to take a stand and put an end to this folly.

DEAR DR. GOTT: On several occasions, you have addressed the problem of children who bite. Let me share a personal experience that might help your readers.

For years, my 5-year-old cousin used to bite, until one day my grandmother got fed up. She pulled out her upper and lower plates, grinned at the toddler and told him that this was going to happen to him if he kept on biting.

He was so scared he never did it again.

DEAR READER: I love it. What a great solution! But what about grandparents who don't have dentures?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can the weather affect the pain level in people's joints?

DEAR READER: Yes, it can. The reason is unknown. The phenomenon is apparently related to changing barometric pressure. When a low moves into my community, patients with arthritis can often sense the alteration. In fact, I have a patient who broke his ankle many years ago. His prediction of bad weather to come is far more reliable than any media reports, with or without Doppler radar. I take my arthritis patients seriously. In winter especially, they can often sense an incoming storm, which will enable them (and me) to prepare.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do ill doctors receive the same or better medical treatment than ordinary folks?

DEAR READER: This a complex issue. Bear with me as I give a long answer, based on personal experience.

Doctors generally recognize the fact that doctors make lousy patients; sick healers are more difficult to treat than are "regular" patients. There are probably legions of reasons for this phenomenon, ranging from feelings of adolescent omnipotence to practitioners' convictions that they know as much as — or more than — the treating physician. Doctors, like mothers, are not supposed to become ill. But, of course, they do.

When I first developed a cough last month, I followed my own medical advice. Cough medicine, extra fluids and additional rest would, I reassured myself, take care of the problem. The body heals itself, right? Well, maybe.

After a week of constant hacking, sometimes to the point of gagging, I decided that this persisting dry cough had to go. Like any impatient patient, I wanted fast relief. So, again, I took my own advice and rummaged through my supply of drug samples until I found some tetracycline, just the antibiotic for my autumn infection. Like most doctors, I chose to treat myself and regularly swallowed the medicine properly, at appropriate intervals on an empty stomach, knowing full well that my bronchitis — I had diagnosed bronchitis, you see, because the cough had lasted more than a week — would rapidly clear up.

It didn't. I religiously took the tetracycline, but the cough persisted, even worsened. In addition, I felt run-down. I was hoarse. After especially violent coughing fits, I had difficulty catching my breath. On occasion, I couldn't even talk on the telephone. This, I told myself, was no ordinary upper respiratory infection. After two weeks and a course of antibiotics, I was worse than ever.

I examined the diagnostic possibilities. None of them appealed to me. I stopped smoking my pipe and began to wonder if I had pneumonia or lung cancer. (Doctors always assume the worst.) Heck, no sense in moaning and groaning. Like any self-respecting healer, I scheduled myself for a chest X-ray at the hospital.

My appearance in the Radiology Department was cause for gaiety and much good-natured ribbing; the delighted technicians had long been waiting for an opportunity to razz me at an unprotected moment. I survived the examination and was comforted by the normal X-ray pictures: no heart-stopping infection, no blood-curdling shadows.

OK, so tetracycline wasn't the right antibiotic. I once again hit my stash of drug samples and began a course of erythromycin, an alternative antibiotic that I was convinced would return me to normal in no time at all.

No such luck. My cough continued unabated. My secretary regarded me with concern and I was still unable to carry on a conversation without rasping and croaking. Patients expressed alarm. Wouldn't this therapeutic failure affect my reputation as well as my health? I'd been ill for three weeks and was rapidly becoming exasperated, not only with the cough but with my incompetent medical care.

Early one afternoon, an otolaryngologist colleague was kind enough to squeeze me into his full schedule. By now, I knew the problem was, by exclusion, in my trachea and larynx. I suspected its cause was invasive cancer of my vocal cords. (Remember, doctors usually imagine the worst scenario when treating themselves.)

As I sat, apprehensive and wide-mouthed, for the specialist to look down my throat with a little mirror, I became aware of an overwhelming feeling of vulnerability. At the same time, I realized that this sensation was not only the key to patients' universal discomfort, it was also the answer to why doctors make such abominable patients.

My body, the old carcass I take reasonable care of and expect to remain functional, was letting me down. I was, in fact, powerless; my health was not really under my control and probably never had been. I was merely a microbe away from being as frightened and dependent as the equally anxious people I examine every day. Powerlessness and humility are not qualities taught in medical school or coveted by the medical profession. And yet, there I was in a role I didn't relish, about to be given information that, I was certain, would be bad news.

As you probably predicted, the examination was normal. (Whew!) The doctor reassured me that the viral tracheal infection, although severe, would eventually disappear without any therapy, including antibiotics.

That was a week ago, and I'm still coughing. But I'll gladly put up with the hacking and hoarseness now that I'm not my own physician and, therefore, needn't assume the worst. Nonetheless, I'll remember the vulnerable feeling, which, I hope, will help me to empathize with the people under my care. Being sick is scary, for both doctors and their patients, and I don't ever want to forget that.

Medical insight sometimes comes at unexpected times.

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Cruz not sure what type person she likes

NEW YORK (AP) — Penelope Cruz may already have found the man for her — or has she?

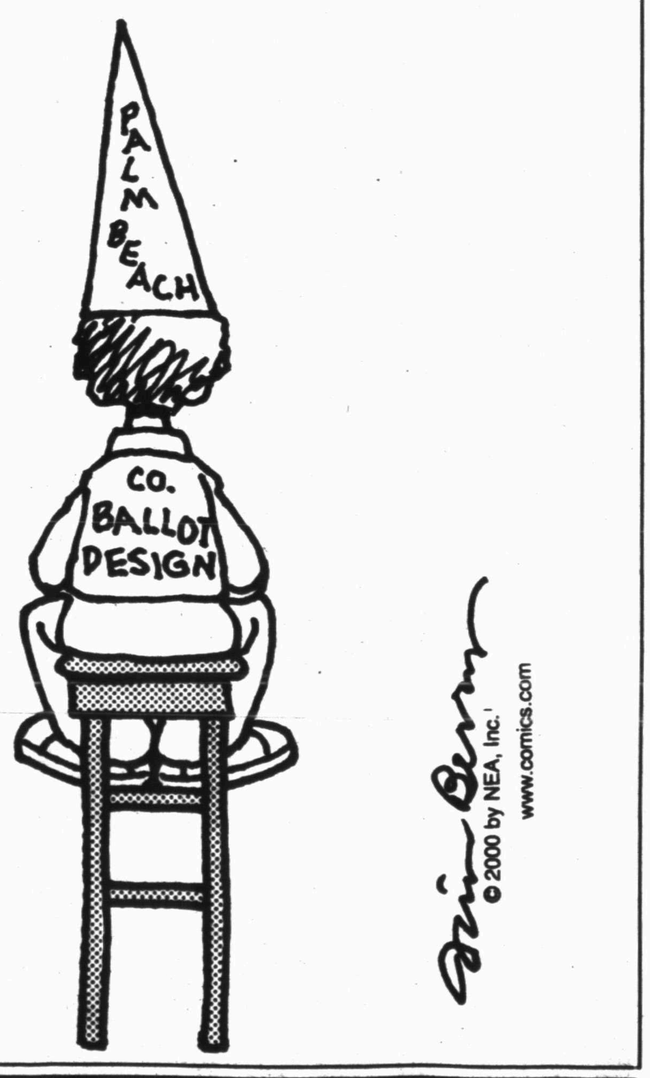
"It's impossible to define exactly what kind of person I like," the 26-year-old native of Madrid, Spain, tells Harper's Bazaar magazine in its December issue.

"It's only happened two or three times in my life, but I've felt things for completely different kinds of people. What's important is just finding that connection with someone — I don't know, maybe from before."

Does that mean Cruz believes in reincarnation?

"I know for some people it must sound like I'm crazy, but I completely believe in it," she says.

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Prison inmates train wild horses for adoption

CANON CITY, Colo. (AP) — Some prisoners may come across as wild animals who need to be broken. But at one prison in Colorado, it's the inmates who are doing the taming.

In an unusual program, prison inmates are preparing for life after incarceration by learning to work with wild horses.

Randy DeVaney, an inmate at the Four Mile Correctional Center southwest of Colorado Springs, is one of several state prisoners who have found new focus thanks to the program. When he is released, DeVaney, 42, is hoping to put his training to good use by running a horse program for underprivileged children.

"Now I know what I want to do with the rest of my life," he said. "It's an expensive hobby and many city kids would otherwise never get to see a horse."

The wild horses are collected on federal lands in Nevada, Wyoming and Colorado and brought to the state prison under an agreement between the Colorado Department of Corrections and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

"We formed a partnership with the prison in which they could give inmates the opportunity to learn new skills and a meaningful job and also serve a need we had in terms of marketing," said Sheri Bell, a bureau spokeswoman. "It was really a success from the very instant it started."

The horses are rounded up and offered for adoption because they reproduce so rapidly they would quickly starve in the wild, Bell said. The problem grew worse because the summer's wildfires and drought killed off much of the grass and plants the horses eat for food.

More than 2,000 horses, about 200 a year, have been trained at the 8,500-acre prison ranch since the program — the first of its kind in the country — began in 1986.

The inmates, some of whom have never seen a horse before, must apply to be accepted to the program. They are paid for their work by the Corrections Department.

"These guys love horses or they wouldn't be here," said corrections supervisor Brian Hardin, who co-manages the program.

All of the inmates are minimum-security prisoners who aren't considered dangerous, said George Uhland, the prison's agribusiness production manager.

In a canyon at the base of the Rockies, the inmates come to work at the ranch wearing cowboy hats, boots and chaps. It may look Wild West, but it's more like "The Horse Whisperer" when it comes to training techniques.

"It's not 'breaking,'" Uhland said. "They don't get on the horse and sit there until it bucks them off."

On one side, horses just off the range are kept in spacious pens. Buckskin, paint, sorrel and bay horses prick their ears, snort and run from passers-by. On the other side, there are other horses in various stages of training.

With an inmate's supervision, one mare learning to wear a halter stands quietly tied to a fence. In a white-board pen, inmate Jaime Chapa works to get a 6-year-old black mustang to accept a saddle.

DeVaney's current charge, a horse named Hollywood, learned to walk, trot and canter around a ring with DeVaney on his back in about two months of training.

"He's got a strong personality, but he's willing," DeVaney said with a grin.

DeVaney, like many of the inmates, has fallen in love with the horses. He spends his evenings reading books and watching videos on horse training.

Hardin acknowledges that some people may think working with horses under the crisp Colorado sky might seem more like a vacation than punishment. But he said the program teaches inmates communications skills and responsibility, and gives them goals and skills they will need when they are released.

"It also takes patience to train a horse, and to train others how to train a horse," Hardin said. "Now maybe they'll be able to use that patience when they go home to their families."

The hard, physical work also has helped inmates like Manual Torres, 26, acquire a pride they didn't have before.

"We're doing this for people on the streets," Torres said. "It makes you feel good to send home a good horse."

Prospective owners can adopt the tamed horses for a fee of $125. For an extra $525 to $675, peanuts by most horse trainers' standards, owners can have their new pets walking on a lead and ready to ride, thanks to the inmates.

"I'm really excited," said Colleen Pardun, who is adopting a new riding horse from the prison ranch. "They're nice animals and there's a lot of history with them."

On the Net:

BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program: http://www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000

Chances are your independent tendencies will serve you extremely well in the year ahead, while partnership arrangements could be too loosely structured to be productive. Be your own person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Should you be called upon to step into a leadership role today, don't be too rigid or forceful in calling the shots. The looser you are, the smoother all will go. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the Zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state the Zodiac signs you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) From out of the blue, you could gain in some manner today from an endeavor that has been sitting idle for quite some time. Unusual circumstances might infuse it with new life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're always friendly towards all you meet, but today this wonderful quality could pay unexpected dividends. Your congeniality may invite an offer to share a thing of great worth.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Because your inherent attributes of imagination and resourcefulness will be accentuated today, you'll be able to use these gifts to further a personal ambition you've long harbored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep your ears and eyes open today when mingling with peers. You could unexpectedly learn of something quite interesting that you'll be able to use to your advantage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What gives you an advantage over others today is you'll be quick to respond effectively to surprising developments and still carry along those who lack your foresight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Focus on intellectual tasks today, because mentally you should be sharp as a tack at this time. Lay your tools aside for the moment and take advantage of your brainy adeptness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Although today is usually set aside for rest and relaxation, you'll be especially efficient. Thus, you might want to get caught up on a lot of little chores around the house.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) By keeping the social agenda flexible today, you'll be able to make fun things happen on the spur of the moment. A good time can be had by all by playing things by ear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you have a mind to do so today, a number of matters that haven't been resolved properly can now be concluded to your satisfaction. Get on them. You'll feel better about things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Owing to some unusual circumstances that could spring up out of the blue, this could be an unanticipated fun day for you. Go along with whatever occurs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Lady Luck might play an active role in your shopping excursions today should you be so inclined to do so. You could find everything you're looking for at bargain prices.

Monday, Nov. 27, 2000

A plethora of opportunities could be in the offing for you in the year ahead where your work or career is concerned. Evaluate and treat each one with the respect it deserves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It might be wise to wait until tomorrow to make a decision that could impact someone else's interests as well as your own. Your judgment might leave a lot to be desired today. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Guard against inclinations today to talk freely about your plans before you have a chance to implement them. You could inadvertently tip off an adversary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Any disagreement that pops up with a friend today could serve as a springboard for other misunderstandings to occur down the line. Be careful how you conduct yourself today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Taking things out on the family for how the outside world treats you today could cause additional unrest. The obstructions you encounter are not their fault.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be optimistic and hopeful about what you can do on your own today. A big disappointment is in store for you if you bank on Lady Luck to make good things happen for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Allowing emotions to take charge of your pocketbook today will knock your budget totally out of kilter. Your biggest enemy will be your extravagant "just want it" urges.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone with whom you associate today could influence you to behave in a reckless manner and do something foolish that would get you in a lot of trouble if you're not careful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Should you carelessly go about attending to an important task today, it could take you until the end of the week to unravel what you did. Keep your mind on your work and be methodical.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your choice of companions might not be what it should be today, and you could erroneously place your trust in someone who will not live up to your faith in him or her. Be careful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There's a good chance a clash could occur today because projects that are of importance to you might not be of equal significance to those with whom you'll be involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You could run into problems today if you try to put information relayed to you by another into play only to discover you weren't really listening to instructions in the first place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you are too sure of yourself concerning commercial dealings today, you could find yourself on the bottom end of a deal that you thought you were really smart for pulling off.

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Stanford U. faces growth restrictions for the first time

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Nestled at the base of oak-studded foothills, Stanford University attracts some of the country's brightest minds to a place where the high-tech firms that drive Silicon Valley are mere minutes from hiking and horseback riding.

But the future of those foothills is unclear.

The university has reluctantly agreed to protect them for the next 25 years, while a Santa Clara County supervisor wants them to remain undeveloped for the next 99 years. Environmentalists, meanwhile, are demanding permanent protection of 1,000 acres of serene grassland, home to the threatened tiger salamander.

Stanford officials worry that if the campus cannot expand, some of the university's 14,000 students and 1,640 faculty will be priced out of the area. Although university officials say they have no plans to build on the surrounding hillsides, the current housing crunch adds pressure to expand.

In nearby Palo Alto, the average price of a house is almost $460,000. The university wants to build more than 3,000 additional low-cost housing units on campus in the next decade to ease the strain on students and staff.

"We are at a competitive disadvantage with our peer schools — the Dukes, the Northwesterns — because people can't afford the rents here," said Andrew Coe, Stanford's director of community relations.

Stanford's 10-year growth plan includes adding two more stories to two-story graduate student housing and building more housing and academic facilities on open areas within the campus boundaries.

The university, which owns a total of 8,180 acres, proposes protecting up to 1,000 acres for 25 years. Santa Clara County supervisors are reviewing the 10-year plan and will vote on it Monday.

Supervisor Joe Simitian, whose jurisdiction includes the university, said he will oppose the plan unless the university protects 1,000 acres for the 99 years. Stanford has threatened to sue the county if the supervisors opt for the 99-year period.

Journalist is killed

MAPUTO, Mozambique (AP) — A Mozambican journalist known for his sharp criticism of the government has been shot and killed, and his paper on Thursday called the death an attack on freedom and democracy.

Witnesses said Carlos Cardoso, 49, owner and editor of the daily Metical, was riding in a car Wednesday night when two vehicles forced it to stop. Gunmen emerged from the cars and shot Cardoso and his driver.

Cardoso, who was shot in the face, died immediately. His driver, Carlos Manjate, was hospitalized.

Police said they were investigating, but had no suspects.

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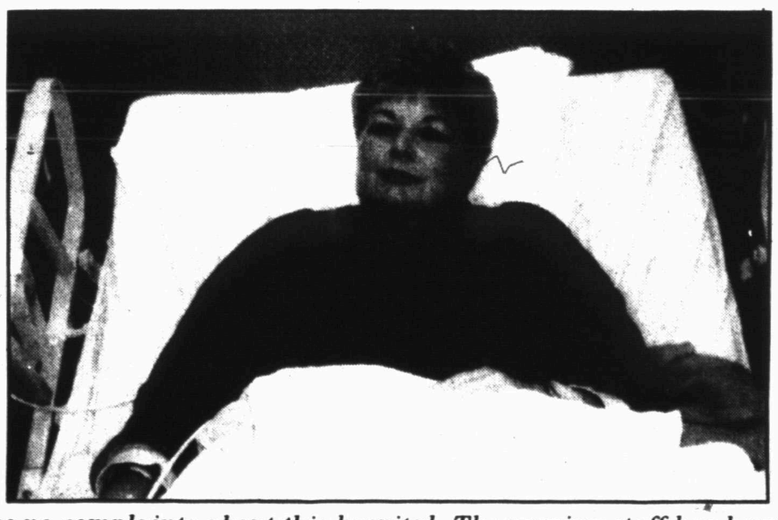
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SPORTS

Longhorns stampede Aggies

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' young guns are all grown up.

In a game of personal and team redemption in an up-and-down season, sophomore Chris Simms remedied unfulfilled expectations with his best game against the Longhorns' biggest rival.

Simms passed for 383 yards and three touchdowns, all to freshmen receivers, in the No. 12 Longhorns' 43-17 victory over No. 22 Texas A&M on Friday.

Simms was a perfect 8-for-8 passing for 234 yards and threw all of his touchdown passes in an explosive third quarter in which the teams combined for 37 points.

It was a dynamic coming-of-age performance for the son of former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms.

After a season in which he bounced in and out of the starting lineup and had more interceptions than touchdown passes coming into the game, Simms got the start because Major Applewhite was hobbled by a knee injury.

"This year's been ups and downs and bumps and bruises," Simms said. "I knew I had to learn from everything that was happening. It was part of growing up. Today was a real big redemption."

Simms got his first career start against A&M last year when Applewhite got sick with a stomach virus on game day. Simms led Texas to a 16-6 lead in that game before he was pulled for Applewhite and A&M rallied for a 20-16 win.

This time, Simms was in total control.

Leading 10-7 at halftime, the Longhorns (9-2, 7-1 Big 12) opened the decisive third quarter by driving 71 yards on four plays. Roy Williams capped the drive with a 40-yard TD run on a reverse.

After forcing the Aggies to punt, Texas quickly struck again when Simms finished an 81-yard drive with a 20-yard scoring strike to Williams that made it 24-7.

The Aggies (7-4, 5-3) rallied behind 25-year-old quarterback Mark Farris to pull to 24-14 on a 56-yard scoring pass to Mickey Jones. Jones beat two defenders and scampered down the sideline for the score.

But Simms, who had four pick-offs returned for scores this season, never wavered.

On Texas' next drive, Simms hit Sloan Thomas on a deep out pattern. Thomas broke a tackle and turned it into a 55-yard touchdown play.

Simms struck again later in the quarter when he pump-faked on another out pattern and launched a 70-yard bomb to B.J. Johnson that made it 37-17.

"They're the three best freshmen receivers in the country," Simms said. "I don't think anybody can deny that."

As the clock wound down in the final minute, Simms turned to the crowd and waived his arms up and down as if all the expectations of him had been fulfilled.

"Chris played awesome," said Johnson, whose 187 receiving yards broke the Texas freshman mark of 175 set earlier this season by Williams.

"He stepped up in a big game and played his heart out. Today, he showed what he can do and what kind of power he has on the football field."

The victory also helped Texas fulfill some of the high expectations the Longhorns had when they the started the season ranked in the Top 10.

"How does this win stack up? Tonight, it's the biggest I've ever had," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

Farris finished with 290 yards passing and set the Aggies' single-season record with 2,551 yards.

But he also made two critical turnovers.

His first pass of the game was picked off of by Greg Brown, who returned it 10 yards for a 7-0 Texas lead in the opening minutes.

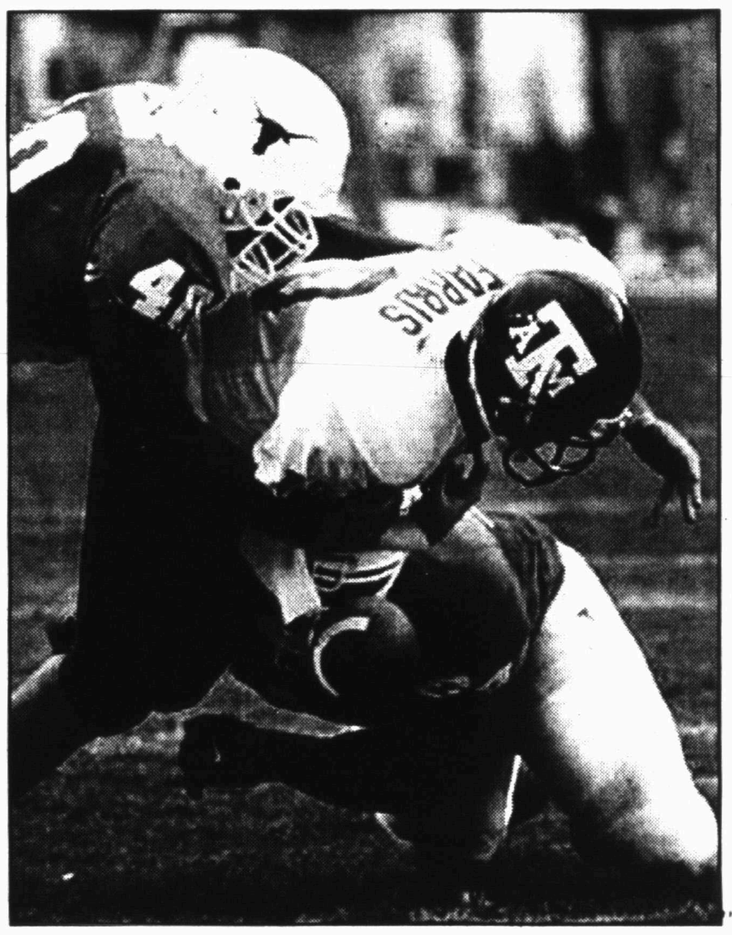
"On the road, things snowball and we couldn't stop them," Farris said. "We all could have played better."

A&M trailed 10-7 in the second quarter when Farris killed a potential go-ahead drive with a fumble on the Texas 9.

Kris Stockton had field goals of 34, 31 and 30 yards to set a Texas single-season record with 22.



BREAKING TACKLES — Texas wide receiver B.J. Johnson breaks a tackle by Texas A&M strong safety Terrence Kiel, right, as A&M cornerback Jonte' Buhl gives chase Friday in Austin. The Longhorns won the game, 43-17. (AP Photo/Thomas Terry)



AGGIE SANDWICH — Texas A&M quarterback Mark Farris fumbles the ball after being hit by Texas' Cory Redding, left, and Casey Hampton. (AP Photo/Thomas Terry)

TCU 62, SMU 7...

Tomlinson caps season with second straight rushing title

DALLAS (AP) — LaDainian Tomlinson capped the fourth-best rushing season and sixth-best career totals Friday night with 174 yards and a touchdown in Texas Christian's 62-7 victory over Southern Methodist.

Tomlinson, who also won his second straight NCAA rushing title, finished the season with 2,158 yards. He became only the eighth player above 2,000 with a 3-yard gain on his fifth carry, although no announcement was made at the Mustangs' stadium.

His 26th and final carry came early in the fourth quarter with TCU (10-1, 7-1 WAC) already comfortably ahead. He gained 8 yards on the play, giving him 5,263 yards and pushing him 4 past Herschel Walker on the career list.

The Horned Frogs then called timeout to savor the moment. Tomlinson walked slowly off the field and waved to the crowd, which included his mother, father, sister and brother together for the first time.

The entire team came onto the field to greet him, led by coach Dennis Franchione.

Even though his average slipped from 198.4 yards to 196.2, Tomlinson already had all but sealed the rushing title. He also holds the NCAA single-game record of 406 yards, which he set last year.

The 5-foot-11, 220-pound Tomlinson is the third straight two-time winner, following Iowa State's Troy Davis in '95-96 and Texas' Ricky Williams in '97-87. Davis was the first 2,000-yard rusher not to win the Heisman Trophy.

Tomlinson joined Williams as the only players to pass the 2,000 and 5,000 barriers.

Local Sports Schedule

MONDAY

Basketball

Slaton at Snyder freshman boys, 5 and 8 p.m.

Snyder freshman girls at Slaton, 4:30 and 7:30

Slaton at Snyder 7th grade boys, at Travis Gym, 5 and 6:30

Slaton at Snyder 8th grade boys, at SJHS Gym, 6:30 and 8:30

Snyder 7th grade girls at Slaton, 4:30 and 6 p.m

Snyder 8th grade girls at Slaton, 6 and 7:30

Ira junior high girls and boys at Borden County, 6 and 7:30

TUESDAY

Basketball

Seminole at Snyder JV and varsity boys, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Snyder JV and varsity girls at Lubbock High, 5 and 6:30

Ira JV and varsity girls and boys at Klondike, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Basketball

Snyder varsity boys vs. Canyon Randall, at Frenship tourney, 2:30

Snyder varsity girls vs. EP Socorro, at San Angelo tourney, 3 p.m.

Snyder JV boys at Coahoma tourney

Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater tourney

Snyder freshman boys at Snyder tourney

State-Wide High School Football Playoff Results

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I Area

Region I
Midland Lee 45, EP Franklin 14
Lewisville (10-1) vs. Duncanville (10-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
Region II
North Mesquite 16, Tyler Lee 10, OT
The Woodlands (8-2) vs. Copperas Cove (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Heights Stadium, San Antonio
Region III
Houston Lamar (8-3) vs. Alief Hastings (9-2), 8 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome
Aldine Eisenhower 45, Pearland 14
Region IV
Austin Westlake 42, SA Holmes 28
CC Carroll 7, Donna 6

DIVISION II Area

Region I
Lubbock Monterey 49, EP Andress 23
Keller Fossil Ridge (8-3) vs. Arlington Lamar (7-4), 7 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
Abilene Cooper 44, EP Del Valle 22
Coppell (6-5) vs. De Soto (8-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
Region II
Tyler John Tyler 21, Plano 13
Houston Langham Creek (8-3) vs. Round Rock (7-4), Saturday, Kyle Field, College Station
Lufkin (8-3) vs. Allen (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium
Cypress Falls (8-3) vs. Waco (6-5), 1 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium
Region III
Houston Madison (10-1) vs. Katy (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome
Aldine 27, Baytown Lee 6
Houston Washington (9-2) vs. Alief Elsik (7-4), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome
Galena Park North Shore 38, Aldine Nimitz 14
Region IV
SA Marshall 24, SA Churchill 3
McAllen 28, Laredo Nixon 14
SA MacArthur 37, SA Harlandale 12
Edinburg 20, Harlingen 16

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I Area

Region I
Frenship 61, EP Ysleta 6
WF Rider (6-5) vs. FW Wyatt (6-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Region II
Denton Ryan 10, Dallas White 6
Corsicana 16, Greenville 9
Region III
Nederland 38, Belton 7
Houston Forest Brook (11-0) vs. Bay City (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Pasadena
Region IV
Driver
Smithson Valley 42, San Marcos 34
SA Roosevelt 47, Alice 0

DIVISION II Area

Region I
EP Riverside (8-3) vs. Big Spring (7-4), 3 p.m. Saturday, Artesia, N.M.
Wichita Falls (11-0) vs. Brownwood (8-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Gerald J. Ford Stadium, Dallas.
EP Parkland (8-3) vs. Andrews (8-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Andrews
Southlake Carroll 16, Stephenville 7
Region II
Waco University (5-6) vs. Dallas Lincoln (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lumpkin Stadium, Waxahachie
Jacksonville 34, Mesquite Poteet 31 (3 OT)
Ennis 46, South Oak Cliff 12
Lancaster (7-4) vs. Terrell (7-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Mesquite
Region III
Harker Heights (9-2) vs. Beaumont Ozen (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Bowers Stadium, Huntsville
La Marque 19, Willis 14
Magnolia (5-6) vs. West Orange-Stark (11-0), 10 a.m. Saturday, Astrodome
Dayton (7-4) vs. Friendswood (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Pasadena
Region IV
Kerrville Tivy 28, Austin LBJ 8
CC Calallen 19, Floresville 0
New Braunfels 28, Lake Travis 25
Rockport-Fulton 42, CC Flour Bluff 21

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I Area

Region I
Littlefield (7-4) vs. Lamesa (10-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Lowery Field, Lubbock
Abilene Wylie 30, Aledo 10
Region II
Everman (10-1) vs. Kaufman (8-3), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Birdville FAAC, Haltom
Lindale (10-1) vs. Daingerfield (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland
Region III
Gatesville 34, Waco Robinson 24
Cleveland 25, Bridge City 20
Region IV
Bellville 43, Bandera 0
Sinton 36, Raymondville 18

DIVISION II Area

Region I
Sanford-Fritch (9-1) vs. Midland Greenwood (8-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock
Lake Worth 29, Sweetwater 10
Muleshoe 26, Denver City 8
Ferris 47, Ballinger 28
Region II
Commerce 27, Gainesville 14
Brownsboro (7-4) vs. Spring Hill (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Homer Bryce Stadium, Nacogdoches
Forney 41, Wilmer-Hutchins 8
Gladewater 19, Tatum 0
Region III
Marlin (8-3) vs. China Spring (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Leo Buckley Stadium, Killeen
Newton 14, Rice Consolidated 9
Cameron Yoe 34, Mexia 0
Sweeny 31, Barbers Hill 7
Region IV
La Grange 28, La Vernia 27
Yoakum 13, Falfurrias 6
Hondo 35, Wimberley 14
Mathis (10-1) vs. Orange Grove (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Corpus Christi

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I Area

Region I
Sonora (11-0) vs. Idalou (10-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Abilene Wylie.
Olney 29, Friona 7
Region II
Pilot Point 13, Comanche 0
Farmersville 45, Godley 14
Region III
Arp 26, Elysian Fields 8
Centerville (8-3) vs. San Augustine (5-4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jacksonville
Region IV
Blanco (7-4) vs. Brookshire Royal (7-4), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Wimberley.
Poth (11-0) vs. Karnes City (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos

DIVISION II Area

Region I
Stanton 40, Ozona 18
Spearman (9-2) vs. Hamlin (8-3), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Childress
New Deal 20, Eldorado 7
Albany 34, Canadian 27
Region II
Hico 3, Henrietta 0
Whitewright (10-1) vs. Grandview (7-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Birdville Stadium, Haltom City
Celina 38, Goldthwaite 7
Cooper 28, Rio Vista 17
Region III
Omaha Paul Pewitt (6-5) vs. Lone Oak (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Gladewater
Mart (11-0) vs. Hemphill (9-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Buddy Moorhead Stadium, Conroe
Troup 26, West Rusk 8
Corrigan-Camden 20, Garrison 0
Region IV
Jarrell 16, Brazos 12
Refugio 35, Nixon Smiley 6
Rogers 20, Ganado 6
Three Rivers 21, Banquete 13

CLASS 1A
Area

Region I
Springlake 23, Wheeler 21
Iraan 56, Petersburg 27
Stratford 46, Sudan 7
Rankin 15, Paducah 13
Region II
Roscoe 29, Cross Plains 0
Petrolia (7-3) vs. Celeste (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Rotan 41, Baird 14
Collinsville 34, Tolar 7
Region III
Beckville 6, Karnack 0
Itasca (9-2) vs. Bremond (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Killeen
Mount Enterprise 7, Simms Bowie 0
Wortham 30, Mildred 0
Region IV
Burkeville 21, Bartlett 13
Falls City 28, Agua Dulce 13
High Island 29, Milano 28
Shiner 35, Benavides 6

CLASS 6-MAN

Regions I and II
Whitharral 44, Follett 30
Grandfalls-Royalty 53, Wellman-Union 52
Groom 69, Lazbuddie 28
Highland 62, Sanderson 14
Regions III and IV
Trent 52, Woodson 6
Gustine (8-3) vs. Aquilla (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Hico
Panther Creek 64, Strawn 14
Abbott 29, Blanket 14

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

TAPPS 5A Final
Dallas Bishop Lynch (11-1) vs. Addison Trinity Christian (10-2), 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco
TAPPS 4A Final
Fort Worth Christian (8-4) vs. Midland Christian (9-3), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco
TAPPS 3A Final
Galveston O'Connell (10-3) vs. Katy Faith West (9-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco
TAPPS 2A Final
Rockwall Christian (11-0) vs. Hallettsville Sacred Heart (10-2), 10 a.m. Saturday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco
TAPPS 6-Man Semi-Finals
El Paso Jesus Chapel (12-0) vs. Greenville Christian (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Gail
Dallas Metropolitan Christian (12-0) vs. Abilene Christian (9-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, Gordon
TCAL Large School 6-Man Final
GP Evangel Temple (9-2) vs. Arl. Texas Christian (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Arlington
TCAL Small School 6-Man Final
Rockwall Heritage (5-6) vs. Irving Emmanuel Baptist (8-2), 10 a.m. Saturday, Maverick Stadium, Arlington

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SPORTS

Duke edges Temple in final game of NIT

NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Boozer and Jason Williams simply would not let No. 2 Duke lose to unheralded Temple in the championship game of the Preseason NIT.

The two sophomores kept the Blue Devils close and Duke finally prevailed Friday night, beating the tenacious Owls 63-61.

Williams hit the 3-pointer that gave Duke the lead for good with 2:05 to play, then scrambled to recover a loose ball for a crucial possession in the final minute. Boozer, who had 13 of his 26 points down the stretch, scored the clinching basket with 17 seconds to play.

Temple still had time to tie, but Duke's defense never allowed the Owls a decent chance at the 3-pointer they needed.

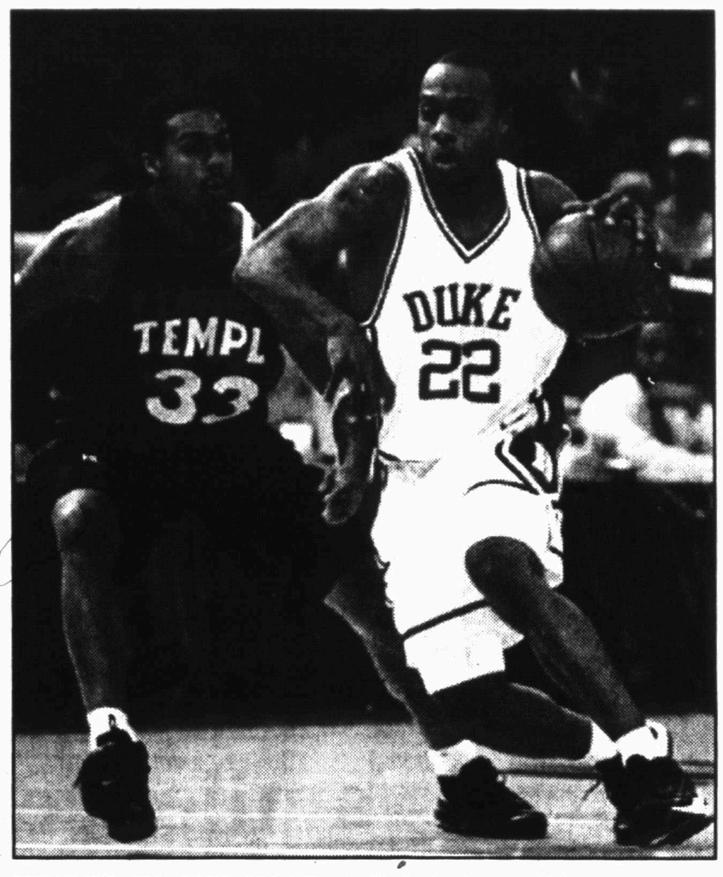
Temple's last gasp came as Lynn Greer went to the foul line with 1.6 seconds left. He made the first shot, then deliberately missed the second. The ball squirted out of bounds. That gave Temple another chance but Kevin Lyde's wild shot was not close.

Shane Battier hit a 3-pointer at the end of the half to give Duke a 31-29 lead and then connected with another at the start of the second half. Then Mike Dunleavy hit one to break a 34-34 tie.

Shortly after that, Temple's 6-foot-10 Ron Rollerson, who sat out all but eight minutes of the first half due to foul trouble, was forced out of the game with his fourth personal foul.

Temple hung on, though, with Lyde taking over the heavy work inside. When Duke opened a seven-point lead at 41-34, Lyde scored four straight points, and a 3-pointer by Alex Wesby tied the score again. Then a goaltending call against Casey Sanders gave Temple the lead with just over 11 minutes to play.

Again, Duke went outside for a 3-pointer by Williams that put the Blue Devils back on top. Greer and Ronn Blackshear responded with 3-pointers that gave Temple the lead, one the Owls held through most of the last 10 minutes.



HEADED TO THE HOOP — Duke's Jason Williams drives around Temple's Quincy Wadley during the first half of Friday's final game of the preseason NIT at Madison Square Garden in New York. Duke won the game, 63-61. (AP Photo/Ed Betz)

Freshmen lead UT past Indiana, 70-58

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas broke Indiana down early Friday night and then held off a Hoosier comeback for a 70-58 victory in the consolation game of the Preseason NIT.

The Longhorns (3-1) started three freshmen — Brandon Mouton, James Thomas and Royal Ivey — for the first time and used a ball-sniping defense to put Indiana in an early hole.

The lead was 20 points at halftime, 42-22, but Indiana climbed back into the game on some hot shooting by Kirk Haston, who led the Hoosiers with 22 points and 12 rebounds.

Indiana cut the lead to seven points at 49-42, limiting Texas to just two baskets in the first 8:52 of the second half. Then Thomas scored five straight points as Texas restored a comfortable lead with a 13-0 run. Thomas who was scoreless in the first half, had four baskets and nine points in that stretch.

Mouton and Maurice Evans opened the game with consecutive 3-pointers, and time after time Texas denied the Hoosiers (2-2) a decent shot at the basket, often forcing turnovers.

When Indiana made a move with three straight baskets by Dane Fife, Haston and Jarrad Odle, cutting the Texas lead to 14-10, the Longhorns responded with a 16-2 run that included 3-pointers by William Wyatt and Brian Boddicker.

The spurt was highlighted by a spectacular play by Maurice Evans, who knocked the ball free at the sideline, recovered it in full flight and zoomed in for a dunk. Evans finished with 13 points.

Chis Owens had 12 points in the first half and led Texas with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Nuggets get rare win against Spurs

DENVER (AP) — Nick Van Exel finishd one rebound shy of a triple-double as the Denver Nuggets won their fifth straight at home.

Van Exel had 27 points, 13 assists and nine rebounds and Antonio McDyess added 20 points to lead the Nuggets to a 102-92 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Friday night.

"I don't know if we have played any better defense, but it was close," said Denver coach Dan Issel, whose team gives up slightly over 100 points a game. "We played awfully well."

Van Exel was 11-for-17 from the field, including 5-for-6 on 3-pointers. McDyess had 12 of his points in the third quarter when the Nuggets began taking control of the game.

Tim Duncan led San Antonio with 21 points and 14 rebounds. Derek Anderson had 15 for the Spurs, who lost for only the second time in their last 13 games against the Nuggets.

"Even in the first half, our defense wasn't that bad. We gave up 15 second-chance points, which was killing us," Issel said. "In the second half we held them to six points on second shots and started making more shots."

Denver shot a season-high 73 percent (16-for-22) in the third quarter to take an 86-73 lead into the fourth. Back-to-back baskets by Tariq Abdul-Wahad and Raef LaFrentz increased the Nuggets' lead to 92-78 three minutes into the final quarter.

"We didn't play as a team defensively, and didn't play with discipline or aggressiveness," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "At the two-minute mark we had two team fouls for the half. I thought we parked it to a degree when we were up by 15."

Duncan's three-point play and two free throws by Malik Rose cut the deficit to 92-80, but the Nuggets responded with a 6-0 run. The Spurs got as close as 99-85 on an inside jumper by Antonio Daniels, but Voshon Lenard's 3-pointer with 1:12 to go put the Nuggets ahead 102-85.

Denver didn't lead until nearly four minutes into the second half when James Posey buried a 3-pointer for a 59-58 lead. They then started breaking away as McDyess began a 9-0 run with a fadeaway jumper.

McDyess closed the quarter with eight straight points on four jump shots, giving the Nuggets an 86-71 lead.

"They weren't talking anymore, and I think a couple of guys even argued," McDyess said of the Spurs in the third quarter. "When you get guys arguing and not helping each other out on defense, you know that things will turn around for you."

San Antonio extended its four-point first quarter lead to 50-35 in the second quarter as Rose buried his first three shots of the period, including a dunk over taller LaFrentz. The Nuggets closed the gap with a 15-2 run in the last 2:36 of the half, with Posey contributing two 3-pointers and Van Exel adding five points and a steal.

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

After giving thanks earlier this week, it's time to prepare for the next holiday, and that means making a wish list. Here are a few things our local high school basketball teams might be asking Santa for.

Hermleigh boys — an encore

The Cardinals would like nothing better than to repeat their performance of a year ago, which earned them a spot in the postseason.

Hermleigh would also take a duplicate effort in the playoffs. Last year, the Cards turned in a stellar performance in the bi-district round against Roscoe, only to fall in the final seconds, 50-47.

Another effort similar to last year's would likely earn the Cardinals a victory, this time around.

Hermleigh girls — a better draw

The Lady Cardinals have been one of the most consistent teams in the area, over the past few seasons. Hermleigh is a perennial contender in the race for the playoffs, but hasn't fared well in the postseason draw.

In their last three playoff appearances, the Lady Cards have faced 1A powerhouses that have lost less than 10 games going in. Maybe all the Hermleigh girls need to advance to the second round of the postseason is a different opponent.

Ira boys — blinders

It's no secret. The best Class A basketball in this area the past few years has been the Ira Bulldogs. The 'Dogs advanced to the regional tournament two years ago, and made it to the regional quarterfinals last season.

But this is a different Ira team, one that needs to look straight ahead and not worry about looking back. Graduated from the Bulldogs' lineup are 6-6 Logan Daves and power forward Jerek Brown, along with a host of other players.

But this year's squad is extremely quick and tenacious on the defensive end. The Bulldogs will be all right this year — if they don't worry about comparing themselves to teams of the past.

Ira girls — a little luck

The Lady Bulldogs are likely won of the best teams not to make the playoffs the last few years. Ira has its share of talent, but can't seem to catch a break.

The past couple of seasons, the Lady Bulldogs district schedule contained a state-tournament qualifier and a regional finalist. But despite the tough schedule, Ira was in almost every game it played, but couldn't catch the break it needed to get over the hump.

This year, all the Lady Bulldogs want in their stocking is a horseshoe, or a four-leaf clover, or a rabbit's foot…..

Lady Tigers — strong bones and strong will

In their first season under Head Coach Sam Tipton, the Lady Tigers showed drastic improvement from years past, and the squad looks even better in this year's early going.

Snyder has the talent to go even further, but they'll need the will of a warrior to survive the highly-competitive District 4-4A race.

With only eight players on the roster, they'll also need to stay healthy, something that didn't happen last year. All-district post Ashley Delce broke her arm late in district competition and Kristin Murray turned her ankle prior to their playoff loss to Cleburne.

But with determination and a clean bill of health, this year's Lady Tigers can accomplish great things.

Tigers — another step

Until the 1997-98 season, the Tigers had never advanced to the playoffs. That year, Snyder earned a bi-district game, but fell in the final seconds.

The next season, the Tigers grabbed a share of the district title and took another step forward by knocking off first-round opponent North Crowley in overtime, before bowing out in the area round.

Last year's Snyder squad went yet another step, winning the outright district crown and capturing the area title with a win over Wichita Falls Hirschi. Eventual state champion Denton Ryan eliminated SHS in the regional quarterfinals.

The Tigers have moved one more rung up the ladder in each of the past three seasons. Another step this year, and the Tigers will find themselves in the regional tournament.

National Football League

All Times Eastern

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Miami	8	3	0	.727	220	146
Buffalo	7	4	0	.636	220	206
Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636	303	239
N.Y. Jets	7	4	0	.636	243	219
New England	3	9	0	.250	192	253
Central						
Tennessee	9	2	0	.818	228	159
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	218	128
Pittsburgh	5	6	0	.455	184	153
Jacksonville	4	7	0	.364	220	259
Cleveland	3	9	0	.250	130	268
Cincinnati	2	9	0	.182	106	233
West						
Oakland	9	2	0	.818	311	221
Denver	7	4	0	.636	333	262
Kansas City	5	6	0	.455	267	257
Seattle	4	7	0	.364	185	260
San Diego	0	11	0	.000	189	291

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	264	179
N.Y. Giants	7	4	0	.636	213	184
Washington	7	4	0	.636	218	178
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	242	273
Arizona	3	8	0	.273	170	311
Central						
Minnesota	10	2	0	.833	306	250
Detroit	8	4	0	.667	247	227
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	262	180
Green Bay	5	6	0	.455	235	231
Chicago	3	8	0	.273	153	256
West						
St. Louis	8	3	0	.727	412	336
New Orleans	7	4	0	.636	225	183
Carolina	4	7	0	.364	210	204
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	290	336
Atlanta	3	9	0	.250	192	306

Thursday's Games

Detroit 34, New England 9
Minnesota 27, Dallas 15

Sunday's Games

Chicago at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Miami at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Arizona, 8:20 p.m.
Open: San Francisco

Monday's Game

Green Bay at Carolina, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 30

Detroit at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 3

Arizona at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Washington, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at New York Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Baltimore

Monday, Dec. 4

Kansas City at New England, 9 p.m.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Larry's Trucks	94.5	59.5
Timely Finance	88.5	65.5
YZ Systems	88	66
The Shack	82.5	71.5
Tinder Storage	80	74
Blue Sunco	77	77
Tiger Mart	75.5	78.5
Snyder Lanes	65.5	88.5
Cutting Edge	64.5	89.5
Snyder Iron	64	100

High series: Mark Thompson, scratch, 601; Stacey Browning, handicap, 695.
High game: Rick Mammolite, scratch, 214; Don Pavlovsky, handicap, 248.
Special mentions: Don Pavlovsky, 2-7(2); Ray Jasso, 5-10, 7-8; Gary Kinder, 3-10; Chris Palacios, 4-5; Elbert Klein, 5-7.

Roll N Hope League

Team	W	L
Snyder Nat'l Bank	25	7
Martin Herefords	20	12
Sny. Machine Shop	18.5	13.5
NAPA Auto Parts	16	16
Allen Compressor	12.5	19.5

High series: Donna Garvin, scratch, 450; Carolyn Allen, handicap, 603.
High game: Cindy Aikin, scratch, 191; Michelle Ewing, handicap, 222.
Special mentions: Carolyn Allen, 4-5.

Jack N Jill League

Team	W	L
Renegades	25	15
BCEC	21	19
J. Shea Jewelers	21	19
Do Overs	21	19
Countryplace	18	18
Snyder Iron	14	26

High series: Scratch: Jeff Smith, 651; Donna Jackson, 478. Handicap: Mark Thompson, 713; Sonja Maxfield, 653.
High game: Scratch: Mark Thompson, 236; Donna Thompson, 189. Handicap: Mark Thompson, 264; Donna Jackson, 244.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Philadelphia	11	1	.917	—
New York	8	5	.615	3½
Boston	6	6	.500	5
New Jersey	6	6	.500	5
Miami	5	7	.417	6
Orlando	4	9	.308	7½
Washington	3	10	.231	8½
Central Division				
Cleveland	9	3	.750	—
Charlotte	8	6	.571	2
Toronto	6	5	.545	2½
Indiana	6	6	.500	3
Detroit	5	8	.385	4½
Milwaukee	3	8	.273	5½
Atlanta	2	11	.154	7½
Chicago	1	11	.083	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
Utah	9	3	.750	—
San Antonio	8	4	.667	1
Dallas	8	5	.615	1½
Minnesota	7	5	.583	2
Denver	7	6	.538	2½
Houston	7	6	.538	2½
Vancouver	4	8	.333	5
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	9	3	.750	—
Sacramento	8	3	.727	½
L.A. Lakers	9	4	.692	½
Portland	9	5	.643	1
Seattle	6	8	.429	4
L.A. Clippers	4	9	.308	5½
Golden State	3	10	.231	6½

Friday's Games

Boston 103, Orlando 98, OT
Cleveland 85, Miami 80
Philadelphia 76, Atlanta 67
Indiana 99, Washington 87
Detroit 118, Vancouver 96
Charlotte 106, Milwaukee 90
Denver 102, San Antonio 92
Phoenix 80, Golden State 74
Utah 97, New Jersey 85
Seattle 98, L.A. Clippers 81
L.A. Lakers 115, Minnesota 108

Saturday's Games

Toronto at New York, 1 p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Portland, 10 p.m.
Seattle at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

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Some people giving tax rebate back

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — About 20 checks pass across Grace Genovese's desk each day.

Some come with cards and notes saying "it's the right thing to do," others with nothing at all. Some are postmarked in the suburbs, others from the poorest of city neighborhoods. Almost all are for $100.

Some Pennsylvania residents, encouraged by newspaper editorials and convinced that a one-time-only state tax rebate was an election-year ploy, are giving their $100 rebate checks to schools.

Philadelphia schools, where Genovese is a secretary for the Office of Grant Fiscal Services, have received hundreds of the 2.5 million checks being mailed by the state Department of Revenue. A few suburban districts have received a handful of checks.

"We think it's great. That's exactly the point in giving people their own money — to do with it what they want," said Tim Reeves, a spokesman for Gov. Tom Ridge.

"Our governor announced the surplus, saying they had met all the needs of the state. ... I knew that wasn't right. They hadn't met all their needs," said the Rev. William Stone, 74, of Philadelphia. Stone and his wife, Dot, sent their check to the school system.

Ridge devised the $330 million tax rebate as a means to offset local property taxes.

Some have criticized the rebate as an election-year gimmick to boost Ridge's fellow Republicans, noting that the first batch of checks was distributed just a month before the vote.

"I was offended by it, but I was even more offended that my state senator was trying to use it (in his campaign)," Stone said. "It's as though I was going to the voting both and he was handing me a buck."

Many others echoed Stone's sentiment in their letters to the Philadelphia School District, using words like "irresponsible" and "appalling" to describe the rebate program.

"This check should be for $80 million from Governor Tom Ridge and the people of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the children of the School District of Philadelphia. The fact that it is not is an absolute scandal," wrote one donor, referring to the deficit the district faces this school year.

William Kozlowski, who administers grant programs at the school district, said the money will likely be used to match outside grants given to teachers. He said foundation and corporate grants often require that the district match 5 to 15 percent, something that isn't always easy to do.

Kozlowski says he's collected just over $30,000. Some people are sending rebate money directly to schools in their neighborhoods.

Melani Lamond, a real estate agent from West Philadelphia, is helping organize donations in her neighborhood near the University of Pennsylvania. She and 64 others are giving $6,425 directly to four schools.

"Some teachers have to buy their own supplies," said Lamond, whose son is a senior at Central High School. "The people who live here, whether they have kids or not, feel that it's important for schools to have more money to meet their needs."

She said some people are donating even if they didn't qualify for the tax rebate, including a renter who gave $25.

"Some people on this list are not in the position to do this," Lamond said. "One man ... said he could give it to me when he got his next paycheck. That's how tight his budget is."

Reeves, the governor's spokesman, said the state is a leader in spending on education and that some special interest groups were trying to push an agenda with the tax rebate.

"We absolutely don't begrudge anybody for giving their tax rebate to schools or anything else. It's their money," Reeves said.

And if the Philadelphia schools get more, it's just fine with Genovese.

"I'm having a ball reading the letters," she said.

On the Net:State Department of Revenue: http://www.revenue.state.pa.usPhiladelphia schools: http://www.phila.k12.pa.us

Datebook

Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000

Today is the 330th day of 2000 and the 65th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1867, inventor Alfred Nobel patented dynamite.

On this day in 1922, in Egypt, the tomb of Tutankhamen ("King Tut") was opened by archeologists.

On this day in 1982, actress Cicely Tyson and jazz trumpeter Miles Davis were wed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lope de Vega (1562-1635), Spanish dramatist; Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919), tycoon-philanthropist; Carry A. Nation (1846-1911), temperance advocate; Angelo Roncalli (1881-1963), Pope John XXIII; Virgil Thomson (1896-1989), composer-music critic; Joe DiMaggio (1914-1999), baseball great; John Larroquette (1947-), actor, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, O.J. Simpson, playing for the Buffalo Bills, rushed for 273 yards in a game against the Detroit Lions.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Concentration is my motto — first honesty, then industry, then concentration." — Andrew Carnegie

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

Monday, Nov. 27, 2000

Today is the 332nd day of 2000 and the 67th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1826, John Walker of England invented the friction match.

On this day in 1918, Woodrow Wilson became the first U.S. president to receive a passport while in office.

On this day in 1967, the Beatles album "Magical Mystery Tour" was released.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Levi Strauss (1809-1902), businessman; Mona Washbourne (1903-1984), actress; David Merrick (1912-2000), Broadway producer; "Buffalo" Bob Smith (1917-1998), puppeteer; Gail Sheehy (1937-), writer, is 63; Bruce Lee (1940-1973), actor; Eddie Rabbit (1941-) singer, is 59; Jimi Hendrix (1942-1970), musician; Caroline Kennedy (1957-), daughter of the 35th president, is 43; Robin Givens (1964-), actress, is 36; Jaleel White (1976-), actor, is 24.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1948, Army and Navy tied their annual football game 21-21.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To be tested is good. The challenged life may be the best therapist." — Gail Sheehy

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Nov. 25) and first quarter (Dec. 3).

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Nobelist's lecture offends audience

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — A Nobel laureate's provocative speech on sunshine and sex — complete with slides of bikini-clad women — left some at the University of California, Berkeley, aghast.

James Watson, who co-discovered DNA, dumbfounded many at a guest lecture when he advanced his theory about a link between skin color and sex drive.

"That's why you have Latin lovers," he said, according to people who were there last month. "You've never heard of an English lover. Only an English patient."

"I realized right away that this was inappropriate," said Susan Marqusee, an associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology.

Watson also said fat people are happy and thin people more ambitious, showing a slide of waif-like model Kate Moss looking sad to illustrate the point.

Marqusee said she walked out after a comment about men finding fat women sexually attractive. "There wasn't any science," she said. "These aren't issues that one can state as fact."

Watson has been traveling and does not comment on reaction to his lectures, said Jeff Picarello, spokesman for the Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory, where Watson is president.

Picarello said Watson has gotten positive reviews on the lecture before and is known for his sense of humor. Expounding on his theory that exposure to sunlight enhances sex drive, the mostly bald 72-year-old will announce that bald men have better sex, Picarello said. "He says this with a twinkle in his eye. It's fascinating, but at the same time it's amusing."

Biology doctoral candidate Sarah Tegen said people were laughing at the beginning of Watson's lecture. But the laughter turned nervous as he developed his theme.

"There was a lot of looking at the person next to you and saying, 'I can't believe he's saying this,'" she said.

"I think there's a really important place in science for controversy. That's how you overturn dogmas. But it's got to be within a context of testable hypotheses," she said.

Watson, who shared a Nobel Prize for his role in discovering the structure of DNA in 1953 and who launched the Human Genome Project in 1990, was giving a speech called "The Pursuit of Happiness: Lessons from pom-C."

Pom-C is a protein that helps create different hormones — melanin that determines skin color, beta endorphins that affect mood and leptin, which plays a role in metabolizing fat. Watson talked about how the chemicals are enhanced by sunlight, leading to the supposition that people who are exposed to more sunlight have more of the hormones.

He talked about an experiment at the University of Arizona where male patients were injected with a melanin extract. The test was designed to see if skin could be chemically darkened to prevent skin cancer, but found that as a side effect the men became sexually aroused.

Watson went on to talk about how exposure to sun may affect sexual drive, showing slides of women in bikinis and one of veiled Muslim women.

Picarello said Watson's theories are underpinned by biological fact.

Snowstorm helps nab car thieves in Buffalo, N.Y.

CLARENCE, N.Y. (AP) — A pair of Texas teen-agers, freshly married and on the lam, got nearly 1,300 miles in a stolen car before Mother Nature pitched in to put on the brakes.

When the Cadillac got stuck on Clarence's Main Street during Monday's 25-inch snow storm, it was the beginning of the end of a caper that started Nov. 12 in Irving, Texas.

Police said Keevis Holland and his new bride Tiffanie, both 18, waited outside a store that day in Texas and when a banker pulled up, the pair dragged his 64-year-old wife out of the car, beat her up and stole the car.

After spending some time in Chicago, they headed east, living off the victim's stolen credit and gas cards.

Then the snow came.

When police found the Cadillac stuck in the snow 15 miles east of Buffalo, they tracked the Texas plates and found out the car was stolen. A local dealership made duplicate keys and when police searched the car, they found a business card from a local motel where they picked up the Hollands.

Besides the Texas charges, the pair faces stolen property and forgery charges in New York.

Helen Hunt received offers

NEW YORK (AP) — Winning an Oscar flooded Helen Hunt's mailbox.

"I immediately got offered a lot of movies, and said no to every one of them," Hunt told Movieline magazine in its November editions. "Nothing felt exactly right, and I had been spoiled by having everything be exactly right in terms of my series and 'As Good As It Gets.'"



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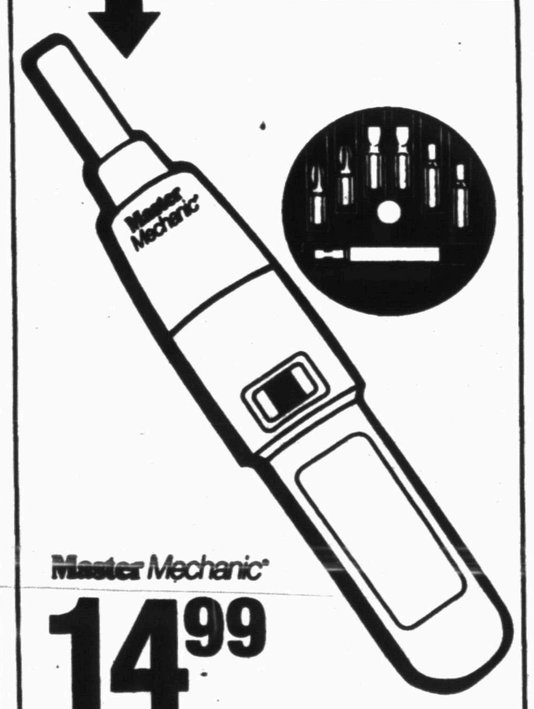
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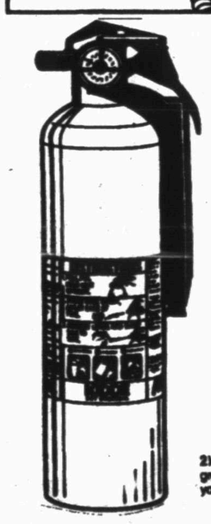
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Is eating raw veggies OK?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I get my five or six fruits and vegetables each day and a lot of cereals and grains. I also take a multivitamin that contains between 100 percent and 200 percent of everything. Most of the vegetables (cauliflower, broccoli, carrots, celery and lettuce) and a lot of the fruits I eat are raw. Is that good, bad or indifferent? I take my vitamins with breakfast. Is that OK? I am at the top end of the normal bracket for cholesterol, so I am very careful with fats. I am 70 years old, in good health and hope to stay that way. — **W.J., Livermore, Calif.**

Dear W.J.: It all sounds great! Eating your vegetables raw is fine. Eating them is what's most important, and the way they are prepared is a matter of taste. It is best to take a supplement with a meal: The choice of the meal is up to you. As regards your cholesterol, what you are doing with your diet sounds good to me, but I would try to stay as active as possible. If you have not previously been active, you should touch base with your doctor before you start.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am looking for some reliable information on ways to deal with a cartilage problem. I thought I'd take MSM along with glucosamine and chondroitin. Do you recommend it? Is it OK to take all three together? — **O.Q.**

Dear O.Q.: MSM stands for methylsulfonylmethane, and I haven't heard about this compound being able to rebuild cartilage. There are positive comments concerning MSM's potential ability to relieve musculo-skeletal pain and arthritis, but these claims, unfortunately, have little research substantiation to back them up. This limits what can be said with any degree of confidence. It also leaves us in a gray area regarding side effects and interactions with other medications or health conditions. You will have to take responsibility to stay on top of things, and keep your physician informed of what you are doing. From what I was able to discover, it could take a few months before results are evident. There is a book written by a couple of medical doctors that may be of interest here: "The Miracle of MSM," by Stanley W. Jacob, Ronald M. Lawrence and Martin Zucker. The authors are definitely MSM boosters, but it could provide some important information regarding how it is supposed to work.

It is scientifically irresponsible to recommend any substance that hasn't been properly tested for safety and efficacy.

Concerning glucosamine, there is research evidence that glucosamine can be effective against osteoarthritis. Again, no guarantees here, but some have had success. It looks good!

If you are a non-insulin-dependent diabetic or are at high risk for this type of diabetes, be alert that studies are underway to determine whether, and to what extent, glucosamine might be causing insulin resistance — a condition in which the body's insulin is less effective than it should be. Diabetics should closely monitor their blood sugar level if they choose to take glucosamine.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I started to buy Pycnogenol years ago, as I thought this anti-oxidant was the best for whatever ails you. I just heard that this might not be the case, and I wanted to ask what you thought. - **P.P., Seattle, Wash.**

Dear P.P.: I don't know what you heard about Pycnogenol. It is a powerful anti-oxidant supplement, but I wouldn't say it is "the best" for anything that might ail you. I wouldn't say that for any one type of anti-oxidant. The key to good health, good nutrition and effective anti-oxidant protection is to have it all working together. The body has its own anti-oxidants, many of which come from a healthful diet that contains fruits, greens and other vegetables. Supplements can help, but they cannot handle the entire load.

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.

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Study: Wolves don't appear to cause so many problems

AGASSIZ WILDLIFE REFUGE, Minn. (AP) — When two packs of gray wolves migrated back to this 61,500-acre refuge in northwestern Minnesota, neighbors got worried.

Surrounded by agricultural land including 25 ranches, some residents feared for their livestock. Federal biologists had even initially recommended that the area be kept "wolf free."

But a new study suggests that worries about livestock kills may have been overblown. According to a sample of wolves, the animals spent most of their time far from humans and their feces showed deer was their overwhelming food source.

"I think people have had this idea that wolves are a wilderness creature," said Andreas Chavez, a wildlife ecology graduate student from Utah State who has studied wolf packs with U.S. Fish and Wildlife officials. "They are very adaptable and opportunistic. They are able to tolerate living near people."

Biologists spotted wolves in the Agassiz area in 1981 for the first time since the 1930s or 1940s. They'd been keeping a curious eye on the packs ever since, but weren't able to track the animals until a grant came through in 1998.

During the spring, summer and fall of 1998 and 1999, they tracked seven radio-collared adult wolves around the clock.

"These are much more closely tracked than any before," said Gary Huschle, wildlife biologist at the refuge.

Much of the wolf observation was done from a hand-built brown and white blind on the refuge. Chavez spent so much time with the animals that they would respond to his howls.

The animals spent about 70 percent of their time on the refuge and adjacent state Wildlife Management Areas and the rest of the time wandering around neighboring farms and other areas.

In the past decade, local residents have reported 11 wolf attacks on livestock, including five kills during the time of the two-year study. From 1997 to 2000, the number of packs has fluctuated between one and three, with a total of 12 to 21 wolves.

At least seven wolves died of skin disease and 10 were killed either legally or illegally by humans. Five were trapped after livestock kills, four were illegally shot and one was run over by a snowmobiler.

"The Agassiz wolves have for sure taken some of this beating, but despite this they continue to have a foothold," Chavez said. "The refuge literally serves as a refuge for them."

Cindy Johnson, 43, who lives on 10 acres of land that run along the edge of the refuge, said wolves are just a part of life in the area.

"We have seen a wolf in our yard," she said. "We were on our way to work and it was just on the edge of our yard, standing. We know they are around."

They haven't bothered her so far, she said, and she hasn't heard many neighbors grumbling.

Mexican Senate passes car registration law

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Owners of used cars smuggled into Mexico from the United States may be able to legally register their vehicles soon under a bill passed by the Mexican Senate on Thursday.

The bill would allow legal registration of foreign cars manufactured between 1970 and 1993 that were brought into the country before Oct. 31. It now moves to the lower House, where quick approval is expected. It will then become law.

Representatives of Mexico's automotive industry oppose the initiative, which they say will hurt their business, and said they would formally protest the action on Monday.

The legislation is designed to help the owners of an estimated 1.5 million illegal used vehicles now being driven in the country. Many of the owners are poor rural residents or consumers who unwittingly bought cars or trucks they did not know were illegal.

The big attraction has been price: Vehicles purchased in the United States are often cheaper than those in Mexico.

The issue has provoked long and heated debates in the country, where officials say restrictions on the vehicles are needed to protect Mexico's auto industry.

In an effort to stem the tide of illegal vehicles, the government last year announced it would require drivers of U.S.-registered cars to pay deposits of $800 to drive into Mexico. The plan was withdrawn in the wake of strong criticism from both sides of the border.

In March, Mexico's Commerce Department announced a "grace period" for illegal cars more than five years old. Those cars had until Sept. 13 to leave Mexican territory without facing the threat of being confiscated. That rule was aimed at helping people who may have unwittingly bought illegal cars.

The Commerce Department simultaneously eased restrictions on imports of old pickup trucks from the United States or Canada, allowing trucks at least 10 years old to be imported into Mexico for a fee of dlrs 200.

Conservative Angelicans plan service

ROSEMONT, Pa. (AP) — Anglican archbishops from overseas who oppose the Episcopal Church USA's liberal views on homosexuality are challenging the denomination's leadership by staging their own confirmation service here.

"The day of reckoning has begun," said the Rev. David Moyer, the rector at the Church of the Good Shepherd, where the confirmation of more than 70 youths and adults is planned Sunday.

The presiding bishops of Kenya, Uganda, Congo, and Sydney, Australia, are expected to attend or send delegates to the confirmation by Archbishop Maurice Sinclair of Argentina. They oppose the practice by the Episcopal Church, the U.S. branch of Anglicanism, of ordaining gay men and lesbians and allowing clergy to bless same-sex unions.

Bishop Charles Bennison of the Diocese of Pennsylvania called the move a "canonical crisis." Foreign intervention into the affairs of a national church runs counter to Anglican tradition.

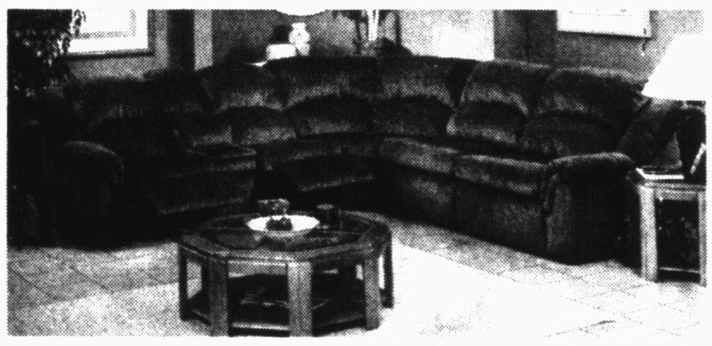
"It's a breach of custom and canon and courtesy," he said. "I'm disappointed they would do this."

But Bennison said he would let the confirmation proceed and even attend as a spectator. He was scheduled to have tea with Sinclair on Saturday as a gesture of good will.

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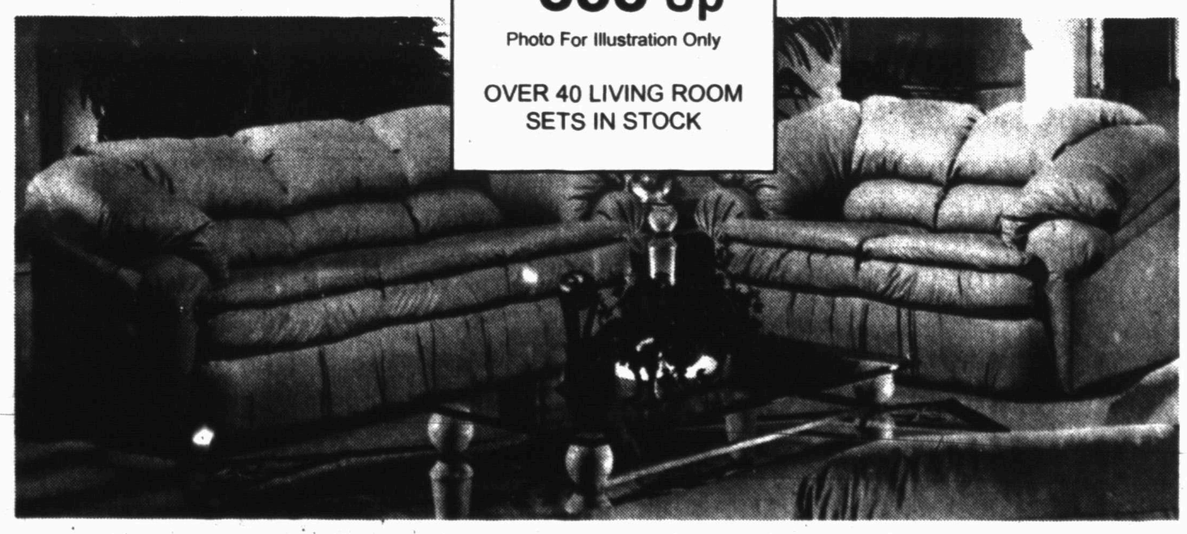


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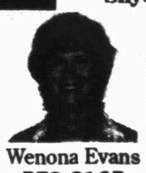
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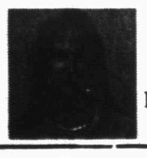
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Bombmaker's death blamed on Israel

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — Out on a furlough from a Palestinian prison, Ibrahim Bani Odeh borrowed a cousin's car to take his five young children on an outing. The Islamic militant bombmaker was on the road for less than 10 minutes when the car exploded, killing him instantly.

Palestinian police investigators have blamed Israeli agents for Thursday's mysterious death, saying they planted a bomb in the car's headrest with the help of a collaborator — the cousin, Alam Bani Odeh, 25, now believed to be a fugitive.

Some Israeli officials have denied involvement and others have refused comment, but Palestinians remained skeptical, noting that earlier this week Israeli issued a new warning that it would hunt down those who attack its citizens.

And even if it turns out that Bani Odeh, 35, was killed in a "work accident," as some Israelis speculated, it will make little difference to Hamas, the militant group he had served.

Hamas is set on revenge.

"Our response will be more car bombs and they (the Israelis) will pay a high price," said the Hamas leader in Nablus, Sheik Hamed Bitawi, addressing more than 5,000 people in Bani Odeh's funeral procession Friday.

On Wednesday, a car bomb in Israel killed two people and wounded more than 60, though there were rival, unconfirmed claims of responsibility, including by Hamas.

"The only language the occupation understands is that of bullets," Bitawi said, before repeatedly firing a pistol into the air, to the raucous cheers of the crowd.

Hamas has shown in the past that its threats must be taken seriously.

In 1996, its chief bombmaker, Yehiyeh Ayyash, also known as "The Engineer," was killed when a booby-trapped mobile phone blew up in his hand. Hamas responded with four deadly suicide bombings in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem that killed dozens of Israelis and brought down moderate Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Israel never acknowledged that it assassinated Ayyash, but has a long tradition of tracking down those who attack Israelis.

Earlier this month, Israeli helicopters fired rockets at Hussein Abayat, a regional Palestinian militia commander, as he was driving a pickup truck in the West Bank town of Beit Sahour. Abayat was killed on the spot.

The deaths of Abayat and Bani Odeh have sent many armed militants into hiding. In the West Bank town of Nablus, where Bani Odeh lived, masked gunmen used to take a lead in funeral processions in recent weeks, riding in the front trucks and firing into the air. At Bani Odeh's funeral, no gunmen were to be seen.

Bani Odeh, whose family comes from the West Bank village of Tamoun near Nablus, was born in exile in Kuwait, and spent the first 18 years of his life there, before moving to Jordan where he joined the army.

In Jordan, Bani Odeh was recruited by Hamas, a group dedicated to establishing an Islamic state in Israel's place. A decade ago, Bani Odeh married a cousin, Roqaya. The couple have five children — two boys and three girls.

After Palestinians won control of West Bank towns in 1995, Bani Odeh, by now a leading figure in Hamas' military wing, Izzedine al Qassam, was sent to Nablus to establish underground cells and direct chemical labs, said a Hamas activist who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Two years ago, Bani Odeh was arrested by the Palestinian Authority. Interrogators tortured and beat him for several weeks, hanging him from his arms for long periods, to extract information about Hamas plots, his friends said.

After his interrogation in the West Bank town of Jericho, Bani Odeh was sent to Jneid Prison in Nablus, where he lived in relative comfort with dozens of other Hamas prisoners, who were allowed to socialize and move from cell to cell.

"He was known as the bombmaker," said the Hamas activist, who also served time at Jneid Prison. "He had no friends, he never used to talk to anybody. Whenever he was free, he would spend his time with his children."

Bani Odeh was let out of prison on Tuesday evening, and was due to report back Friday afternoon — a typical furlough during his two years in custody.

As in the past, his cousin Alam provided the transportation for Bani Odeh's time outside the prison, Hamas activists said.

On Thursday morning, Bani Odeh picked up Alam's car at a garage in eastern Nablus, so he could take his children out for a drive.

Bani Odeh was on the road for less than 10 minutes when the explosion went off, blowing off the roof and turning the car into a scorched pile of metal.

The governor of Nablus, Mahmoud Aloul, accused Israel of killing Bani Odeh. Suspicion quickly fell on Alam, though four of Bani Odeh's brothers and another relative were also picked up for questioning.

Palestinian police set up roadblocks around Tamoun, Alam's home village, but said he had already slipped away.

Swiss will vote on future of their army

GENEVA (AP) — The Swiss like to say they don't have an army — they ARE the army. But that assumption is under attack from critics who say the force that has kept Switzerland out of wars since 1515 has become a dinosaur gobbling up public money.

The test comes Sunday in a referendum on a citizen proposal to slash the defense budget and spend the savings on civilian needs.

The change would strike at the heart of the militia system that requires every Swiss male to undergo basic military training, keep his gun at home, and attend refresher courses every two years until age 40.

The system means that bankers and building laborers, company executives and cooks, all are whisked with clockwork regularity to Alpine outposts or underground bunkers to brush up their commando and marksmanship skills.

It also means that the army is embedded deeper in the national culture than in most countries, and may help to explain why voters are likely to leave things the way they are.

The proposed changes, backed by left-wing and humanitarian aid groups, would effectively lop about $1 billion off annual military spending by 2010, to leave it at $1.74 billion.

Proponents argue that with the Cold War over, Switzerland's cherished neutrality no longer needs to be backed up by large-scale reserve forces, fighter planes, armor and artillery.

"With its grotesquely excessive military spending, Switzerland is in a league of its own internationally," says Werner Marti of the Socialist Party, which gathered the 100,000 signatures needed to force a referendum.

The Socialists claim that Swiss military spending declined by only 8 percent between 1987 and 1997, compared with 38 percent worldwide.

The Swiss government disputes this and maintains the defense budget has fallen by more than one-quarter in real terms since 1987. It calls the proposed cuts "superfluous, unacceptable and dangerous."

The London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies estimates that Swiss per capita defense spending in 1997 was $544 — above the NATO average of $433, but well below the U.S. figure of $1,018.

"We have to resist any further reductions in order to guarantee that the army fulfills its triple mission: promoting international peace; defending Swiss soil and protecting the population," declared Defense Minister Adolf Ogi.

Polls predict the proposal will be thrown out, just as a more radical idea to scrap the army altogether was rejected by a 65 percent majority in 1989.

Many Swiss believe their military is a strong deterrent that has kept their small country out of Europe's wars.

The nation of 7 million has 390,000 reserve soldiers who undergo 15 weeks of basic training followed by regular two- to three-week refresher courses and so are ready for instant call-up. And those retired from service get to keep their guns.

The government wants to introduce a professional core of up to 7,000 men while slashing the number of reservists to 120,000 by lowering the age ceiling from 40 to 30. The savings would be spent on new technology, so the budget would be trimmed only slightly — to about $2.4 billion.

Proudly independent Switzerland is neither in NATO nor the United Nations, but the army has become an enthusiastic participant in NATO's Partnership for Peace exercises, which embrace non-NATO members in eastern Europe. And voters will decide next year on a government plan to let armed peacekeepers join U.N. operations.

Ogi, the defense minister, ridicules suggestions the world is now safe for military cutbacks.

"Who would have thought that war would return to our continent before the year 2000, in the Balkans, only 11/2 hours by plane from Switzerland," he says.

"The truth is that many conflict areas today are closer than our vacation destinations."

Charleston retains title of city with most manners

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Charleston has graciously accepted another title as the nation's most mannerly city, an honor rooted in its enduring tradition of Southern hospitality.

But whether the port city deserves such an honor depends on who you ask.

"Charleston is the role model for the rest of the country," said etiquette expert Marjabelle Young Stewart, who released the latest list of polite cities Friday.

However, Andrew Hanson, who has lived in Charleston 11 years, is not convinced the city is full of charm.

"We're very good with visitors," Hanson said. "We're all over them like a cheap suit. But to those who live here — the manners could be improved. We're not as gracious as everybody makes us out to be."

Charleston has been on the list all 24 years it has been compiled by Stewart, the author of "Common Sense Etiquette."

Stewart bases her list on thousands of letters and faxes, many of them from people who have taken her etiquette courses. Charleston stood out.

"One woman said, 'I make sure I visit once a year to see a gentleman in action,'" Stewart said.

But New Jersey native Rich Hanf, who has lived in the Charleston area for four years, thinks that a lot of politeness appears to be on the surface.

"We found it difficult to break through the barrier to make friends," he said.

Local etiquette teacher Mary Cecile Kennerty defends the choice of Charleston as the best-mannered city.

"I definitely think Charleston is worthy of the honor," said Kennerty, who teaches etiquette to fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders through the National League of Junior Cotillion.

This is the seventh year Charleston has topped the list.

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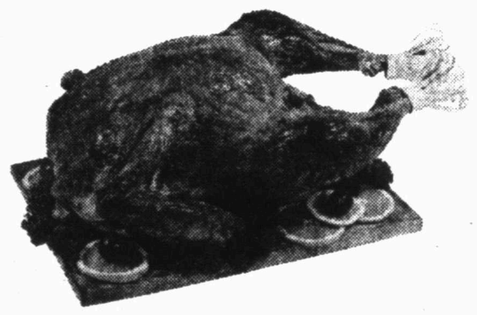
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Security agreement goes unheeded

JERUSALEM (AP) — A plan for Israeli and Palestinian security forces to resume limited cooperation failed to take hold Saturday amid sporadic clashes in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Two Palestinians were killed and more than 30 were wounded in the fighting, medical officials said.

The two Palestinians who died were shot by Israeli soldiers in confrontations in the West Bank, one in Nablus and the other in Jenin, hospital doctors said. The Israeli army said it fired live ammunition in Nablus after it came under gunfire but claimed it used only rubber bullets to respond to stone throwers in Jenin.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat spoke by telephone Friday and agreed to renew low-level security ties, including the work of 10 joint liaison offices, which were shut Thursday after an Israeli soldier was killed at one outpost.

However, Israeli soldiers at the liaison office in the southern Gaza Strip came under gunfire Saturday and shot back, the Israeli army said. No injuries were reported, but the incident reflected the difficulty in implementing the plan.

A small number of Palestinian security officers turned up at other liaison offices in Gaza and the West Bank, but there was no cooperation between the two sides, the army said.

"I am sorry to say that the meeting and the communications between the two sides did not succeed in stopping the Israeli aggression," said Marwan Kanafani, a spokesman for Arafat.

Before the fighting began two months ago, the liaison offices were a symbol of cooperation, albeit limited, between Israelis and Palestinians.

Florida official to try to name winner

By The Associated Press

The long, labored recount dragged on into the weekend in Florida's presidential election, with George W. Bush clinging to a lead and Al Gore gaining slowly. The U.S. Supreme Court decision to step in was the new — and perhaps finishing — element in a White House contest unlike any other.

Amidst the tumult, the state's top elections official served notice she will again attempt to declare a winner on Sunday evening. "This will be done publicly regardless of the outcome, which is, of course, unknown at this time," said Ben McKay, the top aide to Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris.

McKay's delicate phrasing — "of course unknown" — didn't begin to describe events surrounding an election unsettled 17 days after the nation voted. Whomever wins Florida's 25 electoral votes wins the White House.

Gore was picking up votes as officials in Broward and Palm Beach Counties pressed ahead with manual recounts triggered by the Democrats.

"I feel we're racing against the clock but I feel we're going to make it," Palm Beach board member Carol Roberts said as Democrats hinted they may challenge the results in court.

Two senior members of Gore's legal team, speaking on condition they not be identified, said Saturday the vice president is seriously considering challenging the Palm Beach results, where election officials are using a standard for approving votes that is stricter than Gore wants. Gore wants all dimpled ballots — those indented but not punched through — counted, though the three-member board is only counting them when it's clear the voter had trouble punching the rest of the ballot, too.

The Gore team already has said it will contest results in Miami-Dade, which suspended its hand recount because the county couldn't meet the Sunday deadline, and, almost certainly, Nassau County, where the canvassing board decided to use the Nov. 7 vote totals instead of the results of a machine recount that missed about 200 presidential ballots. The decision resulted in a gain of 52 votes for Bush.

The maneuvering churned on against the backdrop of Republican running mate Dick Cheney's release from a Washington hospital. The 59-year-old vice presidential candidate said doctors had placed him under "no restrictions" that would interfere with him taking office.

Cheney told reporters he and Bush had talked by phone and chatted about his health. But he added, they also spent a lot of

U.S. distances itself from election process in Haiti

WASHINGTON (AP) — It looked like a major foreign policy triumph for President Clinton six years ago when a U.S. invasion force deposed a discredited military dictatorship in Haiti and reinstated the country's elected leader, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The intervention helped rescue Haiti from pariah state status. But as Haiti prepares for a presidential election Sunday, the country is once again becoming an international outcast because the electoral process is widely perceived to have been rigged.

The Clinton administration, intent on not legitimizing the process, has refused to provide financial support or send observers to monitor the balloting.

Haiti's crisis of governance is not a new phenomenon.

18-year-old in critical condition in Lubbock

An 18-year-old Snyder man remained in critical condition Saturday morning at Lubbock's University Medical Center following a one-vehicle rollover that occurred at 12:46 p.m. Thursday.

Marciano Madrid, 18, of 2300 Avenue G was first transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital before being taken to Lubbock.

Madrid was driving a 1995 Ford Contour some 12 miles south of Snyder on CR 465 when the mishap occurred.

A passenger, Jacquelinne Madrid, 16, was not injured.

Department of Public Safety trooper Terry Snyder investigated the accident, as well as three others over the Thanksgiving holiday.

At 6:35 a.m. Thursday, he was called to a one-vehicle rollover approximately 12 miles southeast of Snyder on CR 466.

Involved was a 1995 Ford Ranger pickup driven by Brian Buxton, 31, of Fort Benning, Ga. He was not injured.

At 6:17 a.m. Friday, a 1996 Freightliner truck towing a 1997 box trailer loaded with butter overturned approximately a mile south of Hermleigh on U.S. 84.

The driver, Ivan Nance, 47, of Euless was not injured. He was travelling northbound on U.S. 84 when the accident occurred.

According to Trooper Snyder, the vehicle's left wheels went off the roadway into the center median, the vehicle then overcorrected to the right, traveled off the right side of roadway, overcorrected back to left and then overturned.

The truck is leased to Ralph Owens Co. of Ft. Forth.

The mishap led to U.S. 84 traffic temporarily being rerouted on Business 84 through Hermleigh.

Trooper Snyder also investigated a two-vehicle accident at 9:27 a.m. Friday in the 600 block of Dunn Street in Hermleigh.

Involved were a 1991 Chevrolet S-10 pickup driven by James Todd Clark, 28, of 631 Dunn Street in Hermleigh and a 1991 Pontiac Bonneville driven by Elida Conde, 66, of 374 Kemp Street in Hermleigh.

There were no injuries.

Obituaries

Olton Lee Smith

1948-2000

Olton Lee Smith died at 3:20 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, at his home after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Smith, 52, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in East Side Church of Christ. Tom Holcomb, minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery.



Olton Smith

Born Aug. 24, 1948, in Snyder, he married Sandy McDaniel on Jan. 10, 1969 in Snyder. Mr. Smith, a lifetime Snyder resident, was a master plumber and was employed by the Snyder ISD for the past 11 years. He was a deacon of East Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy Smith of the home; a daughter, Shanna Smith of Arlington; a son, Shane Smith of Fort Worth; his parents, Graham and Gladys Smith of Dunn; three brothers, Richard Smith of Odessa, Jimmy Smith of Flower Mound and Tony Smith of Snyder.

Family visitation will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Stella Goodwin

1911-2000

ROTAN — Stella Goodwin, 89, of Rotan died Friday, Nov. 24, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service is set for 1:30 Sunday in the Belvieu Cemetery. The Rev. Dutch Parks will officiate and arrangements are under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home in Rotan.

Born on Oct. 4, 1911 in Fisher County, she married Jim Goodwin in Fisher County on Nov. 24, 1932. She was a lifetime Fisher County resident with the exception of a brief stay in Snyder Healthcare Center. She was a homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Roby.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ab Hull; her husband, Jim Goodwin; one daughter, Mary Lou Mitchell, two sisters, Gladys Ferrar and Linnie Feught; and one brother, J.L. Hull.

Survivors include a daughter, Dorothy Treatt of Snyder; two sons, Arnie Goodwin of Rotan and Shorty Goodwin of Paducah; two brothers, Allan Hull of Rotan and Bennie Hull of Long Beach, Calif.; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

Reckless driver complaint leads to two citations here

• ***Reckless drivers***

A motorist called dispatchers at 9:10 a.m. Friday to report a reckless driver travelling southbound on U.S. Hwy. 84. A deputy made contact with a male subject and advised him of the complaint.

At 4:32 p.m. Friday, officers received a report of a car and a pickup driving recklessly in the 3100 block of Avenue I. Officers contacted the two drivers and issued citations to them.

• ***Cell phone stolen***

James Walker contacted police at 10:35 a.m. Friday to report that someone had taken a cell phone from his vehicle while it was parked at the Snyder EMS office.

• ***Loud music***

Officers spoke to a man in the 100 block of Browning at 11:09 a.m. Friday in reference to loud music. The subject was advised that a citation would be issued if another complaint was received.

A report of a music disturbance was received at 12:24 a.m. Saturday at the Park Village Apartments. Officers advised the subjects of the complaint.

Officers contacted a man at 2:23 a.m. Saturday in the 3200 block of Avenue U in reference to a music disturbance.

• ***Gas drive-off***

A clerk at Rip Griffin's notified officers of a gas drive-off in the amount of $14 at 1:56 p.m. Friday.

• ***Problems with child***

A woman called police at 2:25 p.m. Friday in reference to having disciplinary problems with her 5 and 7-year-olds. Officers advised the woman of the proper steps to take.

• ***Cat bite***

An offense report for cat bite was filed at 5:02 p.m. Friday.

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Basketball booster club

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

Pack 61 meeting

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

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Three Lessons from Balaam," followed by "Children are a Heritage of the Lord."

Ira picture retakes

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

Lions Club to meet

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

Genealogical Society meeting

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

Vocational nurse program testing

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

Senior citizen swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics is held from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, and 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

West Family Reading Night

West Elementary's Family Reading Night is held each Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. Refreshment, prizes and childcare are provided.

Heart walk

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

Troop 27 to turn 50

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

Holiday dinner

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

Country and gospel music

A country and gospel music program will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center. Everyone is invited and there is no charge. Call 573-3996 for more information.

VFW arts, crafts show

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

Windbreak trees

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

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

Adult basic education classes

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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Benefit roping slated Sunday

A benefit-roping event will be held Sunday at the Scurry County Rodeo Arena to help raise funds for burial expenses for Johnny "Bubba" Ervin.

Ervin, a Snyder High School sophomore at the time, died as a result of an accidental shooting in September.

Books open at 9 a.m. and the roping will start at 10 o'clock.

A two-horse trailer will be awarded to the high money winner of the day. Belt buckles will be given to the champion header and heeler of each roping.

For additional information, call Larry or Jason York at 573-9622, or Vance Voss at 573-3746.

Milosevic makes first public appearance

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — In his first public appearance since losing power, a defiant Slobodan Milosevic chaired his troubled party's congress on Saturday, denouncing the pro-democratic government that ousted him as Western traitors and occupiers.

The harshly worded opening speech showed that the former Yugoslav strongman intends to come back to power using the same vintage themes that led the country to become a pariah state. Milosevic has been indicted for war crimes and is accused by most of his countrymen of causing economic and social misery during his 13-year reign.

"We all know what kind of violence and lawlessness took place after the Oct. 5 coup," Milosevic told some 2,300 Socialist Party delegates, referring to street riots that ended his rule.

He has long asserted that those who sought his removal were actually "paid Western spies" who are aiding the "occupation" of the country. He described these efforts as being a war — and argued it wasn't yet over.

"The war which is being conducted against this country is now being conducted with (Western) money," Milosevic said.

He said that with the money, the West wants to bribe the new leadership so they would allow the breakup of Yugoslavia.

Calling them "traitors" he said they want to hand Serbian "national heroes" to the "new Gestapo" in The Hague. The Netherlands-based U.N. tribunal has indicted Milosevic and four of his top aides for war crimes in Kosovo.

Milosevic entered the congress hall surrounded by a handful of his loyal bodyguards. A few protesters shouted, "Thieves! Thieves!"

About 100 party activists — a far cry from thousands that were bused to Belgrade to greet Milosevic during the last party congress in February — waved Yugoslav flags and displayed heart-shaped Socialist badges outside the congress at the Sava Center.

The congress was closed to the public and most of the media. Milosevic's speech was provided to The Associated Press by Yu Info television.

Milosevic called on his associates to maintain unity and scolded the new pro-democracy government that unseated him for alleged attempts to destroy his party and the country's integrity.

"The biggest defender of the state and national interests is the Socialist Party of Serbia, and that's why the party is the main target of the attacks," Milosevic said, triggering long applause by the delegates.

"These difficult times ... are calling for unity of the party to prove itself as the main factor in the defense of state and national interests," Milosevic said. "The country is in danger."

Party officials say the former president has been encouraged by the new government's inability to curb Yugoslavia's economic slide and by the bickering among the forces that ousted him.

According to sources within the party, a document prepared and approved by Milosevic for the congress says the Socialists have a "big chance" of a comeback in the Dec. 23 parliamentary elections in Serbia, which is the dominant republic in Yugoslavia.

There are increasing calls for Milosevic's arrest, both here and abroad. He has triggered four Balkan wars with his nationalist policies and crime and corruption soared during his rule.

But Milosevic and his closest associates have been gaining confidence, buoyed by the refusal of new Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica to hand him over to the U.N. war crimes court.

The Socialists have been in turmoil since Milosevic's ouster and an overwhelming loss in Sept. 24 elections. Several top officials quit the once mighty party, mostly because of Milosevic's refusal to leave politics and his desire to remain the party chief.

Several of his former top associates failed to show up at the congress, indicating further erosion of his power base.

New Yogoslav leadership tested in standoff

LUCANE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Lying on his belly in the brush, the Serbian police officer gazed through his binoculars and pointed at the ethnic Albanian militant on the opposite hill. He knew the position well — it used to be his.

Just days after ethnic Albanians seized Serb police positions in the border region on the edge of Kosovo, the combatants have dug in to wait for the situation to be resolved. Yugoslavia's new leadership gave NATO peacekeepers a 72-hour deadline Friday to end an ethnic Albanian offensive in the buffer zone between the province and the rest of Serbia.

The Serbs said that if NATO doesn't act by then, they will move in on their own. Hours after the Serb ultimatum, ethnic Albanian rebel leaders declared a two-day cease-fire they said was meant to allow for peaceful efforts to resolve the conflict.

"Look at them! Look at them!" said the officer who would only give his first name, Milan, as he watched the insurgents facing him. "Now they are around the outpost. They are walking freely."

So close that they can watch each other's every move, this fragile front line offers a test to new President Vojislav Kostunica and to NATO peacekeepers on the other side of the boundary line.

Under pressure at home to act against the insurgents, Kostunica is unlikely to simply stand by while they seize any ground in Serbia, Yugoslavia's dominant republic.

If he acts too aggressively, however, he'll risk being compared to ousted President Slobodan Milosevic, whose belligerent policies forced Yugoslavia into wars and a pariah status it has only in recent weeks begun to shed.

A Serb interior minister, Bozo Prelevic, said that in case NATO fails to prevent the ethnic Albanian incursions and force the militants back into Kosovo, Serb police "will return to the territory of the republic of Serbia (in the buffer zone) with the means that are available."

Prelevic said the countdown starts Friday at 7.00 p.m. local time, meaning the deadline would expire Monday.

"We will not fool around," Prelevic said. "They (NATO) are either incapable or they will show us the contrary."

The ethnic Albanians, however, have apparently decided that the moment to act is now in their goal to win independence from Serbia. They want to unite the predominantly ethnic Albanian Presevo Valley with Kosovo.

Still, many Kosovo Albanians have mixed feelings about the events occurring just outside their administrative boundaries.

Though their political parties sympathize with the demands by ethnic Albanians there for greater freedoms, they have been very careful of the issue of unification. The political leaders are fearful they might jeopardize their own dreams of independence.

Even so, the Albanian community has long discussed the idea of uniting all the lands where Albanians live, and the spilling of blood may re-ignite the nationalistic sentiments.

In the middle of all the tensions are tiny villages like Lucane, 220 miles from Belgrade.

An ethnic Albanian village of about 1,000 people tucked into a little valley, everyone in Lucane but the elderly have fled to neighboring villages. Fearing sniper fire, the elderly are holed up in their houses, which already bear the marks of gunfire.

"I remained here to guard the house," said Xavit Bislimi, 77, a local resident. "The police didn't harm me or my livestock, but I am afraid of those armed people on the hills because they are shooting on the village every night, during last few days."

Evidence of gunfire is apparent near the police checkpoints. In the cellar of a house near the road being used by the officers, spent casings littered the ground. The police said that was from that the last day alone, stemming from attacks Thursday night and before dawn Friday.

No one was injured Friday, but four police officers have died in the last week in attacks that gave the rebels control of a police checkpoint and the main road leading to Kosovo.

Albanian rebels declare cease-fire

BUJANOVAC, Yugoslavia (AP) — Ethnic Albanian rebel leaders have declared a 48-hour cease-fire along the border with Serbia, calling a temporary halt to a simmering conflict that is taking lives and threatening Yugoslavia's fragile democracy.

Friday's declaration came in a week of sporadic violence that has left at least four Serb policemen dead. It also followed by several hours a warning by Serbian police that they will mount an offensive in 72 hours unless NATO troops in Kosovo stop incursions by the militants into Serbia.

The deadline from Serb police started Friday night and will expire Monday.

The rebel leaders said the cease-fire, which started at midnight Friday, was meant "to give room to the political process instead of armed confrontation."

In an assault that started last Tuesday, ethnic Albanian rebels have taken control of several strategic points and a key road in the buffer zone between Kosovo and central Serbia.

Hours before the rebel announcement, Serbian police pressed NATO to rein in the rebel assault by giving alliance troops three days to prevent the incursions and force the militants back into Kosovo.

A Serb interior minister, Bozo Prelevic, said that if the incursions continue after 7 p.m. Monday, Serb police "will return ... with the means that are available."

"We have received firm assurances that KFOR will prevent any incursions and disarm and arrest the terrorists who have come from Kosovo," Prelevic added, referring to Kosovo's international peacekeeping force.

"We will not fool around," he said. "They (NATO) are either incapable or they will show us the contrary."

Sporadic shooting was reported Friday in the 3-mile-wide buffer zone, where Serb police and armed ethnic Albanians faced each other along a line not far from the U.S. troops patrolling the Kosovo side of the zone.

Former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's fierce crackdown on Kosovo Albanian rebels in 1998 and 1999 provoked a 78-day NATO airstrike campaign against Yugoslavia, which forced Serb troops out of Kosovo and paved the way for NATO's deployment.

The ethnic Albanians are fighting for independence of both Kosovo and the Presevo Valley — the buffer zone — in southern Serbia.

Under a June 1999 agreement between NATO and the Milosevic government, only 1,500 regular, lightly armed Serb troops are allowed to patrol the area. Prelevic asserted that Serb police, if they intervened against the rebels, would not use heavy weapons that would violate the agreement.

The latest crisis comes as a fresh trial for new Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica, who took over from Milosevic after winning elections in September.

A show of Serbian force could hurt his relations with the Western alliance that runs Kosovo, only days after his government re-established ties with the United States and its allies that were cut by Milosevic.

Some readers miss coverage, however many unaffected

SEATTLE (AP) — As a strike by staffers from the city's two big dailies grinds on, some readers said they missed the regular news coverage and others sounded a note neither paper wanted to hear.

"Maybe what this'll show me is that I don't really need the newspaper," said Keith Johnson, a subscriber to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The strike by members of the Pacific Northwest Newspaper Guild against the Post-Intelligencer and The Seattle Times went into its fifth day Saturday with both sides scrambling to win readers.

The city's first newspaper strike in nearly 50 years even gave the city an extra news source Friday — the first newsprint edition of the Seattle Union Record, a paper published by striking journalists.

Featuring familiar bylines from both papers, the 20-page ad-less tabloid featured stories about the tight U.S. Senate race that has apparently unseated Republican Sen. Slade Gorton, and carried other articles ranging from arts reviews to sports. There was an editorial calling on "fellow citizens" to support the strikers.

The Times and Post-Intelligencer, meanwhile, upped their page counts to 32 on Friday, from 24 the previous two days. While the P-I used bylines on local stories, the Times simply used "By Seattle Times staff" on local copy. Both have been offered free to readers and both had far fewer ads.

Laura Dillaway, who subscribes to the Times, said she missed the news but didn't mind the lack of advertising.

"I can live without that," she said. "I hope it doesn't hurt the papers that the advertising is down, but it doesn't hurt me."

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Local goes from the stage to the pulpit

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Creative muses once beckoned Vernon Groce to the stage where he performed in school and community plays and did Elvis Presley impersonations for several years.

Today, though, he listens to a different voice. Having recently returned to Snyder where he grew up, Groce stepped into the role of evangelist four months ago. He now travels to Pentecostal churches, even as far away as Port Arthur, where he is scheduled to conduct a revival in January.

Groce graduated from Ira High School in 1994, and said he was saved the following year. Five years ago, the Lord "called me to preach." He was working at West Side 66 at the time and had served as the youth leader for his church, the local Church of God, for three years. He then enrolled in Apostolic Faith Baptist College in Kansas, completing a year of course work in one semester.

He next attended a Church of God camp in Weatherford where he passed tests and received his license to preach.

Groce preached his first here sermon at the local church. He admits he was "scared to death."

And it was more than just a case of nerves. Groce noted that he had had a problem with stuttering when he wasn't performing on stage.

Since preaching is different than acting, he worried that he might not be able to deliver his sermon. "The Lord helped me through it," Groce said, adding, "I haven't had to worry about stuttering since then."

The first Church of God he pastored was in Winters. He served for 18 months, resigning to become an evangelist.

Groce speaks highly of his first pastor's position.

Noting that he had heard other pastors talk about how difficult their first church was, he said he was "blessed" that his first church was "wonderful."

"They are very loving and great people," he added.

Since Groce, 26, is not married, he did not have a wife to accompany him when he visited members of the congregation. But he said women in the congregation always made sure he had someone to go with him.

Groce said he occasionally returns to Winters to visit his former congregation.

While he was "not looking to leave pastoral work," Groce said he welcomes the new path the Lord has set him on. A few months ago, he said he began to feel pulled in the direction of evangelism and conducted his first crusade at Cross Plains. He will conduct three this month, including the one he led at the local Church of God.

Before striking out as an evangelist, Groce said he had saved his money and made some preaching tapes so he would be able to travel.

Groce said he finds evangelism equally as "exciting" as pastoral work. He said he is ready to do whatever God asks of him.

He chose to return to Snyder because family members live here including his parents, Gene and Shirley Groce. Snyder is also centrally located in the area he wants to lead revivals in.

Even though his life is headed in a different direction, Groce fondly remembers his acting days. His love of performing dates back to his childhood when at the age of nine, he took part in a church pantomime skit.

"I've been hooked on drama ever since," Groce said.

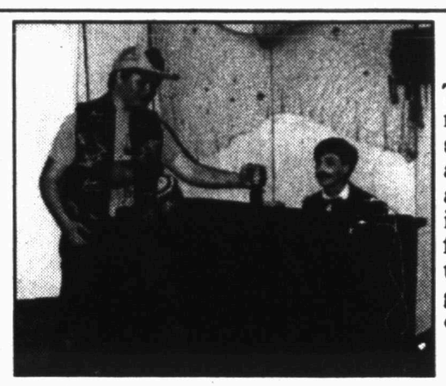
At Ira High School, he was in three one-act plays and began doing Elvis impersonations, something he no longer does. He has also performed in three Ritz Theatre plays. He likes comedies the best. Groce still likes acting and does not rule out doing another play at the Ritz, if his schedule permits.

In 1993, he began appearing in Wild West shows.

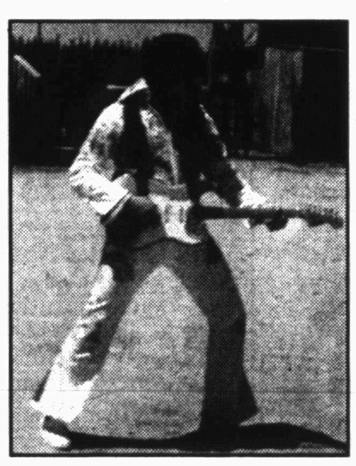
He has also written and performed in several Christian dramas and a couple of years ago, he performed as a standup comic for a MHMR event at Western Texas College.

THE MANY FACES OF VERNON GROCE...





There was a time when Vernon Groce performed on stage in high school one-act and community plays as well as Wild West shows. He even impersonated Elvis Presley for several years. These days, though, he is a full-time evangelist for Penetcostal churches.







Jobless claims on rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans filing new claims for state unemployment insurance edged up last week, suggesting that the economy's hunger for an ever-increasing supply of new workers is easing.

The Labor Department reported Wednesday that new claims for jobless benefits rose by an unexpected 7,000 to a seasonally adjusted 336,000 for the week ending Nov. 18. That was the highest level since the beginning of the month.

Many analysts were expecting jobless claims to fall.

The more stable four-week moving average of jobless claims, which smoothes out week-to-week volatility, also rose to 330,500, the highest point since Jan. 16, 1999, when claims were at 342,000.

"The numbers are in line with the fact that the economy is slowing somewhat," said economist Clifford Waldman of Waldman Associates. "Although the labor market is still fairly strong in terms of the overall hiring situation, we're starting to see some pockets of softness, particularly in manufacturing," he added.

Economists said auto plant layoffs helped push last week's claims higher. Manufacturers have temporarily shut down plants or scaled back production to trim inventories given the economic slowdown. The shortened work week due to the Veteran's Day holiday also may have been a factor in boosting claims, they said.

The Federal Reserve has raised interest rates six times since June 1999 to slow the high-flying economy enough to keep inflation in check but not so much as to cause a recession.



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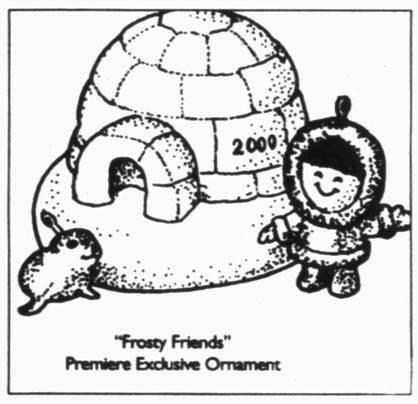
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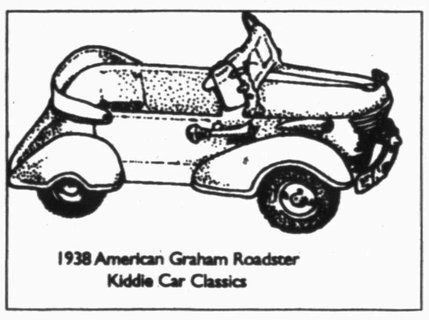
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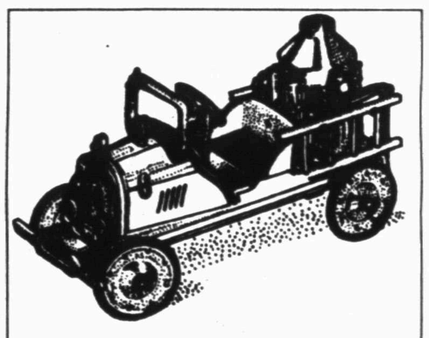
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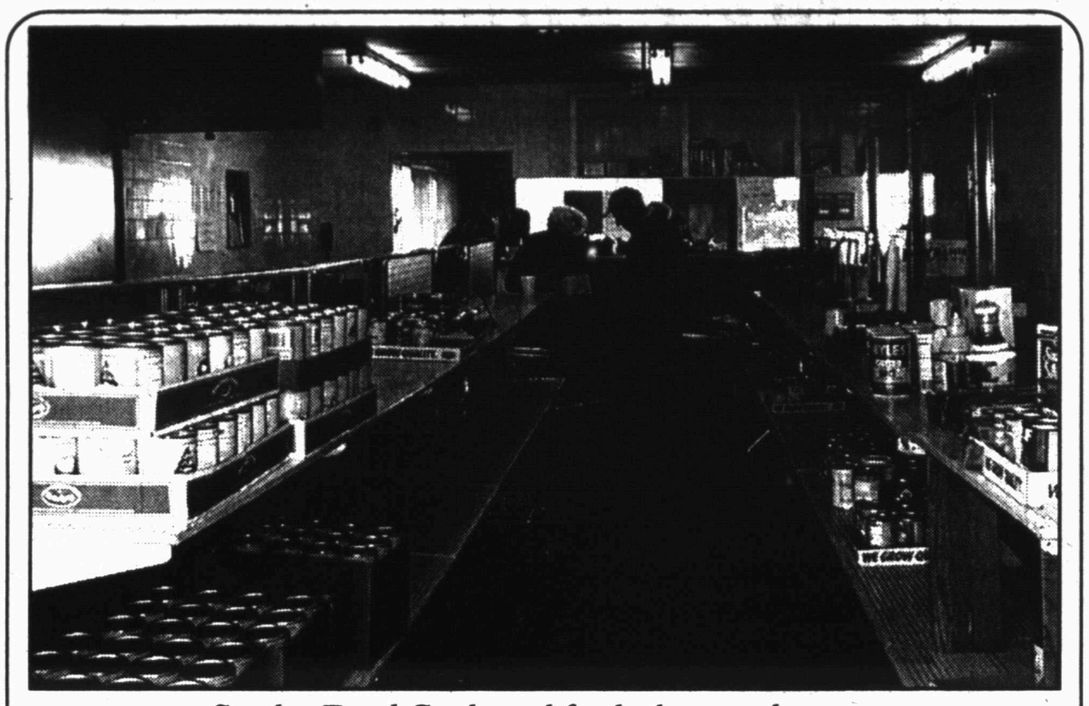
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Money received from the Scurry County United Way helps to purchase food from the South Plains Food Bank to provide for local families receiving assistance. Personal hygiene items that are donated are also available to those who need them. During the winter, coats will be accepted from donors to give to those in need.

The Food Cupboard is located in the old Kentucky Fried Chicken building on Coliseum Drive.

Other United Way agencies include:
Snyder Child Day Care
Boys and Girls Club
Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Gateway Family Services
Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts and
American Red Cross

Wedding vows exchanged

PLANO — Amanda Rae Sorrells and Jeffrey Dean Streetman exchanged wedding vows at 11 a.m. on Sept. 16 in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Plano.

The Rev. Henry Petter, pastor of the church, officiated the double-ring rites.

Ray and Betty Sorrells of Ira are the bride's parents and the bride's grandparents are Opal and Bill Cooper of Snyder, the late Marvin Sorrells, and the late Bill and Muriel Mapes.

The groom's parents are Jolene Streetman of Sundown and Roger and Teresa Streetman of Gunter. His grandparents are Jack and Margaret Harris of Gunter, and the late Bill and Mary Dean.

The church was decorated with two large sprays of lavender and pink flowers at the altar, two spiral candelabras decorated with greenery, and white tulle bows marked the family pews.

Mothers of the bride and groom lit the unity candle tiers before the ceremony. The unity candle was the same one used by the bride's parents when they married.

Organist John George, trumpeter John Nelson and vocalist Maggie Garza, all of Plano, provided wedding music. Seating of parents and grandparents was to "Love is the Sunlight," composed by Jackson-Haas. The processional was the "Bridal Chorus," by Wagner; lighting of the unity candle was to the music of "Parents' Prayer," by Davis; and the recessional was "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God," by Marcello. Readings were done by Kyle Sorrells of Lubbock, brother of the bride, and Robert McCharen of Pearland, cousin of the bride.

Her father gave the bride in marriage as she wore a sleeveless modified scoop neckline meeting a wide band at the waist that was embroidered with crystals, seed pearls and bugle beads. The back of the dress featured two narrow straps continuing from the bodice to the squared cutout back. The train back was detailed with beadwork as well. The dress was pearl-colored and the bride wore matching elbow-length gloves. For the traditional something old, the bride wore her maternal grandmother Muriel Mapes' mother's ring; something new was her dress; something borrowed was a pearl and diamond earring set from her Aunt Marilu Trochta from Pearland; and something blue was her garter, a gift from the groom's cousin, Rachel Carter from Sundown.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Dean Streetman
(Photo by Harley Bynum)

Her headpiece was a headband designed with beadwork, similar to that on the dress, with a pearl-colored waist-length veil. The bride's bouquet was a Victorian-style bouquet featuring two half-dozen white bridal roses. A white iridescent ribbon was tied around the stems of the roses.

Maid of honor was Kirsti Sorrells, sister of the bride from Lubbock, and junior bridesmaid was Amber Trochta of Pearland, cousin of the bride. They wore lavender peau de seau skirts with a bustle in the back. Their tops were sleeveless with round necklines. The gowns featured voile overlays and were topped with embroidery and sequins. They wore matching shoes. Each attendant carried a Victorian-style bouquet of pink and lavender regular and sweetheart roses. The stems were wrapped in lavender iridescent ribbon.

Flower girl was Kyla Sorrells, niece of the bride from Lubbock. Her dress was a satin, pearl-colored bodice covered with rosettes, featuring puff sleeves and a Peter Pan collar. She wore matching shoes. A garland of silk roses in her hair completed her bridal attire and she carried a satin flower basket with rose petals.

Ring bearer was Brodie Calley of Snyder. He escorted the flower girl down the aisle.

Wes Hogg of Plano was best man. Groomsmen were Joe Carter, cousin of the groom from Whiteface; Jeremy Harmel of Jacksonville, a college friend; Gilbert Solis of Lubbock, childhood friend of the groom; Scott Ray of Plano, a college friend. The attendant's boutonnieres were roses, matching those in the attendant's bouquets.

Ushers included Eric Clutter of Austin and Dennis Cornish of Lubbock.

The groom wore a black Oscar de la Renta contour single-breasted jacket with coordinating black pants and tie. He also wore an After Six black vest. All other males wore the same attire, with the exception of the vest. The groom's boutonniere was a white wedding rose, like those in the bride's bouquet.

The registry table was covered with a crocheted cloth made by the bride's maternal grandmother. Also, on the table were vases of flowers similar to the arrangements at the altar, as well as the ceremony programs. Programs were designed and made by the bride's mother and Marsha Kubena of Hermleigh.

The reception was held at The Alexander Mansion in Dallas. A buffet lunch consisted of seasonal fruit, cheese and vegetable displays, assorted wafers and a heart-shaped vegetable cream cheese spread. The main course was beef and chicken fajitas served with nachos and condiments. Music was provided by a Dallas deejay.

The bride's table, draped with white swags, held two silver candelabras on either side of the wedding cake. Also on the table was a bucket holding champagne. The bride's bouquet centered the table and appointments included sterling silver serving pieces given to the bride and groom as a wedding gift. The attendants' bouquets sat above the bride's table on a mirrored mantle.

The bride's cake was a four-tiered butter cream cake with butter cream icing. It had lavender and pink flowers on it, topped with a dome of wild roses. It was placed on a shirred pedestal of lace.

The groom's cake was a chocolate fudge replica of a picnic basket with open lids and clusters of chocolate-dipped grapes and strawberries cascading out of the basket. This table was also draped with a white swag.

The couple left the reception in a white stretch limousine for their honeymoon to tropical Maui, Hawaii.

A rehearsal dinner and barbecue buffet, was held the night before the ceremony at Harvey Hotel in Plano, hosted by Roger and Teresa Streetman.

The couple made their home in Plano. The groom works as a computer software developer at Vertex Corp. in Dallas. The bride is a telecom engineer at Warlock in Richardson.

The groom, a 1991 graduate of Sundown High School, graduated from Angelo State University in 1995 with a BS degree in computer science. His bride is a 1992 graduate of Ira High School. She also graduated from Angelo State in 1996 with a BS degree in early childhood education.

Library News & Views

By Janie Romine
Librarian

The holiday season is upon us and perhaps you are thinking about adding some different festivities or decorations to your home. Come by the Scurry County Library to see what you can find. Perhaps you will find something you like in one of the following books.

"Christmas Cross-stitch," by Better Homes and Gardens, gives directions for gifts and decorations. Get those needles ready!

"Christmas in the Heartland," by Marcia Adams, shares suggestions for festivities and heirloom recipes.

"The Christmas Kitchen," by Lorraine Bodger, gives recipes for meals and for food gifts.

"Great Christmas Ornament and Stocking Ideas," by Carol Sterbenz, gives easy-to-follow instructions and actual-size patterns for holiday decorations.

"Great Candles," by Hyder, gives complete directions for making candles of every description, and for using candles as a decorative item.

Also, do not forget to look in the children's section for the beautiful holiday books for children. One of the new ones is "Wind in the Willows Christmas" and "The Night Before Christmas."

While out shopping, remember that books make wonderful gifts.

Do you feel rushed during the holidays? Take breaks from the hustle and bustle, sit with your child and share a special moment of reading. How many of us remember sitting next to a parent, with the parent's arm on our shoulder, listening as they read, "as shepherds sat watching their flocks by night....." Share that memory and pass the joy on to the next generation!

Bridge

	North		11-25-00
	♠ 7 6 4 3 2		
	♥ Q 6 3		
	♦ 4		
	♣ Q J 8 7		
West		East	
♠ 9 5		♠ Q J 10 8	
♥ K J 10 9		♥ 2	
♦ Q J 9 7		♦ 10 5 2	
♣ A K 3		♣ 10 9 6 5 4	
	South		
	♠ A K		
	♥ A 8 7 5 4		
	♦ A K 8 6 3		
	♣ 2		

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

South's sequence (continued the SLM), making an apparent game-try with three diamonds but bidding game anyway after partner signs off, is a slam-try. With interest in game only, he would have jumped straight to four hearts.

Still, West found the only way to defeat the contract. After cashing the club ace, he realized that declarer would be ruffing diamonds in the dummy. And there was only one way to stop that without it costing a trump trick. West switched to the heart king at trick two. Now declarer couldn't make the contract. If he ruffed two diamonds, the second would be with dummy's queen, giving West three trump tricks; and if South drew a round of trumps with the heart queen, he would get only one diamond ruff. West would still win two hearts and a diamond to go with the top club.

"A pretty play," commented the young man. He stood and started to walk away.

"Oh, by the way, where's the nickel?" asked the SLM.

"Well, you said that West found the only defense. He didn't. He could have led the diamond queen at trick one and defeated the contract."

"Touche," replied the SLM.

Try to discern his thoughts
By Phillip Alder

The Senior Life Master was sitting quietly, sipping a sauvignon blanc.

"A nickel for your thoughts," said a new member of the club.

"I was just thinking that one of the hardest skills to learn is discerning declarer's motives and problems. Take this deal, for example."

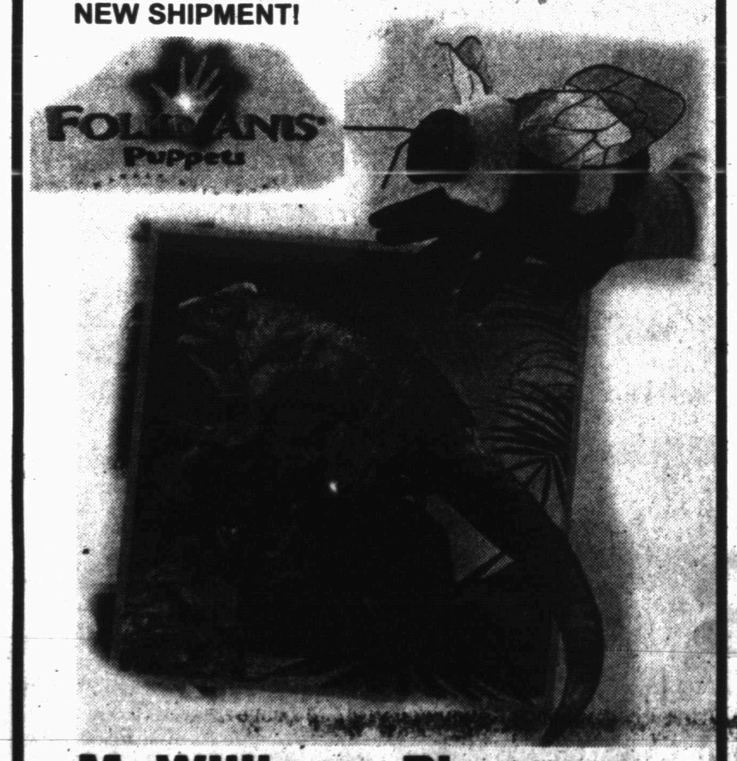
The SLM wrote out the four hands onto the back of a coaster.

Bridal Registry

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Kaj.my Drum and Dave Purkey
Susan Shoults and Wes Everett
Amanda Sorrells and Jeff Streetman
Kimberly A Jones and Christopher D. Cunnington
La Nae Houchins and Ross Hataway
Jill Willingham and Ryan Grinnell
Kelly Hart and Reid Stuitz
Sarah Fisher and Brian Fields
April Whittenburg and Joshua Levens
Joni Hembree and Ty Jones
Annie Burt and Tommy Reeves
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RAGTIME-BEBOP-BOOGIE — Glittering costumes and decorations of floor to ceiling red backdrop featuring an aluminum folded grand piano and an ebony console piano was the setting for a jazz concert by pupils of Lynn Baldwin's Studio of Music. Progressive jazz, rhythm and blues, gospel jazz, ragtime, bebop, swing and boogie-woogie music entertained parents and friends last Saturday in the chapel of First Baptist Church. Students are from left, top photo, Claire Pollard, Kelsey Shaw, Annette Richardson of Big Spring, Brandon Robbins, Nicole Presley; 2nd photo, Jacob Kemp, Jordan Wright, Kailea Shaw, Laura Lyn Landa, Lauren McCall of Rotan, Jesse Hibbitt, Brodie Calley; 3rd photo, Glyn Wright, Emily Jones, Heather Zajicek, Austin Owens, Brett Bowlin, Meagen Robbins, 4th photo, Nathan McCright of Colorado City, Amanda Calley, Megan Muscatell of Jayton, Aryn Calley, Sydney Wright, Austin Calley and not pictured Scott Bankhead and Madison Feaster, both of Roscoe, Jami Nell Thackerson of Colorado City, Ashley Hyerand and Beth Parsley. (Contributed Photo)

Top ten fiction and nonfiction book lists

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Winter's Heart" by Robert Jordan (Tor)
2. "The Last Precinct" by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam)
3. "Journey" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
4. "Prometheus Deception" by Robert Ludlum (St. Martin's Press)
5. "Merrick" by Anne Rice (Knopf)
6. "Deck the Halls by Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
7. "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver (HarperCollins)
8. "Wish You Well by David Baldacci (Warner)
9. "The Bear and the Dragon" by Tom Clancy (Putnam)
10. "The Rescue" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Who Moved My Cheese?: An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life" by Spencer Johnson (Putnam)
2. "The O'Reilly Factor" by Bill O'Reilly (Broadway)
3. "The Beatles Anthology" by The Beatles (Chronicle Books)
4. "Body for Life: 12 Weeks to Mental and Physical Strength" by Bill Phillips and Michael D'Orso (HarperCollins)
5. "A Short Guide to a Happy Life" by Anna Quindlen (Random House)
6. "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)
7. "Relationship Rescue" by Phillip C. McGraw (Little, Brown)
8. "Joe DiMaggio: The Hero's Life" by Richard Ben Cramer (Simon & Schuster)
9. "On Writing : A Memoir of the Craft" by Stephen King (Scribner)
10. "Nothing Like It in the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad by Stephen E. Ambrose (S&S).

Bridge winners

Friday, Nov. 17

Monte West directed bridge at Snyder Country Club.

1. Suzy Reed and Anita Talbott.
2. Peggy Hardin and LaVerne Hood.
3. (Tie) Margaret Birdwell and Barbara Yorgesen; Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.

Sunday, Nov. 19

1. Shirley Stewart and LaVerne Hood.
2. (Tie) Pat Floyd and Margaret Presswood; Margaret Birdwell and Jane Hinton.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

1. Linda West and Monte West.
2. Dora Blakey and Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Margaret Birdwell and Nonnie Ward.

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JONES-RODGERS TO MARRY — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dan Jones of Snyder announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Chere' Jones, to Joshua Kirk Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rodgers of Plainview. The wedding is set for March 24 at East Side Church of Christ. Miss Jones will graduate in May from Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy and Rodgers will continue to study at Texas Tech School of Pharmacy. The bride-elect's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Jones and the late Mr. and Mrs. Eldon W. Thompson, all of Snyder. The prospective groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rodgers of Plainview and Mrs. Neta Miller of Utah. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.



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Task force appointed to work on voting laws

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The president of the National Association of Secretaries of State hopes a new task force can come up with a plan for election-law changes that might make disputes like Florida's unsettled presidential election less likely in the future.

Sharon Priest, Arkansas secretary of state and head of the national group, said Wednesday a newly named task force plans to come up with recommendations soon.

"The biggest thing we're trying to pre-empt is an unfunded mandate," with Congress passing new standards on elections without providing any money to pay for them, Priest said.

Priest, a Democrat, is head of the new, 10-member task force, whose members were chosen this week in a telephone conference call of the association's executive committee, she said. Several members of the task force are, like Priest, elected secretaries of state, but others are non-partisan election officials in their home states.

Proposals drawn up by the group will be offered for consideration not only by Congress but also by legislatures in all 50 states, Priest said.

The task force is tentatively scheduled to hold its first meeting in Little Rock the week of Dec. 11.

Proposals that could be considered by the group, she said, include:

—Uniform national ballots.

—Uniform national laws or standards on settling disputed elections.

—Uniform national hours for elections, "although that would be very difficult," Priest said. "If you had polls open in New York at 7 a.m., they'd be opening at 4 a.m. in California."

Still, the task force will consider the idea to reduce the effects, if any, of reporting of results or exit polls from the Eastern time zone while polls are still open elsewhere.

—Uniform standards on helping voters with disabilities. "Although that's not a factor in (Florida), if you're going to reform elections, you have to look at the whole thing," Priest said.

Few of those issues are new, but they've not gotten the attention before that they're getting because of the snarls in voting, and vote-counting, in Florida and other states this year, she said.

Part of the problem has been getting the Democratic and Republican parties to agree on steps that need to be taken, she said. After this year's problems, she said, perhaps they'll be more willing to agree now that the need for some uniformity in elections has been shown.

The task force will develop first a set of its most urgent recommendations, Priest said, but a comprehensive look at elections will take weeks, Priest said.

"Most secretaries 1/8of state3/8 are not hands-on election managers," she said. "At some point, we have to break it down to a more local level."

In addition to Priest, task force members are:

—Alabama Secretary of State Jim Bennett, a Republican.

—Kentucky Secretary of State John Y. Brown, a Democrat.

—California Secretary of State Bill Jones, a Republican.

—Maryland Secretary of State John Willis, a Democrat.

—New Mexico Secretary of State Rebecca Vigil-Giron, a Democrat.

—Pennsylvania Secretary of State Kim Pizzingrilli, a Republican.

—Texas election director Doug Lewis, a non-partisan state employee.

—Washington state election director Gary McIntosh, also a state employee and the president of the National Association of State Election Directors.

—New York state election director Tom Wilkey, a state employee.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

James and Donna Stehley, 2001 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Ricky and Debbie Williams, 2000 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Kathy Tyler, 2000 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Kevin Love, 2001 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Vera and Albert Arredondo, 2000 Ford Windstar from Wilson Motors.

Kristina Rodriguez and Gerardo Avila, 2001 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Laura Hamby, 2001 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Phyllis C. Graham, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Don Franklin, 2000 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Dale Craghead, 2001 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Von Dale Henry, 2001 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling, 2001 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Alan Lee Miller, 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Rudy and Cory Trujillo, 2001 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Tandi Peugh and Richard Stockton, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Robert White Jr., 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Filed in District Court

Devon Energy Production Company vs. Sparta Energy, Isabel R. Sanditen Trust, Carol C. Elliott, Western H. Hausman Jr., Beverly P. Horton, Deborah Heaton, Bridget O'Toole Purdine, Melissa O'Toole Smith, John B. Cowden III, Joan Matin Revocable Trust, Otasco Oil Company, Nancy Jane Niedringhaus and Duane McDaniel, suit on account.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Deborah Ann Akins and Martin Tennison Akins, divorce granted.

Scurry County vs. Bedell Plugging Inc., et al, order granting partial non-suit for Oil City Ventures.

Deed Records

Johnnie Faye Hatcher to Paul and Debbora A. Landa, all of Lot 3 in Block 1 of the J.C. Jackson Addition.

Janie Inez Graham to Sherry Bob Merritt, Lot 7 in Block 30 of the Winston Co. Replat of a portion of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Ross H. Hemphill and David Adams to Snyder Independent School District, Lot 1 in Block 9 of the Green Hill Addition.

Dorothy Addison Gober, independent executrix of the estate of C.W. Addison, to Tommy and Elizabeth DeLoera, 4.315 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 187, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Delbert and Jackie Jenkins to Jacky and Pricilla Ashley, Lot 19 in Block 3 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

Lynn Fenton to Anthony Wells, Lot 17 in Block E of the Highland Park Addition.

Rosario Medina to Aurelio Medina, Lots 1-4 in Block 20 of the Belmont Park Heights Addition.

Laura M. Hall Alexander to Jady A. Gilbert, 9.414 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 158, Block 3, H&GN survey.

South Dakota man to be executed

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Hunt County, Texas, jury deliberated more than eight hours before sentencing a second Sioux Falls man Tuesday to death by injection for a murder there.

Kevin Scott Varga was convicted Nov. 13 of capital murder in the Sept. 8, 1998, death of Maj. David Lawrence Logie of Fayetteville, N.C. Police say Varga and several other people from Sioux Falls beat Logie to death during a crime spree.

Billy John Galloway, 31, of Sioux Falls, was found guilty in March and sentenced to death.

Galloway, Varga and two other defendants from South Dakota still face charges in Wichita, Kan., in connection with a similar slaying there.

Authorities said the group drove from Sioux Falls to Wichita, Kan., where on Sept. 6, 1998, they lured 48-year-old David McCoy into a motel room. McCoy was robbed and beaten to death, and his car was stolen.

Police said the group then traveled to Greenville, Texas, where they did the same thing to Logie, an aviation program analyst.

Varga, Galloway and Deanne Bayless, all of Sioux Falls, and Venus Joy Anderson, of Revillo, were each indicted on one count of capital murder in connection with Logie's death. All four originally pleaded not guilty.

Bayless entered a no-contest plea last October to a reduced charge of murder and got a 40-year prison sentence. Anderson agreed to testify against Galloway and Varga in exchange for a maximum 40-year sentence on a charge of capital murder. Her formal conviction and sentencing are pending the resolution of Varga's trial.

Bayless and Anderson were alleged to have lured Logie to the location, where he was beaten to death with a hammer, tree limbs, hands and feet. His car, credit cards and money were stolen.

The four defendants were arrested in San Antonio.

Varga was taken to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Institutional Division in Huntsville, where he was to join Galloway on death row. His case will be appealed automatically.

Greenville is about 45 miles northeast of Dallas.

Q & A

Secondhand smoke

(The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, are devoting this column to current information and your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Secondhand Smoke

Secondhand smoke, also known as environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) is a human carcinogen for which there is no safe level of exposure. This is the conclusion reached by numerous scientific bodies that have conducted extensive reviews of current data, including the US Environmental Protection Agency, California Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Institute of Environmental Sciences' National Toxicology Program's Board of Scientific Counselors.

Each year, about 3,000 nonsmoking adults die of lung cancer as a result of breathing secondhand smoke.

ETS causes an estimated 35,000 to 40,000 deaths from heart disease in people who are not current smokers.

Secondhand smoke causes other respiratory problems in nonsmokers: coughing, phlegm, chest discomfort, and reduced lung function.

Each year, exposure to secondhand smoke causes 150,000 to 300,000 lower respiratory tract infections (such as pneumonia and bronchitis) in US infants and children younger than 18 months of age. These infections result in 7,500 to 15,000 hospitalizations every year.

Secondhand smoke increases the number of asthma attacks and the severity of asthma in about 20% of this country's 2 to 5 million asthmatic children.

Four chemicals in secondhand smoke (benzene, 2-naphthylamine, 4-aminobiphenyl, and polonium-210) are known human carcinogens, based on EPA standards. Ten other chemicals in secondhand smoke are classified by the EPA as probable human carcinogens.

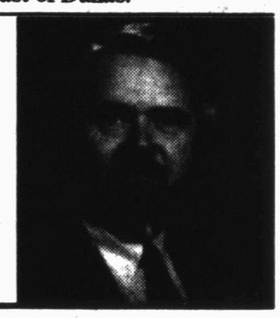
Because there are no safe levels of secondhand smoke, it is important that public policies to protect people from secondhand smoke be as strong as possible.

The above was provided from the American Cancer Society Website.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



If You Think You Can...You're Right

Henry Ford said, "Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you are right." I agree because this is America, and the biggest success limits are those we impose on Ourselves.

Each year as I work with business owners, I see men and women who are achieving their dreams. Yes, they are working hard, planning carefully and willing to make changes. However, the single most important ingredient in all their successes is that "they think they can."

W. Clement Stone who built the Combined Insurance empire said, "Success is achieved by those who try. If there is nothing to lose by trying and a great deal to gain if successful, by all means try."

Never has any person achieved anything significant without trying. The biggest difference between success and failure is having the courage to step out and pursue your dreams

I have missed golden opportunities in the past because I lacked self-confidence to step out and do what it took to exploit the opportunity. I understand the fear of the unknown.

There is only one way to overcome this fear. That way is by trying. Certainly you may fail. You will not be the first. There is no disgrace in failure, if you try again. Edmund Vance Cooke said, "It's nothing against you to fall down flat, but to lie there — that's disgrace."

Success steps

Here are some steps you can use to overcome fear and secure your success. I believe in you. Do you believe in yourself?

* Get as much formal education as you can, as early as you can.
* Never stop learning and remember that every new experience is a learning opportunity.
* Realize that education and learning are not substitutes for work. You may earn what you learn, and you may earn in proportion to how well you learn, but you'll never earn or learn without working.
* Focus on what you can do, instead of dwelling on what you cannot.
* Folks may doubt what you say, but you force them to believe what you do. Don't just talk about it, get it done.
* When you do talk, tell the truth. Integrity is an inner strength. No one can take it away from you.
* Seek to acquire useful, practical knowledge. (Hint: You won't find it on most television programs.)
* Surround yourself with positive, enthusiastic friends.
* The very best preparation for a successful future is to do your very best today. This is true, whatever work you are doing. Even if it is repetitive, dull or routine, do it with all your ability.
* Live every day as if there were no tomorrow. We have no guarantee except the promise that we will reap what we sow.
* Strive to be worth more than your employer pays you. You will find there is a great joy and satisfaction that comes with knowing that you have exceeded other's expectations.
* Avoid alcohol, drugs and tobacco. They will destroy your health and drain away valuable financial resources.
* Invest some of your early earnings for your future. Save now, enjoy later.
* Follow God's commandments. You'll never go wrong concerning yourself more with what God thinks about you than what others think about you.
* Don't expect to get everything. Instead, decide what is most important to you and go after it with all your heart.
* We do not measure success by what we start, but by what we finish.

Remember that President Lincoln said, "Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other one thing." I know you can, now you know it, too.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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Senior Menu

Monday

Chicken strips w/cream gravy, creamed corn, mashed potatoes, pickled beets and onion, tropical apples

Tuesday

Spaghetti and meat sauce, chopped broccoli, sliced carrots, tossed salad, cherry orchard bars

Wednesday

Hamburger steak wrapped in bacon, baked potato, green peas, carrot raisin salad, fruited gelatin chiffon

Thursday

Red beans & ham, southern fried okra, cottage fries, onion slices, pineapple upside down cake, cornbread

Friday

Fried fish, parslied potatoes, green bean casserole, macaroni salad, white cake w/strawberries

Senior News

During this time of Thanksgiving, the center's staff says "thank you" to all those entities and individuals who support the Senior Center.

Newcomers and new retirees are encouraged to join either as a volunteer or someone who needs service. Anyone 60 or older is asked to register to receive the newsletter.

"Tasty Traditions," the center's cookbook, will make a good Christmas present. It contains over 900 recipes donated by seniors and friends of the center. The cost is $17.50 for each cookbook.

One suggestion for Christmas presents for seniors are meal coupons at the center. They can be printed in any size packet. Call the center at 573-4035 for more information.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. Swimnastics at Western Texas College is from 10-11 a.m. Seniors interested in entering the eight ball tournament should be at the center before 10 a.m.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 a.m. The Local Yokels will entertain at 11 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon in the conference room. The center will open at 6:30 p.m. for games and the dance. Music will be provided by the Benny Benitez Band. Suggested cost for the dance is $3 per person.

Wednesday

The Kitchen Band will entertain at the center at 11 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers will perform at Snyder Healthcare at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday

The fabric painting class will meet beginning at 9 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will perform at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Swimnastics at WTC is from 1-2 p.m.

Friday

Blood pressure and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. Eighty-eight begins at 11 a.m. and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



MOM IRKED BY SISTER-IN-LAW WITH NO DESIRE TO PLAY AUNT

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with my sister-in-law. We've never been close, but got along fine until the birth of my son two years ago.

She always said she didn't like or want children, but I never took her seriously. I thought she'd make an exception with her own nephew. She's not nasty, but she takes absolutely no interest in him. She never wants to hold or play with him, and she's made it clear she's not available for baby sitting. At times, I think she resents the attention he gets from other members of the family.

My husband says not to worry about it, but I find her attitude offensive. My relationship with her has deteriorated. I'm upset that our sweet little boy doesn't have a normal, loving aunt.

My mother-in-law understands how I feel, but tells me it's my sister-in-law's choice and that I shouldn't let it get to me. What do you think? — **OFFENDED IN EAST BENTLEIGH, AUSTRALIA**

DEAR OFFENDED: I agree with your husband and mother-in-law. Not everyone is able to relate to small children. You'll gain nothing by continuing to personalize this. It has nothing to do with you or the child.

Perhaps when your son is a bit older and easier for your sister-in-law to communicate with, she'll be able to establish a relationship with him. However, if it doesn't happen, the loss will be hers, not the boy's.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently received a wedding invitation from a family member. It was addressed to me only — not my husband. The inside envelope also included only my name. Some of my friends say it was probably an oversight and told me I should add my husband's name on the return card. I feel this is improper. Another friend says there is no excuse, and I shouldn't go or send a gift. My husband is hurt, and I'm not sure what to do. Your thoughts, please. — **SHIRLEY IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR SHIRLEY: To exclude your husband's name from the invitation was extremely rude. It meant that only you were invited to the wedding. Under no circumstances should you add his name to the response card. Simply pencil in that you will NOT be in attendance. Should the family member call to ask why, inform the person that you would be uncomfortable attending without your husband, and that he was hurt not to have been included.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a major problem. I am a 25-year-old single mother with three kids. Fifteen months ago, I met a very attractive 33-year-old man who loves my children and me. He says he wants to marry me, but has not given me a ring.

Three months ago, I met a 42-year-old man who also says he loves me. He adores my kids, is financially secure and says he wants to settle down with me.

I have feelings for both of them. I want to make the right choice, but how do I choose without hurting someone? — **TORN BETWEEN TWO LOVERS**

DEAR TORN: Since neither of these men has proposed, you may be counting your chickens before they're hatched. If you care for them equally, marry the one who asks you first.

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DEAR ABBY: A couple we know threw a birthday party this past weekend. A large number of guests were invited. When we arrived, everyone was directed to the back yard. I was appalled to see a portable toilet, the kind typically used at construction sites.

This couple has a beautiful home with at least three bathrooms. What a slap in the face to be invited to someone's home, only to find that we had actually been invited to their back yard and were expected to use an "outhouse"!

My husband and I disagree on whether or not this was an insult. Your opinion, please. — **APPALLED IN POMONA, CALIF.**

DEAR APPALLED: Before you conclude that this was an insult, ask your hosts why they did it. Perhaps they were having plumbing problems. Or, the party was so large the hostess didn't know all of the guests well, and preferred they didn't tromp through her house. She might have been afraid her carpets would be damaged by dirty shoes, or had experienced some petty thefts during prior large parties.

Whatever the reason the house was off-limits and the portable toilet was provided, you owe it to your hosts to hear them out before you judge them.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old female who has not had a boyfriend in more than two years. I am desperately lonely and want a guy I can trust and share my life with. I have one particular guy in mind, but I'm afraid if I let him know how I feel, he will reject me. I need someone who makes me feel "complete," and I feel he is the one.

My problem is that he hangs out with the popular group and probably won't even try being an "us." Is something wrong with me? What should I do? — **LONESOME TEEN IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR LONESOME: There is nothing "wrong" with you. Many women feel they need someone to make them feel "complete." However, it's a huge mistake. The only person who can truly make you complete is YOU. Rather than concentrating on how lonely and needy you are, instead focus your energies outward on activities that interest you. It will make you a far more interesting person to be around.

Are you interested in art? Go to the library and read up on it. Visit museums and art galleries. (You might meet a nice guy there who's also trying to improve his mind, or some budding artists who are on the brink of recognition.) Are you interested in photography? Inquire if a local photographer could use an assistant during the late afternoons or on weekends.

You'll feel better about yourself if you allow yourself less time to brood. The most successful people I know were usually not part of the "in" crowd in high school.

P.S. That includes my twin sister and me!

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DEAR ABBY: Your recent comments to "Fashion-Confused in L.A.," who asked what "casual dress" means for the office, reminded me of the answer I recently gave to a new employee.

During the interview she asked me if the company had any "casual dress" days. I said, "Yes, we have two. We call them Saturday and Sunday." — **LOOKIN' GOOD IN NEVADA**

DEAR L.G.: Thanks. You're a hoot!

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Via the Internet...

North Carolina woman admits to luring teens

HOUSTON (AP) — A North Carolina woman will serve time in a Texas prison after admitting she lured a Houston-area teenager, whom she met online, into having sex.

Tara Hulin, 32, pleaded guilty Wednesday to criminal solicitation of a minor and sexual assault of a child. She was sentenced to two years in prison for the solicitation charge and was placed on five years probation for the assault.

Other conditions of the probation require she not contact the victim or his family, not be around children other than her own, and have no access to the Internet. She also must register as a sex offender, among other conditions.

The family of the then-15-year-old victim from Humble agreed to the terms of Hulin's plea agreement, but the boy's father said he wished Hulin had received more prison time.

"I'm just glad it's over with," the boy's father said in Thursday's editions of the Houston Chronicle. "As long as she doesn't contact our family, we'll be satisfied."

Hulin cried when state District Judge Jan Krocker read terms of the probation forbidding Hulin from being around other children.

Hulin, a former postal worker from Thomasville, N.C., has a husband and is the mother of an elementary-school-age daughter and a teen-age stepson. She met the victim during an online chat, according to court documents.

Fox lists Cabinet, human rights posts

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President-elect Vicente Fox announced some of the most sensitive positions in his Cabinet on Friday, including the appointment of a businessman to head the labor secretariat and special representatives to for Indians and Mexicans living abroad.

Fox created special offices for the first time to deal with discrimination and minorities, but the appointments also revealed his inability to draw other parties into his Cabinet, dominated by conservative northerners and business executives.

Fox, who will take office Dec. 1, named the members of his economic team on Wednesday and will name the justice, defense and interior secretaries on Monday.

Friday's announcement of the "social justice" area of his Cabinet highlighted Fox's pledge to help Mexicans pull themselves up by their own bootstraps. While such rhetoric may be a cliche in the United States, it has not been part of Mexico's political lexicon.

"We want each individual to have equal opportunities, to overcome poverty through their own effort," Fox said. That was a sharp contrast to the paternalistic attitude of Mexico's ruling party, which has held the presidency for 71 years. Fox takes office on Dec. 1.

The man Fox named as his top coordinator for social justice, the former rector of Mexico's National Autonomous University Jose Sarukhan, echoed that theme, calling for "government that serves as a facilitator, more than a distributor of paternalism."

Fox had promised a multiparty cabinet, but the only major appointee from another party was the former presidential candidate of the Democratic Socialist Party, Gilberto Rincon Gallardo, to head the special office on discrimination.

In his acceptance speech, Rincon Gallardo called for "compensatory programs and affirmative action programs," something Mexico has never before had for its 58 Indian groups, the disabled or other minorities.

Juan Hernandez, a U.S.-educated businessman Fox appointed to the Office for Mexicans Living Abroad, said he will "take a message of a new Mexico to my countrymen living everywhere in the world, and tell them they have a role to play in that new Mexico."

Hernandez said his office would work to ensure respect for the rights of Mexican immigrants abroad and in Mexico, and "invite the children of Mexican-Americans to get to know us better."

The most controversial appointment came when Fox named Carlos Abascal, the former head of the Mexican Employers' Council, as Labor Secretary, a post which has traditionally served as a mediator between unions and employers.

An activist in several Roman Catholic groups, Abascal has called for a more cooperative relationship between Mexico's low-paid industrial workers.

Feds update investigation into Contour and Mystique

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal safety officials have upgraded their investigation into 277,656 of the 1998 Ford Contour and Mystique sedans that may spit out gasoline during refueling.

There have been more than 300 reports of the problem made to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Ford Motor Co.

Ford has another 11,066 reports of frequent nozzle shutoffs and difficulty in filling the tank that do not mention spitbacks.

Ford officials did not immediately return calls seeking comment, but according to an investigation report, the automaker maintains that the amount of fuel that is expelled is not large enough to create a safety problem.

NHTSA is upgrading the investigation to conduct testing and interview owners who have complained.

NHTSA begins any investigation with a preliminary evaluation, during which the agency and the manufacturer exchange paperwork that includes any complaints. The investigation then could be upgraded to an engineering analysis, during which engineers study parts to see if they are defective, as in the case of the Contour and Mystique.

An investigation eventually can lead to a recall.

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Letters to the editor

Taxpayer, voter speaks out

Dear Editor:

I was born and raised here in Scurry County almost 79 years ago and I have seen a lot of laws and a lot of them were crooked as snakes.

So as a taxpayer I would like to say that 3,716 people like myself thought they were voting for a fine young man named Darren Jackson, even though he made a mistake (who hasn't), but he was honest enough to tell about his mistake.

We want him for our sheriff, so why waste our tax money when it could be used at a better place in our county.

I have known some of the commissioners since they were babies and one of them, if his mother were here, she would say son you're God's child, please do what is right.

I have known Darren ever since he started to school and you cannot find a better sheriff for Scurry County.

I hope we don't have a bunch of people running our county that we cannot trust.

A Taxpayer and a Voter
Texa Ball

Politically incorrect

Dear Editor:

The first thing I want to say is, "I am politically incorrect and very proud of it!"

If the elections of 2000 are not proof to you that the news media is not objective, is very biased toward what they believe, has an agenda they want to promote, then you are blind and will never see it.

They made a mockery of the elections and absolute fools of themselves in the process and so have the Democrats. Both became hysterical when they came to the realization that Al Gore did not win the election. I am proud to say I have not watched the national evening news since 1990. I don't care to see Dan Rather, Peter Jennings or Tom Brokaw. If I wanted to be lied to I would watch President William Jefferson Blythe Clinton, (that is his full name. A fact the media and he tried to hide from the public in 1992, yet tried to make George Bush Sr. look like an élitist, because he has four names), testify before Congress, or listen to Al Gore talk about all he is responsible for inventing or creating. This kind of media election tampering is not new, or reserved for only the national media either, the state and local media outlets have engaged in pollution politics, to try to influence the voting public to cast ballots according to their, (the media) preferences. Right? Have you seen this happen close to home? These people call themselves 'objective journalists', bull. They have about as much objectivity as Tipper Gore has about Al being president...they want it.

Al Gore is a gun-hating, tree-hugging, homosexual-embracing, welfare-promoting, over-taxing, social security-raiding, liberal, liar. He will take more and more of your freedoms away. Big government is his method of increasing his stranglehold on Americans. The media is ignorantly helping him do this with no regard to the fact, that if they ever disagree with him, he will just as easily try to take away their 1st Amendment rights as he, and the Democrats have tried to take away the 2nd.

Wait until the news media has their most sacred freedom threatened and see how loudly they howl. Guess what though, they will deserve it because of their hypocrisy. They will be mainly responsible for their own demise.

I will never fly the stars and stripes of the United States, as long as Democrats are in power. This is protest to what they are doing to this country. I do, however, have a suggestion for a new flag. One that would more closely represent what America, under the Democrats, is becoming. A field of blue, in the upper right hand corner, this represents the sorrow of the citizens of this country, who truly love it and are heartbroken as to what the liberals are turning it into. On this field of blue would be black stars that number the same as the number of states that predominately voted for Al Gore. The remainder of the flag would have a background of solid red. This represents the blood of countless people who have lost their lives, in defense of this great land, which will now have been in vain, because of what the liberals are doing to it. It would also represent the direction we are headed toward (Communism). (The white stripes of purity of this nation would be strangely absent) In the lower right hand corner would be a small white cross. This would represent what liberals have done with the importance of Christ and God, (one in the same, and what this country was founded on). They will tell you they want God around, but it does not have any real significance, it is just a symbol. Then the crowning jewel would be a big golden Hammer and Sickle, right in the center of the field of red. A true symbol of what our country is becoming—Communist. In the background would be a ghost image of Satan bleeding through, devouring the Constitution. That's a flag the democrats would be proud of, because it represents their beliefs.

It breaks the Democrats' jaw to have to say George W. Bush is going to be our next president. They have been in power for the last 40 years and can't bear to give up control. If by some dishonest means they manage to prevent Bush from becoming president, it will be because we let them, and we will see another example of the democrats abusing power and thwarting the will of the people. This is the same thing they did in the impeachment of our current, Commander in Heat.

When I was a boy I asked my parents why they were Democrats. Their reply was always, "We remember 1929." As far as they were concerned, Republicans caused the depression. Republicans got the blame for it, but they didn't cause it. The answer was the same any time politics entered the conversation and they were asked whom they were going to vote for, and why. I grew up believing the same philosophy. However, as the Democratic party started changing, after Carter's administration, and the Democrats started embracing the people and ideas that they stand for today, I saw my parents and my wife's parents attitudes change, and so did mine. We could not continue to embrace the liberal, Godless stance of Democrats, which is more prevalent today than ever. So, now I have reason to feel the same way about the Democrats as they did about the Republicans, with this difference. The Democrats are the cause of the mess of the 2000 election. Therefore, when anyone asks me why I am a Republican, I will just say, "I remember 2000, and I will vote Republican.

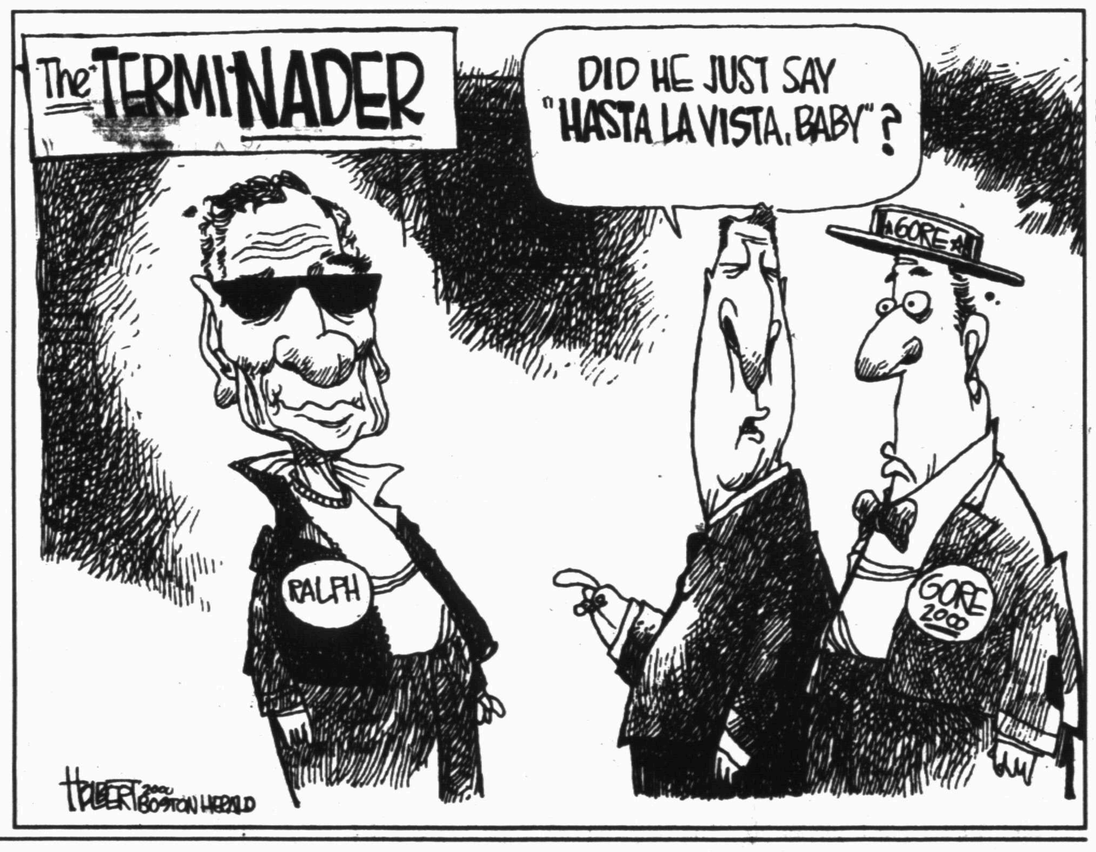
Lanny M. Covey

Votes

Dear Editor:

Algore said he would do anything to win this election. No doubt this includes making every effort to disqualify votes of our overseas men and women in uniform. Just in case his "dimpled ballots" do not provide enough votes to steal this election. Joseph Staun said it best, "It does not matter who votes but who counts the votes."

J.D. Hinton



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Waco Tribune-Herald

Texas teacher shortage

Texas has given months of attention to the possibility of a vacancy in Austin, contingent now on what the vote count in Florida says.

As important as that is, the most pressing Texas vacancy rarely seems to come up. It's the vacancy in the classroom.

Texas had more than 40,000 of them to start this school year. Waco schools had 50. In too many cases they have been filled by teachers who aren't certified in the areas for which they are hired.

The next Texas Legislature should put the training, recruitment and retention of qualified teachers atop its list of priorities. Education is its chief responsibility. The hollowing out of the educational work force is its most alarming development.

The Waco Independent School District saw staggering numbers of retirements last year and will brace for more this spring. Many of these teachers are far from the typical retirement age, but they are leaving for a variety of reasons. Meanwhile younger teachers across the state give the profession a try and then re-examine their career choices. In part it's because pay remains too low and benefits too paltry.

Many teachers across the state point out that the $3,000 pay increase granted in the last session of the legislature was gobbled up in part by increasing insurance premiums. Only 30 percent of school districts across the state pay the total premium for health insurance, meaning those increases come right out of the pay raise the state authorized.

Nearly half of the state's school districts are out of compliance with a state law passed three years ago requiring them to make group health insurance available to all employees, including aides, clerical staff, janitors and more.

With a state surplus projected, one thing Texas should do is establish a statewide health insurance plan for teachers and school employees.

Wichita Falls Times Record News

Elections ripe for fraud:

The squeaker presidential election this year underscores more than just the importance of a single person's vote. It also illustrates that it is absolutely essential that elections be free of fraud.

There is no evidence to indicate that there was widespread cheating or even localized cheating of the sort that made Chicago infamous in the '50s and '60s and that put Duvall County, Texas, on the map during the same period.

Nevertheless, cheating did occur. Even in Wichita Falls, allegations have been leveled at a couple of residents that they voted more than one time on Election Day. In other cities, similar allegations have been submitted to the courts.

For example, in Milwaukee nearly 200 students attending Marquette University have admitted in an anonymous survey that they voted more than once on Nov. 7. One student interviewed by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel admitted he voted four times, all at the same precinct, writing in his own name as his choice for president each time. He voted multiple times, he said, to illustrate flaws in the voting system. "I wanted to make the point that the system is screwed up here," he told the paper. "I hope people can recognize the system is flawed, and if a poor college kid with no resources can manipulate the system, a person with an agenda and who wants to get things done — think how easily they can manipulate the system."

Indeed. It should make us think about how airtight our voting systems are, particularly when you consider how few votes separated George W. Bush from Al Gore in a great many precincts all across the nation. Obviously, it is possible to vote more than once and not get caught, as the case of the Marquette students illustrates. So what kind of system ought to be instituted to prevent that?

San Antonio Express-News

Ballot process needs update

The shockingly close presidential election that has forced Americans to wait uncomfortably to learn the winner is casting a spotlight on a little-discussed fact about tabulating votes: The job is messy, imprecise and frequently marred by big mistakes. And too many jurisdictions are using outdated equipment.

Usually, the margin of victory is large enough to avoid having to look closely at vote-counting procedures. But when the outcome is tight, the whole ugly process is trotted out and put on display.

The presidential election fiasco has led U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., to announce he will introduce legislation to fund a comprehensive study of alternate voting methods and create a matching grant program to help states update voting systems.

A Gallup Poll released this week found that 67 percent of Americans favor federal laws requiring that all states use the same ballots and voting systems.

Schumer's proposed Federal Elections Commission study is a welcome idea, although new mandates from Washington must be approached with caution.

Certainly, local governments need to invest in modern voting equipment to prevent fiascoes such as Florida's presidential election situation.

The woes caused by Florida's punch-card ballot aren't unusual. Chicago officials tossed out more than 100,000 punch-card ballots in the presidential election because they were punched twice in the same race.

Schumer said broken voting machines and a lack of emergency ballots forced some New York voters to wait for hours on Election Day.

Odessa American

Stadium fever

When National Football League officials courted Los Angeles for a new football team last year, the city shrugged. Officials, backed by a lack of interest by taxpayers, were unwilling to pony up the kind of tax subsidies the NFL is used to.

Reluctance in Los Angeles and elsewhere to use tax dollars for this form of corporate welfare was good sign, in our opinion. But a Washington Times analysis of stadium funding proposals on Election Day revealed a new willingness to support them.

"Voters in Maricopa County, Ariz., approved a $1.8 billion spending package that will include a new $331 million stadium for the Arizona Cardinals," wrote the Times. "The Green Bay Packers received voter permission to sell the naming rights to help pay for a $295 million renovation to Lambeau Field. Green Bay voters in September also approved a sales tax increase for the project. "Houston voters overwhelmingly passed $175 million in public financing for a new arena for the NBAs Rockets, a year after rejecting a similar initiative. Voters there also approved a sales tax increase to help efforts to host the 2012 Summer Olympics."

This is troubling. New stadiums rarely live up to their promises of generating new revenues or lifting the overall economy for the city in which they are located. They impose regressive taxes that sock it to the poorest residents to build luxury boxes for the richest ones.

We're all for sporting events. But, they should pay their own way.



North of Forty — By Red Green

Be a handy man, for your brain's sake

I have this theory that the human brain is a muscle rather than an organ. And as a muscle, it gets stronger with use and, conversely, atrophies through idleness. People who don't do any thinking in their lives as a way of keeping their brain fresh for old age are seriously misinformed. You're much better off to use your brain as often as possible. Even once or twice a day if you can manage it.

And of course, choosing what to use your brain on is very important. You don't want to waste your time on things that are irrelevant or boring or beyond your comprehension.

For most of us, things like abstract mathematics and nuclear physics are a complete waste of time. I recommend that you become a handyman. The mental agility required to diagnose why the refrigerator isn't working and then to acquire the correct part, remove the old one without breaking everything around it and then install the new one, is fantastic. Not to mention what pinching your thumb in the door hinge does for your language skills. Then there's the whole creative challenge of explaining to your wife why the refrigerator couldn't be fixed, and thank goodness you didn't waste money by bringing in a professional repairman.

These are the kinds of skills that will keep your mind agile well into your old age. Plus you'll have a lot more free time because your wife will refrain from telling you when something needs fixing.

NEW LEASE ON LIFE

I've just leased a car and found the leasing options to be interesting. The payments are about the same as a car loan, but at the end of the term I have more choices with the lease. With the loan, you may end up owning a car that you don't like. With a lease that doesn't happen.

So naturally I was wondering if you could expand the lease theory to include personal relationships. What if instead of marrying a person, you just sign a three-year lease, and at the end of the term you could re-sign for another three years or unload the person privately or just walk away — as long as you hadn't had any accidents.

SURVEILLANCE YOU CAN USE

Now that we have satellites and miniature cameras and the crime rate seems to be under control, I'd like to see the whole surveillance industry become more service-oriented. Here are a few spy applications that I'd like to see:

— Let me see how unhappy all the girls who dumped me in high school are now.

— Let me hear what people say about me immediately after I leave the room.

— Let me see a room in my company where nobody ever goes, and is it big enough for a cot?

— Let me see my boss talking about me with his wife.

— Let me see my boss talking about anything with somebody else's wife.

— Let me see what's waiting for me when I come home late.

— Let me see what's waiting for me when I come home early.

TECHNO-BABYLON

There is a misconception out there that says technology makes us more efficient. That it saves us time. I don't agree.

Yes, a microwave oven can reheat a slice of pizza faster and more efficiently than a normal oven, but first I have to go out and earn enough money to buy the microwave, so you have to add that time in. Then I have to read the instructions and set the clock. Then I have to pay for the electricity to run it. I know you're going to say "not as much electricity as a stove uses."

Don't worry about it. I'll eat the pizza cold. That's faster than any microwave, and it doesn't cost a cent.

So be careful when you're choosing technology. If it's something you really need in your life, great. But a lot of the technology just gives us faster ways of doing unnecessary jobs.

Quote of the Day: "Simple things last forever. Just look at my grandfather." — Red Green

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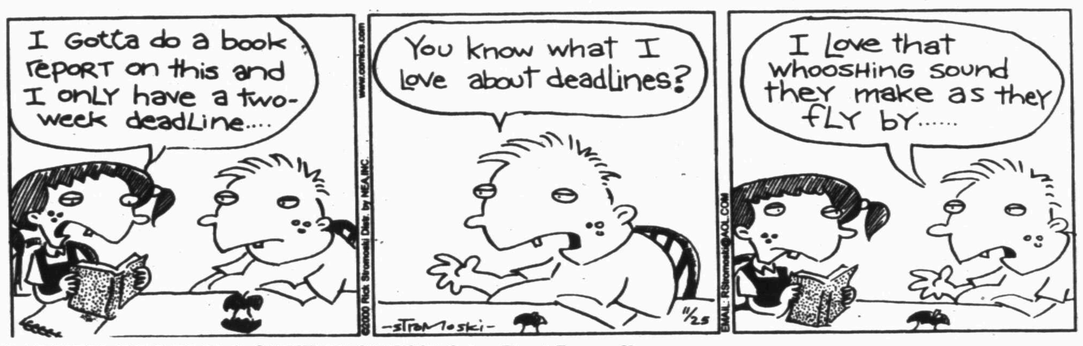
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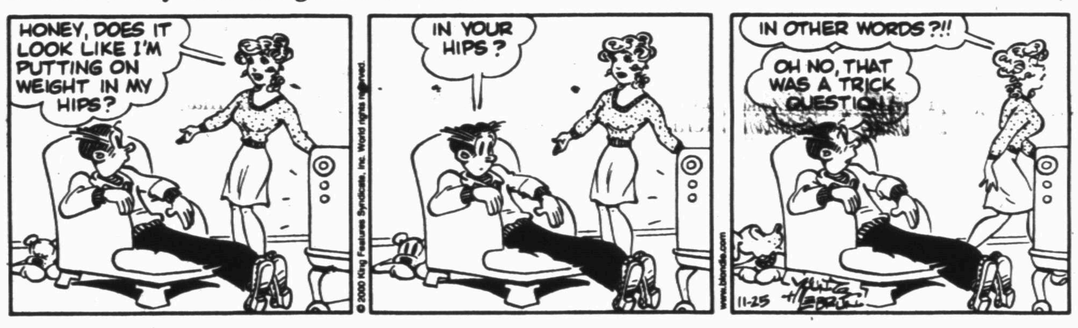
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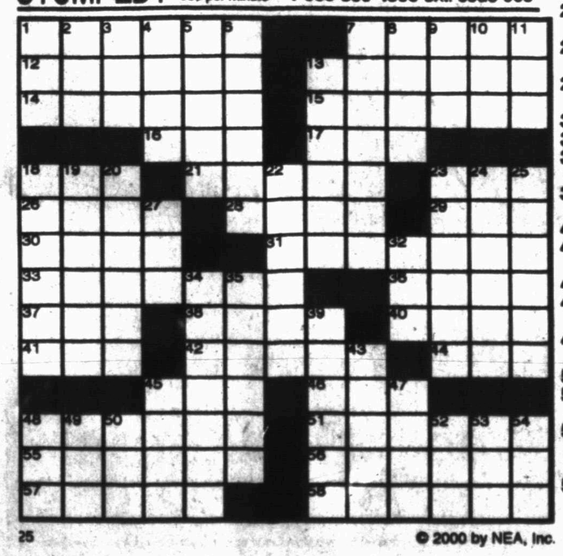
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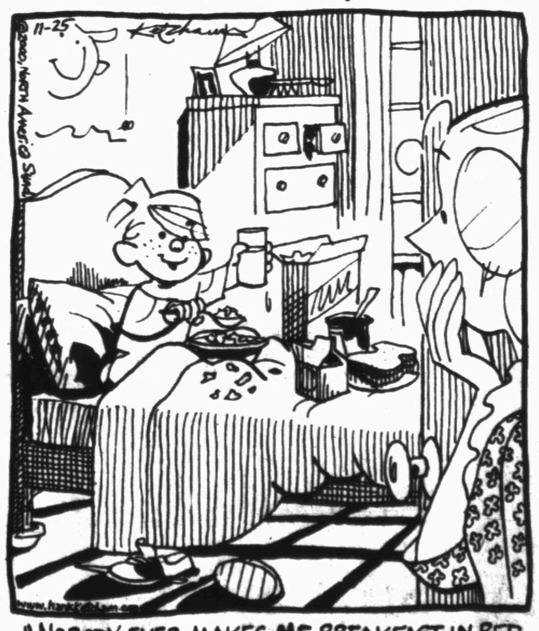
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"NOBODY EVER MAKES ME BREAKFAST IN BED, SO I MADE IT FOR MYSELF."

Business Mirror

Tension only a CEO would understand

By JOHN CUNNIFF
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NEW YORK (AP) — This has not been a great year in the corporate executive suite, and it might make matters more balanced to remember that amid the outrage over the compensation paid some corporate chiefs.

More than a usual number of CEOs have been unceremoniously cashiered. Many have seen the price of their once heady stock pummeled. Some — a growing number of late — have been shocked by key personnel desertions.

It has been especially stressful for them in the week before the board meeting, when they've had to wrestle their commentaries into a shape that would hide their confusion while seeking to expound a clear vision.

And then there have been all those Wall Street analysts who publicly raised doubts about the future of some companies, compelling CEOs into denials that sounded defensive, labored and unconvincing.

Then there were all those lawyers seeking to sue the company, and the government watchdogs threatening, and the environmentalists questioning one's patriotism, and those ex-chairmen waiting for you to make a misstep and have to call on them for advice. And don't forget those upstart new competitors.

At the end of one of those days, you just don't pick up your briefcase, bid a pleasant good night, and suspend any thoughts about business until 8 a.m. Not when your salary and options and reputation are endangered.

The stress could be even worse if your company was challenged to make the big transition from the Old Economy, where you did things your way, to the electronically computerized digitized Internetted New Economy.

Not everyone's a Jack Welch (GE chairman), you know.

Who would have thought that such a bright light as Xerox, the world's largest copier company and presumably perfectly equipped for the age of technology, would have to sell assets to stay alive?

Or that Gillette, the world's most successful razor blade company, with almost automatic repeat sales, would begin to lose its grip and that Michael Hawley would be deposed as CEO?

Or that Lucent, an offspring of AT&T that was loaded with New Economy talent, would not just fail to seize opportunities but repeatedly fail to meet sales forecasts, and that CEO Richard McGinn would be fired?

Or that M. Douglas Ivester, recently appointed chief of Coca-Cola, the ultra world-economy company, would be gone by April, and that the company would be snared in controversy over clean bottles in Europe, subject to antitrust threats in Mexico, and have to settle a discrimination case in the United States?

Just as unexpected were the replacements in the top jobs. Who would have believed that in an explosive economy accustomed to smart young moderns taking hold of the reins, the old-timers return?

Douglas Daft, a longtime Coke executive ascended to the top, then asked Donald Keough, former president, to rejoin the company as an official adviser.

Paul Allaire, who ran Xerox during some of its best days, returned to his chief executive post. Henry Schacht, who used to run Lucent, returned as CEO.

Recall issued for recessed light fixtures

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Illinois company is recalling about 34,000 recessed light fixtures because the trim of the lights can fall and cause injuries, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Wednesday.

Cooper Lighting, of Elk Grove Village, has received four reports that the glass rings fell from the fixtures, the commission said. In two incidents, consumers were hit on the head and sustained lacerations and bumps.

The recessed lights were sold from catalogs under Halo Brand Metropolitan Ice Series No. 945 and No. 1945. They have blue, rose and frosted clear glass rings about 5 inches in diameter. The glass ring assembly snaps into an installed ceiling recessed light housing fixture. Once installed, only the glass is visible.

Only involved in the recall are model numbers 945, 945H, 945 Blue, 945BLH, 945 Rose, 945ROH, 1945, 1945H, 1945 Blue, 1945BLH, 1945 Rose and 1945 ROH.

The model numbers appear on a white stick-on label on the black trim ring. Lights without bracing clips are not part of the recall. Consumers should turn off the power before checking their lights, the commission said.

Home Depot catalogs, electricians and electrical supply companies sold the lights nationwide from September 1996 through October 2000 for about $40.

Consumers with the recalled lights will receive free replacement trims. Cooper Lighting will send consumers free shipping labels to return the trims and will provide instructions on how to remove the glass rings.

For more information, call Cooper Lighting at 1-800-954-7145 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST Monday through Friday, check the Web site at http://www.cooperlighting.com or write to the company at 1121 Highway 74 South, Peachtree City, Ga., 30269.

On the Net:
Consumer Product Safety Commission: http://www.cpsc.gov
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