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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Real do-gooders never pay any attention to who gets it."

For several months, the Snyder Daily News has been publishing addresses of men and women serving in the military.

Snyder's Truman Wilson, who served almost 27 years in the Army Air Corps, say those who have been gone for a long time still appreciate hearing from folks back home.

Wilson's son, Col. J.D. Wilson, is serving as chief of intelligence planning for the regional headquarters of allied forces in North Europe, headquartered in The Netherlands.

Col. Wilson took time to write to Roman Munoz, a student at Snyder Junior High.

"What a nice surprise to hear from you. I received your letter of 28 September this week. Mail takes a long time to get here and since my address is an APO you probably didn't know until you saw my letterhead that "here" is The Netherlands (Holland).

"Unfortunately, this will take even longer to get back to you, given what's happening in the larger post offices on the east coast. Even though it took awhile to get here, the timing of your letter's arrival couldn't have been better, because I was here.

"I'm gone quite a bit. Last week I was in Budapest, Hungary; the week before in Calais, France and Canterbury, England; and two weeks before that in Helsinki, Finland. Monday I deploy to Wroclaw, Poland for nearly the rest of the month. Next month it's Germany and England again.

"It has taken a couple of days to write back because, as I am sure you will understand, there's a lot going on over here. The International School, where my son Reston is a 9th grader and where my wife teaches, had to evacuate a couple of days ago because of a bomb threat. We have to take such threats seriously... They even have a big Dutch SWAT Team van out front 24 hours a day, plus blockades, and concertina wire, but that's just the way it is. We are careful, but we still have a lot of fun.

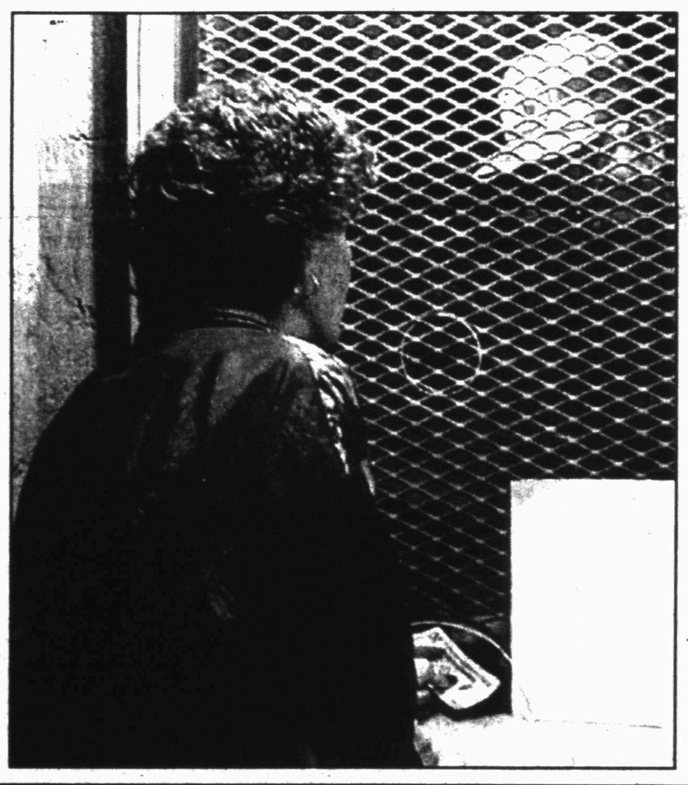
"You wrote that you were in Snyder Junior High School and that you played on the Tigers football team. So I figure that you must be in the 9th grade and that you must be pretty good to play for the Tigers.

"I always ask my Dad, who lives right around the corner from your school on Gary Brewer Road, how the Tigers are doing. Whether it's football, basketball, baseball or the One Act Play, I always want to know. I am proud of Snyder and remain a loyal fan.

"Thank you Roman, for writing... and for saying that I am in your thoughts even though you don't know me. Your letter reminded me that it's people like you and your teachers and families that make me and other service members want to do what we do. There are things that are worth fighting for. Don't be concerned about this war. There will be losses and sacrifices and things may get worse, but we will prevail. ... God Bless the USA."

HOSTING PLAYOFF GAMES...

...TAKES MANY VOLUNTEERS



HELPING OUT — Leslie Wright, Joan Bunch and Kent Wright sell programs to Petersburg fans Friday night as Tiger Stadium hosted an area playoff between the Buffaloes and Wink Wildcats. In the left photo, Mollie Shearer mans the ticket booth at the game. It takes about 30 volunteers for the Snyder Chamber of Commerce to hold a playoff game at the stadium. (SDN Staff Photo)

Forms needed by Friday...

Last call for parks survey

Friday is the deadline to return the survey issued earlier this month concerning the desires of citizens as they relate to future plans of the Scurry County Parks Department.

A 13-person parks committee, appointed by the commissioners' court on Oct. 5, hopes the survey reflects public sentiment about the county's parks and recreation facilities. Survey results will dictate what the group does next.

The one-page survey, which can be found on Page 2A of this edition of the SDN, explains which facilities are included under the newly organized parks department headed by Snyder native Scott Crenwelge.

Included under the parks department umbrella are the Boys and Girls Club, the coliseum, the community centers, Towle Park, North Park, Winston Park, all county sports fields, the swimming pool, Kiddie Park, the Senior Center and Towle Park pond.

Some additional facilities being suggested are walking paths, a skate park, sand volleyball courts, an enclosure at the pool and water slides, an additional pond at Towle Park and improvements at both golf courses.

The survey asks residents which facilities they use most and how often. Survey participants are also asked to rate the condition of the parks and whether or not they are interested in seeing improvements and additions to the parks.

The survey also asks for additional ideas for new facilities and has space for comment on existing ones.

Survey participants are asked their age and how long they have lived in the county. A respondent's name is asked for, but not required.

The survey also poses the question "would you attend a town meeting and support the decisions made?"

Public hearings have been scheduled around the county in December to discuss the park plans with citizens.

The first will take place Dec. 3 in Ira, then another Dec. 4 at Hermleigh and a third, Dec. 6 at the county barn in Snyder.

The surveys are available at American State Bank, First American Bank, West Texas State Bank, and Snyder National Bank, plus at Lone Star Cleaners, Jack's Used Cars, Patterson-UTI, and the Sonic Drive-In.

Parks committee member Dayton Robertson said in an earlier interview with the SDN that survey results would not be tabulated until every survey has been turned in.

Surveys can be returned to any of the businesses currently distributing them, or mailed to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949.

Estes, Underwood...

Early voting starts Monday in runoff for Texas Senate

Persons wishing to vote early in the Texas Senate District 30 runoff will have five days to do so beginning Monday.

Early voting will end Friday.

Voters cast their early ballots in the county clerk's office on the third floor of the courthouse for either Republican Craig Estes or Democrat Greg Underwood.

The election will be Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Estes is from Wichita Falls and is in the farm fertilizer business in that community, and Underwood is an attorney in Bowie.

Estes garnered 47.3 percent of the votes on Nov. 6 district-wide, while Underwood had 23.2 percent of the votes cast for him.

Locally, Estes received 344 votes, or 48.53 percent, and Underwood received 125 votes, or 17.39 percent.

The runoff is necessary because no candidate captured a majority of the vote.

The election is open to all registered voters in Scurry County, and all others in the 36-county Texas Senate District.

Besides Scurry County, District 30 consists of Archer, Armstrong, Baylor, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Cooke, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Fisher, Floyd, Ford, Grayson, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Montague, Motley, Stonewall, Swisher, Throckmorton, Wheeler and Wilbarger counties, as well as parts of Collin, Denton and Taylor couties.

Voters may cast ballots in the runoff election even if they did not vote on Nov. 6, said County Clerk Joan Bunch.

Community-wide blood drive planned this week

United Blood Services, Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Scurry County Blood Drive Advisory Council and Blue Bell Creameries are asking all eligible blood donors to give the gift of life Tuesday from 10 to 7.

The community-wide blood drive will take place at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center located at 1618 26th St. On Wednesday, the drive moves to Cogdell Memorial Hospital from noon to 5 p.m., and on Thursday, staff and employees can contribute from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Price Daniel Unit.

Rhonda Teal of United Blood Services in Lubbock said the organizers of the drive are encouraging Snyder citizens to roll up their sleeves and help save a life during one of these drives.

Drive is Tuesday at First Baptist Church Family Life Center

"Blood drives around the holidays are especially important because not only do the donations decrease drastically, but the usage historically increases," Teal said.

United Blood Services needs 150 units of blood daily to secure blood products to the 39 area hospitals in thirty counties they supply.

In addition to Blue Bell ice cream, donors will receive a T-shirt as well as coupons and door prizes from local merchants and restaurants. A mini-physical and checks on blood pressure and iron levels will also be administered.

Donors are asked to bring a list of medications currently being used and a picture I.D.

"Please take the time to give the gift of life," Teal said.

Late paper

This edition of The Snyder Daily News was late coming off the press due to computer problems.

The problem is expected to be corrected over the weekend and normal delivery times resumed.

Airport open house planned next month

Saturday, Dec. 8, will mark the 50th anniversary of Winston Field.

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce will host an open house at the airport from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in observance of the anniversary.

Rodger Sullenger, airport manager, said local pilots would have their airplanes on display, and that plans are being made to offer airplane rides.

At one time, the airport was served by Pioneer Airlines until it merged with the larger Continental Airlines. Continental remained at the airport until 1959.

Presently, the U.S. Air Force is building a remote electronic scoring site at the airport.

It is expected to be operational in the spring.

ASK US

Q—Can I enter a bicycle in the chamber of commerce lighted Christmas parade?

A—Yes, but it must have battery-powered lights on it.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 73 degrees; low, 41; 7 a.m. Saturday, 41; no precipitation; total for 2001, 18.70 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly clear, low upper 30s, light, variable wind. Sunday, mostly sunny, high lower 70s; SW wind 15-25 mph.

Roxana Arellano
Sunny

Sunset: 5:43 p.m.
Sunrise: 5:42 a.m.
Of 327 days in 2001, the sun has shone 315 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can.
—Danny Kaye

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Refinery explosion sparks blaze

HOUSTON (AP) — Flames shot out from a refinery in Pasadena after an explosion in a liquefied petroleum gas unit, authorities said.

The initial explosion at the Crown Central Petroleum plant occurred at about 8 p.m. Friday. It was followed by two others, sending flames as high as a couple hundred feet into the air.

Police said one person received minor injuries. The worker was treated and released from Bayshore Medical Center on Friday night.

Officials said firefighters had the blaze under control Friday night.

Randy Trembly, executive vice president for Crown Central, said they had accounted for the 155 company employees and contract maintenance workers.

Trembly said the LPG unit was being emptied for maintenance when the pump connection with the unit came loose, releasing the gas that then ignited. Flames burned in several towers.

Plant worker Danny Ameccua was 150 feet from the unit during the first explosion.

"We felt the explosion, ran and got into my truck," said Ameccua, who does insulation work for the plant.

"There were nine of us driving away in my truck when the second explosion happened. We could feel the heat and I thought my windshield would shatter," Ameccua told the Houston Chronicle for Saturday's editions.

Galena Park police officer C. Pruett said he was told that liquefied gas exploded and there was no danger from breathing it, but that residents, as a normal precaution, were advised to stay indoors and turn off their air conditioners.

Residents reported feeling the explosions and heat from the fires as far as six miles from the scene.

"We were watching television when we felt an explosion, the whole house shook," said Jose Padilla, who lives several miles from the plant. "We heard a second explosion and felt heat on our faces."

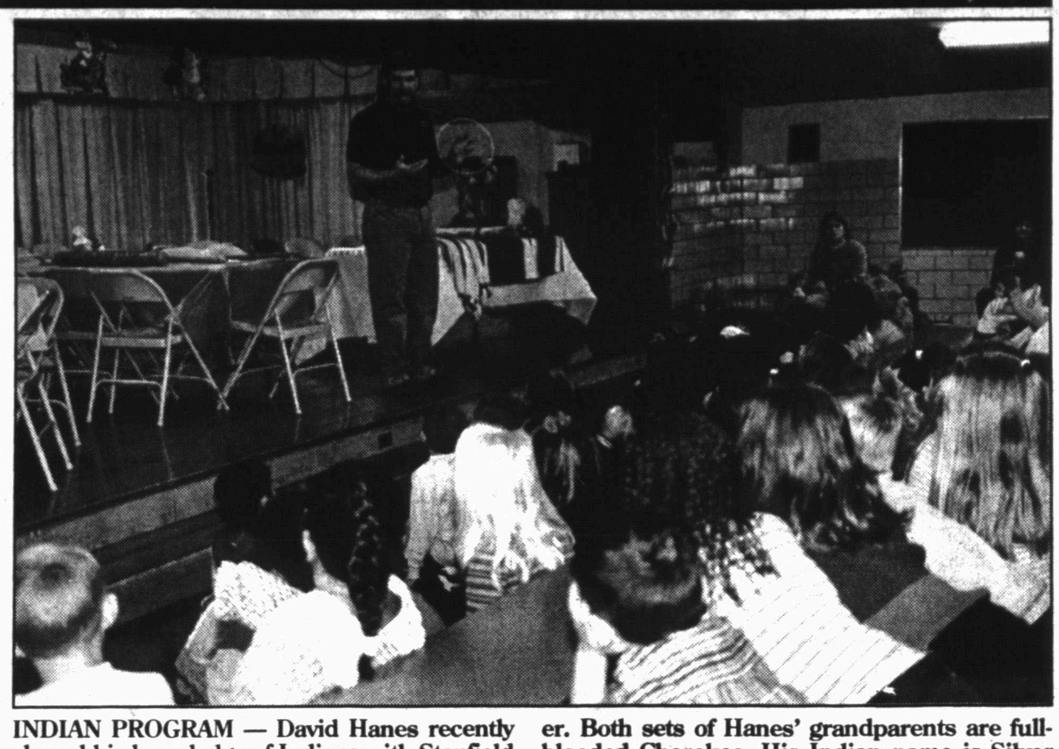
Two young men shot to death

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two young men were shot and killed early Friday morning in north Fort Worth, police said.

Authorities were investigating the crime and had not identified any suspects as of Friday afternoon, said Lt. Duane Paul of the Fort Worth Police Department.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office identified one of the victims as Martin Lopez, 21.

Neighbors reported hearing screeching tires about 1:30 a.m. Friday. Family members discovered the bodies in the street at about 3 a.m., authorities said.



INDIAN PROGRAM — David Hanes recently shared his knowledge of Indians with Stanfield students. He is showing them a dream catcher. Both sets of Hanes' grandparents are full-blooded Cherokee. His Indian name is Silver Fox. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

'Prom mom' to be released from prison

CLINTON, N.J. (AP) — A young woman who gave birth in a bathroom stall at her high school prom then killed the infant before returning to the dance floor is expected to be freed from prison next week.

Melissa Drexler, now 23, has served just over three years of the 15-year sentence she was given after pleading guilty in 1998 to aggravated manslaughter.

She is expected to be freed from the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility on Monday, her lawyer, Steven Secare, said in Saturday's editions of The Record of Hackensack.

As an 18-year-old senior at Lacey Township High School, Drexler concealed her pregnancy from the baby's father and her parents. She gave birth on June 6, 1997, in a restroom while at the prom and threw the 6-pound, 6-ounce boy into a trash can before returning to the dance.

She was originally charged with murder but pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of aggravated manslaughter. Her sentence allowed her to come up for parole in September.

If the killing had occurred three days later, Drexler would have been required to serve a longer term. Under the state's No Early Release Act, which took effect June 9, 1997, Drexler would have had to serve at least 85 percent, or 12 1/2 years, of her term.

Actor helps raise funds

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Gregory Peck has helped raise $350,000 to teach adults to read.

Peck is the honorary chairman of The Literary Odyssey Dinners, fundraising events that are held at celebrities' homes and feature a well-known author. The dinners, which cost $300 to $2,500 per plate, took place Nov. 3 in Santa Barbara and Nov. 5 in Los Angeles County.

Philanthropist Eli Broad donated $200,000 of the money for adult literacy programs through the Los Angeles Public Library and its 67 branches.

The Public is invited to the
94th Birthday Party
for
"Granny Bill" Featherston
Tuesday, November 27
at 7:00 p.m.
Held in conjunction with
The Annual Fall Revival
at the
Lighthouse Assembly of God
located at Ave. G and 30th

Cake & Coffee will be served.

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Cash Five

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

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Pick 3

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

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Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

4-8-18-21

Bonus number 19

Estimated jackpot: $400,000

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SCURRY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

This survey is being distributed to the citizens of Scurry County for the purpose of gathering information on public opinion about our Parks and Recreation Facilities. The information will be used to make recommendations for improvements and additional facilities.

The facilities that come under the Parks and Recreation Department include, but are not limited to the following:
Boys and Girls Club, Coliseum, Community Centers, Towle Park, North Park, Winston Park, Sports Fields (Soccer, Baseball, Softball), Swimming Pool, Kiddie Park, Senior Center, Park Pond

Suggested additional facilities:
Walking Paths, Skate Park, Sand Volleyball, Pool Enclosure/Water Slides, Additional Pond, Golf Courses

1) Which facilities do you use the most?
A)_____ B)_____ C)_____

2) How often do you use them?
____Daily ____Weekly ____Monthly ____Yearly ____Do not use

3) Rate the condition of the Parks and Recreation areas.
____Excellent ____Good ____Fair ____Poor

4) How interested are you in seeing improvements/additions to the Parks Department?
____Very ____Some ____No Opinion

5) Which new facility would you like to see added? List your suggestion here that may not be listed above.
_____

6) Are you a resident of Scurry County? ____Yes ____No If yes, how long?_____yrs.

7) Age Group ____18 or under ____19-25 ____26-45 ____46-60 ____60+

8) Would you attend a town meeting and support the decisions made? ____Yes ____No

9) Name (Optional)_____

Thank you for your participation, please drop off the completed form at any of the following locations by November 30th.

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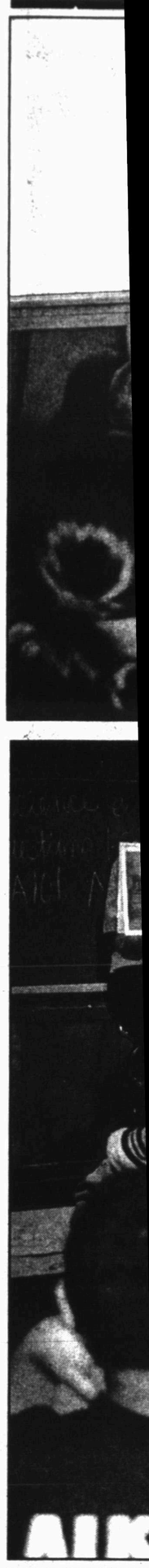
Jack's Used Cars
Patterson/Uti
Sonic Drive-In
American State Bank
First American Bank
West Texas State Bank
Snyder National Bank

Please add your comments and suggestions in the space below:



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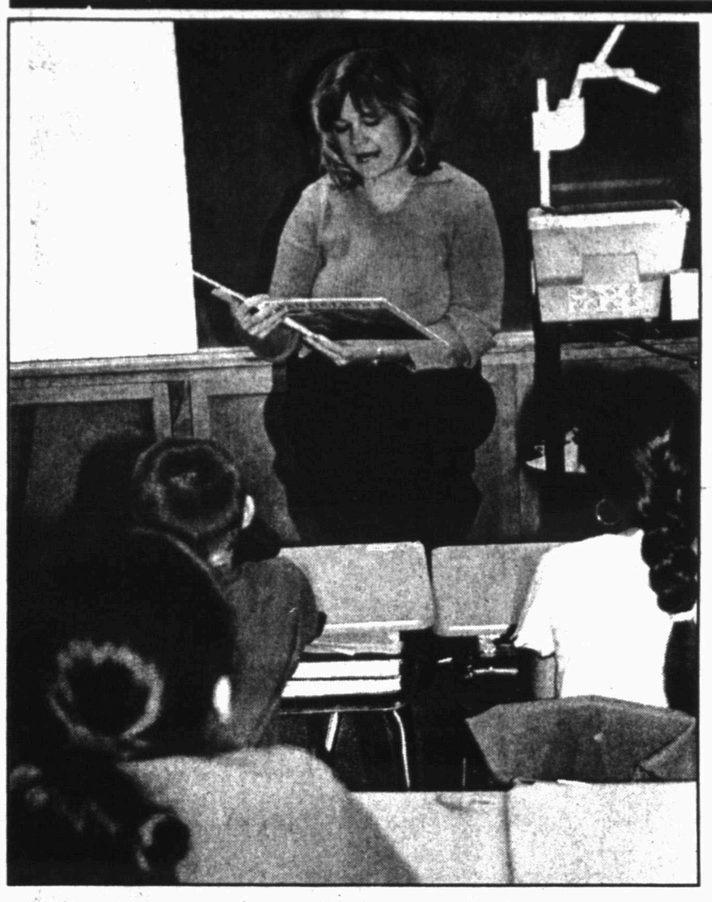

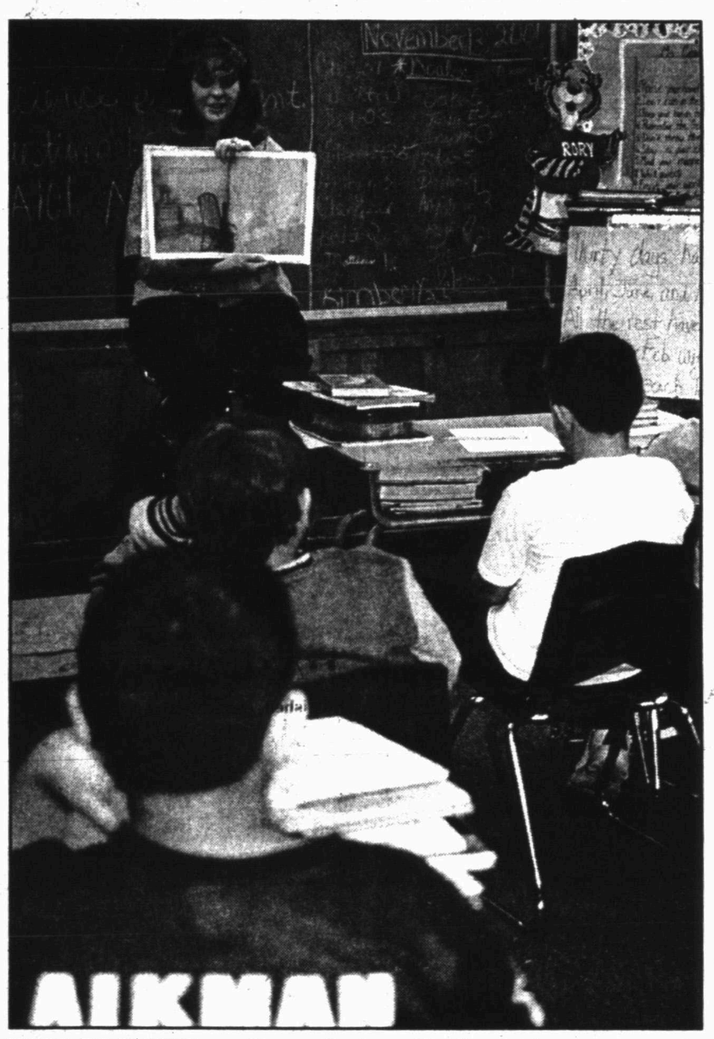

EAST READERS — Texas Savings Bank employees recently read books to East fourth graders. Julie Odom (top photo) read to Susan Brisendine's class and Toni Cox (bottom photo) was in Brooke Cozart's class. Texas Savings Bank is one of East's adopt-a-school partners. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Susan Lara

Head Start teacher is recognized

Susan Lara, a teacher for Scurry County Community Services Early Head Start Program, has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children.

The credential was awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C.

Lara is a former Head Start parent and has been with the local Early Head Start since last December. She has also worked in the daycare program and is currently enrolled at Western Texas College where she will complete her associate degree in Early Childhood Education. She plans to continue her education with a bachelor's degree.

Lara is marred to Savino Lara and they have four children, Anthony, 9; Matthew, 5; Alex, 4; and Markus, 2. A native of Snyder, she is the daughter of Emily and Billy Bennett of Ira and Jerry Freeman of Haskell.

State lawmakers question statistics on sexual assault

HOUSTON (AP) — Wide discrepancies between state and federal reports on sexual assaults has prompted Texas House Speaker Pete Laney to urge state legislators to study the statistics and perhaps change the way the information is accumulated..

In the most recent Uniform Crime Report, compiled by the Texas Department of Public Safety, there were an estimated 7,629 sexual assaults committed in Texas in 1999.

But the national crime victims center at Medical University of South Carolina puts that number at 104,516.

UCR data is based on information from 956 Texas sheriffs and chiefs of police, while the national data is based on national random surveys about crime and 2000 Census data for Texas.

Laney, D-Hale Center, asked the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee earlier this month to study the manner in which sexual assaults are reported by different groups.

Ellen Cohen, president of the Houston Area Women's Center, said many of the women counseled by the center choose not to report their sexual assaults.

"Clearly the numbers that are reported do not indicate the number of sexual assault survivors," Cohen told the Houston Chronicle for Friday's editions.

Laney also told another group of lawmakers, the House Judicial Affairs Committee, to study the feasibility of creating a statewide sexual assault prevention program.

Both committees will report to the Legislature in January 2003 any suggestions for changes in the law.

"We are very pleased that Speaker Laney recognizes the importance of dealing with the silent crime of rape," said Sherry Boyles, executive director of the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault. "We look forward to working with legislators to examine these critical aspects of the fight to end sexual violence in Texas."

There are two problems with the DPS crime statistics, said Ron Acierno, an assistant professor with the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center .at Medical University in South Carolina.

"First, a person actually has to report it to the police. And we know that only about one out of eight rapes is reported," Acierno said. "Step two, the police actually have to believe the person. It's always a subjective evaluation on the part of a police officer about whether an event occurred."

Police are likely to be most skeptical about date rapes and spousal rapes, Acierno said.

Date Books

Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001

Today is the 328th day of 2001 and the 64th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1871, the National Rifle Association was founded in New York City.

On this day in 1852, Commodore Matthew Perry sailed from Norfolk, Va., to negotiate a treaty of friendship and commerce with Japan.

On this day in 1972, "In Concert" was first broadcast on the ABC television network. The name of the show was later changed to "Don Kirshner's Rock Concert."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Baruch Spinoza (1632-1677), Dutch philosopher; Laurence Sterne (1713-1768), writer; Junipero Serra (1713-1784), Spanish missionary; Zachary Taylor (1784-1850), U.S. president; Scott Joplin (1868-1917), pianist-composer; Dale Carnegie (1888-1955), writer; William F. Buckley Jr. (1925-), editor-writer, is 76; Oscar Robertson (1938-), basketball great, is 63.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1953, Walter Alston signed a one-year contract to manage the Brooklyn Dodgers.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Do the thing you fear to do and keep on doing it. ... That is the quickest and surest way ever yet discovered to conquer fear." — Dale Carnegie

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Nov. 22) and full moon (Nov. 30).

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Sunday, Nov. 25, 2001

Today is the 329th day of 2001 and the 65th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1811, the U.S. Senate approved President James Madison's nomination of James Monroe as Secretary of State.

On this day in 1920, WTAW of College Station, Texas, broadcast the first play-by-play coverage of a football game.

On this day in 1952, "The Mousetrap," an Agatha Christie mystery, opened on the London stage. It is still running, albeit in a different theater.

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 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1937, Colorado defeated Denver 34-7. In the game, future Supreme Court justice Bryon "Whizzer" White, an All American, rushed for two touchdowns and scored another on an interception.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The worst sinner has a future, even as the greatest saint has had a past. No one is so good or so bad as he imagines." — Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

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Man sets himself on fire in mall

CHERRY VALLEY, Ill. (AP) — A man shouting "freedom and liberty for all" set himself on fire in a suburban shopping mall Friday and hurled flaming objects at shoppers before he was subdued and hospitalized in critical condition, officials and witnesses said.

Four other people also were injured.

Witnesses said the man, identified by authorities as Richard Lewis, 27, was yelling about freedom as he leaned from a mezzanine railing and threw burning packages onto the CherryVale Mall's center court. The fire was just outside the second-floor entrance to a department store in this Rockford suburb.

Two shoppers subdued him and extinguished the fire that burned him. Security guards put out the burning packages.

Mall employee Jeremy Wolf said Lewis had stretched his leg over the railing as if to jump down to the center court, where hundreds of shoppers were waiting in line.

Police said Lewis apparently doused himself with gasoline. He also carried a backpack containing jugs of gasoline and ammonia that he lit and dropped.

Hayli Henderson

Henderson is in Who's Who for 2nd year

Hayli Henderson, senior at Snyder High School, is again being recognized in *Who's Who Among American High School Students.*

Hayli is the daughter of Don and Freida Henderson of Snyder. Grandparents are Steve and Flora Stephens of Snyder and Herman and Earline Mason of Kinder, La.

Hilary Duff to host show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hilary Duff, the 14-year-old star of ABC and the Disney Channel's popular children's' show "Lizzie McGuire," will host the Los Angeles Master Chorale's family holiday program Dec. 1.

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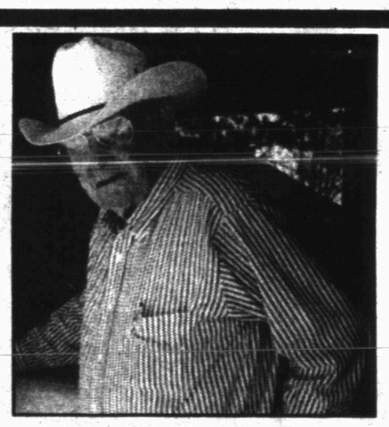

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Foreign exchange students heading overseas not afraid

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — JuliAnna Poole was set to leave for a year as a foreign exchange student in the Czech Republic when terrorists hijacked four airplanes and crashed them into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

"We had a big blowup on the 11th," said her mother, Stephanie Poole of Spencer, W.Va. "I was yelling, 'You're not going,' and she was yelling back, 'Yes, I am.' She was so adamant."

JuliAnna, who eventually persuaded her mother to let her go, isn't alone in her interest. Across the country, high school students have been flooding exchange programs with applications.

Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program for high school students has seen a surge in interest in the past few months. The number of applications received through Wednesday for next school year was up about 110 percent compared to the same period last year, said spokeswoman Christine Sobolak in Evanston, Ill.

Another exchange program, AFS Intercultural Programs, has seen a similar increases in interest, said Christine Vogel, vice president for AFS/USA in New York.

"Since September 11th, we have all been saying 'What can we do?'" Vogel said. "For these students, the answer is to make a personal commitment to increase understanding of the world and the people in it."

Organizers feared programs for teen-agers would suffer in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, but the opposite is happening.

At a recent informational meeting in State College, Pa., Rotary members handed out applications to 50 students — far more than the usual five or six, said Carl Hill, a Rotary coordinator.

"This is more interest than we've ever had," Hill said. "It amazes me that we would have that kind of response after Sept. 11.

"When I visit high schools, kids all over the place want to hear about the program. None of them have expressed fear about having the opportunity to travel and study abroad. They articulate concerns about the world, but it's as if they are more interested in promoting peace and understanding."

Each year, about 130,000 American college and high school students study abroad, according to the Institute for International Education. About 8,000 high school students are overseas this school year through Rotary, and nearly 1,800 are traveling abroad with AFS.

Steven Smith, a high school junior from Martinsburg, W.Va., has applied to participate in a Rotary program next school year.

"We're showing the world that we are not afraid," he said. "Even after everything that has happened, we're not scared to go out in the world. We're not going to close the borders and not let anybody in or anybody out."

Steven finds it hard to contain his enthusiasm for the opportunity to study abroad. But his parents, like many across the world, have questioned whether they should send their child thousands of miles away from home during such uncertain times.

After the bombing of Afghanistan began, Steven agreed to a compromise that satisfied his parents.

"I wanted to go to Spain but I thought that was too close to where everything is happening," he said. "Now I want to go to Australia."

Andrea Suzzarini, 17, of Venezuela, was attending Martinsburg High School through the Rotary program when the terrorists hit. Her mother wanted her to come home immediately.

"I'm not scared, so I didn't think I should go," Andrea said.

WORTHY PROJECT — Deborah Judah's third graders at Central Elementry wanted to raise money for the children in Afghanistan so they made patriotic book markers and sold them at school as shown in the bottom photo. Some of Judah's students include from left top photo, Jessica Penida, Nicole Molter, Skylar Jones, Nelson Sears, Kailey Glenn, Lupe Garza, Baily Jones, Louisa Guzman, Baylee Lewis, Matt Daniell. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Projects' cost up $35 million

HOUSTON (AP) — Two construction projects — one flooded by Tropical Storm Allison and the other delayed by revisions — have cost Harris County taxpayers $35 million more than expected.

The two county buildings — the Criminal Justice Center and a new jail — are both part of a self-contained "county complex."

Some see the inflated price tags as a result of poor workmanship or a flawed construction process. Others attribute it to the county's ever-changing needs and its desire for modern, cost-effective buildings.

"What the county has gotten is what the county wanted, and they got it at a competitive price," said Jack Linville, president of Pierce Goodwin Alexander & Linville, the firm that designed both projects.

The county originally planned to open the jail in March 2001, at a cost of $69.4 million. The plan now calls for an August 2002 opening and a cost of $85.7 million.

The Criminal Justice Center opened in January 2000 — only a few months behind schedule and with a $95 million price tag, near its early projections. But it remained open only 17 months before flooding from Tropical Storm Allison forced county officials to close it down in June.

When it reopens in April, $19 million more will be spent for repairs, flood prevention, a new elevator and the movement of electronic and electrical systems to upper floors.

Builders and county officials say they cannot have been expected to foresee flooding of the type produced by Allison. But critics of the new courthouse surfaced long far before the flooding, complaining of slow elevators, a lack of stairway access, noisy holding cells, leaky pipes and faulty wiring.

County Judge Robert Eckels and Public Infrastructure Director Art Storey said the building's glitches were the kind seen in almost any new structure. And most, they said, were resolved before Allison struck.

Linville said most of the complaints were unrelated to his company's work but instead were the result of the county's decision-making process.

PGAL designed the courthouse, and Manhattan Construction Co. built it. PGAL also designed the new jail, which Manhattan also is building.

Linville and Leonard J. Rejcek, president of the local division of Manhattan, say contractors have been criticized unfairly.

Commissioner El Franco Lee and Storey, the county's point man on the projects, agrees. Storey said the Criminal Justice Center was built to withstand a 100-year flood, but that Allison went beyond a 500-year event.

But Commissioner Steve Radack said the figure to prevent the damage had to be less than the amount to fix it. Radack publicly floated the idea of suing the contractors for the repair costs, an idea that never generated support.

"I don't think it's acceptable to say, 'Other buildings were damaged, so it's OK county buildings were too,' " he told the Houston Chronicle.

River board wants streambed declared off limits to vehicles

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Nueces River Authority officials are seeking help from the state to stop people from driving their four-wheel-drive vehicles through the river.

Officials with the river authority say the weekend off-road warriors are plowing up stretches of the river.

"The entire 108 miles of the Nueces River (in Real, Uvalde and Zavala counties) has been heavily impacted — some areas more than others," Sky Lewey, public outreach associate for the river authority, said. "There is not a single area where you can't find a tire track."

The authority is requesting that the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department declare the entire stretch of the river a scientific area, similar to the designation for large sections of the Texas Gulf Coast that have been placed off limits to boat traffic in order to protect sea grasses.

"There has always been some vehicle traffic in the water, but in the last five years we have been seeing organized four-wheel-drive clubs," Lewey told the San Antonio Express-News for its Saturday editions. "In past years, the traffic was one or two vehicles. Now it is hundreds a day. This is just like plowing a field. Once a year is fine, but plowing every day will make the field sterile.

Bobby Mansanarez, president of the Midnight Four Wheelers of San Antonio, said the authority and local landowners are exaggerating the damage and are simply seeking to control access to public property.

"They are saying things that make us sound like we're a bunch of outlaws out there," he said. "We don't rip up banks and tear down fences."

River authority officials here have complained that in addition to the damage to the streambed, gravel bars and riverbanks from tire tracks, pollutants from the numerous vehicles are unavoidable.

Melissa Parker, special projects coordinator for the department's resource protection division, said a possible scientific area designation is just one of the many options under consideration.

Parker said the task force will have representatives from the different agencies involved in control of the public water and property, who will work with members of off-road vehicle clubs interested in maintaining their access to the river.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission Chairwoman Katharine Idsal, who has presided over two meetings where the commission has discussed the issue, has said that legislative relief through a statewide mandate about streambed access may be the best solution.

Mims said there are no current laws preventing anyone from driving recklessly within the normal boundaries of the river. Public access to public water, including driving in the water or on a dry riverbed, is guaranteed under state law.

In a report prepared by Rick Taylor, wildlife biologist for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department office in Uvalde, the damage from off-road vehicles was described as having reached the point that "only a fraction of the riverbank and bed are unimpacted."

Financial Focus

How to Move Your 401(k) to an IRA

When the day comes for you to change jobs, you may have to decide what to do with your 401(k). By making the right choice, you can save yourself hassles, aggravation — and money.

You actually have several options for dealing with your 401(k). You could, of course, cash it out, but you'd have to pay income taxes on the proceeds, plus a possible 10 percent early withdrawal penalty. You also may be able to move your 401(k) money to your new employee plan, if the plan allows it. Or, you may even be able to keep your money in your former employer's plan, although you won't be able to make any more contributions.

However, if you're like most people, you'll move your 401(k) funds to an IRA. In that case, you'll have to decide how you want to make the move: via an "indirect rollover" or "direct rollover."

If you go the indirect rollover route, you'll receive your 401(k) money in a check, made out to you. To avoid paying any taxes and penalties, you must move these funds to an Ira within 60 days of getting the check.

So far, so good. But the check you get for your 401(k) will be for only 80 percent of your account balance. The IRS takes the other 20 percent to cover any possible income taxes you may owe on your distributions. And you must dip into your savings to come up with the missing 20 percent to complete the rollover within 60 days. If you don't, the 20 percent will be taxable to you. And if you're younger than 59½, you also may have to pay the 10 percent early withdrawal penalty.

If you do pay the 20 percent yourself, you will get it back as a refund, as long as you owe no additional income taxes for the year. But in the meantime, you've been greatly inconvenienced.

You can avoid these problems by selecting the "direct rollover" method of moving your 401(k), nothing will be withheld, so you won't have to worry about paying taxes or raiding your other investments to come up with the missing 20 percent. In fact, with a direct rollover, you'll never see your 401(k) money; it moves from your old place to your IRA.

You also can choose to move the money to a separate IRA, called a "rollover IRA." If you have money in a rollover IRA you can eventually transfer it to a new employer's 401(k) plan, if the new plan accepts funds from previous plans. But if you place your old 401(k) money in a pre-existing IRA, you'll never be able to put these 401(k) funds in a new employer's plan.

Before making any moves with your 401(k), see your tax adviser — and then take action. The window of opportunity for making the right moves is only open for a short while — so go through it while you can

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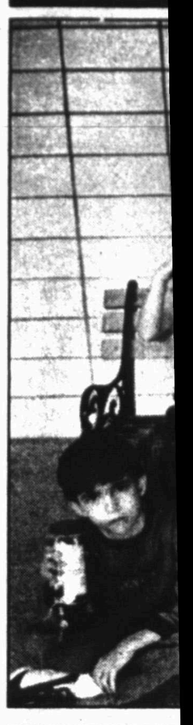

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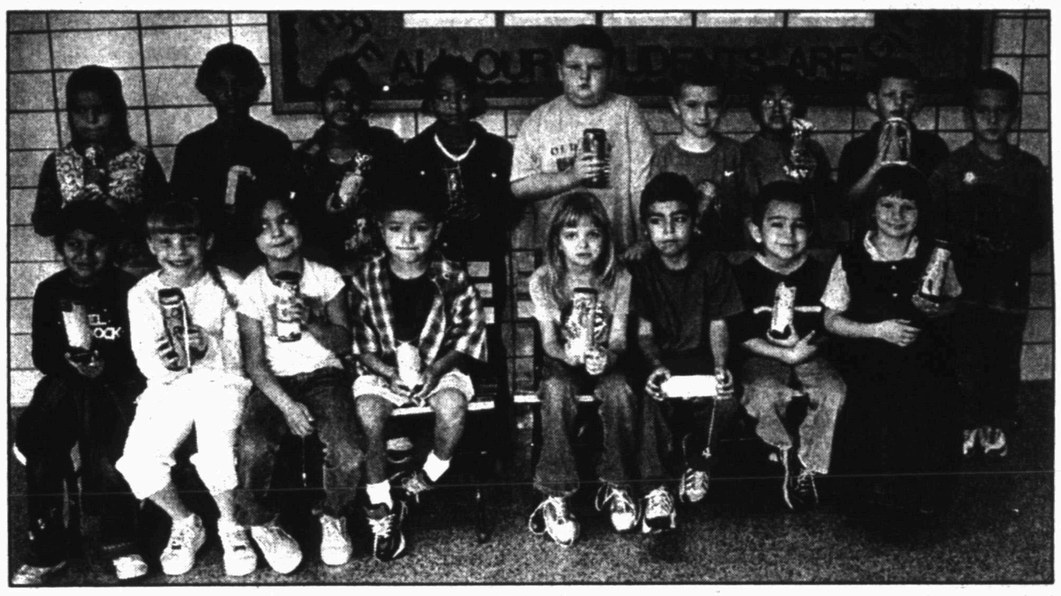

RAIN STICKS — Three first grade classes at Stanfield Elementary made and decorated rain sticks to go along with their unit on weather. Melissa Rosson's students (top photo) include from left, top row, Kodee Villegas, Nathan Burney, Erica Simpson, Brandon Davis and Megan Murdock; middle row, Joseph Price, Zachery Inman, Rebecca Alarcon, Tanner Cooley, Loran Perry, Sabrina Castillo, O.T. Lane; bottom row, Kolby Burleson, Krystin Logue, Breanna Benitez, Ryan Dennis, Noel Villa. Not pictured are Hunter Wickline and Macie Fletcher. Wendy Hunter's students include (middle photo) from left, bottom row, Veronica Guzman, Averey Wright, Brianna Carrizales, Darren Escobdeo, Shelbi Ruiz, David Garcia, Jacob Wilcox, Ashlie Moon; top row, Towry Bigham, Georgette Gunderson, Alexis Kirkland, Breahna Van Winkle, Jeffrey Stewart, Will Stephens, Drew Moncevais, Ethan Head and Seth Lane. Dezarae Moreno is not pictured. Diane Huff's students are (bottom photo) from left, back row, Allison Downing, Ashley Kincheloe, Dawn Carillo, Kiersten Price, Niko Whitley, Jake Freeman, Dillon Randolph; front row, Meagan Lewis, Chevy Wagner, Heather McFatridge, Christopher Brasher, K.C. Hestand, Alexis Bernal, Paula Aguilar and Logan Perry. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Louisiana Supreme court to decide future of two judges

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — It started with a disagreement on whether a state court should hire a congressman's sister-in-law. It ended with a judge on the floor bleeding and another judge accused of throwing him against a coffee table.

Louisiana's Supreme Court could decide as early as next week how to deal with the case of the fighting judges, but in the meantime, members of the state 4th Circuit Court of Appeals are enduring snickers about something they find not at all amusing: the Jan. 31 brawl between Judges Charles R. Jones and Steve Plotkin.

"People laugh.... You know, people send you boxing gloves in the mail," Chief Judge William Byrnes told the Louisiana Judiciary Commission, which recommended that Jones, the alleged aggressor, be suspended for 90 days without pay.

The Supreme Court could follow that recommendation or take more drastic steps, including kicking the judges off the bench, or the justices could just let the whole thing go.

The dispute centered on Jones' recommendation that his colleagues hire attorney Vanessa Green for a staff position without advertising the job opening or interviewing anyone else. Plotkin was among other judges who insisted the job be advertised and a court committee interview candidates.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Sunday, Nov. 25, 2001

Chances for increasing your social involvements will be higher than usual in the year ahead. However, they may not be designed just for having fun, but to pull together for a common cause.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — This is an excellent day for socializing with friends and family alike. Much quality time can be garnered by just being together and knowing each other cares. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. **Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.** Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Even though your reasons to help others today won't be to draw any personal acclaim for yourself, your efforts on their behalf will be duly noted and applauded.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You always have the ability to sway groups to your progressive way of thinking, but today it will be even more visible. Lay out your pet project and watch everyone flock around.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although this may not be a work day for you, any attention you give toward career objectives will turn out successfully, even if your plans are carried out on another day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your chances for personal success today will be greatly enhanced if you associate with those whose philosophies parallel yours. Collectively you'll truly believe in what you're doing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Flow with events today, instead of fighting the tide. If untampered with, some changes that may occur that will work out to your ultimate good.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Even if someone other than yourself will call the shots, welcome any partnership arrangement today you might be invited into. There's something good in it for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Once you focus on an objective, you're not likely to settle for a slipshod job or second best. You're into doing something impressive today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — When asked to step to the fore today, don't be reluctant to accept an authoritative position. Persons under your charge will welcome your steadying influence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Being a stretch runner will be your greatest asset today, so don't be dismayed if you get off to a bad start. When others begin to tire, you'll be getting your second wind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Although you enjoy mingling in groups, today you may deal more effectively with friends on a one-on-one basis. Keep contacts intimate to yield more familiarity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Projects in which you get involved today may make or save you money. Yet, the feeling of success and self-worth they'll yield in the process will be more important to you.

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Monday, Nov. 26, 2001

Conditions that have a bearing on you either romantically or socially will have a major influence on you in the year ahead. Allocate as much time as possible in order to enjoy the ride.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your clever wit and upbeat nature will make a lasting impression on someone you meet for the first time today. This person could become important in your life. 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) — Shifting conditions tend to work in your favor today, so don't get upset if something important does a reversal. It'll turn out better than what you were orchestrating.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Be sure to check your e-mails and answering machine messages often today, because some kind of good news is trying to get through to you. It'll make the rest of your day.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Because you are such a passionate person, you do many good deeds all the time. Today, one you do for another could turn out to be a goodwill investment that pays dividends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The enthusiasm you display today for something in which you're vitally interested will spread to those you're involved with. You'll have no trouble getting them to hop on board.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This is the day to make that request for something you really want or need to the person who can grant your wish. It won't even have to be a hard sell to get his/her cooperation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It shouldn't be too difficult to get others involved in an idea or project you're espousing. People are quite receptive today, especially to new ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Something of a financial nature might drop in your lap today that looks like it will have pretty good earning potential. You'll just have to decide how much involvement you desire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your optimistic nature will overshadow any adverse influences that dare to enter your life today. Your bright, sunny disposition can conquer all obstacles in your path.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — All that hard work you put out in the past may suddenly reap a harvest today. Someone who holds the purse strings believes you deserve a reward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — People are drawn to your pleasant nature to begin with, but today you have an excitement about you that others want to be part of, so the crowd following you could be quite substantial.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — That which you worked so hard to bring into fruition might suddenly fall into place today and complete itself. It has something to do with a home project.

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Family: Sailor's body recovered

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The military has recovered the body of one of two U.S. Navy sailors who were presumed drowned after a decrepit, overloaded ship sank in the Persian Gulf, the sailor's father said.

Kenneth Johnson said he received a telephone call from Navy officials on Friday confirming that divers had found his son, Petty Officer 3rd Class Benjamin Johnson.

"My first reaction was that there might be a tiny tunnel of hope," Kenneth Johnson told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from his home in Rochester, N.Y.

Pentagon officials were not immediately available to confirm the finding early Saturday.

Johnson said the government notified him that his son's body would be taken to Bahrain for an autopsy and that the family could claim it as early as next week.

"At first, I thought it was a mistake and that they could still find him," Kenneth Johnson said. "Now there's no doubt he's really dead."

Benjamin Johnson, 21, was identified by a Pentagon official as one of two U.S. sailors missing after boarding a rickety United Arab Emirates-flagged tanker that sank.

Sailors from the USS Peterson had boarded the Samra because it was thought to be smuggling Iraqi oil in violation of international sanctions. The tanker sank shortly after they boarded before dawn Sunday. The Navy rescued six U.S. sailors and 10 Iraqi crew members and recovered the body of two Iraqi sailors.

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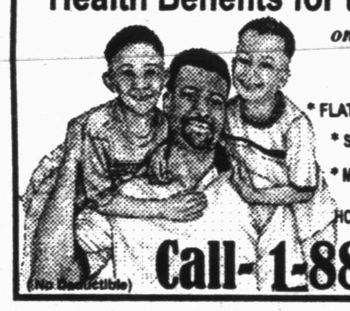
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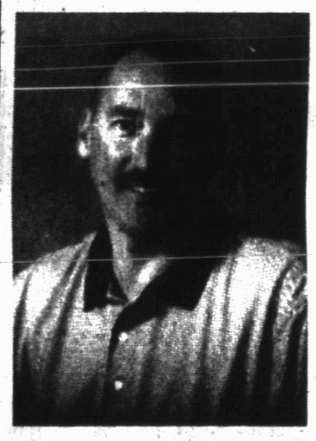
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SPORTS

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Ira falls in shootout with Sanderson

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

RANKIN — In what turned out to be a wild West Texas shootout, Sanderson simply had more ammunition.

Sanderson held the advantage in speed, size and depth, and the Eagles needed all three Friday night to overcome the Ira Bulldogs, 74-45, in a six-man area playoff at Red Devil Stadium.

The setback was Ira's first of the season, as the Bulldogs ended the year with a mark of 11-1. Sanderson improved to 12-0 and advances to face Groom in the next round.

"We fought a good fight, and it's been a good year for us," said Ira coach Toby Goodwin. "In the end, we just made a few mistakes and Sanderson took advantage of them."

It was obvious after six minutes of action that the battle of undefeated squads would be an offensive showcase. Four touchdowns were posted by the two-minute mark of the first quarter, and 10 were tallied in the opening half, seven of them on plays of 25 yards or more.

The difference in the first half came on extra points. Sanderson was 4-of-5 on two-point kicks, while the Bulldogs were successful on just one of their five attempts.

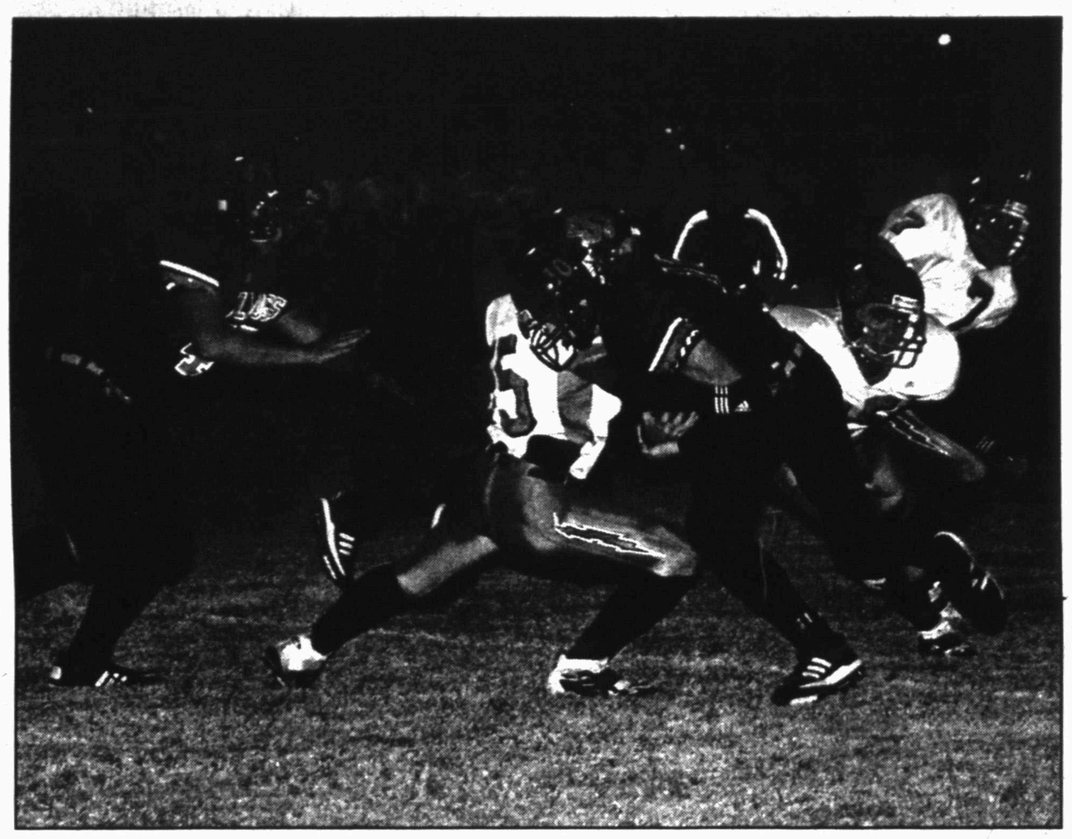
However, Ira was able to grab the advantage by scoring last in the opening half and striking first in the third quarter.

After Sanderson's Ty Means hit John Benavides with a 17-yard scoring strike with only 30 seconds left in the first half, Ira answered 17 seconds later on a 44-yard scoring aerial from Eric Dickerhoff to Josh Gutierrez.

The last-minute scoring frenzy sent Ira to the break trailing by only five points.

"We felt pretty good going into halftime," Goodwin stated. "I never figured it would be that high scoring, but we knew we would get the ball first in the second half. We got the lead, but once Sanderson got the momentum back, we couldn't stop them."

Ira, which held a 7-6 lead early in the game, grabbed its final lead of the night two minutes into the third quarter.



PUSHING AHEAD — Ira's Nathan Smith struggles for extra yards while teammate Jake Barnes hurries in to block Friday night during the Bulldogs' six-man area playoff with Sanderson at Rankin's Red Devil Stadium. Ira fell to the Eagles, 74-45, to cap its season with a record of 11-1. (SDN Staff Photo)

Facing a second-and-23 situation from the Sanderson 34-yard line, Nathan Smith threw a 4-yard pass to Dickerhoff who then lateraled the ball back to Smith at the 30. The senior outran the Eagles the rest of the way to put the Bulldogs on top, 39-38, after another failed extra point.

Sanderson answered with a 25-yard jaunt by Daniel Mendoza, and the tide started turning minutes later.

On their next drive, the Bulldogs marched to the Sanderson 17 before stalling with three consecutive incomplete passes.

With the Eagles holding the lead and the ball, the momentum swung for good on Sanderson's ensuing drive.

Ira seemed to have forced Sanderson's only punt of the game, but an offside penalty on the Bulldogs gave the Eagles new life. Sanderson converted on fourth and 4, and later in the drive on fourth and 11 when Means hooked up with Stevie Fuentes for a 43-yard completion down to the Ira 1.

Benavides carried it in from there on the first play of the fourth quarter to give Sanderson a 15-point advantage.

"The offside penalty hurt, but you can't fault our guys for being aggressive," Goodwin remarked. "I thought one of their guys moved also, but the officials didn't see it that way."

With the tide on their side, the Eagles quickly dashed all hopes of an Ira comeback when they recovered a fumble in Ira territory.

Sanderson chewed almost three minutes off the clock before missing a field goal, but scored two plays later when John Kelly picked off an errant Dickerhoff pass and ran 15 yards to paydirt for a 60-39 lead.

The Eagles forced the ball over on downs a minute later, then went straight to the air. Means and Mendoza connected again, this time from 32 yards out to stretch the gap to 68-39.

Following the ensuing kickoff, Ira committed its third turnover of the game on its first play from scrimmage. The Eagles needed just two plays to cap its point total on a 3-yard plunge by Mendoza.

The Bulldogs, which hadn't scored since the opening minutes of the second half, finally found the endzone with eight seconds left on the clock when Gutierrez ran in from the 4.

"It was harder for us to move the ball in the second half, because they put the big Mendoza kid on their defensive line so we couldn't run to the left," said Goodwin. "Things started going their way, and when it rains it pours. They started making a bunch of big plays, and we were forced to play catch-up."

Despite the difference on the scoreboard, Sanderson held a slight 467-409 advantage in total yards, and Ira dominated the time of possession. The Bulldogs held the ball for more than 24 minutes, compared to only 15 for the Eagles.

Sanderson struck first on its opening possession of the game when Means hit a streaking Mendoza for 55 yards and a touchdown.

Ira responded with a 13-play drive, the longest by either team, that resulted in a 1-yard scoring toss from Dickerhoff to Jake Barnes.

On the next play from scrimmage, Benavides raced 61 yards to give the Eagles a 14-7 lead.

The Bulldogs went back on top 30 seconds later on a 26-yard sprint by Gutierrez.

Both defenses held for the first time on the next two series, before the Means-to-Mendoza connection struck again for a 12-yard score.

Two plays later, Gutierrez scooted in from 29 yards out, but the failed extra point left Ira trailing, 22-21, with 5:38 left in the first half.

Benavides broke loose for a 38-yard touchdown at the five-minute mark, before Smith answered with a 28-yard scoring run with 2:03 left on the clock to set up the pair of last-minute touchdowns.

Benavides led all rushers with 193 yards on 16 carries. Gutierrez tallied 149 yards, and Smith gained 146.

Means accumulated 196 yards through the air for the Eagles. Dickerhoff and Smith combined for 106 passing yards for Ira.

Game Summary

Sanderson	14	24	08	28—74
Ira	15	18	06	06—45

First Quarter

Sanderson — Daniel Mendoza 55-yard pass from Ty Means (kick failed), 8:52.
Ira — Jake Barnes 1-yard pass from Eric Dickerhoff (Jase Olvera pass from Nathan Smith), 2:53.
Sanderson — John Benavides 61-yard run (Daniel Mendoza kick), 2:33.
Ira — Josh Gutierrez 26-yard run (Jerry Jamison kick), 1:50.

Second Quarter

Sanderson — Mendoza 12-yard pass from Means (Mendoza kick), 6:19.
Ira — Gutierrez 29-yard run (kick failed), 5:38.
Sanderson — Benavides 38-yard run (Mendoza kick), 5:00.
Ira — Smith 28-yard run (kick failed), 2:03.
Sanderson — Benavides 17-yard pass from Means (Mendoza kick), 0:30.
Ira — Gutierrez 44-yard pass from Dickerhoff (kick failed), 0:13.

Third Quarter

Ira — Smith 30-yard lateral from Dickerhoff (kick failed), 7:52.
Sanderson — Mendoza 25-yard run (Mendoza kick), 6:15.

Fourth Quarter

Sanderson — Benavides 1-yard run (Mendoza kick), 9:55.
Sanderson — John Kelly 15-yard interception return (kick failed), 5:34.
Sanderson — Mendoza 32-yard pass from Means (Mendoza kick), 4:30.
Sanderson — Mendoza 3-yard run (kick failed), 3:48.
Ira — Gutierrez 4-yard run (kick failed), 0:08.

	San	Ira
First Downs	16	15
Rushes-yards	31-271	41-303
Passing yards	196	106
Comp-Att-Int	9-18-1	5-16-1
Punts	0-0.0	1-26.0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-yards	1-15	5-45
Time of poss.	15:39	24:21

RUSHING — Sanderson: John Benavides, 16-193; Daniel Mendoza, 8-61; Stevie Fuentes, 4-16; Ty Means, 2-3; Paul Green, 1-minus 2. **Ira:** Josh Gutierrez, 15-149; Nathan Smith, 18-146; Todd Wall, 2-7; Jerry Jamison, 2-1; Eric Dickerhoff, 4-0.

PASSING — Sanderson: Ty Means, 9-16-0 196 yds.; Stevie Fuentes, 0-2-1. **Ira:** Eric Dickerhoff, 3-9-1 70 yds.; Nathan Smith, 2-7-0 36 yds.

RECEIVING — Sanderson: Daniel Mendoza, 3-99; Stevie Fuentes, 1-43; Dayton Scott, 4-37; John Benavides, 1-17. **Ira:** Josh Gutierrez, 1-44; Eric Dickerhoff, 2-36; Cade Tucker, 1-25; Jake Barnes, 1-1.

Petersburg tops Wink

After spotting Wink nine points, the Petersburg Buffaloes went to work to earn a 20-9 Class A area playoff victory Friday night at Tiger Stadium.

A 1-yard plunge by Zach Hanna and a David Gilbreath field goal gave the Wink Wildcats a 9-0 lead midway through the second quarter.

The Buffaloes finally got rolling with a 25-yard touchdown pass from Josh Bright to Ryan Robertson that trimmed the half-time deficit to 9-7.

Petersburg's defense stiffened in the second half, holding Wink scoreless over the final two frames.

The Buffaloes grabbed their first lead of the night in the third quarter on a 5-yard sprint by Chance Willis.

Bright capped the scoring in the fourth with a 4-yard jaunt.

Petersburg faces Nazareth in a regional match-up at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Plainview.

Duncan, Spurs down Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are looking to add to their longest winning streak since the 1998-99 season.

Tim Duncan scored 20 points and grabbed a season-high 18 rebounds to lead San Antonio to a 97-79 victory over Indiana on Friday night.

The Spurs take their seven-game winning streak into Minnesota on Saturday night, with first-place in the Midwest Division on the line.

"Things are going real well," Duncan said. "That's where we really need to start, turning it up on the road. "We've been taking care of things at home.

"I feel really good right now," he said. "I'm starting the games real well and just have to sustain it."

David Robinson, the other of San Antonio's seven-footers, agrees.

"We're getting more consistent. We fought this one out and that's what I like. It wasn't pretty early in the game, but we stayed with it," Robinson said. "This team is starting to come together. Potentially, we could have a pretty good team."

Both teams shot 39 percent, but San Antonio outscored Indiana 26-9 from the free-throw line and outrebounded the Pacers 62-40 with Robinson grabbing 10.

San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich likes what he's seeing.

"Our defense is getting better and better. They're now starting to understand defense better and becoming more consistent," he said.

The 79 points was a season-low for Indiana, which led 29-24 after one period. Indiana then had its least productive (13 points) second quarter of the season, its lowest scoring half (37) and its lowest scoring fourth period (16) of the season.

"Their ability to get to the free throw line was the difference," Indiana coach Isiah Thomas said. "The key was them being a little older, a little smarter and knowing how to get to the free throw line."

Thomas also said his team, playing its third game in four nights, was a little tired.

"I sensed our team in the fourth quarter, with eight minutes to go, fatigue set in. Physically and condition wise they had no more to give."

Indiana reduced its deficit to 73-68 with 10:34 left in the fourth quarter, but San Antonio scored 10 consecutive points in the next four minutes and was never challenged again.

Reggie Miller and Jalen Rose led Indiana with 17 points apiece. Rookie Jamaal Tinsley, coming off a 23-assist performance against Washington, finished with four points and six assists.

"They had good size and they used it well. They are a veteran team. They got it done and we didn't," Rose said.

Steve Smith and reserve Antonio Daniels were the only other Spurs in double figures. Daniels had 11 points and Smith scored 10.

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	9	3	.750	—
Philadelphia	7	5	.583	2
Orlando	7	6	.539	2½
Boston	5	5	.500	3
New York	5	8	.385	4½
Miami	2	9	.182	6½
Washington	2	9	.182	6½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	8	1	.889	—
Detroit	7	4	.636	2
Toronto	8	6	.571	2½
Indiana	8	7	.533	3
Charlotte	5	7	.417	4½
Atlanta	5	8	.385	5
Cleveland	3	10	.231	7
Chicago	1	10	.091	8
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Minnesota	9	2	.818	—
San Antonio	9	2	.818	—
Dallas	8	5	.615	2
Houston	7	6	.539	3
Denver	6	7	.461	4
Utah	5	8	.385	5
Memphis	1	10	.091	8
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	11	1	.917	—
Sacramento	9	3	.750	2
Phoenix	7	6	.539	4½
Portland	7	7	.500	5
Golden State	6	7	.461	5½
Seattle	6	8	.429	6
L.A. Clippers	5	8	.385	6½

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 79, Cleveland 68
Toronto 91, Boston 89
Atlanta 106, Detroit 99
Dallas 104, Miami 94
Orlando 109, Charlotte 99
Phoenix 103, Memphis 89
San Antonio 97, Indiana 79
Utah 106, L.A. Clippers 101
Seattle 99, Houston 81
Portland 97, Denver 90
L.A. Lakers 106, Golden State 90

Saturday's Games

Chicago at New York, 1 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
New Jersey at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Indiana at Seattle, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

Longhorns tackle Aggies, 21-7

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A five-game winning streak wasn't enough to carry No. 5 Texas past archrival Texas A&M. The Longhorns needed the wind at their back and Cedric Benson.

The Longhorns got two fourth-quarter touchdowns from Benson to beat the Aggies 21-7 Friday for just their second victory at Kyle Field since 1983.

"We needed to win a tough game," coach Mack Brown said. "I liked the way we won today better than the way we won against Kansas (59-0). I feel better about this one."

With wind gusts up to 20 mph at their backs, the Longhorns (10-1, 7-1 Big 12) punctuated a 35-yard drive with Benson's 5-yard touchdown run with 7:22 left.

The Longhorns benefited from a 31-yard punt by the Aggies' Cody Scates to start the short drive.

"I knew we had them then," Texas quarterback Chris Simms said. "Being on a roll was not going to carry us through a game like this. We showed a lot of character by not giving up. The wind was tough. You just didn't know where it was going to go."

Benson added a 12-yard touchdown run with 1:15 remaining after the Aggies (7-4, 4-4) tried a desperation fourth-down pass from their own 19. It was intercepted by Everick Rawls and returned 15 yards to set up Benson's score.

"It was me and him 1-on-1," Benson said. "I tried to juke him, but he didn't take it, so I had to go right at him. I wanted that touchdown bad. I didn't want to give it up."

Benson, whose string of 100-yard performances ended at five, missed out on becoming Texas' seventh consecutive 1,000-yard rusher, but he gained 24 yards in the winning drive that kept the Longhorns' hopes alive for a BCS bowl game.

"I think we have (done all we can) and I think everybody else thinks we have," Brown said. "What we've got to do is hope the system works for us."

The largest crowd to see a football game in Texas, 87,555, was kept in suspense until the closing minutes when Scates' 31-yard punt into the wind gave the Longhorns the chance they needed.

"When we got the wind in the fourth quarter, they drove down and got the points they needed to win the ballgame," Brown said.

The Longhorns improved their record to 69-34-5 in the series.

"This is such a great win," defensive end Cory Redding said. "This win puts us at 10-1, and that's what we wanted. Our team did a tremendous job on both sides of the ball. We were playing for the pride of the state of Texas, and we wanted to represent the state well with the whole nation watching."

The Aggies' defense matched the Longhorns throughout the game until the late breakdowns.

After trailing throughout the first half, the Aggies finally ended a string of 10 quarters without a score by the offense early in the third on a 4-yard run by Keith Joseph for a 7-7 tie.

OFFENSIVE STRATEGY — Ira coaches Toby Goodwin and Bubba Edwards (right) talk with Case Hardy (44) during Friday night's playoff game against Sanderson. The Bulldogs fell to the Eagles, 74-45. (SDN Staff Photo)

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
N.Y. Jets	7	3	0	.700	208	182
Miami	6	3	0	.667	180	185
New England	5	5	0	.500	223	195
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	244	258
Buffalo	1	8	0	.111	153	239
Central						
Pittsburgh	7	2	0	.778	155	97
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	174	166
Cleveland	5	4	0	.556	171	150
Cincinnati	4	5	0	.444	140	186
Tennessee	4	5	0	.444	159	203
Jacksonville	3	6	0	.333	151	148
West						
Oakland	7	2	0	.778	250	191
Seattle	5	4	0	.556	175	205
Denver	6	5	0	.545	254	239
San Diego	5	5	0	.500	246	206
Kansas City	2	7	0	.222	171	199
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Philadelphia	6	3	0	.667	229	118
N.Y. Giants	5	5	0	.500	181	178
Washington	4	5	0	.444	128	203
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	154	221
Dallas	2	8	0	.200	156	229
Central						
Chicago	7	2	0	.778	201	139
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	237	167
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	183	229
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	183	163
Detroit	0	10	0	.000	192	291
West						
St. Louis	8	1	0	.889	279	146
San Francisco	7	2	0	.778	227	204
Atlanta	5	4	0	.556	178	184
New Orleans	5	4	0	.556	209	182
Carolina	1	9	0	.100	154	242

Thursday's Games
Green Bay 29, Detroit 27
Denver 26, Dallas 24

Sunday's Games
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at New England, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at N.Y. Giants, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Jacksonville, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Open: N.Y. Jets

Monday's Game
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 29
Philadelphia at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2
Denver at Miami, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
Arizona at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Buffalo at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.
Open: N.Y. Giants

Monday, Dec. 3
Green Bay at Jacksonville, 9 p.m.

Buffaloes bombard Cornhuskers, 62-36

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Critics scoffed when coach Gary Barnett said he would consider the season a failure if Colorado failed to make the Big 12 championship game.

Barnett also raised eyebrows when he said the Buffaloes would run straight at Nebraska.

Sixty-two points later, Barnett looks like a prophet.

Chris Brown ran for a school-record six touchdowns and No. 14 Colorado twice built a 32-point lead, eliminating No. 2 Nebraska from the national title chase with a 62-36 upset on Friday.

Colorado raced to a 35-3 lead early in the second quarter, and the Buffaloes withstood a mid-game rally that reduced the lead to 12.

Brown ran for three of his TDs in the fourth quarter as Colorado (9-2, 7-1 Big 12) won the Big 12 North to advance to the league's championship game Dec. 1.

Colorado normally rotates its four tailbacks, but Brown and Bobby Purify got the bulk of the work.

Brown finished with 198 yards on 24 carries, and Purify added 154 yards.

"Chris was on a roll," Barnett said. "We've always gone with the hot back. They couldn't tackle him. Chris was playing with a rage."

It was the most points ever scored against Nebraska, eclipsing the 61 scored by Minnesota in 1945.

The loss crippled Nebraska's hopes for a sixth national championship. Nebraska (11-1, 7-1) had been No. 1 in the Bowl Championship Series ratings for the last four weeks.

"We really had a big dream," Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch said. "Those are over with now. This is going to be a tough one to swallow."

Brown's fourth TD run, with 12:50 remaining, capped a 93-yard drive, giving Colorado a 49-30 lead after the Huskers had cut the deficit to 12 points.

"That drive was crucial," Colorado quarterback Bobby Pesavento said. "If we hadn't gotten that, the momentum would have stayed on their side."

Safety Michael Lewis intercepted Crouch's pass moments later, and Brown ran 13 yards for his fifth score.

The Buffaloes' sixth score came after an interception by linebacker Joey Johnson, giving Colorado another 32-point advantage, 62-30, with 9:41 left.

"With the way the offensive line and tight end were blocking, it was easy," Brown said.

Texas High School Football Playoffs

CLASS 5A

DIVISION I
Region I
Regionals
Midland Lee 25, EP Franklin 0
Keller Fossil Ridge (9-2) vs. Arlington (9-2), 7 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.
Quarterfinals
Midland Lee (8-4) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge or Arlington, TBA.
Region II
Regionals
Mesquite (11-0) vs. Tyler Lee (8-3), 4 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.
Copperas Cove (11-0) vs. The Woodlands (8-3), 7 p.m. Saturday at Astrodome in Houston.
Quarterfinals
Mesquite or Tyler Lee vs. Copperas Cove or The Woodlands, TBA.
Region III
Regionals
Alief Hastings 24, Houston Lamar 21.
Humble Kingwood (8-2) vs. Pearland (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Astrodome in Houston.
Quarterfinals
Alief Hastings (9-2) vs. Humble Kingwood or Pearland, TBA.
Region IV
Regionals
Converse Judson (9-2) vs. SA Taft (9-2), 4 p.m. Saturday at Alamodome in San Antonio.
CC Carroll (6-5) vs. La Joya (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at La Joya.
Quarterfinals
Converse Judson or SA Taft vs. CC Carroll or La Joya, TBA.

DIVISION II
Region I
Area
EP Andress (8-2) vs. Lubbock Monterey (9-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at EP Andress.
Euless Trinity 34, Carrollton Turner 7
EP Del Valle (9-1) vs. Abilene High (6-5), 2 p.m. Saturday at EP Del Valle.
Colleyville Heritage (10-1) vs. DeSoto (8-3), 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Pennington Field in Bedford.
Regionals
EP Andress or Lubbock Monterey vs. Euless Trinity (11-1), TBA.
EP Del Valle or Abilene High vs. Colleyville Heritage or DeSoto, TBA.
Region II
Area
Allen (9-2) vs. Longview (7-4), 1 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.
Waco (8-3) vs. Spring Westfield (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday at Waco ISD Stadium.
Plano (7-4) vs. Lufkin (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Waco ISD Stadium.
Killeen (8-3) vs. Klein Forest (7-4), 2 p.m. Saturday at Pridgeon Stadium in Houston.
Regionals
Allen or Longview vs. Waco or Spring Westfield, TBA.
Plano or Lufkin vs. Killeen or Klein Forest, TBA.
Region III
Area
Houston Madison 40, Katy 21
Aldine Nimitz (9-2) vs. Galena Park North Shore (11-0), 4 p.m. Saturday at Astrodome in Houston.
Fort Bend Hightower 44, Houston Worthing 0
Humble (8-2) vs. Baytown Lee (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday at Thorne Stadium in Houston.
Regionals
Houston Madison (12-0) vs. Aldine Nimitz or Galena Park North Shore, TBA.
Fort Bend Hightower (10-2) vs. Humble or Baytown Lee, TBA
Region IV
Area
Austin Westlake 63, SA Clark 25
CC Miller 34, Edinburg 14
SA Madison 31, SA Marshall 0
Laredo Nixon 24, Edinburg North 7
Regionals
Austin Westlake (11-1) vs. CC Miller (11-1), TBA
SA Madison (10-2) vs. Laredo Nixon (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at SA Madison.

CLASS 4A

DIVISION I
Region I
Regionals
EP Ysleta (7-2) vs. Amarillo Palo Duro (10-1), noon Saturday at Amarillo Palo Duro.
Burlington 11, Grapevine 10.
Quarterfinals
EP Ysleta or Amarillo Palo Duro vs. Burleson (10-2), TBA.
Region II
Regionals
Denton Ryan 39, Dallas Sunset 21.
Corsicana 24, Richardson Pearce 14
Quarterfinals
Denton Ryan (12-0) vs. Corsicana (8-3), TBA.
Region III
Regionals
Magnolia (7-4) vs. Nederland (9-2), 6 p.m. Saturday at Rice Stadium in Houston.
Houston Sterling (8-3) vs. Friendswood (11-0), 6 p.m. Saturday at Mercer Stadium in Sugar Land.
Quarterfinals
Magnolia or Nederland vs. Houston Sterling or Friendswood, TBA
Region IV
Quarterfinals
Smithson Valley 21, San Marcos 7
SA Roosevelt 51, Alice 14
Quarterfinals
Smithson Valley (12-0) vs. SA Roosevelt (10-2), TBA.

DIVISION II
Region I
Area
EP Riverside (8-2) vs. Andrews (6-5), noon Saturday at Andrews.
Southlake Carroll (7-4) vs. FW Dunbar (10-1), 1 p.m. Saturday at Birdville ISD Complex in North Richland Hills.
EP Parkland (6-4) vs. Frenship (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Monahans.
FW Boswell 22, Crowley 20.
Quarterfinals
EP Riverside or Andrews vs. Southlake Carroll or FW Dunbar, TBA.
EP Parkland or Frenship vs. FW Boswell (11-1), TBA.
Region II
Area
Sherman (9-2) vs. Dallas Samuell (6-4), 2 p.m. Saturday at Mesquite Memorial Stadium.
Highland Park 35, Jacksonville 24
Ennis (11-0) vs. Dallas Lincoln (10-1), 1 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.
Mesquite Poteet (8-3) vs. Terrell (6-5), 2 p.m. Saturday at Homer B. Johnson Stadium in Garland.
Quarterfinals
Sherman or Dallas Samuell vs. Highland Park (11-1), TBA.
Ennis or Dallas Lincoln vs. Mesquite Poteet or Terrell, TBA.
Region III
Area
Jasper 68, Waller 23.
Houston Forest Brook 24, La Marque 18
Brenham (10-1) vs. PA Lincoln (8-2), 6 p.m. Saturday at Moorhead Stadium in Conroe.
Bay City 41, Dayton 13
Quarterfinals
Jasper (11-1) vs. Houston Forest Brook (12-0), TBA.
Brenham or PA Lincoln vs. Bay City (11-1), TBA.
Region IV
Area
Austin Reagan 21, New Braunfels 19.
SA Alamo Heights 14, CC Calallen 10.
Bastrop (7-4) vs. Uvalde (9-1), 2 p.m. Saturday at SA Alamo Heights.
Beeville (10-1) vs. Sharyland (8-3), noon Saturday at Alamodome in San Antonio.
Quarterfinals
Austin Reagan (10-2) vs. SA Alamo Heights (10-2), TBA.
Bastrop or Uvalde vs. Beeville or Sharyland, TBA.

CLASS 3A

DIVISION I
Regionals
Region I
Perryton (9-2) vs. Lamesa (8-3), 5 p.m. Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.
Vernon 20, Aledo 13
Quarterfinals
Perryton or Lamesa vs. Vernon (10-2), TBA.
Region II
Regionals
Lindale (9-2) vs. Texarkana Pleasant Grove (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Rose Stadium in Tyler.
Everman 21, Forney 17
Quarterfinals
Lindale or Texarkana Pleasant Grove vs. Everman (12-0), TBA.
Region III
Regionals
Mexia 17, Gatesville 13
Bridge City (9-2) vs. Sweeny (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Pasadena Memorial Stadium.
Quarterfinals
Mexia (9-3) vs. Bridge City or Sweeny, TBA.
Region IV
Regionals
Bellville (11-0) vs. Bandera (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Round Rock.
Sinton 67, La Feria 13
Quarterfinals
Bellville or Bandera vs. Sinton (12-0), TBA.

DIVISION II
Region I
Area
Crane 22, Muleshoe 0
Bridgeport 35, Hillsboro 14
Alpine 21, Shallowater 20
Kennedale 42, Sweetwater 37
Regionals
Crane (10-2) vs. Bridgeport (7-5), TBA.
Alpine (11-1) vs. Kennedale (11-1), TBA.
Region II
Area
Commerce 63, Dallas Pinkston 20
Winnsboro (10-1) vs. Atlanta (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Grimm Stadium in Texarkana.
Wilmer-Hutchins 28, Crandall 0
Gladewater (10-1) vs. Longview Spring Hill (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday at Rose Stadium in Tyler.
Regionals
Commerce (10-2) vs. Winnsboro or Atlanta, TBA.
Wilmer Hutchins (10-2) vs. Gladewater or Longview Spring Hill, TBA.
Region III
Area
China Spring 43, Marlin 14
Newton 29, Sealy 25
Giddings 69, Diboll 14
Altair Rice 29, Barbers Hill 7
Regionals
China Spring (11-1) vs. Newton (10-2), TBA.
Giddings (11-1) vs. Altair Rice (11-1), TBA.
Region IV
Area
La Grange 47, La Vernia 0
Mathis 41, Falfurrias 26
Wimberley (9-2) vs. Marion (7-3), 2 p.m. Saturday at Bobcat Stadium in San Marcos.
Yoakum 10, Port Isabel 0
Regionals
La Grange (9-3) vs. Mathis (9-2), TBA.
Wimberley or Marion vs. Yoakum (9-3).

CLASS 2A

DIVISION I
Region I
Regionals
Post 34, Wall 28 (OT)
West Texas High (7-4) vs. Holliday (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Childress.
Quarterfinals
Post (9-3) vs. West Texas High or Holliday, TBA.
Region II
Regionals
Jacksboro 21, Jim Ned 17
Van Alstyne (9-2) vs. Grandview (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Ennis.
Quarterfinals
Jacksboro (10-2) vs. Van Alstyne or Grandview, TBA.
Region III
Regionals
Elysian Fields (9-2) vs. Arp (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Carthage.
Rosebud-Lott (8-3) vs. Hemphill (10-1), 7 p.m. Saturday at Palestine.
Quarterfinals
Elysian Fields or Arp vs. Rosebud-Lott or Hemphill, TBA.
Region IV
Regionals
Blanco 20, Brookshire-Royal 12
Poth (11-0) vs. Karnes City (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Floresville.
Quarterfinals
Blanco (12-0) vs. Poth or Karnes City.

DIVISION II
Region I
Area
Coahoma 49, Mason 14
Sunray (9-2) vs. Quanah (8-3), 8 p.m. Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.
Sonora 41, Tahoka 7
Spearman 21, Hamlin 0
Regionals
Coahoma (11-1) vs. Sunray or Quanah, TBA.
Sonora (10-2) vs. Spearman (11-1), TBA.
Region II
Area
Bangs (9-2) vs. Paradise (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Dragon Stadium in Southlake.
Whitewright (11-0) vs. Maypearl (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Birdville ISD Complex in North Richland Hills.
Celina 35, Hamilton 21
Italy 35, Gunter 0
Regionals
Bangs or Paradise vs. Whitewright or Maypearl, TBA.
Celina (12-0) vs. Italy (10-2), TBA.
Region III
Area
Kerens 33, Hughes Springs 7
Centerville (10-1) vs. Garrison (8-3), 7 p.m. Saturday at Diboll.
Alto 34, Omaha Paul Pewitt 28
Mart (8-3) vs. Shelbyville (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Crockett.
Regionals
Kerens (9-3) vs. Centerville or Garrison.
Alto (11-1) vs. Mart or Shelbyville, TBA.
Region IV
Area
Van Vleck 17, Rogers 14
Refugio 44, Navarro 14
Ganado 49, Comfort 17
Stockdale 25, Banquete 7
Regionals
Van Vleck (11-1) vs. Refugio (10-1), TBA.
Ganado (9-2) vs. Stockdale (9-3), TBA.

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Region I
Area
Nazareth 20, Springlake-Earth 14 (OT)
Petersburg 20, Wink 9
Stratford 48, Anton 0
Iraan 34, O'Donnell 0
Regionals
Nazareth (11-1) vs. Petersburg (11-1).
Stratford (12-) vs. Iraan (11-0), TBA
Region II
Area
Roscoe 62, Cross Plains 0
Windthorst (10-1) vs. Celeste (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Pennington Field in Bedford.
Menard 47, Baird 6
Petrolia (10-1) vs. Fannindel (8-2), 5 p.m. Saturday at Fouts Field in Denton.
Regionals
Roscoe (12-0) vs. Windthorst or Celeste.
Menard (11-1) vs. Petrolia or Fannindel.
Region III
Area
Tenaha 35, Karnack 6
Bremond 57, Bosqueville 27
Simms Bowie 26, Beckville 25 (OT)
Chilton (10-1) vs. Iola (8-1), 7 p.m. Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium in Waco.
Regionals
Tenaha (7-3) vs. Bremond (8-3), TBA
Simms Bowie (5-5) vs. Chilton or Iola, TBA
Region IV
Area
Burkeville 40, Granger 9
Shiner 36, Agua Dulce 6
West Sabine 19, Holland 7
Falls City 28, Ben Bolt 7
Regionals
Burkeville (6-3) vs. Shiner (8-3), TBA
West Sabine (7-3) vs. Falls City (8-3), TBA

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Regional I/II
Follett (9-2) vs. Whitharral (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Turkey Valley.
Sands 35, New Home 31
Groom 60, Patton Springs 12
Sanderson 74, Ira 45
Quarterfinals
Follett or Whitharral vs. Sands (9-3), TBA.
Groom (12-0) vs. Sanderson (12-0), TBA
Region III/IV
Richland Springs 34, Gordon 32
Blanket 48, Jonesboro 36
Woodson 27, Panther Creek 20 (OT)
Calvert 45, Zephyr 38
Quarterfinals
Richland Springs (11-1) vs. Blanket (8-4), TBA
Woodson (11-1) vs. Calvert (11-1), TBA

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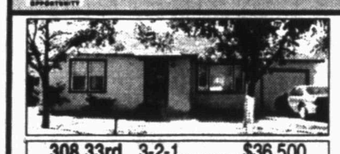

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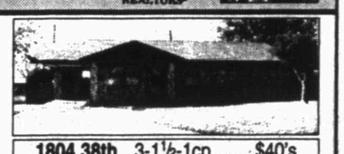

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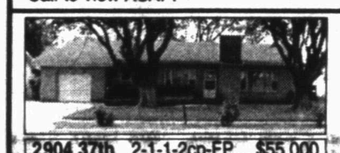

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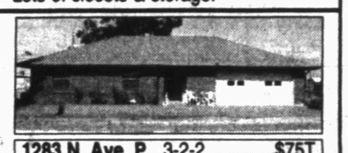

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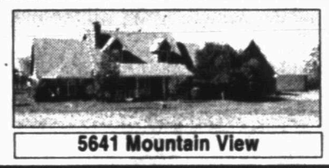

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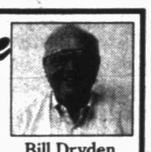

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Early holiday shoppers are crowding stores

By The Associated Press

At first glance, Ann Branno looks like a shop-'til-you drop customer. As the holiday shopping rush began, she joined the throngs of customers packing San Diego's outdoor Fashion Valley mall and had a bag filled with tennis shoes, books and Harry Potter calendars by 11 a.m.

But despite appearances, Branno of Carlsbad, N.M., was quick to say the phrase retailers hate to hear: "I just don't feel the need to spend more."

That conservative attitude was typical of shoppers who were hitting the malls in search of bargains.

Nervous about job security and political uncertainties, many people said they planned to keep spending in check through the holiday season. And retailers are worried that this may lead to their worst holiday sales in a decade.

That worry translates into good news for consumers, who are seeing unusually deep discounts.

"This is the year of the shopper," said Jeff Feiner, managing director of investment firm Lehman Brothers.

The National Retail Federation predicts holiday retail sales, excluding restaurant and auto sales, will be 2.5 percent to 3 percent higher than the $201 billion registered last year. That would be the worst growth in revenue since 1990, when sales were virtually unchanged.

Last year, sales were up a modest 3.9 percent from 1999.

Analysts also expect limited growth in Internet-based sales, at least compared with the explosive growth of recent years. Still, some prominent Internet retailers were reporting strong early results.

Amazon.com, the bellwether of Internet retailing, reported that 12,000 more items were ordered per hour on Friday than the day after Thanksgiving last year, according to spokeswoman Kristin Schaefer.

At Yahoo! Shopping, sales were up 60 percent on Friday from a year ago, according to Robert Solomon, vice president and general manager.

Many mall operators and brick-and-mortar stores, including Sears and KB Toys, reported that the turnout of early morning shoppers was up from past years.

In a scene played out across the country, 300 people lined up outside a Toys R Us store in Little Rock, Ark., before the doors opened at 6 a.m. In the crowd was Elizabeth Phifer, who was in search of a Diva Starz stuffed dog for her 8-year-old daughter.

"I'm way back here at the end of the line and I'm nervous I'm not going to get it," Phifer said.

At a Wal-Mart in Oklahoma City, Steve Estepp unloaded board games, Barbie accessories and kids' clothes from a packed cart into the back of his pickup truck. "This is one stop of many," he said.

In Diamondville, Wyo., business at Alco Discount Store was "off and on" as the holiday buying season got under way, manager Chris Toebes said.

"We don't have as much traffic, but what they are buying are the higher dollar items," she said. "They're buying the TVs, VCRs and furniture."

Most shoppers seemed indifferent to stores' increased security, which was stepped up amid concerns about terrorism.

The Sept. 11 attacks and the war in Afghanistan have also had another effect on the holiday shopping season — patriotism.

Across the country, stores were stocked with ornaments, calendars and other items with American themes. And many shopper were heeding calls by government officials who say spending money will help the troubled economy.

Judge reinstates ruling to free woman

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A federal judge has reinstated a decision to free a woman who was convicted nine years ago of killing a high school rival, a high-profile murder case that was portrayed in the television movie "The Stalking of Laurie Show."

It wasn't immediately clear whether the ruling would free Lisa Michelle Lambert, now 29. Prosecutors promised an immediate appeal.

U.S. District Judge Stewart Dalzell's 1997 ruling, which he reinstated on Friday, said Lambert was innocent of the killing and was the victim of "wholesale prosecutorial misconduct."

Lambert was convicted in 1992 of killing Laurie Show, 16, with the help of her boyfriend and another friend. Show had previously dated Lambert's boyfriend.

Show's father, John Show, said Friday that he was shocked at the judge's decision.

"That is insane," he said. "The FBI cleared everybody. They found nothing and said the whole case was OK."

Kevin Harley, a spokesman for Attorney General Mike Fisher, said Fisher "will do everything in his power to keep this cold blooded killer behind bars for the rest of her life."

Lambert was freed after Dalzell's first ruling in 1997, but was returned to prison a year later following a ruling by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The appeals court had said the federal judge's ruling was premature because Lambert had not yet exhausted her appeals in state courts.

The state courts upheld the conviction, and Lambert in March lost her bid to have the case heard by the Supreme Court.

Dalzell said in his ruling that none of those decisions barred him from again ordering Lambert's release. He gave attorneys until Dec. 20 to file further arguments in the case.

Lambert's attorneys Christina Rainville and Peter Greenberg were out of the country and not available for comment, their office said.

Kiwanis/Goodfellows

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Father of Home

Age

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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PhD.

Are hydrogenated fats evil?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: When you write about the evils of partially hydrogenated fats, do you include hydrogenated fats as well? I have been using a brand of canola margarine in which the first ingredient is "hydrogenated and liquid canola oil." Is it as bad as partially hydrogenated fat? — **S.S.**

Dear S.S.: If you're using stick margarine, it should probably say "partially hydrogenated" on the label, for that is more likely to be the ingredient. You could verify this information with the company. (If you choose this step, let me know the name of the product and what they say.) A fully hydrogenated oil has become a solid saturated fat, one that bears no similarity to the vegetable oil from which it began. This method is not an economical way of making a food product, as it is less expensive to buy already-saturated fat than it is to buy unsaturated fat and fully hydrogenate it.

Canola (stick) margarines tend to have higher levels of unhealthful trans fats than other types of margarine. It is worth your time to find out what is going on and to determine if the margarine is a product you want to continue using.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read your article concerning the different types of gum that are added to foods to make them creamier, etc. However, I totally disagree with you that they are harmless. I have found that if I eat anything containing any one of these types of gum (xanthan, guar, acacia, locust bean, etc.), I get the worst acid indigestion, which lasts for hours after eating the food. By avoiding food with these gums, I do not get indigestion anymore. I have to read every label of every processed food I buy in order to avoid getting anything with gum in it, and it doesn't matter if I have purchased it before. I never know which one of those filthy gums is going to show up in something I like to eat.

I lost M&M's because acacia gum was added to them. I couldn't figure out why I suddenly started getting horrible indigestion after eating just a handful of M&M's when I had eaten them for years without a problem. That moment was when I started reading labels every time I bought something. I would also be willing to bet that if many of the people out there who are constantly taking antacids would try cutting out foods containing gum, they would find that they could probably stop using antacids. It would be interesting to see if a survey could be done on this. — **J.S., Kankakee, Ill.**

Dear J.S.: My apologies if something I have written runs contrary to your experience. I always check the available information and scientific data to see what is going on and to see if there is cause for concern. Food sensitivities can be unique, individualized and difficult to predict. I had mentioned, in response to a reader's concern, that there was no evidence that xanthan gum (or other gums) can build up or cause toxicity, which still appears to be accurate. Unfortunately, there is no way to know which foods or food ingredients an individual will react to.

On one level, it is good that you have identified a food ingredient that causes problems. My congratulations on your success as a food detective. But no M&M's? I trust you have found other ways to get your chocolate. Concerning your thoughts about surveying a possible connection between the consumption of gum additives and acid indigestion, perhaps readers can write if they have had similar experiences.

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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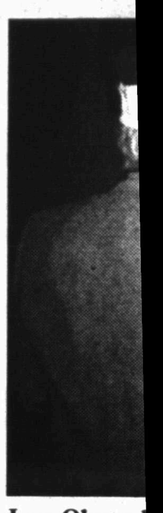

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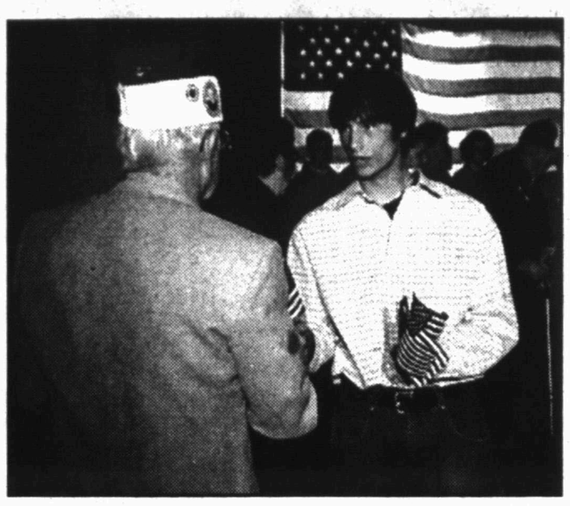
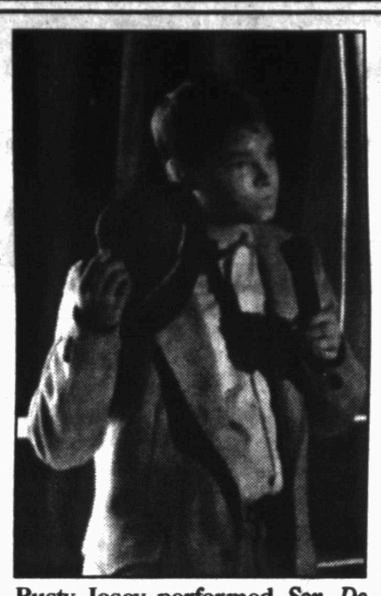


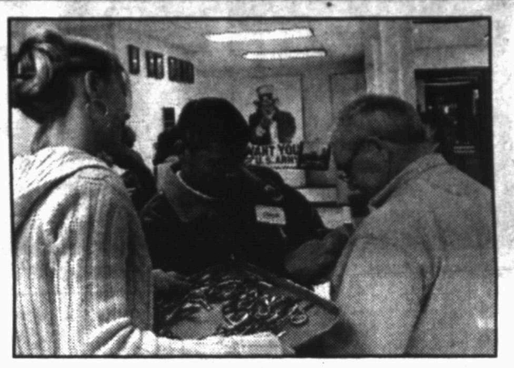
Jase Olvera hands a flag to John Roddy, Pearl Harbor survivor, during Ira School's second annual Veterans Day activities.

Candace Sanchez plays *My Name is Old Glory*.

Ira School photos



Rusty Josey performed *Son, Do You See Old Glory Up There?*



Lindsey Wilson watches Josh Gutierrez pin a patriotic ribbon on a veteran.

Ira's Student Council gave out poppies at the Veterans Day observance.

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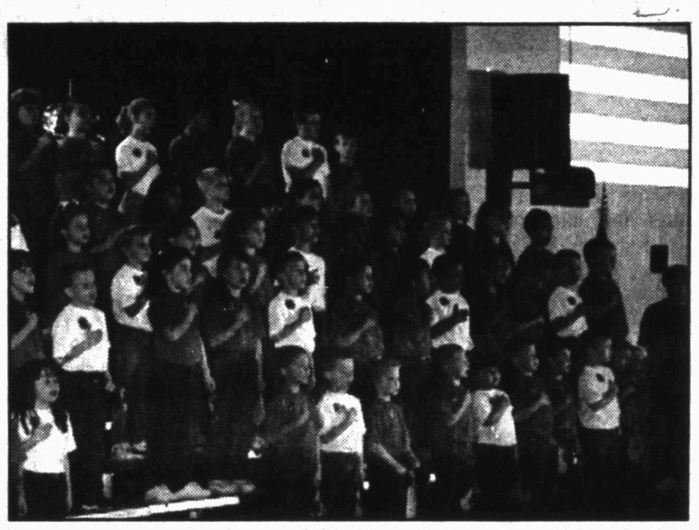
The Sunshine Choir from the Senior Citizens Center in Snyder sang a medley of armed forces songs.



Grades kindergarten through the fifth sang a medley of patriotic songs.

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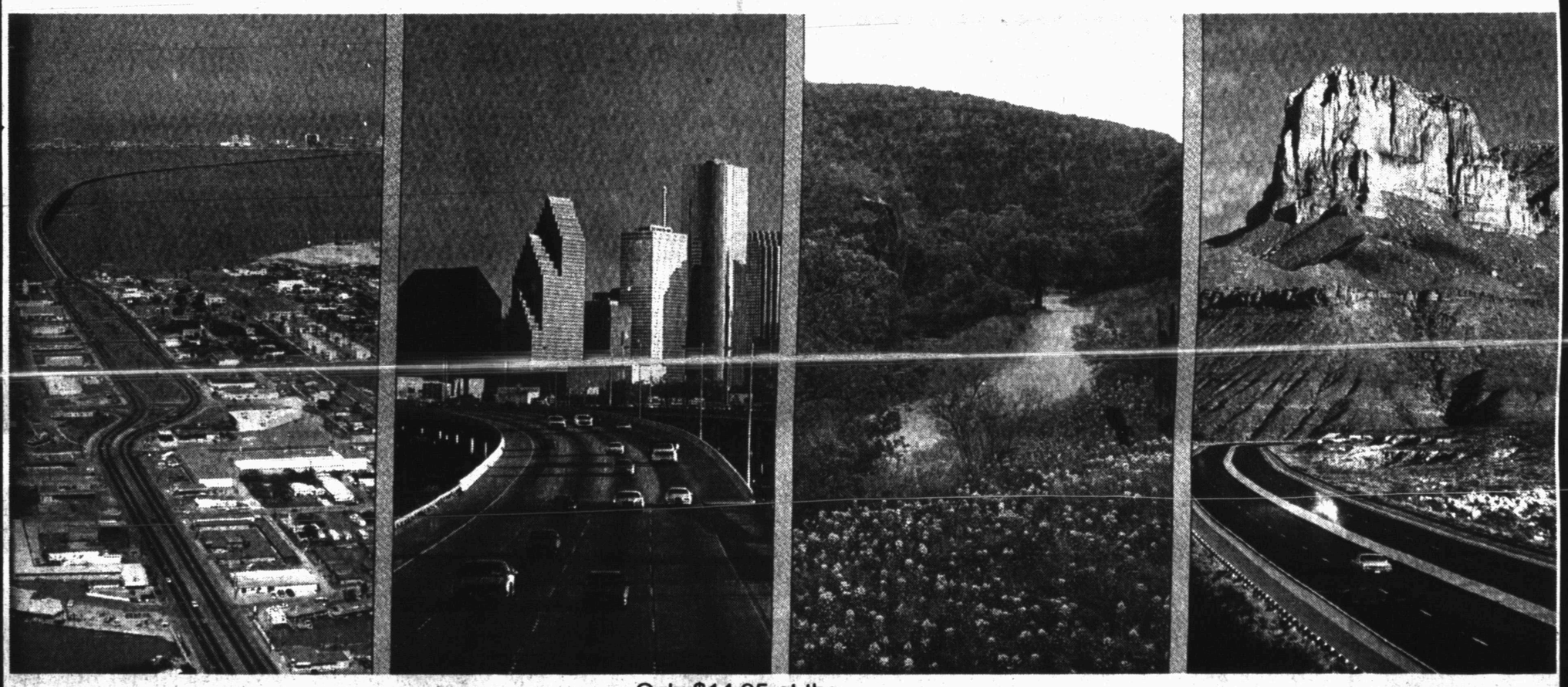

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U.S. envoy to anti-Taliban group often sent to troubled spots throughout world

WASHINGTON (AP) — James Dobbins has spent a career tossed into some of the toughest, most sensitive diplomatic jobs.

Somalia. Haiti. Bosnia. Kosovo. Yugoslavia. And that's just the last eight years.

The diplomat's latest task as President Bush's envoy to anti-Taliban forces in Afghanistan is to help forge a power-sharing government to take over the country, long torn by ethnic divisions.

Less than two weeks after he was handed that job on Nov. 6, he helped persuade the northern alliance to participate in U.N.-brokered talks aimed at creating such a government. The meeting will be held Tuesday in Bonn, Germany.

The number of difficult tasks assigned to Dobbins is testimony that Secretary of State Colin Powell and several predecessors have confidence in him. Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright praised him for his work a year ago on the Balkans issue.

But Dobbins has had problems with some Republicans in Congress. They remain upset by what they consider misleading testimony in 1995 and 1996, when Dobbins indicated he had not been briefed by the FBI on Haitian death squad involvement in the slaying of a right-wing anti-Aristide lawyer.

Dobbins has denied he intentionally misled Congress.

State's inspector general found he "acted with reckless disregard," but a senior personnel officer cleared him in October 1998. She set aside a reprimand and placed in his file a milder "letter of admonishment" after determining he had been "technically truthful" because he had not received a detailed FBI briefing. She cautioned him to be more careful in future testimony.

Warren Christopher, then the secretary of state, and Anthony Lake, who headed the National Security Council, defended Dobbins, saying his answers to the lawmakers were truthful.

Still, that testimony before House International Relations Committee members put Dobbins on the wrong side of two forceful lawmakers: then-committee Chairman Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., and Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., then chairman of the Western Hemisphere subcommittee and now head of the Government Reform Committee.

Their antipathy lasts to this day, and includes opposition to his latest high-profile job.

Burton "is still adamantly opposed to Mr. Dobbins' appointment," Burton spokesman John Cardarelli said Monday. "He feels that anyone who has misled Congress should not be in a position of such prominence."

The congressman is now writing to Bush saying just that, Cardarelli said, with other members expected to sign onto the letter.

The lawmakers have not criticized Dobbins' resume, which recounts his many forays into trouble spots on behalf of the State Department and the National Security Council.

In 1993, he led the diplomatic end of getting U.S. forces out of Somalia. In 1994, he helped arrange the multilateral intervention in Haiti. Just before the Kosovo conflict erupted in 1999, he became senior envoy for the Balkans and later headed the U.S. delegation to the Kosovo peace talks. From 2000 to this year, he worked to organize international efforts to oust the Milosevic regime from Yugoslavia.

Despite the record, Dobbins has missed out on jobs that would have required Senate confirmation.

Objections by Gilman and Burton squelched a potential nomination by President Clinton to make Dobbins ambassador to the Philippines, and a prospective Bush nomination to be ambassador to Argentina, congressional aides in both chambers said.

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., then-chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee that would have held the confirmation hearings, supported his House colleagues' criticism of Dobbins.

Dobbins became assistant secretary of state for European affairs in 2000 only because Clinton promoted him during a congressional recess, a necessity given Helms' adamant opposition.

"The administration knows that the Senate could not possibly confirm anyone who has conducted himself in such a fashion," Helms said at the time.

SHS drama and choir working on 'Madrigal'

Be it now known that the time is nigh to bring in the the joy and the cheer of the Yuletide season.

All the regal pageantry and ceremonial pomp of Merrie Old England will be splendiferously brought to life in the annual Christmas Madrigal dinners, presented by the a cappella choir and the varsity and junior varsity drama students at Snyder High School.

The dinners will include:

- The procession of singers through the hall;
- The hoisting of a sparkling toast from the wassail bowl:
- The procession of the litter bearers with the boar's head;
- The jousting of the knights;
- The quest of the jester and the knights;
- The singing of the concert by the royal court.

The Madrigal singers will create this event in the Grand Hall of Snyder High School's Student Center at 7:30 p.m. on Dec, 3-4.

Reservations may be made by calling 573-6301, and ask for Pam Snedeker. The remittance of $15 (for performance and feast) may also be mailed to Madrigal Tickets, SHS Choral Department, 2901 37th St. Snyder, Tex. 79549. No refunds will be given for unused tickets. Reserve tickets will be held until the day of the performance. Tickets need to be purchased by Nov. 28.

The doors of the Grand Hall will open at 7 p.m. Guests are requested to be seated before the opening processional which begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

"The Madrigal Dinner will be a unique and exciting way to express to friends the memory of Christmas. We look forward to having you as our guest." Ronda Haire, choir director, said.

WTC-Ritz production will open on Thursday

Merry Christmas Bedford Falls, a comic adaptation of the classic Christmas movie *It's A Wonderful Life*, will launch the holiday entertainment season in Snyder, opening on Thursday.

The evening will begin with dinner in the Western Texas College dining hall in the student center at 7 p.m. followed by the show in the Fine Arts Theatre. Dessert will be served in the lobby after the show.

The Ritz Community Theatre and the WTC Theatre Department have teamed up to produce the comedy which has a cast of some 30 characters, backed by a community choir of 30 singers directed by Rebekah Thornton and accompanied on the piano by Judy Brown. The music includes a potpourri of Christmas favorites plus a few surprises.

The story of the despondent George Bailey, who is contemplating suicide on Christmas Eve and is rescued by the clumsy cherubic angel Clarence, is told by a combination of community and WTC actors and actresses.

The dinner theatre will run again on Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday afternoon, Dec. 2, with lunch at 12:30 followed by the show. There will be a matinee on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m. with no meal.

Dinner tickets are $15 for adults, $13 for seniors and students, and $10 for WTC faculty and students and Ritz season ticket holders.

Reservations are required for the dinner theatre. All tickets for the Saturday matinee are $5. Call 573-8511, ext. 234, for reservations.

Major roles will be filled by Chris Shoemake, narrator and Uncle Billy; Kent Wright, George Bailey; Jacob Brumley, Clarence (an angel); Corey Knipe, Joseph (an angel); Beth Bowen, Mary Bailey (George's wife); and Thomas Lowery, Mr. Potter (the banker).

Those in supporting roles are Chris Hensley, Mr. Gower (drug store owner); Megan Kimmel, Mr. Bailey (George's father); Thomas Lowery, Harry (George's brother): Myra Hayes, Mrs. Bailey (George's mother); Raylene Marlow, Mrs. Hatch (Mary's mother); and Jennifer Kelly, bridge keeper.

Other roles include Emily Greiner, Sam Wainwright (wealthy businessman); Chris Hensley, Ernie the cab driver, Charlie, Eustace, Horace, a teller at Savings & Loan, Martini the bartender, neighbor, Tom and Micky.

Thomas Lowery will be Ed; Kandace Kimmel is Mr. Welch, school teacher's husband; Deidre West, bartender during flashback; Donnie Burk, Bert the cop; Brooke Bollinger, Zuzu, George's baby daughter); Christi Williams, older daughter; Casey Pierce, George's son; and Raylene Marlow will play a nameless woman.

Stage crew consists of Tracie Adams, lights; and Ian Shelly, sound.

Three thefts reported around Snyder Friday

Burglaries and thefts

Juan Gutierrez requested a deputy at 900 Ave. L at 11 a.m. Friday in reference to reporting a burglary.

A deputy responded to the location and advised an offense report for burglary of a building would be submitted.

C.R. Perez requested an officer at Davidson's IGA Friday afternoon in reference to a man taking meat from the store without paying.

Perez provided officers with the suspect's license plate number. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Samual Garcia requested an officer at 2408 Ave. L Friday afternoon in reference to the theft of his bicycle. An officer as dispatched to the location and advised a report for Class B theft was filed.

Arrests

DPS troopers arrested a 40-year-old man on U.S. 84 Friday afternoon on two outstanding warrants from Lubbock County.

A 20-year-old man was taken into custody in the 3700 block of College Ave. early this morning for driving with a suspended license.

Disturbances

A man requested officers at his residence on Ave. Z at 11:30 p.m. Friday in reference to him being intoxicated and wanting to turn himself in. Two Snyder officers responded to the residence and contacted the man and his wife.

No threats or assault had occurred and the officers advised the man would not leave the residence.

A clerk at the Days Inn requested officers Friday night in reference to hearing a disturbance. Officers responded and contacted a man and wife who had been involved in a verbal disagreement.

Irlene Stroud requested an officer in the 600 block of Ave. R in reference to a pickup striking a dumpster then leaving the area.

Officers were dispatched to the neighborhood and advised two dumpsters had been pushed into the road, but neither was damaged and both were removed from the roadway.

Close patrol

Jack Greene reported damage to his property at 3401 43rd Street Friday night. An officer contacted Green and advised a criminal mischief report would be submitted.

Suspicious mail

Ben Odorizzi contacted deputies at the Sheriff's Department Friday afternoon in reference to receiving a suspicious piece of mail. Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland was contacted and determined all was in order.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country East requested an officer in reference to the driver of a Chevrolet pickup leaving the station without paying for fuel.

Obituaries

Collene Phillips

1955-2001

GOLDEN, Colo. — Collene Phillips, daughter-in-law of Willa Mae Booth of Snyder, died in an automobile accident on Nov. 20 west of Denver, Colo.

Following cremation, a memorial service for Mrs. Phillips, 46, was set for 7 p.m. Saturday in the Kingdom Hall in Golden, Colo.

Mrs. Phillips was a fitness instructor in Idaho Springs, Colo.

Survivors include her husband, Alan Phillips of Downieville, Colo., formerly of Snyder; two sons, Michael Johnson of Lakewood, Colo., and Tim Johnson of Downieville; and her mother, Rowena Evans of Lakewood.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Tiger's Lair

This is the last week to order 2002 yearbooks for $45. Beginning Monday, Dec. 3, the price for a yearbook will be $50. Orders may be mailed to SHS Publications. Monday is also the deadline for senior dedications to be submitted to the yearbook staff. Cost is $45 for a color photo and message. Call 573-6301, ext. 35 for additional information.

Head Start registration

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

Holy Ghost Revival

The Lord's Supper Organization will hold a Holy Ghost Revival at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday at the Union community center on the Lamesa Highway. Speakers will be Manuel Granado and Randy Asebedo. For more information, call 674-2672.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Respecting the Things of God," followed by "What is a Miracle?"

Ira picture retakes

School picture retakes for Ira schools will be Tuesday. This is for students who were not photographed in September, or anyone wanting another package. Pictures will also be taken of the basketball teams, class favorites, Junior FFA, NHS, student council, high school FFA, FCCLA and FCA. Envelopes for basketball pictures and retakes will be passed out Monday.

American Cancer Society

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will have a board meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Genealogical Society meeting

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Robert Adams, WTC professor, will present a program on the French Indian War as a root cause of the American Revolution. The public is invited.

GED testing dates

GED testing for the first time or re-testing will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 5-9 p.m.; next Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 4, 5-9 p.m.; Dec. 6, 5-9 p.m.; Dec. 7, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, call Molly Kattes at 573-2919 or Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112.

Home for the holidays

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

His Joy Ministries

His Joy Ministries, 904 26th, will host the 8th annual conference Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1. Speakers will be Keith Miller from Amarillo and Moses Akitwine from Uganda. Music will be provided by Mercy and Truth from Dallas. Call 573-8401 for registration.

"Married for Life" information

"Marriage for Life" information night will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at The Word of Life Church, 312 Coliseum Dr. Home Bible study groups will soon start. For information, call Doug or Donna Nehring at 573-7471.

Head Start fundraiser

Early Head Start and Head Start programs are selling raffle tickets for a drawing to be held Dec. 13. There will be a drawing for $100 worth of groceries from Davidson's Supermarket and another drawing for a $50 gift certificate from Wal-Mart. Proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for students. Come by 2800 2nd St. or call 573-7403. Last ticket sales day is Monday, Dec. 3.

VFW membership drive

The VFW is currently conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is restricted to veterans who served overseas in times of conflict or war. For more information, contact the post commander Jim Bailey at 573-5338.

Red Cross volunteers needed

Red Cross volunteers are needed for Snyder and Scurry County. Contact Sherry Faulkenbery at 573-1974 after 5 p.m.

Noon prayer service

The First Presbyterian Church hosts a prayer service from noon until 12:30 p.m. each weekday. Everyone is invited.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is now accepting submissions for the winter issue of *Bards of a Feather*. The deadline is Dec. 15. The theme is open. Mail submissions to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@nwol.net.

Military support group

Family members, volunteers, friends, and active or inactive soldiers of Scurry County interested in forming a local Military Support Group are asked to contact Dale or Elaine Byrd at 573-8088 after 4 p.m., or e-mail dbyrd@nwol.net. The purpose of this group is to provide an avenue of mutual support, assistance, community resources, and a network of communication.

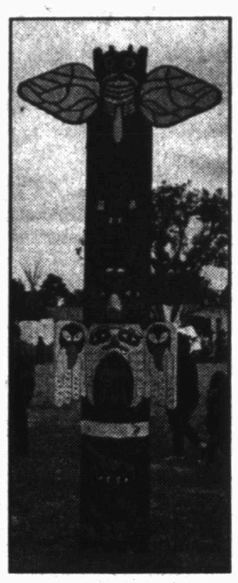
WTC adult basic education

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held on 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.

WTC pool open

The WTC swimming pool is open for the fall semester. The public schedule for lap swimming is from 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. M-F. Open swimming is 7 to 9 p.m. M-Th. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. Thursday night is family night at a cost of $5 per family. The pool also is available for parties on Friday and Saturday. For information, call Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

McMurry's Tipi Village
Central goes Indian, at least for a day



By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

For a few hours Central Elementary students, faculty and parent volunteers traveled back in time as they spent a day at Tipi Village, McMurry University's authentic Indian Village.

The unforgettable adventure was made possible through the Accelerated Schools Program. Teachers were very enthusiastic.

Kathy Spoor, who teaches third grade, called Tipi Village "fantastic" because of the eight authentic, life-size tipis (McMurry's spelling).

Spoor noted that the freshman class erected the village in one night as a contest held in conjunction with the 2001 homecoming. They dressed in realistic costumes, representing Indian tribes throughout the nation.

Each student shared the history of his or her tribe and explained to the visitors from Central how they hunted, cooked their food and tanned skins.

The visit tied in with the unit on Indians Spoor and her students had just completed. They focused mainly on the Plains Indians because they lived in Texas.

At the culmination of their studies, she said the students built, with the help of teachers and parents, their own tipi. Students decorated paper sacks and David Smith put up the frame.

Paula Bowden, another third grade teacher, added that each sorority and fraternity at McMurry made their own tipi. Each told the Central students about the characteristics of various tribes including how they hunt, ate or decorated their tipi.

Some erected a snow fence around the base to keep snow out. Other put hay around the edges to keep the cold from getting in.

Central students got to see authentic reproductions of how the Indians once lived and what type equipment they used everyday.

Since they had no paper or pencils, Bowden said McMurry students modeled how they made their own paint and wrote on animal hides. They had to rely on pictographs and sand stone.

Bowden's students drew their own tipis and made pictographs similar to what the Indians may have done years ago.

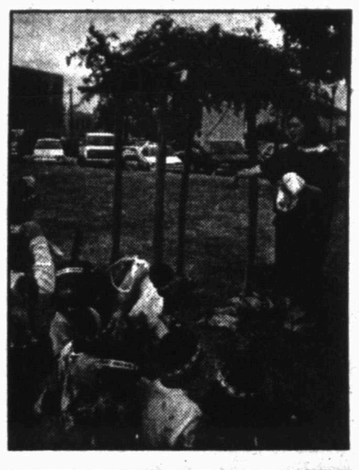
Third grade teacher Judy Moss said her students also loved the Tipi Village. They later made their own tipis out of paper sacks. They also read books on Indian heroes, including Chief Joseph and Black Hawk.

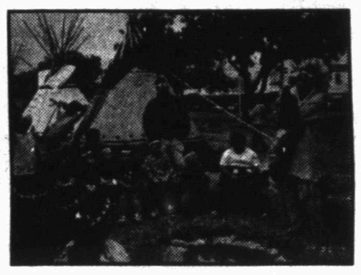
Judy Barkowsky was sick the day Central visited the Tipi Village but her students enjoyed the adventure. They also studied about the different Indian cultures and read Indian legends.

Liffin Molter's first grade English as a second language class also had a great time at the Tipi Village. For many it was a first time experience as they had not visited a museum before.

She noted that her students could touch as well as see things like the Indians once used. They learned a lot of history and she considered it a "language building" experience for her ESL class.

They also learned about pictographs and communicating through body language. Later they drew their own Tipi Village on a map and discussed how the Indians in different parts of the country might have lived.





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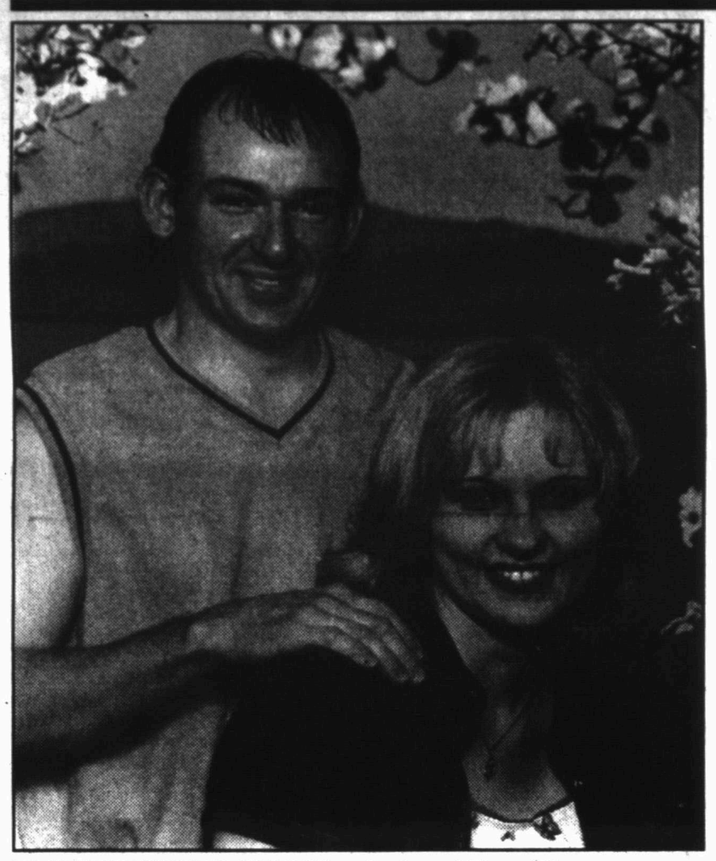

ELAM-WRIGHT TO MARRY — Jack and Betty Elam announce wedding plans of their son, Ricky Elam, to Christy Wright, daughter of Mary Wright and Steve Botts of Snyder. They plan to marry at 2 p.m., Dec. 1 in the Faith Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Births

Kendra Ruth-Anne Barker of Wolfforth announces the birth of her nine-pound, one-ounce brother, Cody Edwin Barker, at 7:53 a.m. on Nov. 19 in University Medical Center of Lubbock. Their parents are Dr. Craig and Karmen Barker.

Grandparents are Cliff and Kathy Hall of Dermott and Tommy and Ruby Barker of Stephenville. Great-grandparents are Violet Barker of Lubbock, Weldon and Modena Cumbie of Plainview and Vera Hall of Dermott. Great-grandmother by choice is LaVerne Herring of Snyder. The late great-grandparents include Edwin Barker of Plainview, Pauline Scrivner of Snyder and Welch Scrivner of Dermott.

Bridal Registry

Hannah Cowan and Shane Smith
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Willie Crenwelge presents program to garden club

Snyder Garden Club met at Martha Ann Woman's Club Nov. 1 for a program by Willie Crenwelge, Resource Soil Scientist with USDA-NRCS of Lubbock. He was assisted by Mark Sides, with the local USDA Conservation office, who talked on improving the soil.

Crenwelge and Sides culminated the program with a question and answer session and were guests for lunch.

The Dec. 6 meeting will be a covered dish luncheon in the home of BeBe Boren. All members are to bring natural materials to make Christmas decorations during the workshop following lunch.

Anyone interested in participating in Garden Club may call 573-8889 or 573-7277 for more information.

Game day cancelled due to the holidays

Martha Ann Woman's Club will not have its fourth Wednesday game day during November or December due to the holidays.

The woman's club was booked through December, but the regular scheduled luncheon and game day will resume in January.

Fostering and adopting meeting set for Monday

A fostering and adopting informational meeting is set for Monday at 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services office, 3610 Vine St., Abilene. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

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.

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

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.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

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 574-1292 or 573-9458, 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 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.

WEDNESDAY

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 574-1292; 6 p.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Library News And Views

By Janie Romine

"Food for Fines: is still going on at the Scurry County Library. Do you have a video fine? Clear it up, and help a needy person! If you have a video fine, the library will accept two cans of food for every dollar owed. The response has been very good so far, and we have almost a case of food for the food cupboard. The "Food for Fines" will continue through December.

After Jan. 1, fines may only be settled with cash, so take this opportunity to save yourself some money.

The library staff hopes you had a nice Thanksgiving and announces that the library will be open Monday.

Do you have some Christmas baking to do? Check out one of our excellent cookbooks. Do you need a cookie recipe for that cookie exchange? Find some wonderful recipes in *Rosie's Chocolate-packed, Jam-filled, Butter-rich, no Holds-barred Cookie Book.* The library staff will be glad to sample the results for you, especially if you make the pecan crescents.

More cookie recipes can be found in *Cookies for Christmas.* Perhaps you enjoy making candy to give as gifts to neighbors. Check out *Candy Making Basics* or another excellent candy book. Do you plan on making some special gift this season? Look at our craft and hobby books. You will find some excellent ideas.

Take time to share some wonderful Christmas stories with children. We have beautiful children's books to share during this holiday season. Make the time, and seize the moment to sit quietly and read to a child!

No matter what you are looking for, we can find a book for your need at the Scurry County Library. Come see us at the library!

Obvious clue led police to suspected culprits

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A fairly obvious clue led Columbus police to the suspected culprits in the theft of a college mascot's costume.

The Brutus the Buckeye costume for the Ohio State mascot had been reported stolen, along with the car it was sitting inside. When patrol officers spotted the stolen car behind a building near campus, they staked it out.

Two men approached the car early Thursday morning. One of them was wearing a striped, scarlet-and-gray shirt with "BRUTUS" in block letters on the front.

That's the mascot's shirt.

"These were not exactly brilliant thieves," said Sgt. Earl Smith, spokesman for the Division of Police.

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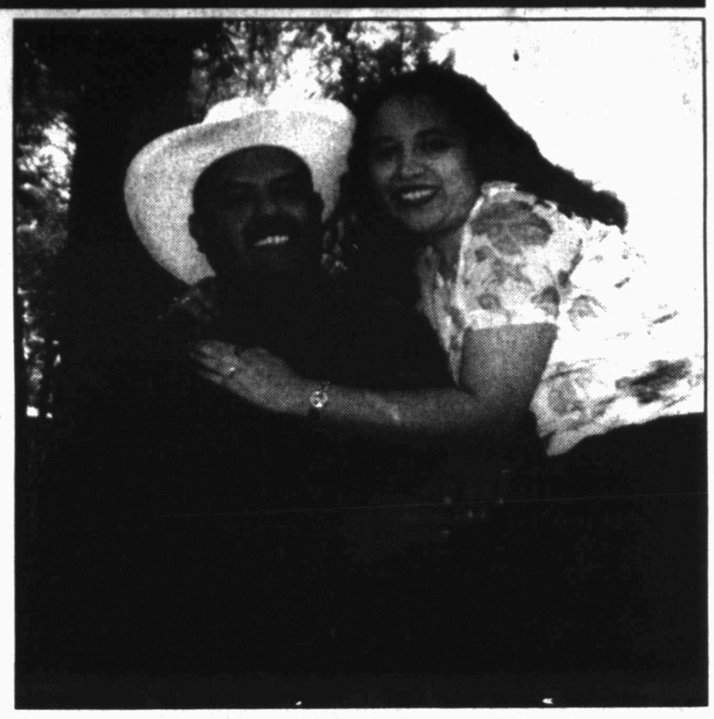

DECEMBER WEDDING SET — Ted and Janie Mireles and Paula Rodriquez, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Julie Mireles, to Joey Rodriquez. The future groom is the son of the late Jose Rodriquez Sr. A 2 p.m. wedding ceremony is planned for Dec. 15 in the Knights of Columbus Hall. (Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Hermleigh menu

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Fruit
Scrambled Eggs
Toast

Tuesday
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

Wednesday
Fruit
Waffles/Syrup

Thursday
Juice
Biscuit/Gravy

Friday
Fruit
Biscuit/Gravy

Friday
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH

Monday
Corn Dogs
Macaroni & Cheese
Pickled Beets
Orange Slices

Tuesday
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Peach Cup

Wednesday
Burrito/Chili/Cheese
French Fries
Cherry Peppers
Mixed Fruit Cup

Thursday
Beef & Cheese Nachos
Salsa Sauce
Pinto Beans
Tortilla Chips
Chilled Pineapple

Friday
Pizza
Shredded Lettuce
French Fries
Fruit Jell-O

Snyder menu

All meals are served with milk. All breakfasts are served with orange juice.

BREAKFAST

Classroom Menu
(East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)

Monday
Donut

Tuesday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit

Wednesday
Cinnamon Roll

Thursday
Sausage Topped Muffin

Friday
Fruit Muffin Square

Other Schools

Monday
Pancakes & Sausage or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Tuesday
Donut or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Thursday
Sausage Topped
English Muffin
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

Friday
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH

Monday
Picnic Wrap or
Barbecue Rib on a Bun
Potato Salad
Black-eyed Peas
Chilled Peach Cup

Tuesday
Quesadillas or
Nacho Grande
Spicy Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Corn Bread

Wednesday
Oven Fried Chicken or
Vegetable Soup
w/Cheese Wedge
Potato Wedges
Carrot Sticks w/Ranch Dip
Apple Crisp

Thursday
Beef & Macaroni Casserole or
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy
Broccoli & Cheese Sauce
Baked Beans
Fruited Gelatin

Friday
Steak Fingers or
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Seasoned Green Beans
Dinner Roll

Authorities search for 'Underwear Gang'

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysian authorities are searching for four men they say conduct break-ins clad only in their underwear.

Police have dubbed the group of four men the "Underwear Gang" and believe they are responsible for a spate of robberies in Malaysia, said Zuber Shariff, a senior officer in the northern state of Perak.

During the past week, the gang broke into five bungalows and held up two kiosks where gasoline is sold, escaping with more than $47,000 in cash and valuables, Zuber said.

Zuber did not offer any theory of why the gang carried out robberies wearing only underwear, according to the Bernama national news agency.

"We believe the robbers are illegal Indonesian immigrants who are taking advantage of the festive season to rob," Zuber was quoted as saying.

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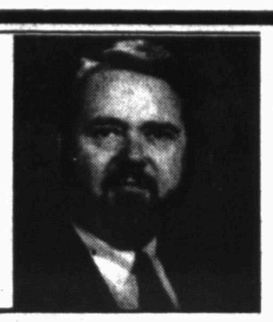
By Don Taylor



If you can dream it, you can do it

"Some men see things as they are and ask why. I dream things that never were and say, why not?" — George Bernard Shaw

If you examine the lives of successful people you will find two common characteristics. They are dreamers and doers. The key is in the order: dreaming comes before doing.

Let me give you a few examples of dreamers who became doers. You'll find them in every walk of life.

Walt Disney was a successful cartoonist and filmmaker. But Walt had a larger vision: entertainment for the entire family. Today, millions enjoy the Disney theme parks — all around the world.

Doug MacArthur had a dream to go to West Point. He not only graduated from West Point, but also became General Douglas MacArthur, Army Chief of Staff and Supreme Allied Commander of the forces in the South Pacific.

Sam Walton was a successful merchant with just one Ben Franklin store. However, Sam had a bigger dream. Today, millions of people shop in Wal-Mart's 4,000 stores every week.

Henry Ford knew how to build luxury automobiles. However, Henry had a bolder vision: affordable transportation for everyone. Henry built the Model T and Ford Motor Company became one of America's largest and most profitable companies.

The bigger vision

James Allen said, "You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you." Here are some tips for achieving a bigger tomorrow.

* **Take charge of your attitude.** When you are in control of your attitude no wall is too high, no river too wide and no dream too big. No challenge can overwhelm you, when you sincerely believe you can. A positive attitude is a little lever that lifts a big load.

* **Plan for success.** After you've taken charge of your attitude, develop a plan to turn your dream into reality. Begin with an assessment of where you are today and why you're there. Where do you want to be? What do you want to accomplish? Then write your goals and lay out the steps to get from where you are to where you want to be.

* **Set your sights on improvement.** The best way to achieve big dreams is to get better at what you're already doing well. Capitalize on your strengths, but don't ignore your weaknesses. You must improve those areas as well.

* **Be open to opportunities.** If you're looking for big opportunities, seek big problems. Opportunities hide in difficulties, problems and challenges. When you see problems, search for solutions and you'll find opportunities.

* **Surround yourself with good people.** Walt Disney said, "You can dream, create, design and build the most wonderful place in the world, but it requires people to make the dream a reality." You'll need good people with talent to take your business to the next level. If you can't afford to hire the best, don't hire anyone.

* **Watch your costs.** Benjamin Franklin said, "Beware of little expenses: a small leak will sink a great ship." Sometimes when you focus on a big dream it is hard to remember to manage the small details. I've seen some promising enterprises fail because no one rode herd on expenses.

* **Don't let anyone else spoil your success.** The world is full of people who have never accomplished anything of importance. They will be quick to tell you why you can't possibly succeed. Don't listen to them. Stay focused on your dreams.

"That thing will never fly," they said!
But the Wright Brothers went and flew it.
So, when someone says to you, "You can't,"
Just go ahead and do it.

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.

Lawsuit filed against producer

NEW YORK (AP) — Broadway powerhouse collaborators Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman have filed a $5 million lawsuit against producer Scott Rudin, claiming he is trying to kill a musical they have been working on for almost 10 years.

"GOLD!" was scheduled to open in Chicago next year, but the pair say legal threats by Rudin have scared off the director and the theater operators.

In papers filed in Manhattan's state Supreme Court late Tuesday, Sondheim and Weidman asked for a ruling that Rudin no longer has rights to the play, which is based on the lives of two con men.

The lawsuit also seeks $5 million in damages.

Sondheim is a composer and lyricist whose works include "West Side Story," and "Sweeney Todd." Weidman is the author of "Big," and "Contact," and the winner of nine Emmy awards.

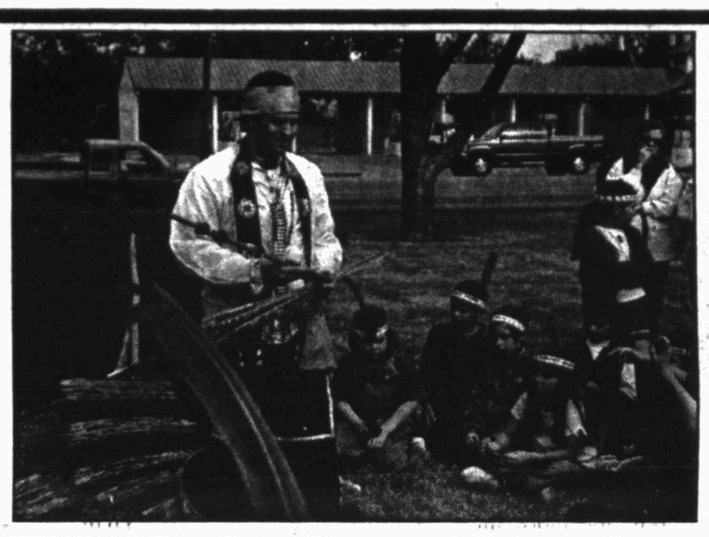
The pair struck a deal with Rudin in 1997 to help produce the play, but Rudin backed out after seeing a preliminary workshop rendering.

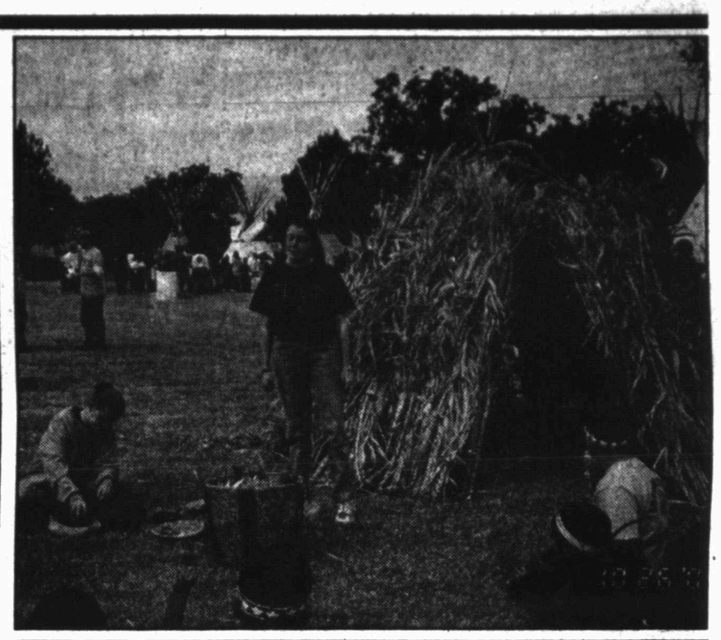
"Rudin saw it and hated it," court papers say. "He openly and repeatedly disparaged the play."

Rudin produced the revival of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." His movie credits include "The Firm," "Sister Act," and "The Truman Show."

The lawsuit says the musical's production rights have since reverted to Sondheim and Weidman, who reworked it and reached a production deal last month with Chicago's Goodman Theatre.

The retooled musical also attracted Tony winner Harold Prince as director, whose successes include "Phantom of the Opera" and "Evita." But court papers say both Prince and the theater backed out after Rudin sent them letters threatening legal action.





TIPI VILLAGE — Central Elementary students recently spent a day visiting the Tipi Village at McMurry University. (See page 1B for more information)

TIPI MAKERS — After visiting the Tipi Village at McMurry University and studying about Indians, Central third grade students in Kathy Spoor's and Betty Thompson's classes, with assistance from teachers and parents, built this tipi (McMurry's spelling). Dave Smith set up the frame. Spoor's class (top photo) are from left, top row, Michelle Flores, Michael Brashear, Adrian Benavidez, Roy Mojica, Brandon Elam, Jessica Ibarra, Zac Smith, Ariel Villazana, Emma Nunley, Alexia Hernandez, Bridget Garcia; bottom row, Tiffany Stack, Mary Quintano, Kaden McCarter, Lieren Tyndol, Charles Ortega, Amanda Daves, Vanessa Martinez, Daniella Jaquez. Thompson's students (bottom row) from left, front row, Xavier Malone, Kim Willson, Melisa Chhuor, Chlesea Alarcon, Briana Rose, Donnie Medrano; middle row, Angela Hernandez, Chance Young, Anthony Thurmond, Jacob Tollison, Wesley Anderson, Margaret Benitez; back row, Madison Guzman, Roman Romero, Kaitlin Bass, Jordan Tippens, Tyler Sawyer, Samantha Shankles, Alex Alcala. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Group of N. Texas men give thanks by giving back

DALLAS (AP) — A visit to the South Dallas Nursing Home on Thursday was like going home for Jack Perry.

One resident standing in front of her room clapped and smiled as Perry, wearing a red sweater and pressed jeans, approached. Her eyes sparkled with joy.

"God bless you," Perry said.

Perry was among 30 men, all disciples at the Union Gospel Mission, who spent Thanksgiving giving back to the community, bringing meals to the elderly. The men, many of whom at one time were either homeless or unemployed, said they've been blessed and now its their duty to share God's love.

With Bibles in hand, they prayed and sang hymns with the 120 nursing home residents, and prepared and served them Thanksgiving dinner.

The gray-haired woman reached for him and they embraced. She mumbled something to him. He closed his eyes and said a soft prayer.

As he made his rounds to visit other residents, his emotions caught him off guard.

"This is just bringing out things I didn't know I had in me," said Perry, a 43-year-old recovering drug addict. "God is doing work in my life."

Union Gospel Mission is a homeless shelter for men. The shelter offers a faith-based program that helps them kick their addiction, while giving them education and job training.

This is the third year the men have visited the nursing home on Thanksgiving Day.

Mission director Bill Thompson said each time the men visit, they are so enthused that they want to return the following year.

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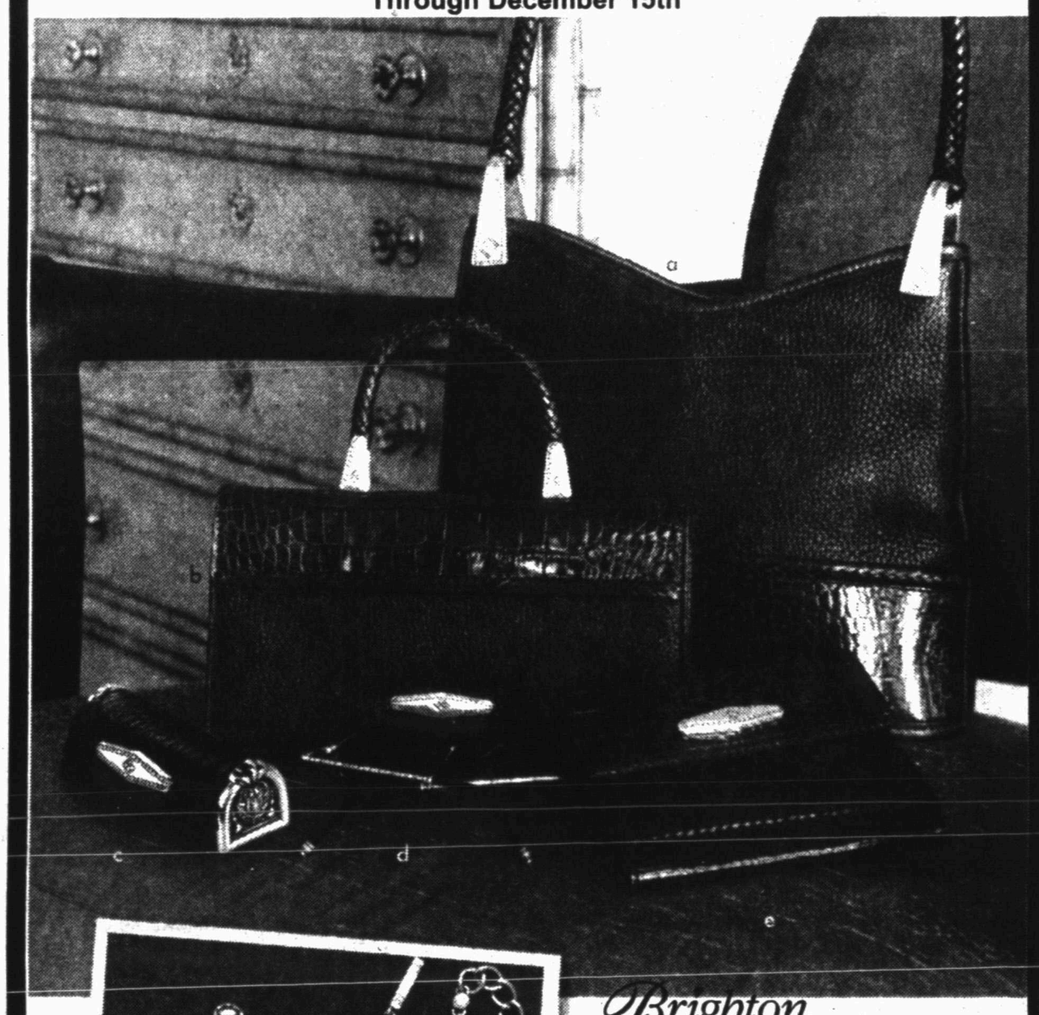

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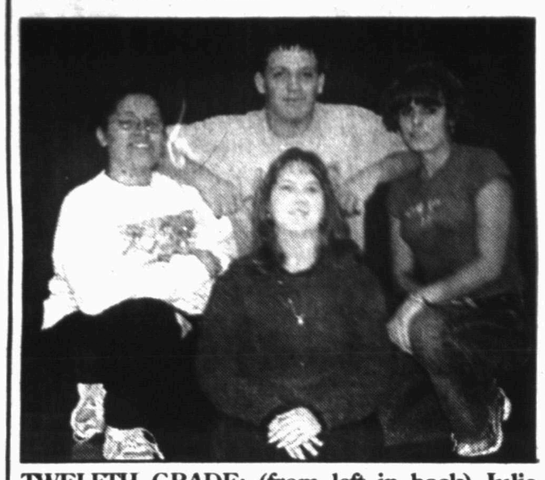
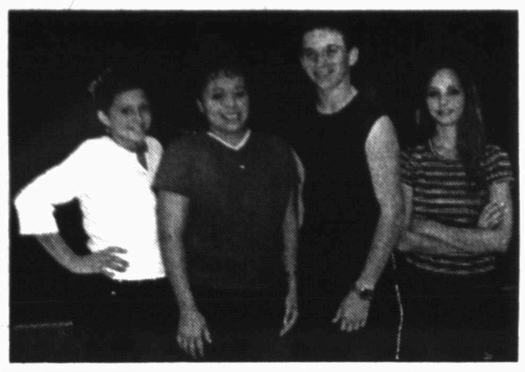
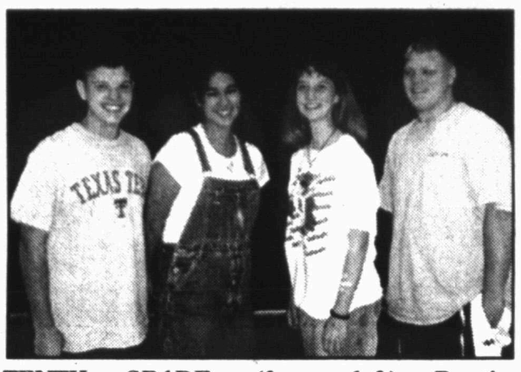


TWELFTH GRADE: (from left in back) Julie Mireles, vice president; Jeremy Roemisch, treasurer; Sabrina Terry, secretary. Kendra Nachlinger (in front) is the president.



ELEVENTH GRADE: (from left) Misty McClure, vice president; Amber Yruegas, president; Terrel Culp, treasurer; Angie Glover, secretary.



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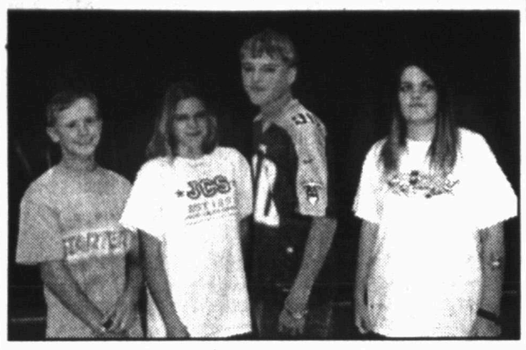

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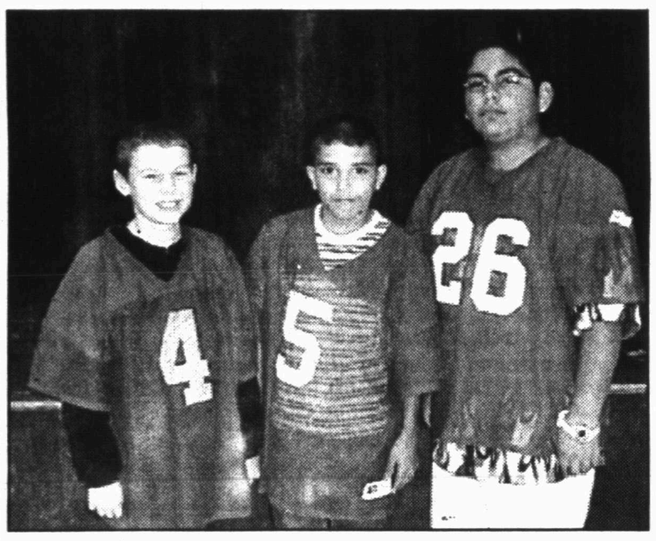

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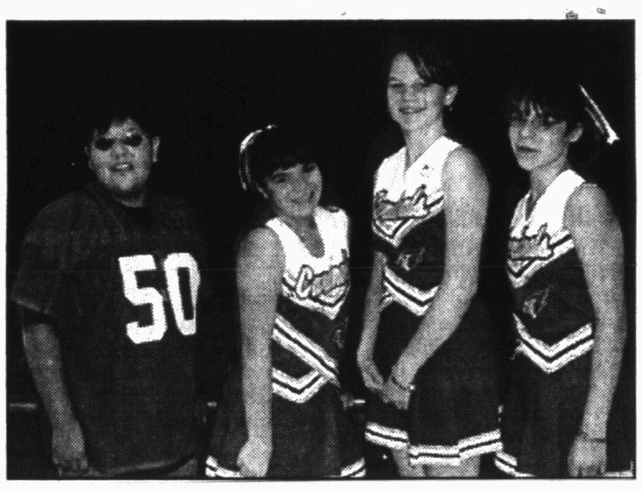

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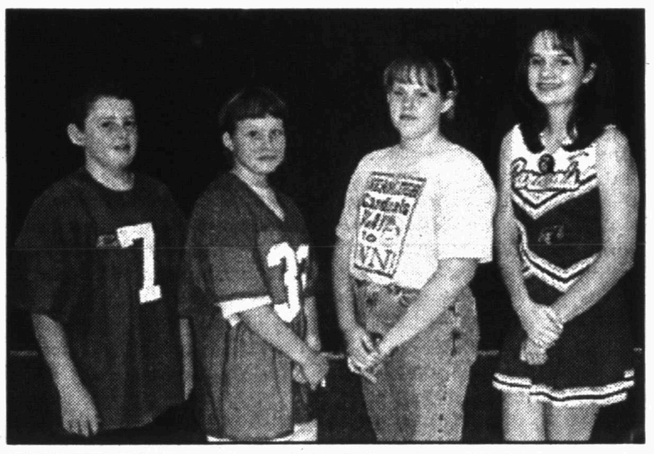

EIGHTH GRADE: (from left) Johnathon McClure, secretary; Georgeanna Smith, treasurer; Danni Webb, vice president; Alana Culp, president.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

San Antonio wants to boost visitor numbers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Texans, have you remembered the Alamo lately?

You over there in New Orleans, aren't you late for dinner on the Riverwalk?

And all you hoops fans in the area, how 'bout them Spurs?

San Antonio's economy relies on strangers coming from around the country to see and spend their money in the historic city, but since Sept. 11, visitor numbers have fallen off abruptly.

Local tourism officials are trying to lessen the blow by courting Texans and those living a not-too-distant drive away — residents of bordering states and Mexico.

"We realized that we hadn't paid enough attention to this market," said Henry Feldman, manager of La Mansion del Rio hotel and head of the San Antonio Hotel and Motel Association.

"The local drive market provides not only a short-term opportunity, but also a long-term opportunity."

For years San Antonio has been the top destination for Texans traveling in Texas. The Riverwalk and the Alamo are No. 1 and No. 2 among the places visited in the state.

In early November the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau started a $745,000 ad campaign aimed at the regional market. And just last week the bureau persuaded the City Council to ante up an additional $2 million for the effort.

A fictitious game show is used to tout the city's attributes in radio spots airing in the Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth and Austin areas. Soon to follow will be a TV ad.

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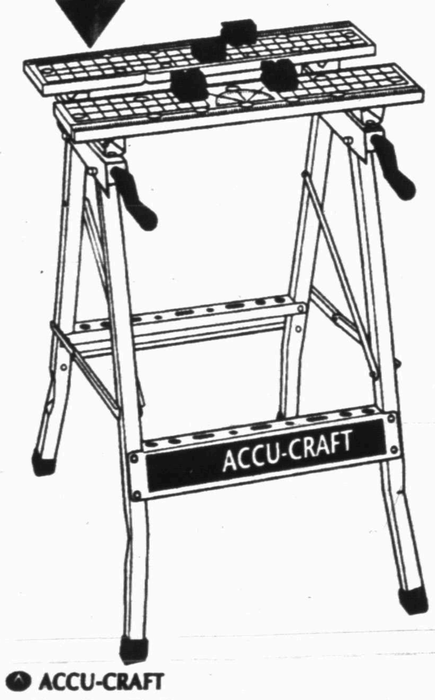

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Stay involved with kids

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), are devoting this column to current information and answering your questions about substance abuse.

Stay Involved With Your Kids to Keep Them Drug-Free

Dr. Tony Biglan, a research scientist at Oregon Research Institute, notes that many youth are not supervised by an adult between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. In most cases where there are two working parents, it isn't possible for either one to be home during those hours.

"This is a very important time," he says. "It is a time when a lot of kids will experiment with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs." Biglan stresses the need for communities to find ways to supervise children by creating group activities during those times.

You can stay involved in your child's after-school activities by:

Providing your child with constructive, adult-supervised activities. Find a responsible adult — a neighbor, relative, or friend — who can look in on your child or share responsibility for creating after-school activities for your children.

Having your kids check in with you at regular intervals. Give them change, a phone card, or a beeper with clear rules about using it (e.g. "When I beep you, I expect a call back within five minutes.")

Making sure your child has clear instructions on how to spend time when he or she is at home alone after school. Give her clear tasks — cooking dinner, doing chores, finishing homework — and make sure these tasks get done.

Grandparents, teachers, coaches, medical professionals, clergy and responsible adults from all walks of life are needed to help guide children towards healthy lifestyles.

Today's young people want and need fun, challenging ways to spend their free time. And they need positive, successful role models who care, who listen, who can help them recognize and build their own strengths.

There are as many ways you can help as there are kids. You can work one-on-one, with a group or with people of any age. You can work to gain the support of community leaders or behind the scenes. You can even help start a drug prevention coalition in your community.

Just a little of your time can make a lifetime of difference. How much time you invest is entirely up to you. It can be a short-term or long-term involvement. An hour a week or a few hours a week or month — whatever you can spare — can have a significant impact on your community.

Parents and Involvement

It's not hard to find your niche in your community. Kids need you to be involved in their extracurricular lives by:

Coaching
Chaperoning
Reading to children
Driving or transporting
Camp counseling
Teaching (e.g., dance or art)
Mentoring
Assisting students with homework
Assisting with school-based activities
Assisting at special events
Starting a youth league
Taking your child to a game

Believe it or not, all of these activities can curb early drug use by your child and your friends' children.

Get involved in a community coalition. Community coalitions are local partnerships between parents, teachers, youth, law enforcement, the faith community, health providers, elected officials, and other citizens concerned about the effects of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.

By connecting multiple sectors of the community in a strategy that promotes coordination and collaboration, coalitions are reducing substance abuse and drug-related violence.

Contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Coalition (573-1141) and help make a difference in a young person's life and in the health of your community. The Scurry County Anti-Drug Coalition is a member of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, a membership organization of more than 5,000 community coalitions nationwide, each fighting the problems associated with substance abuse and violence-one community at a time.

For more advice on raising drug-free kids, visit http://www.theantidrug.com/advice/index.html.

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Jacob Fuentez and Stephanie Shantell Molina, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

Madrugada Productions Inc. and Barry Tubb, et al, vs. Alan R. Jamison and Crown Trust LTD, et al, order of dismissal.

Pauline Benitez, et al, vs. Pennzoil Exploration and Production vs. Snyder Area Contractors, Weatherford Holding USA Inc. and Weatherford U.S., notice of non-suit regarding defendants Snyder Area Contractors, Weatherford Holding USA Inc. and Weatherford U.S.

American Express vs. Denece Shankles, default judgment.

Annie Viola Gracey vs. General Motors Corporation, order of dismissal.

Leasecomm Corp. vs. 3-K Jar Inc., dba Taco Johns and John Lacik, summary judgment for plaintiff.

In the marriage of Michelle Lee Aguilar and Luis Antonio Aguilar, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Donna Gail Simpson and Jacky Simpson, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Mark Hinds Smith and Claudia Sue Smith, divorce granted.

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Deed Records

Laura Jones to William E. Johnson, Lot 7 in Block 1 of the Muir Addition.

Royce B. Sitton to Patsy Lynn Sitton, Lot 15 in Block F of the Highland Park Addition.

Ray Heath to Jerry Bob Cotton, a 120x140-foot tract out of 21 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 88, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Stanley Morris Noah to Asburn Gale Branscum, the east 78.2 acres out of 162.14 acres in the south one-half of the north one-half of Section 142, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Patsy Lynn Woolever Sitton to Marika Lynn Clark, Lot 15 in Block F of the Highland Park Addition.

Theresa Jones to Fernando and Mary Romero, the northeast one-quarter of Section 201, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Ferderick Bowers to Earlene Patterson and Forrest Bowers, tract one being an undivided interest in the south 200 acres of the west one-half of Section 66, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being an undivided interest in the east one-half of the west one-half of Section 27, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Verna Lou Everett to Vanette Everett, an 0.42-acre tract in section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Verna Lou Everett to Jimmy Don Everett, 320 acres in the north one-half of Section 493, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Dorothy Fay Grimes to John Brammer, the north one-half of Lots 1 and 2, Block 4 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Sophronia Mae Zeck Michie to Stephen O. and Jodi G. Hayley, Lot 5 in Block 2 of the Davis Subdivision of the Grayum and Nelson Second Addition.

Susie Pierce to Jeff Pierce, Lots 10-12 in Block 1 of the Glenn Huffman Addition.

Bay Area after-school science workshops serving as models

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Bertha Medina was determined to make her fan work. Her troubleshooting first involved checking the motor, then she spotted a potential problem keeping her science project from running. After a quick snip of a flower she had pasted too close to the blades, she smiled as fresh air blew on her face.

The 9-year old is one of many students who gather after school in San Francisco's largely Hispanic Mission District to experiment with physics, chemistry, biology and engineering. The free program started 10 years ago in a San Francisco garage and will soon go nationwide thanks to a $3 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

"It broadens their worlds," said founder Dan Sudran, 57. "I always tell them, 'Whether you end up working in science or not, it just makes you see life in a bigger picture.'"

The students at the lab don't wear goggles, aprons or gloves.

Their projects include modeling bones out of clay, and taking care of reptiles and fish. Finished and unfinished projects litter the space, while motors and batteries decorate the walls.

"My friend told me she came here and she told me it was great, so I decided to come and see if I liked it, and I do," said Xiomara Beltran, 10.

With help from San Francisco State University, the programs now operate at 10 sites in Fresno, San Jose, Los Angeles, Watsonville and Oakland.

Last year, Paul Fonteyn, vice president of the university's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, helped the program grab the interest of the Smithsonian Institute.

Fonteyn later co-authored a grant request, and is now looking forward to the program expanding to 15 sites nationwide, including Miami, Houston, New Orleans, Detroit, Seattle and New York.

In Washington D.C., Mario Castellanos of the Smithsonian, will use the San Francisco model to begin a workshop at the Latin America Youth Center. Castellanos said the best part about the project is that it allows students to get their hands on a variety of projects without having to memorize theories first.

According to the latest numbers from the Department of Education released in 1998, about 15 percent of male and female minority students — blacks, Hispanics and American Indians — received scientific degrees.

SFSU biology professor Leticia Marquez-Magana said she hopes such after-school programs will encourage more women to be drawn to science.

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Grandmother gets probation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A U.S. judge went easy on a 57-year-old grandmother this week, sentencing her to five years probation, instead of the federal prison sentence she could have gotten for robbing a bank last year.

Lois Elizabeth Haese of Pleasanton had no weapon, no note and no plan of escape last June when she single-handedly pulled off a robbery at the Bank of Alice.

Unemployed and lacking insurance to buy her medicine, the woman donned a trench coat, drove a mile from her home in the rain, and demanded money from the bank tellers.

"I'm cold. I'm wet, and I want some money," she said.

The tellers began handing over cash, until Haese simply told them, "That's enough."

Haese left with about $1,400. She calmly walked to the market next door and went grocery shopping.

She was arrested within minutes.

Haese faced a maximum of three years and one month in federal prison for the crime.

But in a show of compassion Wednesday, she was sentenced to five years probation.

"It never was my intention to send you to prison," U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia told Haese.

Asked if she had anything to say to the court, Haese replied: "Just that I'm so ashamed and embarrassed and sorry for what I did."

The bank's funds were recovered immediately after the robbery. Haese later tried to make amends by sending flowers and an apology note to bank employees, her attorney Jack Carter said.

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Letters to the editor

Appreciated ceremony

Dear Editor:

Tuesday, Nov. 13 was a very special and impressive day for me. I drove from Ruidoso, N.M. back home to Snyder to attend the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Partner Program sponsored by the Martin Prueitt, Jr. Chapter Of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Scurry County Museum.

My sincere appreciation to them, the Honor Guard from Dyess AFB, the SHS a cappella choir, the featured speakers and all others who worked hard behind the scenes to make this a memorable event for so many of us.

I attended primarily to represent my husband, Bobby G. James, a corporal who served in the U.S. Army on the front lines during the Korean Conflict. He died in 1999 and I wanted to honor his memory by accepting his certificate and pin. I enjoyed visiting with many of Bob's and my old friends (several were his high school classmates) and even our favorite family physician, Dr. Dillaha was there.

My roots are deeply instilled in Scurry County. My parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents were natives. My mother, Georgia (Peterson) Davidson, was from the Peterson family who participated in the Armed Forces more than most. Six of her brothers served in various branches spanning from World War II through the Vietnam War.

The three older brothers were in WWII. Cpl. Thomas E. Peterson, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, served in the European Theater and was hit by shrapnel at the Anzio beachhead in Italy. A piece was lodged so near his heart, it was never removed. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Ribbon and EAME Ribbon with two Bronze Stars and Combat Infantry Badge. Cpl. Boyce W. Peterson, Ninth Air Force, was in England, France, Belgium, Germany and Holland. He wore the Europe-African-Middle Eastern medal with four Bronze Stars, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service plaque and Good Conduct Medal. Their brother, Max Dale Peterson, Radarman Third Class, U.S. Coast Guard, won the American Theater of Operations Ribbon and WWII Victory Ribbon.

Two other brothers fought in the Korean War. Cpl. Carl Peterson, U.S. Army, was captured and was in a prisoner of war camp for 33 months. He was reported missing Dec. 1, 1950 in the vicinity of Kunuri, North Korea while in action against the opposing forces. He was presumed dead for quite some time but instead was trying to escape from a prison camp and was shot in the heel. No medical attention was given.

He was finally released in August 1953. Upon his return to Scurry County, the mayor declared a "Carl Peterson Day" and during the public ceremony on the south side of the square, Carl was presented with a 1953 Plymouth sedan, a check and may other honors from the citizens of the county.

He was extremely grateful for these honors for the rest of his life, which ended in 1993 in California. His brother, Sgt. Gerald Dean Peterson of the U.S. Marine Corps, was also a Korean veteran.

The youngest brother of the family, Joe Porter Peterson, served his country in the Vietnam War.

I'm very thankful for the opportunity of attending the Scurry County Korean War program on that Tuesday morning.

Pat James
Ruidoso, N.M.

Thanks for help

Dear Editor:

We give sincere thanks to Western Texas College for the privilege of witnessing the raising of the United States flag ceremony at the beautiful flag pole setting Tuesday morning, Nov. 13.

Many were touched during the sight of the precise maneuvers by the Dyess Air Force Base personnel, feeling the fresh morning air as the flag rippled in the wind, and then repeating the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States. It was a poignant moment!

We also send many thanks to our friends on the college campus, including Julie Sentell and Jodie Digby. To partner with Charlene Akers and Sue Goodwin and the Scurry County Museum was a highlight for the Martin Prueitt, Jr. Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

We thank SHS for permitting the a cappella choir to thrill us with their patriotic songs. The graciousness of director Rhonda Hair and musician Pam Gibson meant so much.

We owe much of the success of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Program to the Snyder Daily News and journalist, Shirley Gorman. The task of finding the Korean War veterans in Scurry County was time consuming since there was not an "official list" to be had. Veterans and their families offered help in many ways, and we thank them and appreciate them very much.

Most of all, the participation and sacrifices made in the Korean War by those who served our country deserve tribute and words of appreciation from everyone for making our world free once again.

Virginia Clark
Regent DAR
Snyder, Texas

North of Forty by Red Green

Doing what your body says

I have a friend who's a pediatrician, and he's against vitamin pills for children. He says that the child's body will direct the child to take in the right foods. In other words, he believes that the body knows best and doesn't need any kind of medical or even parental intervention. I find this to be an interesting theory, and, if it applies to children, it must also apply to adults.

So I made a list of everything I consumed last week, to see how I was making out on the laissez-faire approach. With apologies to my friend, I have concluded that my body has absolutely no grasp of the big picture.

It doesn't force me to take in what I need. It forces me to take in what it wants. My body has no sense of cause and effect, no remorse for past indiscretions and no foresight for future consequences.

My body lives completely in the moment — let's do what feels good right now. In short, my body is an animal. And if I hope to be able to live with this animal, it's going to need to go to obedience school. Luckily, my wife is a licensed instructor.

THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN

My father ran his own business, and I often heard him talk about a five-year plan. I don't know whether anybody still does five-year plans, but if they do, I don't think they should.

Too many unexpected things can happen in five years. You could have five kids in five years — you could even have six if you're into time management. And technology moves way too fast to be able to see five years into the future. We may all live in Styrofoam boxes and drive magnetic cars by then.

I can even see the day when computers decide we're not smart enough to use them, and they just carry on without us. So, if your company asks you to come up with a five-year plan, I suggest you look backward rather than forward. Identify half a dozen blunders the company made over the last five years and recommend that you don't do those again.

If you can stop repeating mistakes, you may eventually run out of them. On the personal side, you have the exact opposite problem. A five-year plan isn't nearly long enough.

You need an 80- or 90-year plan. And you have to make it work. You can't quit or get fired. And no matter how successful you get, at the end, you go under.

THE MIDDLE-AGED CHANNEL

With the proliferation of television channels these days, I'm wondering why nobody has come up with The Middle-Aged Channel, where all programming is geared to people in my age bracket. If they ever do, here are some program suggestions:

— "Stop Children, What's That Sound?": A series that identifies digestive noises and what they mean.

— "The Midlife Late Show": Late-night talk show that runs weeknights from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

— "Friends": Six bald, fat guys sit in a garage watching a football game.

— "Judge Honey": A reality show in which men testify in court and are judged by their own wives.

— "Middle-Aged Survivors": Couples compete to pay off their mortgages and put their children through college.

— "The Weakest Link": Can did conversations at a family reunion.

THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR

Three weeks ago, I dropped my cell phone off to be fixed at the phone store. I didn't hear anything from them, so yesterday I went in to see how things we're going. They told me the phone was fixed 15 days ago and that they had called and left me a message saying so.

I did a little research and found out that no message had been left at either my office or my home. They had left the message on my cell phone — the very cell phone that was lying in their drawer waiting for me to pick it up. I think that's called circular logic.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "If you never laugh at yourself, people will think you're stupid." — Red Green

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

Bush-Putin summit

When George W. Bush emerged from his first personal meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin last June to announce that he had looked into the eyes of his opposite number and found a man he could trust, his detractors chortled. Bush, they said, had been conned by Putin like a small-town rube getting the treatment from a city slicker.

Last week, when Putin flew to the United States for a whirlwind mini-summit with Bush, the snickering if anything intensified. The usual sources agreed: The U.S. president might tote his Russian opposite number out to the ranch near Crawford, there to ply him with mesquite-grilled barbecue and Texas wine, but Putin, the ex-KGB official, was not about to be swept off his feet by the Bush charm.

So how did it play out? The Bush-Putin get-together didn't produce a magic formula to reconcile the administration's desire to move forward with a limited anti-missile defense scheme with the Russians' continuing insistence that any such move would breach the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. To that extent, the skeptics were right.

In a larger context, however, the summit was by no means a debacle. Though the missile-defense issue remained on hold, Putin did indicate on Thursday that even if Bush should go ahead with anti-missile tests, it would not send U.S.-Russian relations into the deep-freeze. "Under no circumstances," he said, "could it lead to any tension in the relations between Russia and the United States."

Partially offsetting the lack of progress on the missile-defense front was an agreement in principle between the two leaders to slash their respective nations' nuclear-weapons stockpile by two-thirds — a sensible move, inasmuch as that would still leave both the United States and Russia with enough weaponry to wipe out civilization as we know it.

When it came to the war on international terrorism that Bush announced following the Sept. 11 terrorist assaults against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, there was complete solidarity.

Putin said he had no objection to U.S. forces operating out of former Soviet republics bordering on Afghanistan, and indicated Russia will aid the anti-terror effort with intelligence on Afghanistan, the Taliban and the al-Qaeda terror network.

Bush, then, didn't get everything he and his advisers might have hoped for during this get-together — but neither did Putin. Perhaps the most important thing to come out of it — apart from introducing the Russian to the joys of Texas home cooking — was a sense of how, in many but not all areas, the interests of these two great nations are converging in a fashion not seen since World War II. It's not the peaceable kingdom, but it sure beats the Cold War.

Amarillo Globe-News

Texas Main Street Program

Canyon is a unique town. It's big enough to support one of the state's better institutions of higher learning, yet it doesn't lose its small-town feel.

A drive around the downtown square harkens back to a bygone era.

That sense only will be enhanced by the announcement that Canyon has been accepted into the Texas Main Street Program.

Late last month, the Texas Historical Commission accepted the city's application and named it one of five towns to receive the special designation. The other four cities are Comanche, Pilot Point, Del Rio and Rio Grande City.

The Texas Main Street Program is an innovative way for towns to revitalize or capture their homey, down-to-earth feel. But it also will be an economic infusion.

Although no state money is given, state assistance, in the form of technical, design and training, is provided.

Cities in the program receive several benefits. Low-interest loans are made available to companies interested in renovating buildings, and program officials offer their expertise. They help educate town officials on how best to decorate storefronts, write grants, and develop marketing strategies and economic development plans.

Congratulations are in order to all those involved in Canyon's application process and for city leaders.

Canyon has plenty to offer businesses looking to relocate, families looking for a new home and tourists looking for a weekend getaway. Being a part of the Texas Main Street Program will only add to the town's charm.

San Antonio Express-News

Pork still on menu in Washington

Rest easy, America.

Sure, many experts believe that Osama bin Laden and friends are messing around with nuclear material.

Furthermore, disaffected scientists and broken-down nuclear facilities from the former Soviet Union are increasingly seen as prime resources for al-Qaida efforts to build nuclear weapons.

But the U.S. Congress is at work.

As the Washington Post noted last week, lawmakers have managed to find funding for:

Fifty suspiciously pork-like items in the state of Nevada (home to Sen. Harry M. Reid, assistant majority leader) worth $146 million, including $1 million for a museum at the Atomic Testing History Institute in Las Vegas.

— $2 million for the Oregon Groundfish Outreach Program.

— $500,000 for the Montana Sheep Institute.

— $10 million for the Stennis Space Center in Port St. Louis, Miss. (home to Sen. Minority Leader Trent Lott).

— $500,000 for Lott's alma mater, the University of Mississippi.

But Congress cannot find money for an Energy Department program that would help Russia safeguard its dangerously porous nuclear materials.

Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Texas, offered an amendment that would have added the money $131 million to a $24.6 billion spending bill.

Senate Republicans and the White House said no. Spending was spiraling dangerously out of control, they said.

Edwards was responding in part to a report prepared by an Energy Department task force last January. According to the report, "the most urgent unmet national security threat to the United States today" was not the inability of Oregon groundfish to reach out or the ignorance of the American people about atomic testing.

The most urgent national security threat this nation faces is lax nuclear security in Russia.

Former Senate Republican leader Howard H. Baker Jr. of Tennessee and former White House Counsel Lloyd Cutler chaired the task force.

Edwards kept his hands off colleagues' pet programs. He proposed shifting the money from a program to refurbish nuclear warheads in the U.S. arsenal.

Perhaps the Waco congressman was naive. Maybe he should have sought funding for a Harry T. Reid Museum of Nevada featuring every present-day Russian equivalent of Fat Man and Little Boy that we could corral (say, $65-plus million).

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Wives aren't welcome at husband's office party

DEAR ABBY: Every year, my husband and his co-workers get together for a holiday dinner at a nice restaurant. More than 20 of them participate. Most of the men are married, but most of the women who work there are single. The problem is that wives are not welcome at these parties.

My husband and I have been married two years. He says this is a nice tradition and that I shouldn't make waves about not being invited.

I can't believe the other wives are happy with this tradition, but to my knowledge, none of them openly object to it. Am I wrong to feel that both members of the couple should be invited to social functions? — **RESENTFUL IN SEATTLE**

DEAR RESENTFUL: Yes, you are wrong. Your husband is an employee of the company and does not make the rules. Do not make him feel guilty for attending the dinner without you. These occasions are part of the job. There are plenty of other nights when you and your husband can enjoy a holiday dinner at a nice restaurant of your choosing. So please stop giving him heartburn.

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DEAR ABBY: There are times when we all need a pick-me-up.

Yesterday I was having a terrible day. It just kept going downhill. I had spent several hours at my grandmother's nursing home, as I do every week. I enjoy being of service, but always leave with mixed emotions.

I made a quick stop at a department store to look for something new to wear. I found a beautiful pale blue dress that was a perfect fit. However, after I paid for it, I noticed that a section of the dress had separated due to some missing stitching. Just my luck. Then I remembered an alteration shop that had recently opened near my home and thought I'd give it a try.

The woman behind the counter admired the dress and assured me it would be no problem to fix. I sat for a few minutes while she mended my dress.

Well, she did more than that, Abby. That kind lady mended my heavy heart. When the dress was done, I grabbed my wallet to pay. She refused the money with a smile and said, "You pay next time" — even though we both knew I wasn't a regular customer and there could very well never be a next time. Her act of kindness lifted me up when I needed a boost.

This is a reminder to people who may think that one simple act isn't all that monumental. I beg to differ. One simple gesture can turn someone's day around.

We can all do our part to make a gloomy day begin to shine by recognizing acts of kindness when we encounter them. There is a letter in the mail from me to the owners of that alteration shop, with a glowing report about their employee's generosity. — **PASS IT ON, FOLSOM, CALIF.**

DEAR PASS IT ON: The lady in the alterations shop was more than a welcome ray of sunshine. She's an astute businesswoman with a flair for public relations. By making her gallant gesture, she assured that when you need alterations in the future, you'll consider her services. And I'll bet you have already mentioned her generosity to some of your friends and family.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 61-year-old widow in love with a 64-year-old man who is twice divorced. I'll call him Earl. I have always had a crush on Earl. We grew up in the same little town, but I thought — and so did he — that we were cousins. We're now retired and have returned to the small town where we were born.

We went out for the first time to do some research into our roots and were thrilled to discover that we weren't related after all. Earl made it clear at the time that he wanted to date me, but didn't want to get married. He said he was seeing a woman named "Lucy" from the state he'd lived in before he retired. They had dated for 15 years and he enjoyed her visits from time to time.

I was getting over a 15-year relationship and wanted some attention. I didn't want to get married either, so I thought I could handle the arrangement.

Well, Abby, four years have gone by. I love Earl very much. We spend at least five out of seven nights at his house and dine out together nearly every night. We have great fun. We socialize as a couple and go to the market, the beach and the flea market together. But when it's time for a visit from Lucy, Earl says, "I'm having company for the weekend. I'll call you when she leaves."

I can't handle it anymore. I almost lose my mind. I'm lost for things to do. I stay home and cry and obsess about whether he's making love to her the way he makes love to me.

Well, one weekend I lost it. I went to his house, rang the bell, and when he opened the door I walked in. Did I ever get a shock. I have met Lucy, and the woman sitting at the breakfast table wasn't Lucy. She introduced herself as Sybil. I turned around and left in tears. As I passed Earl at the door, he asked what that was all about. I told him to go to hell.

Three weeks went by. Earl never called so, of course, I called him and we got back together. Lucy still comes to visit — and so does Sybil. In fact, Lucy is here for the weekend. That's why I'm writing to you.

Earl told me he's not in love with me. He says I'm the best sex partner he has ever had. He's also the best sex partner I have ever had. Is there any help for me? I love him. I have tried dating others. The entire time I'm out with them, I'm miserable and thinking of Earl. Right now, I can't wait for Lucy to leave so I can see him. — **CRAZY OLD LADY IN LOVE**

DEAR IN LOVE: Come back to reality. What you are describing is not "love"; it's an exercise in masochism. Love is supposed to make you feel terrific, not jealous and miserable. Earl has been nothing but honest with you from the beginning. Variety is his spice of life. He's not going to change. Now you must decide whether or not the pleasure is worth the pain.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, "John," was married before. His former wife, "Jane," still wears her wedding rings on her left hand. She also signs her name "Mrs." when she writes letters to the editor of our local newspaper. Even though he has asked her not to, she kept John's last name — out of spite. This has caused a lot of problems because we live in the same town and go to the same church.

Abby, can you still use "Mrs." after you are divorced? — **THE REAL MRS. JOHN SMITH**

DEAR MRS. SMITH: It all depends on how you use it. Your husband's former wife can call herself Mrs. Jane Smith if she wishes. But for her to call herself Mrs. JOHN Smith is improper and misleading because it implies she's still married to her former husband. Legally, you are the only Mrs. John Smith.

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Argument over crying baby turns into shooting

BOSTON (AP) — Police searched Thursday for a man suspected of shooting two neighbors during an argument over their crying baby.

Police said they believe Lamont Samuel, 25, went to his neighbors' apartment Thursday morning because their 1-year-old son was crying, then shot the man and woman during the argument.

"It's very unfortunate that we have to start our holidays such as this," said Boston Police Capt. Pervis Ryans.

The man is in critical condition at Boston Medical Center, while the woman is in serious condition.

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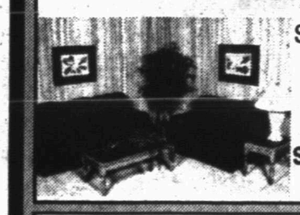
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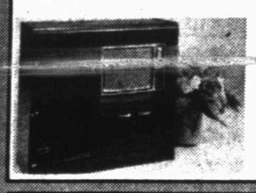
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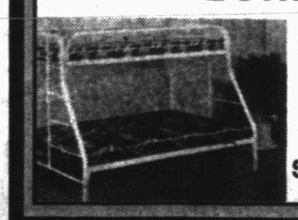
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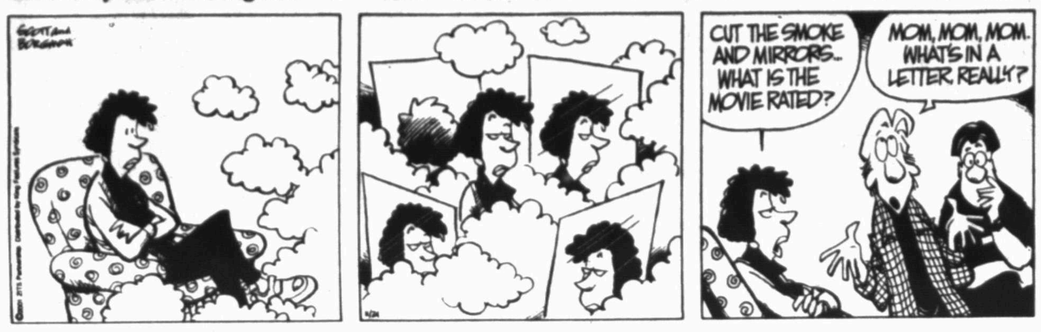

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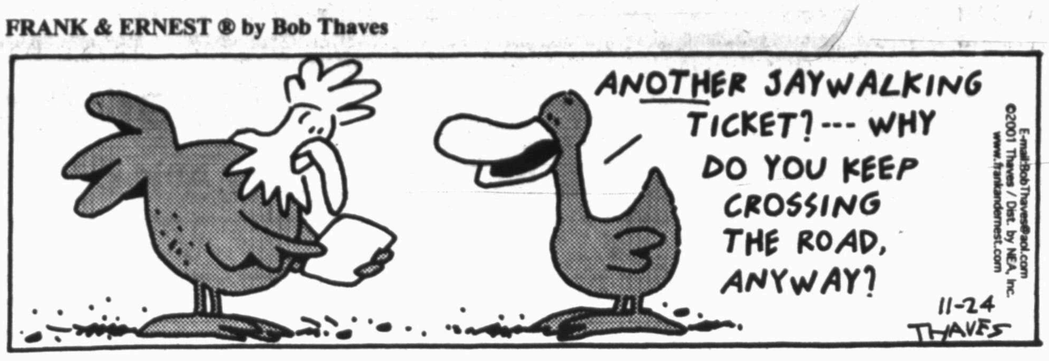

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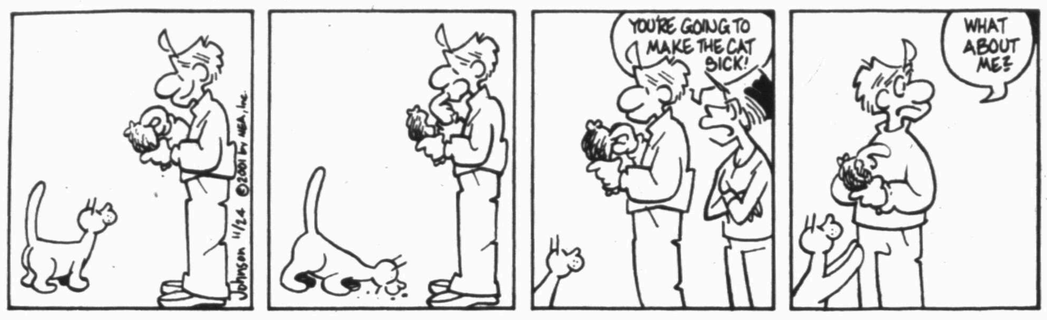

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"We'll get out of here before the cowboy movie starts."

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1 Bend down
6 Wedding dessert
10 Alexander — Bell
12 Carefully
14 Despot
15 Ukrainian port
16 Spite
18 Well-known uncle
19 Sonnet
21 Butter substitute
23 Crumple (up)
24 Ventilate
26 Bang
29 Do arithmetic
30 AMA members
32 Gloom's partner
34 Bicyclist LeMond
36 — on the ritz
37 Be a thief
38 Explorer — the Red
40 Deli bread
42 Afternoon social
43 Ruler before Galba
45 Shipment
47 Real-estate piece
50 Setup
52 More daring
54 Stick
58 "Gulliver's Travels," e.g.
59 Swarmed with
60 Frilly
61 Defeats badly

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1 Mil. rank
2 Experiment
3 Rowboat need
4 Chicago airport
5 Straw hat
6 Trained teams
7 "— we having fun yet?"
8 Smooch
9 Famous lioness
11 Everest, e.g.
12 Warm fabric
13 Sweet potato
17 Ribbed fabric
19 Juan's father
20 Weirder
22 Faces
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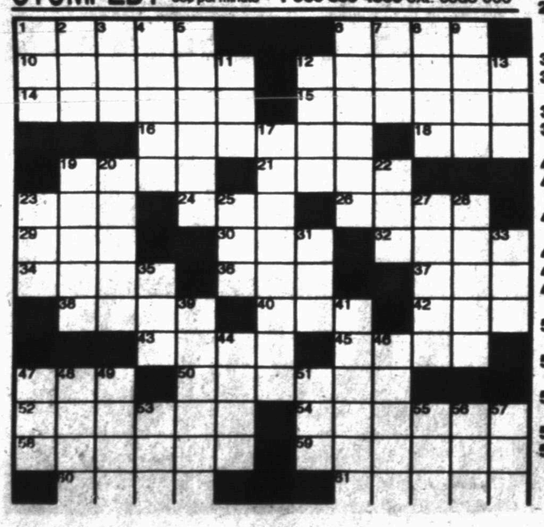

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Senior News

The Senior Center served 234 seniors for the Thanksgiving meal and volunteers delivered 143 meals to the homebound.

AARP is participating in National Community Service Day. New toys for children are being collected for Goodfellows. AARP members are asked to bring new toys to Marie Armstrong at the center, located at 2603 Ave. M, by Dec. 6.

The Christmas and New Year holidays are nearing and seniors are encouraged to take part in all of the activities. The December-January newsletter will be available shortly and will provide further information,

Christmas gift suggestions include *Tasty Traditions*, the center's cookbook at $17.50 each, or meal coupons, $2.50 each, available in the center office. Call 573-4035 for more information.

Seniors are asked to donate one pound coffee cans for the Christmas Candy Sale by Dec. 12.

The center offers many opportunities and services for all senior citizens of the community. Volunteers make it possible to offer more activities and services. Newcomers 60 and older are encouraged to join the Senior Center. There is no fee for participation in center activities; but the suggested cost for the noon meal for senior citizens in $2.50 per plate; the cost for anyone under 60 is $4.

With winter approaching seniors who enjoy physical exercise are reminded of the indoor programs, including swimnastics at Western Texas College, from 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The last class for the fall semester is Dec. 4 and the spring session will begin after Jan. 16. The center also offers line dancing and clogging classes, the daily mild exercise program, the stationary bike and treadmills in the quilting room, and Travis gym is available for walking.

With winter approaching, seniors are encouraged to call for transportation rather than walk. The service is available Monday-Friday during the morning. Seniors in need of transportation are asked to call the center a day or two before the appointment.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. Seniors interested in the eight ball tournament should be at the center by 9:30 a.m. Juanita Ellington leads a daily exercise program at 11 a.m.

Tuesday

Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. The Local Yokels will entertain at 11 a.m., in the dining room. The Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon in the conference room, Swimnastics is at WTC from 1-2 p.m., The center will open at 6:30 p.m. for dance/game night. The dance is for senior citizens and begins at 7 p.m. with the Benny Benitez Band playing. The suggested cost is $4 per person.

Wednesday

Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. The Kitchen Band will entertain at 11 a.m. The line dancers and cloggers may practice at 1 and 2 p.m., respectively.

Thursday

The Sunshine Choir will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Daily exercise is at 11 a.m. and swimnastics at WTC is from 1-2 p.m.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and the bridge tournament both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may participate in eighty-eight at 10

Senior Menu

Monday

Chicken fried chicken w/cream gravy, creamed corn, mashed potatoes, pickled beets & onion, tropical apples

Tuesday

Chicken spaghetti, chopped broccoli, sliced carrots, tossed salad, cherry cutie pie

Wednesday

Hamburger steak wrapped in bacon, baked potato, [illegible] carrot raisin salad, fruited gelatin chiffon

Thursday

Red beans & ham, southern fried okra, onion slices, pineapple upside/down cake, corn bread

Friday

Fried fish, parslied potatoes, green bean casserole, macaroni salad, white cake w/strawberries

Duff to host ABC children's show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hilary Duff, the 14-year-old star of ABC and the Disney Channel's popular children's' show "Lizzie McGuire," will host the Los Angeles Master Chorale's family holiday program Dec. 1.

Duff will lead children in Christmas carols and other sing-alongs. She started in show business at age 6, appearing in commercials and dancing ballet.

Cooper's disappearance still a mystery

SEATTLE (AP) — Thirty years have passed since D.B. Cooper jumped from a hijacked jetliner with $200,000 in ransom money and disappeared into a remote forest.

With the 30th anniversary of the crime coming on Saturday, Cooper's escapade remains unsolved. The FBI has received thousands of tips, but investigators have nothing to go on — no suspect, no leads, nothing to prove who Cooper was or where he went.

"He's our Jesse James and Billy the Kid," said Jerry Thomas, a retired Army infantryman who has searched the backwoods of southwestern Washington for any trace of Cooper.

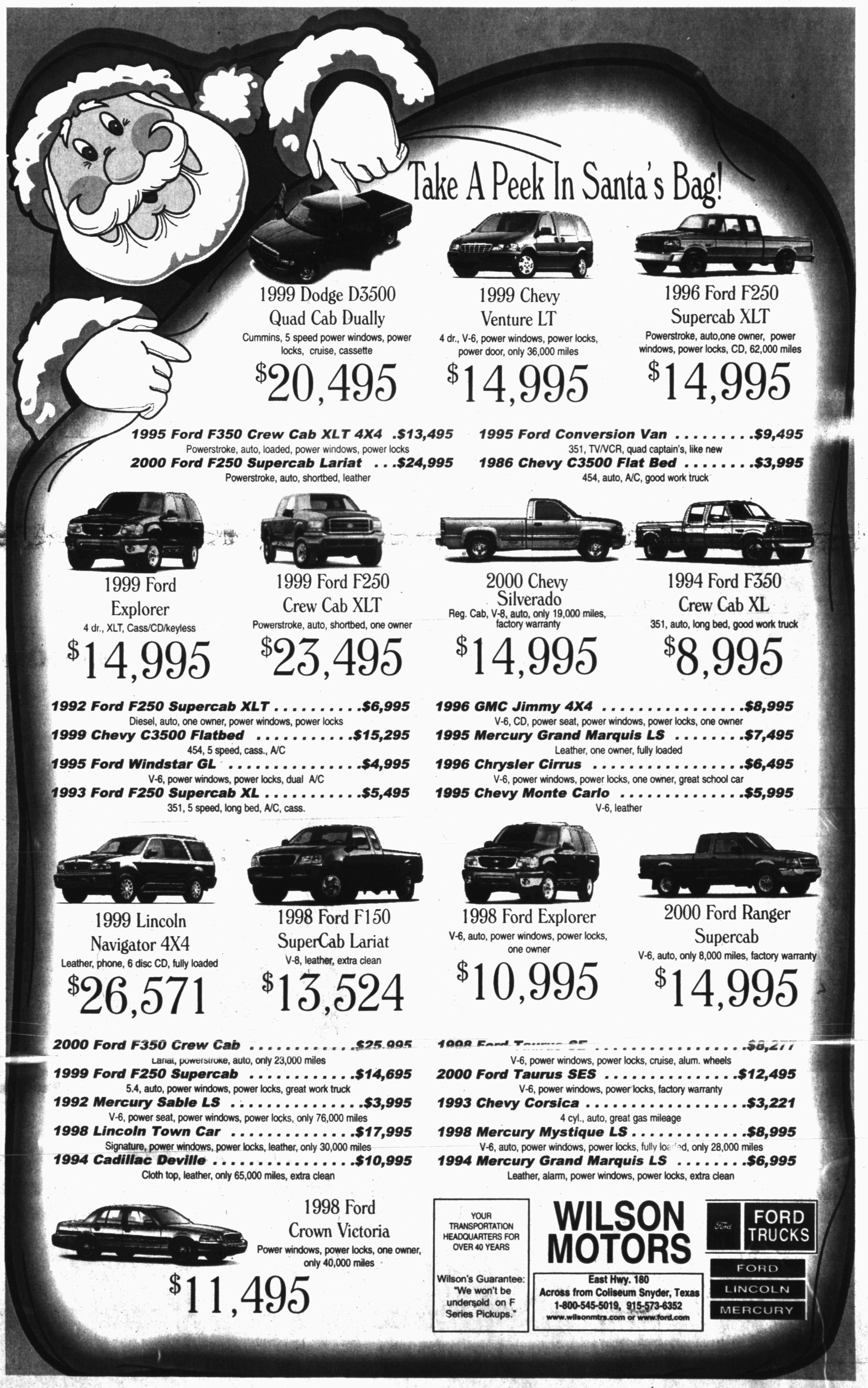
Many who have studied Cooper's actions on Thanksgiving Eve in 1971 are certain he died trying to escape. They have reason to believe that, too. He exited the plane in heavy rain and jumped over a dense forest of pine and Douglas fir. He was dressed in a suit and loafers and one of the two parachutes he used was defective.

But his story continues to fascinate.

On Nov. 24, 1971, a thin man in his 40s calling himself Dan Cooper showed up at the Northwest Orient Airlines ticket counter at Portland International Airport in Oregon. He paid $20 in cash for a one-way flight to Seattle departing at 4:35 p.m. He boarded the plane and took a seat near the back, where he had the row to himself.

Soon after takeoff, Cooper handed a note to a stewardess and said he had a bomb on board. He let her peek into his briefcase at wires and red sticks that looked like explosives. He then demanded $200,000, four parachutes and "no funny stuff." At 5:40 p.m., the plane landed at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and authorities met his demands.

He ordered the plane back into the air and demanded that it fly toward Mexico through Reno at no more than 10,000 feet. He later jumped, and hasn't been seen or heard from since.



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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D

Racing pulse can be dangerous

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 48-year-old, physically active, healthy male. Lately, I've experienced periods when, for no apparent reason, my heart races at over 200 beats per minute. The frequency of these attacks is increasing and they make me feel fatigued and lightheaded. I had a stress test that was normal and my doctor hooked me up to a Holter monitor, which failed to show any abnormal heart rhythm. He concluded that my problem is "some sort of electrical malfunction" and said it was "probably nothing to worry about." But I'm concerned nonetheless. What do you think?

DEAR READER: I share your concern — in spades. In my opinion, your doctor dropped the ball.

Tachycardia (rapid pulse rate) has many causes, some of them trivial (such as an effect from caffeine); others, however, are ominous.

Your doctor performed two appropriate tests and I am glad they were normal. The stress test indicated that coronary blockage is an unlikely cause of your symptoms. The Holter monitor measures each heartbeat for a 24-hour period. And that's just the problem. During the limited recording period, you had no tachycardia. But the test did not show a burst of rapid pulse that could have occurred an hour, a day or a week after the recording was discontinued. Therefore, your physician offered premature reassurances before he had sufficient data.

I strongly urge you to have what is called an event monitor. Like a Holter, this test requires that you be attached to a recording device that will activate, when your have symptoms and push a button. An event monitor can be left in place for days or weeks and will, at any time, day or night, record on tape any tachycardia that you experience, as long as you trigger the device when you're having symptoms.

The fact that your episodes are occurring more frequently is further justification for continued testing. The event monitor should tell the tale and, frankly, I don't understand why your doctor failed to order one. Once the nature of your tachycardia has been discovered, you may be a candidate for suppressive drug therapy or other treatment to prevent the tachycardia. If your practitioner is not inclined to obtain this vital testing, find another practitioner who will take your problem more seriously.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Since I have been on your "no sugar, no flour" diet, I have new energy, less fatigue and improved mood — in addition to a 25-pound weight loss. I cannot thank you enough. You've literally changed my life for the better.

DEAR READER: Thank you for the compliment. However, I can't take all the credit. When overweight people shed pounds — no matter on what diet — they tend to feel better and experience more energy. The strength of the "no sugar, no flour" diet is that it is easy to follow and is an appropriate method not only to lose weight but also keep it off.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column about teenagers who faint, you mentioned that "bobbysoxers" fainted at Frank Sinatra concerts. However, in his book, Dean Martin says that these girls were paid to pretend to faint.

DEAR READER: I was not aware of that, but then I have yet to read Dean Martin's book. Thank you for writing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother will be 90 soon. While she is physically sound, she is very forgetful and cannot remember dates, names and everyday events. She lives by herself, keeps her own house, maintains her cleanliness, walks everyday, and continues to drive. Nonetheless, I'm worried that she might leave something on the stove, burn the house down, get lost, or have a traffic accident.

She adamantly refuses to consider an assisted-living facility and I am not sure how to proceed. Should she see a doctor? Should I worry less? — **A Reader**

DEAR READER: Your concerns about your elderly mother are shared by millions of people with relatives who show unmistakable loss of higher brain function. In fact, these situations are so prevalent that they constitute a minor public health crisis. There are legal, medical, social and practical aspects to this problem.

First, I would urge your mother to be examined by a neurologist — or failing that, her own physician — for the purpose of diagnosis. Perhaps her failing memory is treatable. In my experience, patients in their 90s routinely suffer memory losses, as well as subtle alterations in judgment, that are age-related, due to years of mini-strokes. These losses are untreatable. However, elderly people with early dementia are sometimes found to have thyroid or vitamin deficiencies that can be readily corrected with medication. A doctor is the place to start.

The physician can also determine whether your mother is a danger to herself or a threat to the community. God forbid that she should get lost while walking on a winter day, set the house on fire or choose to drive past a school bus that is unloading children.

If the doctor finds your mother competent, I believe that you and the family can relax — and repeat the examination in a year or two, depending on whether her mental changes progress.

In contrast, if your mother is judged to be incompetent, you must begin the legal process of obtaining a power of attorney and a health care proxy. These documents are vital in this situation, because they permit you — or another family member — to take charge of your mother's finances and health care. In fact, your mother would be legally required to give up the very independence she so treasures, a traumatic turn of events, no doubt — but a necessary one to protect your mother and the community. A power of attorney would also enable you to place her in an assisted-living facility when that becomes the only sensible option. Of course, this is a difficult role to assume, in part because it may seem to place the responsible family member in opposition to your mother's wishes. But again, it may be necessary to prevent catastrophe.

Related, practical issues include the following:

— Make her house safe. Get rid of scatter rugs, which can be a major factor in causing the elderly to fall.

— Try to modify her living arrangements so that she can easily exist on the ground floor, without having to climb stairs.

— Install grab-bars in areas where she could slip, such as in bathrooms.

— Use nightlights.

— Consider a device called Life Line. This battery-powered transmitter, which she should routinely wear around her neck, enables her to get help by literally pushing a button. The device works through the telephone system to notify an attendant — usually in a local hospital — that something is amiss. The attendant can then summon assistance.

— Ask your state motor vehicle bureau to give your mother a driving test. If she is capable, fine; if not, her license will be invalidated.

— Talk to your family attorney about important issues in the family, such as wills, do-not-resuscitate orders, and matters of inheritance.

— Investigate the possibility of having a health-care worker — such as a certified nurses' aide from the local nurses' association — visit your mother several hours a week, to check on nutrition, cleanliness and other health matters. This service would be exceptionally valuable if your mother loses her driving license because some CNAs will drive patients to appointments, shopping or just for a spin on a lovely afternoon.

— Ask your mother's doctor for a prognosis. He may be able to provide an approximate timetable for when to expect future problems, what to look for and how to handle issues down the line. He will also be able to help the family find suitable health-care workers and will be a good source of valuable advice, not only about your mother's health now, but also her predictable health concerns in the future.

While all this review may seem daunting, I believe that it is appropriate. It's far better to set the stage now than to wait until your mother's mental status deteriorates to the point of crisis.

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Arlington church to invite Klan member to race forum

FORT WORTH (AP) — The pastor at an Arlington church is planning on inviting a member of the Klu Klux Klan to a panel discussion on racism.

The Rev. Brad Beckman, who has been pastor of Grace Lutheran Church for a little more than a year, wants the 1,300-member Missouri Synod Lutheran church to become known as the city's venue for discussing issues that provoke intense debate.

The racism discussion is set for February.

Rita Jones-Sibert, president of the Arlington branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said she hopes the church will make concerted efforts to educate its members about racism if a Klan member is going to speak there.

Bob Choun, the church's director of discipleship said the forums he's helping organize are intended to "shake it up, make people uncomfortable."

"Let's communicate and have an open dialogue," Choun told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for Friday's editions.

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