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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

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County gets first taste of winter weather today

From staff, wire reports

Texans unpacked their winter gear and bundled up today for an arctic blast that promised plunging temperatures, rain, sleet and snow.

Scurry County has seen all the above and more snow is in the forecast.

Windshields have iced over and DPS troopers investigating a tractor-trailer rollover on Highway 180 near CR 644 around 9:40 a.m. reported the roads in that area were icing up.

TxDOT and city crews have plans underway to sand overpasses and intersections if the conditions worsen here.

Hermleigh has had their basketball games with Leuders cancelled, and other cancellations are possible if highways become hazardous.

City crews in Dallas and Fort Worth prepared to put sand trucks on the roads at a moment's notice after a winter storm watch was issued by the National Weather Service for tonight and Wednesday.

By dark, rain is expected to turn to sleet and perhaps snow in Dallas-Fort Worth, the National Weather Service said. Temperatures were predicted to drop into the 20s at night and not get above the low 30s on Wednesday. An ice accumulation of a half-inch was possible.

"There's going to be a significant, hard freeze — a killer freeze," said Michael Mach, a meteorologist with the weather service in Fort Worth.

The brunt of the wintry weather was expected to hit the western Red River Valley, including Bowie, Jacksboro and Gainesville, where an accumulation of 1-3 inches of snow was predicted by Wednesday.

Temperatures were into the deep freeze in the Texas Panhandle today, where a snow advisory was issued for today and early Wednesday.

Light snow was falling in parts of the upper Panhandle early today. Accumulations in the Amarillo area were predicted to be from 1 to 3 inches later today and early Wednesday.

Central and southern portions of Texas were not expected to be as cold, but still significantly cooler than they have been.

Highs in the upper 50s were predicted for Austin, with temperatures falling into the lower 40s by evening.

Rain and thunderstorms were predicted across southern parts of the state, including the Rio Grande Valley.

A flash flood warning was issued in Liberty County northeast of Houston, where drivers were cautioned to steer clear of areas where water covers the road.

MADRIGAL DINNERS — Snyder High School's Madrigal Dinners are set for Monday and Tuesday. Krisi Early, who plays the queen, and Cole McLeod, who has the king's role, are trying on their costumes. Wednesday is the deadline to reserve tickets. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Golf was once known as a rich man's game. Now there are millions of us who are poor players."

Just in time for Christmas gift shopping, some hints from *Popular Science* magazine.

The current issue spotlights the most outstanding breakthrough in products and technologies.

—A fighter without fists: Boeing's X-45 unmanned combat air vehicle is the first of its type, a fighter plane that requires no pilot. Military experts say it will play a key role in future warfare because they are smaller, lighter and cheaper than piloted aircraft. If you have to ask the price, you can't afford it.

—Sight for Corps Eyes: Instead of sending a Marine patrol to hunt for the enemy, send another unmanned aircraft that unfolds from a backpack. Called the Dragon Eye, the 4.5-pound plane will be ready for service by the end of next year and costs $5,000.

—A people zapper: To replace rubber bullets and tear gas, the Active Denial System uses a large antenna to transmit electromagnetic energy in a concentrated beam that quickly heats moisture in the skin. Perfect, in case the brother-in-law pulls into the driveway.

—Unlawful swinging: Even though the Callaway ERC II driver has been deemed illegal by the U.S. Golf Association, it's legal in Europe. It is said to add 20 to 30 yards to your drive. Just remember the same golf association also frowns on improving your lies. Price is $450.

—It goes with self-zipping pants: Italian fashion house Corpo Nove calls it "memory metal." The high-tech fashion shirt is made from lightweight half-titanium that recovers any preprogrammed shape with a simple application of heat. Sleep in it and a simple blast from a hair dryer renders it as good as new. Cost is $4,000, and the same company is is working on a shirt that will automatically roll up its sleeves in hot weather.

—Edible plastics: Plastic wrap is improved by making it taste yummy. Not only does it cut down on waste, the wrap is used for flavoring. So far, no one is biting.

—No more pricking: For diabetics on the go, drawing blood to check sugar is a real pain. To ease the anguish, there's a wrist-mounted Gluco Watch Biographer that checks sugar levels every 20 minutes by sending tiny electric current through the skin. Cost is about $450.

But one thing never changes: if you don't believe in Santa, expect socks and underwear this Christmas – sans the titanium.

SHS students to compete in choir contest Thursday

Ten Snyder High School choir students will compete in Thursday's pre-area audition at Frenship High School. They advanced from the September all-region competition held in Levelland. They also performed with the All-Region Choir on Nov. 17 at Monterrey High School in Lubbock.

Students competing Thursday include:

- Rachael Cave, junior, daughter of Bryan and Vanessa Cave, soprano 1.
- Krisi Early, senior, daughter of Tommy and Debbie Early, soprano 2.
- Marcie Rodriguez, junior, daughter of Alfonso and Virginia Rodriguez, soprano 2.
- Molly Haire, sophomore, daughter of Jerry and Ronda Haire, alto 1.
- Haley Holmes, senior, daughter of Cliff and Judy Holmes, alto 1.
- Hayli Henderson, senior, daughter of Donald and Freida Henderson, alto 2.
- Carlos Martinez, senior, son of Carlos and Rosa Martinez, tenor 1.
- Ryan Ward, freshman, son of Keith and Debra Ward, tenor 1.
- Cole McLeod, senior, son of Jim and Debbie Clifton, bass 2.
- Michael Nelson, freshman, son of Lee and Shirley Nelson, bass 2.

Early voting will continue until Friday

Twenty-five people voted Monday in the Texas Senate District 30 runoff election.

Early voting continues through Friday.

Voters can cast 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 Dec. 4.

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

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

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

Deadline here for dinners

Wednesday is the deadline to reserve tickets for Snyder High School's Madrigal Dinners, slated at 7:30 p.m. Monday and next Tuesday at the Grand Hall at the Student Center.

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.

Reservations may be made by calling 573-6301, and ask for Pam Snedeker. 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 Wednesday.

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.

Highlights of the dinners 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.

Jury selection underway

Jury selection was underway this morning in the trial of a 45-year-old Snyder man in 132nd District Court.

Welton Cobb of 1201 29th Street, is charged with possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram of cocaine.

Cobb was indicted last December as a result of an undercover drug investigation.

Out of 140 prospective jurors, only 39 reported this morning at 8:30 in District Judge Ernie Armstrong's court.

District Attorney Dana Cooley is prosecuting the case and the defense attorney is H. Thomas Hirsch of Odessa.

SURGEON VISITS SNYDER — Cogdell Memorial Hospital board president Jim Bob Cave, left, and CEO George Parsley, center, talk with Dr. Bruce Pruett Monday night at a reception in his honor at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The reception was part of Dr. Pruett's visit to Snyder as a site to relocate his practice. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—Do Snyder school buses stop at individual houses and pick students up?

A—They do if the students are special-needs students.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 56 degrees; low, 31; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 31; no precipitation; total for 2001, 18.70 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, 70% snow chance; low mid 20s; NE winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday, cloudy, cold, 50% snow chance; high near 30; N winds 10-20 mph.

Lindzey Larrea
Chance of snow

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:23 a.m.
Of 330 days in 2001, the sun has shone 318 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity.
—James F. Byrnes

Some educators oppose Microsoft settlement

SEATTLE (AP) — Helen Soule applauds the concept behind Microsoft Corp.'s plan to settle lawsuits from disgruntled consumers by providing computers, software and other high-tech resources to poor schools, but she can't support the way the technology giant plans to carry it out.

"If structured properly, the settlement could really have far-reaching positive effects on the students of the United States," said Soule, who, as director of technology for the state of Mississippi, has spent years working to get computers into poverty-stricken schools.

But she's among a growing group of educators who say the proposed settlement would further Microsoft's competitive advantage in schools while doing little to meet the poorest schools' needs.

"States, districts and schools have spent a lot of time over the last five years creating technology plans," Soule said. "I would much rather that they be able to implement those plans with some sort of Microsoft funding rather than be given specific things that they don't necessarily need."

Many have taken their concerns to U.S. District Judge J. Frederick Motz in Baltimore, who is overseeing the consumer class-action lawsuit. He scheduled a preliminary hearing today on a proposal to settle claims that Microsoft abused its monopolistic standing in the software market and overcharged people for Windows, Office and other software.

Under the proposed settlement made public last week, Microsoft and some plaintiffs agreed the company would provide more than $1 billion worth of Microsoft software, refurbished computers and other resources to some of the nation's poorest schools.

Microsoft said the deal allows schools to choose to spend money on training and resources for non-Microsoft products. But the company concedes that schools that choose Microsoft products will be given more resources, such as free software.

"The actual settlement is made up of a basket of resources," said Mark East, worldwide general manager of Microsoft's education solutions group. "The software component is just one of the elements."

That packaging has been criticized by Glenn Kleiman, a lecturer with the Harvard Graduate School of Education Technology and a consultant for some of the plaintiffs who oppose the settlement.

"To put it bluntly, Microsoft is trying to pull a fast one here," Kleiman said. "They are saying that they are providing $1 billion-plus of resources, but it's being done in a way that's self-serving to Microsoft."

Kleiman is in Seattle meeting this week with officials from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a philanthropical organization set up by Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates. He and others laud the multibillion-dollar foundation's efforts to aid long-term school reform, but he says those efforts stand in stark contrast to the proposed Microsoft settlement.

Among other issues, educators worry that the refurbished computers Microsoft would provide under the settlement would be second-rate.

Educators also said the proposal doesn't provide enough support, so while schools would get computers they won't have the money to keep them running.

Microsoft officials note that the settlement proposes establishing an independent foundation to oversee the program. Company officials have said the money, to be disbursed over five years, would go to more than 12,500 of the nation's poorest schools and serve about 7 million children.

East believes the program would save schools money, although company officials stress that they don't believe the settlement could solve all of the problems schools face.

Microsoft would admit no wrongdoing under the proposed settlement, which would have to be approved by Motz. A hearing was scheduled for Nov. 27.

Attorney Michael Hausfeld, who represents plaintiffs in Washington, D.C., has said using money from any Microsoft settlement for schools makes sense because each of the 65 million computer buyers eligible to gain from a settlement would likely receive only about $10.

Attacks' fund will issue quick payouts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The newly appointed head of a government fund for the Sept. 11 terror attacks promised red tape would be cut and money would flow quickly to families of people who died and to those who were wounded.

"My role is to help them," said Kenneth Feinberg, a Washington attorney and law professor selected by the Justice Department to oversee a victims compensation program set to begin next month.

Under the program established by Congress, victims and families can apply for federal money to cover lost wages, pain and suffering if they agree not to file lawsuits against airlines and other entities.

"His responsibility will be, first and foremost, to see that the neediest of those who were injured by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks receive relief as soon as possible," Attorney General John Ashcroft said Monday at a news conference announcing the appointment.

"This program will be, to the best that I can do it, simple, efficient and clear," said Feinberg, who oversaw a similar program for Agent Orange litigation growing out of the Vietnam War.

As special master of the fund, Feinberg will oversee thorny issues about how people should apply for compensation, whether the program should pay for victims' lawyers and whether cohabiting unmarried partners are entitled to compensation.

One of the most contentious issues is whether government compensation should be reduced by the amount victims' families receive from pensions, insurance payments or gifts from charities.

Two weeks ago the American Red Cross said it will use all the money donated to its Liberty Fund for families of the thousands dead and other people hit by the terror attacks. The Red Cross had planned to set aside some of the money for other needs. Families have also complained that it's difficult to apply for money from some charities.

The law creating the government program says awards should take into account the amount of "collateral source compensation" applicants have or will receive but does not specify what sources should be included in determining reductions in awards.

Families and lawyers already have written to the Justice Department to oppose reductions in awards based on other compensation.

Ashcroft said the department is developing program rules.

Feinberg is a professor at Georgetown University Law Center and several other law schools. He was among three arbitrators who determined how much the government should pay heirs of Abraham Zapruder for his film that captured the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas.

Feinberg was an assistant to Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and special counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee in the late 1970s.

His appointment comes a week after the Bush administration renamed the Justice Department building after Kennedy's late brother, former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

On the Net: Compensation fund: http://www.usdoj.gov/victimcompensation/

Office for Victims of Crime: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/vfa

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Kiwanis/Goodfellows

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List Ages of Children at Home
Boys: _____
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Total Number of People at Home _____

Acceptance Cards will be mailed to only qualified applicants at their address.

Date Book

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001

Today is the 331st day of 2001 and the 67th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1901, the War Department authorized the creation of the Army War College.

On this day in 1961, a U.S. Navy cyclotron at Harvard University was used to treat a patient with a brain tumor.

On this day in 1978, Marlon Brando appeared in the miniseries "Roots." It was his TV debut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Levi Strauss (1809-1902), businessman; Mona Washbourne (1903-1984), actress; David Merrick (1912-2000), Broadway producer; "Buffalo" Bob Smith (1917-1998), puppeteer; Gail Sheehy (1937-), writer, is 64; Bruce Lee (1940-1973), actor; Eddie Rabbit (1941-) singer, is 60; Jimi Hendrix (1942-1970), musician; Caroline Kennedy (1957-), daughter of the 35th president, is 44; Robin Givens (1964-), actress, is 37; Jaleel White (1976-), actor, is 25.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, Yankees owner George Steinbrenner was suspended from baseball for one year by baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn. Steinbrenner had made illegal contributions to the campaign of President Richard Nixon.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Progress might have been all right once, but it has gone on too long." — Ogden Nash

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

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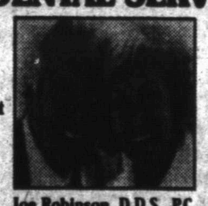
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By Phillip Alder

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♥ 7 4
♦ A 2
♣ A K 10 9 7 6

West
♠ Q 10 7 4 2
♥ K 10 8 6
♦ 9 5 4
♣ 2

East
♠ A 8
♥ Q 5 3
♦ 10 8 7 6 3
♣ Q 4 3

South
♠ K J 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ K Q J
♣ J 8 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 4

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001

Don't play quickly, stop and think

By Phillip Alder

We have all been guilty of playing too quickly. I once watched someone take five minutes over a play — and get it wrong. Maybe if he had pondered for another minute, he would have worked out the key inference. But probably not.

In this deal, you are in three notrump. West leads his fourth-highest spade. East wins with the ace and returns a spade. Over to you, Mr. or Mrs. Thoughtful.

With no singleton or void, North is right to respond three no-trump.

Clearly you will make use of dummy's juicy club suit. And you can afford to lose a club trick. However, might the opposition get to five tricks before you reach nine? Maybe.

Suppose you finesse the spade jack at trick two, which looks to be a harmless enough play. Against many a West, you would be all right. He will win with the queen and return a spade to your king. However, a thoughtful West will realize he has no entry to his spades. (If East has the heart ace, declarer has everything else and nine tricks.) So, West will shift to the heart six at trick three. With this layout, you will lose two spades, two hearts and one club: one down.

Now go back and win trick two. You play a club. If West discards, finesse. When West follows, win with dummy's king. If East is void, you can pick up six club tricks. Here, continue with the diamond ace, a diamond to the king, and the club jack. It loses to East, but so what? If East has another spade, the suit must be splitting 4-3, and you will concede only four tricks: three spades and one club. Your contract is safe.

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COT class graduates 21

Correctional Officers Training class at Western Texas College ended Monday for 21 students.

The graduating class included Victor Baze, David Brown, Charles Cooper, Robert Essery, Jimmy Flint, Tracy Ginkinger, Danny Gollnick, Debbie Guerra; middle row, John Hamilton, Lindsey Hamilton, Tommie Henderson, Joe Hernandez, Carol Hickman, Debbie Kimery, Lydia Luera.

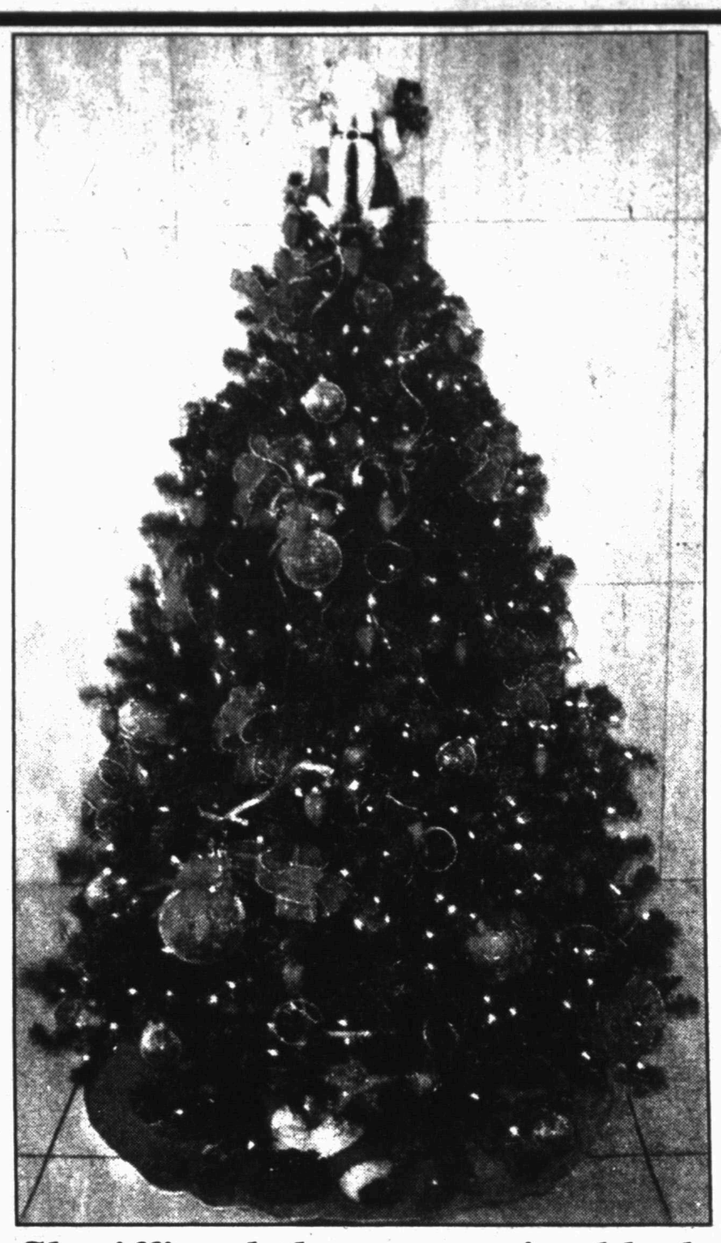
Also Mark Mahaffey, Brenna Roberson, Amanda Nobles, Robin Nelson, Mark Seale and Teresa Seale. Instructors are Jim Petty and Leanord Dodgen.

'Red' Trevey to be honored on birthday

S.W. "Red" Trevey will be honored with an open house celebrating his 90th birthday.

Family and friends are invited to the event Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of his daughter, Margaret Dillaha, 1555 CR 2202, near Fluvanna.

Red was born on Dec. 4, 1911 in Pecos. He came to Scurry County in 1912 and is a stock farmer.



Xmas tree is Gateway fundraiser

A six-foot tall Christmas tree decorated in red and gold with a Santa topper and tree skirt will be given away Sunday evening to benefit Gateway Family Services.

The revolving artificial tree with 600 permanent lights and gold and red ornaments, bows and accents is on display in the front entrance of the First National Bank in Sweetwater.

Tickets are $5. Each and the tree will be delivered to the winner.

The fund-raiser will benefit Gateway that serves five counties, Scurry, Nolan, Mitchell, Fisher and Kent, with the facility located in Snyder.

Gateway's mission is to reduce the effects of physical, psychological and sexual abuse among victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, through crisis intervention and public education.

Gateway also provides shelter for victims, offers individual and group counseling, helps victims regain self esteem, provides services to batterers, promotes safety for victims, preventing or reducing incidents of abuse by providing educational information in five target areas.

According to statistics furnished by Gateway, abuse in Texas has been on the rise. Men, women and children are often victimized and do not know or realize that there is a place that can help the victim as well as the abuser.

Tickets may be purchased from Gateway staff and directors or call 915-573-1822.

Combination is honey of a treat

Some combinations just work-peanut butter and jelly, strawberries and cream, and honey and citrus.

Honey and lemon in tea help soothe a sore throat and smoothies made with honey and orange juice can make a nutritious breakfast or snack. Orange or grapefruit slices drizzled with honey and a sprinkling of cinnamon are perfect for a quick dessert.

For a baked treat, try easy to make Honey Orange Spicecake. Baked with both honey and orange juice in the batter, the cake is topped with a simple syrup of honey, orange juice and grated orange peel. It can be prepared and baked in 45 minutes, making it a perfect last minute dessert.

This cake truly highlights the flavor of honey. Honey adds a distinct rich taste and complements the tang of fresh orange. It also adds a golden hue to crust and crumb alike. And, because honey attracts and absorbs moisture, it keeps baked goods moist and helps them stay fresh longer. So, the next time you think of baking, think of honey.

Looking for more great baking recipes? Order the National Honey Board's new honey and baking booklet, Honey: Bake It Up, featuring nine recipes with full-color photos.

The booklet includes a variety of recipes from scones and yeast bread to cookies and sponge cake. Also included is information on honey usage, substituting honey for sugar in baking and honey storage tips.

To receive this new baking booklet, simply send a self addressed, stamped (with 2 stamps), business-sized envelope to: National Honey Board-Dept BL, 390 Lashley Street, Longmont, CO 80501-6045.

HONEY-ORANGE SPICECAKE

Makes 9 servings

¾ cup honey
1/3 cup vegetable oil
¼ cup orange juice
2 eggs
1½ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon ground cloves

Orange Syrup

¼ cup honey
¼ cup orange juice
2 teaspoons freshly grated orange peel

Using electric mixer, beat together honey, oil and orange juice; beat in eggs. In separate bowl, combine dry ingredients; gradually add to honey-egg mixture, mixing until well blended.

Pour into lightly greased and floured 9 x 9-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 25 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Remove from oven and immediately cut into 9 squares. Pour hot syrup evenly over cake in pan. Cool in pan on wire rack.

To make syrup: In small saucepan, combine honey, orange juice and peel. Bring just to a boil; remove from heat and pour over cake. Prep time: 15 minutes; cook time: 30 minutes.

Nutrition information per serving (1/9 of recipe): calories 286; total fat 9g; cholesterol 47 mg; sodium 117 mg; total carbohydrate 49 g; dietary fiber 1 g; protein 4 g.

Sheriff's sale home contained body

WARMINSTER, Pa. (AP) — A man who bought a home sight-unseen at a sheriff's sale found a corpse lying in the middle of the living room when he walked in to inspect the property.

Police believe the badly decomposed corpse was that of the condominium's 49-year-old former owner. Neighbors described him as a hermit who kept the apartment dark and plastic taped over the insides of the windows.

Neighbors said they had called police two years ago to tell them that they thought there might be a corpse inside the condo. It was unclear what led them to the conclusion.

The corpse was found Saturday in the middle of the living room floor, and more than three years' worth of mail was found just inside the door.

At least one neighbor was angry that the corpse had been allowed to remain there for so long.

Man pleads guilty

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A man has pleaded guilty to wire fraud after swindling people who had lost their pets.

William Arnold Muniz, 40, scoured out-of-state newspaper advertisements, then contacted people who placed ads looking for their cats and dogs. He told them he found their animals and needed money to return them, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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Community Calendar

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.

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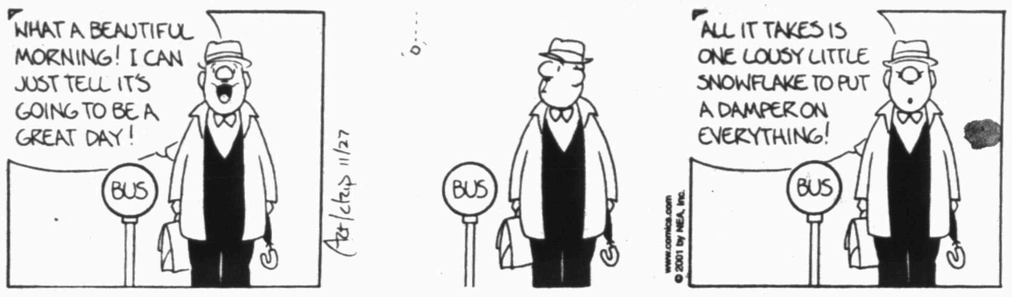

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Is no longer
4 Vassal's land
8 Rain slicker
11 Malt brew
12 Face breakout
13 Topics for Freud
15 Charlotte of "Bananas"
16 Tinted
17 Show host Jay
18 Faint trace
20 High-schoolers
21 Big Ten ch.
23 Flower lover
24 Scheme
27 Hauled into court
29 Shelley offering
32 Like cheesecake
33 FedEx rival
34 Glued-together sheets
35 Grain morsel
36 Map abbr.
37 Ivy League school
38 To and —
39 Locate
40 Dutra of golf
41 — Cruces, NM
42 James Bond's job
44 Reconnoiter
47 Tads
51 Units of resistance
52 Harness part
55 Wield an axe
56 Tidy
57 Out of control
58 Epoch
59 Make bacon
60 Habit wearers
61 A billion years

DOWN

1 Toad feature
2 Kirghiz mountains
3 In full view
4 Becomes fainter
5 Frozen
6 Chemical suffix
7 Nourished
8 Brawl
9 Screenwriter James
10 Mass. neighbor
14 Plea at sea
19 Ancient barbarian
20 Koppel of "Nightline"
22 Takes over
23 Harasses
24 Campus figure
25 Pinocchio, often
26 Eight, to Caesar
28 — — now (so far)
29 Fiery gem
30 "Tuna-Fishing" painter
31 First orchard?
37 Fluctuate
39 Perched
41 Robust
43 Nail polish colors
44 Dad's lad
45 White-hat wearer
46 Khayyam or Sharif
48 Quaker pronoun
49 Flying prefix
50 Long-necked bird
52 Wash't colorfast
53 Non-flying bird
54 Kind of storm, in sci-fi

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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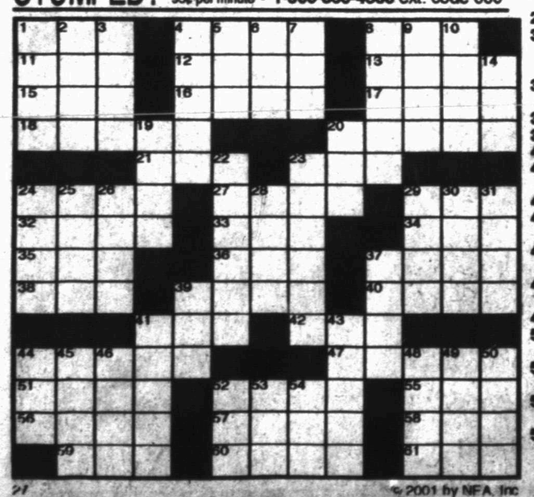

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KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright

SPORTS

SHS cagers in action tonight

Barring any last-minute cancellations due to the weather, Snyder High School hoop teams are in action for the first time in a week when they hit the hardwood tonight for a pair of non-district contests.

The Lady Tigers host Lubbock High at 6:30, while the SHS boys visit Seminole at 7:30.

Neither squad has seen action since before the Thanksgiving holiday, so both coaches are eager to get back into the swing of things.

"We have several areas we need to work on, so the more we can play, the better off we'll be," said boys' coach Bud Birks. "Seminole has a good team. We need to work the ball inside, and cut down on our turnovers."

While the Tigers (0-4) seek their first victory, the Lady Tigers (1-2) hope to pick up where they left off. The SHS girls downed Lamesa in their last game before the break.

"Hopefully, the things we did well against Lamesa will carry over," said Lady Tiger coach Mike Martin. "I think we saw that when we execute like we're supposed to, we give ourselves a good chance to win."

Snyder will likely be the only local school in competition tonight. Hermleigh's games with Leuders-Avoca have been cancelled, and Ira expected its contests with Highland to be called off.

Both Snyder squads are in action again Thursday when they take part in their first tournaments of the year. The Lady Tigers tip off the Concho River Classic in San Angelo on Thursday, while the Tigers participate in the Gene Messer Shootout at Frenship.

Red Raiders roll over Miners

LUBBOCK (AP) — Bob Knight witnessed a transformation by his Texas Tech players Monday night, watching them finally sustain a halftime lead and carry it through to a 81-56 victory over UTEP.

In the four previous games, Tech (4-1) squandered leads in the early minutes of the second half. They blew a 16-point halftime lead against Sam Houston State on Saturday to lose 69-65.

"What you're trying to do from a coaching standpoint is get a consistently even and a consistently steady intensity for play," Knight said. "We dominated a game in the second half for the first time this year."

But against UTEP (2-3), Tech never trailed and led by as many as 29 late in the game.

"We were anxious to play today," said Kasib Powell, who scored 19 points and had five assists. "At halftime we focused on making sure we played forty minutes of good basketball. We were more focused today."

The Red Raiders scored on 10 of 12 possessions in the first six minutes of the first half.

The run gave the Red Raiders a 24-point lead. During the spurt, Andre Emmett scored eight points, and Nick Valdez and Powell each had steals that led to dunks.

Valdez scored 8 points and added a spark to the offense, Knight said.

"He's a smart player and our team needed a boost in intelligent play. I thought he played extremely well tonight. He did a little bit of everything," Knight said.

Will Chavis scored 17 points for Tech, hitting on all four of his 3-point shots. Andre Emmett scored 16 and Andy Ellis added 12.

UTEP struggled to control the ball and get it inside in the second half. They had 17 turnovers in the game.

"We're finding out a lot about our basketball team," Miners coach Jason Rabedeaux said. "Give a lot of credit to Texas Tech. They executed extremely well. I would never speak for Coach Knight, but I'm sure he's proud because his kids really responded from a loss."

The teams exchanged 9-3 runs in the first half before the Red Raiders outscored the Miners 18-9. Tech led 40-30 at halftime.

Knight came off the bench screaming at a referee late in the first half after a Tech player was called for a shooting foul, but he quickly sat down.

A few minutes later, the Miners bench was slapped with a technical after a referee gave a warning to one of the assistant coaches.

Tech now leads the series with UTEP, 30-21.

Buccaneers take advantage of Rams' miscues in 24-17 win

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Once again, an avalanche of turnovers was to blame for a St. Louis Rams' loss.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers capitalized on five Rams giveaways and also blocked a punt in a 24-17 victory Monday night. Mike Alstott ran for two touchdowns, Warrick Dunn's 21-yard run broke a fourth-quarter tie and the Bucs also got away with a dubious fourth-down call in the fourth quarter to revive their playoff hopes.

"I feel like our best football is in front of us," Bucs quarterback Brad Johnson said. "We showed that we can play with anybody and beat anybody."

The Rams (8-2) had three fumbles and two interceptions, giving them an NFL-leading 32. That's what the Buccaneers (5-5) were counting on.

A potential sixth turnover was reversed when Kurt Warner's arm was ruled to be in forward motion in the second quarter.

"We just looked at what was realistic," said linebacker Derrick Brooks, who tipped a pass to set up the final interception. "Realistic is that they score a lot of points but they lead the league in turnovers."

The Buccaneers went 90 yards in nine plays on the winning drive, with Dunn skirting the sideline for the score. He appeared top step out of bounds at the 5, but the Rams had used their two instant replay challenges and were unable to contest the play.

A big game from defensive tackle Warren Sapp, who has been quiet much of the year, helped the Buccaneers' defense control the Rams. Sapp, who had just three sacks coming into the game, had two, forced a a fumble, and spent much of the game in the St. Louis backfield.

"I've had a rough season," Sapp said. "But I had some opportunities tonight and I took advantage of them."

Warner has thrown 11 interceptions the last four games, and the Bucs picked him off twice in the waning minutes. Marshall Faulk also wasn't much of a factor, gaining 66 yards rushing and receiving.

The loss knocked the Rams into a tie for the NFC West lead with the surprising 49ers, who play at St. Louis in two weeks.

"We just made way too many mistakes today," said Warner, who was 19-for-39 for 291 yards. "It's tough to not go out and do your part."

Donnie Abraham intercepted a fourth-and-10 pass with 3:48 to go at the Tampa Bay 34. After a 28-yard punt return by Az-Zahir Hakim had given the Rams life, John Lynch intercepted Warner again with 2:26 left.

"We didn't play particularly well all the time," coach Tony Dungy said. "But we forced some turnovers defensively, which is something we wanted to do."

Dungy made the finish interesting after deciding against a chip-shot field goal that would have given his team a 10-point lead. Johnson's sneak got a first down on fourth-and-1 from the Rams 10, but three plays later Brian Young intercepted Johnson.

"You can't throw an interception in that situation," Dungy said. "Thank goodness for our defense. It got the ball back for us two times."

The Rams tied it on a 1-yard pass from Warner to rookie Brandon Manumaleuna and Faulk's 2-point conversion run with 1:41 to go in the third.

The Buccaneers led 10-9 at halftime despite being outgained 210-95, holding the Rams to Jeff Wilkins' three field goals. The Rams had three turnovers in the half.

"Once again, we shoot ourselves in the foot," Hakim said. "It was all us. Turnovers, mistakes, you can't win like that."

Van Poppel signs with Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Right-hander Todd Van Poppel became the first of the 155 free agents to sign, agreeing Monday to a $7.5 million, three-year contract with the Texas Rangers.

Van Poppel, 29, was briefly with the Rangers during the 1998 season. He was 4-1 with a career-best 2.52 ERA in 59 relief appearances for the Chicago Cubs this year after going 4-5 with a 3.75 ERA in 2000. He has a 30-43 career record with a 5.50 ERA.

"It's a perfect fit," Van Poppel said. "The last time I was here, I was trying to get back to the big leagues. I was coming back from (back) surgery and wasn't 100 percent healthy.

"But now I feel great, I feel very healthy," he said. "I feel like where I am in my career, I can get people out, be very successful and help a team."

In Texas, Van Poppel will rejoin pitching coach Oscar Acosta, who was hired by the Rangers earlier this month. Acosta was the Cubs pitching coach for two seasons until he was forced to resign in October because of a conflict with manager Don Baylor.

The Rangers had the worst pitching staff for the second season in a row, with a major league-high 5.71 ERA. Texas allowed more runs (968) and hits (1,670) than any other team.

"The addition of Todd certainly improves the depth and quality of our bullpen," new Rangers general manager John Hart said. "He will be a big asset to us in the late innings of games."

Van Poppel appeared in just four games for Texas in 1998, when he was 1-2 with a 8.84 ERA before being traded to Pittsburgh. He spent 1999 in Pittsburgh's minor league system before signing as a free agent with the Cubs.

Before his first stint with Texas, Van Poppel played for Oakland (1991, 1993-96) and Detroit (1996).

Van Poppel, who made $850,000 this year, gets $2 million in 2002, $2.5 million in 2003 and $3 million in 2004. He can make up to $500,000 per year in performance bonuses based on appearances, getting the full amount if he has 65, and he can earn more for if he becomes a closer, with bonuses based on games finished.

Colorado fans snapping up Big 12 tickets

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Colorado's 8,245 allotted seats for the Big 12 championship game in Dallas have been sold, and eager fans are snapping up travel packages to get there.

The University of Colorado earned a berth at the title game against the Texas Longhorns with a convincing 62-36 win over Nebraska on Friday. The tickets for the Dallas game were sold Monday.

Fans began calling travel agencies Friday to book trips to Dallas.

"The optimistic people started calling before the game," said Toni Barnett, manager of James Travelpoints. "We got really bombarded on Saturday and have been busy ever since."

Barnett said more than 100 travel packages to Saturday's game had been sold.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	9	5	.643	—
Philadelphia	7	6	.539	1½
New York	7	8	.467	2½
Orlando	7	8	.467	2½
Boston	5	6	.454	2½
Washington	3	9	.250	5
Miami	2	10	.167	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	9	1	.900	—
Detroit	9	4	.692	1½
Toronto	9	6	.600	2½
Indiana	8	8	.500	4
Charlotte	6	7	.461	4½
Atlanta	5	10	.333	6½
Cleveland	4	10	.286	7
Chicago	1	11	.083	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	10	2	.833	—
San Antonio	9	3	.750	1
Dallas	9	5	.643	2
Houston	7	7	.500	4
Denver	6	8	.429	5
Utah	5	9	.357	6
Memphis	2	11	.154	8½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	12	1	.923	—
Sacramento	10	4	.714	2½
Phoenix	8	7	.533	5
Golden State	7	7	.500	5½
Portland	7	7	.500	5½
Seattle	7	8	.467	6
L.A. Clippers	6	8	.429	6½

Monday's Games

Detroit 105, Orlando 100
New York 88, Atlanta 83
Memphis 98, Sacramento 94
Phoenix 111, Utah 104, OT

Tuesday's Games

Washington at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

New York at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Utah, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Local Schedule

TONIGHT

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

Basketball: Snyder JV and varsity boys at Seminole, 6 and 7:30.

Men's Basketball League

Snyder Men's League

Team	W	L
Big Country Auto	8	3
American State Bank	8	3
YZ Systems	7	4
West Texas State Bank	3	8
Snyder National Bank	2	10

Thursday's results: Snyder National Bank 102, West Texas State Bank 94; YZ Systems 96, American State Bank 78.

NCAA Basketball

MEN
By The Associated Press
EAST
Bucknell 71, Cornell 62, OT
Connecticut 110, New Hampshire 58
Duquesne 82, Vermont 77
Georgetown 103, Grambling St. 69
Loyola, Md. 74, Fairleigh Dickinson 63
Manhattan 111, Long Island U. 84
Ohio 80, Navy 74
SOUTH
Alabama 76, Utah 61
Arkansas St. 90, Jackson St. 79
Austin Peay 75, Marian, Ind. 42
Belmont 65, Middle Tennessee 59
Charlotte 71, Appalachian St. 69
Fla. International 82, Ind.-Pur.-Ft. Wayne 80
Furman 78, Campbell 75
Georgia 61, Samford 55
Howard 99, CS Northridge 65
Louisiana-Lafayette 83, Bethune-Cookman 73
Marshall 96, Shepherd 46
Miami 74, Florida Atlantic 48
New Orleans 61, Norfolk St. 54
Old Dominion 72, Delaware St. 61
Radford 85, N.C.-Wilmington 72
South Carolina 83, ETSU 66
The Citadel 67, William & Mary 62
W. Carolina 133, Toccoa Falls 58
West Alabama 54, Southern U. 45
Wofford 77, Florida A&M 72
MIDWEST
Md.-Eastern Shore 65, E. Michigan 61
SOUTHWEST
Texas A&M 91, Texas A&M-Kingsville 70
Texas Tech 81, UTEP 56
FAR WEST
Long Beach St. 81, CS Monterey Bay 46
Montana St. 73, Jamestown 58
Oregon St. 65, San Diego 56
Southern Cal 73, UC Santa Barbara 62
Wyoming 71, Denver 68

WOMEN
EAST
American U. 69, Iona 57
Bates 84, New England 63
Boston College 93, Holy Cross 57
Gwynedd Mercy 75, Franklin & Marshall 69
Lebanon Valley 70, Dickinson 57
Old Westbury 82, Brooklyn 11
Ramapo 65, Mount St. Vincent 47
Shippensburg 64, Shepherd 51
SOUTH
Auburn 80, Furman 62
Belmont 82, Cumberland, Tenn. 48
Campbellsville 87, Ga. Southwestern 38
Coastal Carolina 65, Campbell 61
Columbus St. 100, Miles 50
Connecticut 88, Wake Forest 38
E. Michigan 63, Coppin St. 56
Emory & Henry 69, Averett 54
Johnson C. Smith 88, Morris 55
Mississippi College 56, Belhaven 38
N.C. State 74, Old Dominion 58
Nicholls St. 71, Grambling St. 63
Ouachita 56, Lane 36
Radford 73, Appalachian St. 71
S. Carolina St. 76, N. Carolina A&T 61
SIU-Edwardsville 68, Kentucky Wesleyan 66
Tuskegee 68, MVSU 61
Virginia 76, Howard 51
MIDWEST
Columbia, Mo. 74, Benedictine,Kan. 65
Hiram 95, John Carroll 82
Indianapolis 71, St. Joseph's, Ind. 63
Kansas St. 91, W. Michigan 62
McKendree 85, Millikin 63
Notre Dame 89, Army 57
Rocky Mountain 76, Minot St. 71
SOUTHWEST
NE Oklahoma 66, Cent. Arkansas 60
West Alabama 65, Harding 56
FAR WEST
Arizona St. 68, Richmond 57
E. New Mexico 70, N.M. Highlands 61
Pacific 69, S. Utah 60
Texas Tech 72, Oregon 65
Washington St. 55, Portland St. 49
EXHIBITION
N. Michigan 91, Finlandia 49

Sports Briefs

Boys' basketball camp

The Boys' and Girls' Club will hold a basketball camp for all boys' Little Dribblers players. The camp will meet Thursday and Friday from 4 to 7 p.m., and again on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 until 3:30.

Jags' RB suffers broken foot

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — Baltimore running back Jason Brookins broke his right foot in Sunday's game against Jacksonville and could be lost for the season.

Brookins becomes the third Ravens running back to miss significant playing time because of injury. Jamal Lewis is out for the season with a torn ligament in his knee, and his intended replacement, Terry Allen, is sidelined with a broken hand for at least another week.

Bure placed on IR

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Pavel Bure, the NHL's leading goal scorer the last two seasons, was placed on injured reserve by the Florida Panthers because of a concussion.

Bure, who is listed as day-to-day, was injured Nov. 19 against Toronto and has missed the Panthers' last two games. He is also expected to miss both games on the Panthers' current road trip, at Colorado on Tuesday and Minnesota on Thursday.

Bryant fined $7,500 by NBA

NEW YORK (AP) — Kobe Bryant was fined $7,500 by the NBA for verbally abusing a game official and failing to leave the court promptly following his ejection in a game Friday.

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U.S. begins extradition work for Algerian pilot in Britain

LONDON (AP) — U.S. authorities formally began proceedings today to extradite an Algerian pilot accused of training some of the hijackers who crashed a jet into the Pentagon on Sept. 11.

Lotfi Raissi, 27, is wanted for allegedly falsifying an application for a pilot's license.

Raissi, an Algerian, was arrested in London on Sept. 21. Prosecutors have said Raissi made several trips to the United States this summer and trained with some of the suspected hijackers. He has denied any connection to terrorism.

The request is based on Raissi's indictment by a U.S. grand jury on two counts of making false statements on a Federal Aviation Administration application for a pilot's license, British prosecutor Paul Warner said.

Raissi allegedly lied about a theft conviction and failed to mention a knee operation. Warner said U.S. prosecutors also planned to charge Raissi in connection with falsified immigration forms.

Warner opposed a bail application, arguing that American investigators believe Raissi trained at an aviation school with Hani Hanjour, one of five hijackers identified on American Airlines Flight 77 that crashed into the Pentagon.

Warner also said the United States had evidence linking Raissi to an Algerian cell connected to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network.

Raissi was ordered held pending a Dec. 14 hearing.

In September, prosecutors said Raissi was believed to be one of the lead trainers of the Pentagon hijackers and that a conspiracy to murder charge was being considered. They also said then that a video seized by police showed Raissi with Hanjour.

Today, Raissi's lawyer, Hugo Keith, said that the identification of Hanjour had since been disproven, and that prosecutors hadn't delivered any evidence linking him to the terror attacks.

"His treatment at the hands of the United States government has been nothing short of outrageous," Keith said.

Former instructors at a flight school now known as the Arizona Aviation Academy told The Associated Press they remembered seeing Raissi at the Mesa, Ariz., school. One said he had worked there as a free-lance instructor.

Former employees of the Sawyer School of Aviation in Phoenix also recall him using a flight simulator there to instruct others as recently as 1999.

Among those they said they saw with Raissi was Ziad Samir Jarrah, who has been identified as one of the suspected hijackers of United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania.

Adarand case won't be used for affirmative action ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court abandoned plans today to rule on a major affirmative action case, concluding the lawsuit involving a white-owned contractor wasn't a good vehicle for deciding whether federal rules amount to reverse discrimination.

The court's action, taken in a unanimous ruling, is an anticlimactic end to what had been billed as a blockbuster affirmative action case. Opponents of racial preferences had hoped the court would use the 11-year fight over government highway contracts to effectively declare federal affirmative action programs unconstitutional.

The case, Adarand Constructors Inc. vs. Mineta, began as a new test of whether the government can offer incentives to minorities or others traditionally at a disadvantage in the business world without unconstitutionally harming white-owned businesses.

Opponents of affirmative action hoped the court would use the case to effectively eliminate affirmative action programs in the federal government. The court flirted with that dramatic step in a 1995 case involving the same small, white-owned Colorado construction firm at the heart of the case dismissed today.

Supporters of the practice feared that at the least, another ruling in the Adarand dispute would make affirmative action even more constitutionally suspect than it is now.

The court's action essentially erases the Adarand appeal and leaves a federal appeals court ruling against the company in place.

The court's short ruling laid out the procedural problems with the case, and concluded that the justices could not step in to set things right. That said, the court concluded it could not address the merits of Adarand's affirmative action complaint.

During the argument, Adarand's lawyer said that the government keeps pulling new affirmative action programs out of its "bag of tricks."

Adarand could never compete equally with minority- or female-owned firms so long as the government offered any incentive to big contractors to hire such "disadvantaged" businesses, lawyer William Perry Pendley said.

The Supreme Court's 1995 decision involving Adarand drastically narrowed affirmative action by saying such aid must be narrowly tailored to meet a compelling government goal. At the time, it was assumed that very few affirmative action programs could meet that test.

That 5-4 ruling arose from a 1989 highway contract, in which Adarand submitted the low bid but still lost out to a Hispanic-owned firm. Adarand sued in 1990, and has been in court ever since.

Swedish television journalist killed in Afghanistan robbery

TALOQAN, Afghanistan (AP) — A Swedish television journalist was killed early today in northern Afghanistan after armed men robbed the house where he was staying.

Ulf Stroemberg, a cameraman for Sweden's TV4, was the eighth journalist to die in Afghanistan since the start of the U.S.-led military campaign on Oct. 7.

Two young masked men armed with Kalashnikov rifles broke into the house where a group of Swedish journalists was staying and took cameras, computers, a satellite telephone and money from journalists working for Aftonbladet, the newspaper reported.

They then moved to the next room, where Stroemberg was staying, and awoke Stroemberg with a knock on the door, said Rolf Porseryd, the reporter with whom he was sharing the room.

"As soon as he opened the door there was a bang. Ulf fell over me. I'm hit, I'm shot," Porseryd said in a telephone interview with the broadcaster.

Porseryd said he and the Aftonbladet journalists tried to revive Stroemberg and rushed him to a hospital, where a doctor pronounced him dead.

In Stockholm, TV4's program director Jan Scherman said today that the network was pulling its journalists out of Afghanistan "as soon as possible."

Network spokeswoman Eva Franchell said TV4's three staffers in Afghanistan were traveling to Uzbekistan, along with Stroemberg's body. She said they would fly home to Sweden, but it was not clear when.

Taloqan has been the base for scores of foreign journalists covering the siege of Kunduz. The city fell to the northern alliance late Sunday after a two-week siege.

Four journalists — two from the Reuters news agency, one from the Italian daily Corriere della Sera and one from the Spanish newspaper El Mundo — were ambushed and killed last week on the road between the eastern city of Jalalabad and the capital, Kabul.

Earlier this month, two French radio journalists and a writer for a German magazine died while reporting from the front lines in northern Afghanistan.

Stroemberg, 42, had worked for TV4 since 1998, the network said. He leaves behind a wife and three children, it said.

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Teen suspended over pro-anarchy stance will attend alternate program

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A Sissonville High School student suspended last month for her anti-war, pro-anarchy stances has been pulled from school by her mother out of fear for her safety.

Katie Sierra, 15, has enrolled in a Kanawha County school program in which she will complete assignments on a computer from home, said her mother, Amy.

Amy Sierra said her daughter has been physically attacked, threatened and insulted by other students.

"It was my choice. It wasn't her choice," Amy Sierra said Monday. "She misses her friends. It's a shame she can't be around her friends and be a normal kid and go to school."

One day, Katie Sierra showed her mother a bruise on her side, saying a boy had slammed into her in a hallway while she stood by her locker. The girl has been was unable to identify her attackers, her mother said.

"She was getting assaulted over and over again, and I got fed up," Amy Sierra said. "I'm just so worried somebody's going to hurt her bad."

The ninth grader, who opposes war and terrorism and promotes peace, was suspended for three days last month for defying school orders not to form an anarchy club or wear T-shirts that include slogans opposing the U.S. bombing of Afghanistan.

A Kanawha County Circuit judge upheld the suspension. The school claimed the girl's actions disrupted student learning.

The handwritten message on the T-shirt that got her in trouble read: "When I saw the dead and dying Afghani children on TV, I felt a newly recovered sense of national security. God Bless America."

The family has appealed the circuit court ruling to the state Supreme Court. The family's attorney, Roger Forman, said the decision to keep the girl out of Sissonville High wouldn't jeopardize the case.

"If we get a ruling protecting her rights, then they're going to have to protect her better," Forman said.

Katie Sierra is expected to start the home-based Oasis program this week. She is waiting for school officials to deliver a computer to her Sissonville home.

Texas prisons report due this week

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge has issued a Saturday deadline for a report detailing the treatment of mentally ill state prison inmates in solitary confinement.

The management of mentally ill inmates in what is also called administrative segregation is one of the final issues to be scrutinized in a civil rights lawsuit filed on behalf of inmate David Ruiz and other prisoners in 1972.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice, who has monitored the state's prisons for more than 20 years, also said that by Dec. 15, prison officials are to file a plan to ensure that seriously mentally ill prisoners whose conditions are worsened by solitary confinement be housed in more appropriate facilities.

In an order entered last month, Justice also raised concerns about the use of force by correctional officers, and the victimization of inmates who become targets of extortion and violence by other inmates.

Justice first ruled that the Texas prison system was unconstitutional in 1980 in the Ruiz case and ordered sweeping improvements. The suit fueled an unprecedented prison construction boom in Texas, as well as numerous other reforms.

"Ruiz was a big wake-up call for the nation," said University of North Texas criminologist James Quinn. "And it just happened to be here. It could have been Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi — any of those states. It's just happened to be David Ruiz, and that put the other states on notice."

Earlier this year a panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a 1999 ruling by Judge Justice that he retain federal jurisdiction over the prisons, but sent the case back to him for review.

Judge Justice then issued an order in June that concluded Texas' prison system has "vastly improved" but found that inmates "remain victims of an unconstitutional system." He identified conditions in administrative segregation, inmate safety, and the use of force by correctional officers as the three major areas of concern.

Depending on the prison system's response, barring further motions, objections, or further court orders, he has indicated that federal oversight could end by July 1.

Donna Brorby, who represents Texas inmates in the lawsuit, says she wants to see evidence that the prison system is addressing the issues identified in Judge Justice's order.

Lawyer says ex-SLA futigive felt coerced to plead guilty

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An attorney for former Symbionese Liberation Army fugitive Sara Jane Olson says he was partly to blame for his client pleading guilty to attempting to blow up police cars when she says she is innocent of the charges.

In documents filed Monday in Superior Court, attorney J. Tony Serra characterized Olson as being in "a psychological condition of coercion" when she pleaded guilty to two counts of attempting to explode destructive devices with intent to murder.

Olson is accused of placing bombs under two police cars in 1975 in what prosecutors say was revenge for a deadly shootout with Los Angeles police the previous year in which six members of the radical SLA were killed. The bombs failed to explode.

"At no time has Ms. Olson ever conceded to me her factual guilt with respect to any of the charges; in fact, she has always asserted the contrary — that she is innocent of the charges," Serra wrote.

Olson has asked Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler to allow her to withdraw her guilty plea and go to trial. A hearing is scheduled for Monday.

Serra's filing stated that his client pleaded guilty at his urging because Serra believed Olson couldn't get a fair trial in the patriotic climate created by the Sept. 11 attacks and because of the prosecution's intent to depict the SLA and Olson as domestic terrorists.

"I, in part, take responsibility for creating conditions in her mind that amounted to psychological duress, in regard to pleading guilty," Serra wrote.

Olson had signed an agreement on the pleas before entering them in court on Oct. 31.

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Baptism?

A man named John appeared in the wilderness. He was dressed like a wild man but he preached a simple message. "Repent!" It was the same to everyone who came. It finally got him in trouble when he told the king that he needed to repent as well. Those who did receive John's message were baptized. The gospel of Mark tells us this about John:

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
Mark 1:4

After Jesus' death and resurrection the apostles of Christ began preaching a new message. Jesus, who had died was the Messiah (the Christ) that Israel had been expecting. They had put him to death on a cross, but God had raised Him from the dead. In Acts 2 the first people to hear this message were cut to the heart. They had crucified the Son of God. "What shall we do?" This was their simple question in Acts 2:37, though you can be sure they asked it with genuine concern and urgency. Peter's reply was similar to John's message, but it was also different:

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Acts 2:38

Like John, Peter's response connected baptism to repentance and forgiveness of sins. Two things were different. Peter also connects baptism to "the name of Jesus Christ" and "the gift of the Holy Spirit." In the very next verse Peter says that the promise connected to baptism is for them, their children and all who are far off. It is a gospel promise. It was a promise for them. It is a gospel promise for us today!

Dale Huff

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Rape victim's isolation ends when she finally speaks out

DEAR ABBY: "Scared and Alone in Britton, Mich." is NOT alone. Five years ago, I went through the exact same experience.

I, too, had been drinking heavily at a college party and was raped by a guy who had been my good friend for years. He was a close friend of my boyfriend's, and I didn't know to whom I could turn. So, like "Scared," I remained silent. I was afraid of what the guy might do to me and of what people would think. I thought if I told, I'd lose my friends.

Sadly, I lost my friends anyway. After the rape, I lost my ability to trust people or let anyone get close to me. I became unable to open up to people without thinking they had some hidden agenda. My friends didn't know what was wrong with me, and they didn't stick around to find out. I was lost and alone.

I want to tell "Scared" from personal experience: TELL SOMEONE WHAT HAPPENED RIGHT AWAY! Go to a support group. Share your experience. Call your friend and tell her. Call a hotline if you wish to remain anonymous. If you don't, you'll have difficulty making and keeping relationships for the rest of your life.

I finally received help, and now, five years later, I have found a wonderful, patient man I want to spend the rest of my life with. I couldn't have done it if I hadn't spent time talking with a counselor and meeting others who have gone through similar experiences. It's not your fault. You are not alone. The sooner you share your experience, the faster you'll heal. — **LIVING AND LOVING AGAIN IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR LIVING AND LOVING: Bless you for writing. A 1998 Centers for Disease Control Study revealed that one woman in six in the United States is a victim of rape or attempted rape. Eighty percent of rapes are acquaintance rapes.

Assault victims: Please don't be afraid to speak up. People are waiting to help you. If you wish to remain anonymous, go to the Internet and visit www.911rape.org to learn about your options. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: "Scared and Alone" has plenty of company. Five months ago, I got drunk at my graduation party and was raped by my friend's brother-in-law. He called me two days later, and my sister overheard my end of the conversation when he denied raping me. When she confronted me, I burst into tears and told her everything. She told our parents for me and we all went to the police.

"Scared" must understand that everyone makes mistakes. But that doesn't give anyone the right to take advantage of that mistake and commit a crime against you. There is no doubt in my mind that my attacker had done this before and would have done it again. Believe me, it is a wonderful feeling to know that because of my actions, he'll never put anyone else through what I endured. — **NO LONGER ALONE IN MISSOURI**

DEAR NO LONGER ALONE: Bravo! The attacker has power over his victim only if that person remains silent. To paraphrase an old saying, "Speak the truth and the truth shall set you free."

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

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Mountain resorts welcome snows

DENVER (AP) — A flurry of snowstorms since Thanksgiving have opened up ski runs throughout the Rockies and given Utah the base it needed to prepare for the upcoming Winter Olympics.

Alta, a Utah ski resort, received 82 inches of snow over four days, and Vail Mountain, the nation's busiest resort, got 21 inches overnight Sunday.

"This snow really raises the confidence level," said Ski Utah spokesman Nathan Rafferty.

Balmy weather and a lack of snow up until about Thanksgiving "helped us finish projects for the Olympics," Rafferty said, but it also forced many resorts to delay their openings as daisies sprouted on Aspen Mountain and bears were escorted from downtown Durango, Colo.

"This snow has put a smile on everyone's face," said Dennis Foley, part owner of Bart & Yetis, a Vail pub. "It has changed everyone's attitude. We have a good feeling now. Everyone was worried."

Vail expected to have about 2,000 acres of ski terrain served by 10 chairlifts open by Friday.

"That is basically as good as it gets in the ski business," said Bill Jensen, chief operating officer for Vail Mountain. "The bigger message is that we now all know that our Christmas is going to be wonderful."

Aspen, which played host Monday to the World Cup Men's slalom race, picked up 9 inches overnight, and Aspen Mountain opened to skiers and snowboarders.

Big Sky in Montana has been getting about 3 inches a day since Wednesday.

"Our numbers for Christmas look like they are going to be right on par with last year," resort spokesman Dax Schieffer said. "We are notching up this weekend as a success."

Pre-Christmas business is about 11 percent of the business at Vail's four resorts. That figure also holds for most other major ski resorts.

"If we hadn't had such an early Thanksgiving we would have been open top to bottom," said Joan Christensen, spokeswoman for Winter Park in Colorado.

"Thanksgiving is gravy for us. If you get a good one, it is a bonus. If not, it is no surprise," said Christensen. Winter Park has picked up 20 inches in the past four days.

Cloning human embryo sparks debate

By The Associated Press

Roman Catholic and conservative Protestant leaders condemned the first reported cloning of a human embryo, while other Christian and Reform Jewish leaders supported using the procedure to cure diseases.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, of the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, said Massachusetts scientists who announced Sunday that they had cloned a six-cell embryo were playing God and reducing humans to spare parts.

"While we must encourage the scientific community to continue cutting-edge research, it must occur within ethical boundaries that respect all human life," he said Monday. Catholic teaching holds that life begins at conception, and a statement Monday from the Vatican reiterated that belief.

The Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, and the United Methodist Church, President Bush's denomination, both urged federal lawmakers to ban the research.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Reform Jewish leaders took a different position, supporting cloning to cure diseases but opposing it for reproductive purposes.

Jewish authorities teach that the primary responsibility is saving human life, even if some religious laws are broken, said Rabbi Richard Address, who oversees the bioethics program of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Also in the Jewish tradition, an embryo less than 40 days in development is considered unformed and not a fetus, he said.

It wasn't clear whether the cloned embryo that Worcester, Mass.-based Advanced Cell Technology announced it had created would have been capable of growing into a human being.

The embryo died even before any stem cells were produced. Stem cells — the master cells that can turn into other body tissue like heart muscle and skin — can be used to treat a variety of diseases, scientists say.

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America has so far issued no statement on cloning. A panel of Orthodox rabbis and scientists are studying the research, union policy director Nathan Diament said.

Muslim scholars also are grappling with the issue. Some have supported using the research to grow healthy organs from other tissue, said Muzammil Siddiqi, director of the Islam Society of Orange County in California.

He said the Fiqh Council of North America, a panel of Islamic scholars who provide religious guidance, has issued no statements on human cloning.

"This is a new issue," he said.

In Washington, political opposition to human cloning is formidable. President Bush on Monday called Advance Cell Technology's announced cloning "morally wrong," and a bill awaiting debate in the Senate would criminalize human cloning.

Montana veterans groups arrange for burial of ashes

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — When Allen Armstrong went in search of the unclaimed ashes of his uncle, a World War II veteran who had died years earlier, he made a discovery in a funeral home basement that unnerved him.

"They took me downstairs to help me look for them and there was over 100 remains there," Armstrong said. "I found out there's a lot of people who haven't been buried."

Military organizations believe many of those remains belong to veterans like Armstrong's uncle, who was finally buried nearly 20 years after his death.

Aided by a new state law, the groups now hope to give proper burials with military to honors to all veterans whose remains go unclaimed.

"These guys managed to come home on their own two feet," said Mike Hankins, president of the local chapter of the Associates of the Vietnam Veterans of America. "Now they're sitting on shelves."

Veterans groups and funeral directors say Montana's efforts to identify the veterans and bury them with honors is unique. Military organizations in North Carolina and Illinois have inquired about establishing similar programs, Hankins said.

Hankins' organization and the Vietnam Veterans of America both lobbied the Legislature for a law that would allow mortuaries to turn over to veterans groups veterans' remains that have gone unclaimed for 20 years or more. The law protects mortuaries from being sued if a relative later comes to collect the ashes.

Most states require funeral homes or mortuaries to hold cremated remains for a period of time. If still unclaimed, they are buried, usually in unmarked graves with little or no ceremony. Some states, such as New York, set aside money to pay for the cremation and burial of all indigents or unclaimed remains.

In Montana, if a family member doesn't claim a person's ashes within 90 days, a funeral home may bury them — at the funeral home's expense.

Steve Yeakel, executive director of the Montana Funeral Directors Association, said many funeral homes aren't comfortable doing that. Instead, they store the remains, often for decades. That has given veterans' groups a second chance to find those who deserve a military burial and never received one.

Hankins believes there could be as many as 600 unclaimed remains of veterans in Montana. But determining the real number will require matching names on boxes of ashes with military records, some dating back to World War I.

"I don't think there's a funeral home out there that's against doing this," said Randy Wilke, manager of Helena's Retz Funeral Home, which has cardboard boxes of ashes stored in two basement vaults. "But we have to do the paperwork."

The new law requires mortuaries to try to contact veterans' relatives by mail or a newspaper advertisement. If the remains still go unclaimed, they can be turned over to military groups, which agree to bury the ashes in a veterans' cemetery or a veterans' section of a private cemetery.

Mike Hampson, president of the Helena chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, said veterans organizations are focusing on recruiting groups to help in the effort to determine how many veterans haven't been buried, and raising money for ceremonies.

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Tinnitus has many causes

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DEAR READER: Tinnitus — ringing, buzzing or hissing in the ears — of variable intensity is, in my experience, not related to stress or anxiety. It commonly erupts in middle age, possibly because of circulatory deficiencies to the inner ears. However, it is more often the consequence of constant or repeated exposure to loud sounds. Other causes include wax in the ear canals, infections, tumors of the ear, hypertension, anemia and thyroid disorders. I suggest that you check with your doctor. Perhaps your problem can be cured by simply flushing the wax out of your ear. If not - especially if you have an associated hearing loss - maybe a referral to an otolaryngologist would be in order.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My dermatologist has diagnosed a rash on my legs as hemosiderosis and is treating me with cortisone cream. What do you think?

DEAR READER: If your dermatologist is correct, this is not good.

Hemosiderosis (usually known as hemochromatosis) is a serious disease, marked by excessive iron in the body. It affects many organs, primarily the liver and heart. The disorder is associated with bronzing discoloration of the skin and iron deposits in various body tissues, leading to diabetes, arthritis and failure of the pituitary gland. By far, however, the major complications are liver cirrhosis and heart failure. Therefore, cortisone cream is totally inappropriate therapy.

The disease is genetic and is worsened by excessive iron ingestion or blood transfusions. The diagnosis is established by blood tests and/or liver biopsy. Treatment consists of phlebotomy (removing blood from the body) and certain medications. In my opinion, you should be under the care of a hematologist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How can I control the blisters of oral herpes infection? I'm constantly faced with the reality of an outbreak caused by exposure to sunlight. Incidentally, sun blocks don't help.

DEAR READER: The preferred treatment for the recurring, painful blisters of herpes virus infection — whether of the mouth, skin or genitals — is anti-viral medications, such as Zovirax or Famvir. These prescription medications are entirely safe and are administered daily at the earliest sign of infection (the nagging burning or prickling sensation) and are continued until the inflammation has regressed, usually about a week or two.

Repeated courses of therapy are the rule, because herpes occurs in periodic cycles. But with prompt treatment when needed, future attacks happen less frequently and are milder.

Direct exposure to sunlight can precipitate herpes infection of the skin or lips. The reason for this is not understood, but the phenomenon may occur because strong ultraviolet light can lower the skin's resistance. Zinc oxide cream will protect your lips against sun damage, but don't hesitate to ask your doctor about anti-viral drugs.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001

When a Sagittarian is lucky, they're lucky in big ways. The year ahead may be just one of those kind of years, because it shows more promise than usual to improve your lot in life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It might be wise today to take a second look at something work wise in which you're involved at this time. You may happily discover you weren't taking full advantage of all its benefits.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Fortunately for you, your judgment is especially good today, because you might be required to make a decision without realizing its full significance. The results will be great.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It behooves you to be particularly industrious and productive today, because the rewards that come from doing so will be far larger than anyone thought.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Friends may view you more favorably than usual today, but members of the opposite gender will find you especially attractive and appealing. Make the most of it if you're single.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — To your credit, your instincts to serve and cherish those you love will be very pronounced today. The personal rewards you'll garner in doing so will be priceless.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Talk to those who might have the solutions concerning a matter that has you concerned. Chances are the right person with the right answers will be able to offer you a plethora of ideas.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Something rather fortunate in a material sense could happen for you today, not necessarily from your efforts, but from one who may not even know you. It'll be pure luck.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You could be luckier than usual in matters you either originate or handle yourself. Take personal control over ventures or endeavors that could be important to your interests.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Permit your intuitive perceptions to guide your actions today, especially in matters that affect your reputation, finances or career. They'll be right on track.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Friends or associates who have been lucky for you in the past are apt to be so again today. Make it a point to get together with one or more of them, if you haven't had any plans to do so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — An opportunity to increase your earnings today is waiting for you to take advantage of its beneficial offerings. Look around and you may find one, possibly through a second source.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Someone who shares a mutual interest with you could be extremely important today in helping you fulfill this objective. Much of what occurs may be due to the guidance of Lady Luck.

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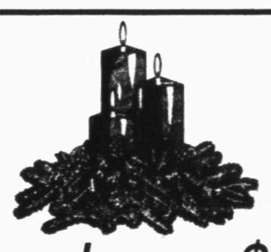

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WTC-Ritz program to open

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 with lunch at 12:30 followed by the show. There will be a matinee on Saturday at 2 p.m. with no meal.

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

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

TO OPEN THURSDAY — Western Texas College's and the Ritz Theatre's *Merry Christmas Bedford Falls* will open Thursday at WTC. Myra Hays as Mrs. Bailey and Kent Wright as George Bailey rehearse a scene from the production. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Bond set in slaying of officer in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Bond was set at $3.5 million Monday at the arraignment of a 19-year-old man charged with capital murder in the fatal shooting of an off-duty policeman working security at a northwest Dallas club.

Licho Escamilla, after being removed from Club DMX, pulled a gun and shot officers Christopher K. James, 34, and Clarence D. Lockett, 39, about 3 a.m. Sunday, said Dallas Police Department spokesman Hollis Edwards. James was flown to Parkland Memorial Hospital, where he later died. Lockett was treated at Parkland and was released early Sunday.

Escamilla was wounded in return fire. He was treated for a gunshot wound at Parkland before being taken Sunday afternoon to the Lew Sterrett Justice Center, officials said.

Police detectives said Escamilla is also under investigation in the Nov. 8 slaying in west Dallas of Michael Torres, 26. A murder warrant for Escamilla's arrest had been issued on Nov. 19.

James and Lockett were among four off-duty officers working security at the club, located northwest of the intersection of Northwest Highway and Interstate 35, about 10 miles northwest of downtown Dallas.

Preliminary information showed that the officers were trying to help Escamilla when the shooting began, said Police Chief Terrell Bolton.

"Once the facts come out, I think they will show that this was a senseless murder of a police officer and the attempt on another one," Bolton said. "I think it echoes the everyday danger that exists for them."

James, although off-duty, will be recognized as the 73rd Dallas officer slain in the line of duty, police officials said, because he was defending the public.

A candlelight vigil for James was scheduled for 7 p.m. today at the department's Northwest Operations Division in Dallas. Funeral services were set for 1 p.m. Wednesday at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano.

Anti-Taliban forces say they have retaken the fort today

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — As U.N. talks on the future of Afghanistan began in Germany, anti-Taliban forces claimed to have retaken control today of a fort where captured Osama bin Laden loyalists staged a three-day prison revolt.

U.S. Marines, meanwhile, expanded their base of operations in southern Afghanistan, sending out heavily armed patrols.

In the northern town of Taloqan, a Swedish television journalist was killed in an overnight robbery. Ulf Stroemberg, of the Swedish television network TV4, was the eighth journalist to die in Afghanistan since the start of the U.S.-led military campaign on Oct. 7.

Along with the Marine deployment in the south, U.S. special forces were in action helping northern alliance forces put down the bloody uprising in a mud-walled fortress-prison outside the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

The alliance said it had suppressed the revolt by this evening, killing the last of hundreds of rebelling Osama bin Laden loyalists. A courtyard of the fortress was littered with the bodies of 60 fighters slain in the fierce battle.

Outside Bonn, Germany, the United Nations opened a conference of Afghan factions aimed at paving the way for a broad-based multiethnic government to replace the Taliban. "Speed is of the essence in view of the situation on the ground," a U.N. spokesman, Ahmad Fawzi, said.

U.S. Marines in Humvees loaded with anti-tank weapons and heavy machine guns patrolled the deserts today around the base they set up west of the Taliban's last stronghold, the southern city of Kandahar. U.S. helicopters and KC-130s landed on the hardpacked sand today of the base, where an American flag was planted at the center of a compound of buildings.

In Kandahar, residents reached by telephone said Taliban fighters appeared demoralized and fearful of attack. Streets were largely deserted, except for pickup trucks of Taliban soldiers armed with rocket launchers and Kalashnikovs, they said.

"They are not as active and alert as they used to be, and they don't patrol as much," said Mohammed Asan, a traveler from Kandahar arriving in Chaman, Pakistan.

After negotiations with Pashtun tribal leaders on the fate of Taliban-held Spinboldak, a key town on the main road from Kandahar to the Pakistani border, tribesmen looted blankets and food from humanitarian aid warehouses and drove the Taliban from power, the Afghan Islamic Press said.

"It seems that Taliban have ceased" to control the area, the Pakistan-based news agency said, citing witnesses. The report could not be independently verified.

The Taliban have vowed to fight to the death in Kandahar. A spokesman, Mullah Abdullah, told the Pakistan-based news agency that Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar was still in town and in command of his troops.

Obituaries

Rodolfo Solis

1946-2001

Rodolfo Solis of Snyder died Saturday, Nov. 24, in University Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Solis, 55, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Fr. Leo Moras, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born July 10, 1946 in Mexico, he married Beatrice Martinez on July 3, 1974 in Snyder. Mr. Solis came to Snyder from Mexico in 1971 and did roustabout work in the oilfield until his health forced his retirement. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice Solis of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Emelda and Jesus Garcia Jr. of Snyder; four sons, Rodolfo Solis Jr., David Solis, Gabriel Solis and Fidel Solis, all of Snyder; two sisters, Ophelia Solis and Amelia Solis, both of Mexico; two brothers, Juan Solis and Artemio Solis, both of Mexico; and six grandchildren.

LaVada Welch

1939-2001

ANDREWS – LaVada Welch, the sister of Nada Walker of Snyder, died Sunday, Nov. 25.

Funeral service for Mrs. Welch, 62, was set for 2 p.m. today in the McNett Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jimmy Braswell officiating. Burial was to follow in the Andrews North Cemetery.

Born Oct. 8, 1939 in Boonsboro, Ark., she was a graduate of Andrews High School and married Clyde Welch on Jan. 19, 1985 in Andrews.

Mrs. Welch was owner of the Main 66 Café and later owned the Pat Walker Salon, retiring in 1987.

Survivors include her husband, Clyde Welch of Andrews; two sons, Mike Weis of Andrews and Matt Weis of Odessa; a stepdaughter, Linda Davis of Andrews; her parents, Edgar and Florance Walker of Waldon, Ark.; a brother, Donald Walker of Gardendale; two other sisters, Jody Brown of Waldon and Sue Stewart of Coleman, Ala.; and four grandchildren.

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Officers arrest woman for several warrants

Arrest

Snyder officers took an 18-year-old woman into custody early this morning in the 4300 block of College Ave. on a number of outstanding warrants, and for no liability insurance and displaying fictitious registration.

The warrants included failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving without a license, no liability insurance and failure to appear before a judge.

She was transported to the county jail and her vehicle was towed.

A juvenile passenger was also transported to the sheriff's office where she was later released to a relative.

Fight

Officers responded to a residence at noon Monday in reference to a fight between two women related to child custody problems. An offense report for Class A assault was submitted.

Harassment

A woman requested an officer in reference to phone harassment by her sister-in-law Monday afternoon. An officer was dispatched and spoke with the woman who did not wish to file a report, but did want her sister-in-law informed of the complaint.

Theft

A clerk at Allsup's on College Ave. requested an officer at 6:14 p.m. Monday in reference to three juveniles stealing a package of cigarettes and fleeing the store. The responding officer advised a report for Class C theft was submitted.

Disturbance

A woman requested an officer at her home Monday evening in reference to a disagreement between her and her husband. Officers responded and advised it was a verbal disagreement only and everything was in order on their departure.

Close patrol

Lea Phillips requested an officer at 9 p.m. in reference to hearing noises in her backyard at 3505 Ave. A. Two patrol units were dispatched and advised a neighbor was working on his house.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Cancellations due to weather

The Genealogical Society meeting scheduled for this evening has been cancelled, and the American Cancer Society meeting has been cancelled and reset for 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4 in the hospital boardroom.

Tiger's Lair

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

Head Start registration

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

GED testing dates

GED testing for the first time or re-testing will be held today and Thursday from 5-9 p.m.; 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. 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.

Korean War display

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

"Married for Life" information

"Marriage for Life" information night will be at 7 p.m. next Tuesday 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.

Nurse testing dates

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

Seniors helping seniors

Snyder High School's senior class would like to help senior citizens decorate for Christmas. Students will provide the labor by putting up lights or decorating Christmas trees, etc. Call 573-6301 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to make arrangements.

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.

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.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

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 Maddox, 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.

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