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Clinton, Gore questioned by FBI investigators

Inquiries center on telephone calls

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore were interviewed Tuesday by Justice Department officials investigating questionable campaign fund raising in 1994 and 1996, the White House said today.

Presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said the interviews were conducted separately, in the White House residential quarters and at the vice presidential mansion. Attorneys for Clinton and Gore were present.

"It was a very professional interview. The FBI asked all the questions they wanted to ask — every one — and the vice president answered every one of them," Gore's Tennessee-based attorney, Jim Neal, said in a telephone interview. He declined further comment.

Aides for Clinton and Gore had made it known the interviews would probably be requested and their bosses would not object. And Clinton has been interviewed by Whitewater investigators. Still, a sitting president and vice president submitting to investigators' questioning marks a dramatic step forward in the high-profile inquiry.

Attorney General Janet Reno has until Dec. 2 to decide whether to request an independent prosecutor to investigate the fund-raising practices of Clinton and Gore. Questions have been raised about the pair soliciting donations from the White House.

Gore said he did solicit donations; Clinton said he cannot recall whether he did or not. They both say such calls are legal.

The appointment of a special prosecutor could expose Clinton and Gore to questions about the White House's influence over Democratic National Committee TV ad strategies and alleged attempts by China to influence American elections. The inquiry also would shadow Gore's bid to succeed Clinton in 2001.

McCurry referred reporters to a statement today by Clinton's attorney, David E. Kendall, and Gore's attorney, George T. Frampton.

"The subject of the interviews was the telephonic solicitation of contributions in the 1994-1996 time period," the statement said. "As both the president and vice president have previously announced, they are cooperating fully with this investigation and voluntarily agreed when interviews were requested."

"Consistent with past practice, no further statement about the content of the interviews will be made at this time."

McCurry declined further comment. Frampton and Kendall could not be immediately reached.

Neal would not say how long the questioning lasted or whether it was limited to the telephone calls.

An official involved in the questioning, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Gore was not under oath. The official was not sure about Clinton, but suspected that he also was not under oath.

The statement released by the White House was dated Tuesday. McCurry said the White House learned about the interviews late Tuesday, and he decided not to release the statement until today.

Earlier this fall, the White House turned over to investigators records indicating Clinton made an Oval Office call to a group of fund-raisers in 1995 after being requested to "ask for their help." In addition, presidential aides found billing records of long-distance calls to six donors from the private living quarters in 1994 on the same day Clinton had been asked to solicit them for money.

His aides have maintained that Clinton made the calls only to say thanks and did not ask for help.

The Justice Department also is investigating whether a special prosecutor is needed to investigate Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt to determine whether politics played a role in his rejection of a proposed casino license. A similar inquiry is focused on whether a lobbyist was asked for a charitable contributions in exchange for seeing former Energy Department Secretary Hazel O'Leary.

Three people who contributed to Clinton's re-election campaign have told House investigators an employee of Johnny Chung, a central figure in the investigation of campaign fund raising, asked them to make the contributions and later reimbursed them, according to a House source.

MORE ROOM — Work is progressing on Cogdell Hospital's physical therapy department which will be located in the former doctor's clinic. Donnie Gillit, Reece Northcutt and David Reyes look over remodeling plans for the facility which will encompass some 5,800-square feet — a big improvement over the present area which has 1,400-square feet. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bush liaison making visit

A public reception for Phil Sims, citizens' liaison for Gov. George Bush, is scheduled from 4:30 until 5:30 this afternoon at the chamber of commerce.

Sims today is touring the Lorber Industries site at the city industrial park, the Price Daniel Unit, the Senior Center and Western Texas College.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "An ego trip is a journey nowhere."

Thanks to Snyder's Bill Seale, the following was lifted from the newspaper in Matador, where Seale first got started in the funeral home business.

Since harvest is in full swing by now, ag types may be able to associate with some of the descriptions of "You may be a farmer if...

--Your dog rides in your truck more than your wife.

--You convince your wife that an overnight, out-of-state trip for equipment parts is a vacation.

--You wear specific hats to farm sales, livestock auctions, customer appreciation suppers and on vacation.

--You have ever had to wash off in the backyard with a garden hose before your wife would let you in the house.

--You've never thrown away a five-gallon bucket.

--You have used baling wire to attach a license plate.

--You have used a chain saw to remodel your house.

--You have used a velvet leaf plant as toilet paper.

--You have borrowed gravel from the county road to fill potholes in your driveway.

--You can remember the fertilizer rate, seed population, herbicide rate and yields on a farm you rented 10 years ago, but cannot recall your wife's birthday.

--You have fibbed to a mechanic about how often you grease a piece of equipment.

--You have driven off the road while examing your neighbor's crops.

--You have buried a dog and cried like a baby.

--You have used a tractor front-end loader as scaffolding for roof repairs.

--You've used your castrating knife to slice an apple.

A guy in the coffee shop was telling about getting in late after having attended a cock fight.

"Lots of people there," he said. "People from Texas Tech, A&M and the Mafia."

The group wanted to know how he knew all that.

"Well, the people from Tech entered a duck in the cock fight and the Aggies bet on the duck."

He then explained how he recognized the Mafia. "The duck won."

U.S. oil field workers murdered

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Gunmen attacked a car carrying American oil company workers in downtown Karachi today, riddling the vehicle with automatic weapons fire and killing the four Americans and their Pakistani driver.

Police suspect the killings were linked to Monday's U.S. conviction of a Pakistani man in the 1993 shooting deaths of two CIA workers outside agency headquarters in Langley, Va. It came a day after a State Department warning for Americans to beware of retaliation.

According to police and witnesses, two men in a red car pulled up behind the Americans and opened fire, forcing their car to stop. The attackers then walked up to the vehicle, fired more than a dozen bullets through the windows, checked to see that those inside were dead and fled.

Karachi police chief Malik Iqbal said everybody died on the spot.

Pakistan President Farooq Leghari wrote President Clinton to express his shock at today's killings, calling them a "terrorist" attack on "four innocent U.S. nationals." The letter was delivered to the U.S. ambassador in Islamabad.

The four Americans, all auditors for Houston-based Union Texas Petroleum, were traveling from their hotel to their office this morning when they were intercepted by the killers.

The slain Americans were identified by their company as: Ephraim Egbu, 42, a senior auditor who had worked for the company for 19 years; Joel Enlow, 40, manager of audit projects and a 14-year Union Texas employee; Larry Jennings, 41, audit manager with 10 years at the company; and Tracy Ritchie, 49, senior audit supervisor who had been with the company for 15 years.

The bodies of the men were to be flown home to Houston on Thursday.

"Our heartfelt sympathies go out to their families and their friends here at Union Texas," company chairman John Whitmire said in a statement, adding, "We are a close-knit group of employees and we all feel this loss deeply."

The Pakistani Cabinet met in an emergency session and named a special investigative panel.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack. It came two days after a Fairfax, Va., court convicted Mir Aimal Kasi of first-degree murder in the Jan. 25, 1993, shootings of CIA employees Frank Darling and Lansing Bennett.

President Clinton's spokesman called the killings "an outrageous act of barbarism." But White House press secretary Mike McCurry stressed there is no direct evidence of a connection with the CIA case.

HISD board OKs resignation, audit

Hermleigh ISD trustees accepted Chip Roemisch's resignation as a school trustee Tuesday evening, but not before moving it to the last order of business.

That's because his presence was needed to maintain a quorum.

Roemisch, a Hermleigh graduate and long-time supporter of the district, is having to resign because he is being transferred to Coahoma in his job with Anadarko Petroleum Corp. Board policy states that a trustee must live within the school district.

Because acceptance of his resignation left only three board members present, discussion of filling the vacancy was tabled. When the board convenes again, trustees have several options. They can leave the post vacant until May, when the next school board election will be held; appoint someone to fill the seat until the May election; or call a special election.

Earlier in the evening, the board approved the annual outside audit from David Kinard & Co. of Abilene. Becky Roberts presented the document, calling it a clean audit with no findings, said Supt. Jerry Church.

In other business, board members cast all of their 165 votes for Walter Stirl to serve again on the Scurry County Appraisal Board, approved payment of bills and okayed previous minutes.

Church informed the board about a grant application HISD is applying for through the Telecommunications Infrastructure Foundation. The district is requesting $87,000, to be matched with $10,000 in local funds. Announcement of the grants will be made in mid-January.

Present for the meeting were Roemisch, David Higgins, Tony Lambaren and Tim Dacus.

John Williamson, Burton Sandefur and Sherene Digby were absent.

Farmer promoted at First American

Fran Farmer has been promoted to assistant vice president of First American Bank Texas, SSB.

Ms. Farmer is the branch manager of First American Bank here, located at 3011 College Avenue. Her responsibilities include overseeing operations of the bank, business development and developing customer relationships.

Farmer has more than 21 years of experience in the retail banking industry, and has been branch manager since 1982.

She has been the campaign chairman for the Cystic-Fibrosis Foundation and has served as president of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

She currently serves on the business advisory board for Western Texas College and the Snyder Board of Realtors. She is involved in the American Heart Association and is on the Scurry County American Cancer Society Board. Farmer is also a member of the Rotary Club of Snyder.

First American Bank is a $2 billion financial institution with more than 60 banking centers across West and North Central Texas.

Fran Farmer

ASK US

Q—What is the Snyder school district's schedule for the Thanksgiving holidays?

A—Students will be dismissed at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25, and will not return until the following Monday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 47 degrees; low, 28; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 37; .03 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 23.23 inches.

Area Forecast: Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. Low near 40. Thursday, mostly cloudy, 20% rain chance. High, mid 50s.

Isaac Benitez
Cloudy

Sunset: 5:47 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:10 a.m.
Of 315 days in 1997, the sun has shone 301 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

William James

Modern phone calls causing frustration

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than a month after they were supposed to be getting real people on the phone, consumers who call credit bureaus still reach out and touch some — thing.

Banks are causing phone frustration, too: Dozens have begun charging a premium for human contact.

Want to call up government and complain? Go ahead. They'll give you options.

Press 1 to lose your mind.

Technology that lets people track their tax returns, shift money between bank accounts and get a ton of information by phone — while saving money for the bureaucracy on the other end — is also exacting a price.

The price is usually more than $1 a call at banks that have begun charging for phone inquiries after several free calls a month.

Consumer advocates see a broader cost, too, not connected to the pocketbook.

"Some of those who are keen on pushing technology lose sight of the human element," says Consumers Union counsel Michelle Meier, longtime advocate of the credit bureau reforms made law last month.

"One should never ignore or deny the benefits of technology, but there's also an overemphasis when human contact is eliminated. You're tilting the balance in a harmful way."

The new Fair Credit Reporting Act has toughened a variety of obligations on credit bureaus and the companies that use them. One requirement, only a small part of the law, is for the bureaus to make trained personnel available by phone during business hours.

It's believed to be the first federal law requiring the option of human contact by phone for consumers.

So where are the folks? None of the three national credit bureaus is yet providing easy or reliable one-call access to an employee, and the Federal Trade Commission, administering the law, has begun hearing complaints.

"We are aware of the fact that some of the bureaus do not yet have a human at the other end of the phone," said Victoria Streitfeld, spokeswoman for the commission. "We are presently beginning to consider what our options are."

Equifax has no provision for human contact for most callers and tells rotary phone users, for example, to write. Experian and Trans Union put callers through a phone menu before they are put on hold for a person.

In spot checks over a month, calls were often lost at that point. The line went dead or callers were told to phone back instead of being put in a queue.

More than 20 midafternoon calls to one Experian consumer line over several days were met by busy signals; two to Trans-Union were eventually answered by a person.

"There should be a live body option," said Norm Magnuson of Associated Credit Bureaus, representing the industry. But the law does not state "there has to be a person you connect to immediately."

At banks, meanwhile, 69 of 419 surveyed this year by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group charged customers for making multiple balance inquiries by phone. Average charges for calling bank employees instead of computer banks were two or three times higher.

Toll-free numbers for credit bureaus are Equifax, 800-685-1111; Experian (formerly TRW), 800-682-7654 and Trans Union, 800-916-8800. Special lines for opting out of credit card lists are Equifax, 800-556-4711; Experian, 800-353-0809 and Trans Union, 800-680-7293.

And then there's the fashion designer who had a spat with his partner, so he turned the other chic and made a fortune.

NEW BUSINESS JOINS CHAMBER — An open house and ribbon cutting was held to welcome a new business, MD Laundry and Dry Cleaning located at 1900 Snyder Shopping Center, to the chamber of commerce. Owners David and Margaret Beaver are shown in the center accepting their membership plaque from executive director Donnna Fowler. Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m on Saturday, they offer free pickup and delivery and a drive-in window. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Texas drifter sought in woman's death

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — A Texas drifter was charged with murder Tuesday in the shooting death of a mother whose body was found in a pool of blood with her young quadruplets nearby.

Police in Florida named 21-year-old Jose Luis Del Toro Jr. in an arrest warrant and asked police in Texas, where they believed he was hiding Tuesday, for help in apprehending him.

Police said they found Del Toro's fingerprints on a clothes dryer in Sheila Bellush's home and said the gun used to kill her and handwritten directions to her home were found in his car, which was discovered in Texas.

"We want Del Toro to know that we have the murder weapon and we have his fingerprint at the murder scene," said Sarasota County sheriff Geoff Monge. "We want him to know that next to Texas, Florida is the second state in the nation in the execution of murderers."

Sheriff Sgt. Tim Carney added, "There's loads of physical evidence. We know he did it, we have to get him to get the why. ... We want to catch this guy. It's heartwrenching when you think about the children."

Mrs. Bellush, 35, was killed at her home on Friday. Her body was found by her 13-year-old daughter, Stevie, with her 23-month old quadruplets unharmed but covered in blood.

Officials said she apparently confronted the suspect as he came into the laundry room from the garage. He apparently entered the house through the garage door, which was opened, then shot and killed Mrs. Bellush.

Police said they recovered the bullet that killed Mrs. Bellush and its casing from her house.

Del Toro was seen in Mrs. Bellush's neighborhood the day of the killing wearing camouflage clothing. He checked into a nearby motel the day before the slaying, said Sheriff Geoff Monge.

Authorities also say he matches a composite sketch of a young man who had asked directions at a gas station to the street where Mrs. Bellush lived.

Tips led police to check the license plate number of a car registered to Del Toro spotted near Mrs. Bellush's home.

In addition to the gun, police also said they discovered the clothing Del Toro was allegedly wearing during the slaying, as well as keys, a towel and other items from the motel room in his car, Monge said.

A round of 45.-caliber ammunition was found in his motel room.

Del Toro's last known address was La Pryor, Texas, and authorities believed Tuesday he was in the Austin area.

Nicaraguan sweatshops are linked to Wal-Mart, Kmart, J.C. Penney

NEW YORK (AP) — Nicaraguans who make garments sold at Wal-Mart, J.C. Penney and Kmart work in appalling conditions and are paid even less than Hondurans who sewed the Kathie Lee Gifford line, a U.S. labor group claims.

"The Honduran factories that made clothes for Kathie Lee paid workers as little as 31 cents an hour, but some of these workers earn 10 cents," Charles Kernaghan, executive director of the National Labor Committee, said Tuesday.

The committee reported physical, verbal and sexual abuse at the factories in the Las Mercedes free trade zone about four miles outside Managua, Nicaragua's capital. It also said the cluster of about 10 factories ringed by barbed wire and armed guards employed workers as young as 15.

The report comes six months after President Clinton endorsed an apparel industry human rights code for foreign factories making goods for the U.S. market.

Last year, the New York-based committee also broke the Gifford sweatshop scandal that made foreign labor abuse a domestic issue.

The committee, a privately funded, nonprofit worker and human rights watchdog organization, and the syndicated television program "Hard Copy" documented the conditions in late October. The report aired Tuesday and was to continue today and Thursday.

The factories make garments sold in the United States by at least a half-dozen retailers, including the labels Faded Glory for Wal-Mart, Arizona for J.C. Penney and Route 66 for Kmart.

J.C. Penney spokeswoman Theda Page Whitehead said the Plano, Texas-based company doesn't deal directly with the factory cited in the report as making its clothing, but has a supplier that uses the plant. She said J.C. Penney is investigating.

Betsy Reithemeyer, spokeswoman for Wal-Mart, based in Bentonville, Ark., said some Wal-Mart clothing "is produced in Nicaragua, but we have inspectors there and they have found no violations."

She said another factory had been "certified" by a monitor hired by Wal-Mart and may be used by one of the retailer's vendors. "If we find they are not telling us the truth, that's cause for termination of the contract," she said.

Kmart, based in Troy, Mich., said in a statement that it inspected the factory that produced its clothing twice this year, finding "safe working conditions and adherence to our standards and working conditions and the local laws."

The investigators said they found workers toiling up to 13 hours a day, seven days a week, usually without overtime pay.

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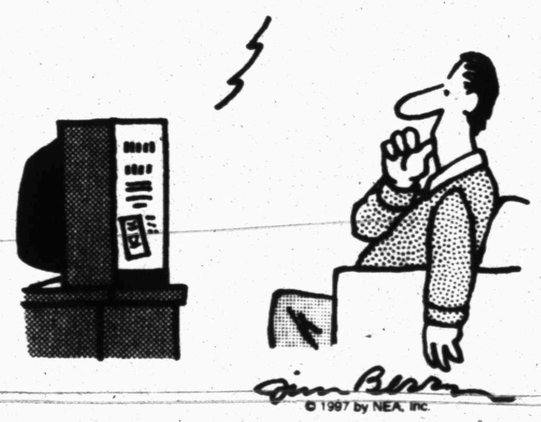

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By Bernice Bede Osol

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Thursday, Nov. 13, 1997

In the year ahead, you could be quite fortunate in a financial arrangement you have with a person with whom you also have strong emotional bonds. Something substantial may transpire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Guard against expecting more from others than you're prepared to give them. Disproportionate anticipations could usher in disappointment. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A philosophical attitude that enhances a friend's persona might not suit yours well. Be your own person and originate, don't imitate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be extra mindful of your behavior in social involvements today. A poor showing could leave a lasting impression on someone whose approval you desire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Something you'll do today might inconvenience a companion. He or she may be affected even if uninvolved in your decision making.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The use of excessive flattery to gain the support of another could produce undesirable results today. Sincerity will be much more effective.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your prudence in the management of your finances is rather frail today. Take care you don't spend excessively in order to impress others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not make the mistake of underestimating your competition today. Be competent and self-assured, but don't get carelessly cocky.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Not all of your associates will be as compassionate and generous as you are today. Be thoughtful and concerned, but don't overplay your hand.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, if you overindulge in hopes of having a good time, it could turn out to be a waste of energy and money. Happiness depends upon your frame of mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Put your ambitious expectations on a back burner today, because Lady Luck might not be as supportive of you as usual. Wait until she's in a better mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not believe everything you hear today, especially negative rumors about your workplace. Some misinformation might be grossly exaggerated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be realistic in your expectations today. If you're banking everything on getting something for nothing, you might end up with just that: nothing.

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Inmates didn't resist orders before abuse

CLUTE (AP) — A former guard for a private jail company says inmates in Brazoria County didn't resist orders and made no aggressive moves before a 1996 videotaped incident in which they allegedly were abused.

Geoffrey Blackstock, a former employee of Capital Correctional Resources Inc., told The Brazosport Facts in today's edition that he participated in the September 1996 jail shakedown and located the alleged marijuana cigarette that started the incident.

A videotape of the incident showing CCRI guards and Brazoria County sheriff's deputies using what some state officials contend was excessive force against inmates from Missouri.

The state of Missouri canceled a contract with Brazoria County after the tape emerged and took its inmates out of Texas.

Blackstock, the first jail employee to speak on the record about the incident, said he didn't see everything that happened that night but added that "the inmates I dealt with didn't make any aggressive moves whatsoever."

The former guard quit CCRI last spring and now lives in Alabama.

He said he hadn't seen the videotape in its entirety until recently, when an FBI investigator played it for him.

"There were some things on there that were pretty hard to watch that I certainly don't agree with," Blackstock said. "There were a couple of officers who may have been out of line."

Blackstock said an attack dog seen in the videotape biting at least one inmate were marched through prisoners' cells on a regular basis after the shakedown.

"It was probably for intimidation," he told The Facts.

Sheriff Joe King said the dogs were not used regularly.

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ROTARY DONATION — Snyder Rotary Club president Gayle Lomax presented a monetary gift to the Scurry County Museum accepted by Charlene Akers, director. Rotary Club makes donations to the museum and other organizations by several projects like the U.S. Flags placed in yards of subscribers on patriotic holidays. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Elizabeth Taylor passion going online

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elizabeth Taylor is taking her passion online.

The actress will participate in a no-holds-barred chat on America OnLine a week from today in honor of the 10th anniversary of her Passion fragrance line.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 11-12-97
♠ A K 3
♥ Q 2
♦ K 5 4 3 2
♣ 8 4 2

West
♠ Q J 10 8 4
♥ 6 5
♦ 10 9
♣ 10 7 5 3

East
♠ 9 6 5
♥ 7 4 3
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 9

South
♠ 7 2
♥ A K J 10 9 8
♦ A 7
♣ A K 6

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♥	Pass
7 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Bridge for dummies — and declarers

By Phillip Alder

Finally, a beginner's book with modern bidding methods has hit the bookstores: "Bridge for Dummies" by Eddie Kantar (IDG Books).

In his inimitable light style, Kantar runs through all aspects of the game — and then some. Actually, I think that the book is too long, running just over 400 pages. If you know everything covered, you are already the second- or third-best player at your club. However, if you take it slowly, playing as much as you can with friends, you will learn a sound game by keeping this book at your elbow.

Two final points: The publishers have used stylized clones of real cards: a very bad idea, to my mind. And there are so many errors that an errata sheet has been produced.

Kantar starts with card-play, then goes on to bidding. In this deal from the book, you are in seven hearts. With only 12 top tricks (two spades, six hearts, two diamonds and two clubs), the 13th will have to come from dummy's diamond suit. But you are short of dummy entries. Win with dummy's spade king, play a diamond to your ace, a diamond to dummy's king, and ruff a diamond in hand. Lead a trump to dummy's queen, ruff another diamond in hand, draw trumps, play a spade to dummy's ace, and cash the established diamond five, on which you discard the losing club six. Your first grand slam no less!

The book is available for $19.95, postpaid and autographed, from the author at 2700 Nielson Way, Apt. 334, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

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A preschool teacher we know says that one more cranky kid will prompt her to rename her school "The Whinery."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. on W. 37th; Jo Beth Gilliam of Lubbock will give a watercolor demonstration; hostess, Myrtle Joiner; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's; 10 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA;Thanksgiving meeting; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 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 appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

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

SATURDAY

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

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

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Nov. 12, 1997

Today is the 316th day of 1997 and the 53rd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1933, Hugh Gray purportedly saw the Loch Ness monster.

On this day in 1981, astronauts Richard Truly and Joe Engle rode the Space Shuttle Columbia into Earth's orbit.

On this day in 1984, Madonna's biggest-selling album, "Like a Virgin," was released.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902), reformer; Baha'u'llah (1817-1892), religious leader; Auguste Rodin (1840-1917), sculptor; Harry A. Blackmun (1908-), U.S. jurist, is 89; Grace Kelly (1929-1982), actress-princess of Monaco; Neil Young (1945-), singer-songwriter, is 52; Nadia Comaneci (1961-), gymnast, is 36; Tonya Harding (1970-), figure skater-conspirator, is 27.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1966, Dick the Bruiser pinned Mad Dog Vachon to win the American Wrestling Association title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is more tolerable to be refused than deceived." — Publilius Syrus

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1957, near the Philippines, winds from Typhoon Kit reached speeds of 200 mph.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Nov. 7) and full moon (Nov. 14).

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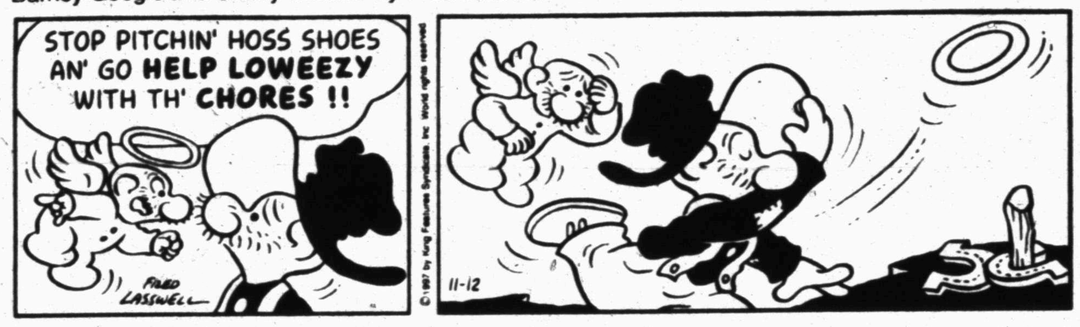

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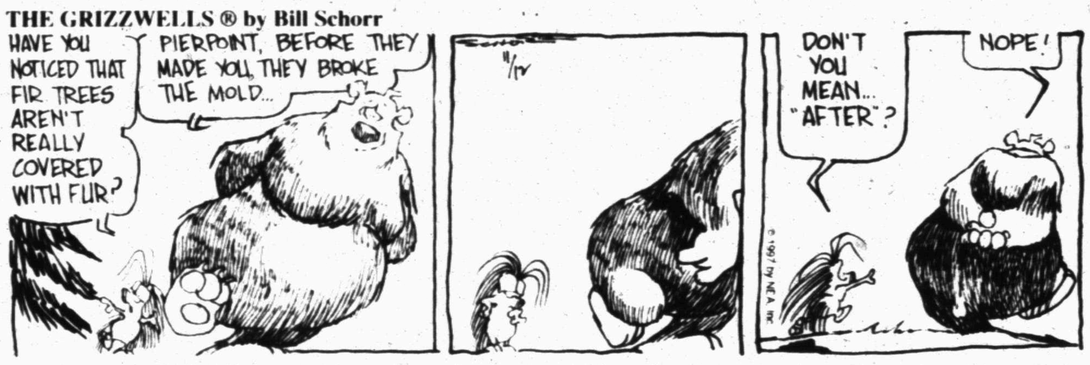

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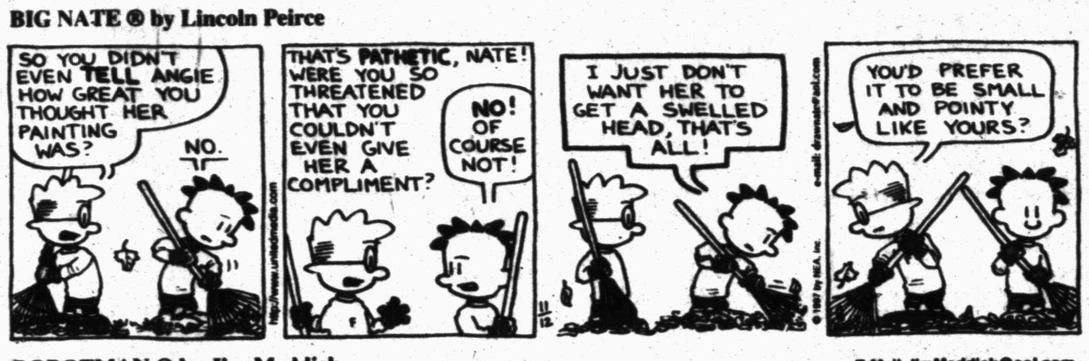

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1 Exercise system
5 Sound mental faculties
9 Dad
12 E pluribus —
13 Lotion ingredient
14 — — tree (cornered)
15 Most friendless
17 Fall behind
18 Permit
19 Pair
21 Once more
24 Author Bellow
25 Of the liver
27 Nips and —
31 Curvy letter
32 Semiprecious stone
34 Japanese aborigine
35 Poisonous plant
37 Mix
39 — Moines
40 Basil-and-garlic sauce
42 Florida race track
44 Christmas
46 — Gras
47 Brie or Camembert
50 Religious sister
51 Sweet potato
52 Astronomer's tool
57 As far — — know
58 Silkworm
59 Author Hunter
60 NJ Devils' org.
61 Invitation inits.
62 Marathon

DOWN

1 Actor Brynner
2 Lennon's love
3 Type of fight or powder
4 Aviator Earhart
5 Work as a food server
6 — de France
7 Italian opera
8 Begin (2 wds.)
9 — Fiction
10 Girasol
11 Beep
16 Slow (mus.)
20 Hawaiian food fish
21 In a pile
22 Beau —
23 Orbital point
24 Mowing blade
26 Those holding office
28 Apple juice
29 Do a baking task
30 Raw fish dish
33 Roman dozen
36 Eyelid problem
38 Branch
41 Eviction
43 Cavalry soldier
45 Desirous looks
47 Shade of blue
48 Corned beef —
49 Biographer Ludwig
50 Tide type
53 Actress Ullmann
54 Eggs
55 Logger's boot
56 Chemical suffix

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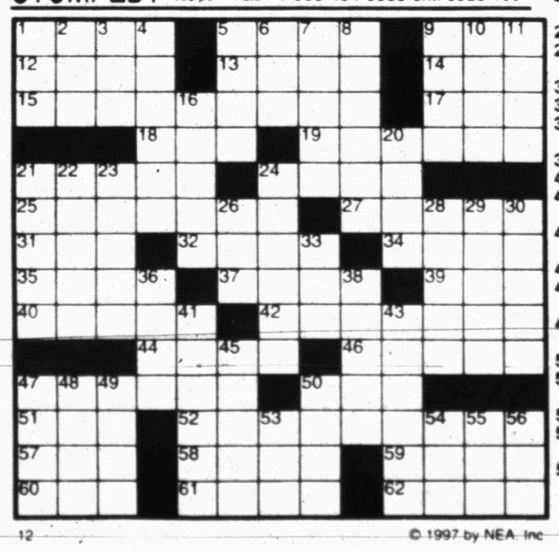

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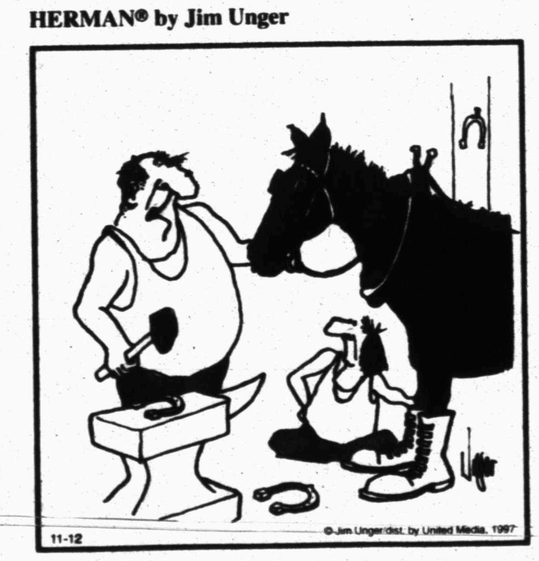

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SPORTS

Tigers pour in the points in first hoop scrimmage

ABILENE — The Snyder Tigers showed Tuesday night not only can they play aggressively, but they can put up some points.

In the first scrimmage of the season, Snyder posted 97 points against Class 5A Abilene High.

"We really played with a lot of effort," Tiger coach Bud Birks said. "The guys encouraged each other all night and played well together as a team."

Leading the way for the Tigers was Jimmy Taylor. The senior post player finished with 39 points, 25 rebounds, six steals and four blocked shots.

After struggling for a while against the multiple presses of the Eagles, Snyder's passing improved, allowing the Tigers to show their fullcourt game.

"This was a great scrimmage for us, because we got to see a lot of different presses," Birks stated. "We still have some work to do against the press, but I thought the guys did a good job of figuring out the easiest way to break it."

Snyder will be on the court again Friday for a scrimmage with Lubbock Monterey at the SHS gym, beginning at 6:30.

Snyder (97)
Jimmy Taylor 15-25 6-9 39, Chris Riggins 11-21 6-9 28, Alvin Fabre 0-4 0-0 6, Toby Delce 3-7 0-0 6, Tyler Warren 1-2 0-0 2, Brady Cobb 3-4 0-0 6, Brock Durham 1-2 5-5 10.
Three-point goals — Fabre, 2; Taylor and Durham, 1.
Rebounds — Taylor, 25; Delce, 9; Warren and Riggins, 4; Fabre, Cobb and Durham, 1.
Assists — Delce, 10; Warren and Cobb, 5; Fabre, 4; Durham, 3; Riggins, 2; Taylor, 1.

Lady Tigers go 2-1 in first scrimmages

KLONDIKE — It took the Lady Tigers only one scrimmage to figure out that they can play ball.

In the first scrimmages of the season, Snyder fell to Sands, before downing Klondike and Seminole on Tuesday.

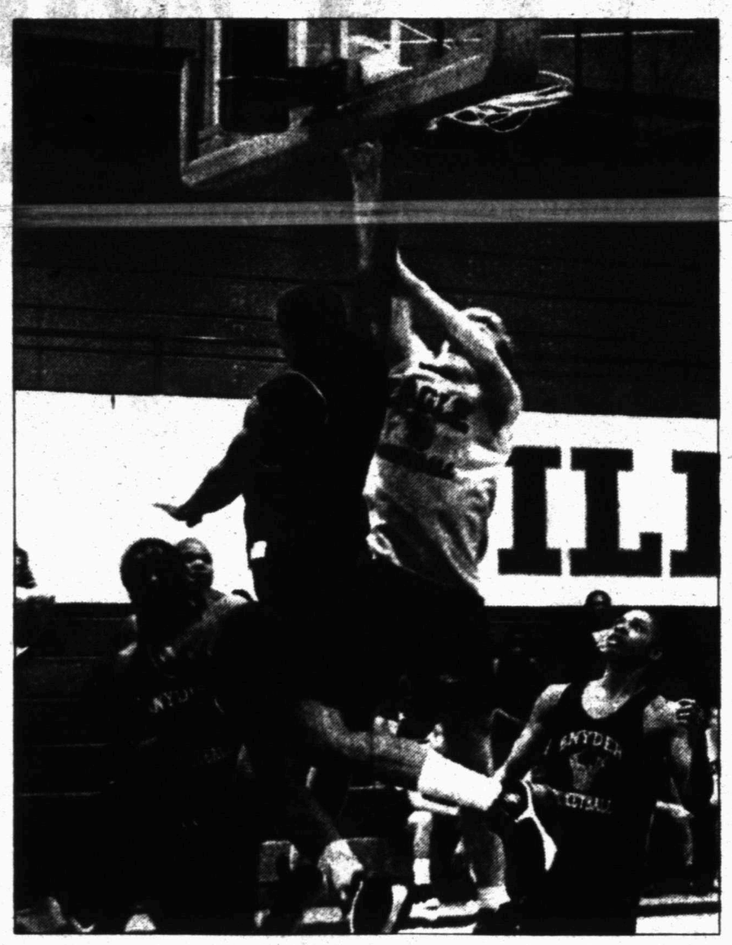
"I thought we came out really flat in the first scrimmage," Snyder coach Rick Archer said. "But in the last two, we came out and played like we're capable of."

One of the biggest positives for Archer, was the play of his four freshmen — Ashley Delce, Kameron Kallemeyn, Callie Bane and Kristin Murray.

"Everybody played well," the Lady Tigers' second-year coach stated. "The four freshman girls did a real good job when they were on the floor.

"The main things we need to work on are our shooting and our thinking. We need to learn how to think like basketball players."

Next on the schedule for Snyder is a scrimmage with Andrews at 4:30 Friday in the SHS gym.



REJECT — Snyder's Chris Riggins blocks the shot of an Abilene High player during a scrimmage Tuesday night at the AHS gymnasium. Tiger Toby Delce (left) tries to avoid the foul, while Alvin Fabre (right) looks on. (SDN Staff Photo)

Princeton tops Texas; two ranked teams fall

By The Associated Press

Princeton found a way to get noticed a lot earlier than usual.

The Tigers, the masters of the NCAA tournament first-round scare, opened the 1997-98 season with a 62-56 victory over No. 22 Texas on Tuesday night in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

Over the years the list of schools Princeton almost beat included the likes of Georgetown, Villanova and Arkansas. The Tigers finally came away with a big March win in 1996 when they knocked off defending champion UCLA in the first round.

The talent disparity wasn't as great in the win over Texas, but the Longhorns were deeper, more athletic and considered the favorite.

"They're competitive, they're basketball players playing who they play and they try to beat them all," Princeton coach Bill Carmody said of his team. "I think they get tired of hearing all that stuff. They think they can play for Texas and I always tell them to go out and show them you can."

The Tigers will face North Carolina State in tonight's championship game of the inaugural tournament at the Continental Airlines Arena. The Wolfpack beat No. 19 Georgia 47-45 in the opening round.

In the other games involving ranked teams on the opening night of the season, No. 11 New Mexico beat Southern California 98-76 and No. 24 Temple downed Auburn 68-42. Both games were played in Albuquerque, N.M., as the NABC Classic doubleheader.

Princeton took a 50-40 lead with 5:46 to play with a 14-4 run. Texas made three 3-pointers, the last two by freshman Luke Axtell, to get within 50-49 with 3:30 to play.

The Tigers then went on an 8-2 run and were 8-for-8 from the foul line over the final 1:57 to seal the victory.

Texas played without coach Tom Penders, who underwent heart surgery last Thursday, having a defibrillator implanted. The 52-year-old Penders, who was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy in 1991, is expected to resume his regular duties within 10-14 days.

"It's very difficult for the first game. We have a lot of new guys and we're missing our head coach," Texas guard Brandy Perryman said. "I mean no excuses. They did what they had to do to win. I give them a lot of credit. They did a lot of good things to beat us."

James Mastaglio and Brian Earl each had 15 points for Princeton, while DeJuan Vazquez led the Longhorns with 10 points.

No. 11 New Mexico 98, Southern Cal 76

Sophomore Lamont Long had a career-high 31 points and was 4-for-5 from 3-point range as the Lobos extended their homecourt winning streak to 27 games — third-longest in Division I. Kenny Thomas added 17 points and 11 rebounds for New Mexico, which was 13-for-26 from 3-point range and led by as many as 34 points.

Jarvis Turner had 18 points to lead the Trojans.

North Carolina St. 47, No. 19 Georgia 45

The Wolfpack, the No. 3 defensive team in the nation last season, held Georgia to 25 percent shooting (17-of-68). Justin Gainey's baseline jumper with 2:14 left broke a 45-45 tie. Georgia, which was playing its first game under coach Ron Jirsa, missed three shots in the final 13 seconds.

Kenny Inge had 13 points for North Carolina State and G.G. Smith led the Bulldogs with 11 points.

No. 24 Temple 68, Auburn 42

Lamont Barnes was 9-of-13 from the field and scored 19 points to lead the Owls, who jumped to a 21-7 lead and pulled away behind their famed 2-3 zone defense. Freshman reserve Scott Pohlman led the Tigers with 14 points and had three 3-pointers. Auburn finished 5-of-29 from 3-point range.

Baugh is nominated for Cotton Bowl Hall

Slingin' Sammy Baugh might add one more accomplishment to his already illustrious list of achievments.

The Cotton Bowl on Monday announced 50 candidates for the inaugural class of the Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame.

Sammy Baugh, father of Snyder coach David Baugh and charter member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, quarterbacked his 1937 TCU squad to victory over Marquette in the first of now 67 Cotton Bowls.

All nominees for enshrinement are Cotton Bowl, players, coaches or other personnel from the 1930s through the '90s.

They will be voted on by a panel of media representatives and athletic administrators, with the inductees being announced in December.

Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl Classic Hall of Fame Nominees

1930s
Sammy Baugh, TCU, QB, 1937
Ernie Lain, Rice, QB, 1938
Dutch Meyer, TCU, coach, 1937, '45, '52
L.D. Meyer, TCU, end, 1937
J. Curtis Sanford, founder, 1937
Byron "Whizzer" White, Colorado, QB, 1938

1940s
Matty Bell, SMU, coach, 1948-49
Bob Fenimore, Oklahoma A&M, back, 1945
John Kimbrough, Texas A&M, FB, 1941
Bobby Layne, Texas, QB, 1946
Martin Ruby, Texas A&M/Randolph Field, tackle, 1941-42, '44
Doak Walker, SMU, HB, 1948-49

1950s
Jim Brown, Syracuse, HB, 1957
Eagle Day, Mississippi, QB, 1956
Hank Lauricella, Tennessee, HB, 1951
Dicky Maegle, Rice, HB, 1954
Jess Nealy, Rice/Clemson, coach, 1940, '50, '54, '58
Lindsey Nelson, radio/TV announcer, 26 years
Jim Swink, TCU, HB, 1956-57

1960s
Lance Alworth, Arkansas, FB, 1961
Scott Appleton, Texas, tackle, 1962-64
Frank Broyles, Arkansas, coach, 1961, '65-'66, '76
Paul "Bear" Bryant, Kentucky/Alabama, coach, 1952, '68, '73, '81-'82
Duke Carlisle, Texas, QB, 1962-64
Ernie Davis, Syracuse, HB, 1960
Fred Marshall, Arkansas, QB, 1965
Loyd Phillips, Arkansas, DT, 1965-66
Darrell Royal, Texas, coach, 1960, '62-'64, '69-'74
Field Scovell, president/team selection chairman

1970s
Randy Braband, Texas, LB, 1972-73
David Hodge, Houston, LB, 1977, '79-'80
Lydell Mitchell, Penn State, RB, 1972
Joe Montana, Notre Dame, QB, 1978-79
Ara Parseghian, Notre Dame, coach, 1970-71
Jerry Sizemore, Texas, tackle, 1971-73
Charles "Cotton" Speyer, Texas, WR, 1969-70
James Street, Texas, QB, 1969-70
Joe Theisman, Notre Dame, QB, 1970-71
Steve Worster, Texas, FB, 1969-71
Bill Yeoman, Houston, coach, 1977, '79-'80, '85

1980s
Troy Aikman, UCLA, QB, 1989
Terry Elston, Houston, QB, 1980
Bo Jackson, Auburn, RB, 1986
Lance McIlheny, SMU, QB, 1983
Bill Romanowsky, Boston College, LB, 1985
Chris Spielman, Ohio State, LB, 1987

1990s
Quentin Coryatt, Texas A&M, LB, 1992
Craig Erickson, Miami, QB, 1991
Russell Maryland, Miami, DT, 1991
Chuck Webb, Tennessee, RB, 1990

Alou traded to Astros in Marlins' break-up

MIAMI (AP) — H. Wayne Huizenga promised to make the Florida Marlins a winner when he spent $89 million to fill the 5-year-old franchise's roster with high-priced talent.

Two weeks after the Marlins won the World Series, Huizenga is fulfilling another promise.

The Marlins started the breakup of their world championship team Tuesday, dealing Moises Alou to the Houston Astros for two minor-league pitchers and a player to be named.

"Experience teaches you when this happens, the perception is that it's not a good deal," said Marlins general manager Dave Dombrowski. "It's not what you prefer to do. But in this situation we're looking for young quality players that are ready to step in."

Huizenga, who said he's losing $34 million this year on the franchise, intends to sell the Marlins to a group headed by team president Don Smiley. The two have said they will cut the payroll to below $20 million next season, virtually assuring Florida will become a low-drawing non-contender.

The Marlins traded Alou, 31, for right-handers Oscar Henriquez and Manuel Barrios, both 23, and a player to be named.

The deal was made just before 2 p.m. EST, the deadline for freezing rosters for the Nov. 18 expansion draft. Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker sounded thrilled.

"Moises Alou obviously is one of the premier players in the game today," Hunsicker said. "It's unusual that anybody can acquire a player of this magnitude. Adding him to our lineup makes us a force to be reckoned with."

Alou is to be paid $5 million in each of the next two seasons and $5.25 million in each of the 2000 and 2001 seasons.

Many writers at the World Series considered Alou to be the MVP of Florida's seven-game victory over Cleveland, although pitcher Livan Hernandez won the award.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	11	5	3	25	59	45
NewJersey	11	5	0	22	50	29
Washington	9	7	2	20	50	43
N.Y.Islanders	7	7	3	17	50	46
N.Y.Rangers	4	6	7	15	42	45
Florida	5	8	3	13	37	50
TampaBay	2	13	2	6	30	61

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	11	4	2	24	56	36
Boston	10	6	1	21	43	37
Ottawa	9	7	3	21	55	46
Pittsburgh	8	7	4	20	52	52
Carolina	6	9	3	15	47	52
Buffalo	5	8	4	14	43	55

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	12	4	3	27	64	42
St.Louis	12	5	2	26	60	41
Dallas	10	6	3	23	58	51
Phoenix	8	7	2	18	52	46
Chicago	7	11	1	15	36	50
Toronto	5	8	3	13	34	47

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	9	3	6	24	57	43
Anaheim	8	6	4	20	48	48
LosAngeles	8	7	4	20	65	52
Edmonton	5	9	4	14	40	59
SanJose	6	11	1	13	46	55
Calgary	3	12	4	10	49	65
Vancouver	3	13	2	8	41	68

Monday's Games
Edmonton 4, Buffalo 4, tie
New Jersey 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
St. Louis 7, Dallas 1
Calgary 1, Chicago 1, tie
San Jose 6, Anaheim 4

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 1, Ottawa 0
Toronto 5, Chicago 2
Colorado 2, Detroit 0
Phoenix 5, Tampa Bay 2
Los Angeles 8, Vancouver 2

Wednesday's Games
Washington at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Montreal at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Washington at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Calgary, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
NewJersey	4	1	.800	-
Miami	5	2	.714	-
NewYork	4	3	.571	1
Orlando	3	3	.500	1½
Washington	2	4	.333	2½
Boston	1	5	.167	3½
Philadelphia	0	5	.000	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	7	0	1.000	-
Milwaukee	4	1	.800	2
Charlotte	4	2	.667	2½
Chicago	4	3	.571	3
Cleveland	3	3	.500	3½
Indiana	2	4	.333	4½
Detroit	2	5	.286	5
Toronto	1	5	.167	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
SanAntonio	6	1	.857	-
Minnesota	4	2	.667	1½
Houston	3	2	.600	2
Dallas	3	3	.500	2½
Vancouver	3	4	.429	3
Utah	2	4	.333	3½
Denver	0	5	.000	5

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A.Lakers	5	0	1.000	-
Portland	5	1	.833	½
Phoenix	3	1	.750	1½
Seattle	5	2	.714	1
L.A.Clippers	1	5	.167	4½
Sacramento	1	5	.167	4½
GoldenState	0	6	.000	5½

Monday's Games
San Antonio 100, Toronto 98
Portland 86, Detroit 82

Tuesday's Games
New York 93, Denver 90
Miami 101, Sacramento 82
Atlanta 89, Seattle 87
Cleveland 101, Chicago 80
San Antonio 93, Minnesota 92
L.A. Lakers 118, Dallas 96
Vancouver 119, L.A. Clippers 113

Wednesday's Games
Denver at Boston, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Utah, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Cleveland at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 9 p.m.

SDN Sports Week

Today
Basketball
WTC at Weatherford, 6 p.m.

Friday
Football
Borden County vs. Southland, bi-district playoff at Lubbock Cooper Stadium, 7:30.
Basketball
Andrews at Snyder girls, scrimmage, 4:30.
Lubbock Monterey at Snyder boys, scrimmage, 6:30.

Saturday
Football
Snyder vs. Dumas, bi-district playoff at Plainview, 2 p.m.

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Switzer says Washington match-up is a "must win"

IRVING (AP) — Barry Switzer hasn't had a good year.

His team is underachieving and now he has a cold.

But give him credit for being feisty. He holds to the theory the Dallas Cowboys are highly capable of making a championship run if they can beat Washington on Sunday.

In fact, he points out, the Cowboys did it last year with a big win over Washington.

"This is a big game, no question about it," Switzer said Tuesday in a croaking voice. "This is a must win situation. We responded well last year against Washington (21-10 on Thanksgiving Day) when we were 7-5. I just hope we respond the same this Sunday."

Dallas, winners of five consecutive NFC East titles, is 5-5 with one of the losses 21-16 to Washington in the sixth game of the season. The Redskins stand 6-4.

Dallas hasn't missed the NFL playoffs since 1990 but the current team has trouble winning despite owning the No. 2 defense in the league because the offense can't score touchdowns.

"I just hope we play like we did in the second half of the game against the (Arizona) Cardinals," Switzer said. "We're getting (guard) Nate Newton back for Washington. He should be able to play after missing last week (with a leg injury)."

Switzer said the 24-6 win over Arizona helped with team morale. There had been some grumbling among players that practices weren't hard enough.

Switzer said the practice talk "was just an excuse for getting your butt beat. I'm coaching the same way I have all my life. Winning is the only thing. It doesn't cure cancer or AIDs but it cures football problems."

This was the week, according to one report, that Switzer was expected to be replaced by personnel director Larry Lacewell, according to sources.

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Jury in CIA shootings fears for safety

Defense questions whether Kasi lost right to fair trial

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Members of the jury that convicted a Pakistani man of killing two CIA employees sent a note to the judge expressing fear for their safety, an attorney for defendant Mir Aimal Kasi revealed in court today.

Attorney Richard Goemann disclosed the note as he asked Judge J. Howe Brown to question the jurors individually on whether they had read or heard about today's slaying of four Americans in Pakistan.

Goemann argued that if jurors saw news coverage of the killings in Pakistan, Kasi has lost his right to a fair trial.

Brown refused Goemann's request, but asked jurors, as he has each morning, if any of them had seen or heard anything about the case. No one responded.

Jurors had sent the note to Brown on Monday, the day they found Kasi guilty Monday of capital murder, first-degree murder, malicious wounding and firearms charges in an anti-American shooting rampage outside CIA headquarters in 1993. The panel returned to court Tuesday to hear evidence in the punishment phase of the trial, and could recommend a death sentence for Kasi.

Today, jurors were to hear doctors debate whether Kasi suffered from mental illness or brain damage.

Goemann noted that stories about the attack in Karachi appeared on the front pages of newspapers this morning.

Police said there was a "strong possibility" of a link between the Kasi's conviction and the slayings. The State Department on Monday had warned Americans abroad to be aware of possible retaliation.

In Washington today, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said there was no evidence of a connection between the killings and Monday's verdict. "But obviously, we will watch for a link," he said.

Kasi, 33, was convicted Monday in the Jan. 25, 1993, slayings of Frank Darling, 28, and Lansing Bennett, 66. The men were shot while waiting in their cars at a traffic light outside the spy agency's suburban Langley headquarters. He also was found guilty of wounding three other people.

Prosecutors argued that Kasi wanted to avenge the American bombing of Iraq and American meddling in Muslim countries.

More layoffs are expected as companies trim down

NEW YORK (AP) — Not a month after a major study concluded that downsizings are declining, the jobs of more than 15,000 workers were eliminated so that five more companies can fit into their ever-tightening fiscal belts.

Mighty Eastman Kodak, trying to catch up with its feisty competitor Fuji Photo Film Co., said Tuesday it is cutting 10,000 jobs as part of a worldwide restructuring.

Fruit of the Loom said it was ousting 2,900, Waste Management was letting 1,200 go, electronic components maker Kemet Corp. was saying goodbye to 1,000 and Donna Karan International was giving up 15 percent of its work force, 285 people.

Late last month, the American Management Association issued a report saying that companies were hiring again after years of widespread layoffs and shakeups. Downsizing, the AMA said, was at its lowest level of the 1990s.

The same day the report came out, Citicorp announced the elimination of 7,500 jobs.

Should all these layoffs come as a surprise given the robust state of the U.S. economy — one that President Clinton has declared the strongest in a generation?

Not really. Business analysts say even though a country's overall economy may be doing well, each company still faces its own set of challenges.

"The overall economy is at full employment ... but individual firms face competitive problems," said C. Fred Bergsten, director of the Institute for International Economics in Washington. "That continues in bad times and good times."

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DowChem		90⅝	90	1-16 90⅝— 3-16
DresserInd		41⅝	40⅞	41 9-16+ ¼
DuPont s		60¼	59	5-16 60 1-16— ⅛
EastmanChem		59¼	58⅛	58⅜— ⅛
EstKodak	62 1-16	60	11-16	61 15-16— ¾
EDS Corp		38¾	37⅛	37 11-16— ¼
Entergy		24⅛	24	24⅛+ 5-16
Exxon s		59⅝	58⅜	59 5-16— ½
Flowers s	20	19	13-16	19 15-16— ⅛
FordMotor		44⅜	44¼	44½— ⅜
GTE Cp		45⅝	44⅝	44 15-16— 5-16
GenDynam		83⅝	83¼	83 5-16—13-16
GenElecs		67	66¼	66⅞— ½
GenMills		69	68¼	68⅝+ 3-16
GenMotors	63 3-16	62	11-16	63⅛— ½
GaPacif		86⅛	85⅞	86⅛— 3-16
GlobalMar		32	31	1-16 31⅛— ⅛
Goodrich	44 3-16	43⅜	43	11-16— ¾
Goodyear s	61 1-16	60⅝	60⅝	—13-16
GtAtlPac		34⅛	33½	34 7-16+ ⅜
Halliburtn s		59⅛	57	58 9-16+ ⅜
Hanson ADS		25	7-16	25¼ 25¼— 5-16
HarteHanks	35 5-16	34	15-16	34 15-16— 7-16
HomeDepot s		55	3-16	54⅜ 55 1-16— ⅜
HoustonInds		21⅜	21⅛	21 11-16— ⅛
IBM s		99	97⅞	98⅛— ½
IntlPaper		47⅝	46	11-16 47 1-16— ⅜
JohnsonJn		60¼	59⅝	59⅝—11-16
K mart		13	9-16	13⅜ 13⅜— 1-16
Kroger s		34	1-16	33⅜ 34 1-16+ 1-16
Litton				49¼ 49 49⅛+ ⅛
LockhdMart	92 15-16		92¼	92 15-16— 1-16
Lowes Cos		42	5-16	41 9-16 42 3-16+ 3-16
Lubys	19 13-16	19	9-16	19 9-16— 3-16
LucentTech			79	77⅝ 79 — ⅛
MayDeptStrs			53⅜	52⅛ 53⅛+ ⅛
Medtronic s		47	7-16	46⅝ 47 5-16+ 3-16
Mobils		74¼	73⅜	73 11-16—13-16
Monsanto			44¼	43¼ 43⅜— ⅛
MorganJP		112⅞	112	112 11-16— 1⅜
Motorola			63⅜	61⅜ 62⅛
NCR Corp n		29⅜	29⅛	29 11-16— ¼
NationsBk s		59⅝	58⅜	59 3-16+ 3-16
Navistar		21⅞	21	9-16 21 9-16— ⅛
Norwests		32	7-16	31 9-16 32¼+ ⅛
OryxEngy		28⅜	27	5-16 28⅛+ ⅜
Penney JC		62⅜	62	3-16 62⅜— ¼
Pennzoil		67⅜	65⅝	67⅛+ ⅛
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Tandy s			43⅜	42⅛ 42⅜
TempleInland		59⅝	59	1-16 59¼— 7-16
Tenneco		43⅜	43¼	43⅜— ⅛
Texaco s		56⅛	56¼	56 11-16— 5-16
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Textron s		58⅜	57⅝	58⅜—11-16
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TriconGlbR n		33	5-16	33⅛ 33⅛— ¼
TrinityInds		42	15-16	42 7-16 42½— 1⅛
TritonEngy		39	3-16	38 13-16 38 15-16— ¼
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US WestCm		41⅜	41	5-16 41 11-16— ⅛
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Unocal	40 9-16	40	3-16	40 5-16— ⅜
WalMart		37	9-16	36 13-16 37⅛+ ⅜
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Chronic cough may have many causes

DEAR DR. GOTT: For five years, I have coughed almost continuously. My doctor took a chest X-ray and told me that I have chronic bronchitis for which there is no cure. Also, I have occasional heartburn. My only medicine is Vasotec, for high blood pressure. I am absolutely worn out. Can you help me?

DEAR READER: I hope so.

There are at least four possible causes for your cough.

First, your doctor has diagnosed chronic bronchitis. In simple terms, this is an ongoing inflammation in your bronchial tubes. The inflammation releases mucus, which makes you cough. Chronic bronchitis is common in cigarette smokers and in people who live or work in areas with significant air pollution.

I don't agree with your doctor that this ailment is incurable. Chronic bronchitis usually responds to antibiotic treatment — and, of course, discontinuation of smoking. Avoiding air pollution is a more difficult challenge.

Second, your heartburn may reflect a common intestinal condition called "reflux," the backwash of stomach acid into the esophagus. Reflux can lead to chronic cough, as well as to digestive symptoms. In my opinion, you should have an upper GI series (special X-rays of your stomach).

Third, you have been prescribed Vasotec, which, in about 10 percent of users, can cause a troublesome, dry cough. Ask your doctor to substitute a different medicine to control your blood pressure. If the Vasotec is to blame, you'll stop coughing within a couple of weeks.

Fourth, your hypertension may have damaged your heart, resulting in congestive heart failure. Mild forms of this affliction may cause only cough, without the breathlessness that accompanies more severe forms. Your doctor may choose to order a cardiac ultrasound exam to assess your heart's function.

As you can see, your physician has his work cut out for him. I believe that the cause (or causes) of your cough can be diagnosed through further testing, and — now the good news — the diseases I mentioned are all treatable, even curable. Let me know what the testing reveals.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Many states have sued cigarette makers. Why are makers of alcohol not being sued?

DEAR READER: A good question, especially when you consider the enormous amount of death, disease and injury associated with alcohol use.

One reason that brewers, distillers and vintners aren't sued may be that attorneys enjoy their evening cocktails and wine with dinner.

I'm just kidding, am I not?

I don't know the answer to your question, but I'd welcome responses from readers who may have opinions on the matter.

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Scurry County Country

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts,
County Extension Agent

Reasons for liquid loss from jars

There are many reasons for loss of liquid from jars during processing.

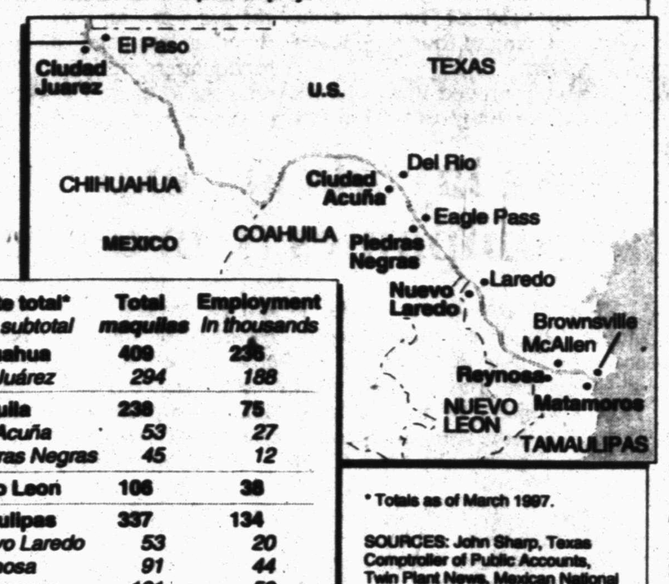
1. Jar is packed too full, without sufficient headspace.
2. Food is packed so tightly that liquid did not fill the spaces between pieces of food.
3. Starchy foods may absorb some of the liquid.
4. Liquid added to cover cold raw food was not hot enough when placed in canner.
5. Air bubbles were not removed at the time of packing. Use a plastic spatula around the inside of the jar to remove air bubbles.
6. Jars processed in boiling water bath were not covered with 1-2 inches of water.
7. Pressure canner was not sufficiently exhausted.
8. Allowing pressure to fluctuate or suddenly lowering the temperature during processing, due to lack of control over the source of heat.
9. Too sudden changes in temperature when processing period is over. (If the canner cools too quickly while the contents of the jar remain at a much higher temperature, the liquid will boil over. The contents of the jar and the canner have to cool down gradually from 240 degrees F to 212 degrees F. The "coming down" period should be gradual and even.)
10. Opening the petcock before the pressure has returned to zero. (When the pressure has returned to zero, open the petcock very cautiously and if steam escapes, close and wait a few minutes. This avoids cooling the atmosphere around the jar too fast, which causes liquid to boil out.)
11. Letting the canner stand too long after pressure returns to zero. It should be opened within a couple of minutes after it returns to zero pressure.

Although they may have perfect vision, self-important people have "I" trouble no ophthalmologist can cure.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Border manufacturing big business

Mexican manufacturing plants, or *maquiladoras*, in six cities along the Texas border employ more than 343,000 workers who produce items such as electronic and transportation equipment, textiles and apparel. The four Mexican states that border Texas along the Rio Grande are home to 42 percent of all the *maquiladoras* in Mexico and employ 56 percent of all Mexican *maquila* employees.



4-state total* city subtotal	Total maquilas	Employment In thousands
Chihuahua	409	236
Cd. Juárez	*294*	*188*
Coahuila	239	75
Cd. Acuña	*53*	*27*
Piedras Negras	*45*	*12*
Nuevo Leon	106	38
Tamaulipas	337	134
Nuevo Laredo	*53*	*20*
Reynosa	*91*	*44*
Matamoros	*121*	*52*
State total	1,090	482
Mexico total	2,624	861

* Totals as of March 1997.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Twin Plant News, Mexican National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information, and Dallas Federal Reserve Bank.

Crop Report

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Despite recent rains, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports moisture stress in many wheat fields across the state.

In West Central Texas, Extension director Scott Durham of San Angelo said wheat fields are in extremely poor shape.

He said most counties, with the exception of those in the far northern region of the state, have not had enough significant rainfall.

"Many stands are thin from lack of moisture," he said. "In the far north, wheat fields still have some deep moisture but are drying out on top."

He said that wheat is 100 percent planted in that region; much of that was planted in dry soil.

"Now we're waiting for a good rain to help it come up," Durham said.

In the Rolling Plains, Extension director Galen Chandler of Vernon said all counties are needing rain to improve wheat and pasture growing conditions.

"The wheat is in dire need of rainfall," Chandler said.

He said most of the crop has emerged in that region, but growth has slowed down considerably due to dry conditions.

He added that despite mild insect damage, some wheat is pulling through.

"Some of the earlier planted wheat looks good and will have grazing potential soon," he said.

In the Panhandle, Extension entomologist Dr. Carl Patrick of Amarillo said wheat producers are in the same situation.

"Our dryland wheat is under some stress, but would still respond to rain at this point," Patrick said.

In the Rolling Plains, Chandler said oats are needing rain for growth and pastures need moisture for winter forage.

"A two- to three-inch rainfall over the area would really help the range conditions before the winter comes," he said.

Durham said, however, the dry weather has been good for at least one other crop in Texas.

"The dry weather has been awfully good for the cotton harvest," he said. "Yields are above normal and we're well on our way to a successful harvest season."

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture very short to short. Range conditions good but dry. Cattle fair to good; some supplemental feeding. Cotton, sugar beet harvest continues. Sorghum harvest winding down. Wheat is rated fair to good; dryland fields are moisture stressed.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges in good condition. Cotton harvest remains in full swing. Sorghum harvest under way. Soybean, sunflower harvest nearing completion. Wheat planting continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture short. Range, pasture conditions fair. Supplemental feeding continues in cow herds. Cotton harvest progressing nicely. Peanut harvest almost complete; average yields but high quality. Wheat crop in need of rainfall.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture very short to adequate. Winter pasture planting continues. Cattle in good shape; some supplemental feeding. Cotton harvest nearing completion. Wheat growing well. Good sweet potato quality. Pecans beginning to fall.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture adequate. Pastures fair; grass quality declining. Livestock in good condition. Good progress on wheat. Peanut harvest almost complete with fair yields. Cole harvest under way. Good pecan yields. Spray programs active in peaches.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture very short to adequate. Pastures, ranges in poor to good condition. Livestock conditions remain stable. Cotton harvest nearing completion; boll weevils persist. Pecan harvest under way; quality appears good.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture very short to short. Pastures need rain for winter forage. Livestock fair; supplemental feed is needed. Cotton harvest conditions good. Sorghum harvest complete; fair production. Wheat fields in poor shape; need moisture. Pecans maturing.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture adequate. Winter grasses providing limited grazing; beginning supplemental feeding. Extremely good pecan yields. Wheat planting continues. Low vegetable yields due to dry weather.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture short to adequate. Pasture conditions vary from short to thriving. Big hay surplus in some counties. Pecan harvest still in full swing. Cotton harvest hampered by recent rains.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture short. Livestock in good condition. Peanut harvest complete. Pecan harvest continues. Winter vegetables making good progress. Cabbage harvest continues; excellent yields and quality. Spinach cutting beginning soon.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture short to adequate. Winter pasture planting continues. Hay supplies good. Second rice crop under way; good to excellent yields. Wheat fields show drought stress. Soybean, cotton harvest continues.

SOUTH TEXAS: soil moisture short. Pastures, ranges showing improvement with rain. Livestock prices remain stable; supplemental feeding continues. Sugarcane, fall vegetable planting continues; some irrigation occurring. Citrus harvest under way.

Cloned sweet potatoes bound for marketplace

COLLEGE STATION — Sometime just before Thanksgiving 1999, the ultimate Texas sweet potato may be pulled from the ground and shipped to market — it and tens of thousands just like it.

One of the best sweet potatoes produced in 1996 was successfully cloned this year — making about 16,000 copies of it — and field trials indicate that the test tube tubers held true to the quality of the sweet potato from which they were made. Cloning and growing of those offspring in numbers enough to produce seedstock for the East Texas farmers is likely next spring for planting of a commercial crop of the clones in 1999.

The cloning shaves about 10 years off traditional variety breeding methods, according to Dr. Leonard Pike, horticulturist and director of the Vegetable Improvement Center at Texas A&M University where the sweet potato was cloned.

"The procedure that he did proved that it is possible to reproduce a very good yield producing plant through cloning," said Richard Stewart, a grower from Van Zandt County.

Production problems heightened last year when the harvest dig turned up an abundance of malformed, oversized sweet potatoes unfit for the fresh market. Farmers in Van Zandt, Rains and Wood counties where the bulk of the crop is grown saw quality concerns and urban encroachment from Dallas just 50 miles away shadowing their livelihood and decided science might yield some answers to keep the $11 million-a-year industry alive.

They found Pike, creator of the famous 1015 onion and widely anticipated maroon carrot, who admits that sweet potatoes were not a crop with which he had much experience. And he's not alone. In fact, to the chagrin of the growers, virtually no research has been done on the 50-year-old-plus Texas sweet potato industry, which ranks fifth nationally.

But Pike, curious whether environmental conditions or genetic changes were causing the problem, decided to take a stab at finding an answer. He adapted his onion cloning techniques in his College Station lab. The result was that from March until October, one sweet potato turned into 16,000 identical sweet potato slips that were planted, harvested and critiqued from plots at College Station and Overton. From the College Station harvest, Pike determined that environmental issues were not to blame. Three of the best individuals from that field were chosen for cloning, which will begin in February.

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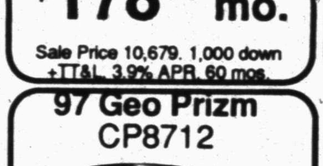
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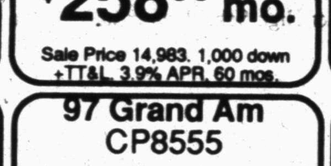
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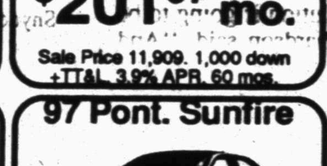
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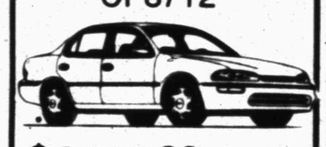
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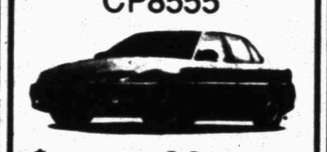
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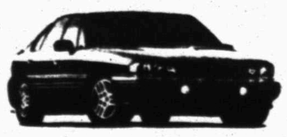
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

HERMLEIGH'S CHOSEN — Candace Gonzales was crowned football sweetheart and Tony Garza was named football hero last Thursday during Hermleigh Junior High School's grid match with Loraine. (Contributed Photo)

U.S. flies storm aid to Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — A U.S. Air Force transport plane landed today in southern Vietnam with more than $460,000 in food, medicine and other aid for typhoon victims.

The emergency supplies are part of the first major U.S. donation to its former enemy since the 1975 fall of Saigon, renamed Ho Chi Minh City after the communists captured the former capital of South Vietnam.

The U.S. C-141 landed in Ho Chi Minh City after a flight from a U.S. military base in Okinawa, Japan.

Tens of thousands of families remain homeless after Typhoon Linda slammed down on Vietnam's southernmost Ca Mau and Kien Giang provinces earlier this month.

Linda killed at least 435 people, according to the Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control. Several thousand more people remain missing.

The storm caused more than $450 million in damage, flattening entire villages.

The United States is donating more than $600,000 in aid to typhoon victims. Ambassador Pete Peterson met today with Deputy Foreign Minister Vu Khoan to deliver a check for $25,000, the U.S. Embassy said.

"The Vietnamese government issued an appeal to the international community and this was an area where we could help," said U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Dennis Harter.

On Tuesday, a chartered commercial flight from Guam delivered about $65,000 worth of medicine and other supplies, Harter said. Additionally, the United States government is supplying about $85,000 worth of meteorological equipment to help Vietnam improve its ability to detect the size and pattern of storms.

One reason for Typhoon Linda's impact on southern Vietnam was that the region was caught unprepared for its size and speed.

"This is such a big national tragedy," said Kim Cuong, a popular Vietnamese actress helping to raise relief funds.

Youth football league finds lyrics of Barbie song too racy

DENTON (AP) — A youth football league has declared the song "Barbie Girl" off limits to its cheerleaders, who range in age from 4 to 6.

Too racy, say league officials in The Colony, a community in southeast Denton County about 20 miles northwest of Dallas.

But some cheerleader moms are upset.

"We have been dancing to that song for the entire year," said Diane Timmons, coach of a squad that was performing a dance routine to a tape of "Barbie Girl."

"Now, the song has been banned because some freaked-out parents said the song is suggestive. We had to completely change our music and learn a new dance, all in one week before the competition."

Cheerleader teams will compete Saturday for first-place trophies, Ms. Timmons told The Dallas Morning News.

The song consists mostly of an exchange between Barbie and her boyfriend, Ken.

Barbie warbles the chorus, "I'm a Barbie girl in a Barbie world/life in plastic, it's fantastic/ You can brush my hair, undress me everywhere ..."

Between choruses, the song is a lovers' duet for the two dolls, still teen-agers after nearly 40 years on the market.

"You're my doll. ... Kiss me here, touch me there, hanky-panky," sings Ken. "Come on, Barbie, let's go party."

"You can touch, you can play, if you say I'm always yours," she responds.

Obituaries

Royce Hardy

1923-1997

MERKEL — Royce Hardy, the brother of Lou Cox of Snyder, died Monday, Nov. 10, in an Abilene hospital.

Service for Mr. Hardy, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bill Scott officiating. Burial will follow in the Trent Cemetery.

Born in Holland, Tex., He married Joy Nichols in 1944 in Pampa. Mr. Hardy was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran.

Mr. Hardy managed dry good stores in Stamford, Munday, Graham, Brownfield and Monahans. He moved to Merkel in 1963 and owned and operated Hardy Grocery Store. He owned Little Jewel Grocery Store in Abilene from 1976 to 1983 when he retired. He was Baptist and a member of the Munday Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Joy Hardy of Merkel; a son, Royce Hardy of Kissimmee, Fla.; a daughter, Linda Stinson of Abilene; a brother, Bobby Hardy of Abilene; another sister, La Rue Debusk of Anson; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

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U.N. to vote on sanctions against Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — With the Security Council poised to vote on increasing sanctions against Baghdad, diplomats were making one final attempt to persuade Iraq to rescind its order expelling U.S. arms inspectors.

The 15-member Security Council was to meet today to schedule a vote on a U.S.-British resolution that condemns Iraq for its decision to expel Americans from the U.N. weapons team and slaps a foreign travel ban on Iraqi officials who obstruct them.

Russia and France were expected to vote for the resolution, but both governments made clear they did not support military force. Russia also said it would oppose any curbs in humanitarian aid as suggested last week by Defense Secretary William Cohen.

The resolution "does not in any way foresee the use of force," French Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Anne Gazeau-Secret said. Russia's U.N. ambassador, Sergey Lavrov, said Moscow "cannot accept any use of force because it leads us nowhere." The United States has not ruled out military action.

In Moscow, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Russia would not accept "any power pressure on Baghdad or restriction on humanitarian deliveries for the Iraqi population."

U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson said he expected "near-unanimity" on the resolution. Diplomats said China was the only holdout late Tuesday. Chinese diplomats said they needed instructions from Beijing.

"This resolution is going to be passed," Richardson said. "And we think it sends an unmistakable signal for Iraq to comply immediately."

Diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the French, Russians and others planned one last try at persuading the Iraqis to back down in the hours before the vote.

Shortly before the council was to meet, however, Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Said al-Sahhaf insisted Baghdad still intends to expel the Americans.

Various complaints keep lawmen moving

Local law enforcement authorities were kept busy Tuesday answering a number of complaints.

Kathy Holdren told officers at 8:56 a.m. that her cellular telephone had been stolen in the middle of October and someone had been charging calls on it. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Officers were notified at 3:55 p.m. that a vehicle was being driven recklessly in the area of Central Elementary.

The fire department responded to a report of a leaking butane tank in the 500 block of 15th Street at 6:27 p.m. Firemen found a broken service line from the tank to the residence. They closed a valve to prevent additional leakage.

A minor two-vehicle accident occurred at 7:58 p.m. in the 3400 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1984 Ford pickup driven by William Stevens of 126 Coliseum Drive and a 1985 Ford driven by Doris Tanner of 1282 Lear.

Officers were called to the 1100 block of 26th Street at 7:59 p.m. as juveniles were reported inside a vacant house.

A person notified officers at 8:02 p.m. that a subject had made partial payments on a motorcycle but had not finished paying it off or returned the cycle. The person was advised of the proper steps to take.

An officer was requested at Skinny's on 37th Street at 12:09 a.m. today as a person was seen getting into the store's dumpster. The subject was advised of the city ordinance forbidding going through a dumpster.

The DPS investigated a one-vehicle accident at 1:50 this morning on U.S. Highway 84, some 12 miles west of Snyder. Involved was a 1997 Freightliner driven by George Rice of Kingsland. The vehicle was eastbound when it jackknifed in the median. There were no injuries.

An officer was flagged down at 2:44 this morning in the area of College Avenue and Huffman Avenue as a person advised they could smell something burning in the area. The source was located at G&G Grocery. Food had been left cooking on the stove.

Officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident at 2:33 p.m. Monday in the 1600 block of East Coliseum Drive. Involved were a 1992 Chevrolet pickup driven by Patricia Dennis of 208 23rd Street and a 1988 Chevrolet driven by Michael Logan of 4002 Austin.

Births

Joel and Neika Smith of San Angelo are parents of a son, Jadon Clint Smith. He was born, weighing seven pounds and four ounces, at 3:24 a.m. on Nov. 8 in Shannon Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are Lilith McAuthur of San Angelo, formerly of Snyder, and Clint and Frances McCowen. Great-grandparents are Ray and June Neel of Amarillo.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Revival to begin

Trinity Full Gospel Apostolic Faith Church will hold a revival tonight through Sunday with evangelist M.D. "Doc" Methvin. Services will be 7 o'clock week nights and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Ken Cruse is the pastor. Special music will be offered.

Cornelius-Dodson House

The Cornelius-Dodson House will be open to the public from 2-4 p.m. Friday. Everyone is invited.

'The Foreigner' & 'Meet Me'

Two Snyder Junior High one-act plays, "The Foreigner" and "Meet Me In St. Louis," will be performed for the public at 7 p.m. Friday. There is no charge for admission.

Shelled pecan halves

Snyder High School Technology Student Association (TSA Club) is selling shelled pecan halves at $6 per pound. Contact a club member to purchase them.

AARP to meet

The local AARP chapter will meet at noon Monday in the Senior Center. Peggy Arellano will present a program on child safety.

Bible study tapes on TV

Bible study video tapes run weekly on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Why I Know Christianity Is True," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Dallas Holm concert

First Baptist Church will host Dallas Holm in a Face of Mercy concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday. A $3 donation is requested at the door and those attending are asked to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item to help feed the needy.

Blood pressure clinic

Total Home Healthcare of Post will hold a free blood pressure clinic from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday in the Fluvanna Cafe.

SHS choir sets Madrigal Dinners

Snyder High School choir students are planning Madrigal Dinners at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1-2 at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Tickets are $15 per person and went on sale Monday. No refunds will be given for unused tickets and reservations will be held until one day prior to the performance.

Call 573-6301 for reservations. Remittance may be mailed to Tickets, Choral Dept., Snyder High School, 2901 37th St. 79549, or bring it to the high school office.

Poinsettia sale

Snyder High School choir members are taking orders for their annual poinsettia sale. The plants will arrive at the high school on Dec. 1 and students will deliver them that week. The plants come in three colors: white, red and red with white spots. They are $10 each, to be paid at the time of delivery.

Tiger banners for sale

Snyder Girls Hoops Club is selling Tiger banners for $25. Call 573-1769 or 573-4283. They will deliver.

Museum seeks items for angel display

Scurry County Museum needs angel related items to display Nov. 20-Jan. 5. These may include angel pictures, calendars, statues, jewelry, craft objects, even clothes with angel motifs on them. Call 573-6107 for more details.

Driver's license office

The Texas Department of Public Safety driver's license office will be closed each Monday through Jan. 9.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Married For Life

Marriage Ministries International present Married For Life, an outreach program, at 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Union Community Center. Attendance at an Outreach Night is a prerequisite to participating in a Married for Life group. For more information, call 573-7471.

Christmas tour of homes

A holiday tour of homes will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Dec. 7. The event is hosted by Historic Scurry County Inc. and the Scurry County Historical Commission. Tickets for the tour are $10 and are available at Eddie's Pharmacy, Countryplace and Bar H Bar Family Outfitters.

Cash Five

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

7-27-32-33-34

(seven, twenty-seven, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four)

Pick 3

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

6-0-7

(six, zero, seven)

Bishops eye return to meatless Fridays

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some Catholic clergy concede they eat steak and pot roast on Fridays these days, but many favor a return to meatless Fridays as a way to improve penitence and unify America's 61 million Catholics.

Roman Catholics used to be required to abstain from meat on Fridays, the day the Bible says Jesus suffered and died on the cross. The rule was abandoned in the 1960s, but still is in effect during Lent.

Now, the 300-member National Conference of Catholic Bishops, which ends its national meeting here Thursday, has voted to study a proposal to resume the longtime practice. The proposal also is intended as a way for Catholics to express themselves against abortion, euthanasia, war violence, drugs and other "attacks on human life and human dignity."

Cardinal Adam Maida of Detroit says he doesn't eat meat on Fridays, unless he is at a banquet or in a private home. "People say 'It's a special occasion and bring out the biggest steak, or the biggest roast,'" says Maida, who grew up eating potato soup and potato pancakes on Fridays. "I accommodate my host. In my home, no meat on Fridays."

But he says the proposal is not just about what a person eats for lunch or dinner. Catholics have become homogenized into American culture and they hunger for an opportunity to publicly witness that "'I'm a Catholic. I am for life and I affirm the value of life as taught by the church.'"

Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston, chairman of the bishops' Committee for Pro-Life, where the proposal originated, said meatless Friday is just one idea being pondered.

"Maybe we need to return to that, but more broadly, we're studying the very nature of Friday as a penitential day and how do we better call ourselves to observe it," said Law, who still abstains from meat at home on Fridays even though the rule was relaxed three decades ago.

"The question now is, 'Did we lose the whole notion of Friday being a penitential day?'" Law said. "Our pastoral experience is that people have tended to lose sight of it since the obligation of abstinence on Friday was removed."

And there is another question: Is giving up meat a sufficient sign of penitence. "Fish is very good — I have to say that coming from Boston," he says.

Jerry Pokorsky, a priest for the diocese of Arlington, Va., said he's behind meatless Fridays, which was suggested in 1983 when the conference called upon Catholics to do penance on Friday "by eating less food and by abstaining from meat" as a way of promoting peace.

"That never really caught on. I think there is more energy for this one," Pokorsky said. "We have an obligation as Catholics to do penance on Fridays. And I think it's a beautiful expression of our solidarity with the unborn."

Personally, though, Pokorsky probably would choose pasta over fish.

"There is some fish I like," he says. "I like perch — lake perch from the Great Lakes. But I'd rather have chicken or meat."

Monsignor Lorenzo Albacete of New York pointed to his portly shape and said he thought it would be better for him to eat more fish.

British au pair's trial...

Defense's medical evidence denounced

BOSTON (AP) — Fifty doctors who treat victims of child abuse have denounced the medical evidence presented by defense experts at Louise Woodward's murder trial as inaccurate and unscientific.

The theory used to defend the British au pair — that the baby she was accused of killing died from an old injury that re-bled — "is a courtroom diagnosis, not a medical diagnosis," said a letter signed by the pediatricians and intended for publication.

"Infants simply do not suffer massive head injury, show no significant symptoms for days, then suddenly collapse and die," the letter said.

Judge Hiller Zobel reduced Ms. Woodward's second-degree murder conviction to involuntary manslaughter Monday, then declared the 279 days she had spent in prison an adequate sentence and set her free. She cannot leave Massachusetts until an expected appeal from prosecutors is settled.

Ms. Woodward, 19, remained in seclusion today in the presidential suite of the Hyatt Harborside Conference Hotel, an airport hotel where rooms start at $249 a night.

Copies of a statement distributed in the hotel's lobby Tuesday said she was saddened by Matthew Eappen's death.

"My family and I have been trying to readjust to life together in the wake of my release from prison," Ms. Woodward said. "My relief at being freed does not reduce my desire to obtain total vindication in a case where, as I have said under oath, I committed no crime whatsoever."

The ruling drew angry cries from the baby's parents, Drs. Deborah and Sunil Eappen. Polls also indicated many Americans wanted Louise Woodward to serve more prison time for killing a baby in her care.

Prosecutors argued that Ms. Woodward violently shook 8-month-old Matthew in frustration and slammed him against a hard surface on Feb. 4, causing his death five days later. The defense contended the injury was suffered earlier.

One of the authors of the doctors' letter said today he and other colleagues believed the defense's "re-bleed" theory was unsupported.

"All of us just felt outraged that this type of medical testimony was being allowed to be passed off as truth," said Dr. Robert M. Reece, head of the Institute for Professional Education at the Massachusetts Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Ms. Woodward's letter said she knows the Eappens are convinced that she killed Matthew or at least contributed to his death.

"I pray that further investigation into the scientific evidence convinces the Eappens that I did their son no harm," she said.

While opinion in this country and in Ms. Woodward's hometown in Elton, England, appeared divided on whether she harmed the baby, two polls released Tuesday indicated that a large number of Americans believe the order that set her free was too lenient.

"I think she should serve some kind of longer term," said Amy Troubh, a single mother of two boys. "She killed a baby."

Like many polled, Troubh agreed with Zobel's decision to reduce the conviction to manslaughter but disapproved of his move to sentence Ms. Woodward to time served.

"She has not shed a tear over the death of this child. She has not turned to the court and said 'I'm sorry for the pain I have caused,'" Troubh said.

The two polls — one by CNN and USA Today, the other by ABC News — found a majority in favor of the manslaughter conviction and nearly as many saying Ms. Woodward should have remained in prison longer.

ZOO DAY — Stanfield students recently enjoyed Zoo Day. Angelica Silva, (top photo) is shown with a bird in a cage and Isaac White likes Woody Hanson and his red tail boa. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Long-Haired Dental Assistant Needs Short Course in Hygiene

DEAR ABBY: I have just returned from the dentist and I'm upset. The assistant who was working with him today has long hair — well below shoulder-length. It was not pulled back or confined at all, which meant that whenever she leaned over, it was hanging right above my open mouth. She pushed it back behind her ears quite often.

I may be terribly old-fashioned, but I consider this to be very unsanitary. I am a retired nurse. I was taught that even clean hair is to be considered "contaminated" and should *never* be touched while working with a patient unless you immediately scrub your hands. Hair should be pulled back securely from the face whenever you are in a patient treatment or preparation area. I kept thinking about all the loose hairs that were being dropped on the counters, instruments and patients, and it made me sick.

Am I being too persnickety? Could you please check with your dental experts and tell me if a dental assistant wearing long hair loose is acceptable? I need some extensive treatment, and I can't bear the thought of returning to this office because I have to wonder if it is as clean as it should be.

FUSSY OLD LADY

DEAR FUSSY: You have a legitimate complaint. Open your mouth and voice it to the dentist. Both he and his assistant should know the rules of proper hygiene. A professional look is sleek and clean — and the hair should be worn up, tied back in a ponytail or confined in a hairnet. If the personnel in your dentist's office don't comply, find another dentist.

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DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Good Old Dad," the father whose daughters bypassed him and talked only to their mother, was exactly right. I would like to add my own experience:

I am the oldest daughter of eight children. When any of us called home and my dad answered the phone, he would barely say, "Hello, how are you?" before passing the phone to my mother. When we visited, he'd sit and watch the ballgame while we talked with Mom and filled her in on all our news. If we became too loud, he'd comment on our "yakking," just like "Good Old Dad." Although we loved him, we were never able to have a meaningful conversation with our father.

Then about 10 years ago, my mother convinced Dad — against his better judgment — to take a course in self-awareness. I received a phone call from him shortly after he completed the course, and we actually talked for about 10 minutes! He asked me questions, listened to my answers and spoke about himself. When I hung up the phone, tears were streaming down my face. My husband couldn't believe it was my father I had been talking to.

After that, Dad made it a point to call all of his children and ask how they were doing. He also spent a little time with us when we visited. We grew much closer and discovered we really enjoyed each other's company.

Dad passed away a few years ago, and I am so grateful to him for reaching out so we could have some time together before it was too late. Abby, please tell "Good Old Dad" that his daughters are dying to be close to him. He should call them at home or take them to lunch and build a relationship with them outside the mother-daughter loop. It may be a little awkward at first, but it will be well worth it.

KAREN CLARK, HOLLAND, PA.

DEAR KAREN: Yours is an important message. To dads everywhere (and it is usually dads who do this): If this sounds like you, please take the time and get to know your children. You and they will be richer for the experience.

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