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BUNDLE UP — Stephanie Crofoot bundles up her two-year-old daughter, Breana, this morning outside a local business. Temperatures this morning were in the low thirties. (SDN Staff Photo)

State agency under fire is successful here

By Wire, Local Reports

AUSTIN-The state auditor Wednesday reported finding "gross fiscal mismanagement" in a multimillion-dollar job creation program at the Texas Department of Economic Development.

"The department does not provide adequate fiscal and administrative oversight of Smart Jobs contracts or keep accurate financial records of the $201 million fund balance," the audit states.

"These problems place state funds at great risk of waste and abuse by employers who receive contracts to train employees," the audit states.

For example, the department could not guarantee that the people actually were being trained with the millions of dollars the agency was granting to employers across the state.

The department distributes Smart Jobs funds by contracting with Texas employers to train new employees or improving the skills of existing workers.

Locally, the Smart Job program funded $198,146.14 for training employees of Lorber Industries.

John Gibson, Western Texas College's director of workforce education, said the money was used to train Lorber employees on knitting and spinning machines.

"That money was a great help to Lorber," said Gibson. "I think the Texas Department of Economic Development helped Lorber Industries tremendously."

"I had absolutely no problems working with the department," said Gibson.

Gibson said the grant had expired at the end of December.

The Legislature appropriated $108 million to the program in 1998, making it the largest program within the department, according to the audit.

Cindy Reed, the audit manager and eight-year veteran, said auditors rarely find an organization in such poor shape that it earns the designation of gross fiscal mismanagement.

Jeff Moseley, executive director of the economic development department, called the findings "sobering" and promised to make improvements.

"The department takes this report very seriously and discussions with the auditor's office have produce solid action steps which have been applied to our business operation," Moseley said.

Moseley came to the agency last April, a month after the audit began. "I think the governing board and I realized there were problems, but we did not know how serious," he said.

After receiving a draft of the audit a few weeks ago, Moseley reorganized the Smart Jobs program. Its previous director was reassigned.

Cancer gives Ruby Neves a wake-up call and new outlook

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Although she was approaching the retirement age, Ruby Neves didn't really want to retire. It wasn't until she was diagnosed with cancer and began chemotherapy that she had to end her job with the adult probation office.

"I just really didn't want to have to retire until this came up," she said. "I loved my job and I loved the probationers. I love people and I enjoyed working."

Ruby worked as a secretary and receptionist at the adult probation office for more than 11 years. Her retirement was to be effective Dec. 31, but she stopped working Aug. 23 when she became sick.

"I got sick and was home for a week. I just couldn't go."

Ruby was diagnosed with esophagus and liver cancer on Sept. 2.

The people, she said, was what made her job at the probation office and she made every effort to treat everyone with respect.

"Everyone was always so good to me. I treated the probationers like I would have wanted to be treated. I always thought, 'but there for the grace of God would go me or one of my kids,'" she said. "I just truly enjoyed my job and my boss, Sy Tabor, was so wonderful. I just loved working and being around people."

Ruby said she saw so much during her 11 years at the office.

"I saw heartache and poverty — and they still had to pay probation."

Ruby and her husband, Roy, have been married 47 years and have five children — four sons and a daughter.

"Four boys and a girl — that was job enough."

Her children are Larry Neves, Nicky Neves, Toby Neves, Tracy Neves and Kim Neves.

It wasn't until after the children were older that she began working.

"I started working in 1969 and worked at Gibson's about five years. I went to work at that first job just to get out of the house."

She then worked at Sears for about three years before becoming a secretary at Baker Service Tools. She worked for Baker 10 years before the economy forced them to downsize.

Ruby said she worked at the Scurry County Courthouse off and on beginning in 1981, helping out as needed. This led into her job at the adult probation office.

She said computers helped a great deal on the job.

"I didn't know how to use a computer at first, but I sure learned."

Ruby now has a home computer. She said she has always loved to write letters and now she can write them on the computer and even make her own labels.

She is connected to the Internet so she can communicate with her oldest son, Larry, when he is in Africa.

"I love to correspond with people and to send cards to the elderly. I feel like if I have any talent, it is maybe boosting someone's day or telling them I love them."

Ruby said she hasn't really cried about the cancer and that she has not been really sick.

"My fingers and feet are numb from the chemotherapy," she said. "I take my cancer as a waking up. I want to retire and enjoy my family. I thank God for each day that I get so I can mend fences."

Ruby said she has received well over 700 'get well' and 'thinking of you' cards. Adding her birthday cards, the total is over a thousand.

"They are like medicine to me."

She said she will miss her job and the friends she has made.

"I feel like I left my family."

A retirement reception will be held for Ruby from 10 a.m. until noon Friday on the third floor of the Scurry County Courthouse.

Oaths of office given

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

A newly-appointed member of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers took his oath of office this morning, as did two members who were re-appointed.

Terry Williams, owner of Independence Propane and who was appointed by the commissioners court earlier this month, was sworn in by County Judge Ricky Fritz, as were Jim Bob Cave and Stanley Martin.



Terry Williams

Later, Cave was elected to his fourth year as chairman of the board and Dr. Mark Weaver was elected vice-chairman. E. D. Walton was selected as board secretary.

In one item of holdover business, the board unanimously agreed to speed up payments to emergency room physicians on a motion by Dr. Weaver.

Dr. Weaver said last month that paychecks to ER physicians had been delayed up to three weeks and his motion was to have them paid within five working days of the request for reimbursement being submitted.

Hospital controller Selina McGuire told the board that since the hospital is now submitting accounts payable on a weekly basis for payment, ER pay should not be a problem.

McGuire also presented the December financial statements which reflected the hospital had a cash balance at the end of the year of $2,157,612.

McGuire also said in-patient revenue in December was $826,012 – up from November's total of $658,411.

Sherma Barham reported on the hospital's Y2K preparations and prefaced her report by stating that "maybe this is the last time we have to hear about Y2K."

Barham said the hospital spent $153,200 in updates in preparation for 2000, and did not experience any system or equipment failure on Jan. 1.

Dr. Bid Cooper, chief of staff, reported that the medical staff had been "extremely busy," and hospital CEO Jeff Reecer reported briefly on physician recruitment.



Ruby Neves

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Folks who think too little often talk too much."

In big towns, it's not an unfamiliar sight to see a down-and-out looking person holding a sign expressing the desire to "work for food."

Working to eat is not a new concept. Even the Good Book says something about eating and refusing to work. The same book, however, says we should not let people go hungry, but there does seem to be a balance between eating and being willing to work.

We were in one of those big cities during the Christmas holidays. There in the middle of the intersection was a young lady, about 30, holding one of those cardboard, handwritten signs.

We have to admit that she looked like she might be sleeping under a bridge, but the message on her sign told us she was no dummy.

Rather than the trite, "Will work for food," she had jazzed up her appeal. It read:

"Will work for cheeseburger."

Just as we made the left turn, less than 200 feet from the same intersection, we found an interesting message on a Wendy's hamburger sign.

It read: "Help wanted."

We West Texans aren't always wise in the ways of the world, but such a situation does make you wonder about her sincerity.

We liked the story about the guy who was forced to take off from work to appear in court for a minor traffic offense. He grew increasingly restless as he waited hours for his case to be called.

When his name was finally called late in the afternoon, he stood before the judge only to hear that the court would be adjourned until the next day. He would have to come back.

"That's crazy," the man snapped aloud.

The judge, his fuse short because of the tedious day, roared back, "Fine that man $20 for contempt of court."

Then noticing the man checking his wallet, the judge spoke again. "That's okay, you don't have to pay now."

Looking up, the man replied, "I'm just checking to see if I have enough money for any more words."

Air Force announcement delayed

The announcement expected Friday on the U.S. Air Force Environmental Impact Study (EIS) concerning a flight training path over Scurry and seven other counties has been delayed until Monday.

The change in times was announced this morning following a meeting involving Air Force personnel and representatives from the Snyder community.

Speculation is that the Air Force is favoring this area for a bomber training site that involves B-1 and B-52 aircraft flying over Scurry, Garza, Stonewall, Kent, Dawson, Lynn, Borden and Fisher counties.

Lt. Wes Ticer of Dyess Air Force Base said this morning that plans call for the aircraft to fly no lower than 3,000 feet.

Air Force officials have requested information packets about Snyder to be distributed to 25 families that could eventually move here if the local site is chosen, and Ticer said this morning that the number of families moving here could number 30.

The final decision on the site will be made by the Secretary of the Air Force and that decision might not be announced until March.

ASK US

Q—When will early voting begin for the March 14 primary?
A—Feb. 28

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 48 degrees; low, 30; 7 a.m. Thursday, 30 degrees; trace precipitation; total for 2000, .73 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, mid 20s; NE wind 10-15 mph; Friday, cloudy, high, upper 30s. NE wind, 10-15 mph. Friday night, mostly clear, low, mid 20s.



Brittany Mitchell
Clear & Cold

Sunset: 6:15 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:39 a.m.
Of 26 days in 2000, the sun has shone 26 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

What you want to be eventually you must be every day. With practice, the quality of your deeds will get down into your soul.
—Frank Crane

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Smokers file suits for share

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — As states decide how to spend their first payments from the $206 billion national tobacco settlement, smokers are going to court claiming some of the money belongs to them.

The money is for 46 states that sought to recover money spent treating smoking-related illnesses of people on Medicaid. The four remaining states settled separately for $40 billion.

However, only about 8 percent of the first payments have been budgeted for anti-smoking campaigns, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. The remainder is slated for general costs or to cover losses from tax cuts.

"It became crystal clear recently that states weren't going to do the right thing. They're going to spend money on bridges and highways and not give any money to the people on whose back they won the settlement," said Antonio Ponvert, an attorney helping coordinate the smokers' lawsuits.

The new lawsuits are being filed this week in Pennsylvania, Vermont, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Rhode Island, lawyers said. Similar lawsuits are pending in other states.

Ponvert said the eight states were chosen because lawyers believed technicalities in the settlement and Medicaid laws gave them a better chance for success there.

The lawsuits do not specify damages and Ponvert said it was impossible to know exactly how much money was involved. But he said it likely is in the "billions of dollars" nationwide.

The national litigation alleged that tobacco companies made an addictive product and sold it without properly warning the public.

Rhode Island Lt. Gov. Charles Fogarty said the settlement was meant for a broader purpose. He has proposed dividing his state's $56 million annual payment between anti-smoking campaigns and general health care programs.

"This was not an attempt by the state at all to get money for individuals," he said. "This was an attempt to get from the tobacco settlement.

"It became plain as day when the federal government waived its right to get any money back that there's money left," Vermont attorney Richard Cassidy said.

Similar lawsuits previously were filed in other states, with mixed results. In Wisconsin, for example, a federal court ruled the lawsuits violated the 11th Amendment, which generally prohibits federal suits seeking monetary damages against a state by citizens of the state or any other state. That ruling has been appealed.

Lawrence Tyler, 54, a former truck driver from Burlington, Vt., is among the new plaintiffs. He smoked four or five packs a day for 43 years and now has emphysema and can't work.

"The tobacco companies, they made cigarettes addicting to people. Why should the state get the money?" he said.

Descendant of president's slave happy with new report

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — A jubilant descendant of Sally Hemings said a report that concludes she has a president in her family tree was long overdue.

"It's about time that someone is validating what oral history has confirmed for years," said Shay Banks-Young of Columbus, Ohio.

The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation acknowledged for the first time Wednesday that the third U.S. president likely fathered one, if not all six, of the children of his slave Sally Hemings.

Jefferson, who was president from 1801 to 1809, was accused publicly in 1802 of fathering several children by Hemings. Scholars have been divided over the issue.

According to Jefferson's records, Hemings gave birth to six children, including two who died in infancy. The surviving children were Beverly, Harriet, Madison and Eston.

"Whether it was love or lust, rape or romance, no one knows and it's unlikely that anyone will ever know," said Daniel P. Jordan, the foundation's president.

The latest findings come more than a year after a DNA test found that a Jefferson likely fathered Hemings' youngest son, Eston. Some had suggested Eston's father might have been the president's brother Randolph or one of Randolph's six sons.

But the committee ruled Wednesday that such a scenario was unlikely because there is no evidence those Jefferson males were at the president's Monticello home when Hemings became pregnant.

"Although paternity cannot be established with absolute certainty, our evaluation of the best evidence available suggests the strong likelihood that Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings had a relationship over time that led to the birth of one, and perhaps all, of the known children of Sally Hemings," Jordan said.

Shortly after the DNA study was released, Jordan appointed a staff research committee to study the relationship between Jefferson and Hemings.

Committee members spent several months reviewing historical and scientific documents and talking with descendants of Monticello slaves and others with knowledge of the Jefferson-Hemings connection.

"I believe it represents the most extensive compilation ever of what is known and not known about this complex and consequential topic," Jordan said.

James Truscott, head of the Monticello Association, a group of descendants from Jefferson's daughters Martha Jefferson Randolph and Maria Jefferson Eppes, had not seen the foundation's report and declined comment.

That group is planning to release its own report on Jefferson descendants later this year, which also will look into the Jefferson-Hemings relationship. The association generally has not embraced the idea that Jefferson had a sexual relationship with Hemings.

"I think this report is a significant step forward," said James Truscott's nephew, Lucian Truscott IV, who stirred controversy in the Monticello Association when he invited the Hemings family to an annual meeting.

New Jersey woman pregnant with rare set of septuplets

NEPTUNE, N.J. (AP) — In late March, if all goes as hoped, Ivette Zapata-Smalls will become one of only a handful of women in the world to give birth to seven babies at once.

Their strong Christian faith led her and her husband, Fred, to reject the advice of doctors who said aborting as many as four or five of the fetuses would improve the chances for the others. They said after the death of their 21-month-old daughter, Anisa, from rheumatoid arthritis in 1998, there could be no thought of losing another child.

"We fought for her life," Ms. Zapata-Smalls said Wednesday. "We said, 'How can you fight for one life and then kill any life after that?' ... We're both against abortion, and we just couldn't do it."

The couple had been trying without success to have another child before Anisa's death. Ms. Zapata-Smalls began taking Clomid, a fertility drug that stimulates the production of eggs in the ovaries, but it didn't work. Then a doctor switched her to a stronger drug called Pergonal and she underwent an insemination.

Ms. Zapata-Smalls, 31, is now in her 20th week of pregnancy, confined to bed rest at Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune. She is to remain there until late March, when the fetuses will have reached 28 or 29 weeks. At that point, she is to deliver them by Caesarean section.

The couple is aware of the risks of proceeding with multiple deliveries. Ms. Zapata-Smalls has already had a kidney stone and two episodes of blood clots caused by her oversized uterus pressing on blood vessels.

So far, she and the fetuses are doing well, according to her obstetrician, Dr. Charles Hux.

If the pregnancy can be extended to 28 or 29 weeks, there is about a 75 percent chance that all seven babies can survive, although some might be born with medical complications that can't be foreseen, Hux said.

Berry's World



Date Book

Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000

Today is the 27th day of 2000 and the 37th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1880, Thomas Edison patented his electric light.

On this day in 1958, singer Little Richard enrolled in Oakwood Bible College in Huntsville, Ala.

On this day in 1993, Chad Rowan became the first non-Japanese athlete to win top honors in sumo wrestling.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791), composer; Lewis Carroll (1832-1898), writer-mathematician; Samuel Gompers (1850-1924), U.S. labor leader; Jerome Kern (1885-1945), composer; Hyman Rickover (1900-1986), admiral-educator; Donna Reed (1921-1986), actress; Mordecai Richler (1931-), writer, is 69; Mikhail Baryshnikov (1948-), ballet dancer, is 52; Bridget Fonda (1964-), actress, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, the Los Angeles Kings kept Edmonton Oiler Wayne Gretzky from scoring. It was the first time in 51 games that Gretzky had not scored.

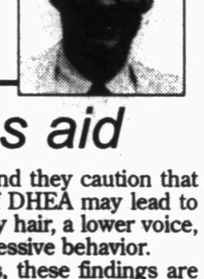
TODAY'S QUOTE: "The essence of all art is to have pleasure in giving pleasure." — Mikhail Baryshnikov

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (Jan. 28).

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Water as weight-loss aid

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've heard that drinking plain old tapwater can help me lose weight. Is this just a myth?

DEAR READER: No, it's for real. In Health Tips, a health letter published by Stanford Health Care, doctors reported that drinking water or tea about 10 minutes before meals is a simple way to reduce caloric intake. Apparently, the sensation of thirst is often mistaken for hunger, so dieters may eat when they really should be replenishing non-caloric liquids. Moreover, the presence of fluid in the stomach may cause partial satiation. The doctors also advise dieting patients to eat more slowly, because it may take up to 20 minutes from the first bite for the body to recognize that hunger has been satisfied. If people eat hurriedly, they tend to overconsume before the normal metabolic "brakes" are applied. So, in summary, you are correct. Use water as an aperitif and space out your meal. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are hormones related to depression?

DEAR READER: Not in a one-to-one relation. Nonetheless, a recent report in the American Journal of Psychiatry raises an interesting issue.

Twenty-two depressed patients were given dehydroepiandosterone (DHEA). This drug, which is classed as a food supplement and is available without a prescription, helps the body synthesize testosterone (in men) and estrogen (in women). Many of the study patients reported a lessening of symptoms, a few were even able to give up their antidepressant medication. The researchers note that the reason for this striking benefit is unknown, and they caution that chronic use of DHEA may lead to increased body hair, a lower voice, acne and aggressive behavior.

Nonetheless, these findings are remarkable, if they can be verified in other studies. Perhaps, as we grow older, a progressive fall in our hormone levels may contribute to depression. If so, DHEA as a hormone supplement could well return us to youthful exuberance. I'll keep you posted on follow-up studies.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you stated that Tums do not contain talc. However, if you had taken the time to read the label, you would have discovered that they contain this substance. Do we need a retraction?

DEAR READER: Yep, you do. I am sorry to have confused my readers. Tums contain a variety of compounds, including talc as a binder. However, the small amount of talc is not hazardous to health.

Since having received your letter and scores like it, I have adopted the following position for myself: If at first you don't succeed, try not to look surprised. Thanks for pointing out my error.

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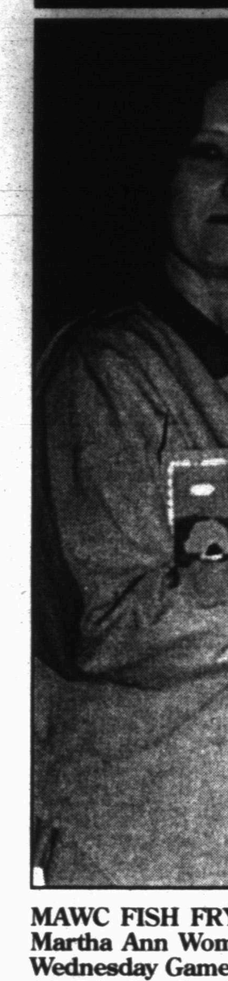
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MAWC FISH FRY SET — Helen Hood, right, life member of Martha Ann Woman's Club, purchases a ticket at the Fourth Wednesday Game Day from Sandra Brace, caterer. for the Feb. 11 fish fry. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 per plate, $4 for children under six, and may be purchased by calling the woman's club at 573-3427, or Francene Noah at 573-6717 or Jan Harrell at 573-6443. Tickets will be delivered. Proceeds are used to maintain the woman's club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings



Where can I find...?

Garter Belt: Mildred Loehr of Baton Rouge, La., wondered if we knew where she could find a garter belt, "not one of those fancy, lacy ones." We found plain, white, 100-percent cotton garter belts (item number 1561, $10.50 plus shipping) in a wonderful little catalog called Stocking Style, P.O. Box 383, Uxbridge, MA 01569 (800-241-2224). They carry a variety of stockings and undergarments at very reasonable prices.

Food Grinder: Virgil Ferguson of Abingdon, Va., writes: "I wish to purchase a light-duty electric food grinder to be used for grinding baked ham scraps for ham salad and grinding deer burger. I have seen one of these, but didn't notice the brand name."

"The Butcher Shop" electric meat grinder, made by Krups (item number 5666, $99.90 plus shipping) is available in the Cook's Wares catalog, 211 37th St., Beaver Falls, PA 15010-2103 (800-915-9788). The catalog description reads: "Grinds 2.2 pounds of meat per minute. All-metal drive system. Two meat-grinding discs, sausage cone, burger mold and pastry shaper. Salad-making attachment to slice, shred and julienne vegetables. Even crushes ice."

Record Album Covers: Bobby Grayson of Baton Rouge, La., has a number of vinyl LPs that lost their covers in a flood. He is looking for some replacement covers or, he writes, "whatever else would work to protect them."

An archival products supply company, Gaylord Brothers, P.O. Box 4901, Syracuse, NY 13221-4901 (800-448-6160) carries a variety of record covers, sleeves and LP storage boxes in their catalog. Give them a call or drop them a line — or better yet, order their free catalog to see exactly what they have to offer.

Incidentally, for all those who have written asking for a source of photo-mounting corners, Gaylord carries these as well. They are archival quality, crystal clear and pressure sensitive. A dispenser box of 250 is $5.50 plus shipping.

100-percent Cotton Socks and Slippers: Ruth Turner of New Castle, Ind., writes: "I need help to find white 100-percent cotton socks for men. The doctor says my husband has to have them, but didn't tell us where to get them. I would also love to get 100-percent cotton house shoes for him."

Dr. Leonard's Healthcare catalog, 42 Mayfield Avenue, P.O. Box 7821, Edison, NJ 08818-7821 (800-785-7821) carries both men's and women's 100-percent white cotton socks. They have a non-restrictive ribbing that extends to mid calf, and a low-profile seam in the toe area to reduce the risk of irritation. These non-binding "circulation socks" are priced at 2 pairs for $14.99. The catalog number varies according to size ordered.

Sorry, we couldn't find 100-percent cotton house shoes. We assume you would prefer they not have rubber or leather soles. Maybe one of our readers can help.

STUMPED: Carol Evans of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, writes: "A few years ago I purchased a 20-inch, non-stick, adjustable-height (inches and metric) ball-bearing rolling pin. It was made for Progressive International Corp., in Seattle. I would like very much to find a company that still sells this wonderful product, but have had no luck so far. I was hoping a reader might be able to help me locate this item. It is the best rolling pin I have ever owned: The dough rolls out perfectly every time."

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Opening lead: ♠ A

Into the Rioja wine region

The next stop on my tour of Spain was the Rioja wine region. And I was there during the harvest in the Rioja Alavesa. My favorite town was Laguardia. (New York City's Laguardia Airport will never seem the same to me again!) Built on a hilltop, it has real character, with narrow streets between old buildings. Also, just outside the city wall is Bodegas Palacio, which has a tour in English. (Most bodegas aren't set up to entertain visitors.) The company produces some good wine that is imported into the United States.

This deal was played perfectly by Arturo Wasik for Spain against Japan in the 1996 World Team Olympiad.

I have guessed an auction, knowing only that South opened one heart, that West overcalled two hearts, a Michaels Cue-Bid showing at least 5-5 in spades and either minor, and that South ended in five clubs. (Note that five hearts shouldn't succeed.)

West cashed the spade ace, then exited with a diamond. Wasik continued with the ace and jack of clubs. After ruffing East's diamond return, declarer had to play the heart suit for no loser.

If West had the singleton seven, South had no chance. If West had the singleton queen, declarer had to cash the ace. But if West had a singleton nine or 10, a different approach was needed. And as a singleton nine or 10 was twice as likely as a stiff queen, Wasik led a club to dummy's nine, then called for the heart jack: queen, ace, 10. Back to dummy with another trump, Wasik played a heart to his eight, claiming when West discarded.

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CENSUS: 51 (Med./Surg.-25, Long-term Care-24 and CCU-2)

Births

Tommy and Holly Reynolds of San Angelo announce the birth of their son, Harrison Boone Reynolds, at 3:46 p.m. on Jan. 25 in Shannon Medical Center. Harrison weighed eight pounds, nine ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Charlie and Pat Reynolds and maternal grandparents are Ted and Renee Floyd. Great-grandparents include J.B. and Mamie Patterson and Laoma Floyd. All are of Snyder.

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Steve and Susan Key of Lubbock, formerly of Snyder, announce the birth of their son, William Henry Key, at 2:57 p.m. on Jan. 20 in Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed eight pounds, eight ounces and was welcomed by a sister, Katelyn.

Paternal grandparents are Jimmie and Delores Key of Lubbock, formerly of Snyder, and maternal grandparents are Thomas and Virginia Johnson of Plano. Great-grandmother is Sally Stubbs of Hugo, N.M.

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In 1985, 1,800 people were issued summonses for jaywalking in New York City. In the same year, 50,000 people were cited for jaywalking in Los Angeles

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

Warm up with hot wintertime drinks

By Marialisa Calta

As a rule, the thinnest, weakest section of most contemporary cookbooks is the one devoted to drinks. Perhaps that's because we live in an age where almost every beverage you can think of — including "cappuccino" (or what passes for cappuccino) and cocktails — comes in a bottle or a packet of powder.

But early American cookbooks are chock-full of recipes (or "receipts," as they were called) for all sorts of drinks, including shrub, syllabub, switchel, swanky, posset and caudle. Many of them were served to farm hands or sailors to quench the thirst and provide a quick energy boost.

Many people have found that the few minutes they spend grinding coffee beans and brewing their own java is a fair trade for a cup of excellent coffee. Making your own hot chocolate is also worth the effort, especially when you compare the result with the kind that comes out of a packet. This is especially true in the winter, when it's nice to have something homemade and satisfying on a snowy day, or after a skating or sledding party. But where to find recipes?

One place is the recently published "Drinks Without Alcohol," by Jane Brandt. It's a compendium of 200 recipes for all sorts of beverages, running the gamut from nonalcoholic but sophisticated cocktails to wholesome breakfast smoothies. The recipes that follow for incredibly rich French Chocolate and spicy, appetite stimulating Red Hot Granny come from Brandt's book.

Another way to find good drink recipes is to hunt around in all those slim chapters in your cookbooks. I found a simple hot lemonade recipe in a lovely book called "Creole Flavors," by Kevin Graham; the mulled cider recipe comes from "Cider, Hard and Sweet," by Ben Watson; and the Spiced Tea recipe is from "Breakfast All Day," by Edon Waycott.

FRENCH CHOCOLATE

1/2 cup heavy cream
3 ounces unsweetened chocolate
3/4 cup water
3/4 cup sugar
Pinch of salt
1 quart milk
Additional whipped cream and chocolate shavings, for garnish

Using an eggbeater or electric mixer, whip the cream until soft peak form. Set aside

Combine the chocolate and the water in a saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until the chocolate is melted, about 5 minutes.

Add the sugar and salt. Boil the mixture gently for 3 minutes, stirring constantly.

Remove from the heat and fold in the whipped cream.

Heat the milk until quite hot, but not boiling. Put 1 tablespoon of the chocolate-whipped cream mixture into each cup. Fill with hot milk and stir. Top with a spoonful of whipped cream and chocolate shavings and serve. Yield 6 servings.

— Recipe from "Drinks Without Alcohol," by Jane Brandt (Workman Publishing, 1999)

RED HOT GRANNY

3 10-1/2-ounce cans condensed beef broth
1-1/2 cups water
2 teaspoons prepared horseradish
1/2 teaspoon dill weed, preferably fresh
Lemon slices or parsley sprigs, for garnish

Combine all the ingredients (except the garnish) in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for about 5 minutes. Serve in small mugs or punch cups, with a sliver of lemon or sprig of parsley for garnish. Yield 8 small servings.

This drink is recommended as an aperitif; it stimulates the appetite.

— Recipe from "Drinks Without Alcohol," by Jane Brandt (Workman Publishing, 1999)

HOT LEMONADE

12 lemons, quartered
2 cups honey
1 clove
2 quarts water

Combine all of the ingredients in a large, heavy saucepan. Bring the mixture to a boil over high heat and cook, uncovered, for 10 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and allow cooling until it reaches a drinkable temperature.

Strain into mugs and serve hot. Refrigerate any leftover lemonade to be reheated later on, or to be served as cold lemonade. Yield: 2 quarts.

— Recipe from "Creole Flavors," by Kevin Graham (Artisan, 1996)

HOT MULLED CIDER

1/2 gallon (2 quarts) sweet cider
4 to 6 cinnamon sticks
6 cardamom pods, crushed
1 whole nutmeg, cracked open
10 to 12 whole cloves
6 whole allspice berries (optional)
4 to 6 star anise pods (found in the Asian section of your supermarket, or Asian specialty stores) (optional)
zest of 1/2 lemon or 1/2 orange, cut into thin strips
orange slices, for garnish

Put the cider, spices, and lemon or orange zest in a large, nonreactive pot and bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce the heat and simmer gently for 15 minutes.

Line a colander with a square of cheesecloth and place it over another large pot. Pour the hot cider through the colander, straining out the spices.

Return the cider to the stove, over low heat. Add the orange slices and serve. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

— Recipe from "Cider, Hard and Sweet," by Ben Watson (Countryman Press, 1999)

SPICED TEA

1 quart water
4 1/4-inch slices fresh ginger, peeled
1 cinnamon stick
5 whole cloves
3 tablespoons sugar
2 strips orange zest, about 3 inches long
2 sprigs fresh mint
3 tablespoons leaf tea
milk (optional)

In a medium saucepan, bring the water to a boil and add the ginger, cinnamon stick, cloves, sugar, orange zest and mint. Cover the pan and remove from heat. Allow to steep for 30 minutes.

Add the tea leaves and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Strain directly into cups and serve. Add milk, if desired, and adjust the sugar, to taste. This can also be chilled and served over ice with mint sprigs for garnish. Yield: 4 cups.

— Recipe from "Breakfast All Day," by Edon Waycott (Hearst Books, 1996)

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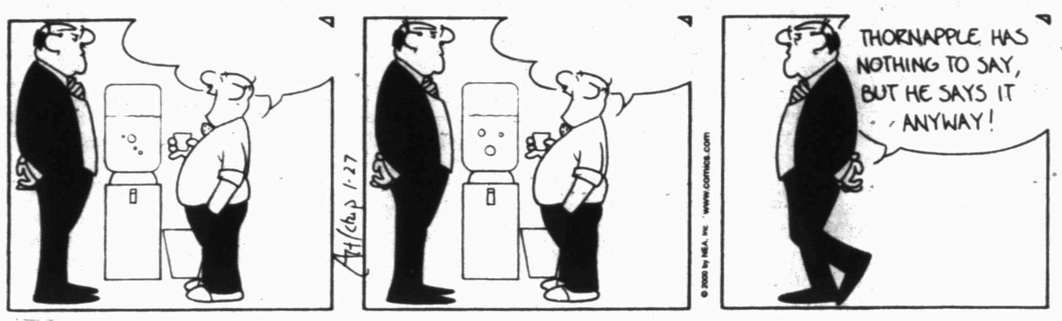
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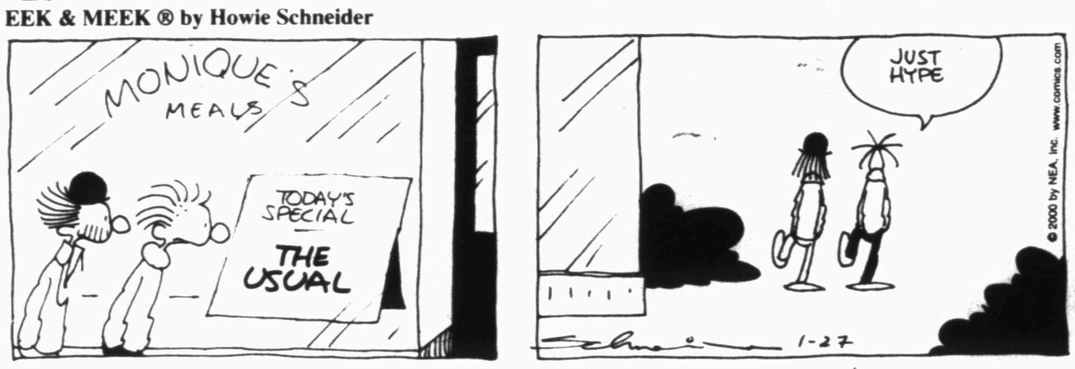
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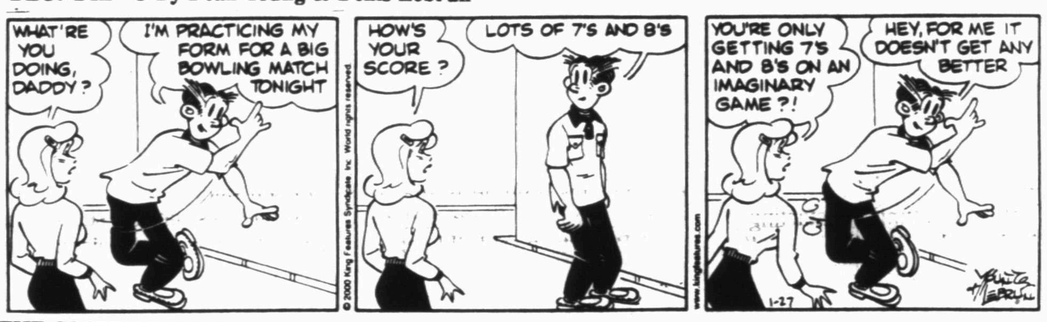
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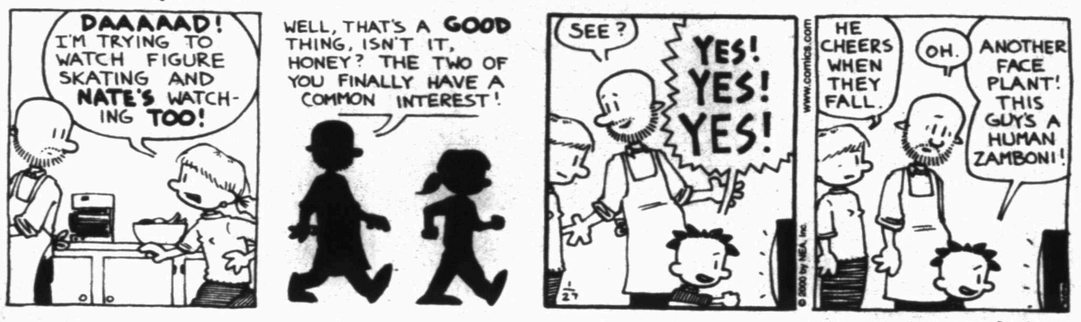
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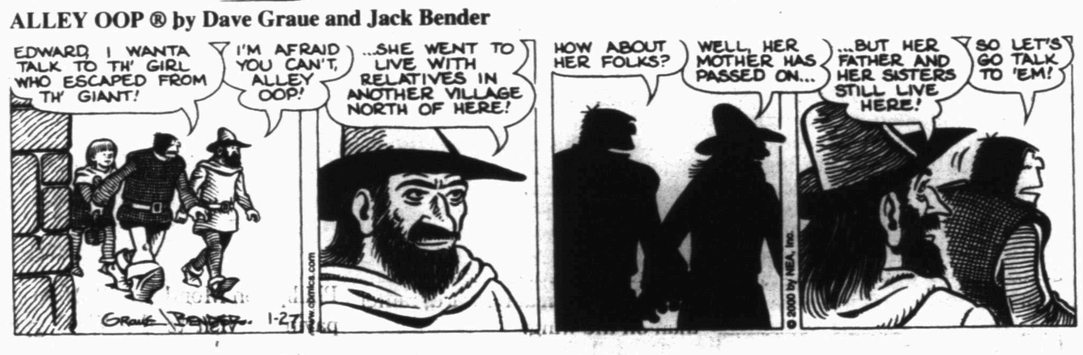


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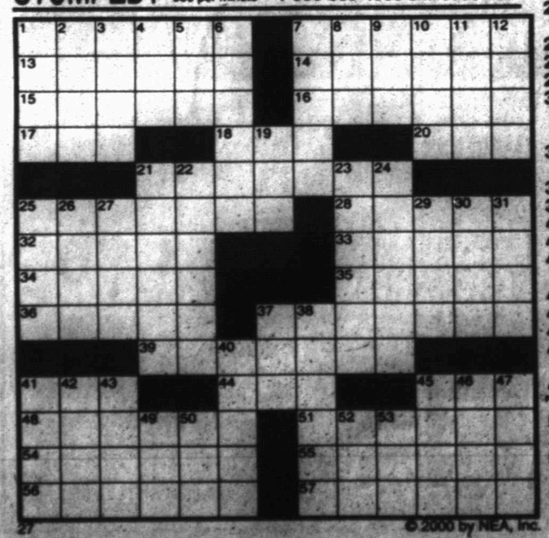
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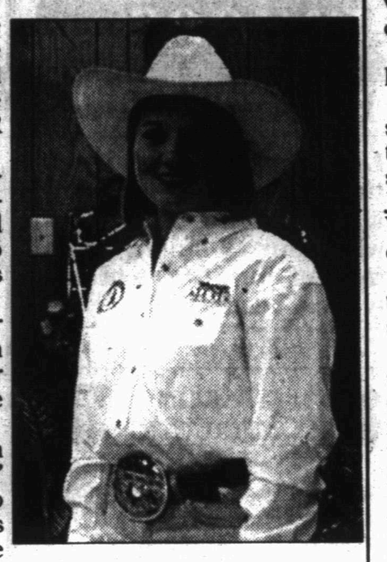
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"I TELL PEOPLE IT'S A TATTOO, BUT I MADE IT WITH A FELT-TIP PEN."

SPORTS

WTC rodeo member injured while roping



Terra Bynum

Terra Bynum, a sophomore on the Western Texas College Rodeo team, was injured Wednesday afternoon while practicing near her home on CR 1113.

Bynum, 19, suffered a concussion and was kept in intensive care at Cogdell Hospital overnight, but was expected to be moved into a private this morning.

The 1998 graduate of Snyder High School was working on her roping skills when her horse fell on her shortly before 1 p.m. Wednesday.

"She's a hard worker and an important part of our team," said Western Texas rodeo coach Greg Rhodes. "She was talking last night about some rodeos coming up that she had entered, and she'll have to miss those. The most important thing right now is for her to get well. And knowing Terra, she'll probably be back in full stride by the time our season starts back up."

Western Texas opens the chute on its spring rodeo season March 16 at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, N.M.

Campo takes reins in Dallas

IRVING (AP) — For 11 years, Dave Campo has had an up-close view of what it's like to be head coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

Now, it's his turn to feel the heat.

Campo became the fourth person in eight years to hold one of the most high-profile jobs in pro sports when Cowboys owner Jerry Jones promoted him Wednesday from defensive coordinator.

His insider's perspective is that things aren't as bad as last season's 8-8 record suggests.

"We have in place some outstanding football players," Campo said. "I just think we need to get refocused on what it takes to win, the discipline and the attitude needed to be successful.

"In my mind, this football team has a nucleus of players that with a little tweaking here is going to give us a chance to be successful.

"My top priority is to restore the championship attitude. We didn't get it done this year. We have to look at the entire team and take it from there."

Campo arrived in Dallas in 1989 as part of the crew Jimmy Johnson brought with him from the University of Miami after Jones bought the team and hired his old college teammate to be head coach.

Campo was in charge of the secondary for six seasons, then Barry Switzer promoted him to defensive coordinator in 1995. He held that job through the Chan Gailey era, which ended Jan. 11.

Soon after, Campo was in Jones' office pleading his case.

"Dave came in within 24-36 hours and had a very detailed plan of how he would run the team," Jones said. "I knew we were on the same page."

"When I went to Jerry," Campo said, "I wanted to make sure he had a pretty good idea what I was all about. We discussed a number of things, but the biggest thing was that I felt I had a working knowledge of this team."

Campo, 52, is the first of the five coaches in Cowboys history to come from within the staff. Like his predecessors, he came with no NFL head-coaching experience.

Campo — whose small size, glasses and graying blonde hair make him look more like a college professor than a coach — hasn't been a head coach at any level. He was an assistant at 11 colleges over 18 years before joining the Cowboys.

At first, he used to be a bit short-tempered with players, but he's refined that over the years. Yet there's still the chance his fuse will blow — just enough to keep guys on edge.

"He may only be 5-6 or 5-7, but he really gets after guys," safety Darren Woodson said.

Now Campo has a five-year contract worth $800,000 to $1 million per season. That's the same length Gailey got, but for more money.

Although Campo has never coached on offense, he believes he knows enough about it from all the years he's spent studying how to stop it.

"I want to attack," Campo said. "That's my philosophy. I want to be aggressive. I want to go after the jugular vein as many times as possible."

That's exactly what quarterback Troy Aikman wanted to hear.

"We proved you can run the football pretty good and not score points and not win games," Aikman said. "You've got to be able to make big plays to score points and win games."

Titans' free safety following dad's footsteps to Super Bowl

ATLANTA (AP) — He looks a lot like his dad, and he's built like him, too.

The son is 5-foot-11, 200 pounds. The father was 5-11, 190 when he played in his first Super Bowl with the Dallas Cowboys.

Anthony Dorsett will play in his first Super Bowl on Sunday, trying to win the same kind of championship ring Tony Dorsett has worn since 1978.

But unlike his Hall of Fame father, the younger Dorsett isn't one of the biggest names on the field. He's one of the Tennessee Titans' special teamers, and he'll start against the St. Louis Rams only because free safety Marcus Robertson broke his leg during last week's AFC championship game.

But by getting the starting job, Anthony has put the Dorsetts in the NFL record book: They're the first father and son to do so in a Super Bowl.

"I think someone needs to give us a commercial or something," said the 26-year-old defensive back, who deliberately uses Anthony — without the Junior — to establish his own identity.

His proud father said he was "delighted as can be."

"I don't think anyone in America could be happier than I am," said Tony Dorsett, who will be in the Georgia Dome come gametime, cheering for his son.

So, has Dad been calling with advice?

"He's trying to make sure I keep focused and keep my head in the game with all this media frenzy and people calling for tickets," he said. "I'm doing what he says to keep my head on a level plane and just roll with the punches."

Robertson's been talking to him, too.

"He knows it's going to be difficult, but his attitude is that he's going to go out there and have fun," Robertson said. "I keep talking to him about playing what he sees."

Dorsett's football genes were noticeable from the outset.

The first time he touched the ball in a Pop Warner game in Pittsburgh, he returned a kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown.

"Immediately when I started playing ball, everyone was commenting on how we were doing things the same," the son said. "And everyone always remarked on how big our eyes get."

He moved to Dallas as a teenager to spend more time with his father during the late 1980s. Being in the limelight as Tony's son didn't bother him, but he tried to limit comparisons to his dad by switching from running back to wide receiver and cornerback in high school.

Recruiters, however, didn't beat down his door, so he chose Pittsburgh for sentimental reasons — Tony helped the Panthers win the 1976 national championship.

"Also it was kind of like going home. It wasn't too far from my grandparents, aunts and uncles if anything ever went wrong," Dorsett said.

While his father set rushing records, won the Heisman Trophy in 1976 and was the top NFL draft pick the following year, Anthony's Pitt career wasn't quite so stellar with 80 tackles in four years. Actually, he made much more of a mark as the Big East outdoor champion in the 200 meters.

The Oilers drafted Dorsett in the sixth round with the 177th pick.

WTC visits Midland tonight

Coming off a narrow loss Monday at New Mexico, the Western Texas Lady Dusters hit the road again tonight for a 6 o'clock tip-off at Midland's Chaparral Center.

Western Texas, 0-5 in conference play and 2-19 on the year, held a double-digit lead at halftime on Monday, before falling to the Lady Thunderbirds, 62-57.

The strong performance against New Mexico, combined with Midland's loss to Howard, could give the Lady Dusters an added boost of confidence, according to Coach Valery Jackson.

"The girls have worked hard in practice this week, and have the same good attitude they've had all year," Jackson said. "When they heard Howard beat Midland, it gave them a little lift, because we stayed with Howard until a little run right before halftime gave them a lead that we couldn't overcome."

Midland (17-4), which sits atop the WJCAC standings at 4-1, will have a size advantage inside against the Lady Dusters.

To combat Midland's height in the middle, Jackson will start Danielle Brown at forward, rather than on the wing.

"Danielle started at forward most of the year. She's just been starting at wing the last few games," said Jackson. "We think moving her down low again will help us out defensively against Midland's big inside players."

Joining Brown in the starting line-up will be sophomore Carrie Fincher and freshman Erica Jackson at the guards, sophomore Crystal Williams on the wing, and freshman Cassie Wilson at post.

The Lady Dusters return home next week for a pair of conference tilts. Western Texas hosts Frank Phillips on Monday, with Howard paying a visit to the WTC gym next Thursday.

Local Schedule

TODAY
Western Texas at Midland, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY
Big Spring at Snyder JV and varsity boys, 6 and 7:30
Big Spring at Snyder varsity and JV girls, 6 and 7:30
Ira girls and boys at Grady, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Hermleigh girls and boys at Blackwell, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
SATURDAY
Powerlifting: Snyder at Midland Greenwood meet.
MONDAY
Frank Phillips at Western Texas, 7:30
TUESDAY
Snyder JV and varsity boys at Fort Stockton, 6 and 7:30
Snyder varsity and JV girls at Fort Stockton, 6 and 7:30
Sands at Ira girls and boys, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Highland at Hermleigh girls and boys, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Frosh edged by 'Stangs

ANDREWS — Snyder's freshman boys fell victim to a late foul call Tuesday night in Andrews.

Andrews sank two free throws with no time left on the clock to pull out a 56-55 overtime victory over Snyder.

Snyder held a 55-54 advantage in overtime, before a foul was whistled away from the ball as time expired, giving the Mustangs two chances from the stripe.

Josh Mendoza and T.J. Jones poured in 13 points apiece to lead the Tigers, and Logan Hill knocked down 12 more.

Colby Driggers netted six points, with Josh Montoya registering four. Tyler Pollard accounted for three points, and Clay Williams and Josh McGaha tallied two each.

Snyder hosts Big Spring Friday at 4:30.

In freshman girls' action...

Snyder downs Andrews

ANDREWS — Snyder's freshman girls turned a close game into a rout in a hurry.

After battling with Andrews for the first two quarters Tuesday night, Snyder buried the Lady Mustangs in the second half, registering a 42-26 victory at Mustang gym.

Three Lady Tigers finished in double figures, led by Hailey Putnam who poured in 13 points.

Afton Schwertner and Zipporah Peoples netted 10 points apiece. Esha Ward tallied eight points, and Dara Chambers finished with one.

Snyder will be in action again Friday when it hosts Big Spring at 4:30.

Sports Briefs

Pitching clinics scheduled

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

3-on-3 tourney scheduled

A girls' 3-on-3 basketball tournament for fourth, fifth and sixth graders will be held Feb. 5. Deadline to enter is Feb. 3 and entry fee is $30. For more information, call the Boys' and Girls' Club at 573-3344.

Sign-ups approaching for Little Dribblers

Girls' Little Dribblers sign-ups will be held Saturday and Sunday and Feb. 4-5 at the First Baptist Family Life Center. Players must bring a parent or guardian, birth certificate, and a registration fee of $25. For more information, call 573-5356.

Belichick drops lawsuit

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Bill Belichick dropped his antitrust lawsuit against the NFL, one day after a judge refused to free him to negotiate to coach other teams.

Belichick lost his attempt to gain a temporary restraining order against NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue's ruling that keeps him from coaching another team without the New York Jets' permission.

U.S. District Judge John Bissell ruled that Belichick could only blame himself for his quandary after quitting the Jets.

Thomas stable after surgery

MIAMI (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas, paralyzed from the chest down following a car crash, might be moved out of intensive care today. Thomas could be transferred to a rehabilitation facility in about two weeks. He already has begun working with therapists.

Thomas, 33, remained in serious but stable condition at Jackson Memorial Hospital following surgery to rebuild part of his spine.

Women's College Basketball Scores

EAST
Bucknell 59, Colgate 57
Connecticut 84, Boston College 77
Georgetown 61, West Virginia 43
Holy Cross 67, Providence 66
Lafayette 83, Lehigh 66
Marist 59, Iona 45
Marist 59, Iona 45
Notre Dame 69, St. John's 49
Rutgers 62, Seton Hall 46
Villanova 44, Miami 34
Yale 70, Hartford 57
Yale 70, Hartford 57
SOUTH
Belmont 86, Austin Peay 81, OT
N.C.-Asheville 57, High Point 43
W. Carolina 71, Coll. of Charleston 43
W. Carolina 71, Coll. of Charleston 43
Winthrop 75, Elon 59
MIDWEST
Bowling Green 94, Akron 72
E. Michigan 83, Ohio 67
Indiana 63, Northwestern 62
Kansas 90, Missouri 71
N. Illinois 73, Cent. Michigan 63
Nebraska 79, Colorado 66
W. Michigan 75, Ball St. 72
SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma 79, Texas A&M 72
Texas 74, Oklahoma St. 44
FAR WEST
CS Northridge 76, Sacramento St. 52
Colorado St. 91, Air Force 73
Gonzaga 71, Portland 53
St. Mary's, Cal. 72, San Diego 51

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	26	14	.650	—
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Philadelphia	24	18	.571	3
Boston	19	23	.452	8
Orlando	19	24	.442	8½
New Jersey	17	25	.405	10
Washington	13	30	.302	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	27	15	.643	—
Charlotte	22	18	.550	4
Milwaukee	23	19	.548	4
Toronto	22	19	.537	4½
Detroit	21	20	.512	5½
Cleveland	17	25	.405	10
Atlanta	15	25	.375	11
Chicago	8	31	.205	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	27	13	.675	—
San Antonio	27	15	.643	1
Minnesota	23	16	.590	3½
Denver	18	21	.462	8½
Houston	16	25	.390	11½
Dallas	15	26	.366	12½
Vancouver	11	30	.268	16½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	33	9	.786	—
Portland	31	10	.756	1½
Sacramento	26	14	.650	6
Seattle	28	16	.636	6
Phoenix	24	16	.600	8
L.A. Clippers	10	31	.244	22½
Golden State	8	32	.200	24

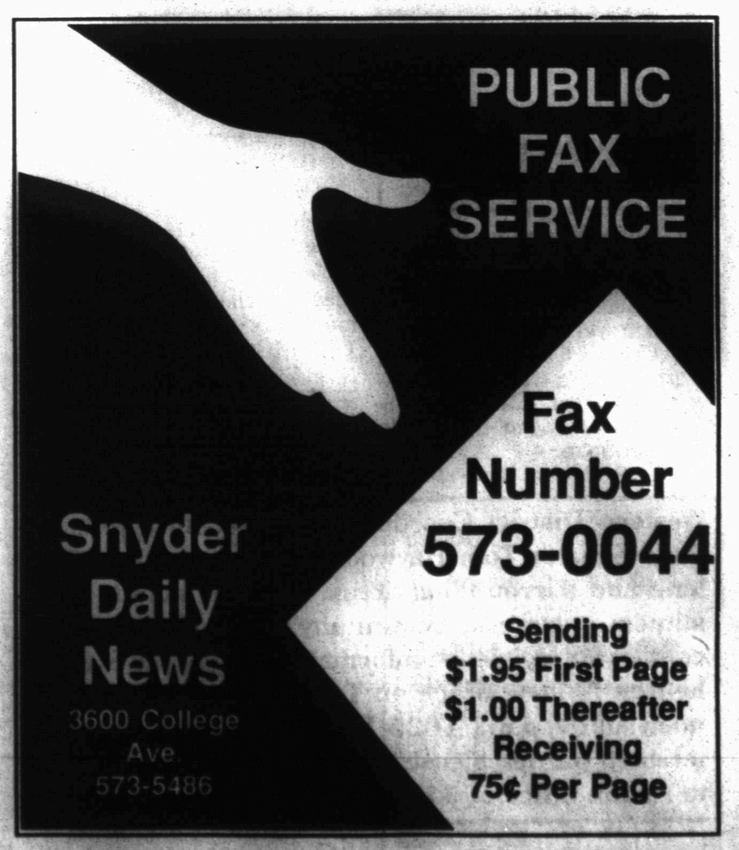
Wednesday's Games
Toronto 120, Washington 105
Phoenix 93, Philadelphia 87
Orlando 111, Boston 89
Milwaukee 112, Sacramento 104
Vancouver 116, Utah 99
Seattle 95, New Jersey 92

Thursday's Games
Orlando at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games
Miami at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 7 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Men's College Basketball Scores

EAST
Bucknell 62, Colgate 45
Buffalo 63, W. Michigan 60
George Washington 75, St. Bonaventure 72
Holy Cross 78, Hartford 65
Lafayette 98, Lehigh 68
Manhattan 100, Fairfield 93
Penn St. 80, Minnesota 72
Seton Hall 74, Boston College 65
Stony Brook 51, Loyola, Md. 50
Vermont 85, Dartmouth 66
West Virginia 69, Georgetown 64
SOUTH
Cent. Florida 84, Florida Atlantic 68
George Mason 65, Richmond 63
Kentucky 75, Georgia 69
LSU 96, Arkansas 70
Memphis 84, UAB 70
Miami, Ohio 63, Marshall 58
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N.C.-Asheville 88, Elon 76
S. Carolina St. 59, N. Carolina A&T 57
South Florida 87, Houston 77
Va. Commonwealth 67, East Carolina 56
Vanderbilt 61, South Carolina 60
Virginia 86, Florida St. 81
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Creighton 77, N. Iowa 73, OT
DePaul 71, Florida 69
E. Michigan 68, Cent. Michigan 57
Illinois 69, Iowa 58
Iowa St. 65, Texas A&M 58
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Toledo 65, N. Illinois 61
Wisconsin 55, Purdue 45
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 71, Texas Tech 57
North Texas 75, New Mexico St. 72
FAR WEST
Arizona 82, Arizona St. 55
Cal St.-Fullerton 76, UC Irvine 64
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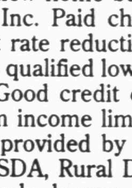
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McKeehan received songwriter nominations for dc Talk's "Consume Me," nominated as song of the year, and "Supernatural," a nominee for recorded rock song of the year.

Michael W. Smith's "This Is Your Time" single, inspired by the shootings at Columbine High School, was nominated Wednesday for song of the year, pop-contemporary recorded song of the year and short form music video.

The 31st annual Dove Awards program will be broadcast April 20 at the Grand Ole Opry House. Kathie Lee Gifford will be the host of the syndicated show.

Steven Curtis Chapman received nine nominations, including artist of the year, male vocalist of the year and writer of "Dive" in the song of the year and pop-contemporary recorded song categories. Chapman also was nominated for artist and producer of the year for his album "Speechless."

Smith, the 1999 artist of the year winner, was nominated in eight categories, including songwriter and male vocalist of the year.

Kirk Franklin, the 1999 contemporary gospel album winner, collected six nominations — for writing "I'll Be Good" and "Revolution" and for his work as artist and producer on the "Prince of Egypt" soundtrack.

Some artists not normally associated with gospel music were nominated.

County music legend George Jones and Vestal Goodman were nominated for the song "Angel Band" on the "Vestal and Friends" album.

New Age artist John Tesh was nominated for instrumental album for "One World."

Old arguments are replayed

AP News Analysis

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MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Republican presidential candidates accused each other of sounding like Democrats. Then the real Democrats came on to argue about which of them was being nastier. In back-to-back debates, the men who would be president put their cases — and clashes — to New Hampshire voters.

By this time — the debates Monday night were the 10th for the GOP field, the 9th between Vice President Al Gore and Bill Bradley — there was nothing new to be said about their rival programs and proposals.

So they replayed their arguments about those issues, stridently at times, in the push toward the first of the presidential primary elections next Tuesday. The double debate was televised from WMUR-TV and by CNN.

There were no landmark debate moments, nothing likely to give any candidate a clear boost in the final five days of campaigning for the primary.

Both contests are rated close ones, with the Republican edge to Sen. John McCain over national front-runner George W. Bush. Steve Forbes, Alan Keyes and Gary Bauer trail them.

Gore has edged ahead of Bradley after trailing him in the New Hampshire surveys, but only narrowly so.

Bradley came on strongest of the debaters. He accused Gore of knowingly lying about his proposals. "Attack, attack, attack, every day," Bradley said. " ... I think the people are fed up with it."

Campaigning to come back from a landslide loss to Gore in the Iowa caucuses on Monday, Bradley said later that the hardened tone was part of his game plan, an effort to contrast old politics with new, claiming the latter as his.

Actually, they sounded alike, each Democrat accusing the other of negative campaigning, personal attacks, misrepresentations.

Bradley questioned why people should believe Gore would tell the truth as president when he doesn't as a candidate. He called him "the elephant of negative advertising."

Gore said Bradley was being negative. "If you're going to talk about a higher standard, you need to live by it," he said.

The 90-minute Republican debate was tame by comparison, but the five GOP candidates, their roster down by one with the withdrawal of Sen. Orrin Hatch earlier in the day, feuded, too.

McCain pressed his campaign reform issue, and said that as nominee, he could confront Gore on it in debates next fall, but Bush could not because he wouldn't have anything to say, being a defender of the current campaign finance system.

"I'm for reform," Bush countered. "I sure am." But not the reforms McCain wants on unrestricted contributions that can flow through political parties.

Bush, the GOP winner in Iowa, said McCain's tax plan, for a more modest break than he advocates, could have come from a Democrat. "Al Gore could have written your plan, Mr. Senator," he said.

"George, if you're saying that I'm like Al Gore, then you're spinning like Bill Clinton," McCain replied.

Bush said after the debate that there didn't seem to be much difference between McCain's plans on education and taxes and those of the Clinton administration.

Steve Forbes said his rivals both sounded as though they belonged in the other debate. "You look at their complicated tax plans and believe they should have been in the 9 o'clock debate tonight instead of the one at 7:30," said Forbes, who ran second in Iowa.

Gary Bauer renewed his demand for an end to most-favored-nation trade status for China. "Some of these debates with some of you, I thought I was debating Bill Clinton," he said.

On one issue or another, Alan Keyes said, all the Republican candidates but him would "give you Clinton policy."

In the Democratic match, each candidate reached into congressional history to go at the other. Bradley challenged Gore's claim to be a career-long advocate of abortion rights, based on his votes in favor of restrictions when he was a junior member of Congress. Gore said he is for abortion rights, that his position is the same as Bradley's, and that his rival was trying to manufacture an issue.

Gore countered by citing a Bradley vote from 1981. "I just don't see how you can vote for Ronald Reagan's budget cuts and then try to campaign like Robert Kennedy," Gore said.

Bradley then threw a Republican name at Gore, saying that for the vice president to accuse him of negative campaigning was worthy of Richard Nixon, "the kind of politician who would chop down a tree and stand on the stump and give a speech about conservation."

New Hampshire Gov. Jeanne Shaheen, a Gore ally, said afterward that the voters hadn't learned anything new. "It got pretty personal, and I think voters don't like that much," she said. She blamed Bradley, and said he hadn't helped himself.

Bradley said he was satisfied with his night's campaign work, that he'd done what he set out to do.

Bush said he wasn't willing to concede that he's losing to McCain. "I think I've got a good chance," he said. "I think people are making up their minds here."

As for the debate, he said, "I was able to defend myself. I guess that's what happens when you're the front-runner."

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Photos in ads cause a stir

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — At first glance, the scantily clad, provocatively posed women could be models for Obsession perfume, Cosmopolitan magazine or a Victoria's Secret catalog.

But look closer at the posters and these women bare ugly mastectomy scars — part of a cancer awareness campaign that is causing a stir in the San Francisco Bay area.

"We're using a parody of icons, society's icons of sexuality that are always in our face," said Andrea Martin, founder of The Breast Cancer Fund, the San Francisco-based nonprofit organization heading the campaign.

The poster-size ads went up in 37 bus shelters in Santa Clara and Contra Costa counties about two weeks ago. They feature Martin's own double mastectomy-scarred chest superimposed on models' bodies.

One ad, mimicking a Victoria's Secret lingerie ad, features a woman wearing a bra and panties exposing one scar. It reads: "It's no secret society is obsessed with breasts, but what are we doing about breast cancer?"

Two posters came down after residents complained. Outdoor Systems, the billboard company that had donated space for the ads in 20 San Francisco bus shelters, has refused to use them.

"We found it to be unacceptable," company spokesman Stephen Shinn said Wednesday.

The models, photographer and advertising agency all donated their time to make the posters. Martin, who underwent her first mastectomy in 1989, said she's glad the ads are getting people talking.

Bob Dylan's mom is dead at age 84

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Beatrice Rutman, the mother of Bob Dylan, has died at age 84, the Star Tribune reported today.

Citing sources it did not identify, the newspaper said Rutman, who lived in St. Paul, died there Tuesday. A private service was held Wednesday in Duluth.

"She was a grand old lady," said Noel Pearman, who lives across from Rutman's simple two-story house. He said she spent her winters in Arizona and that the neighborhood will miss the woman who, despite her son's fame and wealth, was unpretentious and friendly.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	57½	57 1-16	57 1-16	+ 5-16
AT&T Corp s	51 11-16	51¼	51½	+ ½
Albertsons	31¼	30¼	31⅛	+ 11-16
Alltel	74 13-16	69¾	69¾	— 4¾
AmerOnline s	61 5-16	60⅛	60 9-16	+ 9-16
AndarkPtr	33 11-16	33 5-16	33 9-16	+ 3-16
AtlRichfld	77 13-16	76 9-16	76⅞	+ ¾
ATMOS Egy	17⅛	16⅞	17	+ 1-16
Aviall	7 11-16	7⅝	7⅝	+ 1-16
BP Amoco s	55¾	54⅞	55	+ 3-16
BakerHughes	23⅜	22 9-16	22 11-16	— 1-16
Bank of Amer	48¼	47 3-16	47 13-16	+ 11-16
BellAtl	58¾	58	58 5-16	+ 9-16
BellSouth	44⅞	43⅞	44¾	+ 5-16
Beth Steel	7⅛	6¾	6⅞	+ ⅜
BurlNoSFe	25	24	24⅞	+ 1 9-16
CBS Corp	62⅝	61 15-16	62 3-16	— ⅜
Caterpillar	45 9-16	44 15-16	45 3-16	
CenSoWst	20 1-16	19¾	19 15-16	+ 3-16
Chevron	87⅝	86 3-16	86 3-16	— 1 9-16
Citigroup s	59½	58⅛	59 1-16	+ 15-16
Coastal	37 3-16	36⅞	37	+ ¼
CocaCola	62 11-16	60 13-16	60⅞	— 2 3-16
ColgatePal s	61 3-16	59¾	60½	+ 5-16
ComclMetals	32⅛	31⅞	31⅞	— ⅜
CooperIn	40	39⅛	39¾	+ 5-16
DaimlrChry	69 1-16	67 9-16	68⅝	+ 1 7-16
DallSemicn	71¼	70⅛	70⅛	— 1 1-16
DeltaAirl	47¾	47⅜	47 9-16	+ 7-16
Dillards Inc	20	19¼	19½	— ¼
DowChem	124½	119⅞	121⅛	— ⅛
DuPont	62 5-16	61½	61 15-16	+ 1
EastmanChem	43	41	43	+ ⅝
EstKodak	62	60⅞	61 3-16	— ¼
EDS Corp	72⅝	70 3-16	72⅝	+ 2 13-16
Entergy	22 9-16	22 3-16	22 7-16	+ ¼
ExxonMobil	83 5-16	82⅝	82¾	— ¾
Flowers	12 11-16	12¼	12 7-16	
FordMotor	50	48 11-16	50	+ 2
GTE Cp	69 3-16	68½	68 11-16	+ 11-16
GenDynam	49	47 15-16	47 15-16	+ 1
GenElec	141 9-16	139 3-16	140⅛	— 1 5-16
GenMills s	31 9-16	31⅛	31¼	+ ¼
GenMotors	81⅝	78 13-16	81 1-16	+ 2½
GaPacGP s	40¼	38¾	39⅛	— ⅜
GlobalMar	19 1-16	18⅜	18 7-16	— 5-16
Goodrich	27	26 11-16	26¾	+ ⅜
Goodyear s	24⅞	24⅜	24⅝	+ ¼
GtAtlPac	27¾	27 3-16	27 9-16	+ ¼
Halliburtn	39 15-16	38 13-16	39¼	+ 9-16
Hanson ADS	35 5-16	34⅝	35¼	+ 1½
HarteHanks	24⅜	23 3-16	23 7-16	— ⅛
HomeDepot s	57 15-16	56¾	56 15-16	— 7-16
HoneywellIntl	48 3-16	46¾	48 1-16	+ 7-16
IBM s	118 7-16	116⅜	117	+ ¼
IntlPaper	49 7-16	47⅞	48⅛	+ ⅜
JohnsonJn	83 15-16	83	83 7-16	— 1-16
K mart	9⅛	8⅝	8⅞	— ⅛
Kroger Co s	17 11-16	16 13-16	17⅝	+ 1⅛
Litton	44	43¼	44	+ 9-16
LockheedM	20	19 7-16	19 7-16	— ⅝
Lowes Cos	46 15-16	45⅛	46 1-16	— 9-16
Lubys	10 13-16	10⅜	10¾	— 1-16
LucentTech s	57 7-16	56¾	57	+ 9-16
MayDeptStr s	33 3-16	32 15-16	32 15-16	— ½
MediaOne	79 7-16	78 15-16	79 3-16	+ 5-16
Medtronic s	47¾	46 9-16	47 3-16	+ 1 1-16
Monsanto	36⅛	35 1-16	35½	
MorganJP	125⅞	122 11-16	125⅛	+ 2¼
Motorola	140⅛	136⅛	138½	— 1
NCR Corp	39½	38	38⅜	— 1 13-16
Navistar	42	40⅞	40 15-16	— ¼
Penney JC	19 11-16	19 5-16	19 5-16	— ⅛
PepBoys	7 11-16	7 7-16	7⅝	+ ¼
PepsiCo	34 5-16	34	34 1-16	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	58¾	57 3-16	58 7-16	— ¾
PhilipPet	41 3-16	40 11-16	40 13-16	— ⅜
PilgrmPrd B	7 11-16	7 11-16	7 11-16	— 1-16
Polaroid	27¾	24 5-16	24 11-16	+ 2⅛
Praxair	42 9-16	42⅛	42⅛	— 7-16
ProctGamb	102 13-16	101 3-16	102¾	+ 2⅛
PubS NwMx	15½	15 5-16	15 7-16	
ReliantEngy	22 11-16	22 3-16	22 5-16	
RoyalDut	57 15-16	57⅛	57 3-16	— 11-16
SBC Comm	40 5-16	39⅞	39⅞	— ⅛
SaraLee	19¼	18 13-16	19	+ 3-16
Scripps EW	48¼	48 1-16	48 1-16	+ 1-16
SearsRoeb	31 9-16	31¼	31 7-16	+ ⅜
SherwinW	18 3-16	17¾	18	+ 3-16
SmithkldBchm	58 5-16	57 11-16	58⅛	+ ¼
SouthernCo	25 11-16	25½	25 11-16	+ 3-16
SwstAirl s	15 15-16	15¾	15⅞	+ 5-16
SprintFON s	61¾	61¼	61¼	+ ⅛
SprintPCS	110¼	109¼	109 7-16	+ 3-16
SprintPCS wi	55	54½	54⅞	+ ⅜
Sunoco Inc	23½	23 5-16	23⅜	
TNP Ent	41½	41½	41½	
Tandy s	51½	49 13-16	50 9-16	+ 3-16
TempleInland	59 3-16	57⅞	58⅞	+ 15-16
Texaco	54 9-16	53	53 1-16	— 1 3-16
TexInd	38 9-16	38¼	38 7-16	— ⅛
TexasInst s	114⅝	111 5-16	114½	+ 2
Tex Util	35⅞	35⅜	35¾	— ¼
Textron	62 3-16	60¾	61 3-16	+ 15-16
TriconGlbR	30 9-16	30 1-16	30 7-16	+ ⅜
TrinityInds	24¼	24	24⅛	+ ⅛
TritonEngy	24⅞	24⅜	24 7-16	— ¼
TylerTech	5¼	5⅛	5⅛	— ⅛
US West Inc	67 7-16	66 11-16	66¾	— 9-64
USX-Marathn	25¾	24 13-16	24 15-16	— 1-16
USX-USS	26 7-16	25 13-16	26⅛	+ 9-16
UnCarbde	58⅛	55¾	57⅛	+ 13-16
UnionPacif	42	40⅞	41	— 13-16
UnitedTech s	57⅜	56 13-16	57⅜	+ ⅜
Unocal	29¼	28 9-16	28¾	— ⅛
Venator Grp	6 9-16	6 7-16	6½	+ 1-16
WalMart s	61½	59 15-16	60	— 1 15-16
WellsFargo	39¾	38 3-16	39⅝	+ 1⅜
WstnGasRs	13½	13⅜	13 7-16	
WinnDixie	21⅜	20 13-16	21 5-16	+ 7-16
Xerox Cp s	22 5-16	21 7-16	21⅝	— ⅜

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	16 3/16	+1/16
Dell	39 1/2	-7/8
Wal Mart	59 11/16	-2 1/4
Compac	28 1/16	-13/16
Dol. Gen.	21 3/8	-1/8
GTE	69 1/16	+1 1/16
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Energy Department studies how much heating oil costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Perplexed by the sudden, steep rise in prices, the Energy Department has begun more closely monitoring the heating oil market, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson says.

Richardson also on Wednesday said he was delaying the delivery of 5 million barrels of oil to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in an attempt to stem oil price increases. He continues to be opposed to releasing any of the 580 billion barrels of oil already in the emergency reserve in order to help lower prices.

But many economists doubt that holding off on the oil deliveries will have much impact. The United States consumes about 18 million barrels of oil a day, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

Still, said Richardson, "given today's market conditions, it simply makes sense" to postpone the deliveries.

The Clinton administration has been under pressure to act as oil prices have edged close to $30 a barrel from a low of less than $12 a barrel a year ago. Also, heating oil prices have nearly doubled in some parts of the Northeast recently.

In Massachusetts, the average retail price rose to $1.74 per gallon earlier this week, more than double what it was this time last year. And in New Hampshire, retail prices jumped 49 cents in six days, from $1.22 per gallon to $1.71.

In response, President Clinton released $44 million in emergency heating fuel funds Tuesday.

In the Republican presidential campaign debate Wednesday night, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the GOP front-runner, said he would not dip into the strategic oil reserve to reduce oil prices, saying the stockpile is designed to help the nation weather a national emergency. Instead, he said the president must "jawbone" oil producing nations and persuade them to drop prices.

Richardson said his department would more closely monitor the heating oil markets to "make certain that ... oil product suppliers can move heating oil to those who need it most."

He said he also planned to meet next month in Boston with state officials and industry representatives to examine the reasons for the rise in heating oil prices.

Meanwhile, the president of the American Trucking Associations urged Clinton to withdraw oil already in the government reserve in Texas and Louisiana to counter soaring prices in diesel fuel.

Walter McCormick, the ATA's president, said in a letter that diesel fuel, which like heating oil is made from fuel oil distillate, jumped 47 percent the past year, including an increase of 11 cents per gallon last week.

Lawmakers introduce $70 billion health insurance plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a sign of the momentum to provide health coverage for the nation's 44 million uninsured, a bipartisan group of lawmakers is proposing tax credits to help low-income families buy insurance.

The congressional proposal, estimated to cost about $70 billion over 10 years, comes just days after President Clinton offered his own $110 billion health insurance package.

"This effort marks the first major bipartisan, bicameral, market-based initiative on behalf of the uninsured since 1994," Sen. Jim Jeffords, R-Vt, said Wednesday. "We believe the issue of access to health coverage for the uninsured must be a top national priority."

"Why should the waitress or that person who works on your lawn ... have less access to health care in America than the high paid executive?" asked House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "That is not acceptable. It must be corrected. I think we've got the right formula."

The plan would create a $1,000 tax credit for single coverage and a $2,000 tax credit for family coverage. At least 27 million Americans who are not offered an employer contribution plan or are not eligible for public programs would be covered, lawmakers said.

Sen. John Breaux, D-La., said it was unfair that "low-income Americans get no help buying their own health insurance while the federal government spends $76 billion a year to subsidize employers who provide health coverage to their workers, most of whom are middle and high-income."

Still, it is unclear how much the tax credit would help low-income families. Employers, for instance, expect health insurance costs to climb 7.5 percent to about $4,404 per worker this year, according to a study released last month by the consulting firm William M. Mercer Inc.

Legislation aimed at improving health care access for low-income Americans was included in a $792 billion Republican tax-cutting plan Clinton vetoed in 1999.

Clinton's plan, which will be included in the State of the Union address he was giving tonight, is a $110 billion package of health insurance initiatives.

The president's tax credit plan would provide a $3,000 long-term care tax credit, costing $28 billion over 10 years. Also, $76 billion in Clinton's plan would be used to insure 4 million parents of children who receive health coverage under Medicaid and the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

About 5 million Americans would be covered under the White House plan.

The Health Insurance Association of America, which has launched an advertising campaign featuring the characters "Harry and Louise" to promote its own proposal, said in a statement: "We are pleased to see key leaders in Congress are placing the same emphasis on this enormous and growing problem."

Grover Norquist of Americans for Tax Reform liked a provision in the congressional plan that would allow families to pick the health coverage of their choice.

The group, Norquist wrote Armey, "supports your efforts to find a free-market solution to an issue like health care."

Norquist complained that Clinton's plan, in contrast, would "increase spending, require tax increases while doing little to reform Medicare."

Tips for cooking food safely

Cook it safely

Food is done when it looks done, right?

Not always! Judging "doneness" by how a food looks works fairly well with scrambled eggs and some fish. But it doesn't work well for hamburgers, roast, turkey, chicken, meat loaves and egg casseroles. It is important to cook food to an internal temperature that destroys harmful bacteria, and if you don't, you could get sick.

Hamburgers are a good example. In a study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 25 percent of the hamburgers tested turned brown before they reached a safe internal temperature. On the flip side, some patties remained pink on the inside even when cooked well above a safe temperature. This is particularly true of frozen, preformed patties. The conclusion: Color is not a good indicator of doneness or safety. As a result, USDA recommends using a thermometer to test the doneness of hamburgers, as well as other meat and poultry products.

In a consumer food safety survey conducted last year, fewer than half of those interviewed owned a food thermometer. Only 3 percent used one on a regular basis when cooking hamburgers.

Don't own a food thermometer? Have one but it doesn't work or you can't find it? It's time to think about getting one. Besides making sure that food gets cooked to a safe temperature, thermometers take the guesswork out of cooking and can prevent overcooking.

The most common and versatile food thermometer is the bimetallic stemmed thermometer. These are available at most kitchen or grocery store for less than $5. Check the range of temperatures on it. Meat and all-purpose thermometers generally read from 0 to 220 degrees F. Candy thermometers measure above the temperature of boiling water.

How do you know if your thermometer is accurate? The best way is to use the ice water test. Fill a large glass with finely crushed ice. Add clean water to the top of the ice and stir well. Immerse the thermometer stem at least 2 inches into the mixture. The thermometer should read 32 degrees F., after 30 seconds. If it doesn't, adjust the calibration nut to the correct temperature.

What temperatures are recommended for safety's sake? USDA recommends cooking to the following internal temperatures" Ground beef, 160 degrees F., roast and steaks, 145 degrees F., chicken breasts, 170 degrees F., whole poultry 180 degrees F.

NASA renews effort to find missing lander

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Scientists have resumed searching for the Mars Polar Lander after a mysterious faint signal was picked up by a radio dish at Stanford University.

They warned that actually finding proof it still exists was a long shot.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration sent commands to the lander on Wednesday, ordering it to send a signal back. The commands were to be repeated today.

Processing data collected by the 150-foot-diameter dish was expected to take days, said Mary Hardin, a spokeswoman for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The lander vanished Dec. 3 as it was about to enter the Red Planet's atmosphere, NASA's second Mars mission to disappear in three months.

Efforts to contact the $165 million lander during December and earlier this month included commands telling the craft to send a radio signal to the Stanford dish.

No signals were immediately detected, but the Stanford antenna team recently concluded that the dish may have received a weak signal that could have come from Mars on Dec. 18 and Jan. 4.

Lander project manager Richard Cook said the signal could have simply originated on or near Earth, adding that new tests were needed to rule out the possibility it came from the lander.

Leaders of the mission said they were shocked that the lander could still be trying to contact Earth.

"I was blown away," said flight operations manager Sam W. Thurman. "Imagine coming back from the funeral of a dear friend and getting a phone call saying ... he's not dead after all."

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Environmentalists: TNRCC pollution plan is too limited

IRVING (AP) — Critics of a state proposal to reduce air pollution say the plan puts blame on Texans rather than industry — whose exhaust ports and smoke stacks produce the majority of dirty air.

Environmental groups, citizens, and some elected officials Wednesday blasted the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's plan for not addressing North Texas polluters such as airports, electrical plants and cement kilns.

"The air belongs to all of us. Just because a manufacturer wants to use it for a trash receptacle doesn't mean I can't have clean, blue air," said Dan Fette, 45, of Denton.

"We must plan for more clean up in order to meet (federal) standards," he said.

The TNRCC has scheduled a series of public hearings this week across the state get public comment on an air cleanup package before a federal deadline in May. If the state's plan doesn't pass muster with the Environmental Protection Agency, the state could face stricter rules and possibly slashed highway funding.

Many of the proposed rules are narrowly targeted to the regions of the state with the worst air pollution: Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston-Galveston and the Beaumont-Port Arthur area.

At the hearing Wednesday, the environmental groups offered their own proposals to clean up the skies. In general, their plans favor California's pollution controls over the federal controls proposed by the TNRCC.

"Most of the TNRCC's proposals are a farce; there could easily be stricter rules," said Katy Hubener, 29, of Duncanville. "I don't think we should let business soften these."

TNRCC officials defended their plan, and said they were pleased by the turnout at Wednesday's meeting.

"We have a very substantive plan and are very happy there is so much feedback," spokesman Patrick Crimmins said. "Part of our job us to come out here and find out what the public thinks."

According to the environmentalists' plan:

— Power plants outside the four county Dallas metroplex should have to reduce their emissions standards by 88 percent — rather than 50 percent — like they do within city limits. So-called "grandfathered" plants should be required to reduce emission by 50 percent, rather than voluntarily reduce emissions.

— Cement kilns should also be required to reduce their toxic output by 80 percent rather than the 18 percent suggested by the TNRCC.

— Any plants, including cement kilns, that cannot meet the new requirement should be retired.

— A TNRCC proposal to reduce highway speed limits by 5 mph to a minimum of 60 mph should be scrapped. The rule is unenforceable given that most driver don't follow speed limits today, they said. The environmentalists also oppose highway improvements, high-occupancy vehicle lanes and carpooling because they have failed in other states.

Health care program could run short

AUSTIN (AP) — The federal-state program that helps pay for health care for Texas' poor, aged, blind and disabled patients faces a potential budget shortfall of more than $100 million this fiscal year, according to state health officials.

The projected deficit is based upon preliminary findings, the officials said, but a memo warning regulators of the looming crunch has already been sent to Gov. George W. Bush earlier this month.

The governor's staff acknowledged this week the matter bears watching, but an official said no problems were likely to crop up for the state's more than 1.7 million Medicaid beneficiaries.

"It's nothing to worry about," Mike Jones, a Bush spokesman, told the Austin bureau of The Dallas Morning News. "It's very, very preliminary. It's just one of several things that the governor's office and, I'm sure, the (legislative) leadership will pay attention to."

Randy Washington, chief budget officer at the Texas Department of Health, warned of the possible Medicaid shortfall in a Jan. 12 memo to Bush's office.

"Preliminary data suggests that, by the end of fiscal year 2000, the Medicaid program could have a budget shortfall of $116 million," wrote Washington, the deputy commissioner for health-care financing, in the memo.

"These projections are based on early numbers, but we wanted to make you aware of the information," he said. The fiscal year ends Aug. 31.

Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said the governor's office was right: the data is too preliminary to know if there's a problem.

"I'm glad we know about it, but I think in April or May we'll have a better idea of where we are," Junell said. "It's something we need to be cognizant of, but by April it may not even exist."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, agreed.

"We've got to be concerned about it," Ratliff said. But he pointed out that two years ago a similar Medicaid shortfall was forecasted — and then wiped out by a "little" budget surplus.

Washington said current health care trends can be blamed for the potential shortfall, including rising prescription drug prices and still-hefty Medicaid patient rolls.

"If those trends that we've seen continue, then there potentially could be a budget issue," Washington said.

2nd death from Pokemon toy

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Consumer Product Safety Commission plans to issue its second nationwide alert in a month after a 4-month-old Indianapolis boy suffocated in his crib on a Burger King Pokemon ball.

Zachary Jones is the second infant nationwide to suffocate on one of the "Poke Balls," a hollow red-and-white plastic toy about the size of a tennis ball that opens clamshell-style.

Zachary suffocated Tuesday after half of toy's ball-shaped container lodged over his mouth and nose.

"This is a danger parents wouldn't even imagine because these balls look innocent enough, but they can be deadly if they get stuck over a child's face," safety commission spokesman Russ Rader said Wednesday.

Millions of the toys were handed out with Burger King children's meals late last year. The packaging contained no warnings and described them as "safety tested and recommended for all ages."

Burger King on Dec. 27 issued a recall for millions of the toys following the Dec. 11 suffocation death of a Sonora, Calif., girl who was found in her playpen with half a ball over her nose and mouth.

Rader said the alert was to be sent today, and a video news release will be issued to television stations. He said Burger King is purchasing radio and newspaper ads in major markets warning consumers of the toy's dangers.

"The Pokemon ball half can get stuck over a child's nose and mouth," said Ann Brown, chairman of the product safety commission. "And as a child struggles, the suction gets stronger and stronger and the child really can't cry out. It's a silent death."

In December, federal officials accused the fast-food giant of being too slow in recalling the containers, which the company denied.

Zachary's family members said they weren't aware of the recall.

"It's hard to believe that you go get the kids something to eat and you bring home a lethal toy," said Michael Jones, Zachary's grandfather.

The Pokemon toys were safety tested by Specialized Technology Resources in Enfield, Conn., but they were only tested for choking, a spokesman for Miami-based Burger King said Wednesday.

"The ball was not tested for suffocation," Charles Nicolas said. "It's just not an industry practice."

Nicolas said Burger King widely publicized the December recall, posting signs in restaurants, sending notices to pediatricians and taking out a full-page ad in USA Today.

"We're exploring further options now that we can do to make parents aware of this safety hazard for children under 3," Nicolas said.

He said the company is investigating the incident in Indianapolis.

An autopsy showed Zachary died of asphyxiation, and the death was ruled accidental, said Deputy Police Chief Lana Schneider of suburban Lawrence. The toy was left in his crib by his step-grandmother.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Friday, Jan. 28, 2000

Your Birthday

The year ahead will be offering a plethora of opportunities for personal achievement. However, you must be careful not to attempt to take on too much simultaneously.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be very careful not to judge events or situations today before you have all the facts at your disposal. Success will be denied if you make a miscalculation or form a misconception. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Feeling sorry for yourself today is an exercise in futility. It accomplishes nothing and others have their own problems with which to deal and have little time to attend your pity party.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Sentiment won't save you dollars today, so instead of feeling obligated to do business with your old standby, start checking around for a better deal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might have to pay the price for what you did yesterday when you agreed to something you now find you can't deliver. 'Fess up and see if you can compensate in some manner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be cognizant of sensible health habits, because you could be quite vulnerable today. Remember an ounce of prevention is worth a pound in cure.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't play the role of a puppet when associating with a person who has a reputation for being a gifted manipulator, especially if she or he offers a something-for-nothing deal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to bring a matter out into the open today concerning a valued relationship where you've been sensing something hasn't been right. Nothing can be resolved without a frank discussion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your worst enemy today is rationalization, especially when it encourages you to postpone taking care of matters that need tending today. You'll pay the price tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Because this may not be one of your better days for managing money matters, be particularly careful with dealings of this nature either for yourself or for another.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The results of your involvements today are likely to be that which you anticipate them to be. If your expectations are negative, look for defeat. If they're positive, look for victory.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Since it isn't your style to resort to subterfuge, why be tempted to do so today? You know better than most that when things are kept out in the open, anything can be resolved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The worst thing you can do today is to do something for a friend in hopes of being rewarded. Your motives will be easily discerned and you could be labeled a user.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Daughter is grateful she shared words of love with her dad

DEAR ABBY: Over the years you have printed many letters about the importance of telling the people you care about that you love them.

About four years ago, I took heed. When talking to my dad, with whom I was very close, I closed with, "I love you, Daddy." He seemed surprised, and then responded, "I love you, too, honey." From then on, every time I ended a conversation with my dad, we had the same exchange.

My dad went to sleep in his home last Nov. 26 and didn't wake up. I want you to know how grateful I am that you woke me up. You have no idea how comforting it is to know the last words we said to each other were those of love. Thank you, Abby, for waking me up before it was too late. — **BONNIE BARNETT, IRVING, TEXAS**

DEAR BONNIE: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved father. I may have given you the message, but you had to be receptive and ready to hear it and take action.

It takes only a moment to say, "I love you," or to express appreciation. And as important as the spoken word is, the written word can be enjoyed over and over again. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The New Orleans reader who commented on a letter to a catering company brought back memories. Our son was active in a church youth group that needed an electrical modification in the room the group was using. He asked an electrical contractor in the church to do the work and later offered to pay. The contractor told him the work was gratis. Our son then wrote him a letter of thanks.

Two weeks later the contractor died of a heart attack. I spoke to his widow at the funeral. She told me her husband actually cried when he got my son's letter. He had done dozens of small jobs gratis at the church and was usually thanked with a word — but that was the only time he ever got a letter of thanks.

Our son is now chairman of the department of religious studies at a large university. He certainly learned the importance of a written note. — **PAUL A. MILLER, WICHITA, KAN.**

DEAR PAUL: You sound like a proud parent — and you have every right to be. You raised an intelligent and considerate son.

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DEAR ABBY: Many of us in our office are wondering about something that happened at our office Christmas luncheon. All the employees were given a $35 gift certificate for food from a local grocery store. We were then encouraged to give it to a local charity (no pressure, of course). A box was provided at the door for us to drop off our gift certificates for those less fortunate than ourselves.

We think it is inappropriate to give a gift and then suggest that it be donated. What do you think? — **THE OFFICE GANG**

DEAR OFFICE GANG: I agree with you. Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as he or she pleases. Regardless of how gently it was done, for a boss to "encourage" the employees to forgo the gift and make a donation was still arm-twisting. I'm all for charity — but not when it's done in that manner.

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DEAR ABBY: In response to "Sensitive Nose in Garden Grove, Calif.," who complained because his seatmate on a plane wore too much perfume, I would like to share some advice my older sister gave me when I was a teen-ager.

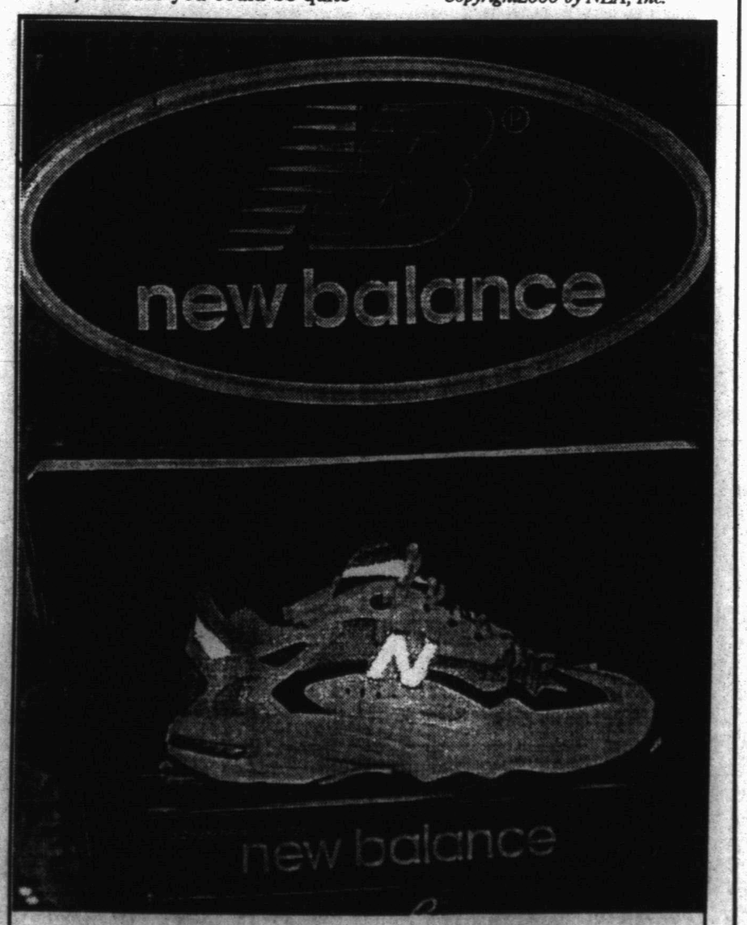
I'm not sure who said it originally, but here's the quote: "A scent is not to be announced, but to be discovered." It's a guideline I use to this day when I apply my perfume. — **DIANE IN OMAHA**

DEAR DIANE: I agree 100 percent with that philosophy. And it applies to men as well as women.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Iraq rejects new U.N. inspector

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq will not deal with the new chief U.N. weapons inspector despite the unanimous backing he received from the U.N. Security Council, a senior Iraqi official said today.

Nizar Hamdoon, a deputy foreign minister, said in a radio interview that Iraq has problems with the U.N. resolution that created the new inspection agency, not necessarily with the new chief inspector, Hans Blix.

"The matter is more complicated than the issue of Blix or the naming of a new commission," Hamdoon told the French-sponsored, Arabic-language Radio Monte Carlo in an interview monitored in Baghdad. He cited "the current degree of mistrust existing between Iraq on the one hand and the council on the other" as the main stumbling block.

Blix "may be a compromise candidate for Security Council members but Iraq is not concerned with the compromise," said Hamdoon, Iraq's former envoy to the United Nations.

Blix won the support of all 15 members of the Security Council Wednesday to become the next chief inspector to oversee the elimination of mass-destruction weapons and long-range missiles which may still be in Iraq's possession. His appointment ended weeks of wrangling at the council over who is to head the new disarmament agency, known as UNMOVIC.

Blix's appointment followed the failure last week by the U.N. Security Council to agree on the nomination of Rolf Ekeus, another Swede, to head the new agency. Ekeus led the U.N. Special Commission for Iraq between 1991 and 1997.

Both the Special Commission and the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency — which Blix headed until 1997 — were charged with overseeing the destruction of Iraq's arsenal of weapons of mass destruction.

Clinton to seek $350 billion tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will propose a $350 billion tax cut in his final State of the Union address tonight, urging relief from the marriage penalty and a new program of retirement savings accounts.

The president also will propose big tax breaks for education, including a deduction of up to $10,000 for college tuition. Another proposal would offer a tax deduction to encourage philanthropy.

Details of his proposals were released this morning in advance of the address before a joint session of Congress.

The president will say the nation stands at a moment of great prosperity and promise, and he will urge Americans to take a long look ahead to the challenges of the 21st century, White House chief of staff John Podesta said.

Clinton, turning to foreign policy, will say that America stands at the zenith of its power and influence and will urge that the United States encourage Russia and China to join the ranks of stable, prosperous democratic nations, National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said.

Along those lines, Clinton will urge Russia to safeguard its nuclear arsenal and will prod Congress to give China permanent most-favored-nation trade status.

The president also will propose $1 billion in tax credits to encourage the development of vaccines against malaria and tuberculosis and for people who have AIDS or the HIV virus in developing countries, Berger said.

Gene Sperling, director of the National Economic Council, said the gross amount of Clinton's tax cut would be about $350 billion over 10 years. But he said the president would propose a series of measures to close tax loopholes and shelters that would reduce the net amount to $250 billion.

However, Congress in the past has rejected many of Clinton's loophole closers, arguing that they are tax increases.

Podesta said Clinton would "challenge the Congress to get on with the unfinished business, to pass the patients' bill of rights, to pass the minimum wage and to deal with critical issues that were left behind in last year's unfinished business.

Obituaries

Neely Wright Jr.

1925-2000

GRANDE SALINE — Neely Thomas Wright Jr. of Grand Prairie, a former Snyder resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 26, in Van.

Funeral service for Mr. Wright, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Bartley Funeral Home Chapel in Grande Saline with the Rev. Leighton Bearden and the Rev. Pat Thresher officiating.

Masonic rites will be held at the Bartley Funeral Home Chapel following the Saturday service. Burial will be in the Woodside Cemetery.

Born on Aug. 6, 1925 in Grand Saline, he was reared in Grand Saline. Mr. Wright was production foreman and area production superintendent for the former Pure Oil Co. that later became Unocal Oil Co. He retired after 40 years of service.

Mr. Wright was a 50-year member of the Colfax Masonic Lodge 904 and was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite. He served in the Army Air Force.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Neely Thomas and Bess Carroll Wright.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Jean Wright of Grand Prairie; three sons, Ronald Wright of Honolulu, Thomas Wright of Colorado Springs, and Neely Wright III of Arlington; one daughter, Anne Hicks of Irving; four grandchildren, Stacy Wright, Tyler Hicks, Amy Faulkenbery and Jeremy Faulkenbery.

Family visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund in Grand Prairie or the Parkinsons Foundation.

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Links believed established between Bin Laden, Algerians

NEW YORK (AP) — Investigators believe they have found links between Osama bin Laden and Algerians charged with plotting a terror attack in the United States, The New York Times reported today.

A man under arrest in Senegal is believed to have directed the Algerians' effort to carry out a bomb plot from Canada late last year, the Times reported, citing unidentified law enforcement sources.

The plot was foiled Dec. 14 when U.S. authorities arrested a man at Port Angeles, Wash. Ahmed Ressam was entering the country from Canada in a vehicle that allegedly contained bomb-making materials.

Bin Laden and 17 others have been indicted on federal charges with a conspiracy to attack Americans in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. The attacks killed 224 people, including 12 Americans. Bin Laden, a Saudi exile, is believed to be in Afghanistan.

No specific evidence shows that bin Laden was behind the alleged Algerian plot and authorities have not suggested possible targets.

The man held in Senegal, Mohambedou Ould Slahi, is a brother-in-law of one of bin Laden's key aides, known as "the Mauritanian," the Times said.

Slahi has not been charged with any crime, but the United States requested his arrest and federal prosecutors in New York are preparing formal charges which could be used as the basis for his extradition, the Times reported. Agents were traveling to Senegal to question Slahi, the newspaper said.

A senior government official in Senegal and an officer at the central police station in Dakar told The Associated Press today they knew nothing of Slahi's detention. An official at the U.S. Embassy in Dakar said he was unaware of Slahi's case or any American investigators in the country.

At least four Algerian nationals and one woman married to an Algerian face charges in connection with the plot.

Little was revealed about Slahi, a citizen of Mauritania, but investigators told the Times he was in constant contact with a construction company in Sudan that was owned by bin Laden and was a front for his international organization, al Qaeda.

Last fall, Slahi traveled to Montreal, where he worked closely with Mokhtar Haouri, one of the Algerians charged with helping Ressam. But following Ressam's arrest, Slahi fled to a Montreal mosque and then left the country, the Times reported.

Kohl testimony delayed

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's governing coalition today rejected former chancellor Helmut Kohl's request to testify as soon as possible before a parliamentary investigating committee.

The decision to put off calling Kohl as a witness in the investigation of a financial scandal involving the Christian Democrats, which he had led for 25 years, prompted allegations by the party that they were being subjected to a political witch hunt.

"Their aim is obvious — to misuse the investigating committee as a tribunal against the Christian Democrats," Andreas Schmidt, the senior Christian Democrat lawmaker on the parliament committee, said of the governing coalition.

Schmidt said the ruling Social Democrats rejected conservatives' suggestions to start the questioning by calling Kohl followed by senior members of his administration.

Kohl himself, in a raucous exchange in parliament last year, demanded he be given a chance to testify before Christmas.

Since then, Kohl has refused the demands of those within his own party to reveal the names of donors who he admitted gave the party up to $1 million in off-the-books money.

Volker Neumann, the Social Democrat lawmaker who chairs the parliament committee, said there was no reason to call Kohl to testify given his pledge not to break his word.

"So long as Helmut Kohl isn't ready to reveal the origin of money that went into secret accounts, we see to reason to hear him," Neumann told Phoenix television.

Ira, lake customers have power outage

Approximately 220 TXU Electric customers at Ira and Lake Thomas were without power early this morning following a cross arm fire on a transmission pole that runs from China Grove to Snyder.

According to local manager Daryl Thomas, the first outage occurred from 3:55 a.m. to 5:22 a.m.

"At 5:22 a.m., we restored power for approximately 16 minutes and then it was off again until 7 a.m.," Thomas said.

He added that the 220 affected customers were not all residential. Some were oilfield customers.

Thomas attributed the cause of the outage to the sudden wet weather. He said when it is as dry as it has been contamination builds up on the insulator on the transmission poles and "when it gets wet, you go into problems."

TXU also had outages this morning in Roscoe and Loraine due to two cross arm fires on the transmission lines that run from Colorado City to Sweetwater.

That outage affected approximately 850 customers in Loraine and Roscoe.

Thomas said the power went out about 4:42 a.m. in Loraine and was restored about 4:53 a.m.

Roscoe customers were out from 6:35 a.m. to 9:09 a.m.

Theft report filed at Central school

A supplementary report was filed Wednesday to an offense report Saturday for criminal mischief at Central Elementary.

Ector Rodriguez notified officers on Saturday that a window had been broken at the school.

An officer was called back to the school at 8:57 a.m. Wednesday in reference to the theft of a pencil sharpener valued at $250.

Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner said the incident was still under investigation and may be filed as a burglary.

Three subjects were taken into custody Thursday.

Department of Public Safety troopers booked a 51-year-old male into custody at the sheriff's office at 10:25 a.m. on DPS warrants out of Amarillo.

A charge of driving while intoxicated resulted in the arrest of a 50-year-old male at 4:31 p.m. DPS troopers arrested him on U.S. Hwy. 84.

At 6 p.m., deputies took a 39-year-old male into custody in the 400 block of East Hwy. 180 on a Williamson County warrant for failure to appear for child support, and a Taylor County warrant for Class A theft by check.

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ONGOINGS

Book fair

Scurry County Head Start book fair continues from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily through Friday on the stage at the Snyder Child Day Care Center at 2800 2nd Street.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Bible study

A 10-week study, "To Live As Christ," by Beth Moore is being held at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. each Thursday at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Shirley Stice is the teacher. For more information, call 573-3988.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception in honor of Ruby Neves will be held from 10 a.m. until noon Friday, on the third floor of the Scurry County courthouse.

Hosting Missionary Baptists

Northside Baptist Church will host the West Texas-New Mexico Missionary Baptist Association meeting start at 10 a.m. Saturday. Mike Rice from Arp will be guest speaker for the men and "A Godly Woman" workshop will be held for the women. The public is invited. For more information, call 573-7105.

Calvary Baptist 50th anniversary

Calvary Baptist Church will observe its 50th anniversary Sunday. Former pastors and staff will speak at the 9:45 a.m. service. Former pastor Glenn Border will speak at 10:50 a.m. A reunion from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. will be held in the fellowship hall.

Enchilada dinner

Colonial Hill Baptist Church youth will host an enchilada dinner from noon until 1 p.m. Sunday, in the church fellowship hall. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12 and are available at the church office. Tickets at the door will be $6 and $4. Funds will go toward summer youth activities.

Super Bowl meal

Sons of the American Legion will sponsor a meal catered by Red Barn Barbecue on Super Bowl Sunday starting at 4 p.m. Cost is $3 per plate.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak trees are available from the Soil and Water Conservation District, 5308 Big Spring Hwy. Deadline for orders is Monday.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "How Can You Forsake God," followed by "What Is a Family?"

SHS baseball boosters

The Snyder baseball will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the football field house. All booster members are urged to attend to see new uniforms and T-shirts on display. Also it is the last chance for parent ads.

Financial aid workshop

A financial aid workshop will be held in Snyder High School's student center at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Kathy Hall of WTC's financial aid office will conduct the workshop.

Amateur radio operators

Snyder area radio operators will conduct its weekly check in/ragchew net at 7:30 Tuesday. This net will operate on frequency 146.920 with PL tone 67. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in. For more information call Mike @ KM5TC (573-2222), or David @ KC5GFM (573-8182).

Marriage course

A 13-week course, "Covenant Marriage: Communication and Intimacy Course" will be presented by the North College Ave. Baptist Church starting at 6:45 p.m. next Thursday. The course is designed to strengthen a marriage and equip persons to assist others who are struggling in a relationship. For more information or pre-registration, call 573-9540 or 573-7930.

Scout food drive

Scouts will hand out bags next Thurday, and collect them on Saturday, Feb. 5. No glass containers or perishables. If you need a bag picked up, call 338-1865.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception to honor Bill and Anne Overhulser will be held from 3-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Snyder Country Club.

Commissioning service

A commissioning service for ministry in Guatemala for Charlie and Pat Reynolds will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, in the First Baptist Church. A reception will follow.

MAWC fish fry

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a fish fry Friday, Feb. 11, at the clubhouse from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children six and under. Meals will be delivered by calling 573-3427, 573-6443, or 573-6717. Proceeds go toward maintaining the clubhouse.

Enchilada plates

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will be selling enchilada plates on Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Guadalupe Center at 1311 Ave. K from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Plates are $5 for adults and $2.50 for children and include three beef enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, dessert and tea.

Pick 3

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

4-7-8

(four, seven, eight)

Lotto Texas

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

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 2-6-7-18-23-28.

Saturday's night's drawing will be worth an estimated $7 million.