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Zoning change request to meet with opposition

A Lubbock man interested in developing an assisted-living facility in Snyder has chosen a third site, and for the third time, the project is drawing opposition from nearby property owners.

The latest project is on this evening's agenda when the city's planning and zoning commission convenes at 5:15 at Snyder city hall.

Burl Masters, a Lubbock real estate agent, has requested a zoning change for some 22 acres located between Towle Park and Houston Avenue. The project has stirred opposition from nearby residents and Masters said this morning that today's meeting should clear up any misconceptions about the proposed facility.

"This will be a first-class operation that should enhance property values in that area," said Masters, noting the project should add some $600,000 to the city's tax roll.

Masters said there would be no subsidized housing included and added, "We don't want subsidized housing in the area either."

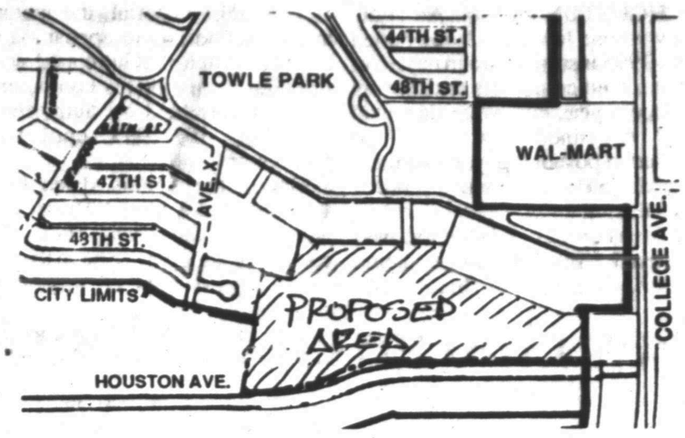
A Birmingham, Ala. firm is wanting to build an assisted-living apartment complex for the elderly. Last May, Bob Berryman, a partner in the proposed project along with long-time Abilene physician W.O. Akin, drew a loud round of applause at a noon meeting of members of the Snyder Senior Center when he announced plans to construct a 15-unit assisted living project. At that time, Berryman said he was negotiating with landowners just east of Western Texas College. Before the project met opposition with homeowners in that area, a completion date of some six months was projected.

A similar plan to re-zone a portion of an area of the Royal Court area, which is adjacent to the Cedar Creek addition, drew opposition from a large group of citizens at an Aug. 5 city council meeting, and the council voted not to re-zone the area from R-1/single family residential district to an R-3 general residential special use planned development district.

The change would have allowed the construction of an assisted-living complex, but homeowners feared that other types of multi-family units could also be constructed on the site, resulting in decreased property values. Those in opposition stated the zoning change could allow for the construction of subsidized housing units and full-fledged nursing homes.

These concerns, along with what citizens feel will be increased traffic flow in the area,

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Home Of T. J. Jones

Early voting booth to be open early, late

Some 230 people took advantage of extended early voting hours at the county courtroom over the weekend, bringing the total number of ballots cast to more than 1,400 now.

With a week left in the early voting period, balloting still trails the 1992 election, which saw 40 percent of the votes, or some 2,465 cast early.

"We're still a thousand behind where we were four years ago, but we've got this week left. Maybe we'll catch up. I don't know," said Jenevee Miller, interim county clerk.

Extended hours run through this week. The poll, located on the third floor of the courthouse, is open daily from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. through Friday.

The county clerk's position is one of five locally contested races on the Nov. 5 ballot, which also includes races for president and vice president, U.S. and state legislators and court justices.

Miller, who will retire at the end of the year, is filling in for retired county clerk Frances Billingsley. Seeking to take over the position are Joan Bunch, the Republican nominee, and Democratic nominee Denise Beck.

Among the most watched of the local races is the one for district attorney, where incumbent Dana W. Cooley is being challenged by county attorney, Lealand W. "Pete" Greene. Cooley, a Republican, was appointed to the office last year by Gov. George Bush. Greene, the Democratic nominee, is a former Scurry County DA.

In another local race, private attorneys Michael W. Hartman, Republican, and Democrat Marvin Sentell are seeking to replace Greene as county attorney.

The November election will also select a new sheriff in Scurry County. Running for the office are two deputies, Republican Kerry Fritz and Democrat Darren Jackson. They are seeking to replace Keith Collier, who is retiring after serving eight terms.

In the other contested race, Precinct 3 Commissioner C.D.

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AARP REGISTRATION - Emerson Armstrong was one of over 100 people attending the American Association of Retired Persons program Saturday morning in Snyder. Assisting at the registration table were, front to back, Eunice Milton, Sedalia Malone, Odis Craig and Frances Denman. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ritz sets auditions

Auditions for the Ritz Community Theatre Christmas production will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The auditions, to be held at the theatre, are scheduled from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 3-5 p.m. Wednesday.

Play is entitiled "The Butterfingers' Angel, Mary and Joseph, Herod the Nut, and The Slaughter of Twelve Hit Carols and a Pear Tree."

"This touching, funny and highly imaginative re-telling of the Christmas Story is written by William Gibson, one of America's major playwrights," said Ellie Dryden, who will direct the production.

The cast includes five men in the roles of Joseph, three kings and the Man in Gray. The role of Gabriel the angel should be played by an adolescent teen-ager. The four female roles include Mary, two of her friends and a tree. There are roles for four children who will play the cow, the sheep, the donkey and the adolescent girl in the stable.

"The story of Mary and Joseph is told from a fresh and richly creative point of view, and includes a tree and animals who talk; a beguiling Mary, who has heretofore decided that men and marriage were not for her; a suddenly cautious Joseph, who at first contends he is too old for Mary; and a scatter-brained boy angel, who directs the action from a prompt book and makes bleating sounds on his trumpet," said Mrs. Dryden.

The Man in Gray symbolizes Satan and appears in different guises, the most notable being Herod.

"Though humerous and creative, the play never loses the true significance of the Christmas story and brings new joy and relevance to its re-telling," Mrs. Dryden said.

All cast members must be able to sing traditional Christmas carols as background music. Children who try out for those roles should be at least third graders. The donkey must be able to carry Mary, or the angel, on his or her back. The adolescent roles of Gabriel and the girl in the stable should be played by sixth, seventh or eighth graders.

Production dates are Dec. 12-15 with evening performances on the 12th and 13th and matinees on the 14th and 15th.

New pastor welcomed at Colonial Hill Baptist

The congregation of Colonial Hill Baptist Church welcomed Rev. Tommy J. Culwell as their pastor Sunday.

Dr. Culwell, 46, comes to Colonial Hill from the First Baptist Church in Seymour, where he has pastored the past six years.

"Snyder feels like home. Though we never lived there, my wife and I grew up near there," said Dr. Culwell. "It appears to be a wonderful city to raise a family in and we look forward to getting to know the whole community."

Dr. Culwell is only the third full-time pastor for Colonial Hill and replaces Miller Robinson, who retired May 26 after guiding the church for 32 years.

Since that time, various preachers have filled in as a search committee began looking for another pastor.

"It was a lengthy process," said Rick Howard, chairman of the committee. "The committee spent a lot of hours in research and investigation. We had a lot of interest from all over the country.

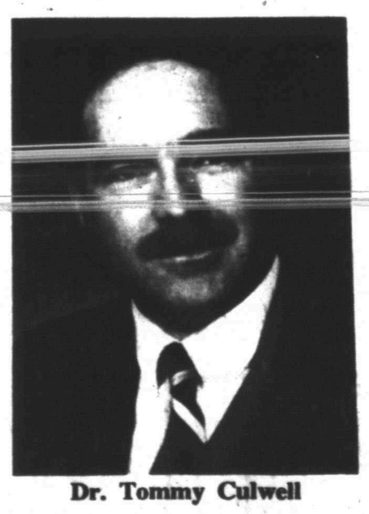
"We were overwhelmed by the support of church members throughout the process and very appreciative of all of the supply preachers we've had. We've seen tremendous spiritual growth within our membership during this transition and feel like we are ready for new leadership from Dr. Culwell," said Howard.

"We anticipate him being in pulpit on Nov. 24 and participating in the community-wide Thanksgiving service that evening."

Dr. Culwell graduated from high school in Anson, and received his bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University. He received his master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1976 and his doctor of ministry there in 1992.

He served as youth minister for the First Baptist Church in Trent in 1971 and for the First Baptist Church in Colorado City in 1972.

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Dr. Tommy Culwell

Patterson buys firm in Midland

Patterson Engery Inc., headquartered in Snyder, continues to expand with the acquisition of a Midland-based drilling company.

Patterson Energy has acquired 100 percent of the stock of the privately-owned Gene Sledge Drilling Corporation of Midland.

Net purchase price was $13 million - including six drilling rigs, related drilling equipment, three rig hauling trucks, a yard and shop facility and $4.3 million in net working capital.

Last July, Patterson finaled the merger of the Snyder exploration and drilling company with Tucker Drilling Co. of San Angelo. That stock transaction was valued at $22.5 million.

The acquisition last July increased the Patterson rig count from 26 to 39, and the new transaction brings the current Patterson rig total to 46.

Patterson, a publically-traded company, has locations in Snyder, Victoria, LaGrange, San Angelo, Wichita Falls and Midland. Total employment is approximately 780.

Yeltsin cancels meetings for more tests

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin today canceled all meetings for this week because of unspecified medical tests during what his spokesman called "the final stage of preparations" for heart surgery.

Yeltsin also ordered his former bodyguard and one-time close friend to be relieved of his military duties because of what the president said were "slanderous statements" about him and his family.

Presidential spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky told a Kremlin news conference that Yeltsin's doctors had recommended complete rest while he undergoes the tests. He said even the president's weekly meeting with the prime minister would be canceled.

"The preparations have entered their final stage," Yastrzhembsky said. "Everything is proceeding as normal."

Yastrzhembsky did not release any details about the nature of the medical tests or say when the surgery would occur. But he indicated there was no change in the president's health.

Yeltsin has been holding almost daily meetings at a government health resort outside Moscow while awaiting multiple heart bypass surgery, expected to take place sometime between mid-November and mid-December.

Yeltsin has said he will temporarily transfer power to Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin during his operation. Asked today if the time had come for the transfer, Yastrzhembsky said, "So far it doesn't mean that."

While absent from the Kremlin, Yeltsin has issued frequent decrees. In an order dated today, Yeltsin accused former bodyguard Alexander Korzhakov of "a series of slanderous statements concerning the Russian president and members of his family," and of releasing confidential information and trying to discredit top state officials.

Korzhakov, a lieutenant general in the state security services, wielded enormous behind-the-scenes power before being fired.

ASK US

Q—Where does Snyder ISD coach David Baugh rank in the salary list compiled by the Associated Press?

A—In a list of 5A and 4A coaches, he ranks number 283 out of 428 with a salary of $50,812.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 76 degrees; low, 48; high Sunday, 71; low, 43; .30 of an inch precipitation; total for 1996, 13.34 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, storms likely, some possibly severe. Low 45-50. SE wind 10-20 mph, gusty. Rain chance 70%. Tuesday, becoming mostly sunny, windy, warmer. High, mid 60s. SW wind 20-30 mph, gusty.



Danni Garcia

Rainy

Sunset: 5:58 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.
Of 301 days in 1996, the sun has shone 297 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The devising of foolishness is sin, And the scoffer is an abomination to men.

Proverbs 24:9

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Houston lawyer says he is victim of malicious prosecution

HOUSTON (AP) — An attorney whose law office was raided in a 1995 insurance fraud bust says that seized computers returned by police a year later were damaged and contained new files that included pornography, racist literature, and a memo that used a racial slur.

Attorney James McGuire, who is black, says the same memo described a need to "nail" him.

The racist material, the memo and a second memo appear on a hard drive that McGuire said was installed in one of his computers while it was held by authorities from Jan. 19, 1995, until last December.

One of the memos, dated July 10, 1995, concludes: "There was nothing in the files. They are clean. We are going to have to nail these niggers another way. Got any ideas?"

McGuire said the memos, which include incomplete names of a writer and a recipient, are consistent with law enforcement's attitude toward him and of a "malicious prosecution."

"To discover these computer files shows the kind of racial animus the police department and prosecutors have had all along," McGuire was quoted as saying by the Houston Chronicle in Sunday's editions.

McGuire, 47, said the officers made racist jokes and terrorized his wife. He said the charges against him and the loss of the eight computers destroyed his law practice.

"Without client files, financial records and a computer system, we were lost, shut down, out of business," said McGuire, a criminal defense and personal injury attorney for 17 years.

A state district judge dismissed felony charges against McGuire and his brother, Ronnie.

The brothers, who deny any wrongdoing, were two of about 100 defendants arrested in early 1995 in a sting operation targeting insurance fraud.

An insurance company investigator said the arrests came after his firm become suspicious of claims it received from Ronnie McGuire's health clinic, for which his brother had provided some legal work.

A computer expert hired by the Chronicle to examine the material said that because computer files can be backdated, it's not clear when the files in question were added.

Police spokesman Jack Cato declined comment, citing a federal lawsuit McGuire filed in August 1995 that alleges civil rights violations.

A Harris County sheriff's detective, who denied using any of the computers except to search four of them, said his department tried in May 1995 to return the equipment in its possession.

McGuire said he refused to sign for the equipment because he feared it may have been damaged or "tainted."

The sheriff's department says a copy of a Houston police report shows that the police department's computer lab took possession of McGuire's eight computers on May 12, 1995.

Mike Lamson, an attorney representing McGuire, said police used McGuire's computers because they assumed they wouldn't have to account for the equipment.

"They simply never believed he'd be able to get cleared of the charges and be able to get (the equipment) back," he said.

James McGuire's wife, Sondra, still faces trial this week on a misdemeanor charge of interfering with officers who raided her husband's office.

Sex charge clouds park contract

SAN ANTONIO (AP) —. A businessman who operates children's rides at a San Antonio park faces a December trial in the alleged sexual assault of a 14-year-old employee, according to a published report.

Philip Sheridan, 68, also has a tax evasion conviction and was indicted earlier this year on charges he lied on a state application to sell alcoholic beverages, according to a copyright story in Sunday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

Two weeks ago, the City Council awarded Sheridan's Alamo Concessions Inc. a new 10-year contract to run the carousel, skyride, miniature railroad and other amenities at Brackenridge, the city's most popular park.

A four-count indictment accuses Sheridan of sexual assault of a child on July 7, 1994. It alleges that he fondled the teenaged girl, performed oral sex and exposed himself.

Sheridan said the charges are false.

"It's just like if some girl works for you and says you kissed on her, she can file suit on you," he said. "They're not true. It's her word against mine."

The girl, now 17, said Sheridan took her into his office at Brackenridge Park, closed the door, and initiated the sex acts.

Sheridan, who also contracts with the city and a nonprofit commission to run the carnival at the annual Fiesta celebration, was ordered to stay away from children after his indictment on child sex charges, a federal law officer

Council members said they knew Sheridan had been convicted in 1993 of tax evasion when they voted unanimously to consolidate several exclusive concession contracts his company has held for more than a decade.

However, members said they learned of the indictment against Sheridan on child sex charges only after inquiries from the newspaper.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Cary, a 7,900-foot wildcat, six miles southwest of Ira. Location is in Section 125, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Great Texas Crude will plug and abandon the No. 1 Krejci, a 7,900-foot wildcat two miles southwest of Hermleigh. Location was in Section 240, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Yucca Energy Inc. will drill the No.2 Harrell, a 4,700-foot wildcat re-entry, located three miles north of Camp Springs. Location is in Section 97, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 10 Burrows in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 11 Burrows in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 12 Burrows in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Contracted for 3,400 feet, drill site is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 13 Burrows in the same field,. 11 miles southwest of Snyder. The venture will be drilled to a depth of 3,400 feet, and location is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 14 Burrows in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Also set for 3,400 feet, location is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 16 Burrows in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned depth is 3,400 feet, and location is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 16 Burrows in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Contracted for 3,400 feet, drill site is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 2-R Burrows in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for 3,400 feet, location is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 3-R Burrows in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Contracted for 3,400 feet, location is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 4-R Burrows in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Scheduled for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 5-R Burrows in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 9 Burrows in the same field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. Contracted for 3,400 feet, drill site is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Chisholm Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 1 McJimsey unit in the Katie's Luck field, six miles southwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, drill site is in Section 107, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Lario Oil and Gas Co. will drill the No. 5 Schuler in the Tonto north field, six miles northeast of Snyder. The venture will be drilled to 7,500 feet, and location is in Section 443, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Texaco Exploration has completed the No. 1425-H Jo-Mill field unit, located 15 miles southwest of Gail. The venture was finaled to produce 76 barrels of oil and eight barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,656-10,028 feet, and location is in Section 2, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Enervest Operating will drill the No. 3-38 Good in the Jo-Mill field, seven miles east of Ackerly. Planned for a depth of 6,265 feet, location is in Section 38, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

HAT Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 2 Johnson in the Clayton Ranch north field, 10 miles north of Gail. The re-entry is planned for 6,600 feet, and location is in Section 22, Block 31, T6N, T&P survey.

Patterson Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 1-597 Jones in the Fluvanna field, 10 miles northwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 8,500 feet, drill site is in Section 597, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Parker and Parsley Development has completed the No. 353 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The venture was finaled to produce 38 barrels of oil and 212 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,4721-3,153 feet, and location is in Section 17, Block 21, T1S, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley has completed the No. 373 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 66 barrels of oil and 249 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,448-3,124 feet, and location is in Section 10, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley Development has completed the No. 376 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was completed to produce nine barrels of oil and 116 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,505-3,098 feet, and location is in Section 10, Block 20, T1S, T&P survey.

Garza County

HAT Oil and Gas will drill the No. 2 Thumbs Up in the Hard Hat field, five miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 8,700 feet, location is in Section 5, Block 2, GH&H survey.

Palmer Oil Properties has completed the No. 3-R Huber-Lott in the Coulter field, 12 miles southwest of Post. The venture was finaled to produce 38 barrels of 39 gravity oil and 110 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,403-423 feet, and location is in Section 13, block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Howard County

Cobra Oil and Gas Corp. has completed the No. 1-8 Quinn unit in the Spanky field, one-half mile west of Morita. The well was finaled to produce 170 barrels of 48.9 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 10,239-344 feet, and location is in Section 8, Block 34, T1S, T&P survey.

Bettis, Boyle and Stovall will drill the No. 5 Fern Winters in the Vincent field, 21 miles northeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 7,800 feet, location is in Section 9, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Parker and Parsley has completed the No. 356 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 31 barrels of oil and 151 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,451-3,063 feet, and location is in Section 17, Block 29, T&P survey.

SDX Resources Inc. has completed the No. 5-A Elliott in the Turner-Gregory field, five miles northwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce seven barrels of 27 gravity oil and 550 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,795-732 feet, and location is in Section 25, Block 29, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Clear Fork Inc. has completed the No. 3057 Boyd in the EVB field, three miles northwest of Nolan. The well was finaled to produce 229 barrels of 42 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 5,720-755 feet, and location is in Section 57, Block X, T&P survey.

Cholla Petroleum Inc. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Roden in the Regular field, three miles southeast of Sweetwater. Drilled to 4,158 feet, location was in Section 70, Block 22, T&P survey.

Environmental influences can cause a frog's sex to change from male to female or vice versa.

Nonsmokers dream more than smokers.

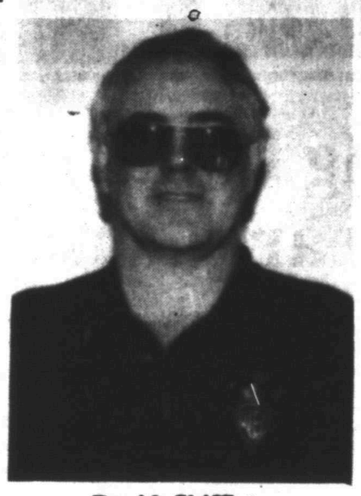
David Shifflett, commodities broker, opens branch office

by Ronda Parker
SDN Correspondent

Local farmers and ranchers will now have the opportunity to hedge their farm products all yearround. David Shifflett, a commodities broker, has recently opened a branch office dba as Professional Hedging with Thomas Lynn Wagnon. Shifflett operates the business out of his home west of Snyder.

As a broker, Shifflett assists farmers and ranchers in hedging their products on the futures market to secure a better price. This is done by buying or selling futures contracts through competitive bidding on the trading floor of a designated exchange.

Shifflett explained that different exchanges have certain commodities but no two exchanges have the same commodity. For example, the New York Mercantile has commodities such as cotton, oil and gas, Comex has gold and silver, CME has livestock and Chicago Board of Trade has grains and long term value commodities like T-Bonds.



David Shifflet

There are two different ways to participate in futures trading. A person can either be a hedger or a speculator. A hedger either produces the actual product and sells it on the market, or buys the actual product to use. Speculators do not produce or buy the actual product, but buy or sell contracts speculating that they will make a profit, but losses often occur.

In order to put a contract on, a person must first open an account and be approved by the clearing firm with which Professional Hedging clears through. Once the account has been approved, the party needs to determine what size of contract, what commodity, and what is the price of the trade that needs to be initiated. After making these decisions, the individual contacts their broker (Shifflett, in this example) to place the order with the clearing firm and it is then automatically entered in the computer which goes directly to the trading floor. The account must be well maintained in order to put the contract on, or in other words there should be enough money in the account to buy or sell a futures or option contract.

Shifflett uses an on-line computer that displays real time quotes, charting, and market information, with the help of a satellite service. One can watch the markets fluctuate and decide where to enter the market with a locked in price for the commodity.

Shifflett offers more assitance than just aiding individuals in buying or selling contracts. He also teaches them how to read the market charts and provides his opinion if asked on what to do with their commodities, based on market updates and information on the satellite service.

After learning how to read the charts, individuals should become independent in making their own decisions as they gain a better understanding of the complete process.

Shifflett grew up on a farm and has either farmed for himself or has been directly related to agriculture all of his life. For the past seven years he has been involved in hedging by marketing his products through the different exchanges.

After acquiring the knowledge of hedging. Shifflett began to see the need for farmers and ranchers to do the same, rather than relying on the price received at the exact time of harvest for his products. Participation in hedging commodities can be done yearround rather than just at harvest time.

Because PCCA (Plains Cotton Cooperative Association) no longer offers trading services, Shifflett decided to open a branch office and continue the service to farmers, hoping to provide a "Professional Hedging" business with area farmers and ranchers.

"Educating our agricultural community in marketing their products and hopefully receiving a better price, is my main concern," said Shifflett. For more information contact David Shifflett at Professional Hedging 915-574-8000.

'Sleepers' No. 1 box office attraction for second week

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The revenge drama "Sleepers" beat out three new movies to top the weekend box office with an estimated gross of $9.7 million.

The film, starring Brad Pitt, Dustin Hoffman and Robert De Niro, was No. 1 for a second straight week, according to preliminary industry estimates.

Final figures were due out today.

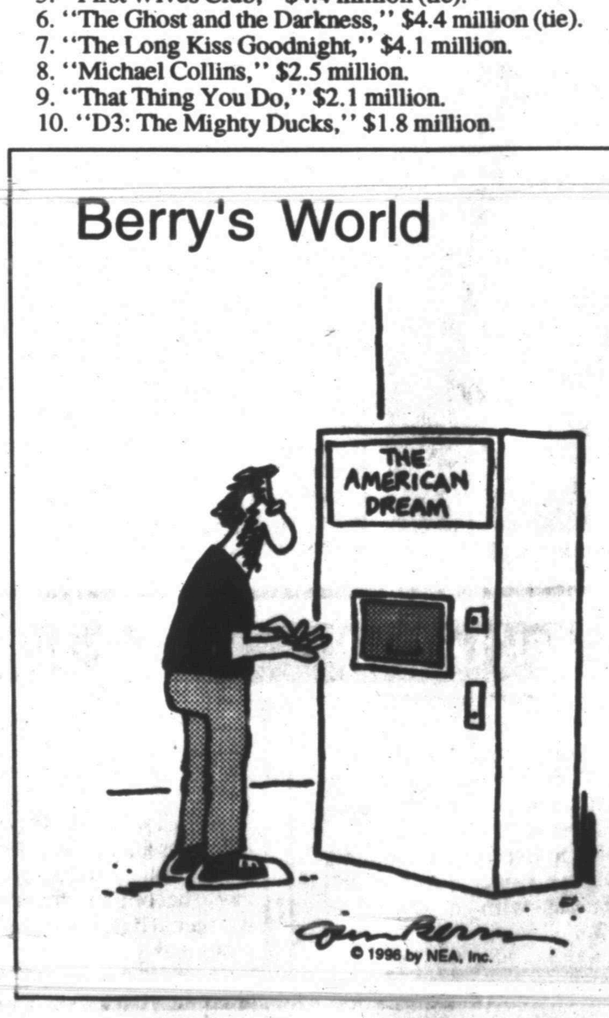
The Jon Lovitz parody "High School High" and the dieting horror film "Thinner" opened in second and third place with $7 million and $5.8 million, respectively.

In fourth place, with about $4.4 million each, were a trio of movies: The debut of Whoopi Goldberg's latest comedy "The Associate," the comedy "The First Wives Club" and the lion-hunting drama "The Ghost and the Darkness."

"Independence Day," meanwhile, earned $1 million to push its North American box office past the $300 million mark.

The top 10 movies for the Friday-through-Sunday period:

1. "Sleepers," $9.7 million.
2. "High School High," $7 million.
3. "Thinner," $5.8 million.
4. "The Associate," $4.4 million (tie).
5. "First Wives Club," $4.4 million (tie).
6. "The Ghost and the Darkness," $4.4 million (tie).
7. "The Long Kiss Goodnight," $4.1 million.
8. "Michael Collins," $2.5 million.
9. "That Thing You Do," $2.1 million.
10. "D3: The Mighty Ducks," $1.8 million.



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AARP DISPLAY — Among the many booths at the American Association of Retired Persons meeting in Snyder Saturday morning was one from Cogdell Hospital's Home Health Service. Shown discussing some of the literature about the service were from left, Sherma Barham, director, Tammy Tyler and Wilma Dillard. (SDN Staff Photo)

Experts weigh marine life safety

HOUSTON (AP) — Old oil rigs, a haven for fish and other sea life in the Gulf of Mexico, can also be a headache for energy companies which must dismantle them under federal regulations.

The challenge of dismantling abandoned rigs with explosive charges can be daunting for regulators.

Scientists earlier this month recorded the sounds of red snapper caught off Gulf oil platforms, mixed the noises, boosted the volume and then replayed the tape to startled fish at New Orleans' Aquarium of the Americas.

But results of the so-called "scare study," to determine whether such sounds could disperse fish before rigs are salvaged by explosives, were not conclusive.

While oil companies' platforms have become rich habitats for fish and other marine life, federal regulations require the companies to remove the platforms and clean the sites once oil and gas production has ceased.

Explosives currently are the most reliable, least costly and safest method available.

Ann Scarborough Bull, a marine biologist with the Minerals Management Service that organized the study, contends that explosives do less harm to the Gulf's fish population than fishing.

"We're trying to minimize the fish kills," she told the Houston Chronicle for Sunday's editions.

Besides studying the effects of using explosives, the agency that oversees the offshore oil and gas industry is rethinking when to require companies to haul away all the rigs' pieces after they've been dismantled.

Oil companies want to cut the cost of disposing of rigs in deep waters by sinking them and turning them into artificial reefs, a practice that has worked well for sea life in shallow waters.

But critics question whether it might become dumping in disguise, saving oil companies tens of millions of dollars because they don't have to return the parts to shore.

Energy executives are faced with an estimated $5.5 billion bill to plug old wells, remove the platforms and clean up old sites. In three of the last four years, the number of platforms being removed from the Gulf has exceeded the number installed and is expected to increase.

While rig decks can often be resold, the supporting structures that stand on the ocean floor cannot because of corrosion. They must either be hauled to shore and scrapped or sunk as artificial reefs.

"With or without artificial reefs, you have the fish kill," says Hal Osborn, artificial reef program director at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "We are working with MMS and the rest of the world in trying to diminish the fish kills related to explosives."

In the six-year-old program, 27 artificial reefs have been created from 36 former drilling sites.

Explosives use has come under scrutiny since 1986, when 53 dead turtles washed ashore after 12 platforms were removed.

A "Turtle Watch" program now requires the National Marine Fisheries Service to survey a salvage area for 48 hours before any explosives are used. Explosives use must be delayed if turtles are spotted.

"The rigs-to-reef program is not a panacea for the decommissioning problems of the oil industry," says Paul Horsman, head of the oil campaign at Greenpeace International in the United Kingdom.

He said that the practice, if used in the Gulf's deep waters, would be "dumping by another name."

Duplicate voters inflate registration roles

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas voter registration rolls include almost 1 million people who have moved, may be registered elsewhere and thereby counted twice, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

State and local election officials acknowledge that so-called "suspense voters," or people who have moved and would have been purged from the lists if not for a new federal law, have inflated the voter registration numbers.

A computer analysis by the newspaper of Travis and Williamson counties found about 10,000 people who appear to be registered in both Travis and Williamson counties.

Texas purged 850,000 "suspense voters" from its rolls in 1992 and 1 million in 1994 prior to the National Voter Registration Act, also known as the motor voter law.

Generally, the act requires that election officials receive formal notification of a voter registering elsewhere before deleting the person's name.

This notification process is spotty at best in Texas, officials said in the Sunday article.

In the pool of 10.5 million registered voters, the state's rolls include 988,180 suspense voters, according to the Secretary of State's Office.

And some fear the exaggerated number of registered voters might slant turnout calculations and lead to voter fraud.

"The bad guys will figure out that this thing's got a bunch of loopholes," said Doug Lewis, executive director of the Elections Center, a national association of elections administrators based in Houston. "There are not enough safeguards to clean the rolls up like there ought to be."

Others take a different view.

"I haven't found any reason to be overly concerned," said Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir.

The newspaper found about 2,200 of Travis County's suspense voters are also on the rolls in Williamson County. About 1,700 of Williamson County's voters appear on Travis County rolls.

Only ten of the 254 Texas counties' rolls do not include suspense voters.

Harris County tops the list with 155,239 suspense voters, while one in every six voters in Brazos County, home of Texas A&M University, is a suspense voter.

The five-county Austin area hawks more than 55,000 suspense voters of the 661,000 people registered to vote.

Before long, the counties are going to have "huge numbers of people they can't find and can't remove," Lewis said.

Suspense voters had until Aug. 15 to vote in an election or contact their voter registration office to keep from being removed from the counties rolls in past years.

"'Suspense' is a very descriptive word for these people," Ann McGeehan, deputy assistant secretary of state for elections said, explaining there is really no way of knowing how many voters will be eligible Nov. 5.

Suspense voters can cast ballots if they still live in the county where they registered and sign a statement of residence at the polls.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

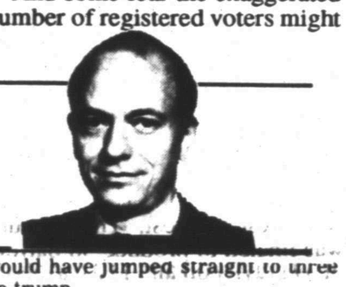
ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 10-28-96
♠ A K 5 2
♥ 8
♦ 10 9 7 6
♣ A Q J 7

West
♠ Q J 9 4
♥ 10 9 2
♦ K
♣ 9 6 5 3 2

East
♠ 8 7
♥ K J 5 4 3
♦ A J 8 5 2
♣ 10

South
♠ 10 6 3
♥ A Q 7 6
♦ Q 4 3
♣ K 8 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	1 ♥
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

Duck and win, duck and lose

By Phillip Alder

Here is another fascinating deal from the European Junior Championship. How should the play go in three no-trump after West has led the heart 10?

The two-no-trump response was invitational, showing about 11 points. With enough points for game, South would have jumped straight to three no-trump.

South starts with eight top tricks: two spades, two hearts (given the lead) and four clubs. He could play for a 3-3 spade break, but that is against the odds. The ninth trick can be generated from the diamonds, but there is a risk the opponents will get five tricks first. Suppose South wins the first or second heart. When West wins the first diamond trick with the king, he returns a heart. This establishes East's suit while he still holds the diamond ace.

Roderigo Soares of Portugal ducked *two* rounds of hearts, winning the third. He played a club to the dummy and ran the diamond 10. West won with the king but didn't have another heart to lead. Declarer's nine tricks were two spades, two hearts, one diamond and four clubs.

Nicely done — except that East should have covered dummy's diamond 10 with his jack. Then surely Soares would have played the queen and gone down, losing three diamond tricks to go with the two hearts already conceded.

At another table, after West, Erding Erbil of Turkey, led the heart 10, his partner, Ercan Aydin, played a discouraging three. So, when South ducked, West switched to the spade queen. This allows South to generate three spade tricks for his contract, but the declarer didn't find the winning play, going one down.

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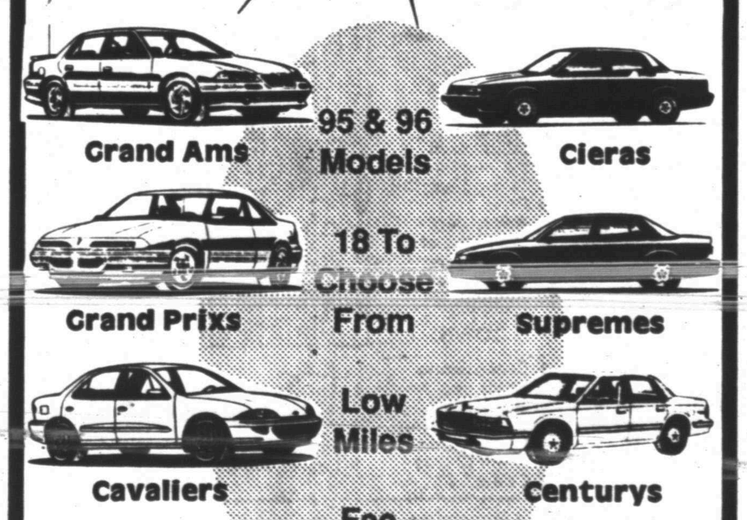


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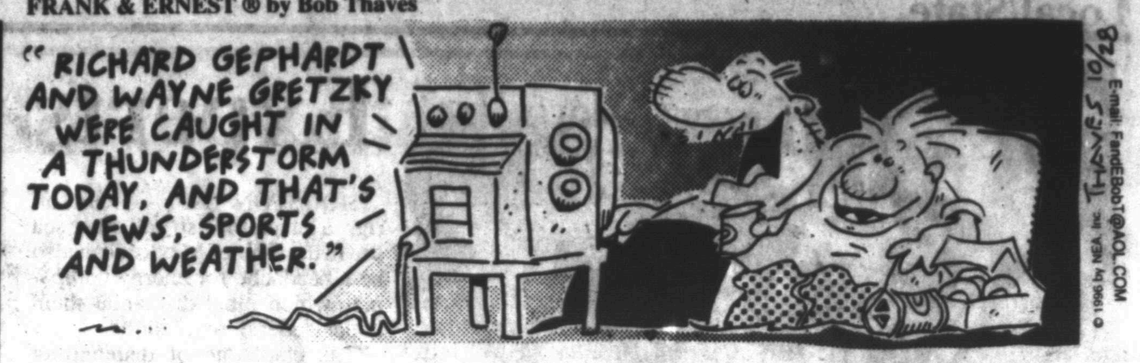
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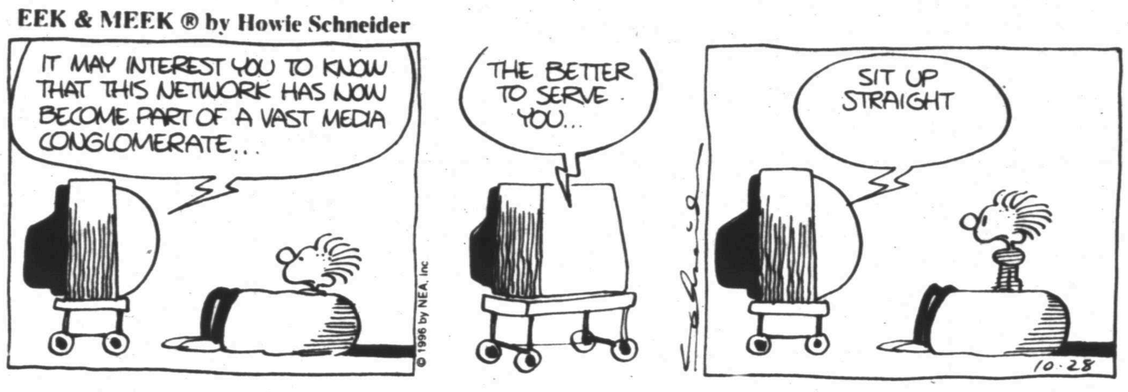
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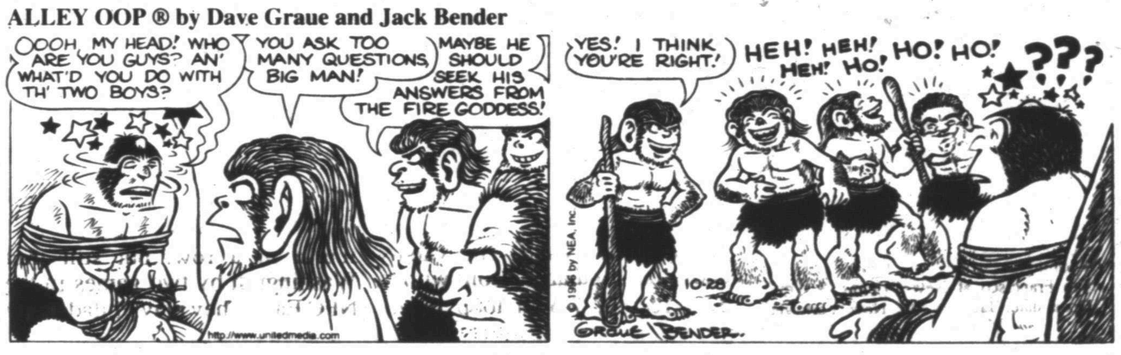
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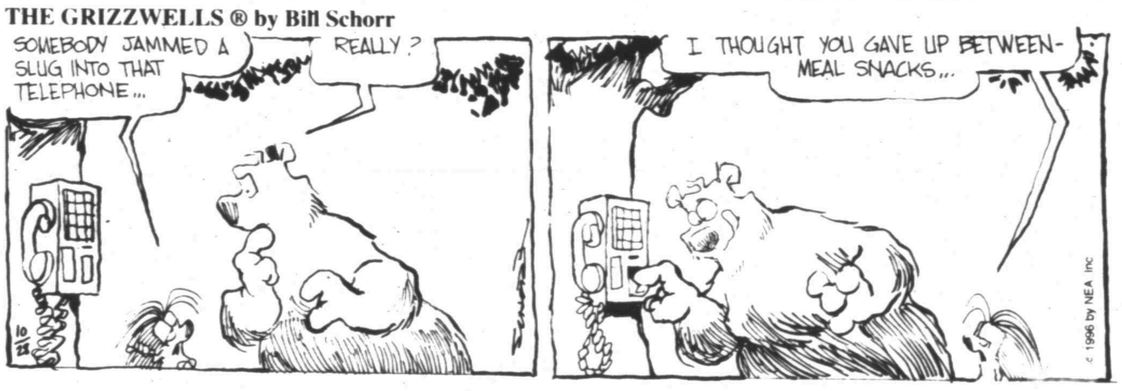
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ACROSS

1 DDE's successor
4 Nevada city
8 Actor James —
12 Exist
13 Actor Sharif
14 — — Wonderful Life
15 L.A. Law actress, Susan —
16 Math term
18 Ford failure
20 Foxy
21 Yes, to a sailor
22 Sgt., e.g.
24 Guided
26 Stingily
30 Bridle part
34 Fleur-de- —
35 Bandleader Brown
36 Bizarre
37 — oneself of (make use of)
39 Ditty
41 Word used after sales or income
42 Fish hook
43 Shrill
45 Take to court
47 Actor Murray
48 Traffic problem
51 Cheers bartender
53 Unsophisticated
57 Wheel adjustment
60 Ad —
61 Taboo item
62 Field
63 Atty.'s deg.
64 Miss Kett of the comics
65 Christmas
66 Absolutely!

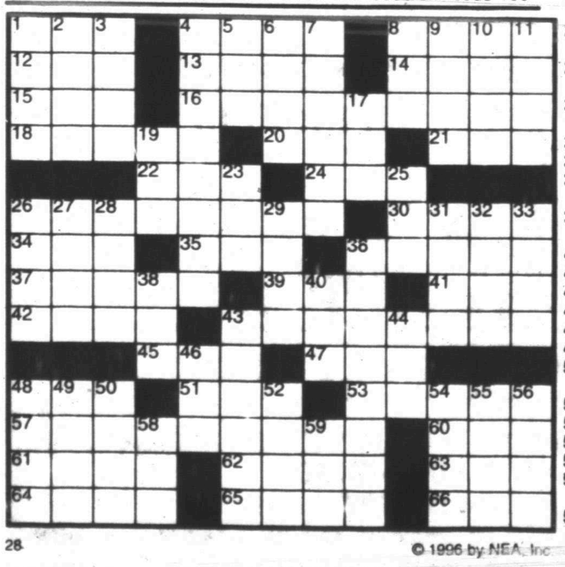
DOWN

1 Green stone
2 Actor MacMurray
3 Lock openers
4 Homeroom event (2 wds.)
5 Comedian
6 Philips
6 Acts like a shrew
7 By mouth
8 Roman 102
9 Leaf-cutting ant
10 Pale
11 Nominate
17 Type of bread
19 Lang. heard in the U.S.A.
23 — Miss
25 Actress Joanne —
26 Banner
27 Race horse, — Ridge
28 Air defense org.
29 Future attys.' exam
31 Feminine suffix
32 Oil exporter
33 Barber's call
36 Of China and Japan
38 No —, ands, or buts
40 Annoy
43 Mariner
44 Genetic inits.
46 Naval abbr.
48 Tarzan's mate
49 Many (2 wds.)
50 Fragrant plant
52 Type of fish
54 Badly
55 Contemptible
56 Recedes
58 Tibetan gazelle
59 By birth

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	129	145
Indianapolis	5	3	0	.625	140	145
NewEngland	5	3	0	.625	202	164
Miami	4	4	0	.500	178	150
N.Y.Jets	1	8	0	.111	145	233
Central						
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	164	120
Houston	5	3	0	.625	183	153
Baltimore	3	5	0	.375	196	232
Jacksonville	3	6	0	.333	172	181
Cincinnati	2	6	0	.250	156	181
West						
Denver	7	1	0	.875	223	134
KansasCity	5	3	0	.625	158	142
Oakland	4	4	0	.500	179	148
SanDiego	4	4	0	.500	172	199
Seattle	3	5	0	.375	141	200

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	7	1	0	.875	192	115
Philadelphia	6	2	0	.750	180	158
Dallas	5	3	0	.625	165	117
Arizona	3	5	0	.375	119	188
N.Y.Giants	3	5	0	.375	124	154
Central						
GreenBay	7	1	0	.875	240	99
Minnesota	5	2	0	.714	127	116
Detroit	4	4	0	.500	169	159
Chicago	2	5	0	.286	104	152
TampaBay	1	7	0	.125	85	165
West						
SanFrancisco	6	2	0	.750	193	115
Carolina	5	3	0	.625	173	111
NewOrleans	2	6	0	.250	121	180
St.Louis	2	6	0	.250	136	222
Atlanta	0	8	0	.000	140	227

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia 20, Carolina 9
Washington 31, Indianapolis 16
Cincinnati 28, Jacksonville 21
New York Giants 35, Detroit 7
Pittsburgh 20, Atlanta 17
Baltimore 37, St. Louis 31, OT
San Francisco 10, Houston 9
Green Bay 13, Tampa Bay 7
Dallas 29, Miami 10
Denver 34, Kansas City 7
New York Jets 31, Arizona 21
Seattle 32, San Diego 13
New England 28, Buffalo 25
Open date: New Orleans, Oakland

Monday's Game
Chicago at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 3
Arizona at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Miami at New England, 4 p.m.
Washington at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
San Francisco at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Open date: Jacksonville, New York Jets

Monday, Nov. 4
Denver at Oakland, 9 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	5	1	.833	—
Cleveland	6	2	.750	—
Atlanta	5	3	.625	1
Detroit	5	3	.625	1
Indiana	5	3	.625	1
Orlando	5	3	.625	1
NewYork	4	3	.571	1½
Chicago	4	4	.500	2
Philadelphia	4	4	.500	2
Milwaukee	3	4	.429	2½
Boston	3	5	.357	3
Washington	3	5	.357	3
NewJersey	2	4	.333	4
Charlotte	2	6	.250	5
Toronto	2	6	.250	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	6	2	.750	—
Seattle	6	2	.750	—
Denver	5	3	.625	1
L.A.Lakers	5	3	.625	1
Phoenix	5	3	.625	1
Houston	4	4	.500	2
Portland	4	4	.500	2
Utah	4	4	.500	2
Dallas	3	4	.429	2½
GoldenState	3	4	.429	2½
Sacramento	3	5	.375	3
L.A.Clippers	2	6	.250	4
SanAntonio	2	6	.250	4
Vancouver	2	6	.250	4

Friday's Games
Minnesota 116, Boston 115
Washington 88, Charlotte 75
Miami 87, Atlanta 81
Detroit 81, Orlando 78
New York 79, Houston 75
Seattle 99, L.A. Lakers 94
Portland 98, Vancouver 77
Denver 113, L.A. Clippers 84

Saturday's Games
Cleveland 104, Phoenix 92
Miami 105, Atlanta 82
Philadelphia 104, Golden State 93
New York 93, San Antonio 77
Minnesota 107, Milwaukee 101
Indiana 84, Orlando 83
Chicago 97, Sacramento 91
Dallas 107, Utah 102

Sunday's Games
Vancouver 80, Toronto 77
Utah 111, Phoenix 105
Indiana 102, San Antonio 80
Boston 109, Washington 103
Dallas 88, Cleveland 87
Detroit 101, Denver 94
Seattle 100, Portland 98

Monday's Game
New Jersey vs. New York at Uniondale, N.Y., 7:30 p.m.
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Lady Tigers finish season with win; playoff for second Tuesday

As was expected, the Snyder Lady Tigers and Levelland Loboettes will meet to decide second place in the District 2-4A volleyball race after both squads won matches Saturday.

Snyder took a 15-4, 15-8 regular season-ending match while Levelland took care of Estacado, 15-11, 15-12.

Snyder and Levelland will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Seminole High School gym for a one-match playoff to decide seeding. The winner will represent the district as the number-two seed while the loser will enter the playoffs as the third seed.

District 2-4A will play District 1-4A in the first round of the state playoffs. Hereford and Dumas finished in a tie for first with 11-1 records and will have a playoff Tuesday.

If Snyder wins its playoff match, the Lady Tigers will play third place Canyon. A Snyder loss Tuesday would have them playing the loser of Hereford-Dumas. Canyon finished third in its district with an 8-4 league record.

Lamesa finished out the regular season with a 15-11, 15-11 win over Frenship. The Lady Tors completed district play undefeated. Lamesa will sit back and wait to see who they will play. First place teams will receive a bye in the opening round.

In Plainview Saturday, Joanie Wemken was the leading server, scoring points five through 14 of game one to finish with 12 points and two aces. Keila Helms added seven while Tiffany Garza picked up four and Raechele Wemken three.

Garza had three kills and four blocks and the Wemken sisters had two kills each. The varsity ends the regular season with a 23-7 record, 7-3 in loop play.

The junior varisty was also victorious with a 15-7, 15-7 match. Four girls tied for leading scorer with seven, Bradi Johnson, Shannon Hall, Starla Davis and Felsha Biggers. Traci Eicke and Leslie Daniell each added one.

Daniell and Alicia Peoples each had four kills, Johnson, Amy Ricks, Erica Arellano, Darcee Purcell and Davis each had a kill.

The JV's season ends with a 17-10 record.

The freshmen were in Lubbock Saturday to take on Trinity Christian. The freshmen came away with a 15-5, 15-7 win.

Miranda Hackford led the way with nine points, including three aces. Courtney Rinehart added six with two aces, Leslie Rollins four and two aces, Lexie Beard, Christina Holder and Kristen Martinez each with three and D'Ann Hager two.

Holder and Martinez each had two aces.

DISTRICT 2-AAAA STANDINGS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Lamesa	10	0	23	6
Snyder	7	3	23	7
Levelland	7	3	14	11
Frenship	4	6	11	14
Estacado	2	8	3	16
Plainview	0	10	3	22

Saturday's Results: Snyder def. Plainview 15-4, 15-8; Levelland def. Estacado 15-11, 15-12; Lamesa def. Frenship 15-11, 15-11.

Tuesday's Matches: Snyder vs. Levelland, 7:30 in Seminole. Playoff for second.

Johnson's new team can't beat old one

MIAMI (AP) — Jimmy Johnson's old team is better than his new team.

Led by Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin, who became NFL stars under Johnson, the Dallas Cowboys beat their former coach and the Miami Dolphins 29-10 Sunday.

"We got beat by a better team," Johnson said.

Aikman threw for 363 yards, including 12 completions to Irvin for 186 yards and a touchdown. The Cowboys had the ball for nearly 42 minutes, and outgained Miami 482 yards to 221.

Dallas' domination delighted owner Jerry Jones and coach Barry Switzer, who are well aware that Johnson regards them with disdain.

"The personalities of this game weren't important," Switzer said. "We just had better players. This shows that the Dallas Cowboys are a team that will be reckoned with. This was the best we have played all year, in all phases of the game."

The Cowboys (5-3) won their fourth in a row, but still trail Washington by two games in the NFC East. They play Philadelphia at home Sunday.

Miami (4-4) has lost four of its past five games and visits New England on Sunday.

Jones, who hired Johnson at Dallas and fired him five years later after two Super Bowl titles, watched from a skybox as their Ego Bowl turned into a rout. The game attracted 800 members of the media and a crowd of 75,283, the largest in stadium history, including two Super Bowls.

"This was a big win," Jones said, "and it was a little nicer because it was the Miami Dolphins and Jimmy Johnson."

In the closing seconds, Dallas had the ball inside the Miami 10-yard-line, and Switzer consulted with Jones on the sideline before ordering his team to run out the clock. Jones apparently wanted Switzer to run up the score.

"I'm the coach; he's the owner," Switzer said. "I make the decisions on the field.

"What good is it going to do to score down there? We would then have to kick off and there's always the chance of getting somebody hurt. Jimmy would have done the same thing."

In the week leading up to the long-anticipated showdown, Johnson was on his best behavior while talking about the game, possibly because he knew he was outmanned. Afterward, he took only a few questions at his post-game news conference before departing.

"We played well for a half but couldn't hold on for the second half," he said.

For the first time, Johnson had reason to regret d...ting Aikman while at Dallas. Aikman hit 33 of 41 passes for three scores with no interceptions.

"Troy played the best since I came to Dallas," teammate Emmitt Smith said.

"It was fun to throw the ball that much," Aikman said. "I get paid to throw the ball, so I enjoyed that."

Dan Marino, back to the lineup after missing three games with a broken right ankle, completed only 12 of 27 attempts for 173 yards against the NFL's top-ranked pass defense.

"They played well on both sides of the ball in the second half, and we didn't get anything accomplished," Marino said.

Aikman's most damaging completion came when a breakdown in the secondary left Irvin wide open on third-and-17. The result was a 61-yard gain, setting up a 2-yard touchdown pass from Aikman to Irvin for a 22-10 lead in the third quarter.

WTC 8th in Paris

PARIS — It was an eighth place finish for the Western Texas College golf team over the weekend here as they played in the Rocky Thompson Invitational hosted by Paris Junior College.

WTC fired a team total 302 Saturday and came back with a 306 Sunday for a 608. McLennan won the tournament with a 576. New Mexico Junior College was second with a 579 followed by Paris with 584.

Steve Young from Midland College was the medalist with a 140.

Morten Vildhoj had the best 36-holes for WTC with a 149 (73-76). He was followed by Andreas Ljunggren with a 150 (73-77), Daniel Moates 154 (79-75), Harry Hernandez 160 (82-78), Jake McCullough 161 (77-84), and Page Patterson 165 (79-86).

The playing conditions were cold and wet Saturday, but better Sunday according to WTC coach Milton Ham.

The golf team will leave Sunday for the final tourney of the fall at Hobbs, N.M. as they will play in the New Mexico Junior College Invitational.

Florida holds on to top spot in AP poll

By The Associated Press

Alabama and West Virginia tumbled after losing for the first time, while Florida retained its No. 1 ranking for the sixth straight week in The Associated Press' Top 25 college football poll.

The Crimson Tide (7-1), who lost to Tennessee 20-13, fell from No. 7 to No. 10 in Sunday's balloting by the 67 sports writers and broadcasters who vote in the poll. The Mountaineers (7-1) were beaten by Miami 10-7 and dropped from No. 12 to No. 18.

The Gators (7-0), who had Saturday off, remained on top with 59 first-place votes and 1,666 points. Last week, Florida had 57 first-place votes.

The top six positions were unchanged from last week. Ohio State (7-0), with a 38-26 win over Iowa, was second, followed by Florida State, Arizona State, Nebraska and Tennessee.

The Buckeyes received four first-place votes and 1,579 points, while the Seminoles (6-0) had three first-place votes and 1,563 points after a 31-24 win over Virginia. The Sun Devils (8-0), 41-9 winners over Stanford, had the other first-place vote and 1,481 points.

Nebraska (6-1) was a 63-7 winner over Kansas.

Despite their win over Alabama, the Volunteers (5-1) remained sixth, followed by Colorado, North Carolina, Michigan and the Crimson Tide.

Northwestern, a 27-24 winner over Illinois, was 11th, followed by LSU, Brigham Young, Kansas State, Penn State, Virginia, Wyoming, West Virginia, Notre Dame, Utah, Washington, Miami, Southern Mississippi, Auburn and Iowa.

Virginia fell from 14th to 16th after its loss to Florida State, while Iowa dropped five spots after its loss to Ohio State.

Five teams are undefeated in the Top 25 — Florida, Ohio State, Florida State, Arizona State and Wyoming. Army (7-0) is the only other Division I-A unbeaten, but the Cadets did not make the Top 25.

There were no new teams in the Top 25 this week.

NCAA FOOTBALL TOP 25

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 26, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1.Florida(59)	7-0	1,666	1
2.OhioSt.(4)	7-0	1,579	2
3.FloridaSt.(3)	6-0	1,563	3
4.ArizonaSt.(1)	8-0	1,481	4
5.Nebraska	6-1	1,404	5
6.Tennessee	5-1	1,347	6
7.Colorado	6-1	1,210	8
8.NorthCarolina	6-1	1,195	9
9.Michigan	6-1	1,080	10
10.Alabama	7-1	1,065	7
11.Northwestern	7-1	1,037	11
12.LSU	6-1	868	13
13.BrighamYoung	8-1	790	15
14.KansasSt.	7-1	759	16
15.PennSt.	7-2	644	17
16.Virginia	5-2	580	14
17.Wyoming	8-0	576	18
18.WestVirginia	7-1	459	12
19.NotreDame	4-2	439	19
20.Utah	7-1	412	21
21.Washington	5-2	271	23
22.Miami	5-2	265	25
23.SouthernMiss.	7-1	257	24
24.Auburn	5-2	231	22
25.Iowa	5-2	190	20

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49ers squeak past Oilers by one

HOUSTON (AP) — Steve Young couldn't play, so the San Francisco defense, Jeff Brohm and Chris Doleman filled in as heroes for a day.

Young suffered a concussion on the third play of the game and backup Elvis Grbac was inactive with a shoulder injury. So Brohm threw a late 20-yard touchdown pass and the defense had enough big plays to fill a highlight film for a 10-9 victory over the Houston Oilers on Sunday.

Brohm, who had thrown four passes this season, hit Terrell Owens for the go-ahead touchdown with 4:27 to play and Doleman led the defensive charge to snuff out the Oilers' comeback hopes.

Doleman got a third-down sack and an interception on the Oilers' final offensive play and safety Merton Hanks broke up a fourth-down pass with 2:18 to play.

"We knew we had to fight," Doleman said. "It was just one of those situations when you get a guy hurt, it shows the kind of staff we have here to get the guys ready. We had to rally around him and play hard."

The Oilers (5-3) built a 9-3 lead on field goals of 38, 56 and 39 yards by Al Del Greco, before their largest crowd of the season, 53,664. And, after the game, Oilers owner Bud Adams said the team would play in Houston next year before moving to Nashville.

Jeff Wilkins kicked a 27-yard field goal in the first quarter and defense kept the 49ers (6-2) close. He finally got the offense going with a 49-yard completion to running back Terry Kirby to set up the go-ahead score.

Facing third-and-7 from the Oilers 20, Brohm then hit Owens on the sideline, and the receiver broke free from cornerback Darryll Lewis and danced into the end zone.

"I think the defender was trying to strip the ball, so I kind of gripped it really tight and just went in for the score," Owens said. "I guess me being a rookie, he tried to rough me up at the start of the game, but I was physical and he backed off in the second half."

Last week, Young came off the bench despite a painful groin injury, and he ran for the winning touchdown against Cincinnati in the final minutes after the 49ers trailed 21-0.

This time, the 49ers were able to get it done without him.

Young threw a 9-yard pass to Jerry Rice, was sacked by Anthony Cook, then, he tried to scramble to his right and was tackled by linebackers Micheal Barrow and Joe Bowden.

Barrow and Young butted helmets, and Bowden hit him low. Young was finished for the game. He's probable for Sunday's game at New Orleans, but he's still also bothered by the groin injury that forced him to miss three games.

Doleman's interception was at the Oilers 15 after Junior Bryant batted Steve McNair's pass.

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Woman faces trial for taking teen to out-of-state abortion

LAPORTE, Pa. (AP) — One August night, a 13-year-old girl crept from her house to meet a woman who offered to help the child get an abortion. It was the woman's stepson who'd impregnated the girl.

Because Pennsylvania law requires parental notification in cases of such young females, the woman, Rosa Marie Hartford, took the girl across the state line into New York.

Now, in a case activists have called a historic challenge to abortion rights, Hartford is going on trial on a charge of interfering with the custody of a child. Jury selection begins Monday.

"I was helping out," Hartford has said.

The prosecutor says that's not the point.

"It's kind of the old saying," said District Attorney Max Little. "It's 11 o'clock — do you know where your children are?"

Hartford's lawyers from the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy in New York said this case is about abortion, not child safety.

"Nowhere else in the nation has a prosecution occurred when an individual has assisted a woman to exercise her constitutional rights," said lead attorney Kathryn Kolbert.

"My biggest fear is that young women will be frightened by this case and not seek medical advice," she said.

Kolbert was the attorney who argued before the U.S. Supreme Court against the Pennsylvania parental consent law. The Supreme Court upheld the law in 1992.

Hartford's lawyers said they won't comment further on the case until the trial is completed.

Little said the central issue is that the girl was too young to agree to the 60-mile trip to Binghamton, N.Y. The age of consent is 14 in Pennsylvania.

The girl left her home early Aug. 31, 1995, and hopped in Hartford's car. When her mother later called Sullivan County High School to leave a message for her daughter, an administrator said the teen-ager never made it to school.

The mother called police and filed a missing-person report.

The woman didn't know her daughter was pregnant until the girl's friends told her later that day.

Hartford faces up to 6 years in prison, but the prosecutor said he won't seek a jail sentence — only try to send a message.

"Who has the right and or duty to attend to medical care, especially when it involved potentially life-threatening hazardous procedures? I don't know that somebody across the street has the right to do that," Little said.

"I don't feel guilty of anything," Hartford, a factory worker and mother of six, told The Times Leader of Wilkes-Barre last year. "I'm not a criminal.

Her 19-year-old stepson, Michael Kilmer, who impregnated the girl, later pleaded guilty to two counts of statutory rape.

Since Pennsylvania's new abortion law went into effect two years ago, said Kolbert, many women have been getting abortions in other states with fewer restrictions, including New York and New Jersey.

Hartford, she said, is just one of thousands of adults helping minors cross state lines to get abortions.

"To prosecute those people criminally, in my view, is an outrage," said Kolbert.

"They are arguing that this is a terrible blow to abortion rights, but that's not true at all," Little said. "Unless we're talking about abortion rights for children under 13."

Natives, others are flocking to Hong Kong in July, 1997

BOSTON (AP) — In a land where capitalism reigns supreme, at least for now, Hong Kong's return to China is generating big bucks for airlines, travel agencies and hotels.

It's almost impossible to book passage or get a room for next summer, when the British colony is handed over to the Chinese — even at prices of around $4,000 to $5,000 for a package tour.

"If you're making reservations now, you're going to have to be very flexible," said Stephanie Bassett, a travel agent with Oriental Tours and Travel in Cambridge, Mass. She said many travel operators as well as individuals have been blocking seats on airplanes on and around the change-over time.

Steve Woodall didn't think twice about plunking down between $4,000 to $5,000 for a package tour to Hong Kong, where he is scheduled to stay from June 25 to July 2.

"I want to witness this. I want to be there as the British march out and the Chinese Red Army marches in," said Woodall, 43, of Houston.

On July 1, Hong Kong will be returned to the Chinese government. Beijing has agreed to leave the territory's capitalist economy intact for the next 50 years.

Hong Kong was leased to Britain in 1842 under the Treaty of Nanking. Under the British, the island has flourished for more than 150 years, becoming an important trading port, then a leading industrial and tourist center.

Even in uneventful years, Hong Kong's tourist rush normally comes during the summer, when overseas students and expatriate workers return home. But the flag change could quadruple this summer's numbers.

The Hong Kong Tourist Association, which has offices in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, said it had no immediate estimates of how much money the event would generate in spinoff business.

"But definitely, there will be a lot of people, especially journalists," said Diana Budiman, press relations assistant to the Hong Kong Tourist Association in New York.

Hotels in Hong Kong, which cost anywhere between $200 to $3,200 per night, also have been capitalizing on the occasion by requiring three- to five-night stays, Budiman said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	83	82¼	82¼+	½
AT&T Corps	36¾	36¼	36½+	¼
AirTouch	26¼	26⅛	26⅛—	⅛
Albertsons	35⅛	35¼	35⅛+	¼
Alldsignal	63¼	63⅜	63⅜+	¼
Alltel		30¼	30½	30½
AmericaOnL s	25⅛	23⅜	24¼—	1½
AmStores	41¾	41¼	41⅜—	¼
Ameritech	56½	55⅜	56¼+	⅜
Amoco	75⅜	75¼	75⅛+	½
AndarkPtr	63¼	63¼	63⅜—	¼
ArmcoInc	3¼	3¼	3¼+	⅛
AtlRichfld	134	132⅝	133⅛+	1½
ATMOS Egy		23¼	23	23¼
Aviall		9⅜	9⅜	9⅜
BakerHughes	35¼	34¼	35¼+	1
BellAtl	60⅜	59¾	60⅛+	¼
BellSouth	39¾	38⅝	39⅜+	⅛
BethSteel	8	7⅞	7⅞—	⅛
BritPet	129⅝	128½	129⅜+	⅛
BurlNoSFe	81¼	81	81⅛—	⅛
Caterpillar	70⅜	69¼	70⅛—	⅛
CenSoWst	26¼	25¼	26⅛+	¼
Chevron	68¼	67⅜	67¾+	⅜
Chrysler s	33¾	33	33⅛+	⅛
Coastal	43⅜	43¼	43¼—	½
CocaColas		50¼	49¾	49¾
ColgatePalm	89¼	88⅛	88¼—	¼
ComclMetals	31¾	31⅝	31⅜+	¼
CooperIn	43	42⅝	43	+ ⅛
CyprusAmax	23¾	23⅜	23⅜+	⅛
DallSemicn	20⅜	20	20⅜+	⅛
DeltaAirl	70	69¼	69⅝+	⅛
DigitalEq	30¼	29⅞	30	+ ⅛
Dillard		32	31¼	31¼
DowChem	79¼	78¾	78¼+	½
DresserInd	32⅛	31⅛	32⅛+	⅛
DuPont		94⅛	93¾	94⅛
EastmanChem	53	52¼	52½+	½
EstKodak		76⅛	76	76¼
EDS Corp	46⅜	45¾	45⅜—	⅛
EljerInd	10¼	9⅞	10.+	⅛
Enserch		21½	21⅛	21⅜
Entergy	27⅛	27⅛	27⅜+	⅛
Exxon	90½	88¼	89¼+	1⅜
Flowers	22⅜	22⅛	22⅛—	⅛
FordMotor	31⅜	31⅛	31⅛+	⅛
GTE Cp	42¼	41⅞	42¼+	½
GenDynam		69	68¼	68¼
GenElec	97	96¼	97	+1⅛
GenMills	57⅞	57½	57⅞+	⅛
GenMotors	54⅜	54	54⅛+	⅛
GaPacif	74⅜	74⅛	74⅜+	⅛
GlobalMar	18⅜	18⅛	18⅜+	⅜
Goodrichs	43	42¼	42¼+	⅛
Goodyear s	46⅜	45¾	46⅛+	⅛
GtAtlPac	31⅛	30⅝	31	+ ⅛
Haliburtn	58⅜	57	58⅛+	1⅛
Hanson ADSs		6⅜	6⅜	6⅜
HarteHanks s	27⅛	27⅜	27⅛—	⅛
HoustonInd s		23⅛	23	23⅛
IBM	127⅞	126½	127⅛+	⅜
IntlPaper	43⅜	43⅛	43⅜+	⅛
JohnsnJn s	48⅛	47	48¼+	1
K mart	10⅛	10	10	— ⅛
Kroger		44¼	44½	44¼
Litton		46	45¼	46
LockhdMart		88⅛	88	88⅛
Lowes Cos		40	39¼	40
Lubys	22¼	22¼	22¼+	⅛
LucentTech n	50⅛	49½	49	15-16+3-16
MayDeptStrs	48⅛	47⅞	47⅞+	⅛
Medtronic	65⅜	64⅜	65	+ ⅛
Mobil	118⅛	117⅞	118⅛+	1⅛
Monsanto s		42⅛	41⅞	41⅞
Motorola	47⅛	47⅛	47⅛—	⅛
Nationsbk	91⅛	90⅜	91⅛+	⅜
Navistar	9⅛	9⅛	9⅛—	⅛
NoramEngy		15⅜	15¼	15⅜
Norwest	43	42⅛	42⅜—	⅛
Nynex		44⅛	44⅛	44½+	⅜
OryxEngy		19⅝	19⅛	19⅝+	⅛
PacTelesis		34⅛	34⅛	34⅜+	⅛
PanEnergy		38⅜	38⅛	38⅜+	⅛
Penney JC		52⅛	52⅜	52⅛—	⅛
Pennzoil		52	51⅛	51⅞+	⅜
PepBoys		35⅛	35⅛	35½+	⅛
PepsiCo s		30¼	29⅝	30⅛+	⅛
PhelpDodge		64⅜	64⅛	64½+	⅛
PhilipPet		42⅜	42⅛	42½+	⅜
Polaroid		41½	40⅞	41	— ⅛
Praxair		45	44⅜	44⅝—	⅛
ProctGamble		95½	94⅛	95⅛+	1¼
PubSNwMx			19⅛	19⅜	19⅜
RoyalDutch		171	169⅛	170⅝+	1⅜
SBC Comm		49⅝	49⅛	49	11-16+7-16
SaraLee			36⅛	36	36⅛
SearsRoeb		49⅝	49	49	— ⅛
SherwinW		52	51⅛	51⅜+	⅛
SmthBchADS			63¼	63	63
SouthernCo			22⅛	22⅛	22⅛
SwstAirlines		22⅜	22	22⅛—	⅛
Sprint		38¼	38⅛	38⅜+	⅛
SunCo			22⅞	22⅝	22⅞
TNP Ent		25⅛	25⅛	25⅜—	⅛
Tandy			40⅝	40⅛	40⅝
TempleInl		51⅜	51⅛	51⅛+	⅛
Tenneco		49⅛	48⅝	48⅞+	⅜
Texaco		104⅛	103⅜	104⅜+	1⅛
TexasInd		58⅛	57⅞	58	— ⅛
TexasInst			50¼	49¾	49⅞
TexUtil		39⅜	39⅜	39⅝+	⅛
Textron			89⅜	88⅛	89⅛
Travelers s		52⅛	52⅜	52⅛+	⅛
TrinityInds		33⅛	33¼	33⅛+	⅛
TritonEngy		45⅞	45⅛	45⅜—	⅛
Tyler			1⅜	1⅜	1⅜
US WestCm		30⅛	30⅛	30⅜+	⅛
USWstMda		16⅛	16	16¼+	⅛
USX-Marathn		23⅜	23⅛	23⅜—	⅛
USX-USS		27⅛	26⅞	26⅞+	½
UnCarbde		42⅛	42	42¼+	⅛
UnPac s			56⅛	56⅛	56⅛
UnitedTech		130	129	129⅛+	⅜
Unocal		36⅛	36	36¼+	⅛
WalMart		27⅜	26⅞	27⅛+	⅛
WstnGasRs		16⅜	16¼	16⅜—	⅛
WestghEl		18⅛	17⅞	17⅞—	⅛
WinnDixie s		33⅜	33	33⅛+	⅜
Woolworth		21⅛	21⅛	21⅜+	⅛
XeroxCp s		46⅛	46	46⅛+	⅛
ZenithE		14⅛	13⅛	13⅜—	⅛

Births

Jason and Kari Greene of Snyder are parents of a daughter born at 8:35 p.m. on Oct. 27 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, 7¾ ounces.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Oct. 25- Rex Fields, 3742 Avondale; Quintella Rose, 122 Milburn; Everett Wilson, P.O. Box 13; Jose Castro, 100 E. 37th #36; Lezli Guerrero, Fluvanna; S.W. Suther, 3204 Hill Ave.; April Whittenburg, 3100 42nd; Oct. 26-Heath Conner, 4106 Jacksboro; Oct. 27-Kari Greene, 5250 Pleasant Hill Road.

DISMISSALS: Oct. 25-Janie Dever, Juan Trevino, Everett Wilson; Oct. 26-Michelle Edmondson, Bobby Shroyer, Jane Gonzales, Lezli Guerrero, Ross Rochelle, April Whittenburg; Oct. 27-Rex Fields, Tom Isbell, Georgia Wood.

CENSUS: 49 (Med., Surg.-6, Long-term Care-41, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Republic of Texas members do not attend court hearing

AUSTIN (AP) — The so-called Republic of Texas earlier this month notified up to 170 banks in Texas that it was dissolving accounts held by the state, its agencies and political subdivisions, according to testimony today in a contempt hearing against the organization.

Robert Reed, an investigator for Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, testified that letters mailed to banks holding state accounts also notified those institutions that the so-called Republic was enjoining the state of Texas, which it called "an invader," from any other activities in the so-called Republic of Texas.

Members of the organization, which claim the state remains a republic, did not appear in state district court in Austin today.

The attorney general's office was asking state District Judge Joseph Hart to find the organization and its officials in contempt of court for violating orders preventing them from filing purported legal documents.

N.Y. mortician charged with mixing up bodies

WOODBOURNE, N.Y. (AP) — Of all the grisly details emerging from an investigation into a mortician's shoddy treatment of human remains, none surpasses the scene of workers in biohazard suits carrying putrefying bodies in soggy cardboard caskets out of Lynn Sullivan's cellar.

Each was a body Sullivan had been paid to cremate. One belonged to Dollie Warf, who had died at age 63 almost five months before.

Her shaken son, Arvin, recalled the shock of learning the news from police. "He put her in the basement and abandoned her like garbage," Warf said.

Thoughts of her unembalmed body clung to him. "I couldn't sleep," he said. "I just kept on thinking about it."

More than two months after his arrest, Sullivan is in county jail facing 72 charges, including multiple counts of larceny for failing to perform funeral services he'd been paid for, falsifying business records and tampering with public documents, including accounts of which remains he buried where — or if he buried them at all.

Despite the gruesome nature of the misdeeds alleged, the major charges against Sullivan are limited to false documentation. New York law requires bodies to be buried or incinerated "within a reasonable time after death," but Sullivan County District Attorney Stephen Lungen says violations are only misdemeanors.

"It's such an affront to human dignity to deal with people like that and to desecrate their remains this way," Lungen said. "You would never have imagined that you can't trust your undertaker."

Motive is a mystery. Sullivan was known to have money troubles; he has two ex-wives and was behind in child support. His tax problems prompted the IRS to seize some of his vehicles, including a Harley-Davidson, and he'd bounced checks to local businesses.

Taking cash for services never performed might have posed a way to ease the money crunch, but Lungen would not speculate on what might compel someone to bury remains in the wrong graves.

Sullivan has pleaded not guilty; no trial date has been set.

Short and stocky, with thinning white hair and wire-rimmed glasses, the 51-year-old Sullivan is described by acquaintances as friendly and professional. He ran his business out of a 19th century fieldstone house on a hill in this small town 80 miles northwest of New York City.

The first hint of trouble arose in August when the county coroner found a cremation permit still attached to the death certificate of Ralph Van Valkenberg, even though Sullivan had listed his body as already cremated.

The coroner suggested police check it out. When officers visited Sullivan on Aug. 10, they found Van Valkenberg's 2-week-old corpse in a detached garage, stored in a cardboard casket used for cremation.

Sullivan reportedly told police he'd delayed the cremation because he was short the cemetery's $200 fee. He was arrested and released on $5,000 bail.

That might have ended the matter, had authorities not received a tip to look for another body — in a vault in the house's basement. Police returned with a search warrant and found five more unembalmed bodies — one dead since January — in various states of decay.

Some were in cardboard caskets. One was in a zippered body bag. Lungen said bodies were leaking fluids and the stench in the cellar was overwhelming. Police also found 13 containers of undelivered cremains.

Sullivan was initially indicted Sept. 4 on 42 counts and returned to jail. Investigators began trying to place the bodies and the ashes. It has proven a tedious, confounding task.

Arvin Warf, for instance, thought the container at home contained his mother's ashes. Instead, they belong elsewhere and he was presented with his mother's unpreserved body.

Additionally, some of the identifying brass tags in the containers gave the names of people already buried. When police then exhumed the designated graves, they found ashes belonging to other people.

For instance, records indicated one container in Sullivan's basement held the remains of 74-year-old Joseph Self, who died in 1991. But the county had already paid Sullivan to bury Self's ashes at a veterans' cemetery.

Prosecutors, bomb victims meet

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Prosecutors in the Oklahoma City bombing case met with survivors and the relatives of victims to help dispel "wacky theories" about the case.

"It squelched a lot of rumors that I was hearing," said Janet Walker, whose husband died in the blast.

Mrs. Walker said the meeting Sunday helped her dismiss the possibility of an "overseas connection" that defense lawyers mentioned.

Prosecutors spent more than two hours Sunday answering questions from about 200 relatives and survivors during a meeting at the U.S. Attorney's office, just a few blocks from the site of the bombed federal building.

The meeting came just two days after U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch in Denver ordered separate trials in the case.

Timothy McVeigh, 28, and Terry Nichols, 41, are charged with federal murder, conspiracy and weapons counts in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people and injured more than 500. If convicted, they could face the death penalty.

Joseph Hartzler, the lead prosecutor in the case, told The Daily Oklahoman he wanted victims to understand that the decision for separate trials and other rulings were procedural matters "that did not in any way affect either the quality or quantity of the evidence."

Hartzler also said he hoped prosecutors were able to lay to rest some claims made by defense lawyers — "what I characterize as the wacky theories."

Daniel DeMoss, a Social Security Administration employee who was injured in the blast, said he now understands what a strong case the prosecution has.

"I think the evidence they have is really clear-cut," he said. "I think they just can't wait to get this thing to trial."

Defense lawyers for McVeigh, who will be tried before Nichols, have said they could be ready for trial by March or April.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1996

In the year ahead, a big shift of circumstances will enable you to fulfill two ambitious goals. You must get ready to move fast when the time is right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your intuition could be sharper than usual today, so trust your instincts. If you can visualize success, there's no way you will lose. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you might find yourself thinking about a particular friend. It could be because you are on his or her mind as well. Reach out to this person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Conditions in general appear to be working in your favor today. A fresh opportunity might develop and your career will benefit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will feel restless today. If you want to change this situation, it will be important to seek activities which will stimulate your imagination.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you have a business meeting today, don't play your trump cards too soon. If you save the best for last, you will reap greater rewards.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It may be necessary for you to make a complex decision today. However, it will be wise to discuss your options with a trustworthy friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your progress can be enhanced today if you experiment with new techniques and fresh approaches to circumvent the impediments which obstruct your path.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to be a good listener today, because a casual remark made by a friend might contain important information essential to your immediate needs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not drive yourself crazy trying to make plans with friends today. Instead, you and your mate should spend time together.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though your mind might be set on doing something in a specific way today, don't ignore alternatives that might suddenly pop into your head.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something of material value might be made available to you today through an unexpected source. A casual acquaintance may be responsible for this opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, try to get involved in activities which offer a bit of friendly competition. You will enjoy challenges.

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Date Book

Oct. 28, 1996

Today is the 302nd day of 1995 and the 37th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1636, Harvard University was founded in Cambridge, Mass.

On this day in 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York Harbor.

On this day in 1956, the short-lived Hungarian revolution began with demonstrations against communist rule.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Desiderius Erasmus (1466-1536), scholar; James Cook (1728-1779), navigator; Auguste Escoffier (1847-1935), chef; Jonas Salk (1914-1995), microbiologist; Lenny Wilkens (1937-), basketball player-coach, is 59; Dennis Franz (1944-), actor, is 52; Bruce Jenner (1949-), athlete, is 47; Julia Roberts (1967-), actress, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1931, Edmund Burke of Mississippi ran back a kickoff 109 yards for a touchdown; unfortunately, the Rebels lost the game to Alabama 55-6.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In the country of the blind, the one-eyed man is king." — Desiderius Erasmus

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1979, flooding and mud slides claimed four lives on Tutuila Island in American Samoa.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Oct. 26) and last quarter (Nov. 3).

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Football Widow Fears Marriage Is Headed for Opposite End Zone

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a football fanatic. He watches football on Monday nights, Thursday nights and all day Sundays. And it's more than just watching the games. He belongs to two football leagues, one of which he runs.

Leagues mean a draft party, weekly mailings, daily phone calls, faxes and computer entry time. Pepper that with a tri-monthly night out with the boys and miscellaneous sports events, and there is very little time left for us!

We are newlyweds, and this is not what I expected from a husband. He doesn't see this as a problem, and has made it clear that things will not change. He believes that it is I who makes this a problem.

Abby, I don't even want to bring it up (again) because undoubtedly it will mean a fight. I do not expect him to give up football, but I would like him to at least compromise. Am I being unreasonable?

It appears to me that my options are:

1. Let him do his thing and get busy with my own. (I feel like I'm single again.)

2. Complain about it, which is no fun for either of us.

3. Leave him.

What do you think?

MATELESS IN MILWAUKEE

DEAR MATELESS: If football is taking the lion's share of your husband's time to the point where you feel you're single again, and he refuses to compromise, perhaps immaturity is the problem. If that's the case, and both of you are willing to work at it — marriage counseling is in order.

If, however, your husband is having trouble deciding which is more important — you or the football league — then forgive me an old Abby-ism: Ask yourself, "Would I be better off with him, or without him?" This is not a cop-out. It's the solution to a problem that only you can solve.

DEAR ABBY: I am a dental hygienist with a question that continues to plague me. Why don't patients brush their teeth before they go to the dentist?

I routinely ask patients when they arrive if they need to brush, and often receive replies such as, "That's what I pay you for," or, "I only ate a little something since I brushed — it won't bother you."

This attitude constantly amazes me because I consider brushing one's teeth prior to a dental appointment the same as taking a bath before seeing one's doctor for a physical.

Abby, this is not unusual. I frequently encounter this situation, and am perplexed as to why patients don't brush.

TICKED OFF IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR TICKED OFF: They practice poor oral hygiene because they are in a hurry, or they don't enjoy brushing their teeth. It doesn't take a leap of logic to conclude that patients who don't bother to brush their teeth before visiting the dentist's office probably lapse in cleaning their teeth between appointments, too. When you're faced with this problem, I see no reason why you shouldn't ask offenders to please rinse their mouths before you begin.

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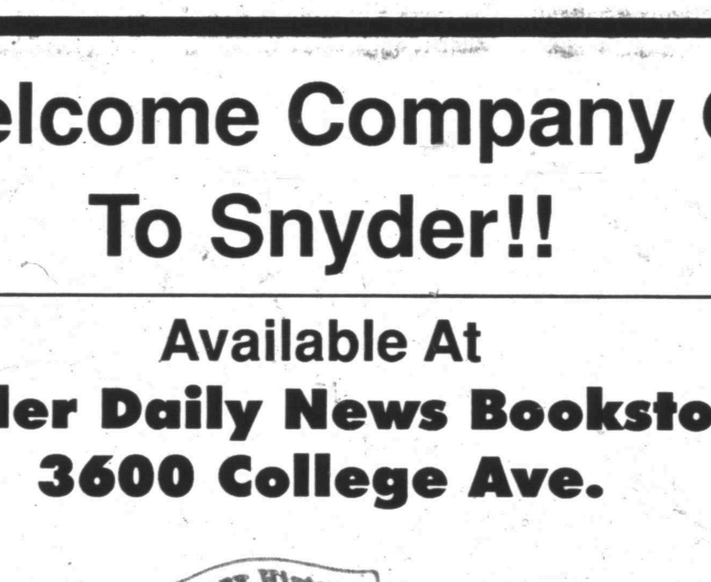
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1990s romance heroes also cook, diaper, dust

WASHINGTON (AP) — He gets a lump in his throat "the size of Rhode Island" when he thinks of his darling kids.

The mere sight of a vacuum cleaner sends him into a cleaning frenzy. And don't even ask about his cooking — it can send a woman to "steak heaven."

He's the 1990s hero of the billion-dollar romance novel industry, a man for whom children and family come first. But in case you're wondering, no, he's not domesticated to the point of boredom. Nor has he lost those "bedroom eyes" or that "let's-make-love voice."

The transformation of romance heroes from heartless playboys or intimidating studs into nurturing — but still hunky — daddies has come about mostly in response to readers: While still seeking fantasy to lose themselves in, they want characters they can identify with.

At a time when baby boomer women are busy rearing children, and divorce remains common, single parents want to read about people in their own situations. Or what they wish their situations were.

"If women can get a happy ending with a little reality in it, such as the guy who does make mistakes but apologizes, who makes us soup when we're sick and picks up the kids from soccer, it's better than the fellow who's really great with the dueling pistols and the horse," said Toni Allen, a Newport Beach, Calif., psychotherapist who also happens to be a romance novel reader.

Janis Reams Hudson, a writer who is president of Romance Writers of America, said children in the stories add conflict, humor and depth to a relationship.

And so, in the name of art — and annual worldwide sales estimated at $1 billion, and 50 million readers, mostly female, in North America alone — the industry gave the baby boomers what they wanted.

Harlequin Enterprises Ltd., which publishes the Harlequin and Silhouette imprints, put out new daddy lines: Fabulous Fathers, Family Man, Bundles of Joy, Hometown Reunion.

It changed its cover art, which over the years almost always depicted an embrace between a bare-chested hero and a swooning heroine. The typical new-romance cover shows a shirtless, muscular hero tenderly cradling a baby, a couple sharing their bed with a toddler, a group of children clinging to a laughing daddy.

The books also have their own logos — a bear or a house for the Family Man series, a safety pin and toys for Fabulous Fathers, a rattle under some of the titles.

And the hero acts as you've never seen him act before.

In "Reluctant Father," businessman Blake Donovan's wife Nina leaves him without telling him she's pregnant with his child. Four years later, a lawyer shows up with Sarah, Donovan's daughter, and the hero doubts he would make a good father. But paternal instincts prevail.

Donovan dashes out of an important board meeting because Sarah wants a frilly dress the housekeeper has refused to buy. He gives in and is "rewarded by a smile so delightful he'd have sold his Mercedes to buy the ... thing for her."

Sam Grayson, the daddy in "Babies and a Blue-Eyed Man," is left with three kids after his wife Donna dumps him.

Grayson loves his kids so much that when he has to leave them behind to look for a bigger house, he gets a "lump the size of Rhode Island ... in his throat." He's ready to "... lie, cheat, steal ... to help my daughter. ... I'd commit crimes for (her) sake."

But don't think Sam is just a sappy dad.

"With his let's-make-love voice and his bedroom blue eyes," he blows into Rachel's life "like an unsettling wind." He cooks a mean T-bone, which transports defenseless Rachel to "steak heaven."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



The ins and outs of flu shots

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please review the reasons for having flu shots.

DEAR READER: Influenza can be a serious infection. In most people this virus causes congestion, malaise, cough, fever, and muscle aches, which last for several days and may be helped by anti-viral prescription drugs, such as amantadine pills.

However, in other people influenza can lead to life-threatening bacterial infections, such as pneumonia. Those most at risk for serious complications include the elderly, patients with underlying diseases (such as diabetes, AIDS and others), and health-care professionals.

Consequently, public health authorities urge immunization with flu shots for such high-risk populations. The experts also point out that most healthy working adults would also profit from flu injections.

Due to viral mutation, the microorganisms that cause influenza change slightly each year. This year virologists predict that the most likely disease-causing viruses are A/Texas, A/Nanchang and B/Harbin. Therefore, these have been incorporated into the flu vaccine, which is composed of inactivated viruses grown in eggs. (For this reason, people with a known egg allergy should avoid flu shots.)

Large outbreaks of influenza reach a peak between late December and early March. The protection conferred by influenza vaccine begins about two weeks after injection and lasts from four to six months. Hence, the optimal time for the injection is late October through early November. One shot is usually sufficient for adults; children under 9 years receiving their first vaccine should have two injections at least four weeks apart.

Reactions to the vaccine are minimal: a slightly sore arm and temporary fever in some patients.

In summary, influenza vaccine should be administered in October or early November to the elderly, to high-risk patients and their household contacts, and medical personnel who may come into contact with such patients.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Four years ago I had Norplant capsules inserted in my arm. Besides having irregular menstrual cycles, the convenience has been great. I'm anticipating having the inserts replaced next year but am concerned that it will not be an easy or painless procedure. What might I expect?

DEAR READER: I'm not a gynecologist; therefore, I don't use Norplant, a series of small cylinders that can be implanted under the skin to provide contraception. These cylinders must be replaced about every five years.

My consultants assure me that this replacement involves only a modicum of pain — certainly no more discomfort than having the original insertion

You should ask your gynecologist exactly what to expect. Norplant is a convenient and effective method of birth control; if it has worked for you, stick with it.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Contraception: An Update." 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.

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Sky divers cross new jet routes; meeting slated

DALLAS (AP) — Two of the busiest new airways in an expanded federal air traffic system are close to drop zones used by two large sky-diving companies, posing a risk to parachutists.

Owners of the sky-diving businesses are meeting with air traffic officials to determine whether there is a way that those who fly airplanes can coexist with those who jump out of them.

"It's not the best situation in the world," said Dane Matney, a sky-diving instructor who parachuted through one of the jet routes four times Friday. "But the airplanes just started coming through this month.

"Nobody wants to jump out of an airplane and get hit by a jet," he said.

Since federal officials activated dozens of new airways Oct. 10, weekend thrill-seekers say they are getting more than they bargained for during their 120-mph free falls north of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

"Certainly the sky divers have a right to the airspace just as the commercial jets do," Doug Murphy, air-traffic division manager for the Federal Aviation Administration's Southwest Region in Fort Worth, told The Dallas Morning News. "I have no doubt that we can work something out."

Operators of sky-diving planes notify air controllers at least a minute before each jump that divers are about to leap from an altitude of 13,500 feet.

Divers then free fall for about a minute, passing through or near a jet route at 11,000 feet and two lower routes for commuters and light planes, before opening parachutes around 3,000 feet.

With airplanes passing through every minute or so during peak periods — and as many as 1,000 sky divers a week dropping in each zone — those on both sides of the issue say safety is questionable.

So far, there have been no close calls. But Jean Bishop, co-owner of Skydive Texas, said her divers videotaped a plane passing under and behind a team in their jump zone northwest of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

The FAA says the drop zones lie outside the 30-mile ring of controlled airspace around DFW Airport. The agency spent $166 million in equipment and planning to double the capacity of the airspace over North Texas.

Mark Pallone, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association at the DFW radar room, said parachutists are invisible to radar once they begin their free falls.

"I don't know what the answer is, but it is definitely dangerous right now," said Pallone.



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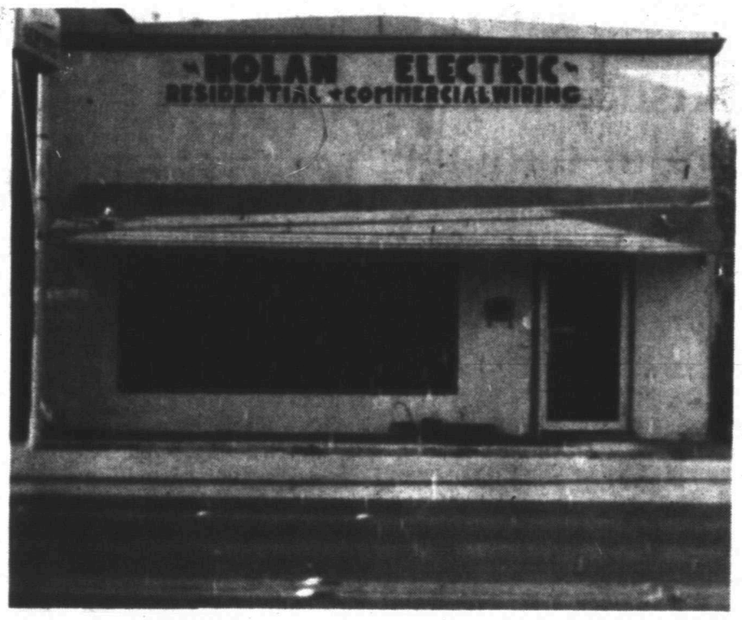
Many people don't realize that there are several years of experience needed before a person can become a qualified licensed electrician. First of all, an apprentice (one who is learning) must be under the teaching of a journeyman electrician for a period of four years. At that time he may take a test and if he passes, he'll become a journeyman electrician. A journeyman electrician must then work for four years and at the end of that time he may take a test to become a master electrician. Only a master electrician can operate his own business.

Bobby Nolan has been a master electrician for about 30 years, although he has only been in business for eighteen years.

Nolan Electric has a variety of work that they specialize in. Some of these things include: new residential and new commercial wiring; remodeling of homes or businesses; trouble-shooting electrical problems; wiring and lighting on signs (including roadway signs — they have two bucket trucks that can meet these needs; electrical hot water heater repairs; and repair of all types of lamps. Also they have a large variety of electrical supplies for those that like to do their own home wiring.

They work on all types of lighting — florescent, incandescent, metal-halide, high-pressure sodium, and quartz. As a result they carry a large supply of these lamps and ballasts. Kim Nolan will be there in the office to help you with the purchase of any of these supplies. If they don't have it, they can usually order it and receive it within 24-48 hours. Sometimes special items may take several days if the suppliers are out of stock. Kim takes care of the office and answers the phone during normal office hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. She also repairs a variety of lamps and keeps a supply of lamp parts.

All of those at Nolan Electric wish to express their thanks to all of their customers. There have been some times when they couldn't get to all the work that needed to be done. With an added electrician, they are better able to meet your electrical needs without you having to wait a long time for them to get to your work. They appreciate the patience of those customers who chose to wait for them during the time that work was overflowing. Please call us for all of your electrical needs: 1-915-573-5117. Once again, they want to thank you so much for your support.



NOLAN ELECTRIC — Located at 1010 25th Street for 16 years, Nolan Electric specializes in residential and commercial wiring. (SDN Staff Photo)

Three make GQ Man of Year list

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jordan, Jerry Seinfeld and Mel Gibson play different venues, but they're scoring kudos in the same arena.

They made GQ's "Men of the Year" list, published in the November issue.

Readers chose the winners in 11 categories, including sports, topped by Jordan. Seinfeld won for TV entertainment, Gibson for film.

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Clinton says 'economy on right track'

ST. LOUIS (AP) — President Clinton headed down the electoral home stretch taking credit for a bit of sunny economic news: the smallest budget deficit since 1981. "We have more evidence today that our economy is on the right track," he declared.

Opening a campaign swing through three Midwestern states, Clinton announced that the deficit for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 was $107.3 billion, down 63 percent from 1992. The White House said the drop was due largely to a stronger economy than the administration had projected.

Speaking over a few hecklers, Clinton pointed to the deficit number and said, "So today, Missouri, you don't have to listen to the shouting. You can look at the showing." Young people pulled a cord to unveil the new budget figure on a red, white and blue banner behind Clinton. There was a huge turnout for his speech at city hall in University City, a suburb of St. Louis.

Republicans said it was their work that had brought the deficit down.

"This is a huge credit to the common sense Republican Congress which fought for spending constraints," party chairman Haley Barbour said.

"The spending reduction since the Republican majority's been in place has been relatively modest compared to the overall total, although we have been able to work with them in the last year on a mutually acceptable budget," said budget director Frank Raines, who accompanied Clinton here.

With the deficit falling four years in a row, the administration said Clinton has more than fulfilled his promise to slash the deficit by half in four years. Raines acknowledged that the deficit is expected to grow in 1997.

The ever-diminishing deficit was one item on the four-point sales pitch Clinton was making as he courted voters from the Washington suburbs to politically vital Pennsylvania and the Midwest in the finals days of the campaign against Republican Bob Dole.

In a reference to Dole's recent pleas for American voters to "wake up," Clinton said of the budget figures today, "These results prove America is awake and moving in the right direction for the 21st century."

WTC carnival planned Tuesday

Area residents are invited to a Halloween carnival Tuesday evening on the Western Texas College campus.

The event is sponsored by the Student Senate and will be centered around the courtyard from 6 until 8 o'clock.

A feature of the Halloween carnival will be a "haunted floor" in the college dormitory.

Among the activities for all ages are face painting, a dunking booth, a dart throw, ring toss and a dime toss, a pie throw, a snack walk, a food booth, a basketball throw, several guessing jars for prizes, and arts and crafts.

WTC students are invited to the traditional Halloween dance which follows in the Student Center.

Obituaries

Allon Myers

1918-1996

ABILENE — Allon Edger Myers, the brother of Texa Ball of Snyder, died Saturday, Oct. 26, in an Abilene nursing center. He was 78.

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Bible Chapel, and burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born in Nashville, Ark., Mr. Myers married Oma Wanda Featherson in 1940 in Glenwood, Ark.

He moved to Abilene in 1944 and worked for K.B. Asphalt Co., Allied Materials and for the City of Abilene.

Survivors include his wife, Oma Featherson of Abilene; a daughter, Lavera Kay Harred of Dallas; a son, David Allon Myers of Abilene; a brother, Hubert Myers of Glenwood; another sister, Alma Martin of Hawley; three half-brothers, C.C. Myers of Umpire, Ark., Mark Myers of Hot Springs, Ark., and Defate Myers of Dereks, Ark.; five half-sisters, Jane Morris of Ridgecrest, Calif., Judy Strickland of Kaufman, Betty McKennon of Murphisboro, Ark., Alene Bryant of Florida and Margaret Lamb of Arkansas; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Zoning

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has prompted the new opposition. Some homeowners in the Towle Park and Bassridge Addition ran a separate advertisement alerting citizens about tonight's planning and zoning commission meeting.

Boxie Weems, a resident on a cul-de-sac on 48th St., said he feared the project would generate too much traffic through his neighborhood.

City officials said this morning that the request had generated an unusually large number of inquiries from nearby citizens and city hall was receiving calls from citizens this morning voicing their opposition.

Vote

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Gray Jr., a Democrat, faces a challenge from local businessman Howard Limmer, the Republican nominee.

Other races of local interest include two representative seats. For U.S. Representative of District 17, Democratic incumbent Charles W. Stenholm is challenged by Republican Rudy Izzard of San Angelo. In the District 70 State Representative's race, David Counts (D-Knox City) is being challenged by Scott McLaughlin (R-Big Spring).

The early vote county just before noon today stood at 1,436. Early voting began Oct. 16.

Mishap causes major damage

A number of accidents were investigated over the weekend, including one that caused an estimated $300,000 damage to the overpass on Avenue E at Highway 84 shortly before 9 a.m. Saturday.

Abilene resident Randall Winchester was driving a 1981 Kenworth tractor-trailer belonging to Riley Drilling Company of Midland when an oil storage tank it was hauling struck a support beam on the overpass. The oil tank came off the trailer and also damaged a guard rail. The Kenworth was west-bound on the highway.

The driver was issued a ticket for an over-height load.

Other accidents investigated included one that sent two people to Cogdell Hospital.

The Department of Public Safety investigated a one-vehicle rollover at 4:24 p.m. Sunday. Two people were transported to Cogdell Hospital by Snyder EMS where they were treated and released. Derek Barnes, 18, of Rockwall and Cody Paramore, 18, of Silsbee, suffered minor injuries.

At 10:25 p.m., Friday, an accident took place in the 4500 block of College Avenue involving a 1995 Hyundai driven by Lori Buchanan of 3111 Ave. C and a 1991 Buick driven by Sara Sims of Box 421.

At 11:30 p.m. Friday, a minor accident occurred in the 3700 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1968 Ford pickup driven by Doyle Rice of 2810 Ave. W and a 1995 Ford driven by Christopher Anderson of Amarillo.

Democratic Senate candidate hits road, in truck again

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic U.S. Senate nominee Victor Morales was back in his pickup truck today, making a final campaign tour of the state and predicting an upset over Republican Phil Gramm.

Morales, a schoolteacher who has logged 72,000 miles in the truck since beginning his quixotic quest for the Senate, said he is confident of the outcome of next week's vote.

"It would take a miracle for Phil Gramm to win," Morales said. "I think Phil Gramm is going to be shocked at the results. And I would be shocked if Phil Gramm would win."

Opinion polls disagree.

The latest Texas Poll, published over the weekend, found Gramm leading Morales by a 53 percent to 31 percent margin. It's the latest of several surveys to find a double-digit Gramm lead.

But the Democrat scoffed at those numbers, predicting that a huge turnout among Hispanic voters would boost his chances.

"People are telling me now, probably for the last couple months ... 'you're going to win,'" he said. "I've still yet to have found one human being in this state that's been polled."

The Democrat also said his first television commercials would begin airing this week in most of the state's larger cities.

It's a reflection of the vast disparity in fund-raising between Morales and Gramm.

Gramm's latest campaign finance report showed the 12-year incumbent having spent $4.6 million so far this year. He had raised $2.3 million this year. Morales had raised $632,000.

But Morales, who upset two Democratic congressmen in finishing first in the March primary and the April runoff, insisted that the money didn't matter.

"I did win two U.S. Senate races on less than $50,000. Can Phil Gramm say that?" he asked.

Morales planned to travel to 20 cities this week.

New pastor welcomed

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He served as pastor at Buffalo Gap Baptist Church in 1973 and as admissions counselor at Hardin-Simmons from 1976 until 1979, when he accepted the position as pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Taylor.

Dr. Culwell pastored in Taylor until 1986 when he became pastor of Belmont Baptist Church in Abilene. In 1990, he was named pastor at the First Baptist Church in Seymour.

He is a past moderator for the Williamson Baptist Association and the Salt Fork Baptist Association and served as evangelism chairman for the Abilene Baptist Association in 1989.

He married LaQuita Ross on Aug. 26, 1978. They have two children, 14-year-old Amanda and seven-year-old Laura. Mrs. Culwell is a registered nurse, currently working as the surgical supervisor for Seymour Community Hospital.

Dr. Culwell and his wife are active in the Emmaus Community. He is a member of the Seymour Lions Club.

Colonial Hill Baptist Church was formed on Aug. 15, 1954 with 67 charter members. The first pastor was Dr. Jimmy Nelson.

Routine weekend for area law officers

A number of calls were handled by local law enforcement agencies over the weekend. Most of them were minor.

One arrest was made on Sunday as an 18-year-old male was taken into custody at 11:34 a.m. in the 400 block of 16th Street on a warrant for failure to stop and give information.

In other activity over the weekend, a report of harassing telephone calls were made at 8:20 a.m. Saturday.

At 8:23 a.m. Saturday, Frank Herrington reported the theft of a jack and tool pouch from his pickup while it was parked at Snyder Lanes on Oct. 19.

An officer was requested at the Movie Stop at 11:40 a.m. Saturday in reference to a juvenile shoplifter in custody. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted and the juvenile was later released to his mother.

Mary Brandon requested an officer at 12:02 p.m. Saturday in reference to someone throwing a pumpkin through a window at 3798 Avondale.

The Snyder fire department responded to a reported grass fire at the intersection of 29th Street and Avenue L at 8:19 p.m. Saturday.

Samuel Garcia requested an officer at 1905 Coleman at 9:16 p.m. Saturday in reference to a bicycle theft. Two juveniles were seen in the area and two bicycles were recovered.

A report of a vehicle being scratched with a key was made at 11:36 p.m. Saturday from the 4500 block of Galveston.

A report of a possible fight was made at 12:22 a.m. Sunday from the 1800 block of Texas Avenue.

Several juveniles were contacted by officers at 12:51 a.m. Sunday in the area of 8th Street and College Avenue. Their parents were notified, who advised the juveniles were not supposed to be out. The juveniles were later released to their parents.

A report of a gunshot was made at 1:53 a.m. Sunday from the apartments in the 4400 block of Avenue U. Officers spoke with several residents who reported they saw a vehicle drive through the area and then they heard a gun shot.

At 1:46 p.m. Sunday, the fire department responded to a report of a house fire at 213 35th St. Minor damage occurred in the living room where a child had ignited a piece of cloth from a space heater and then dropped the cloth onto the carpet. The house is occupied by Sheila Benitez and is owned by Joel and Teresa Loper. No injuries were reported.

A person went to the police department at 2:20 p.m. Sunday and reported a person had been harassing her and slandering her name.

A Fluvanna resident requested to speak to an officer at 7:23 p.m. Sunday in reference to a person shooting her cat. An offense report for cruelty to animals was submitted by deputies.

What's Up?

Holiday Extravaganza

Today is the deadline to purchase tickets for Beta Sigma Phi's annual Holiday Extravaganza dinner and fashion show. The event is set for 6 p.m. Nov. 4. Tickets are $12.50 and can be purchased by calling 573-5970 or 573-1701.

Key to the Kingdom

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Sin: The Wedge That Divides," will air at 7 this evening.

4-H banquet tonight

Scurry County 4-H will hold its annual banquet at 7 tonight in the 37th Street Church of Christ Family Center.

Hermleigh boosters to meet

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. today in the school cafeteria.

Lions Club Ladies Night

Snyder Lions Club will host a ladies night at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Genealogical Society

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. Program will be a video on "How to Research Family History." Visitors are welcome.

Choir booster work night

SHS choir booster club will have a work night painting signs for new choir members at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the choir room.

East Family Night

East Elementary School will have Family Night at the Spanish Inn on Tuesday, after 5 o'clock. Ten percent will go to East Elementary upon request.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

Brown bag lunch series

Scurry County Museum is hosting a weekly series of brown bag lunches at Nathalie's Tea Room, 1803 25th St. The fifth lunch will be from noon until 1 p.m. Wednesday with Robert Adams speaking on "Texas Mexicans: Trials and Truths."

FBC Fall Festival

First Baptist Church will hosts its Fall Festival of Fun from 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the Family Life Center. The festival is for kids through the sixth grade.

Lord's Acre Festival

First United Methodist Church will hold its 7th annual Lord's Acre Festival Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. Booths will open at 11 a.m. A barbecue dinner is set for 5:30 p.m., to be followed by an auction at 6:30.

42 tournament scheduled

The Lord's Acre Straight 42 Tournament will be held from 1-5 p.m. Saturday at the coliseum. Cost is a donation to the Lord's Acre Festival. Sign up at the Senior Center or First United Methodist Church.

Golden K garage sale

Golden K Kiwanis will have its annual garage sale Saturday at 8:15 a.m. at the Senior Center, 2605 Ave. M. Donated items are now being accepted.

Poinsettia fund-raiser

Large poinsettias in red, white and jingle bell are available from any Snyder High School choir member for a donation. Call 573-9649 or 573-8034 for more information.

Tiger Times on sale

Orders for the 1996-97 Tiger Times Yearbook are being taken in the junior high office or Room 113 through Nov. 8. Pay the full price of $14 or $7 now and $7 when the yearbooks arrive in the spring. No extra copies will be ordered.

GED testing upcoming

GED test dates will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 5 and Dec. 3, and at 8 a.m. on Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. Tests are administered in the Learning Resource Center on the WTC campus. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Geraldine Parker at 573-8511, ext. 322, from 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday or 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A new minimum standard for passing the GED will become effective Jan. 1.

Rebecca St. James tour

Rebecca St. James will perform in the "It's All About God" tour at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 in Scurry County Coliseum. Tickets are $7.50 and $9.50 or $11.50 at the door. Tickets are available at Bar H Bar Family Outfitters and Initial Ideas.

World hunger banquet

Hermleigh Central Baptist Church will hold a Banquet To Remember For World Hunger at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 13. Tickets are $7 for adults, $3 for children and $20 for a family of five or more. Children under age three will be admitted free. All proceeds will go to world hunger. For more information, call Alan Lee, 863-2305, or Bee Beauchamp, 573-0509.

Pick 3

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

6-9-6

(six, nine, six)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 02-12-14-27-29-34; estimated jackpot: $30 million; number matching six of six: 1; winning ticket) sold in: Wylie.

Matching five of six: 223. Prize: $1,508; matching four of six: 13,120; prize: $92; matching three of six: 237,554; prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night; estimated jackpot: $10 million.