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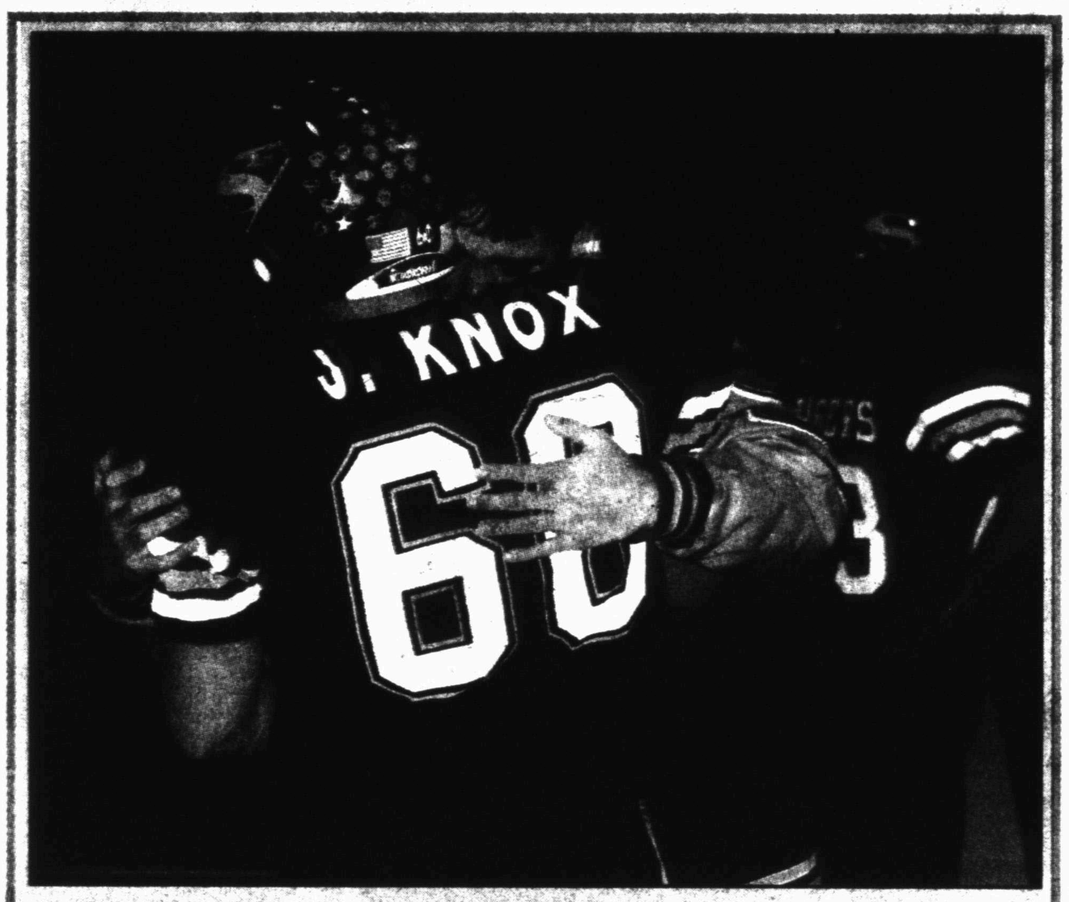


GAME OVER — Josh Knox (64) and Colby Driggers console each other following Snyder's stunning loss to Monahans Friday night at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa. Monahans picked up speed with 40 seconds to go in the game and scored its only touchdown of the night to secure the 7-6 win. The Tigers finished the season with an overall record of 6-5 and 4-1 in District 3-3A. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cotton crop okay if warm temps return

The sun has been shining and temperatures have been unseasonably warm — two things area cotton farmers need.

But both factors reversed Friday, with cool temperatures and the threat of rain looming.

Joe Hefner of the USDA said things were looking up.

"We were getting back to business until it started raining again. We had a pretty good week of good weather to allow farmers back into their fields."

Hefner said the outlook can change quickly though.

"As wet as the ground is right now, it doesn't take much moisture at all to keep these guys from getting into their fields," he said. "It's so wet out there even the morning dew is slowing them down. We need some sunshine and some dry mornings."

The county's three cotton gins are running again.

David Server at Inadale Gin said the gin is back in business after several idle weeks.

"We're stripping a lot of cotton again," he said. "It looks like the quality has dropped about a grade, but it still looks pretty good."

By Friday afternoon Inadale Gin had processed 2,484 bales.

At Scurry County Gin, Jim Edmonds said business is "starting to pick up again." He said 596 bales have been processed so far.

Robbie Robinson at Farmer's Co-Op Gin reported 2,850 bales finished with a lot to go.

"We've got about 50 or 60 modules lined up behind the gin," he said. "That's another 5,000 or so bales right there."

Hefner said the crop looks like quality across Scurry County, if farmers get it out of the fields.

"As of now, there hasn't been that much damage on quality, but I don't know how much longer we can stand this," Robinson said. "The weather is causing some of the cotton to string out and making it harder to strip."

Even with the weather not cooperating with this season's harvest, Hefner said old-timers are upbeat.

"They're all saying it's hard to declare a disaster in West Texas because of too much moisture. And they say that if your crop is bad in the fall, it will be good in the spring, so we'll just have to see how it plays out."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "We think mad cow disease was caused by cold hands."

First it was air conditioning to make 'em more comfortable, then some expert suggested they be given a background of classical music or other soft strains to soothe jangled nerves.

Now the recommendation is for waterbeds to provide them with a more restful sleeping environment.

Most folks would think it sounds pretty good. But moo-ve over. It's not about people, it's about cows.

An item in a recent issue of "Texas Innovator," a newsletter produced by the state comptroller's office, said waterbeds for cows have now made their way to the U.S. Waterbeds for bovines were first introduced in England in 1996.

The article said the beds consist of rubber bladders filled with up to 18 gallons of water and covered with thick rubber mats to provide a comfy place for dairy cows to relax and chew their cud, which they reportedly do for as many as eight hours each day.

The theory behind the beds, according to the manufacturer, is that "happy cows" produce more milk. It apparently works. U.S. dairy farmers who have participated in the initial trials say their cows are more content and suffered fewer of the injuries that sometimes plague the animals, such as sore joints and burned hocks.

The cleanliness issue is nothing to sniff at, either. The smooth, undulating surface of the beds require no bedding straw, and they are much easier to keep clean than conventional stalls.

The cow waterbeds cost about $150 each and come in rolls of up to 160 beds and are installed by simply unrolling them and filling them with a garden hose.

From the description, it appears as if the cow waterbeds are a bit more sturdy than their counterparts for humans, which have been known to spring a leak or surprise restless sleepers in a tidal wave.

Water beds...it might be a short cut to milk shakes.

Many young folks have interesting sleeping habits. If the sun rises, they don't.

Despite capital spent cable reception fuzzy

Not all Snyder cable TV customers have been happy with quality of reception after Cox Communications re-worked the local system.

This is especially true for Lubbock's Channel 11 and Abilene's Channel 9, and other channels that the industry refers to as non-cable stations.

These channels originate in Lubbock and Abilene, and in a nutshell, have been giving Cox trouble as they try to improve the reception.

"We know the service levels on those channels are not what we would like to have for our customers, and they're certainly not at the level our customers deserve," said Michelle Harper, the Abilene-based manager of the local Cox office.

"The quality of the signals, mainly Channel 11, is inconsistent and we know it ranges from good to bad and that it is really hard to watch on a bad day," said Harper.

Harper said Cox has invested tens of thousands of dollars over and above the complete overhaul trying to improve the reception, but added it is evident nothing has worked yet.

"We are exploring other options and we will get it fixed."

Harper also said the cable company is currently in negotiations with the Lubbock and Abilene stations over re-transmission agreements, an issue that will determine if Cox can continue to carry stations from both cities.

"There is a regulatory item called must-carry stations," said Harper. "It is a FCC rule and it depends on the demographic area the Neilson Ratings place a community in whether a cable company has to carry stations from only one city if there is duplicate programming."

Harper said Snyder is unique in the fact that it has been placed in both the Lubbock and Abilene demographic areas at various times.

"That is why Snyder receives two of everything, and in the case of ABC, three stations."

Harper said the Abilene stations could not make the cable company drop the Lubbock stations despite the fact that Snyder is now in the Abilene demographic area.

"There are certain things they could do, however, in regards to syndication rights, non-duplication, and such," said Harper.

Harper did say that if the Abilene stations are planning to enforce any portion of the must-carry policy, they would have to notify Cox in writing.

"We have not received anything from them," Harper said.

Snyder native is warehouse chief

Grocery shopping lists get longer this time of year as households prepare for bigger and better meals, and more and more people.

Mike Levens, manager of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's distribution center in Snyder, has seen his food stocks increase as the warehouse stocks up on items normally only served in prison units during the two upcoming holiday meals.

Levens said numerous pallets of apples, oranges and other fruits have been shipped into the Snyder warehouse and later disbursed to area units.

Levens' shopping list stays quite lengthy throughout the year, however, as he and his staff are responsible for food and other items for over 30,000 inmates.

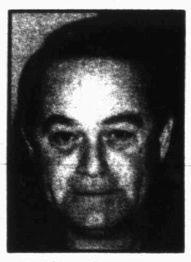
"We cover Region 5 of the TDCJ, and two units for Region 4," said Levens.

The local warehouse provides items for an area that spreads from El Paso to Fort Stockton, east to Brownwood, up to Wichita Falls and then all the way to Dalhart in the Texas Panhandle.

On the average, the warehouse maintains a $2 million inventory in foodstuffs, and $3 million in inmate supplies such as paper products, cleaning supplies, clothing and footwear.

Other items include pillowcases, towels and sheets, said Levens.

"For 30,000 people, these items add up in a hurry," said Levens.



Mike Levens

The warehouse is a big factor in the Snyder economy as 19 people are employed there in addition to the 29 truck drivers. Also the center buys fuel, parts and supplies for the vehicles that are constantly in and out of the facility.

Levens has been with TDCJ since just prior to the Price Daniel Unit opening here in 1989. He began his career as a correctional officer, and later served the local unit as the necessity officer and the property and supply officer.

Prior to heading the warehouse, Levens was based in Plainview as the assistant regional director over business for Region 5.

A 1969 graduate of Snyder High, he is also a six-year veteran of the local school board.

Three acres of county land is eyed by DPS for Snyder office

Scurry County commissioners' court will consider donating roughly three acres of land to the state Monday for construction of an office for the Department of Public Safety.

The parcel to be considered is near Scurry County Coliseum adjacent to Kid's Kampus and East Elementary.

The department is currently located in the Diamond M building above the justice of the peace office.

Also on the agenda is a contract with Coca Cola for exclusive vending rights at the coliseum.

Other items include appointment of Ned Underwood to the County library board to replace a deceased board member.

An executive session also is scheduled to discuss pending litigation with ex-Cogdell Hospital radiologist Joe Gendreau.

The court also will review reports from the extension department and the library and will consider minutes from a recent county welfare board meeting.

Any line-item transfers and budget amendments also will be considered.

The 10 a.m. meeting will take place in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Duncan will keep seat in state senate

Robert Duncan, Scurry County's newly-elected state senator, announced Friday afternoon that he will not seek the congressional seat being vacated by U.S. Rep. Larry Combest.

Combest Tuesday said he was stepping down from the 19th District seat he has held since 1984 to spend more time with his family.

Duncan said the decision not to run was "easy." Work he wants to complete in the legislature is the main reason he's not seeking the congressional seat, he said.

"I don't think it's the right time for me to make a change or a move," Duncan said. "I will not be in that race."

Scurry County was placed in Duncan's senatorial district as a result of redistricing.

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Q—You print the levels of Lake Thomas, Ivie and Spence every week, how are the lakes around Colorado City doing?

A—Lake Colorado City is down 11.21', while Lake Champion is down 52.96'.

Charles Bollinger...

...was born in Snyder and has spent his entire 36 years in the community. He is the head baseball coach at Snyder High School, and serves as an assistant to the football and basketball programs. He and his wife Staci have two children, Brent and Brook. He likes to attend Texas Ranger games, play with his kids and teach baseball skills.

We are all here for a spell: get all the good laughs you can.

—Will Rogers

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Lord's Acre

Lord's Acre, hosted by the First United Methodist Church, will be held Sunday at the Scurry County Coliseum starting with a brisket meal with all the trimmings from noon to 1:30 p.m. Price is $7 for adults and $4 for those under the age of 11. There will be an auction at 12:20 p.m. and the event also will feature crafts, baked goods and homemade items.

Thanksgiving dinner

Hermleigh's junior class will have a Thanksgiving dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in the cafeteria. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children five and under.

Enchilada dinner

Snyder CheerStars will host an enchilada dinner from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the West Elementary cafeteria. Adults tickets $6 and children 12 and under are $4. Takeouts are available.

AARP meeting

Chapter 2063 of the AARP will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. Jack Denman will be the speaker.

SJHS book fair

Snyder Junior High will have a book fair beginning Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the library.

East Elementary book fair

East Elementary will have a book fair beginning Monday. Times on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday are 8-9 a.m., and 2:30-4 p.m. Tuesday times are 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and Friday from 11 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Firm Foundation of Christianity," followed by "Brighten the Corner."

Canned food drive

Snyder Oaks Care Center is having a canned food drive for Gateway Family Services starting Monday and continuing until Dec. 10. Bring your canned goods to the care center.

Thanksgiving dinner

Central Elementary's Thanksgiving dinner will be on Tuesday. Parents must purchase tickets no later than 3 p.m. Monday.

Lions dinner

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet at noon Tuesday but instead will have a partner-in-service dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Bring toys for kids.

Alzheimer information meeting

A meeting on Alzheimer's will be held from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church library. Sponsored by Snyder Oak Care Center, those attending will continue watching the film, "Alzheimer 101."

GED pre-registration, testing dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday at the GED testing center, Western Texas College, building 7B. The math segment of the GED will begin at 8 a.m. Friday. For more information about the GED test, call Molly Kates, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

Workshop for parents

A workshop for parents and other early childhood educators will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Region 14 Education Service Center. VaLynda Miller, early childhood education consultant, will be the presenter. Call Central Elementary at 573-8592 to register.

Dunn community meeting

There will be a Dunn community meeting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the community center.

Junior high yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Tuesday, Nov. 26, in room 110. Price is $16 with a deposit of $8 required when ordering. No extra copies will be available.

Community Services raffle

Scurry County Community Services is holding a raffle for a $75 gift certificate to United and $75 to Wal-Mart. Tickets are $1 and all proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for children.

Choir poinsettia sale

Snyder High choir members are taking orders for poinsettias available in red, white or in jingle bell variety. Cost is $10 each upon delivery on Monday, Dec. 2. Call 573-6301 to place orders.

Washington, D.C. trip

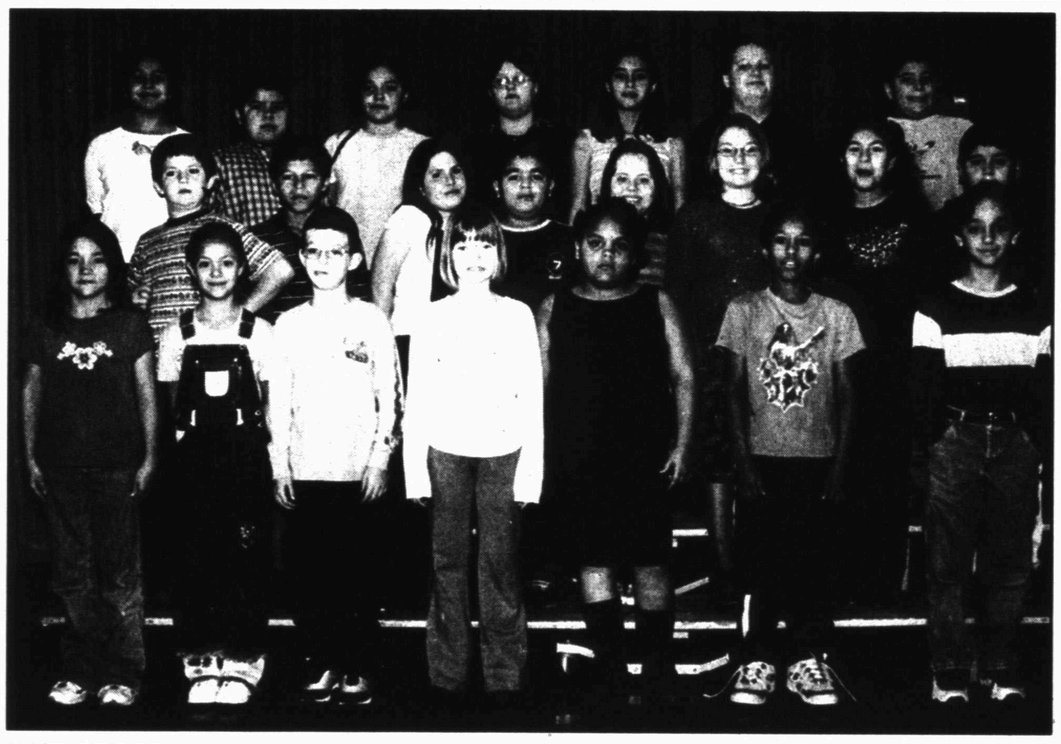
Applications are due by the end of November for persons wishing to participate in next June's trip to Washington, D. C. and surrounding areas. For an application booklet or for further information, contact Charlotte Clifton at 573-2430, or Darlene Robbins at 573-0795.

Tiger's Lair on sale

Orders for the 2003 Tiger's Lair are being taken. Cost is $45 with options available at an addition fee. The price will increase to $50 after Dec. 1. Also deadline for senior dedications is Dec. 1. Dedications are $45 per photo and message. Call 574-6138 for information.

Ira Bulldog annuals on sale

The 2003 Bulldog annuals are on sale. Reserve your copy from now until Tuesday, Nov. 26. Cost is $26 with your name on the cover or $22 without. The supply is limited, so reserve your copy as soon as possible. To order, contact Becky Hudgins at Ira School.



EAST PROGRAM — East Elementary students in Judy Brown's and Cindy Putnam's classes presented a program recently entitled *Everybody Has Music Inside*. Sharlot Sparlin is the music teacher. Mrs. Brown's students (top photo) include from left, bottom row, Adrian Benavidez, Sarah Cearley, Ana Cabrera, Lucero Espinoza, Jeffrey Stewart, J.D. Pittman and Leslie Quinonez; second row, Richard DeLuna, Frida Corona, Michaela Jones, Alexander Yanes, Edward Yruegas, Megan Quintana and Isaac White; third row, Tyler Sawyer, Alex Alcala, Melinda Worley, Annie Ezell, Laura Reigh, Kirstie Leuck and Colton Clark. Students in Mrs. Putnam's class (bottom photo) include row one from left, Justine Mills, Savannah Valdez, Ty Shifflett, Lieren Tindol, Jenee Payne, Tai Dean, Demetric Gunderson and Eric Overton; second row, Michael Brasher, Sammy Ruiz, Lance Egan, Chelsea Russell, Tara Gordon, Alexia Hernandez, Juan Medina; third row, Vanessa Martinez, Jordan Rodriguez, Amanda Gutierrez, Amanda Daves, Regina Alarcon, Dylan Early and C.J. Casas. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Shuttle launch delayed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour's flight to the international space station has been put off until late next week, at the earliest, so NASA can evaluate the ship's bruised robot arm and check for more worn hoses.

Shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore said Friday night that Endeavour will lift off no earlier than Nov. 22. The postponement could last considerably longer if the robot arm needs to be removed from the shuttle payload bay.

Endeavour was scheduled to blast off this past Monday, but the countdown was halted with just two hours remaining because of a leak in the astronauts' oxygen supply.

On Tuesday, as technicians were setting up a platform in Endeavour's cargo bay to find and fix the leak, a worker who was supposed to be watching out for the tight clearances got distracted, Dittemore said. The worker looked away, and the platform bumped into the shuttle's cradled robot arm.

McCormick elected to historical board

AUSTIN — Barbara McCormick of Snyder has been elected to the Texas Historical Foundation board of directors.

Keith Pitner, executive director of the Texas Historical Foundation in Austin, announced that Mrs. McCormick was unanimously elected to the THF board at its quarterly meeting held at the historic Stagecoach Inn in Salado.

"The heritage and spirit of Texas will grow from the energy, love of Texas History, and talents that Mrs. McCormick brings to the THF board," stated Pitner, also a Snyder native. Barbara and husband, Claude McCormick, Jr., are longtime residents of Scurry County.

The archives of the Texas Historical Foundation show that another Snyderite, Hugh (Brud) Boren, Jr., served on this same THF board in the late 1970s and early 1980s, distinguishing himself as a leader in preserving and protecting Texas History — especially that of Scurry County. Also about this same time Mrs. Edith McKanna, from Fluvanna served on the THF board.

The Texas Historical Foundation has been promoting conservation, preservation and documentation of our heritage for almost 50 years. The THF's grant program provides funds to assist worthwhile projects across the state. Most recently, the Foundation has funded projects that focused on research and documentation, archeological excavation, and the repair and restoration of historic architecture. The Foundation is not a government agency, museum or social organization M "just a diverse group of individuals dedicated to saving our past for future generations."

Worker sought after parking garage collapses

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Rescue crews searched early Saturday for a construction worker believed trapped in the rubble of an unfinished parking garage that collapsed, killing at least two workers and injuring one.

To allow crews to sift through the debris, workers in cranes were attaching stabilizing cables to a concrete wall left standing after the Friday afternoon collapse, authorities said.

"It's slow, tedious work," said Pete Piringer, a spokesman for the Montgomery County Fire Department.

The trapped worker was believed to be between the fourth and fifth floors, Piringer said. A search dog picked up a scent late Friday and rescue workers were using thermal imaging to search, he said.

Gordon Aoyagi, fire administrator for the county, said the dog would not signal to rescuers if it encountered a cadaver.

Aoyagi said listening equipment hasn't picked anything up.

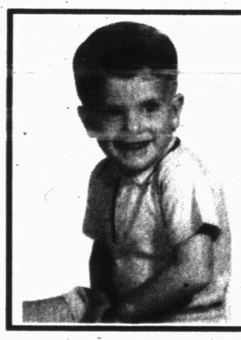
Tom Carr, head of the search and rescue team, said crews are hoping to find the worker during the "golden 24 hours" in which likelihood is much higher that victim is still alive.

None of the workers' names was released. The injured worker, who was taken to Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, was in critical condition.

The four workers, who were among 15 workers at the site at the time, are believed to have been on the fourth level of the garage when the "floors pancaked down," Piringer said.

Just before the collapse, workers heard a popping noise but no explosion, Piringer said. "It was just a bang or a pop, and then the floors collapsed."

The cause of the collapse had not been determined, Piringer said. Inspectors from Maryland Occupational Safety and Health and the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration were on the scene.



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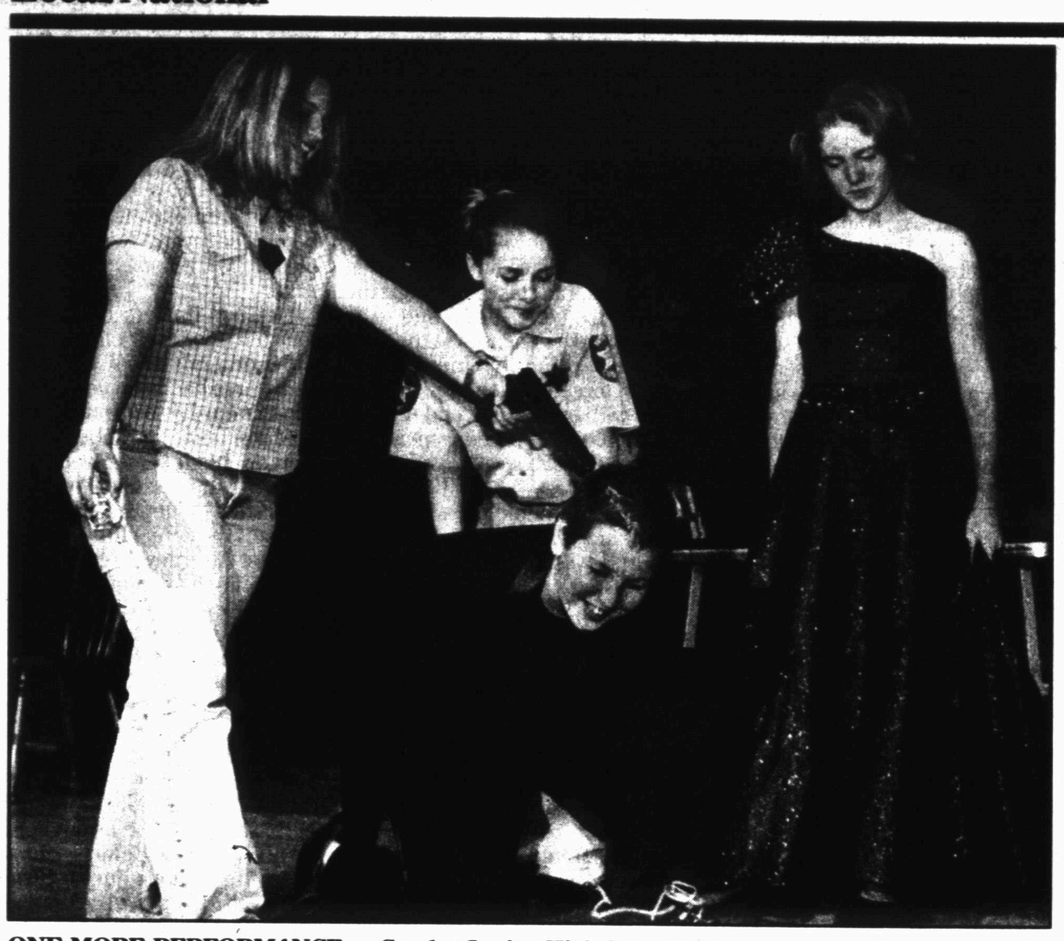

ONE MORE PERFORMANCE — Snyder Junior High School's drama students will present the final performance of *The Night of the Living Beauty Pageant* at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the school auditorium. All tickets are reserved and cost $2 at the SJHS office or $3 at the door. Rehearsing a scene are Candace Rice, Kayla Pittman, Malcolm Deavers and Josi Presley. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Top GOP senator says terror warnings shouldn't be ignored

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the top Republican on the Senate Intelligence Committee, Richard Shelby has a sense about when it's time for the country to worry. And now, he says, is such a time.

An FBI warning about a spectacular terror attack isn't overblown, he said. There's been a rise in intercepted communications suggesting a terrorist strike and other hints, such as the emergence of an audiotape believed to be from Osama bin Laden.

"There are ominous signs that we should not ignore," Shelby, R-Ala., said Friday.

At the same time, he said, he's concerned that repeated warnings of imminent attacks will dull their effect. "How many warnings can you give out and then the American people, all of us, would ignore the next warning," he said.

In eight years on the Intelligence Committee, most of them as chairman, Shelby has been one of the leading congressional voices on national security matters, a regular on Sunday talk shows and all-news cable channels.

Starting in January, though, he'll be more likely to talk about the Securities and Exchange Commission than the CIA. He is leaving the Intelligence Committee and will likely become the next chairman of the Senate Banking Committee.

It's a departure that's likely to change the Intelligence Committee's tone. Shelby, 68, a former Democrat with an independent streak, has been one of the toughest critics of intelligence agencies and especially CIA Director George Tenet.

In an interview in his Capitol Hill office, Shelby declined to say whether he thought Tenet should be removed, but added: "I think we can do better."

"I think George Tenet's got a lot of strengths, but I don't think he manages the entire (intelligence) community as he should."

Shelby leaves the committee at a critical time, while the fight against al-Qaida continues, a possible war looms with Iraq and the House and Senate intelligence panels are completing an inquiry into the Sept. 11 attacks.

That inquiry could serve as a blueprint for major changes in intelligence agencies. Congressional staff are trying to complete a final, classified report that can be approved before Shelby and other top members leave the committee.

Shelby said he believes the report's main area of concern will be the failure of the FBI, CIA and other agencies to share information.

Even before the inquiry, he said, he believed interagency communication was poor. "Those fears have been confirmed tenfold," he said.

Shelby sees a need for a single center where all intelligence from all agencies could be collected and analyzed. He noted the proposed Homeland Security Department would have a role collecting intelligence from agencies, but he doesn't know if it will be adequate to improve communications. Agencies also must overcome cultural barriers that discourage the sharing of information, he said.

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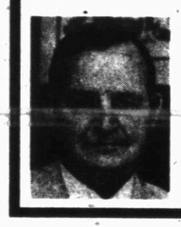

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Two dead in small plane collision

FAIRFIELD, N.J. (AP) — Investigators were combing through wreckage early Saturday after two single-engine planes crashed over a densely populated neighborhood, killing both pilots but injuring no one on the ground.

State police helicopters were searching for additional victims, although it was not clear how many people were aboard the four-seat planes, said Robert Grepz of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The planes — a Piper Lance doing practice landings and a Cessna trying to land — crashed Friday evening near the Essex County Airport, authorities said.

Jason Ribik, a flight instructor at Air Fleet Training System, said he was taking off with a student at the airport when he saw the planes collide and plummet to the Earth.

"We saw them getting too close and said 'Are they going to hit each other?' And sure enough they hit," Ribik said. "One went straight down. The other one looked like it could make it but then it went straight down."

Michelle Corio, 19, was driving when she saw debris from the planes rain down.

"Pieces started falling all over the place," she said.

One of the planes landed in the front yard of a pink bungalow. The back third of its fuselage could be seen sticking up from the ground at a 45 degree angle.

The second crash site was about a half-mile away on a nearby residential and commercial street. The front yard of a one-story house had two sections of debris in the driveway and in front of the house.

There was no visible damage to either house.

The Piper was registered to Kenneth P. Klass of Roslyn, Pa., according to Arlene Salac of the Federal Aviation Administration. The Cessna was registered to C.L. Flyers of Dover, Del.

The Essex County Airport, also known as the Caldwell airport, is in a suburban area about 20 miles northwest of New York City. It is used by small planes, helicopters and executive jets.

Today's chuckle

Potential space tourists sought

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston store for space buffs is helping the Russian Space Agency seek potential space tourists with $20 million to spare.

That's about what California businessman Dennis Tito paid for a weeklong trip to the international space station aboard a Russian Soyuz spacecraft last year. 'N Sync singer Lance Bass had to cancel his plan to do the same in October because his sponsors missed payment deadlines.

The financially strapped Russian space industry is continuing efforts to finance its participation in building the space station through attracting moneyed space tourists, and The Space Store in Houston is among companies and organizations helping out.

"We're just trying to get the word out," store owner Dayna Steele-Justiz said. "If you have the money, time, resources and can pass the training, you can go."

The store, across from the Johnson Space Center in south Houston, also is peddling a few less expensive items to holiday shoppers.

Among those is a full-scale replica of the space station's U.S.-built $1.4 billion Destiny laboratory, which was added to the outpost in February 2001. Price: $2.5 million.

Boys and Girls Club to benefit from promotion

Taco John's will sponsor a special promotion Nov. 25-Dec. 30 to benefit the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club.

During that period, Taco John's will donate 25 cents of every Nachos Navidad purchase made at the restaurant.

Nachos Navidad is a limited-time holiday version of the chain's Super Nachos, made with festive red and green tortilla chips.

In addition, Taco John's will also sell peppers to customers for cash contributions of $1.

This year will be the first time Taco John's has implemented a charity benefit program in Snyder. Several local businesses will match Taco John's contributions including Patterson Drilling, Matthies Construction, State Farm Insurance, C&S Spraying and Kwik Kar Oil and Lube.

Courthouse sold

WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP) — Waukesha County's historical society has gotten the go-ahead to turn an old courthouse into an exhibit dedicated to electric guitar pioneer Les Paul.

The Waukesha County Board has approved selling the old courthouse to the Waukesha County Historical Society and Museum for $1.

"Now we can finally move forward and get on track with Les Paul," museum executive director Sue Baker said after Tuesday's decision.

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FINAL PERFORMANCES — Snyder High School's drama department will present the final two performances of *Cat on The Hot Tin Roof* at 7:30 Saturday night and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Ritz Community Theatre. Tickets are $5 for adults and $4 for students. Pictured rehearsing a scene are Mallorye Miller and Tanner Beard. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

U.S. Navy agrees to limit sonar amid concerns about marine life

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Under pressure from environmentalists and a federal judge, the U.S. Navy agreed Friday to temporarily scale back the testing of a new sonar system designed to detect enemy submarines.

The move came two weeks after U.S. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Laporte, citing concerns for marine life, blocked the Navy from experimenting with the system, which was to be routinely tested throughout the majority of the world's oceans.

The accord, a compromise between the government and the ecologists who sued, lasts seven months while the Navy's operating permit is being challenged in federal court.

The Navy had planned to use the system in about 14 million square miles of ocean. Under the agreement, the Navy will limit its experiments to about 1 million square miles of remote ocean surrounding the Mariana Islands but well off the coasts of Japan and the Philippines.

"It's the least sensitive area of ocean we could get," said Andrew Wetzler, an attorney with the National Resources Defense Council, which says the Navy system can harass or kill marine mammals.

The sonar can send signals hundreds of miles. It can be as loud as 215 decibels, which is the same as standing next to a twin-engine F-15 fighter jet as it takes off.

The agreement does not preclude the Navy from using the system to detect modern, quiet submarines during wartime, and acknowledges that the Navy must be allowed to train with it beforehand.

Neither the Navy nor the Justice Department immediately returned calls seeking comment.

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Financial Focus

Preparation Can Lead to Happy Retirement

Here's some information that may interest you: The happiest retirees are those who feel financially prepared for retirement.

This finding, from a study by Harris Interactive, a major polling firm, may not be shocking. After all, you would probably expect that retirees who feel financially prepared would be more content than those who are worried about outliving their income. But you might be surprised by another finding gleaned from the study: Retirement happiness is directly linked to the number of years you've been saving for retirement, rather than your net worth — although the two factors are certainly related.

Just how long do you need to save before you can feel you're financially prepared for retirement? In reality, there's probably no one "right" answer, because everyone has different goals for retirement.

Nonetheless, the Harris survey does point to some interesting numbers:

- 61 percent of those who saved for 25 years or more said they were extremely satisfied with retirement.
- 51 percent of those who saved for 15 to 24 years said they were extremely satisfied.
- 46 percent of those who saved for less than 15 years said they were extremely satisfied.

The lesson seems clear: Start saving for retirement as early as you can. By putting time on your side, you greatly increase your chances of enjoying your retirement years.

The Harris survey didn't just ask respondents about how long they had been saving and investing. Another question was designed to relate retirees' happiness with the type of investments they had accumulated.

The findings? The happiest retirees' investment portfolios were well diversified. Stocks made up of the bulk of these retirees' holdings, with smaller allocations in fixed-income securities and real estate. Apparently, maintaining a diversified array of investments helped contribute to the respondents' feelings of being well prepared for retirement.

The survey's results support many other studies that, over the years, have shown the value of diversification. But you can diversify your portfolio in many different ways. To determine which mix of investments is appropriate for you, consider the following:

- **Your goals** — What do you plan to do during retirement? If you envision traveling around the world and maintaining a couple of houses, your investment income needs will be far different than those of your neighbor who plans to stick close to home and do some consulting.
- **Your risk tolerance** — If you're an aggressive investor, you're willing to accept a greater degree of risk in exchange for potentially higher returns. If you're a conservative investor, you're more inclined to protect your principal at all costs, even if it means sacrificing growth. And if you're a moderate investor, you're somewhere in between. Your individual asset allocation — your mix of investments — will be shaped, in part, by your investment personality and risk tolerance.
- **Time horizon** — Your proximity to retirement will also help shape your investment mix. If you're many years away from retiring, you may want to invest more aggressively, because you have time to bounce back from short-term volatility. But if you're only a few years away from retirement, you might want to shift some - but certainly not all — your investment dollars into more stable, conservative vehicles.

There you have it: To be happy during retirement, you need to invest for many years beforehand, and you need to be properly diversified. Take action soon — the future will be here before you know it.

Judge confirms death penalty for two Wichita, Kan. brothers

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A judge on Friday approved a jury's recommendation that two brothers should be put to death for a shooting that left four friends dead and a fifth seriously wounded nearly two years ago.

Reginald Carr, 25, and his brother Jonathan, 22, showed no visible emotion when the judge pronounced the decision Friday.

The sole survivor of the Dec. 15, 2000, shootings told the court, "The sentence imposed on them will be a much kinder sentence than they imposed on me, my friends and family."

Sedgwick County District Judge Paul Clark also sentenced both brothers to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 20 years in the death of another woman who was shot that same month.

The Carrs had been convicted last week of capital murder in the deaths of the three men and a woman who were shot and killed execution-style as they knelt in a snow-covered soccer field. The survivor, wounded in the head, ran naked through the snow to seek help and was among key witnesses at the trial.

The victims, all friends, had been forced to engage in sex acts with each other, and the two women were raped repeatedly before the five were taken to the field.

"I had no choice in what Reginald and Jonathan Carr did that night. I wasn't given a choice to save Brad or Aaron or Heather or Jason," she said. "I had a choice to lie there and die or get up and live. I chose to live. And I still choose to live."

The diamond engagement ring one of the victims had planned to give her for Christmas that year was found in Jonathan Carr's pocket the day he was arrested. "My grief is immeasurable, because my happiness was immense," she said.

After the jury delivered its recommendation for the death penalty Thursday, Mark Befort, a brother of one of the victims, sarcastically wished Reginald Carr a "happy birthday", followed by an expletive as he was being led away. Reginald Carr turned 25 Thursday; his brother is 22.

Defense lawyers had pleaded for mercy for their clients, citing the brothers' difficult childhood. The Carrs had been convicted of capital murder last week.

Many family members of the victims held hands with each other as the verdicts were read Thursday. Outside the courthouse, they tearfully hugged District Attorney Nola Foulston, but declined to comment.

Relatives of the Carrs also held hands and blinked back tears. As the brothers were led away, the women shouted: "I love you."

Kansas has not had any executions since it reinstated the death penalty in 1994.

In a news conference after the sentencing, several family members said they believed in the death penalty. Befort said he spent the night the jury returned the death penalty verdicts looking up Bible verses dealing with punishment.

"'An eye for an eye' tells you when you kill another human being, you pay," he said.

Fund-raiser is set Thursday for Butch Elam

The Ira community has set a benefit supper and "Ms. Ira" Pageant Thursday with proceeds from the evening going to help Butch Elam with expenses incurred during his treatments for cancer.

Elam has undergone chemotherapy and is presently undergoing radiation treatments.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with an enchilada dinner in the Ira school cafeteria. Cost is $10 a plate, and $5 for age 12 and under.

Cindy Nix and the Bluff Creek Edition (Ross, D'Ann, Matt and Clay Preston and Jennifer Cochran) will provide entertainment at 7:30 p.m.

The "Ms. Ira" Pageant will begin at 8 p.m. Contestants will include "John"ilyn Pilcher, sponsored by Anadarko Petroleum; "Toby"lina Goodwin, sponsored by the Ira ISD athletic department; "Don"ita Crane, sponsored by Ira Pump and Supply; "Mike"lie Duke, sponsored by the Ira ISD administration; and other "surprise" contestants.

Advance tickets are available at the Ira School office.

Instant fame scary

NEW YORK (AP) — Emma Watson had no prior screen experience when she signed on to play Harry Potter's pal Hermione Granger in the film adaptations of J.K. Rowling's best-selling books.

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Senior Center News

The Scurry County Senior Citizens Center is located at 2603 Avenue M. We invite newcomers to visit our facility or call 573-4035 for more information. We are a non-profit organization and a branch of Western Texas College. We are housed in a county building and receive support from the county and the city. We are part of the federal nutrition program and offer wonderful meals at noon Monday-Friday. We have meals here at the center as well as meals delivered to the homes of those who qualify for the service. Other support is through our memorial fund, fundraisers, and the meal donations of senior citizens. There is no membership fee for participating in activities at the center; but, we do ask that senior citizens sixty years of age or older make a donation for their meal. We suggest $2.50 per person. Guest under the age of sixty must pay $4 per person. We offer numerous activities, special meals, and special events. We have a volunteer program that includes service to many organizations in our community. And, local transportation is available in the morning.

MONDAY

Party bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Our daily exercise program starts at 11 a.m. and lasts for 15-20 minutes. It is a mild flexing and stretching program. AARP meets in the conference room at noon for lunch and a program. Eighty-eight begins at 1 p.m.

TUESDAY

Swimnastics offered for senior citizens by Western Texas College is a low impact exercise program. The class from 10-11 a.m. is free and parking is free. Phone 573-4035 for further information. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 10 a.m. The Aubrey Wilson band will entertain at 11 a.m. in the dining room. Don't miss daily exercise also at 11 a.m. And, ladies interested in writing poetry are invited to join the Mesquite Country Women's Writers Guild from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the bridge room. Senior citizens are invited to join the Golden K Kiwanis for their meetings every Tuesday at noon.

WEDNESDAY

Join us for ladies pool at 9 a.m. and stay for bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. We take a small break at 11 a.m. for exercising. After lunch beginning at 1 p.m. seniors may join the line dancers and cloggers in the dining room or play pinochle in the quilting area.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class meets in the bridge room from 9-11:30 a.m.

Don't miss swimnastics 10-11 a.m. at Western Texas College. Sunshine Choir members will entertain the residents of Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Exercise at the center at 11 a.m.

FRIDAY

The blood pressure clinic and bridge begin at 9:30 a.m. Exercise and eighty-eight both begin at 11.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Spaghetti w/Meat sauce
Whole Kernel Corn
Harvard Beets
Tossed Salad
Oatmeal Cookie

TUESDAY
Meat Loaf
Steamed Cabbage
Blackeye Peas
Jellied Vegetable Salad
Peanut Butter Chewies

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Baked Potato
Broccoli w/Cheese
Perfection Salad
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

THURSDAY
German Sausage
Pinto Beans
Potato Salad
Sliced Onion
Coconut Pudding

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
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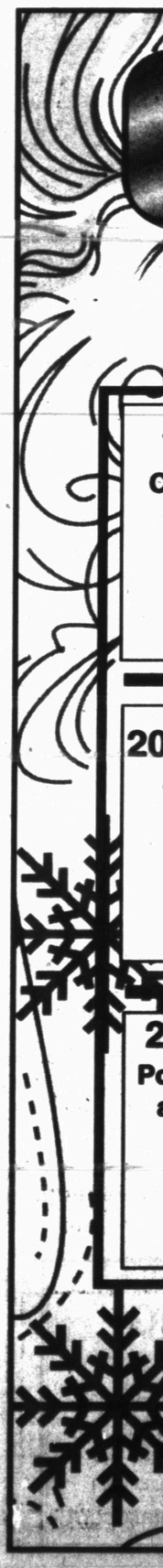

On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Is nutrition advice fishy?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read with interest your answer to the question about fish oils and omega-3 fatty acids. My concern with eating more salmon not raised in farms is about mercury. My understanding — but I cannot cite a specific source — is that deep-sea ocean fish are becoming dangerously high in mercury. Can you comment on this topic? — **A.S., Hanover, N.H.**

Dear A.S.: Mercury is a naturally occurring element in our environment, so it is impossible to avoid it entirely. A contaminant, such as mercury, enters the food chain when industrial pollution gets into the water and becomes incorporated into basic forms of life, such as algae or plankton. The "you are what you eat" adage holds as true in the ocean as it does on land. Pollutants work their way up the food chain as smaller creatures become the food source for increasingly larger creatures. The contaminant levels in a given fish depend on how long it has been in polluted waters and how much of the contaminant is in the food it has consumed.

Measurements of mercury levels from the 1999 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey found that approximately 10 percent of the women tested were bordering the safety margin. In light of these numbers, reducing exposure to sources of mercury in food seems prudent.

Pregnant and lactating women, infants and young children are at higher risk because mercury poisoning can cause kidney problems and irreversible neurological damage in a growing body. In fact, the National Academy of Sciences estimates that every year 60,000 babies are born with neurological damage brought about by mercury poisoning.

Fish sitting atop the oceanic food chain tend to have the highest levels of contaminants. In the case of mercury, the Food and Drug Administration issued an advisory that women of childbearing age should not consume shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish.

The risk of mercury poisoning from eating salmon appears to be minimal. In fact, the Food and Drug Administration states that consumption advice is unnecessary for salmon, canned tuna, shrimp, pollock, cod, catfish, clams, flatfish, crabs, and scallops. These fish make up about 80 percent of the seafood we eat. The FDA claims that these varieties typically contain low-enough mercury levels and that few people exceed the suggested weekly limit of fish (2.2 pounds) with this level of mercury contamination.

There is no consensus that this is all that needs to be done. The Environmental Working Group, a not-for-profit environmental research organization, has a more extensive list of fish to avoid. They recommend that pregnant women, nursing mothers and all women of childbearing age avoid tuna steaks, sea bass, oysters from the Gulf Coast, marlin, halibut, pike, walleye, white croaker and largemouth bass — in addition to the FDA's recommendations.

The EWG goes on to state that women in these groups should eat the following foods no more than once a month: tuna, mahi-mahi, blue mussel, Eastern oyster, cod, pollock, salmon from the Great Lakes, blue crab from the Gulf of Mexico, wild channel catfish and lake whitefish. The "safe" fish for mercury, according to their data, include farmed trout or catfish, shrimp, fish sticks, flounder, wild Pacific salmon, croaker, haddock and blue crab from the mid-Atlantic. Canned tuna represents an interesting issue. On one side we have the fact that tuna that goes into cans is usually caught in the ocean, far away from polluted areas. The flip side of the argument is that the tuna is high up on the food chain, and they don't have to hang around the polluted waters if the fish they dine upon contain the dangerous pollutants.

It make sense to be cautious, but do so with a reasoned approach. Fish are good food, but we don't want to eat anything that can cause harm. We can all benefit from the high-quality protein and healthful omega-3 fats found in seafood. There are many choices when it comes to seafood, and eating a wide variety of foods continues to be the best advice.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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Judge rules man can be tried for murder

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A judge has ruled that there is enough evidence to try a 52-year-old homeless man on murder charges in the death of Jay R. Smith, a former child actor from the "Our Gang" film series.

Las Vegas Justice of the Peace James Bixler made the ruling in Charles "Wayne" Crombie's case Thursday after hearing from six witnesses, including two pawn shop employees who testified Crombie pawned items belonging to Smith after the 87-year-old man was stabbed to death.

Crombie had been living with Smith, whose body was found Oct. 5 in the desert north of Las Vegas.

Smith appeared in mostly minor roles in 1920s "Our Gang" films — better known to television audiences as "The Little Rascals."

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A tomato is the fruit of the tomato plant. However, in 1887 the U.S. Supreme court ruled that tomatoes are vegetables because they are eaten as a principal part of a meal, rather than for dessert.

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Chewing gum was originally made from chicle, the sap of the sapodilla tree.

Murder verdict overturned

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 23-year-old Fort Worth man's capital murder conviction has been overturned by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals due to a judge's action after a juror became "hysterical" during the trial.

The appeals court ruled in a 6-3 decision this month that Samuel B. Hill was wrongly convicted in the slaying of childhood friend Edric "Honey" Davis. Hill was convicted of kidnapping Davis from a motel on Aug. 2, 1998, and shooting him.

The appeals court said state District Judge James Wilson improperly took it upon himself to declare a mistrial at Hill's first trial after a woman juror, before hearing any testimony, said she couldn't continue.

Wilson then swore in a new jury and Hill was convicted in November 1999.

The appeals court judges said Wilson didn't consider other alternatives — such as using only 11 jurors — and violated Hill's constitutional rights against "double jeopardy," which say someone can't be tried twice for the same crime.

Tarrant County prosecutor Sean Colston was dismayed by the court's decision, saying, "We can't try him again" because the judges "virtually acquitted him."

"When you've got a situation where a convicted capital murderer is on the street, then you are never going to be happy when it's the law that lets him walk free," Colston told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for its Saturday editions.

The Star-Telegram reported that Wilson did not return a call Friday seeking comment.

Hill, currently being held in the Estelle Unit in Huntsville, will be brought back to the Tarrant County Jail before being released, Colston said.

The inmate still has attempted murder charges pending, but the prosecutor said his office hasn't decided if they will be pursued.

Bill Lane, the attorney who represented Hill at his trials, said he wasn't surprised by the ruling.

"If a trial gets off on a wrong foot, (the judge) can't call a mistrial and start over. That is not fair to the accused. You can't say after a few days, 'Let's declare a mistrial!' and pick a better jury."

The prosecution waived the death penalty and the jury convicted Davis and he received an automatic life sentence. But that was only after Davis' first trial — a trial without any opening statements, testimony or evidence — went awry.

Soon after being sworn in as a juror, one woman became "hysterical and stated that she could not continue as a juror," according to court papers. She returned to court the next day with a doctor's note saying she had an anxiety disorder.

Lane said he didn't want the woman dismissed or a mistrial.

The prosecution also didn't want to stop. Because it was expected to be a quick trial, alternate jurors had not been picked, but Colston said he was willing to continue with 11 jurors.

Wilson, however, declared a mistrial.

The 2nd Court of Appeals in Fort Worth reversed Wilson in May 2001. The Austin appeals court agreed with that court's decision, saying it, too, could not find a "manifest necessity" for the mistrial.

Police warn about high-grade and potentially lethal heroin

HOUSTON (AP) — Police in Houston are warning that heroin potent enough to be lethal may be circulating in the city.

Officers recently intercepted a "significant" amount of white heroin that was 87 percent pure — more than five times the purity considered dangerous and possibly deadly.

Police arrested a street-level dealer who had the potent narcotic and decided to alert the public Friday.

"Clearly, we're concerned about people's health," acting Police Chief Tim Oettmeier told the Houston Chronicle for its Saturday editions. "A certain segment of the population takes drugs, and their health is at risk. If we know something is going to endanger their health, even if they're doing something illegal, the right thing to do is to make them aware of it."

In August last year, 16 residents of northeast Houston died one weekend after they overdosed on "speedball," a highly potent mixture of heroin and cocaine.

The victims, ranging from a 16-year-old girl to a 46-year-old man, took the same speedball mixture and died within a 48-hour period.

Police declined to elaborate on the recent arrest or to say how much white heroin may be on the streets or where it might be sold.

The nationwide average purity for heroin being sold on the streets is about 38 percent, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

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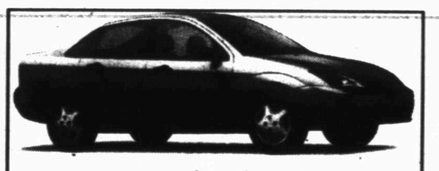

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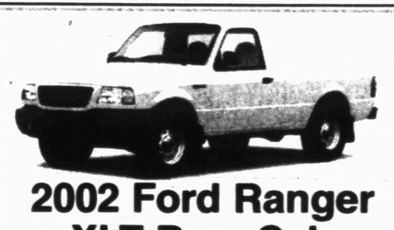

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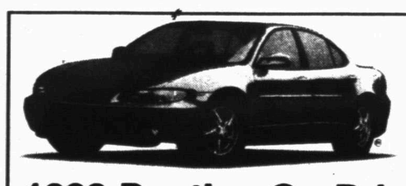

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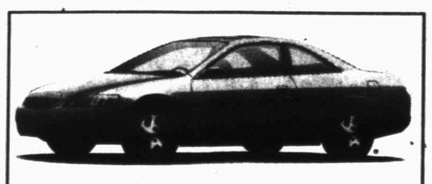

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Tigers stunned by late Lobo rally

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

ODESSA — A superb season came to an abrupt halt Friday night in Odessa, as the Monahans Loboes stunned the Snyder Tigers, 7-6.

A strange game that saw Monahans punt on third down — three times — and Snyder fumble three times, ended in dramatic fashion with under 40 seconds left in the game.

Lobo tailback Johnny Rodriguez danced in from 1 yard out to tie the game with 39 seconds to play, and Gonzalo Arroyo nailed the extra point to give Monahans an unlikely win.

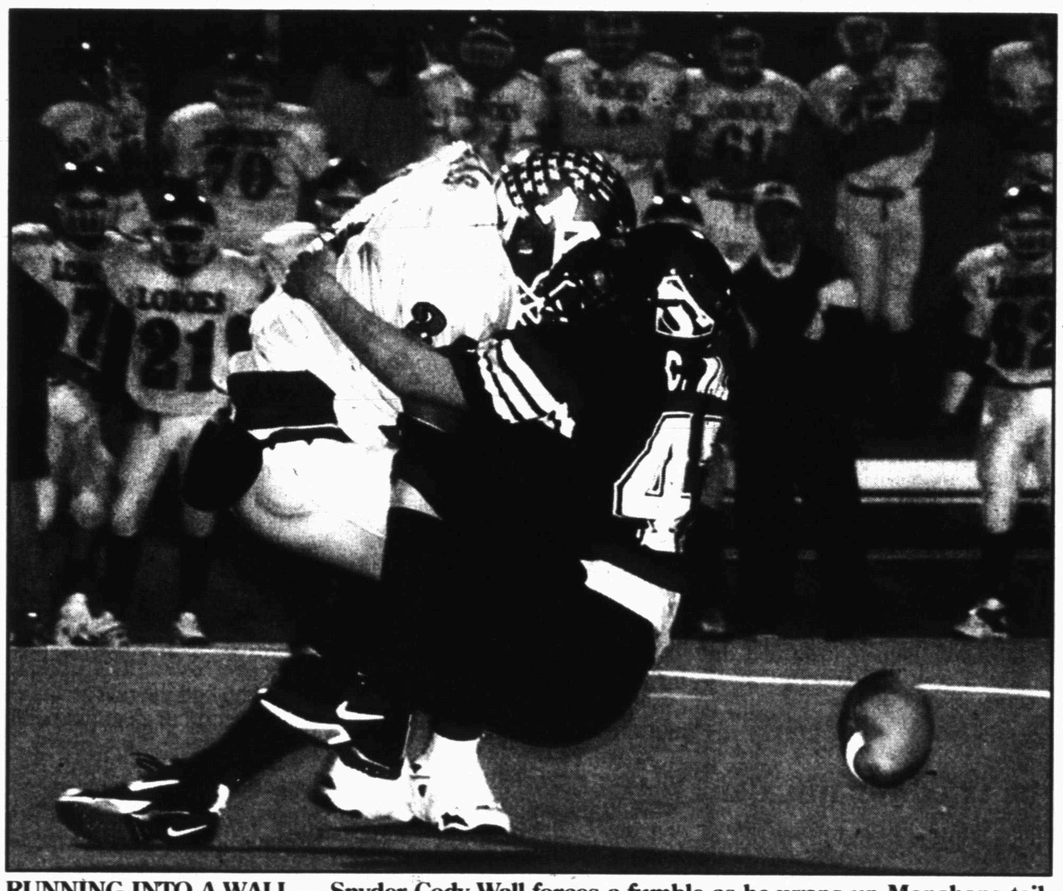
"The only time they had the momentum, they seized it," said head coach Chad Rogers. "You have to give credit to them."

Snyder looked like it was about to advance after Josh Mendoza sacked Loboes quarterback Joey Aguilar for a 3-yard loss on first down on the Loboes final drive.

Two incompletions later, Monahans was faced with a fourth-and-13 from its own 32-yard line, when Aguilar hit Andrew Galvan on a screen pass.

Galvan slashed his way through the Tiger defense for a 32-yard gain, and five plays later Monahans crossed the goal line with the decisive score.

"We came out on fourth and (long) with a play we had never run before," Monahans Head Coach Larry Hanna said. "I told them 'This is it. It's all or nothing. You've got to believe.' And they went out and made it happen."



RUNNING INTO A WALL — Snyder Cody Wall forces a fumble as he wraps up Monahans tailback Dimas Porras during the fourth quarter of Friday's contest. Snyder was defeated 7-6 by the Loboes, who advance to play the winner of Borger-Brownfield. (SDN Staff Photo)

The teams battled for three scoreless quarters before Tiger quarterback T.J. Jones plunged in from 1 yard out to start the fourth quarter to give Snyder a 6-0 lead.

The Snyder defense was stout, allowing only 116 total yards, and limiting the Loboes to 38 yards rushing on 31 carries.

The Monahans defense was also spectacular, forcing three Tiger fumbles on jarring hits, and intercepting two passes in holding the potent Tiger offense to 202 total yards.

"These two defenses play a great game," Rogers said.

Hanna concurred.

"Snyder is an outstanding football team with great talent and great coaching," he said. "There were two great defenses on the field tonight."

The Tigers had one more opportunity with their last possession, but their season ended when Jones' fourth-down pass harmlessly hit the artificial surface.

Josh Montoya led the Tigers with 80 yards rushing, and Jones added 63 yards for a Tiger offense that could not sustain momentum until the end of the third quarter.

Despite the loss, the Tigers had a thrilling season, one that began with three straight losses and turned into six consecutive wins and a District 3-3A title.

Rogers said the loss hurts, but despite the way the season ended, it was a successful one.

"We had a great season," he said. "This team fought through more adversity than any other football team I've been around."

Rogers said he is blessed to have had the opportunity to work with his coaching staff, and was full of praise for his graduating players.

"I'm awfully proud of our seniors," he said. "I've watched them grow up for four years, and they are outstanding young men who have a lot of good things coming to them in life."

Rogers said he now plans to start working on the offseason routine.

"We plan on being back here next year," he said.

Game Summary

Snyder	00	00	00	06	—06
Monahans	00	00	00	07	—07

Fourth Quarter

Snyder — T.J. Jones 1-run (kick failed), 11:56.

Monahans — Johnny Rodriguez 1-run (Gonzalo Arroyo kick), :39.

	Sny	And
First Downs	11	11
Rushes-yards	46-181	31-38
Passing yards	21	78
Comp-Att-Int	1-10-2	5-15-0
Punts	5-38	8-42.4
Fumbles-lost	3-3	4-2
Penalties-yards	8-52	4-30

RUSHING — Snyder: Josh Montoya, 19-80; Jones, 15-63; Clay Williams, 3-19. **Monahans:** Rodriguez, 9-21; Joey Aguilar, 10-12; Adrian Dominguez, 8-8.

PASSING — Snyder: Jones 1 of 10 for 21 yards, 2 int. **Monahans:** Aguilar 5of 14 for 78 yards.

RECEIVING — Snyder: Montoya, 1-21. **Monahans:** Andrew Galvan, 4-66; Dominguez, 1-12..

Cubs get their man; Baker named new Chicago manager

CHICAGO (AP) — Dusty Baker was hired Friday to manage the Chicago Cubs, accepting one of baseball's most challenging assignments.

Baker takes over baseball's long-time losers less than a month after leading the San Francisco Giants to the World Series.

Baker, a three-time National League Manager of the Year, agreed to a four-year contract, a deal thought to be worth between $14 million and $16 million.

Known for his dugout toothpick and his ability to relate to players, Baker spent 10 seasons with the Giants before departing last week following differences with San Francisco owner Peter Magowan, largely over who deserved the most credit for the franchise's success.

Baker replaces Bruce Kimm, the interim manager who was fired at the end of the Cubs' 67-95 season. Kimm had replaced Don Baylor, who was fired July 6 as Chicago got off to a horrible start and went on to its third 90-loss season in four years.

Chicago general manager Jim Hendry also interviewed Bob Melvin, Ken Macha, Buck Showalter and Fredi Gonzalez, but it was no secret Baker was the man the Cubs wanted and that's why they waited, to see if he would leave the Giants.

The Cubs will be Baker's biggest managerial test. They haven't won a World Series since 1908 and have made the playoffs only three times since 1945, their last World Series appearance.

Since 1945, they've had only 16 seasons at .500 or better. They haven't even managed back-to-back winning records since 1972.

But Baker is well aware of the challenge he faces. Asked about baseball's lovable losers, he's said the manager who got the Cubs to win would be "the mighty man of Chicago."

And if anyone can get the Cubs winning on a regular basis, it could be Baker. He went 840-715 in 10 seasons with the Giants and over the final six seasons his teams averaged 91 victories.

Among active managers, only Atlanta's Bobby Cox had been with his club longer.

"I'm not a messiah or a miracle worker," Baker said earlier. "It might take some time, but the name of my game is progress. Once your start seeing that, you can determine how far away you are."

Baker's a favorite of players and fans alike. In San Francisco, he'd always take time to sign a few autographs before each game at Pacific Bell Park. And he successfully handled a variety of personalities in the clubhouse, including Barry Bonds and Jeff Kent, who got into a dugout shoving match last season.

After handling Bonds, now he gets to deal with another superstar and his ego, Sammy Sosa.

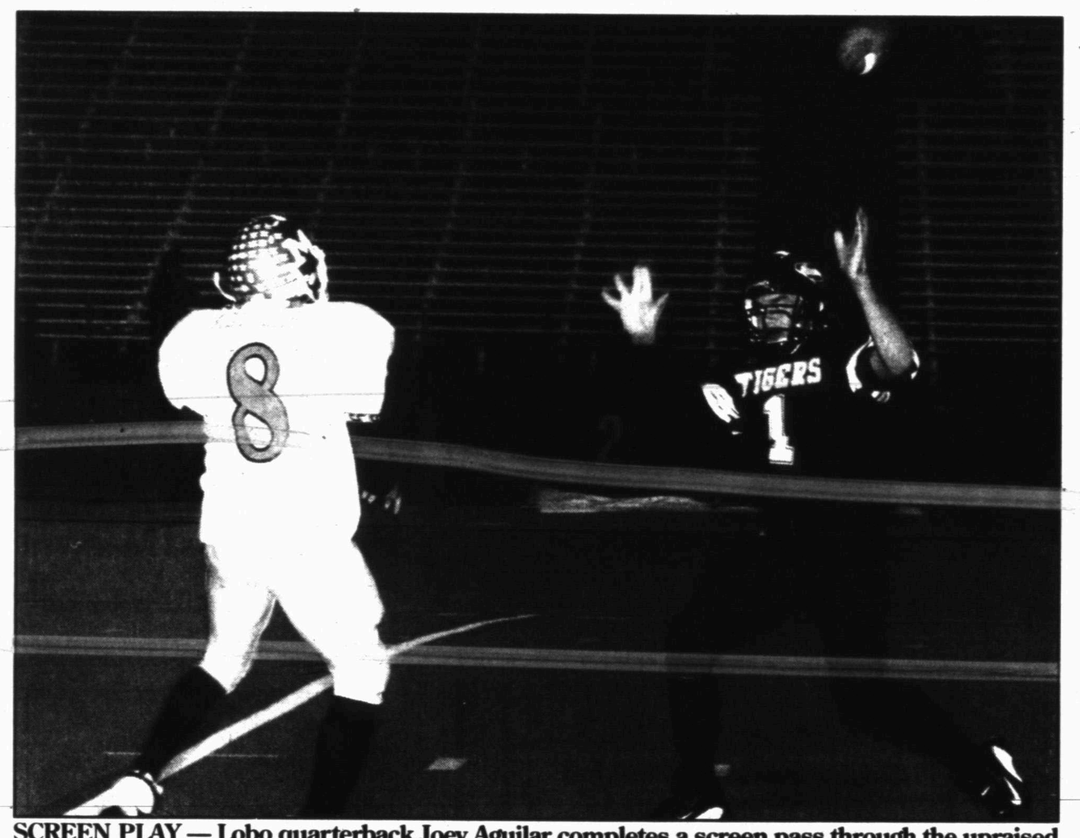
The only knock on Baker had been his lack of success in the playoffs. But he answered that this season as the wild-card Giants beat Atlanta and St. Louis to reach the World Series.

San Francisco had a 3-2 games lead and was ahead 5-0 in the seventh inning of Game 6 before Anaheim rallied to win the series in seven games.

Baker apparently felt slighted that Magowan would point out everybody else's contributions when reporters asked what he thought of Baker's role in the Giants' success. Baker also was angered when Magowan said in spring training that this was the best Giants team in his 10 years as owner, thinking that put too much pressure on the players.

Baker has also dealt with some financial burdens. A report surfaced that he owes more than $1 million in back taxes and penalties due to some bad investments he made in the early 1980s.

The Cubs did not consider that as a major issue in bringing Baker to Chicago.



SCREEN PLAY — Lobo quarterback Joey Aguilar completes a screen pass through the upraised arms of Snyder's Chris Sorrells during the fourth quarter Friday. The play resulted in a first down for the Loboes, who went on to score the winning touchdown on the drive and advance to the regional playoff. (SDN Staff Photo)

Crenshaw enters golf Hall of Fame

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — One of golf's most noted historians, Ben Crenshaw has spent years reading about some of the game's greatest players, from Francis Ouimet to Bobby Jones, from Walter Hagen to Jack Nicklaus.

Crenshaw earned his own spot in history Friday night when he joined the stars as a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Few people have meant more to him than one of the six people inducted with him: Harvey Penick.

Penick first wrapped Crenshaw's hands around the grip of a cut-down mashie when he was a boy, and continued giving him lessons in golf and in life until Penick died a week before the 1995 Masters.

Crenshaw was a pallbearer at the funeral, then returned to Augusta National and won his second green jacket.

Besides Crenshaw and Penick, the inductees were two-time Masters champion Bernhard Langer of Germany; British Open and U.S. Open champion Tony Jacklin of England; Tommy Bolt, who won a U.S. Open and was renowned for his temper; and Marlene Hagge, a founder of the LPGA Tour.

Paint Creek cagers too much for the Cardinals

Sharpshooter Craig Lowrance canned 27 points Friday night to pace the Paint Creek Panthers to a 61-29 victory over the Hermleigh Cardinals.

Paint Creek started hot with 17 first-quarter points and led 31-14 at intermission..

Two other Panthers were in double figures as Jason Biba poured in 12 points and Jesse Medford added 10.

For the Cardinals Justin Williamson led the scoring with 11 points while Dustin Williamson put in eight. Jonathan McClure added five while David-Duck manged three and Terrel-Culp added a pair of free throws.

The Cardinals will host the junior varsity squad from Post Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

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Ira scrapes past Aspermont for wild bi-district win, 56-50

The Ira Bulldogs needed every score they got Friday night in hanging on to win a wild bi-district game over Aspermont, 56-50.

"I told the team before the game that if we won 50-49, we still win and keep playing football," Bulldog Head Coach Toby Goodwin said. "I didn't know they would take it to heart."

Ira got huge games from Josh Gutierrez and Eric Dickerhoff to advance to the regional championship against Sands (9-2).

Dickerhoff rushed 26 times for 207 yards and three touchdowns and threw for 136 yards out of the Bulldogs' shotgun set, and Gutierrez added four touchdowns for the Bulldogs (9-2).

"Our offense played extremely well," Goodwin said. "Our defense played well, too. We were in the right places, but we didn't make some tackles."

Wes Kellner added a 1-yard touchdown strike to Jake Barnes to round out the scoring for the Bulldogs.

Ira led 56-37 with under five minutes left in the game. Aspermont scored to make it 56-44, then Ira held the ball for over two minutes, running out the clock and forcing Aspermont to burn its timeouts.

Ira punted, and Aspermont returned the punt all the way for the score.

"We had a chance to blow them out, but they kept fighting," Goodwin said. "We were in control, but they are a quality football team."

Goodwin said Aspermont is the toughest team the Bulldogs have beaten this season.

"No doubt about it," he said. "They are the best team we've beaten and the second-best team (behind Whitharral) we've played this year."

Ira also got solid defensive contributions from Dickerhoff, who had 10 tackles and an interception, and Gutierrez, who stopped 17 Aspermont ball carriers.

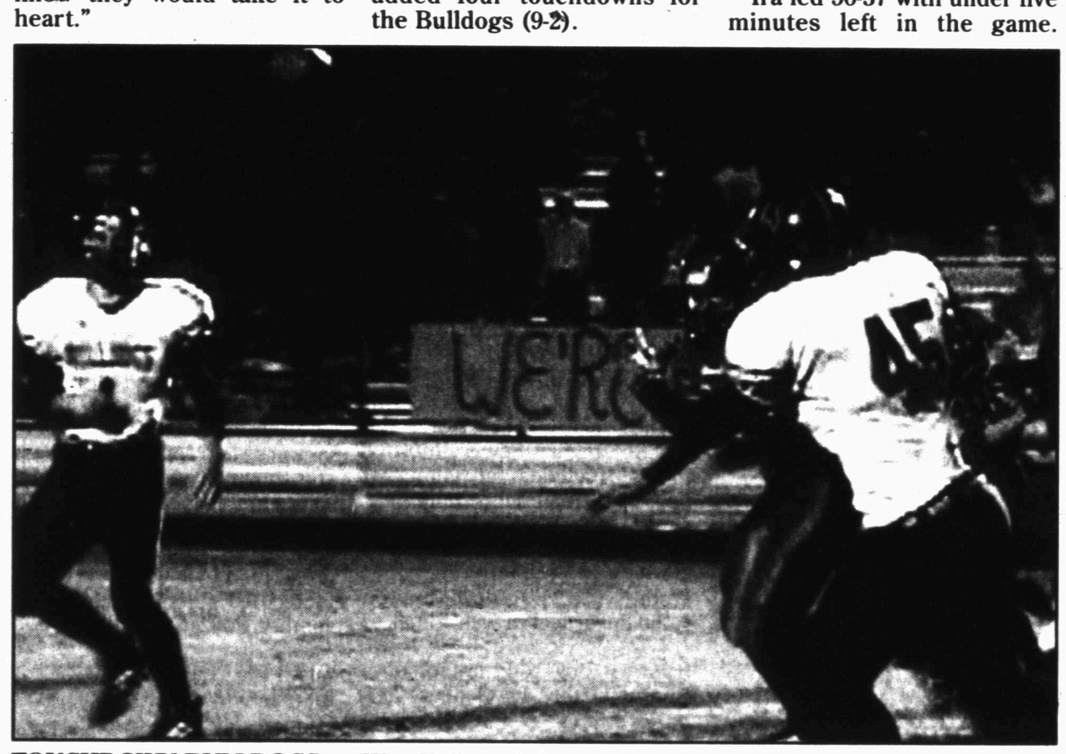
Jess Wall added 11 stops for the Bulldogs, and Michael Allen recorded eight tackles.

"Jess really stepped up and did a lot of things," Goodwin said. "And Michael's been our dark horse all year."

Goodwin said the team still had some kinks to work out defensively before they take on Sands.

"We played well in spots, but we have to tighten up and make tackles."

Ira and Sands will square off in Gail at Borden County High School Friday, with kickoff set for 7:30 p.m.



TOUCHDOWN BULLDOGS — Wes Kellner delivers a 1-yard touchdown pass to Jake Barnes during Friday night's bi-district game against Aspermont. The Bulldogs withstood a furious fourth quarter rally to hang on 56-50. (Contributed Photo by Becky Hudgins)

HOT PURSUIT — Jess Wall holds on to the runner while Josh Gutierrez gets his angle during Friday's game against the Hornets. Ira won, 56-50 (Contributed Photo by Becky Hudgins)

Sanderson is too much for Coyotes

WATER VALLEY – Sanderson proved its state-ranking is real in eliminating Borden County from the state six-man football playoffs, 58-8, Friday night.

Borden County could muster only two first downs and less than a 100 yards of total offense while Sanderson racked up 286 offensive yards.

The lone TD for the Coyotes came in the first period when J.J. Sharp returned a Sanderson kickoff 66 yards. Sharp then kicked for a two-point conversion.

Steven Fuentez led the Sanderson offense with three touchdowns on short runs and a 35-yard interception. The game ended on the 45-point rule in the third period.

The paydirt plunges by Fuentez were on nine, three and six yard runs. Blaze Roberts scored a pair of TDs on runs of 26 and 60 yards.

Andy Martinez also scored for the Eagles on a seven-yard run and Eric Scott snagged a 21-yard TD pass from Tye Means.

Borden County ended its season with a 7-4 record while the Eagles advance in the playoffs undefeated at 11-0.

A-Rod calls second place finish "no surprise"

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez said it was no surprise he finished second to Oakland shortstop Miguel Tejada in the American League balloting for Most Valuable Player, but the margin was disappointing.

Tejada received 21 first-place votes and 356 points to 5 first-place votes and 254 points for Rodriguez. The award was announced Tuesday.

"I wasn't expecting the difference to be that large," Rodriguez said in Friday editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "I thought it would be much closer, but I was expecting he would win it."

Rodriguez, 27, conceded that the MVP Award is one he'd like to win.

Mavs thwart Boston, still unbeaten

BOSTON (AP) — Dinner didn't agree with Shawn Bradley. Then he feasted on the Boston Celtics.

Weakened by a seriously upset stomach, Bradley didn't start Friday night but blocked five shots in 36 minutes as the Dallas Mavericks improved to 9-0 with a 97-86 win.

"It was just a steak, some clam chowder and a salad. Something didn't mix" when he ate Thursday night. "If it was still like it was in the middle of the night, I didn't think I'd be playing."

The Celtics might wish the 7-foot-6 Bradley didn't, considering how he anchored the two-three zone and discouraged them from driving to the hoop as their six-game winning streak ended.

"You could almost give him a parking ticket. He just stays in there. He doesn't come out," Boston's Tony Delk said. "Once you drive, you still have to try to shoot over him."

Outside shooting was a better option, but the Celtics were cold in the first half, making just 17 of 51 shots and trailing 50-39 at intermission.

"That was the main story of the game," Boston coach Jim O'Brien said. "Dallas plays zone and they have a 7-6 shot-blocker in the middle."

Boston, whose last lead was 16-15, closed to 76-70 on Delk's 3-pointer with 8:35 left in the game. But Dallas scored the next 10 points and remained at least nine points ahead the rest of the way.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	7	2	.778	—
Boston	6	3	.667	1
Orlando	6	3	.667	1
Philadelphia	5	3	.625	1½
Washington	5	4	.556	2
Miami	1	6	.143	5
New York	1	7	.125	5½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	7	1	.875	—
Detroit	7	2	.778	½
New Orleans	7	2	.778	½
Atlanta	4	4	.500	3
Milwaukee	4	4	.500	3
Toronto	4	4	.500	3
Chicago	3	6	.333	4½
Cleveland	2	7	.222	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	9	0	1.000	—
Houston	4	3	.571	4
San Antonio	5	4	.556	4
Minnesota	5	5	.500	4½
Utah	3	7	.300	6½
Denver	2	6	.250	6½
Memphis	0	9	.000	9

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	7	2	.778	—
Phoenix	5	3	.625	1½
Sacramento	6	4	.600	1½
Portland	4	6	.400	3½
L.A. Clippers	3	6	.333	4
L.A. Lakers	3	6	.333	4
Golden State	2	8	.200	5½

Thursday's Games

Washington 105, Utah 102
Philadelphia 99, San Antonio 94
Orlando 101, L.A. Clippers 80

Friday's Games

Toronto 84, Denver 79
Indiana 103, Milwaukee 100, OT
Dallas 97, Bos ton 86
Detroit 86, Utah 75
New Jersey 93, Miami 84
Minnesota 99, Memphis 95
New Orleans 105, Chicago 87
Seattle 111, Sacramento 97
Portland 112, L.A. Clippers 88
Phoenix 88, Houston 87
L.A. Lakers 96, Golden State 89, OT

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at New York, 1 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Utah at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Texas high school football pairings

Six-man
Region VII

Fort Elliott 59, Silverton 14.
Whitharral 52, Ropesville Ropes 6.
Ackerly Sands 56, Fort Davis 30.
Ira 56, Aspermont 50.
Turkey Valley 46, Follett 0.
Wellman-Union 62, Amherst 13.
Sanderson 58, Borden County 8.
Rule 80, Highland 58.

Regionals

Fort Elliott (11-0) vs. Whitharral (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Happy.
Ackerly Sands (9-2) vs. Ira (9-2), TBA
Turkey Valley (11-0) vs. Wellman Union (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lubbock Roosevelt.
Sanderson (11-0) vs. Rule (8-3), TBA

Class 1A
Bi-district
Region I

Stratford (8-2), bye
Springlake-Earth 25, Wellington 0.
Anton 20, Whiteface 6.
Iraan (10-0), bye
Sunray (8-2), bye
Nazareth 42, Wheeler 21.
Petersburg 18, Sundown 13.
McCamey (6-4), bye

Area

Stratford (8-2) vs. Springlake-Earth (9-2), TBA
Anton (9-2) vs. Iraan (10-0), TBA
Sunray (8-2) vs. Nazareth (9-2), TBA
Petersburg (8-3) vs. McCamey (6-4), TBA

Area

Munday (5-5) vs. Petrolia or Albany, TBA
Tolar (6-4) vs. Roscoe (10-1), TBA
Knox City (9-1) vs. Windthorst (9-2), TBA
Baird (6-4) vs. Roby (5-6), TBA

Class 2A
DIVISION I Bi-district
Region I

Reagan County 31, Alpine 13.
Colorado City (8-2) vs. Shallowater (8-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium.
Canadian 32, Friona 6.
Holliday (9-1) vs. Eastland (5-5), 1 p.m. Saturday at Justin Northwest.

Regionals

Reagan County (9-2) vs. Colorado City or Shallowater, TBA
Canadian (9-2) vs. Holliday or Eastland, TBA

DIVISION II
Bi-district
Region I

Wall 62, Marfa 0.
Crane (9-1) vs. Post (7-3), 4 p.m. Saturday at Seminole's Wigwam Stadium.
Lockney 34, Stinnett West Texas 13.
Quanah (9-1) vs. Anson (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium.
Ozona 56, Van Horn 0.
Idalou 21, Seagraves 7.
Panhandle 28, Floydada 21.
WF City View (7-3) vs. Cisco (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Birdville ISD Stadium.

Area

Wall (6-5) vs. Crane or Post, TBA
Lockney (9-2) vs. Quanah or Anson, TBA
Ozona (11-0) vs. Idalou (10-1), TBA
Panhandle (9-2) vs. WF City View or Cisco, TBA

Class 3A
DIVISION I
Bi-district
Region I

Borger (4-6) vs. Brownfield (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Amarillo's Dick Bivins Stadium.
Monahans 7, Snyder 6.
Abilene Wylie 35, Graham 15.
Lake Dallas (3-7) vs. Everman (9-1), 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bedford's Pennington Field.

Regionals

Borger or Brownfield vs. Monahans (7-4), TBA
Abilene Wylie (9-2) vs. Lake Dallas or Everman, TBA

DIVISION II
Bi-district
Region I

Perryton 32, Littlefield 6.
Sweetwater 45, Kermit 12.
Iowa Park (8-2) vs. Comanche (6-4), 7 p.m. Saturday at Justin Northwest.
Decatur 32, Glen Rose 14.
Canyon 35, Muleshoe 13.
Denver City (7-3) vs. Midland Greenwood (10-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Midland's Grande Communications Stadium.
Vernon (5-5) vs. Ballinger (7-3), 2 p.m. Saturday at Sweetwater's Mustang Bowl.
Kennedale 37, Bridgeport 20.

Area

Perryton (9-1) vs. Sweetwater (8-3), TBA
Iowa Park or Comanche vs. Decatur (11-0), TBA
Canyon (6-4) vs. Denver City or Midland Greenwood, TBA
Vernon or Ballinger vs. Kennedale (10-1), TBA

Class 4A
DIVISION I
Bi-district
Region I

EP Irvin 23, EP Del Valle 21.
Wolfforth Frenship 42, Amarillo Palo Duro 7.
Wichita Falls (8-2) vs. Denton (9-1), 4 p.m. Saturday at Southlake's Dragon Stadium.
Brownwood 34, FW Arlington Heights 7.

Regionals

EP Irvin (7-4) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (11-0), TBA
Wichita Falls or Denton vs. Brownwood (7-4), TBA

DIVISION II
Bi-district
Region I

EP Ysleta 41, EP Canutillo 7.
Big Spring 34, Canyon Randall 28.
WF Hirschi (5-5) vs. Lewisville Hebron (7-3), noon Saturday at Southlake's Dragon Stadium.
Aledo 12, FW Dunbar 0.
EP Riverside 72, EP Burges 7.
Pampa 28, Andrews 14.
Springtown (6-4) vs. Denton Ryan (9-1), 8 p.m. Saturday at Southlake's Dragon Stadium.
FW Western Hills (7-3) vs. Stephenville (9-1), 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Birdville ISD Complex.

Area

EP Ysleta (8-3) vs. Big Spring (7-4), TBA
WF Hirschi or Lewisville Hebron vs. Aledo (10-1), TBA
EP Riverside (11-0) vs. Pampa (8-3), TBA
Springtown or Denton Ryan vs. FW Western Hills or Stephenville, TBA

Class 5A
DIVISION I
Bi-district
Region I

EP Montwood (5-4) vs. Lubbock Coronado (5-5), 2 p.m. Saturday at EP's Socorro Athletic Complex.
Midland (8-2) vs. Duncanville (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.
Arlington Lamar 35, Euless Trinity 14.
Coppell (7-3) vs. Irving (7-3), 1 p.m. Saturday at Irving's Texas Stadium.

Regionals

EP Montwood or Lubbock Coronado vs. Midland or Duncanville, TBA
Arlington Lamar (10-1) vs. Coppell or Irving, TBA

DIVISION II
Bi-district
Region I

EP Franklin (10-0) vs. Amarillo (4-5), 1 p.m. Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.
Abilene Cooper 20, Burleson 10.
Arlington Sam Houston 23, Colleyville Heritage 14.
Southlake Carroll (10-0) vs. Irving MacArthur (7-3), 7 p.m. Saturday at Irving's Texas Stadium.
Lubbock Monterey 38, EP Socorro 7.
Abilene 31, DeSoto 13.
Arlington 42, Hurst Bell 10.
The Colony (5-5) vs. Irving Nimitz (8-2), 4:00 p.m. Saturday at Irving's Texas Stadium.

Area

EP Franklin or Amarillo vs. Abilene Cooper (11-0), TBA
Arlington Sam Houston (6-5) vs. Southlake Carroll or Irving MacArthur, TBA
Lubbock Monterey (6-5) vs. Abilene (10-1), TBA
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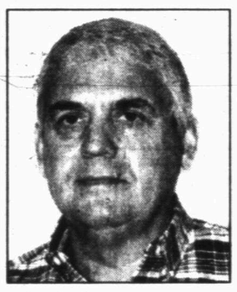

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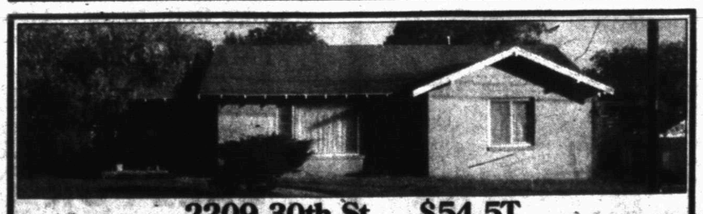

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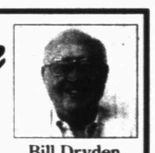
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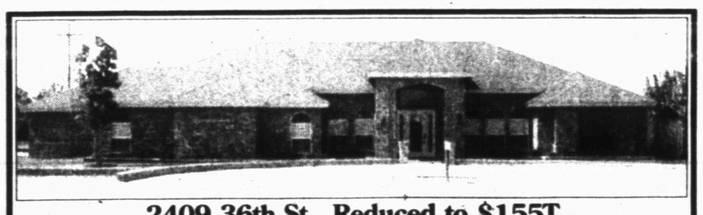

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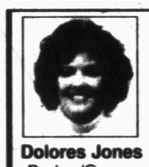

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3112 Ave. X Updated 3-2-2 Motivated . .$100's
5501 Cedar Creek 3-2-2 .....$100's
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1804 39th 3-1, covered patio, needs TLC $37T
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5404 Cedar Creek- Reduced 3-2½-2 LA's $90's
2202 41st - CUTE 3-1, den .....$20's
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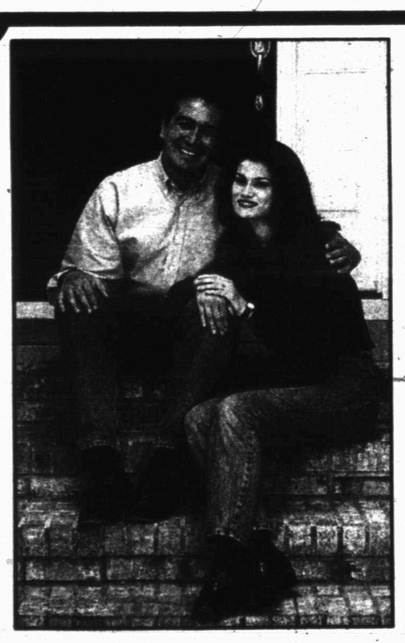

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Congressional session nears end

WASHINGTON (AP) — Struggling to end a frustrating year with some accomplishments, Congress edged closer to creating a homeland security department on Friday, a day after moving long-delayed terrorism insurance and passing port security legislation.

But a measure to tighten bankruptcy law, in the works for years, stumbled over an abortion-related dispute.

By 65-29, the Senate removed another procedural hurdle to creating the new domestic security agency. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said he believed final passage would occur on Monday.

The House all but finished its work for the year in Friday's early morning hours, leaving the door open for a Tuesday return to handle last-minute bills passed by the Senate.

House members used their overnight session to approve a bill authorizing intelligence agency spending that includes creation of an independent commission to probe the failure to anticipate the Sept. 11 attacks. The Senate approved the bill by voice vote later Friday and send it to President Bush for his signature.

A compromise on the makeup of the commission was reached Thursday between White House officials and the two main Senate advocates of the plan, Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.

The House approved the homeland security legislation on Wednesday after the White House agreed to some concessions to Democrats concerned over the labor rights of the 170,000 employees of the new agency. The Senate is expected to pass the measure before it adjourns next week.

Left unresolved as the lame duck session of the 107th Congress nears an end are such issues as prescription drug benefits for the elderly, retirement fund protections and the rights of patients in managed care programs.

FSA to start mailing ballots for county committee elections

Joe B. Hefner, county executive director for the Scurry County Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds eligible voters that county committee elections are just around the corner.

FSA will mail ballots to eligible voters beginning Tuesday. Ballots need to be returned no later than Dec. 2, said Hefner.

Nominees for the Scurry County Committee are Donnie Dunn, Perry Echols, David Shifflett and Virginia Wade.

Those elected will represent local Administration Area No. 2,which includes all farms and ranches located south of U.S. Hwy 180 and west of State Hwy. 208.

"FSA county committees make decisions on commodity price support loans and payments, allotments, yields, marketing quotas, eligibility for conservation programs; incentives, indemnity and disaster assistance," said Hefner.

Hefner stressed that the FSA county committee system will only work if all of FSA's customers are actively involved in how the agency's programs are administered.

The committee system needs diverse representation — small and large farm/ranch operators, truck farmers and producers of specialty crops, livestock producers and local businessmen and women.

"Diversity is a must in today's changing world of agriculture — from people on the business side of the operation to those who plant for specific markets.

The county committee should mirror the demographics of the communities they serve. We need and welcome voter participation from men, women, minorities and voters from all walks of life," Hefner.

The Scurry County FSA encourages all eligible voters to cast their ballots this year. Hefner emphasized that if you are eligible to participate in FSA programs, you are eligible to vote.

If you are eligible to vote, you are eligible to serve on the county committee.

"While we try to send ballots to all eligible voters, we may have missed one or two," said Hefner.

"Persons who believe they qualify to vote in this election, and did not receive a ballot should contact our office," he said.

In Texas, the spouse of an eligible voter is also eligible to vote and a person under legal age can vote, if he or she runs a farming or ranching operation.

Leading Latin American bishop rescued

ZIPAQUIRA, Colombia (AP) — Held captive for four days by leftist rebels, one of Latin America's leading Roman Catholic clerics was freed by army troops in a gunbattle and returned home to jubilant parishioners.

"Freedom lives!" chanted hundreds of faithful on Friday night as Bishop Jorge Enrique Jimenez came home to Zipaquira, a town 25 miles north of the capital.

Jimenez and the Rev. Desiderio Orjuela were rescued hours earlier by Colombian army troops in a gunbattle that left one rebel captor dead. Two were captured.

Jimenez is the president of the Latin American bishops conference, which determines Roman Catholic Church policy in the 22 nations of Latin America, home to nearly half the world's Catholics.

He and Orjuela were kidnapped Monday in the mountains of central Colombia by suspected rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

Laughing with joy and his face covered with several days' white stubble, Jimenez was flown in a military helicopter to an army base in Bogota after being freed.

"This is an unforgettable moment," Jimenez said as he was mobbed by family members, camouflage-clad soldiers and journalists. Asked if he had feared for his life, he said: "I always have faith in God."

"God has given me back my life so I can be of service to my country," Jimenez said. He asked all Colombians to support President Alvaro Uribe Uribe in his efforts to bring order to this violent South American nation.

The kidnapping had shaken Colombia and drawn condemnation from Pope John Paul II and other Roman Catholic leaders.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls expressed "enormous joy" at the release, and said he hoped Colombia's violence would soon end.

The rescue was a triumph for the U.S.-backed military and the president's efforts to get civilians involved in ending the country's 38-year civil war by having them alert the army and police to rebel movements.

"The safe and sound rescue fills Colombians with satisfaction," Uribe said on arriving in the Dominican Republic for a summit of Latin American and Iberian heads of state.

The war in Colombia pits the FARC and a smaller leftist rebel group against the government and outlawed paramilitary forces. The FARC kidnaps for ransom and political pressure — the group currently holds dozens of kidnapped politicians, including former presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt and a state governor, as well as soldiers, police and civilians.

More than 3,000 people were kidnapped in Colombia last year — most of them by the rebels.

Jimenez and Orjuela were still wearing the same clothes they were kidnapped in Monday, their shoes and pants splattered with mud.

Orjuela recalled being forced to walk for nearly 10 hours in a rainstorm as the rebels tried to elude government troops. They often walked in circles, and were rescued just seven miles from the spot where they were kidnapped, some 50 miles north of Bogota near the village of Topaipi.

Monsignor Fabio Marulanda, general secretary of Colombia's bishops conference, said he was elated by the rescue.

"At the same time, we are obliged to work for the liberation of all those who have been kidnapped in Colombia," Marulanda said. The church will continue encouraging a "humanitarian exchange" of captured rebels for hostages held by guerrillas, he said.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 11/17	Mon 11/18	Tue 11/19
67/37	65/35	63/36
Sunny skies. High 67F. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise 7:15 AM Sunset 5:41 PM	Sunrise 7:16 AM Sunset 5:41 PM	Sunrise 7:17 AM Sunset 5:41 PM

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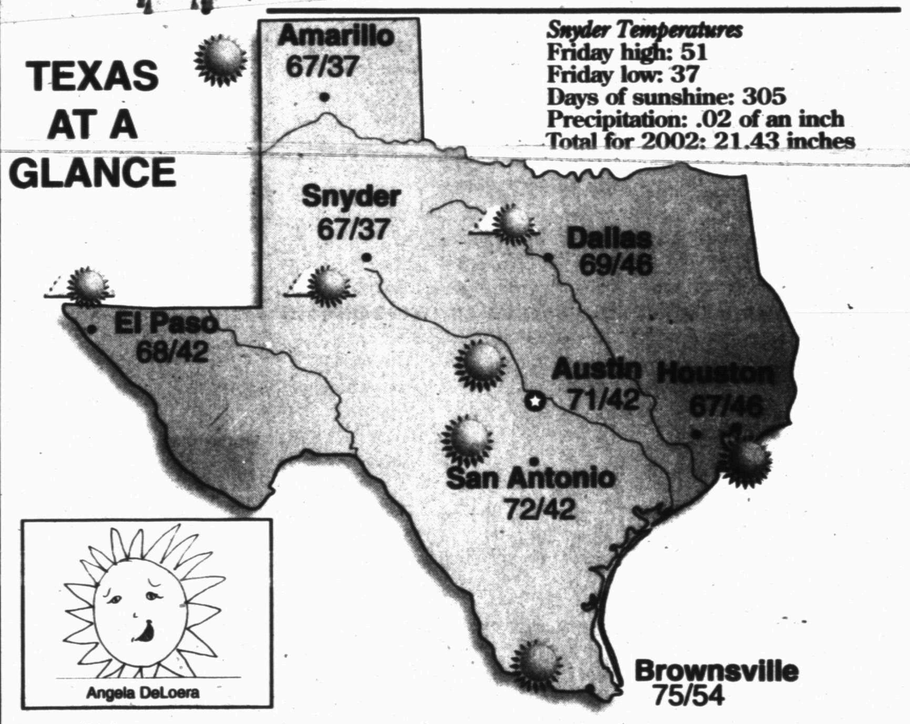

Snyder Temperatures
Friday high: 51
Friday low: 37
Days of sunshine: 305
Precipitation: .02 of an inch
Total for 2002: 21.43 inches

Angela DeLoera

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	69	43	sunny	El Paso	68	42	mst sunny	Midland	69	40	sunny
Amarillo	67	37	sunny	Fort Stockton	70	43	sunny	Raymondville	74	49	sunny
Austin	71	42	sunny	Gainesville	67	40	sunny	Rosenberg	68	47	sunny
Beaumont	65	45	sunny	Greenville	67	41	sunny	San Antonio	72	42	sunny
Brownsville	75	54	sunny	Houston	67	46	sunny	San Marcos	71	42	sunny
Brownwood	71	41	sunny	Kingsville	75	48	sunny	Sulphur Springs	67	41	sunny
Corpus Christi	72	50	sunny	Livingston	67	41	sunny	Sweetwater	69	40	mst sunny
Corsicana	70	44	sunny	Longview	63	40	sunny	Tyler	68	45	sunny
Dallas	69	46	mst sunny	Lubbock	68	37	sunny	Weatherford	69	41	sunny
Del Rio	72	46	sunny	Lufkin	66	43	sunny	Wichita Falls	68	39	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	47	27	pt sunny	Houston	67	46	sunny	Phoenix	80	55	pt sunny
Boston	55	43	rain	Los Angeles	85	55	pt sunny	San Francisco	67	48	foggy
Chicago	42	30	pt sunny	Miami	73	52	rain	Seattle	52	41	rain
Dallas	69	46	mst sunny	Minneapolis	38	28	pt sunny	St. Louis	46	36	sunny
Denver	59	29	pt sunny	New York	53	39	rain	Washington, DC	52	39	rain

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Nov 11	Nov 20	Nov 27	Dec 4

UV Index

Sun 11/17	Mon 11/18	Tue 11/19
Low	Low	Low

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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Man arrested for driving without license in Snyder

Arrest

Officers arrested a 37-year-old man at 12:40 a.m. Saturday in the 100 block of Coliseum Ave. for driving without a license.

Burglary

Diane Braziel reported the theft of her car stereo while the vehicle was parked at Cogdell Hospital. She requested no report be made.

Assault

A man requested an officer at his residence Friday morning to report that his father assaulted him. Officers responded and advised the men had an altercation, but neither wished to file charges.

Aggressive dog

A woman on Ave. M reported an aggressive pit bull attacking her mother's dogs Friday. The dog was transferred to the animal shelter.

Close patrols

A man requested a close patrol at East Elementary Friday afternoon because he saw juveniles starting fights and smoking.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Skinny's on Coliseum Dr. reported a gas drive off worth $17 Friday morning.

Two fuel drive offs were reported from Town and Country East Friday. The first was worth $10 and the second was reported in the amount of $37.75.

Snyder chamber to meet Monday

Snyder chamber directors will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the chamber board room to review one hotel-motel request and to plan holiday events.

The chamber will request $5,000 of the $10,000 that is needed to promote the Western Swing Festival next June. Donna Fowler, executive director, will present the request. Another request will be made in 2003 for the remaining $5,000.

Three new chamber members — Kerry's Pit and Grill, Donna's Cake Shop and Connection Wireless — will be recognized.

Discussion will be held on upcoming events to include Thanksgiving lunch Nov. 21 for the Price Daniel inmates who have helped with chamber projects; lighting of the courthouse lawn on Nov. 29; the first annual chamber Christmas dinner and theatre planned for Dec. 5; and the lighted Christmas Parade that will be highlighted with Santa's appearance on Dec. 7.

Obituaries

Oleta Jackson

1913-2002

Graveside service for Golda Oleta Jackson, longtime Scurry County resident, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Snyder Cemetery. Lanny Voss, a cousin from Plainview, will officiate. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Jackson, 89, died Friday, Nov. 15, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born Sept. 12, 1913 in Desdamona, she was married to O.B. Jackson who died July 4, 1994.

Mrs. Jackson was a retired bookkeeper for Snyder Truck and Tractor and was a member of the Hermleigh United Methodist Church.

She also was preceded in death by three sisters and seven brothers.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Cynthia Jackson of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Twilla and Don Williams of Odessa; a brother, Ted McMillan of Snyder; three sisters, Elree Baremore and Gaye Nelle Greene, both of Snyder, and Willowdeene Voss of Odessa; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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Don Massingill

1935-2002

Don R. Massingill, 67, died Saturday, Nov. 16, at his home in Gail.

Services for Mr. Massingill are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son, Roscoe Massingill of Borden County.

Births

Sabrina Salinas announces the birth of her sister, Delia Marie Pesina, at 1:52 a.m. on Nov. 10 in Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater. She weighed nine pounds, two ounces. Her parents are Nancy Jaramillo and Gilbert Pesina of Snyder.

Maternal grandparents are Juana Jaramillo of Muleshoe and Lawrence Jaramillo Sr. of Snyder. Paternal grandparents are Cecil and Chris Pesina of San Angelo.

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Judge declines to order better treatment for suspect

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Jailed sniper suspect John Lee Malvo, whose lawyers claim his right to privacy and other rights have been violated by his guards, was denied a request for a court order requiring better treatment.

Juvenile Court Judge Charles Maxfield refused to grant the order Friday. Defense lawyers had claimed that their 17-year-old client's mattress is too thin, he has been denied reading material, his cell lights glare 24 hours a day and he is being denied vegetarian meals.

"This is about the right to human dignity," lawyer Michael Arif told Maxfield.

In Connecticut, a man accused of obtaining fraudulent identification papers with help from the other sniper suspect, John Allen Muhammad, was arrested Friday in Connecticut, The Washington Post reported.

Malvo is being kept at the Fairfax County jail, an adult facility, despite efforts by his lawyers to put him in a juvenile jail. Arif said the sheriff's office has addressed some concerns — for instance, Malvo now has a curtain in his cell so he can bathe and use the toilet in privacy.

But Maxfield refused to intervene on the other issues.

"You're going to have to present a lot more evidence" of inhumane treatment, Maxfield said, to merit further intervention.

Prosecutor Robert Horan Jr. called Arif's motion "slightly short of frivolous."

"Jail is not a nice place," Horan said after the hearing. "But it's better than the front seat of a Chevy Caprice." The car served as a home to Malvo and Muhammad, and authorities believe they fired shots from the Caprice during last month's sniper spree.

Arif said after the hearing that his client is being kept in isolation. He said Malvo's cell has a checker table but no checkers, so he uses torn pieces of a business card to play the game against himself.

Muhammad, 41, and Malvo are charged with capital murder and other counts in the string of shootings that left 10 people dead and three wounded. They also are charged with fatal shootings in Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia and are suspected in a shooting in Washington state.

Malvo is awaiting trial in the Oct. 14 slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, 47, outside a home improvement store in Falls Church, Va.

Muhammad, being held in neighboring Prince William County, is charged there with killing Dean Harold Meyers, 53, at a gas station.

The man arrested in Connecticut — who has used at least five names including John Edwards Jr. and Norman Manroe — was wanted for questioning by investigators tracking the movements of Muhammad and Malvo, according to a story for Saturday editions of the Post.

Bridgeport police and state police said they had no information about the arrest. A spokeswoman for the FBI did not immediately return a telephone message left by The Associated Press.

Officials at the Bridgeport Correctional Center said they had a Norman Manroe on the jail roster, but had no other information.

Muhammad lived on the Caribbean island of Antigua in 2000 and 2001. John Fuller, the head of an Antiguan task force assisting in the investigation, said last week that Edwards, a Jamaican, allegedly used documents supplied by Muhammad to obtain an Antiguan passport.

Edwards has also been accused of applying for a U.S. passport in Barbados using a U.S. birth certificate allegedly supplied by Muhammad, Fuller said. The U.S. embassy rejected the application.

Earlier Friday, a Virginia judge denied a request by defense lawyers in the sniper shootings to impose a gag order on police and the FBI, despite leaks to a newspaper.

Fairfax County Circuit Judge M. Langhorne Keith said he shared lawyers' outrage over the leaks. But he said he had no authority to issue an order affecting the FBI. And he said he needed more evidence that Fairfax County police were responsible for leaking information to The Washington Post.

Muhammad's defense team made the request in response to a Post story that cited unidentified sources as saying Malvo had confessed to some of the shootings in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., last month.

Robert Ross, a lawyer representing Fairfax County police, said in court the gag order would "act as a prior restraint on the actions of the police and how they do their job."

Although Malvo reportedly did not implicate Muhammad in his statements to police, Peter Greenspun, a lawyer for Muhammad, said the leaks could damage his client by tainting the jury pool for his trial.

Meanwhile, a Jamaican immigrant taken into custody as a material witness in the sniper cases has been released from house arrest. Nathaniel Osbourne, 26, and Muhammad jointly purchased the car authorities say was used in the shootings.

Two actors are charged in year old porn investigation in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A year-old pornography investigation has led to the filing of criminal charges against two Hollywood actors: Paul Reubens, best known as Pee-wee Herman, and veteran character actor Jeffrey Jones of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

Reubens was charged with one misdemeanor count of possessing materials depicting children under the age of 18 engaged in sexual conduct, said Ana Garcia, a spokeswoman with the City Attorney's office. He surrendered to authorities Friday and was released on $20,000 bail.

Jones, who played the uptight principal and comic foil to Matthew Broderick in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," was charged with hiring a 14-year-old boy to pose for sexually explicit photos — a felony — as well as misdemeanor possession of child pornography. He was freed on $20,000 bond after surrendering Thursday.

Reubens, 50, and Jones, 56, are acquaintances and both cases stem from the same police investigation, said Los Angeles County District Attorney spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons.

"Los Angeles Police Department brought us both cases at the same time in connection with an investigation," Gibbons said Friday.

Reubens could face as much as a year in jail and a $2,500 fine if convicted. If Jones is convicted, he faces up to three years in prison and would have to register as a sex offender for life.

"This is all about photos. There's no allegations of any touching or any improper acts with a minor," Jones' attorney, Jeffrey Brodey, told the Los Angeles Times. "This will be resolved very quickly so he can get on with his life and get back to work."

Brodey did not return a call from The Associated Press on Friday.

Reubens' attorney, Blair Berk, dismissed the charge against his client as "simply untrue and without merit."

"Mr. Reubens has never at any time knowingly possessed any artwork from his extensive vintage and antique art collection even remotely related to anything improper," Berk said in a statement.

Jones is to be arraigned next Thursday. Reubens' arraignment is scheduled for Dec. 19.

Authorities searched the homes of both men on Nov. 16, 2001, according to the offices of the district and city attorneys. The statute of limitations on the misdemeanors would have run out Saturday if charges had not been filed.

Reubens pleaded no contest to an indecent exposure charge in 1991 after he was arrested in Sarasota, Fla., for allegedly exposing himself in a movie theater.

More states requiring Pledge of Allegiance to be said in schools

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — The patriotic atmosphere following the Sept. 11 attacks — together with a backlash against a federal court ruling — have prompted more and more states to require that the Pledge of Allegiance be said in school.

Twenty-eight states require public school classes to recite the pledge, according to the Education Commission of the States, a national association of state education officials. Seven more encourage schools to conduct the pledge.

As of September, 16 states had passed laws during the 2001-02 session or had legislation pending that required or encouraged reciting the pledge in schools, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Three of those states — Tennessee, Illinois and Missouri — enacted laws requiring or encouraging the Pledge of Allegiance since an appeals court declared the phrase "under God" in the pledge unconstitutional in June.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in California on June 26 barred the practice of reciting the pledge in school because of the phrase, which Congress inserted in 1954. The court blocked its own decision from being enforced to allow for appeals.

Proponents of the pledge have continued to push forward, pursuing legislation requiring the pledge in several states.

"Since Sept. 11 especially, it's been an issue that legislators really rallied behind and it seems that it's something that most of them can agree on," said Greta Durr, an education-policy analyst with the council.

Civil libertarians are urging caution about the trend.

"Unfortunately, too many people allow them to wave the flag and forget that they haven't done anything to improve the public schools with all this flag-waving," said Larry Frankel, legislative director of the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Pennsylvania Senate this week unanimously passed a measure that would require students in private and public schools to recite the pledge or sing the national anthem. The bill is back in the House because it was amended by the Senate.

Despite the push to require the pledge, court rulings still guarantee students the right not to participate. A landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision, West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette affirmed this right in 1943, and later rulings guaranteed students the right to sit during the pledge.

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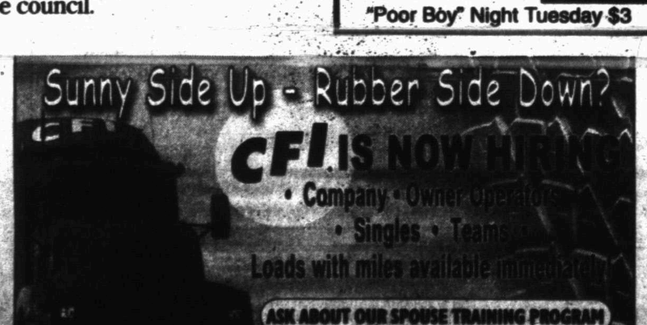

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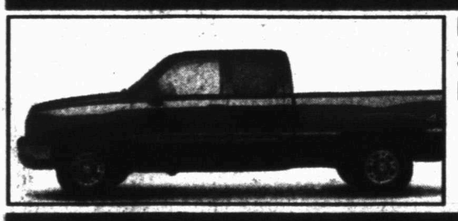
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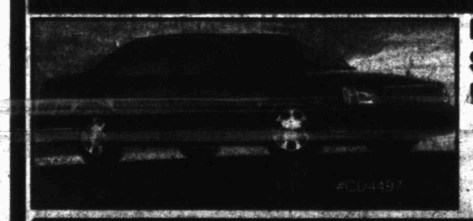
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Study: Alzheimer's vaccine may prompt strokes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A vaccine that cleared toxic deposits from the brains of laboratory mice also doubled the risk of stroke in the animals, according to a study that may offer a new warning sign about a promising therapy for Alzheimer's disease.

The study, appearing Friday in the journal Science, is the first to detect in animals serious side effects of a proposed vaccine that other research has suggested will halt the progression of Alzheimer's disease. A similar vaccine was tested briefly in humans.

Researchers have been intensively studying the idea that the brain-destroying disease could be controlled by removing deposits of a toxic substance called amyloid beta that accumulates in the brains of Alzheimer's disease patients.

While researchers are uncertain if amyloid beta is the cause of Alzheimer's or the result of another mind-destroying process, some earlier animal studies found that a vaccine that prompts the body to remove amyloid beta was able to halt the disease and even restore some brain function.

The promising results led an Irish pharmaceutical firm, Elan Corp., to test an amyloid beta vaccine on 360 human patients, but the clinical trial was suspended early this year after 15 patients developed inflammation of tissues in the brain. Elan has since said it would no longer test the original vaccine, but will continue to monitor patients who received it.

Now the new study in Science suggests that a vaccine against amyloid beta may have other problems — a significant increase of bleeding in the brain.

Swiss, German and American researchers used a lab mouse strain that had been genetically manipulated to develop the major symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, including the formation of amyloid beta.

The mice were injected with a vaccine that caused their bodies to make antibodies against amyloid beta. After five months, the researchers said there was a 23 percent reduction of the amyloid beta in the test mice compared with animals that did not receive the vaccine.

However, the test mice also had twice the number of cerebral hemorrhages, or bleeding in the brain, compared with mice that did not get the vaccine. Additionally, the researchers found six major blood clots among the immunized mice, versus only one among the control mice.

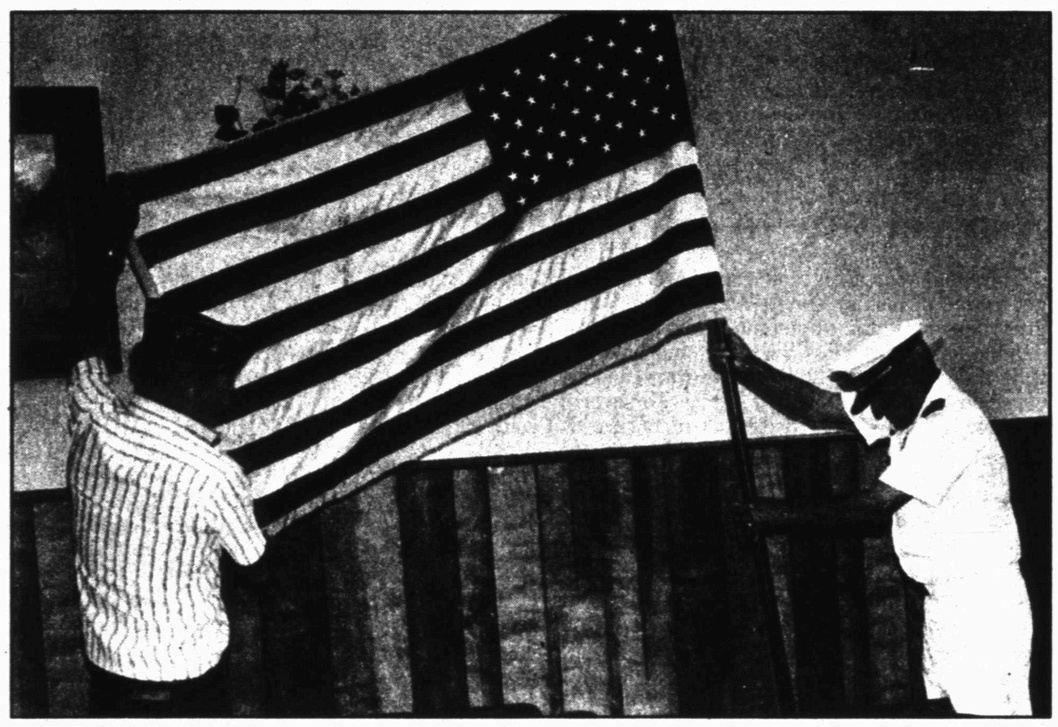
The findings, said co-author Dr. Paul M. Mathews of New York University School of Medicine, suggest that scientists still lack a clear appreciation of the possible side effects of Alzheimer's vaccine therapy.

"Up to this point, all of the animal studies have been very promising," said Mathews. "This is the first study to show any serious side effects in mice."

Mathews said the mouse strain used in his study is a closer mimic to the way Alzheimer's appears in the human brain than animals used in earlier studies. He said the mice had deposits of amyloid beta on blood vessels, a very common characteristic of human patients.

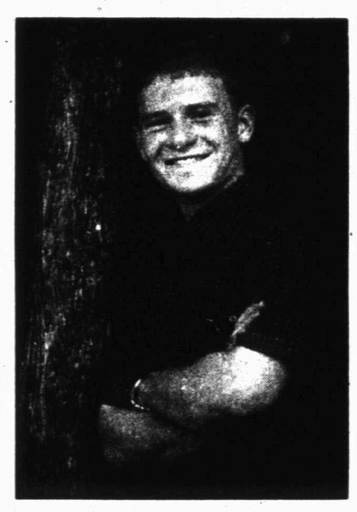
Finding this new side effect, he said, suggests that the human trials of Alzheimer's vaccine "were premature."

"We need to move back into animals and sort this out," said Mathews. "We need to develop antibodies (vaccines) that don't cause this problem. Otherwise, I don't think this (type of therapy) will work in humans."



VETERANS DAY — Scurry County Senior Citizens Center conducted a special program Monday in honor of veterans. In the top photo, Norman Laywell directs the Sunshine Choir through a series of World War II era songs. In the bottom photo, local veterans, Robert Neblett, left, and Bob Sealy presented the colors. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

BUSY PLANTERS — Stanfield students recently planted tulips around their flagpole. Pictured left to right are Krystin House, Zachary Harris, Ivana Valadez and Kelly Jones. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



Cliff Beights

Cliff Beights in Who's Who

Cliff Beights has been selected for *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, 2001-2002, recognition.

Beights graduated from Snyder High School in 2002 and is currently attending Texas Tech University. His dual major is ag economics/general business with a minor in marketing.

Beights is the son of Ricky and Terri Beights of Snyder. Grandparents include Johnny and Meredith Edwards of Colorado City.

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School Menus

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BREAKFAST
Monday
Rice
Toast
Tuesday
Blueberry Muffins
Wednesday
Oatmeal
Toast
Thursday
Dry Cereal
Toast
Friday
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich

LUNCH
Monday
Pinto Beans
Buttered Cabbage
Fried Okra
Corn Bread
Apple Crisp
Tuesday
Chili/Cheese Sticks
Potato Wedges
Cherry Peppers
Crackers
Lemon Squares
Wednesday
Texas Stew
Fried Squash
Corn Bread
Pineapple
Thursday
Turkey/dressing
Gravy
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fruit Salad
Friday
Barbecue Sandwich
Chips
Pickles/Onion
Pears

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk and breakfast offers juice.

Monday
Sausage on a Stick
Tuesday
Biscuits & Sausage
Wednesday
Burritos
Thursday
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
Toast
Friday
Waffles
Bacon

LUNCH
Monday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Shape-ups
Tuesday
Turkey & Dressing
Green Beans
Mashed Potatoes or Sweet Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Pumpkin Pie
Wednesday
Chicken Fried Steak on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Broccoli w/Ranch Style Dressing
Brownies
Thursday
Chili Beans
Corn-on the Cob
Corn Bread
Fruit
Friday
Stromboli
Sliced Potatoes
Peas
Chocolate Pudding

Snyder

Meals are served with milk and breakfast offers juice.

BREAKFAST
(East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)
Monday
Sausage Topped Muffin
Tuesday
Cereal w/Teddy Grahams
Wednesday
Pigs in a Blanket
Thursday
Cinnamon Texas Toast
Friday
Strawberry Toaster Pastry

All Other Schools
Monday
Breakfast on a Stick
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Breakfast Soft Taco
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Sausage Topped English Muffin
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Pancakes & Sausage or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
Monday
Beef Lasagna w/Garlic Bread Stick
Or Chicken Soft Taco
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Golden Kernel Corn
Chilled Pears
Tuesday
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich
Or Ham & Cheese Sub
Frito Corn Chips
Carrot Sticks w/Dip
Sugar Cookie
Wednesday
Oven Fried Chicken or Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Potato Wedges
Carrot Sticks w/Ranch Dip
Cherry Crisp
Thursday
Beef & Macaroni Casserole
Or Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy
Broccoli & Cheese Sauce
Baked Beans
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger
or Chicken Noodle Soup w/Biscuit
French Fries
Lettuce & Tomato Cup
Chocolate Pudding

GUEST ARTIST AT PALETTE CLUB — Cathy McAnally Lubke, artist from San Angelo, presented instruction in watercolor to Palette Club members at the airport terminal meeting room Thursday. Some of her most recent work is featured in the Houshang Gallery in Sante Fe and the Edmund Craig Gallery in Fort Worth. Shown from left are Virginia Lowrance, hostess; Nettie Faye Gardner; Rachael Martin; Lila Guinn; Lois Burney; Lubke; and Paul Hudgins. Hudgins entered the Spur Homecoming Art Show in October and won with three watercolors, a portrait of Theston Withers, first place; painting of two calves, first; and a painting of a dog with Christmas packages. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

A sweet way to celebrate the holidays and history

This holiday season, you can get a taste of history and create great desserts at the same time.

Although molasses is very in with today's health- and taste-conscious cooks, its history in America actually dates back to 1493 when Columbus brought it to the West Indies. Molasses became an important trade item between the Old and New Worlds. In fact, some historians say it was not the British tax on tea that precipitated the Revolutionary War but the Molasses Act of 1733 that imposed a heavy tax on the sweet stuff brought in from anywhere but British-held islands in the Caribbean.

Once that was settled, molasses became a delicious part of American cooking. The savory sweetness of all natural molasses imparts moistness and a delicate caramel aroma to cookies, pies and brown breads, while adding iron, calcium and other nutrients.

To savor the past and present of molasses for yourself, consider these recipes.

GRANDMA'S GINGERBREAD
(3 dozen)
8 Tbsp. (1 stick) butter or shortening
½ cup sugar
½ cup Grandma's Molasses
1 egg
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. salt
1 tsp. ginger
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/8 tsp. ground cloves

Beat butter with sugar and molasses. Mix in egg. Sift dry ingredients and add to wet mixture. Mix well. Chill in freezer 1 hour or in refrigerator 2 hours. Heat oven to 350F. Roll out a portion of the dough ¼-in. thick on lightly floured board. Chill remaining dough. Cut with cookie cutter, place on greased baking sheets and decorate with raisins, chips or nuts, if desired. Bake 8-10 minutes. Cool.

GRANDMA'S CHOCOLATE PECAN PIE
(9-10 servings)
1 ½ cups pecan halves
4 Tbsp. (½ stick) butter
4 oz. chocolate chips
3 eggs
1/3 cup Grandma's Molasses
2/3 cup light corn syrup
1 Tbsp. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
¼ tsp. salt
Ready-made piecrust, such as chocolate cookie

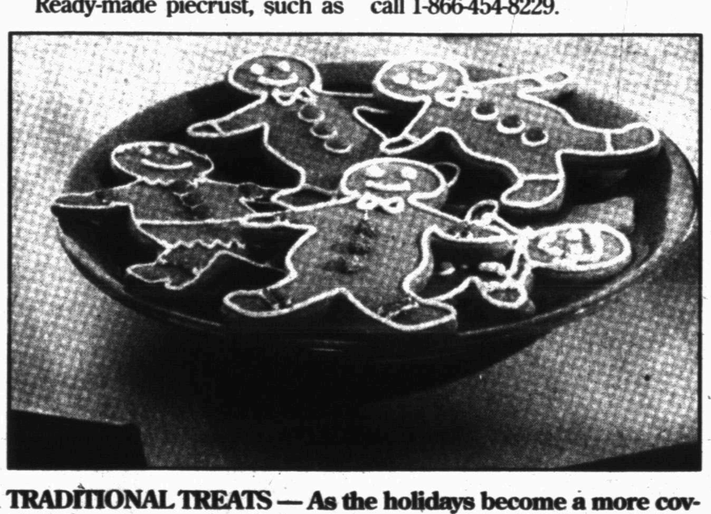
In 350F oven, toast pecans on baking sheet for 4 minutes. Remove. Raise temp. to 375F. In small pan over low heat, stir butter and chocolate until melted, about 1 minute. In mixing bowl, lightly beat eggs. Blend in molasses, corn syrup, sugar, vanilla and salt. Stir in chocolate mixture and then pecans. Spoon mixture into piecrust and bake until filling is set, 45-50 minutes. Cool and serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

GRANDMA'S OATMEAL LACE COOKIES
(6 dozen)
8 Tbsp. (1 stick) butter
¼ cup milk
¼ cup Grandma's Molasses
1 tsp. vanilla
¾ cup sugar
¾ cup flour
½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
1 cup regular or quick oats
1 cup nuts, finely chopped (optional)

Preheat oven to 375F. Melt butter in saucepan. Remove from heat; stir in milk, molasses and vanilla. Sift together sugar, flour, baking powder and salt. Blend into milk mixture. Stir in oats and nuts. Drop by level teaspoonfuls 2 in. apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake 6 to 8 minutes. Cool.

TIP:
Brown sugar is simply molasses added to white sugar, so in recipes calling for one cup brown sugar you can substitute one cup of granulated sugar plus ½ cup molasses.

For more recipes, log on to www.grandmasmolasses.com or call 1-866-454-8229.



TRADITIONAL TREATS — As the holidays become a more coveted time to spend with loved ones, consider baking traditional gingerbread cookies and other homemade treats. The spicy, comforting aroma will waft through your home and take you back to warm memories of holidays past.

Bridge by Phillip Alder

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002

The biggest and best reference book

By Phillip Alder

If you are stumped about deciding what to buy a bridge addict, there is one easy solution: The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge (American Contract Bridge League, 2002). The main bulk of the monumental task was done by Dorthy and Henry Francis and Alan Truscott. Now, though, everything is on a computer, so updating the content and correcting any errors should make future editions (this is the sixth) easier to produce.

This comprehensive reference work runs to nearly 1,000 pages. Today's deal is from the section about hold-up plays. South reaches three no-trump after East opened one heart. West leads the spade six, and East puts up the king. How should South plan the play?

In my opinion, West should lead either the heart five or the heart five! However, in this layout, a low spade is the best attack.

North 11-16-02
♠ 10 5
♥ J 6 4
♦ Q J 9 4
♣ K J 9 3

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

East
♠ K 7 4
♥ Q 10 9 8 7 3
♦ A 2
♣ A 6

South
♠ A J 3
♥ A K 2
♦ K 10 5 3
♣ Q 10 4

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 6

Paradoxically, if South wins the first trick with his spade ace, he gains two spade tricks, but should fail. He knocks out, say, the diamond ace, but East returns the spade seven (the higher of two remaining cards), and West ducks. Then, when East gets in with the club ace, he leads his remaining spade to West's three winners.

Instead, South must sacrifice one spade trick by ducking East's king. Then, South plays the jack on East's spade-seven return and wins the third spade trick with his ace. Now declarer can calmly dislodge East's two aces, losing only four tricks.

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Bridge Scores

Bridge games are played at the Snyder Country Club. Monte West directed Nov. 8 and Jane Hinton directed Nov. 12.

Friday, Nov. 8
A Group
1. Dorothy Rosson, Nonnie Ward.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Nona Morrison.
3. Durelle Gorman, Billisue Stuard.
4. Ann Davis, Monte West.

B Group
1. Dorothy Rosson, Nonnie Ward.
2. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit.
3. Betty Courtney, Carol Miller.
4. Mary Lois Wilson, Tizzy Hall.

Tuesday, Nov. 12
1. John Gibson, Betty Gibson.
2. Nona Morrison, Maribeth Vestal.
3. Delores LeVier, Jerry Burchell.

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Later that da call that she the Bible and nude" on the on campus. He pile beside her.

LANCASTER GIVES PROGRAM — Altrurian Daughters Club was given decorating tips by Lyn Lancaster from Classic Interiors Wednesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Pictured from left are hostesses Joyce Williamson, Maribeth Vestal and Vera McSpadden. Altrurian Daughters meets at 11:30 a.m. every third Wednesday at the MAWC. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Girl Scout Troop 292 will host 50th anniversary celebration

Girl Scout Troop 292, along with Sweetwater Service Unit, will host a 50th year celebration for Camp Boothe Oaks on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 2-4 p.m.

Cake and punch will be served, and a special activity to mark this event is also planned.

Anyone who has been a part of the West Texas Girl Scout Council is urged to attend. For more information call the council at 915-670-0432, or Linda Kite at 915-235-9277.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

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

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

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 73-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; boardroom; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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Eskimos use refrigerators to keep food from freezing.

John Nash is expert witness in DuPont Co. fungicide trial

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — John Nash, the 1994 Nobel Prize winner for economics and subject of the movie "A Beautiful Mind," is now an expert witness.

The Princeton University professor testified at a hearing Thursday for the DuPont Co., which is being sued by some Florida farmers. The farmers are suing their former lawyers and the company over a $59 million settlement involving the DuPont fungicide Benlate.

The growers claim their former lawyers entered into a side deal with DuPont for $6.4 million as an assurance they wouldn't file another Benlate lawsuit. The trial is expected to begin in January.

But Nash, 74, wasn't in court to discuss chemicals.

He testified about game theory, the work that made him famous and became the basis for a large part of modern economics.

DuPont paid Nash $500 an hour to testify because his ideas were used by Robert Lanzillotti, a former University of Florida dean of business administration, in a study that supports the farmers' case.

DuPont says the principles used by Lanzillotti aren't generally accepted in the economics community and his research should not be presented at the upcoming trial.

Nash spent more than an hour on the stand, answering questions from attorneys and Circuit Judge Chester Chance. Before being rushed from the courthouse to catch his flight, he posed for pictures and signed autographs.

Nash's career was sidetracked by paranoid schizophrenia. He lost his job at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1959 and was incapacitated for about two decades.

Russell Crowe portrayed him in last year's "A Beautiful Mind," which won four Academy Awards, including best picture.

SC Library News & Views

By Janie Romine
Librarian

The Scurry County Library will be taking canned goods as payment for video fines again this year.

Anyone who wishes to take advantage of this should bring the canned goods beginning Monday through Christmas.

Two cans will equal $1 owed for fines. Canned goods may be taken only for video fines.

Also, the library staff announces that Children's Book Week will be Nov. 17 through Nov. 23 and they invite children to come in for a treat and check out a book during the designated week.

NEW FICTION

The Heavenly Fugitive, by Gilbert Morris.

Cape Refuge, by Terri Blackstock.

Traps: A Novel of the FBI, by Paul Lindsay.

Arkansas Traveler: A Benny Harper Mystery, by Earlene Fowler.

NEW NON-FICTION

50 Ways to Lower Your Cholesterol, by Mary P. McGowan, M.D.

50 Ways to Control Migraines, by Ceabert J. Griffith.

From Angels to Hellcats: Legendary Texas Women 1836-1880, by Don Blevins.

Sketches From the Five States of Texas, by A.C. Greene.

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon., Wed., Fri. —10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tues., Thurs. — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sat. — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Keep pets safe during the holidays

There is no holiday on pet safety. Make sure your holiday candles are placed where pets can't overturn them.

Pet owners who understand that the same holiday treats and trimmings considered harmless for us could be a serious health risk for their pets are barking up the right tree. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) offers pet owners some helpful hints to ensure that their pets will stay happy, healthy and stress free for the Thanksgiving, Hanukah and Christmas holidays:

•Crowds and holiday festivities can frighten some animals. If your pet does not enjoy being around a lot of people, make sure you set aside a safe and quiet haven for her to retreat if necessary. If you are a cat owner, remember that cats are creatures of habit. Disruptions in the home during the holidays, such as rearranging the furniture, could cause your feline to stop using the litterbox.

•Alcohol and pets do not mix. Place unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot reach them; the same holds true for leftovers. Poultry bones can splinter and cause blockages and greasy, spicy and fatty foods can cause stomach upset. Boiled or grilled meats and fresh vegetables can be offered as a healthy alternative.

•Be careful with holiday decorations. Common Yuletide plants such as mistletoe, ivy and holly berries can be poisonous or even fatal. Christmas tree water may contain dangerous fertilizers and can be a breeding ground for bacteria. Make sure your Christmas and Hanukah candles are placed where your pets can't overturn them and possibly burn themselves or your home. Decorate your tree with animal safe wood or fabric ornaments or pine cones. Tinsel, ribbon and popcorn strands can be deadly if swallowed.

For more information about pet care and other animal welfare related issues, visit the society's Web site at www.aspca.org.

Limited edition Barbie sells for $1

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) — A store's offer of limited edition Barbies for just $1 drew scores of shoppers who overwhelmed the supply of the dolls — and the store's staff.

As part of a grand opening celebration, The Save-A-Lot discount food store planned to sell the Millennium Wedding Barbie, which normally go for $49.99, to the first 100 shoppers Wednesday for $1.

"We had 46 people outside at 5 a.m.," said store manager Chad Houtsinger, and the crowd kept growing.

"There were people screaming and yelling at the employees," said Kim Quezada of Kenosha, who arrived with her friend Peggy Marshall, hoping to buy two of the dolls. They left instead with bags full of other merchandise and a promise that the store would call them when more dolls arrived.

Store spokesman Dan Kimack said people wouldn't be left entirely out in the cold. Store workers took the names and phone numbers of about 150 shoppers who had lined up early and planned to have dolls shipped in for them.

Reads Bible in nude

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Unlike Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, a Martinsburg woman saw no reason to cover her nakedness as she read the Bible this week at Shepherd College.

Barbara Marie Harmison, 49, was charged with indecent exposure, disturbance of school and disorderly conduct, according to Jefferson County Magistrate Court records.

Campus police on Tuesday told Harmison she couldn't preach unless she received permission from the school's student affairs department, court records said.

Later that day, police received a call that she "was reading from the Bible and she was totally nude" on the steps of a building on campus. Her clothes were in a pile beside her.

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Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002

Today is the 320th day of 2002 and the 56th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the United States.

On this day in 1914, the 12 regional banks of the Federal Reserve System opened for business.

On this day in 1973, the Skylab 4 mission — astronauts Gerald Carr, William Pogue and Edward Gibson — rocketed into Earth orbit to rendezvous with Skylab. They remained aboard the space station for 84 days, performing experiments and making observations.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: W.C. Handy (1873-1958), composer; George S. Kaufman (1889-1961), dramatist and critic; Dwight Gooden (1964-), baseball player, is 38; Lisa Bonet (1967-), actress, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1912, Army Cadets' halfback (and former president) Dwight D. Eisenhower suffered a knee injury that ended his football career.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I understand your new play is full of single entendres." — George S. Kaufman

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Nov. 11) and full moon (Nov. 19).

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002

Today is the 321st day of 2002 and the 57th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1558, Elizabeth I, daughter of Henry VIII, succeeded to the throne of England, thus ushering in the Elizabethan (or Golden) Age.

On this day in 1869, the Suez Canal effectively connected the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.

On this day in 1996, Microsoft officially introduced its first operating system for handheld devices, Windows CE.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Shelby Foote (1916-), writer and historian, is 86; Rock Hudson (1925-1985), actor; Gordon Lightfoot (1938-), singer and songwriter, is 64; Martin Scorsese (1942-), director, is 60; Danny DeVito (1944-), actor and director, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1954, boxer Jimmy Carter knocked out Paddy DeMarco, becoming the first man to win the world lightweight title three times.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The only person who has the right attitude about boxing in the movies for me was Buster Keaton." — Martin Scorsese

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Dead inmates' kin sues Dallas County

DALLAS (AP) — The families of two mentally ill prisoners who died while in custody at the Dallas County jail filed separate lawsuits this week, alleging negligence, malpractice and the "total abandonment" of mental patients behind bars.

Both lawsuits allege the jail's psychiatric unit failed to properly medicate and care for the two patients, a 36-year-old Dallas woman with bipolar disorder and a 27-year-old Richardson man with schizophrenia.

Both inmates were jailed for misdemeanor crimes.

The lawsuits name Dallas County Sheriff Jim Bowles and Dr. Rita Moss, the head psychiatrist at the jail at the time of the deaths, as responsible for the "grossly inadequate care" of Rosa Alejo and Murdoch McLeod during their brief stints in the jail's psychiatric unit earlier this year.

"This is neglect, it's abuse and it's a pattern of not caring for people who are mentally ill," Domingo Garcia, an attorney representing Alejo's family, told The Dallas Morning News. Officials at the sheriff's office declined to comment on the lawsuits.

Alejo was jailed in February on misdemeanor prostitution charges. She was found unconscious in her cell 17 days later after more than a week of bizarre behavior that her attorneys attribute to the psychiatric staff's refusal to keep her on an established regimen of anti-psychotic and mood-stabilizing medications.

Within a week, jailers noted that Alejo's behavior included smearing her waste on herself and her cell, eating bags of coffee grounds, and consuming large amounts of water by standing under her shower with her mouth open.

McLeod hanged himself in his single cell in July, after five days in jail custody. His family's attorney, David Finn, said that autopsy results showed the man had "no trace" of the anti-psychotic drugs that doctors at Terrell State Hospital had prescribed during his 18-month stay.

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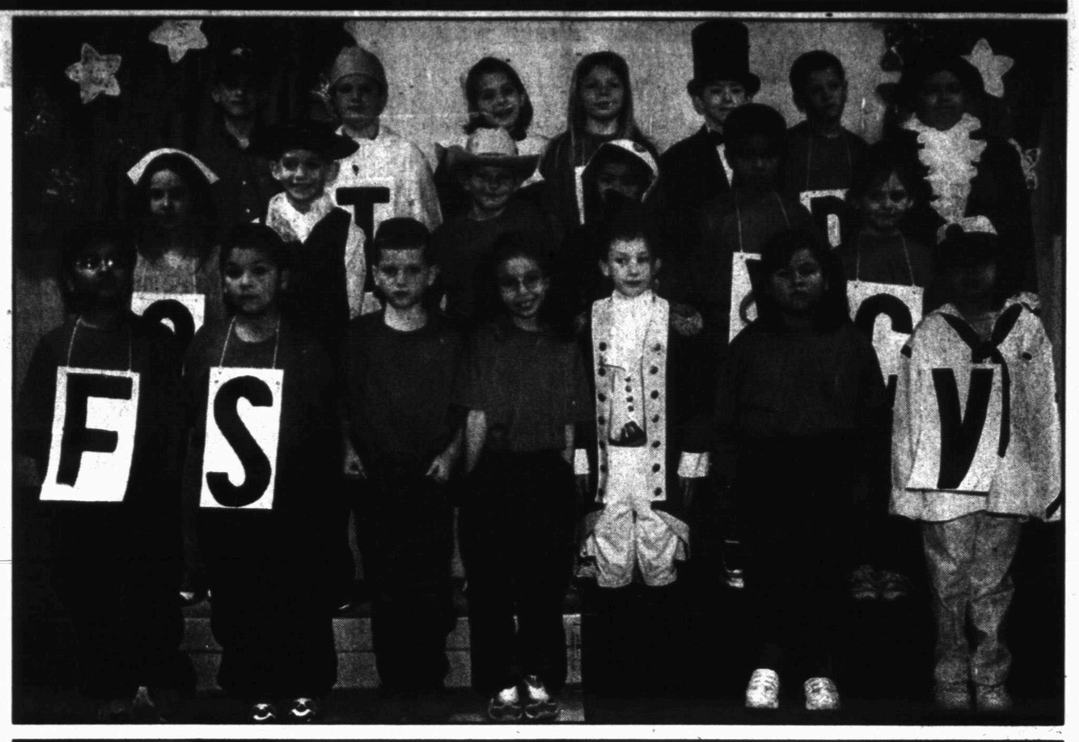
Wisconsin is the 30th state. It was admitted to the Union in 1848.



AN AMERICAN ALPHABET — Students of Suzanne Doolittle and Carolyn Torres at Stanfield presented *An American Alphabet* . Reba Bailey is the music teacher. Mrs. Doolittle's students (top photo) include top row from left, Joe Iglehart, Connor Tollison, Allison Downing, Jessica Goodger, Will Stephens, Nathan Burney and Victor Ruiz; second row, Jacinda Payne, Nolan Duzan, Ethan Head, Joseph Martinez, Alex Hernandez, Breanna Benetiz; front row, Jesse Garza, Luis Silva, Lloyd McCormack, Mercedez Platero, Dylan Vilas, Angelica Juarez, Sydney Villarreal. Mrs. Torres' students include front row, from left, Matthew Gomez, Joseph Price, D'Vincent Allison, Michelle Allen, Briana Medrano, Chevy Wagner; second row, Nikki Hicks, Towry Bigham, Dezarae Moreno, Megan Murdock, Matthew Guzman, Daniel Ruiz, Sabrina Salinas; third row, Amanda Luecke, Landon Jones, Austin Forbes, Ray Newton, Justice Terrazas and Stephanie Hart. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Texas unemployment at 6.1%

AUSTIN (AP) — Statewide unemployment was 6.2 percent during October, as construction and manufacturing businesses shed thousands of jobs but many more Texans got seasonal work for the upcoming holidays.

The unemployment rate reported Friday was unchanged from revised September figures. The Texas Workforce Commission had originally reported September unemployment of 6.1 percent.

The widely cited statewide unemployment rate is adjusted for seasonal hiring and firing patterns, which economists believe gives a better picture of the underlying job market.

But the adjustments masked the addition of 65,000 jobs in October, many due to retailers hiring for the holiday season, the commission said.

The ranks of the unemployed fell for the fourth straight month, dropping from 667,200 in September to 626,700 in October. The number of working Texans rose to 10.15 million from 10.08 million, slightly higher than the typical gain of 56,400 jobs during October, the commission said.

"This October's larger-than-expected increase in the number of employed Texans may indicate that the labor market is entering a more stable growth pattern," said labor commissioner T.P. O'Mahoney.

However, construction employment fell by 4,300 jobs in October, the largest monthly decline this year, and manufacturing lost 3,400 jobs, the commission said. Plant closings along the Texas-Mexico border were responsible for many of the lost manufacturing jobs.

A total of 37,900 manufacturing jobs — 3.7 percent of the sector's work force — have been lost since October 2001, the commission said.

Following are the October unemployment rates for Texas metropolitan areas, with September rates in parentheses.

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Amarillo 3.6 (3.8)
Austin-San Marcos 5.1 (5.5)
Beaumont-Port Arthur 7.6 (8.2)
Brazoria 6.8 (7.6)
Brownsville-Harlingen 10.2 (10.4)
Bryan-College Station 1.7 (1.8)
Corpus Christi 5.7 (6.2)
Dallas 6.5 (6.9)
El Paso 8.4 (8.3)
Fort Worth-Arlington 5.6 (5.9)
Galveston-Texas City 7.0 (7.7)
Houston 5.6 (5.9)
Killeen-Temple 5.1 (5.0)
Laredo 6.4 (6.7)
Longview-Marshall 6.1 (6.7)
Lubbock 2.6 (2.8)
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission 11.6 (12.6)
Odessa-Midland 5.6 (6.1)
San Angelo 3.6 (3.8)
San Antonio 4.9 (5.1)
Sherman-Denison 5.9 (6.5)
Texarkana 4.7 (5.0)
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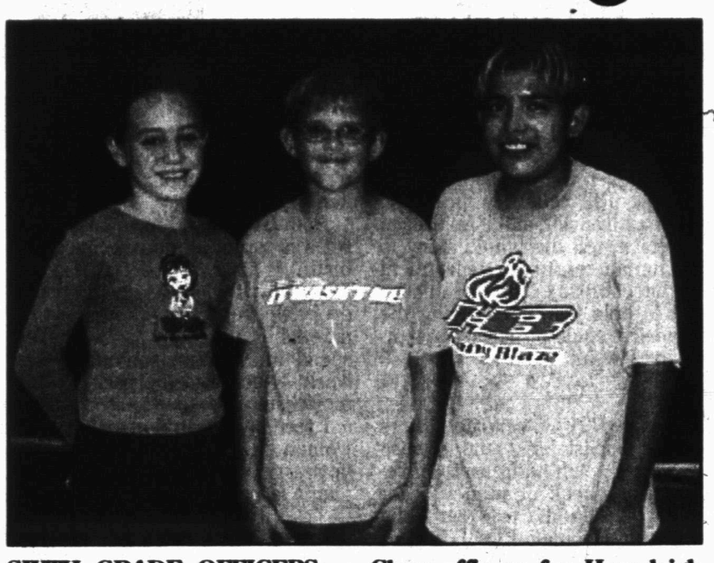
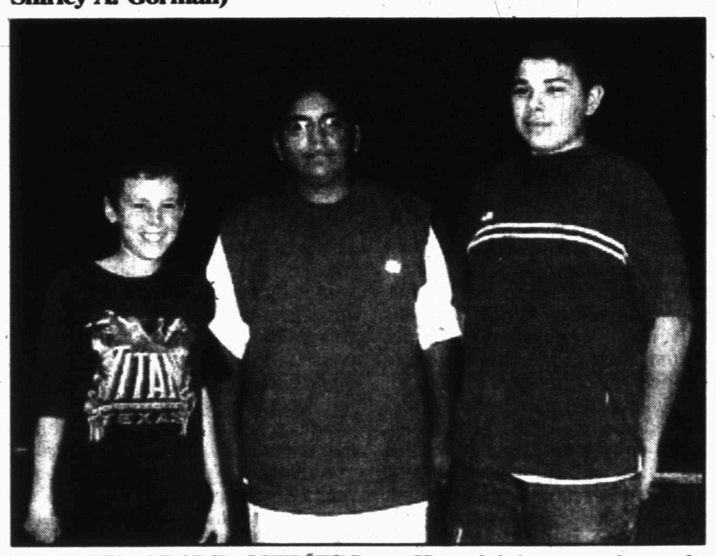
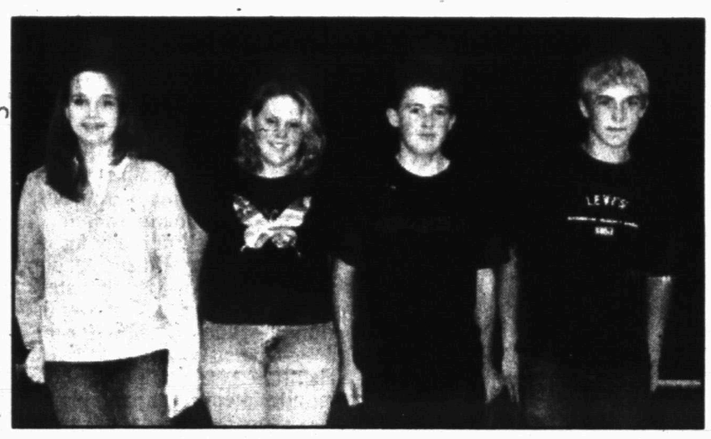


SIXTH GRADE OFFICERS — Class officers for Hermleigh sixth graders from left are Marissa Davis, treasurer; Rustin Webb, vice president; and Jonathan Hernandez, secretary. Casey Williamson, president, is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



SEVENTH GRADE OFFICERS — Hermleigh seventh grade officers from left are Brett McClure, president; Jonathan Mireles, vice president; and Scotty Arellano, secretary-treasurer. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

EIGHTH GRADE OFFICERS — Hermleigh eighth grade officers from left are Brittany Kelley, president; Alicia Culp, vice president; Megan Kariainen, secretary; and Michael Barrera, treasurer. (Staff Photo by Shirley Gorman)



NINTH GRADE OFFICERS — Hermleigh ninth grade officers are from left, Alana Culp, president; Danni Webb, vice president; Johnathan McClure, secretary; Robby Anderson, treasurer. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

TENTH GRADE OFFICERS — Hermleigh tenth grade officers include from left, Justin Kelley, president; Cassie Harbin, vice president; Amy Botts, secretary; and Shae Rinehart, treasurer. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

ELEVENTH GRADE OFFICERS — Hermleigh eleventh grade officers are from left, Dustin Williamson, president; Justin Williamson, vice president; Brittainy Jones, secretary; and Christy Garcia, treasurer. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

TWELFTH GRADE OFFICERS — Hermleigh twelfth grade officers include from left, Reecie Sauceda, president; April Garcia, vice president; Misty McClure, secretary; and Terrel Culp, treasurer. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Determined tornado victims get married

HARRIMAN, Tenn. (AP) — A tornado that destroyed their home and half of their community didn't stop the wedding of an injured bride and groom, who tied the knot just one day late by moving the ceremony from a church to an intensive care unit.

Jimmi Langley wore white — and bandages from head to toe — when she married Ronnie Ray from a hospital bed at Roane Medical Center on Thursday, four days after a tornado struck the rural Mossy Grove community.

"The wedding date had been set for Wednesday," Langley said after the wedding. "November 13 was the two-year anniversary of when we met, and we wanted to get married on that day. But I had to have more surgery Tuesday and we couldn't. I was determined not to put it off any longer."

The couple had taken shelter in Langley's home when the storm hit. The tornado was one of a string of weekend twisters that killed 17 in Tennessee, including five in Mossy Grove.

"One minute I was in the bathtub with everything blowing up around me," Ray said. "Next thing I know, I'm on the ground and Jimmi is gone."

Ray was cut on his face, arms, and back and is severely bruised on his legs and chest.

The tornado hurled Langley and the tub a hundred yards across the street.

Langley said that "the ride was fine. It was just all the other things flying through the air and hitting me."

She suffered two broken legs, a broken arm and deep gashes on her hips and ankles, including a cut from a piece of kitchen countertop that slit her hip open to the bone. She is in intensive care, unable to stand or raise her arms, and faces a series of operations.

Hospital workers and the community rallied to make the wedding possible.

Paperwork was refiled, because the wedding certificate blew away in the storm. Friends bought a wedding dress off the rack, cut it down the back and draped it across the bride in her hospital bed, so that her original wedding dress didn't have to be cut up. Nurses decorated Langley's hospital cubical with white netting.

A jewelry store donated wedding rings to replace those lost in the rubble. Flowers were donated.

The wedding ceremony began with recorded music as the groom was wheeled in from his room and stood up unsteadily. A nursing supervisor sang the Lord's Prayer and read a Bible verse, and grape juice was served in champagne flutes, in keeping with the hospital's no-alcohol policy.

The Rev. Stewart Sloane, pastor of the Church of God of Prophecy in Petros, officiated.

"I try to make all weddings unusual, but I think this beats all," he said.

GOP may take control of N. C. House

GOLDSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Republicans gained at least a tie in the North Carolina House on Friday when recounts showed them winning two disputed races over prominent Democrats, and the GOP led another high-profile count still under way.

A Republican sweep of the recounts would give the party a 61-59 advantage over the Democrats.

The recount for District 11, centered about 40 miles southwest of Raleigh, was expected to be completed Friday afternoon. Republican Louis Pate, mayor of Mount Olive, remained ahead of House Majority Leader Phil Baddour late Thursday after a partial hand recount.

In far-east District 3, a recount in Craven and Pamlico counties showed Republican Michael Gorman winning by 183 votes over Democratic incumbent Alice Graham Underhill, the daughter of Jim Graham, elected as the state's agriculture commissioner for 36 years. Unofficial results last week had given Gorman a 182-vote lead.

And in District 17, covering part of the Fayetteville area, a machine recount completed Thursday gave Republican lawyer Bonner Stiller a 169-vote lead over Democratic Rep. David Redwine, a 10-term veteran. Stiller had unofficially led by 163 votes last week.

Results will be certified next week by the state Board of Elections.

Eminem wins MTV Europe awards

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Eminem was the big winner at the MTV Europe Music Awards, taking trophies for best album, best male singer and best hip-hop artist.

Kylie Minogue, Linkin Park and the Red Hot Chili Peppers each won two prizes Thursday night. MTV Europe said the ninth annual show was broadcast to a billion people around the world.

Some 13,000 fans gathered in Barcelona's Palau Sant Jordi arena to see live performances by Eminem, Pink, Christina Aguilera, Robbie Williams and other musicians.

The ceremony offered few surprises because Eminem was the clear pre-show favorite. He performed a selection of his most popular songs to a screaming crowd, but left out the expletives.

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By Jean Littlepage Everett

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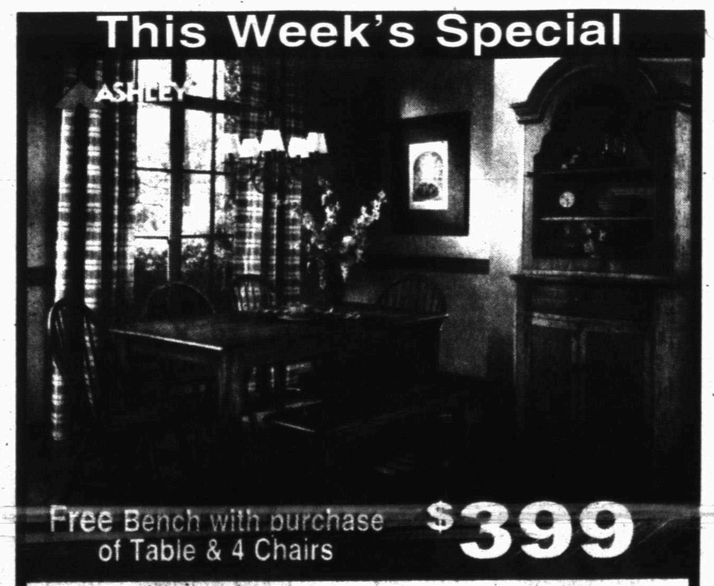

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Big budget deficit looms for California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Facing a budget deficit of more than $20 billion for the second straight year, Gov. Gray Davis and lawmakers will likely have to hike taxes, slash programs or raise college tuitions to fill the gap, an analyst warned.

State revenues are slumping, personal income growth is sluggish and some of the money Davis included in this year's spending plan is not materializing, legislative analyst Elizabeth Hill said Thursday.

Lawmakers will be forced over the next 19 months to fill in a $21.1 billion deficit — one quarter of the state's total general fund budget — and could face $12 billion to $16 billion shortfalls for at least six more years, she said.

"There is no easy way out of this predicament," Hill said.

Remedies may also include cutting spending on schools, which had largely been spared in previous rounds of cuts. Davis has said education spending is his top priority, but the expected drop in revenues automatically decreases the legally required minimum amount of spending for K-12 schools by about $1.9 billion.

On Thursday, Davis called for a meeting next week with the Legislature's four top leaders —the highest ranking Democrat and Republican from each chamber — to discuss the budget.

Davis' financial team is "considering all the options" and knows "we can't do that without reducing or eliminating programs," said Anita Gore, a spokeswoman for the governor's Department of Finance.

Davis will present his budget plan in January, although he may propose midyear cuts earlier, Gore said. She did not rule out tax increases but said Davis will first focus on cutting programs.

Last year, Davis called an emergency session of the Legislature to enact more than $2 billion in midyear cuts. He then signed a $98.9 billion 2002-03 budget on Sept. 5 — a record 67 days late — that cut, borrowed and raised revenues to fill a $23.6 billion gap.

But many, including Hill, predicted continuing deficits and said the governor and Legislature have exhausted quick fixes such as tapping into future funds from a nationwide tobacco settlement.

Weak revenues, a plunge in exports and the decline of the stock market have translated to a $6.1 billion deficit in the current year that could grow to $21.1 billion in the new fiscal year that begins July 1, according to a 39-page report issued by Hill's office.

Davis' current-year budget is out of balance partly because federal funds and savings built into the current spending plan never developed. For instance, a proposal to offer early retirement incentives to state workers derailed after most state departments declined to participate.

Lawmakers must put "everything on the table" to repair the problem, Hill said, which means tax hikes, deep cuts to programs and college tuition increases.

"California policy makers are going to face an enormous challenge," Hill said, adding that Davis should ask lawmakers to make midyear budget cuts.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Woman ready to leave nest but boyfriend refuses to fly

DEAR ABBY: I am 20 years old and have been living with my boyfriend, "Doug," and his dad for the past year. Doug is my best friend, and I'm in love with him.

My problem is I'm ready for us to go out into the world and get our own place, but Doug is not. Lately we have been fighting a lot over little things — but sometimes it's the little things that count.

The three of us live in a one-bedroom apartment. Doug and I have the bedroom, and his dad sleeps in the living room, which means we have to go to bed at night even when we're not ready.

I love to cook and I long for my own kitchen. Not only is there a lack of privacy, but there is no place for me to put all my nice things.

I am ready to grow up and leave the nest, but my boyfriend isn't. His dad gives him money all the time, and we don't pay rent. Doug feels we've got it made. He doesn't understand my desire for independence.

What should I do? I don't want to leave him. Every time we kiss, it's like the first time. — **READY TO GROW UP AND MOVE OUT IN FLORIDA**

DEAR READY: You have some hard choices to make. You may love Doug, but at this point you both want (and need) different things. You have matured and are ready for independence. He is still financially and emotionally dependent on his father. This may be a case of the right person at the wrong time. Please don't put your life on hold waiting for this young man to grow up. It could take a very long time.

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DEAR ABBY: I am embroiled in an awkward situation. A year ago I changed jobs. Within a few weeks I met "Bill," and we became good friends. Six months later, we started dating and eventually began sleeping together.

Now it seems all Bill wants to do is have sex! I have told him that I believe a relationship should be based on more than hopping in the sack, but his response is always that we still do "other stuff," and sex is important to him.

Abby, the only time I see him outside the bedroom is at the office where we keep our relationship strictly professional. He recently got a promotion and is now my boss.

I want to go back to being friends with Bill, but am afraid if I suggest it he'll make my work life miserable. I've tried to distance myself by going out with friends on my days off, but he goes out of his way to make me feel guilty about not being with him.

Abby, right now the situation's getting so bad that I am seriously considering asking for a transfer to our company's other office out of state. I can't afford to quit and look for another position — and besides, I love my job. It accommodates my class schedule at college, and I don't want to change schools in midstream. Please come up with some ideas on how to get out of this mess. Sign me ... **WORK/SEX DON'T MIX, WASHINGTON STATE**

DEAR W/S DON'T MIX: You must get out of there as quickly as you can even if it means changing colleges. Tell your new boss you want that transfer, and if he tries to prevent it, tell the whole story to the human resources department at your company. They should be glad to help you, considering the alternative could be a nasty, embarrassing lawsuit.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my early 30s who is a well-paid professional. I like to think I have a good head on my shoulders and a pleasant personality. A year ago, I met a wonderful man, "Adam." He is younger than I am, but we are compatible and our relationship has deepened. I recently asked him to live with me and offered financial assistance so he could pursue his medical education full-time.

My family is in an uproar! They already disapproved of the fact that Adam is younger than I am. Now they are barely civil to him. He has stopped attending family functions with me. Even when he's not around, they badger me to realize that he's "using me."

I finally confronted my sister and insisted she tell me why the family thinks there is no chance that this man loves me. After some hesitation, the truth came out: They think he's too good-looking for a "plain girl" like me.

I was devastated. I have always known that I'm no beauty, but I was convinced Adam saw beyond that and appreciated my other qualities. I WAS convinced, that is — until now. Abby, what's your take on this? — **HURT AND CONFUSED IN THE LONE STAR STATE**

DEAR HURT AND CONFUSED: Please do not allow your overprotective family to devastate your self-esteem. If Adam has given you no reason to doubt him, only time will tell what the future holds for the two of you. You deserve to be happy and to be respected. Allow no one to destroy that.

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DEAR ABBY: I am the father of a 7-year-old son, "Taylor." His mother, "Gwen," and I had a long-term relationship, but when she became pregnant, neither of us wanted to marry. In our hearts we knew it wouldn't work and we didn't want to subject our son to a broken marriage.

Both Gwen and I have taken our roles as parents seriously. Since his birth, I have supported Taylor financially. Taylor has spent nearly every weekend at my home or my parents' since he was 3. I also spend time with my son during the week — going to the park, to the movies, etc.

I recently became engaged to a woman I'll call Stacey. We want to be married next year and are planning a large wedding. I had hoped to have Taylor serve as our ring bearer. Stacey's niece will be our flower girl.

At first, my son's mother was agreeable to the idea, but now she's against it. Gwen refuses to give me a concrete reason, other than she "doesn't think it's a good idea." She said our son can attend the wedding accompanied by his baby sitter but cannot be a member of the wedding party.

I am angry about this. Stacey says I should calm down and accept the situation. I'm looking to you, Abby. What do you think? — **TAYLOR'S FATHER IN NEW YORK**

DEAR TAYLOR'S FATHER: Listen to your fiancee. She's a wise woman. There is nothing to be gained by starting World War III. It appears that your son's mother resents the fact you are committing your life to another woman. Refusing to allow your young son to be in the wedding is her only way of asserting some control in a situation she cannnot otherwise control.

Although Taylor cannot be your ring bearer, make sure he wears a boutonniere and is present in some of the wedding pictures. It will make him feel a part of the celebration — and that's what's important.

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Congressman and Valley workers uneasy about homeland security

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Major changes are in store for the more than 5,000 federal employees in the Rio Grande Valley if the federal homeland security bill becomes law, said U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortiz.

Ortiz, who voted for the bill when the House passed it Wednesday, categorizes the change as the biggest upheaval of the federal government since World War II.

"All of the federal employees grouped under homeland security in the Valley will be affected," said Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi.

The Senate was expected to pass the measure before it adjourns next week.

If the bill clears the Senate and President Bush approves it, the 22 existing agencies that deal with security will be combined into one federal department, known as the Department of Homeland Security.

The new agency will focus on preventing and fighting terrorism, and would include the U.S. Coast Guard, Transportation Security Administration, Federal Emergency Management and Customs Service, officials said.

The Department of Immigration and Naturalization Services would no longer operate as an independent agency.

The bill also calls for personnel to be classified under two separate entities — one addressing border security, the other serving immigrants.

The Homeland Security Council does not know exactly how the bill will directly affect Valley workers. And neither do the workers, many of whom are feeling uneasy about the changes.

"Some people are nervous and anxious to see what happens because we have been in the dark about it for a while," said Xavier Rios, a supervisory Border Patrol agent for the McAllen sector, which employs nearly 1,450 agents.

"We don't know how it will affect our salaries, or how it will affect union bargaining," he said.

Ortiz said he has the same concerns.

"We can't lose sight of the fact that we have a lot of loyal workers," he said. "We are not about to let them ignore their seniority or civil service protection."

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Fire engines are rarely used in La Paz, Bolivia, because the city is at an elevation of about 12,000 feet. At that altitude, it is difficult for fires to get started because there is less oxygen in the atmosphere.

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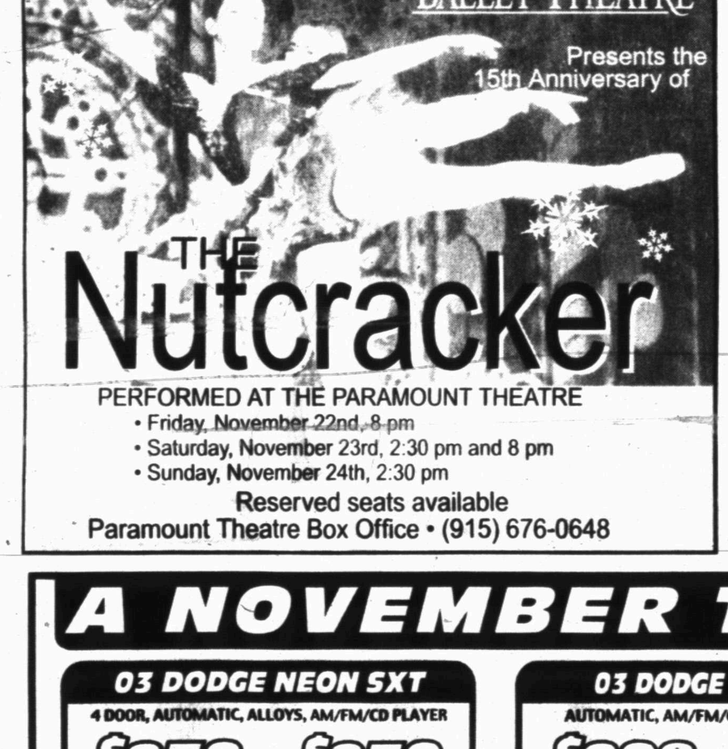

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Pakistani executed for 2 counts of murder

JARRATT, Va. (AP) — A Pakistani man who gunned down two CIA employees outside the agency's headquarters was executed under tight security in Virginia, while armed soldiers patrolled the streets in his hometown in Pakistan to guard against retaliation.

No violence had been reported by Friday evening.

Aimal Khan Kasi, given a lethal injection, softly chanted "There is no God but Allah" until he lost consciousness Thursday night at the Greensville Correctional Center.

His execution focused international attention on the tiny town of Jarratt, where security around the prison was greatly increased in response to warnings from the State Department that his death might put Americans in danger. After Kasi's conviction in 1997, four Americans were shot to death in Karachi, Pakistan.

State troopers accompanied Kasi into the death chamber. Two correctional officers with shotguns stood on each side of the road near the prison entrance, and several armed officers were posted in front of the prison.

Kasi, 38, told The Associated Press last week he had no regrets about the 1993 killings but did not want any retaliation for his execution. Kasi's family near Quetta, Pakistan, also pleaded for calm.

"Kasis are a peaceful tribe. We want peaceful solutions to every problem," said his older brother, Nasibullah Kasi. "We do not want the Kasi name to be used to harm anybody."

Kasi killed CIA communications worker Frank Darling, 28, and CIA analyst and physician Lansing Bennett, 66, as they sat in their cars at a stoplight in McLean. Three other men — another CIA analyst, an engineer and an AT&T employee — were wounded as Kasi shot into a row of stopped cars with a semiautomatic AK-47 rifle.

He fled the country and spent most of the next 41/2 years hiding in and around the city of Kandahar in southern Afghanistan. He was caught in a hotel while visiting Pakistan in 1997 and was returned to the United States.

Kasi confessed to the slayings during the return flight, saying he was angry over CIA meddling in Muslim nations.

One of the prosecutors who helped convict Kasi witnessed the execution.

"I'm satisfied that justice was done," said Raymond F. Morrogh, Fairfax County chief deputy commonwealth attorney.

Also present for the execution was FBI agent Brad Garrett, who was on the investigative team that found Kasi in Pakistan.

Garrett told CBS' "Early Show" Friday that he agreed to come to the execution because Kasi had asked him, adding that talking to suspects was part of his job as an agent. "Was Mr. Kasi an interesting person to deal with? Absolutely. Did he have a bad side and a good side? Absolutely."

He said Kasi felt somewhat apologetic toward victims' relatives but was "not remorseful about the act itself." He also said he was inclined to believe Kasi's claim that he acted alone.

Kasi spent Thursday in a cell a few feet from Virginia's death chamber. He met with two of his brothers, his attorneys and his spiritual adviser, corrections spokesman Larry Traylor said.

For his last meal, he requested fried rice, bananas, boiled eggs and wheat bread, Traylor said.

No family members of the victims attended the execution.

About 80 death penalty opponents held a candlelight vigil in a field near the prison. Bundled against the cold, they read the names of the 87 people Virginia has executed since capital punishment was reinstated in 1982, along with their victims. A Muslim cleric read a prayer in English and Arabic.

Hours before the execution, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal and Gov. Mark R. Warner denied a request for clemency, saying Kasi had "shown absolutely no remorse for his actions."

Some Pakistani politicians pleaded with American officials to spare Kasi's life, saying commutation could "win the hearts of millions" and help the United States in its war on terrorism. Hundreds of religious students protested in Pakistan this week, warning Americans there that they would not be safe if Kasi was executed.

In Kasi's hometown of Quetta on Friday, an extra 2,000 heavily armed paramilitary troops patrolled the streets.

The family of Judy Becker-Darling, widow of Frank Darling, hoped for calm.

"We will spend time in prayer for Kasi, that God will have mercy on his soul, for his family, that there be no terrorism reprisal, and for world peace," the family said in a statement.

Footprints cemented

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Barbie has cemented her Hollywood reputation.

Barbara "Barbie" Handler, the grown daughter of Barbie creator Ruth Handler, celebrated the toy franchise's latest computer-animated movie by dunking the doll's feet into a concrete pad at a ceremony Wednesday outside Hollywood's Egyptian Theatre.

The event was designed to publicize "Barbie as Rapunzel," a direct-to-video release featuring the plastic figurine in the classic fairy tale about a princess with very long hair. The film is a follow-up to the video title "Barbie in the Nutcracker."

Public Records

Marriage License

Ricky Ray Ferman Deolloz and Patricia Rodriguez, both of Snyder.

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Action in District Court

Joe Walker, Ramona Walker and Bill Eiland vs. Carlton Abram Robinson Jr. and J.B. Hunter Transport Inc., agreed order of non-suit with prejudice.

In the marriage of Sherry Leesa Thompson and David Lawrence Thompson divorce granted.

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Sterling Dale and Teressa M. Williams to Copal Investments, the south 50 feet of Lot 4, Block 5, Lundy's Park Addition.

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West Texas State Bank to James R. Sparlin, a 150x111-foot tract out of Lot 3, Block 26 of the Blankenship Addition.

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Sandy Alvarado, Martin Carrillo, Felipe Carrillo, Tina Soliz, Oralia Garcia, Jessie Carrillo, Alice Carrillo, Seferino Carrillo and Celia Garcia to John Carrillo, Lot 5 in Block 1 of the Parkway Addition, 1st Section.

Judge sentences stepmother to 40 years

LONGVIEW (AP) — A 24-year-old woman was sentenced to 40 years in jail for kicking to death her 2-year-old stepson.

Jennifer Lynn Yandle pleaded guilty to murder this week.

"The crime you committed is as despicable as any crime can be — the murder of an innocent child," state district Judge Alvin Khoury said Thursday. "I'd like to give you more (years) than I'm going to give you."

Thomas "J.T." McGregor died July 19 at the home Yandle shared with the toddler's father and her two daughters, ages 8 months and 2 years.

Yandle, who is pregnant, called paramedics to the home after the boy collapsed. Police say she admitted kicking the boy after a medical examination showed he died of damage to his liver.

Her daughters are in foster homes on the recommendation of Child Protective Services.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Keratoses are common

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have dark, raised, brown lesions on my back and neck that come and go. They either fall off or are rubbed off. What causes them, and how can I get rid of them without surgery?

DEAR READER: I believe that you are describing seborrheic keratoses, which are oily, irregular, brown or gray patches on the skin. They are usually age-related, inherited and harmless, but are a cosmetic nuisance that can be easily removed by a surgeon or dermatologist in the office. See either for confirmation of the diagnosis.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 40, in good shape and healthy. Yet I am often awakened, when sleeping at night, by pain and tingling in my right hand. It also feels swollen, which is not the case. I can usually bring back the feeling in it by shaking my hand for about three minutes. Then I fall back asleep. However, the symptom is annoying. What could I have? My father, an Emergency Medical Technician for the Fire Department, thinks that I have carpal tunnel syndrome.

DEAR READER: He is probably correct. But also consider other possibilities.

Your symptoms could be the consequence of thoracic outlet syndrome, a kinking of the artery to your arm, which causes numbness and tingling when the arm is held in certain positions, such as being flexed under the head during sleep.

Cervical radiculopathy, a pinched nerve in the neck, is another possibility. This is usually the result of a herniated disc that presses on a nerve. For obvious reasons, this is a potentially serious condition, because if the pressure on the nerve is not relieved, permanent damage may result with handicap, weakness and discomfort.

Finally, you could, indeed, have carpal tunnel syndrome, a common disorder caused by compression of a nerve at the wrist, leading to pain and numbness when the head and arm are in certain positions. This syndrome is frequently associated with repetitive acts, such as working at a computer keyboard for extended periods. It is not inherited.

The most satisfactory treatment for these disorders is surgery — to remove the kink, repair the disc and release the compression. I am well aware that most practitioners are inclined to try a course of physiotherapy before recommending surgery, but — in my experience — this is really just a stop-gap measure that rarely results in significant, long-term benefit.

In any case, you should be examined and tested by a neurologist who will probably order several studies, including a nerve conduction evaluation, to identify the location and extent of the nerve compression.

Following this, he can refer you to the proper surgical specialist for definitive treatment.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a healthy mother, age 40, who sometimes struggles to find words when I am speaking. I'll be talking and suddenly some normal word will be at the tip of my tongue, but I just can't get it out! I'll tell my children to go upstairs and shower, but the word "shower" just won't come out, and I'm left saying: "Go take a...a...a...." Or I'll be trying to say: "I've got to run to the store to pick up some bread" and I'll get stuck on the words "store" or "bread," trying desperately to dig them out of my mind. While I do eventually get it out, it's only after a lengthy pause during which my mind races through a number of connections before I can pull it out. I also find myself regularly walking into a room — and suddenly, not remembering why I went there.

Sure, all these things are normal and happen to everyone occasionally, but they are happening to me more frequently. I "lose" words several times a day and forget why I went downstairs or into the kitchen at least a few times a week. This tendency is becoming more evident to other people; I struggle so often for words that my family and friends comment on it and are concerned.

I've been taking Wellbutrin for about eight months. The medicine has certainly helped my depression, put me in better control of my emotions and enabled me to deal more effectively with life stresses. Could my word problem be a side effect of the Wellbutrin? Confusion is among the listed potential side effects, but I'm not sure that I could be characterized as being confused. Could this be an early sign of a neurological disorder, such as Alzheimer's disease? Should I see a doctor and, if so, what kind?

DEAR READER: The last time I was struck by the side effects of Wellbutrin was a year or two ago when a patient on Zyban (which is Wellbutrin used for smoking cessation) ran his car off the road because he became confused. Since that event (which, fortunately, did not injure him), I have had a renewed respect for the complications of anti-depressant medications.

So, in answer to your question, yes, the medicine may be affecting your memory and powers of recall. However, your symptoms could also be secondary to an unrelated neurological disorder. Therefore, my advice to you is to make an appointment to see a neurologist.

In my community, the neurologists are so busy that they cannot see non-emergency new patients right away; there is a four to six week waiting period. If this is true in your town, it may work in your favor and save you a lot of money. When you make the appointment, immediately taper your Wellbutrin: go to alternate day therapy for a week, then one dose every three days for one week, followed by one dose twice a week and then stop. If your word problems disappear, you've got your answer: The Wellbutrin is the culprit. You should stay off it and work with your primary care physician or psychiatrist to find an appropriate substitute.

If, on the other hand, your symptoms persist after stopping the drug, keep your appointment with the neurologist. Hint: I doubt this will be necessary. I put my money on the Wellbutrin.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: After 20 years of working on my feet, the muscles in my legs have begun to hurt. Over-the-counter meds don't help much. My friends tell me to try glucosamine/chondroitin. What are your thoughts?

DEAR READER: This health food product is marketed to help rejuvenate age-related joint disorders and, in some cases, it appears to help. However, it is not appropriate therapy for muscle ailments.

I suggest that you discuss this with your family physician, because you could have an affliction, such as Lyme disease or polymyalgia, that should be treated with more conventional therapy. Also, recent reports have confirmed that the purity and consistency of the product varies considerably.

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Letters to the editor

Company G reunion

Dear Editor:

Recently, my wife, Sarah, our daughter Linda Haggard and I attended a Company G reunion at the Willow Park Inn at Snyder. There were about 39 attending the reunion. Those attending were from several different states.

There were several wives, daughters, sons-in-law, and grandsons attending. There were five of the original men there that started out with Company G when the Company G mobilized in 1940 at Snyder and four others that were added to the company later.

Wernette Smith worked hard with some help from K.O.Pitner to organize the reunion. Everyone really had a good time and it was decided that we would meet again one more time which will be the 30th year since the reunion was first started. Many have passed on since the reunion was organized.

A few years ago we would have had more than 100 attending the reunion. I remember those days very well in 1940 when the company mobilized. I was 20 years old and had just bought a 1934 Ford so I joined the National Guard to help make the $ 15.00 a month payments. I made the payments and still had the car when my wife, Sarah , and I got married in 1942.

Four of us original men who mobilized with Company G left the Company and went into the Air Force, but were still considered a part of Company G.

Welton Bentley
Fort Worth

God's Word for everyone

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to David Bradshaw's letter to the editor in which he said, "I personally do not understand how a Christian could vote Democrat. It says in the Word, Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew, and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee."

Believe it or not, there is a large percent of Democrats who are proud to call themselves Christians. I am one of them. The Holy Word of God speaks to more than just abortion. It speaks to the love and kindness we should show all men, women and children; it speaks to God's desire that the weak, poor and widowed be taken care of and it speaks to the fact that Jesus did not turn away from sinners, but he helped them.

There are many citizens of this great state who consider themselves Republicans, mainly because of religion. The Republicans have done a wonderful job of saying they are the "Christian Party." But do they practice what they preach? During my recent campaign for state representative, the only individuals that were rude and hateful to me were Republican men. Those wonderful Christian's made it a point of being verbally rude, hateful and even chased me down to give back a push card I left at a house. Now I ask you, how Christian is that?

Believe it or not, there is such a thing as a conservative Democrat. Charlie Stenholm is one and I myself am one. I believe that abortion is a moral sin, but believe it is between God and the sinner. I believe that gay's should not be banned from the military until the adulterers are also banned. I do not believe in same sex marriages and believe that homosexuality is a sin, but have also known homosexuals who are kind and loving people. Their fate is in God's hands, not mine. I also believe in the right to bear arms and scored an "A" on the NRA test.

Anyone who calls themselves a Republican or Democrat might want to first go to the party's web site and read the platform of that party, then decide for themselves if that is the party they want to affiliate with (texasgop.org and txdemocrats.org). Many will be surprised at what they learn. I am proud to call myself a Democrat because I believe in helping others, ensuring everyone's rights and needs are met and because I love this great nation.

P.S. It is possible to be a small business owner and be a Democrat, because I am one!

Jeri Slone

Avoid subject

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the SDN for printing my letter last week. I feel as though I left something out.

A lot of Democrats also support or avoid the subject of homosexuality, which in today's society, it is accepted and frowned upon when someone voices opposition.

Lev. 20:13 states: If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination, they shall surely be put to death, their blood shall be upon them.

God not only says it is wrong, but stresses the fact of death. I wonder if HIV has anything to do with that?

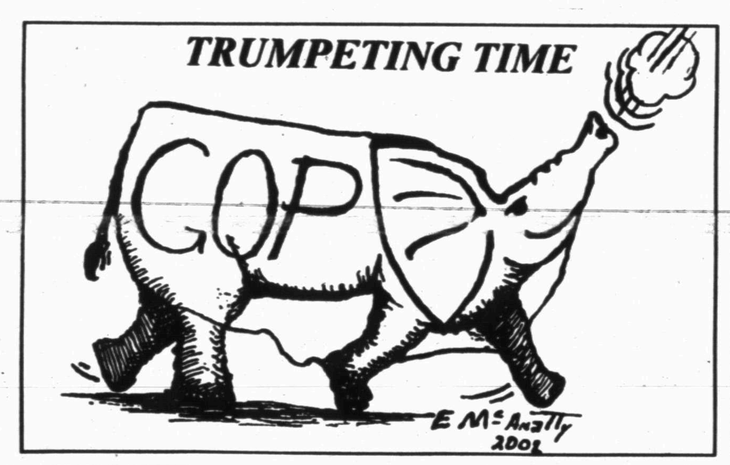
It also seems as if the saga continues since I heard last night on Channel 9 that another race was overturned. My sympathy to the people who thought they had a chance to serve our community.

David Bradshaw

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2002.

Snyder ISD	11
DCOS	9
Scurry County	8
City of Snyder	4
Hermleigh ISD	3
WTC	3
Cogdell Hospital	2
Ira ISD	2



The Village Idiot by Jim Mullen

I confess: I am a big phony

Everyday it seems that the telephone company comes up with some new service designed specifically to get more money out of me. They know I'll buy anything — Call Waiting, Caller ID, Call Forwarding, Conference Calling, Automatic Redial and Speed Dialing — I've got it all.

And I wonder, how did I ever live without them? Oh yeah, I forgot, I've never made a conference call in my life. I've never forwarded a call to anyone. Haven't got a clue as to how I would go about it. Somebody's Caller ID would probably block it anyway. But it's a great comfort to know I could forward a call if I wanted to. I could have used the Automatic Redial last month when I called my sister, but I forgot I had it. It turns out she had Automatic Missed Call and got back to me right away, so it all worked out in the end.

The phone company says a lot of these services are free. My basic bill is $24 a month. It used to be $18. But the extras are free. Or $6 a month, depending on whose normal acceptable accounting practices you use. If they can get 200 million customers to spend another 75 cents a month for some new service, their CEO can buy an even bigger mansion and get his company to pay for a Manhattan apartment he can live in for free for the rest of his life even after he's left the company. Or they could lower your bill. Which one will happen first do you think?

With that much money out there, they're working on new services even as you read this. Soon you'll be offered things like:

— "Caller Drop." Unlike Call Waiting, there is no annoying beep while you're on the phone. It electronically hangs up on whomever you are talking to and lets the next caller through. You don't have to say, "I'll get back to you," or "Let me take this call." It gets rid of the first call automatically for only an extra dollar a month. If you want only your most important calls dropped and at the worst possible time, ask for Caller Drop Extra.

— "Just Checking." Phone hasn't rung in quite a while? Why worry that it may not be working, that you may be missing important calls. For pennies a day (150 of them), they will automatically ring your phone at random times up to 10 times each 24 hours to make sure your bell is working. Add $2 a month to block "Just Checking" between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

— Who Needs Enemies With Friends Like This Plan. Give the phone company the names of five people you really don't like and they'll have their most obnoxious telemarketer call them three times a day for a solid month. Be sure to tell them what time your "friends" eat dinner and what time they'll usually be in bed so they can make sure to call them at the most inconvenient time. For an extra monthly charge, they'll give their phone number to both major political parties and the local public television station and tell them your "friends" have made phone contributions before.

— "Wrong Number Speed Dialing." Stop wasting your time dialing random wrong numbers. Dial *55 and let the phone company dial a wrong number for you. It's easy, it's simple and best yet, use Wrong Number Speed Dialing during off-peak hours and you'll get the biggest savings. Use it often and save.

Jim Mullen is the author of "It Takes A Village Idiot: A Memoir of Life After the City" (Simon and Schuster, 2001). He also contributes regularly to Entertainment Weekly, where he can be reached at jim_mullen@ew.com

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

Keep college costs down

The cost of attending public colleges and universities continues to increase year after year, at a clip far exceeding the rate of inflation.

The average hike in tuition and fees at four-year public colleges and universities increased 9.6 percent this year, according to a recent report by the College Board. The price of attending two-year colleges shot up by 7.9 percent this year.

College officials contend that schools are suffering from a combination of reduced government funding and exhausted endowments. Meanwhile, in many states such as Texas, enrollments grow larger each year putting more and more strain on aging buildings and infrastructure.

University of Texas officials earlier this year decided to kill a plan for a record increase in student fees to pay for the repair and construction of needed infrastructure after Attorney General John Cornyn issued a legal opinion that UT interpreted law to mean it could not use the fee to pay for new construction.

UT officials are expected to ask the Legislature next year for the power to increase the university's tuition independently of other state schools. All state universities are currently limited to charging $44 per semester credit hour for tuition.

Obviously, the state's budget will be stressed next year and significant increases in appropriations for UT and other state colleges and universities is problematical. The slide in the market has also reduced available funds from the state's Public University Fund and other university endowments.

Austin American-Statesman

Lobbyists scramble to beat deadline

One of the more unseemly aspects of Texas government is the "late train" rush of lobbyists paying off the campaign debts, or adding to the treasuries, of election winners.

It is barely one step removed from an auction. The election winners eagerly hold out their hands seeking money from special interests that are seeking help from them during the upcoming Legislative session. The biggest contributions often come from groups that backed the loser in the election and now have to make up ground.

Those groups boarded the wrong train during the campaign season. They went with the loser, who never pulled out of the station. To make up for that error in judgment, the lobbyists now have to purchase an expensive ticket from the winner before the window closes Dec. 14 — when officeholders can no longer accept campaign contributions.

The late train effect is an odious example of buying political favors. It's hard to say which is more disagreeable: the lobby's naked attempt to curry favor with a sizable check or the winners insisting that the lobby give as much to them as they gave to their opponents if they expect any help during the next session.

In both cases, it is buying and selling influence. And it is certain that the lobby, whose members will be painfully paying through the nose for the next month, cannot wait until the contribution deadline arrives. Being on the losing end of the election is an expensive proposition for them.

Austin will see many fund-raisers, receptions, lunches and dinners in the coming weeks, as the buying and selling goes into high gear. This year's election was the most expensive in Texas history, and it will take millions of dollars to pay off the debt.

Officeholders will protest that it insults their integrity to suggest that this late contribution season is barter rather than appreciation. Sorry, but anyone who has watched politics in Texas for long understands that what is going on is more kin to an auction than admiration.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Veterans' disgrace

When the United States goes to battle at the direction of the president — and with Congress' blessing — thousands of Americans decked out in government-issued camouflage and khaki are the ones who do the fighting and the bleeding and the dying.

Many of the men and women who stand ready to answer their country's call to arms are career military, "lifers" who don't just sign up for one tour but sign on for the long haul.

The very least their country can do in return is to make sure that those who suffer service-related disabilities receive compensation for their commitment. And yet, under current law, service-disabled retirees — people who dedicate 20 years or more to their country — must surrender a portion of their retirement pay if they want to receive the disability compensation to which they are entitled.

That is a national disgrace. But it gets worse.

Nationally, more than 400,000 military retirees have to give up a dollar of their retirement pay for every dollar of disability compensation they receive — something that no other federal retiree must do.

An illustration: Two men enlist in the Army and are wounded in battle. One does his four-year stint, joins a federal agency as a civilian employee and retires after 30 years. The other becomes a lifer, putting in 30 years wearing a uniform with Old Glory on the sleeve. Both receive federal longevity pay at retirement, and both are eligible for VA disability based on the injuries sustained while in the Army.

The difference is that in order to get his disability, the lifer has to forfeit an equal amount of his retirement pay, while the four-and-out guy collects the full amount of both benefits.

San Antonio Express-News

Craddick in charge

With state Rep. Tom Craddick's announcement that he has enough pledges to be elected House speaker, the GOP has won it all in Texas politics.

The Midland Republican's rise, and outgoing Democratic House Speaker Pete Laney's fall, came as Texas voters gave Republicans a majority in the House for the first time in more than 100 years.

The development was inevitable. All statewide offices have been in the hands of Republicans, and the GOP won a majority of the Texas Senate a few years ago. The House was the last Democratic toehold.

Notably, the Senate has remained a largely nonpartisan body. Lieutenant governors, who preside over the Senate, have appointed members of both parties to key committee posts and shared the power.

Laney has a history of giving Republicans key appointments as well.

The benefits of keeping the Texas Legislature nonpartisan are obvious. State lawmakers take care of business and have avoided the rancorous gridlock that plagues Washington.

At one time, numerous Republicans were opposed to Craddick because they feared he was too partisan and extreme.

But efforts to build a bipartisan coalition to elect another Republican failed.

The presumptive speaker's friends say he will run the House in a fair, bipartisan manner.

WTC News
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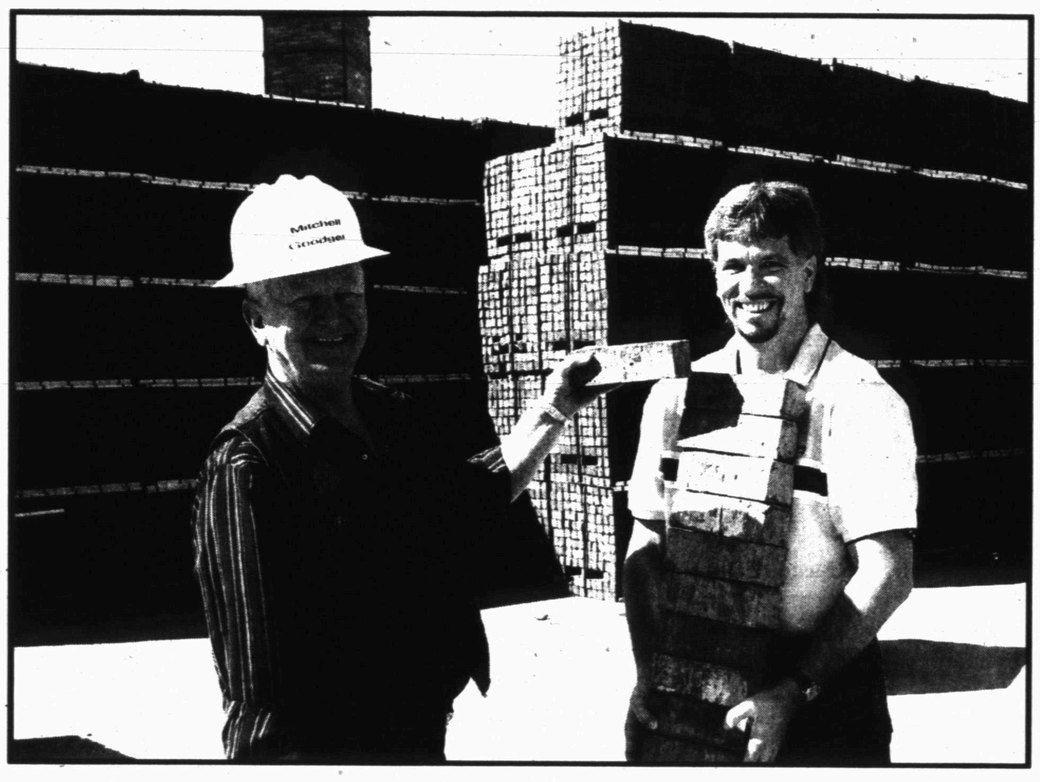


Mitchell Goodger, of Snyder Brick and Tile, loads up Dave Hanes, WTC's Home Run Club President, with brick to be utilized for the WTC Sports Complex. Snyder Brick and Tile will be donating $4000 worth of brick for the project. (WTC Photo)

Jeffrey Martin, American State Bank branch President, and Shawn Ragland, West Texas State Bank Vice President, recently presented Dr. Greg Williams with a check for $4000 towards a $10,000 pledge from each bank given towards WTC Sports Programs. (WTC Photo)

Getting to Know You

Dr. Jim Palmer- Hired August 17, 1971

What led you to WTC:

My wife's parents live in Colorado City. I was an instructor at Sul Ross State University on a leave of absence to complete my PhD at the University of Oklahoma. We came to Colorado City to celebrate Christmas with my wife's family. My mother-in-law told me about the college being created here in Snyder and encouraged me to come over and check into the possibility of being employed here. I think she was concerned that I had already taken her daughter off to Oklahoma and from there may move to no-telling where.

I came for the initial visit unannounced, expecting to make my mother-in-law happy and nothing else. It worked out that I met both Dr. Brock and Dr. Clinton on this initial visit and was so impressed by both of them, especially Dr. Clinton's vision of what type of instruction was going to be created here and all his innovative ideas, that I decided to get a little more serious about the application process.

I had ties to this area already. My parents had lived in Snyder for a few years after I left to go to college. I had worked for Sun Pipeline Company and Holder Brothers' Construction company during the summers and Christmas vacation so I knew a little about Snyder and what I knew I liked. The closer I looked the more I was impressed with both the prospects of the college and the community. Evidently Drs Brock and Clinton felt the same way about me and made me a job offer that exceeded in pay what I was being paid at Sul Ross. I pleased my wife, my wife's parents and myself when I accepted the position here and I have never regretted having done so.

Where do you go from here:

I am not planning on going anywhere for a few years. I enjoy what I do and feel that this is what I am supposed to be doing with my life at this time. After that I suspect I will retire.

I have considered several options. Maybe doing some financial consulting work, do a lot of traveling and commit significantly more of my time to mission work and other activities involving sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ at home and around the world.

Most Memorable Moment:

Possibly the most memorable was seeing my wife, adorned in her bridal attire, coming down the aisle toward me during our wedding ceremony. She was so beautiful, so radiant and about a third of the way down the aisle she stopped. I thought, "Oh, no!, she is backing out on me!" Her train had caught under one of the church pews and she was waiting for someone to "free" her so she could continue on. That was definitely a memorable moment.

Hardest decision you've ever made:

I think of several, but for this moment I would say the decision to go back to the University of Oklahoma full time to complete my doctorate degree. It was difficult for me and even more difficult for my wife who had to support me during that time. She never hesitated, but was always fully supportive.

Favorite Book:

I have so many that it is difficult to say just one. As a young man, Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations* greatly influenced my life. Others that have greatly influenced me in recent years are: C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*; Phillip Yancey, *What's So Amazing About Grace* and *The Jesus I Never Knew*; Max Lucado, *The Applause of Heaven, In The Grip of Grace, Traveling Light* and several others.

Favorite Movie:

Probably *High Noon*, though there are others that I like as well.

Favorite spare time activity:

Traveling and doing mission work, especially in Brazil; reading; gardening; watching football

Names of family members:

Wife: Patti Sue Harrison Palmer; Son: James Kirkland "J.K." Palmer, Son: Joshua Bronson "Josh" Palmer

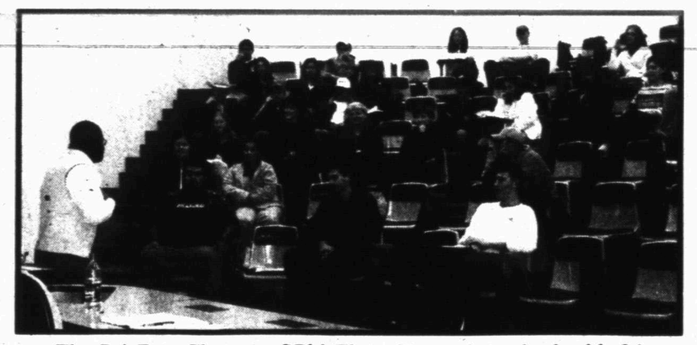
If you could spend an hour talking to any person living or dead, who would it be:

I am assuming that this is a conversation where the person would be seen as well as heard in a face-to-face meeting. If this assumption is correct the answer is easy, Jesus the Christ. In a sense I already talk with Him, so it could be that I am already accomplishing this.

Should I be required to select someone who is not deity, I would probably select my dad who has been deceased for thirty-four years. There are so many things I would like to tell him that I didn't tell him when he was alive. After that, probably Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Indians, a great hero of American history.

The audience received a real treat last Friday night when WTC's "Applaud the Arts" program, along with the Texas Commission on the Arts hosted a performance by the Lone Star Brass Quintet November 8 at 7:30 pm in the Fine Arts Theatre.

This year, the Lone Star Brass is celebrating its twentieth season! Twenty years of performing, touring, recording, and presenting countless educational programs. The Lone Star Brass has toured extensively throughout the United States. The quintet's members are principal musicians in the Midland/Odessa Symphony & Chorale. Members of the Lone Star Brass have performed with recognized national and international orchestras, and have performed as soloists in a variety of venues. Committed to education, they have conducted master classes at colleges and universities and given countless children's performances around the country. (WTC Photos)



The Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa hosted a health fair on campus Tuesday with sessions on cancer awareness, stress management, and genetics. The panel on cancer survival included Carol Haynes, Troy Lilly, Margaret Presswood, Vicky Rowland, and Janet Wesson; WTC science instructor, Sue Freemyer, conducted a PowerPoint presentation on genetics; and Roderick McDaniel, from Amarillo, offered a session on stress management. During the afternoon, over 170 local 5th graders met in the WTC gym for a presentation on health issues. (WTC Photo)

Interested in Becoming a Public School Teacher?

Texas will need over 82,000 new teachers by 2008. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects teaching as one of the fastest growing occupations over the next 5-10 years and beyond, with demand and growth continuing to increase.

In addition to signing bonuses of up to $3,000, Texas teachers just received a $3,000 pay increase - the highest across the board increase nationwide - raising the average teacher salary to $38,857. Special programs and incentives are available to help people become and remain teachers.

Are you a recent college graduate? A mid-career changer? A teacher from another state or country? Someone who does not yet have a college degree? There are many ways to become a teacher.

Area residents will have the opportunity to learn about the UTPB Teacher Certification Programs next Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30PM in the WTC Fine Arts Theatre. Dr. Pete Ienatsch, UTPB Dean of the College of Education will be on hand to review the requirements of their certification programs and to answer questions about the possibility of obtaining coursework in Snyder.

Students in the UTPB teacher education program receive their Bachelor's degree in one of the arts, sciences, or humanities while fulfilling Texas State Board for Education Certification requirements. Most elementary education students complete a major and a minor, while secondary education students generally complete a major and 24 hours in a second teaching field. Students who already hold a Bachelor's degree may be eligible to pursue post-Baccalaureate certificate.

For further information about the UTPB Teacher Certification Programs, please contact the WTC Vocational Instruction Division at (915) 573-8511 ext 250.

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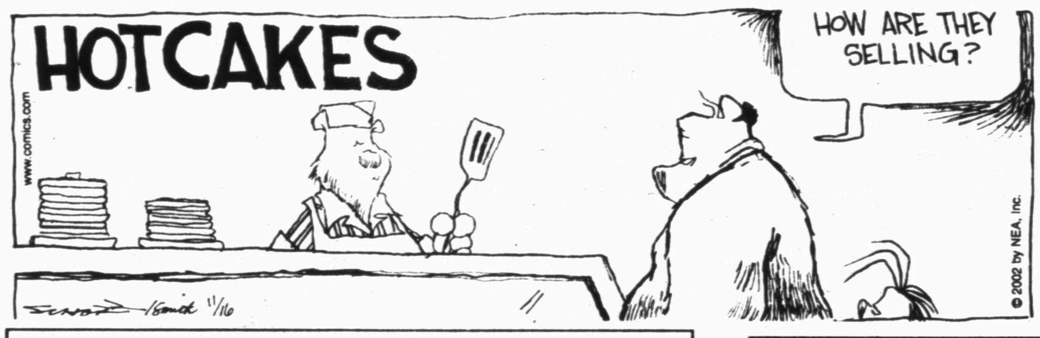

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 — Gustav Jung
5 Hero sandwich
8 Far East maid
12 Opera song
13 Sean Lennon's mom
14 Cycle
15 Frilly
16 Occasional
18 String tie
20 LL.D. holder
21 Pen contents
22 Geronimo's warriors
25 Puppet-maker — Baird
28 Types
29 Off-road vehicles
33 Spring blooms
35 Hull part
36 Large book
37 Make
39 Break
40 Faint glow
42 In style
43 Antique photograph
46 Part of LAX
49 PC acronym
50 Waste material
53 Pear-shaped fruits
56 Gauge
58 Speak hoarsely
59 Clairvoyance
60 Advantage
61 Baseball's Moises —
62 Pig's abode
63 Take a siesta

DOWN

1 Ripken of baseball
2 Sheik, usually
3 "Little Caesar" role
4 Derek & The Dominos tune
5 Plea at sea
6 Empty out
7 Kiosks
8 Middle Eastern garb
9 Long skirt
10 Similar
11 Mild expletive
17 Hwy.
19 Mayberry kid
23 Pacino and Unser
24 Rice wine
25 Fragments
26 Press
27 Peru's capital
30 Coach's charge
31 Nix
32 Toboggan
34 Fall mo.
37 Weep
38 Emulates Ice-T
40 Battery posts
41 Level best
44 Keogh relative
45 Adviser
48 Zhivago's beloved
47 Squashed circle
48 Mediocre (hyph.)
51 Helper
52 Jokes
54 PC "brain"
55 Undercover agent
57 Permit

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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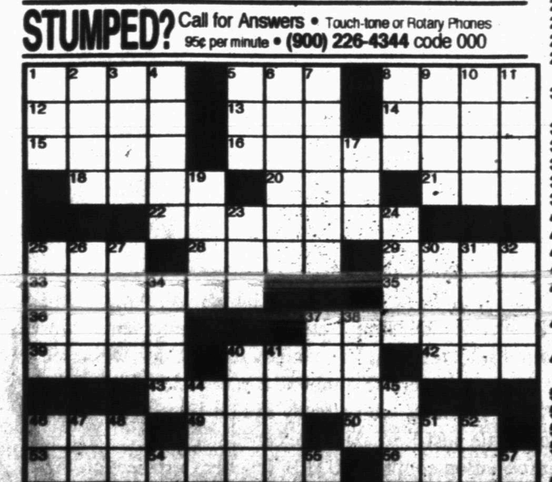

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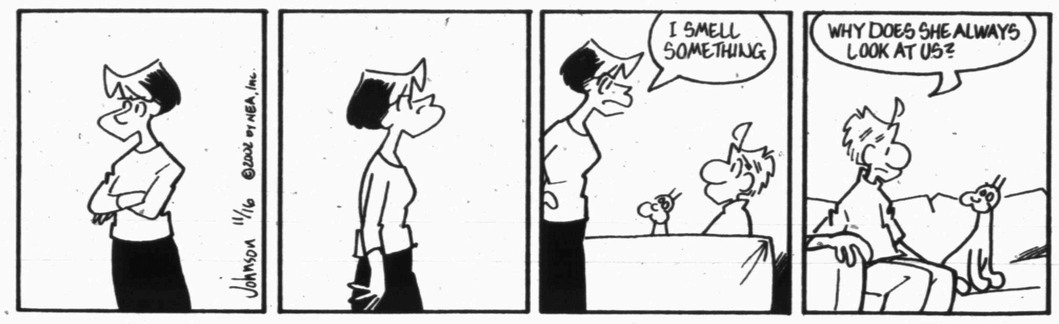

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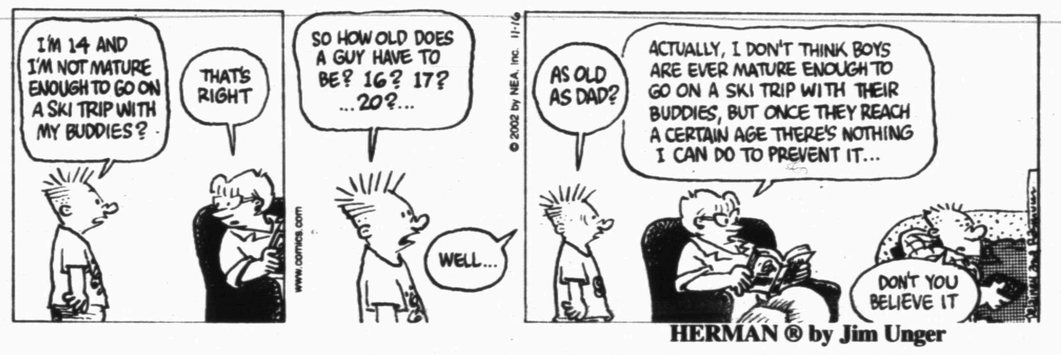

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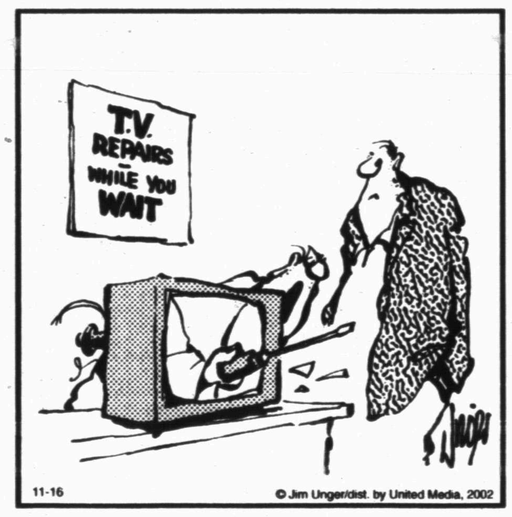

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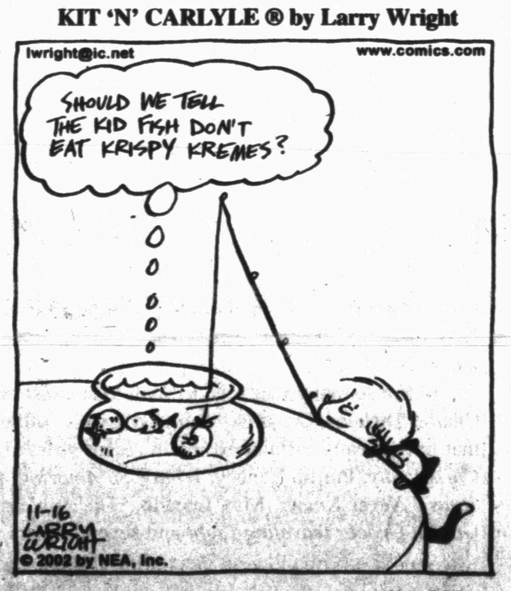

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Your Birthday

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002

Don't start taking for granted all the good things you find yourself enjoying in the year ahead, because it could make you complacent. Capitalize on your opportunities; don't waste them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Use your intensity today to show love and appreciation to your spouse or those with whom you share your day. Do not use it to bellyache, lament or grumble about everything. It's your choice as to what kind of day you'll have. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astrograph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astrograph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you expect others to drop what they're doing today in order to help you sort out your affairs, you'll be in for a lot of disappointment. Everybody has their own troubles to handle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Enjoy your friends for what they are and not for what they can do for you today. If you feel inclined to cut a deal, save it for your business affairs and contacts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Pretext doesn't become you today, so don't attempt to put on airs by exaggerating your accomplishments, talents or abilities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It may be one of those days where it will be all too easy to throw a pity party for yourself. If you catch yourself whining or sniveling, force yourself out of it by smiling and laughing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A companion may instigate a situation today that will necessitate using some of your resources should you choose to participate. If you have even the slightest doubt, don't get involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Insincerity will be easily perceived today, so don't try to pull the wool over someone's eyes in order to get what you want. You'll get further with others if you simply tell them what you need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Lethargy could be the biggest hurdle to get past today if you have any hope of being productive. However, if you think you need a day of rest, don't play games with yourself, just take it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The social scene could be a critical area for you today, so if you plan on doing any socializing, watch your behavior, dress discretely and take extra care not to hurt anyone's feelings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It is not a wise tactic today to overindulge those in your charge just to get them out of your hair. Spoiling them now could create unreasonable expectations from them later.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You might be far more sensitive today for your own good. Don't blow things out of proportion or take everything personally. The only person hurting you is yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It's well and good to get involved with a person who can afford to have expensive taste, but take care not to try to keep up with his/her spending. Live within your own budget.

Monday, Nov. 18, 2002

In the year ahead it will behoove you to participate in involvements where you can display your talents and skills. These might be through organizational affiliations where constructive contacts can be made.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be careful to whom you go for advice today if you truly are in need of an objective observer. Persons who are fond of you may be inclined to tell you what you'd like to hear and not the truth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You may have to deal with some strong inclinations to overindulge today when temptation beckons. Abide by good common-sense health habits. They won't steer you wrong.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It could prove costly once again if you are taken in by someone who you know from past experience tends to over exaggerate the worth of an enterprise. No matter how tempting, check it out first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Although you normally possess pretty good judgment, today could be a different story. Talk all critical matters over with those in the know before making any permanent decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — In order to expedite a situation that you want rolling, you might be easily influenced by someone today who claims to be able to help you. This person could really muddle the endeavor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be on your toes and don't treat today's events indifferently. If you do, several opportunities could slip through your fingers, with one being of a financial nature that you could have used.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Results will be far beneath your expectations today if you allow important matters that affect you to be guided by associates. They'll do what's best for them, but not necessarily for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The secret to your success today is to be both a visionary and a doer. Great ideas will count for little if you leave them to rot. Take positive measures to implement them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — That great big balloon of unrealistic hopes and promises you've concocted can't fly on hot air. It takes a cool head not to expect more from developments today than conditions warrant.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You're naturally lucky, but today is not one of those days when Lady Luck will either help or bail you out, especially in career involvements. Rely totally on hard work and your own abilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If, after mulling things over in your mind they don't compute, chances are they are not going to work out in the real world. Don't allow wishful thinking to govern your actions today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Just because something is well packaged doesn't necessarily mean it contains something of substance. Be careful today that you're not taken in by the glitter and overlook the value.

Major changes are ahead for Scorpio in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167 Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Teacher, students wrestle gunman to ground

SCURRY (AP) — A shotgun-wielding man believed to be a former student threatened a rural East Texas high school until students and a teacher wrestled him to the ground Friday morning, authorities said.

The 20-year-old man went into the school office and ordered students into the school cafeteria at about 8:30 a.m. at Scurry-Rosser High School, about 30 miles southeast of Dallas, said Principal Larry Sneed.

The man reportedly began pouring gasoline on the floor. Students then jumped him and subdued him.

"He did not say a word, didn't really look at anybody," said Courtney Robertson, a junior at the high school. "Everybody was crying, it was horrible. We thought we were all going to die."

Robertson said a teacher and Principal Larry Sneed slowly walked up to the man and grabbed the gun, then wrestled him to the floor.

"I shoved the barrel up toward the air," Sneed said. "I got it around his neck so I could hold him and a couple of football players and teachers came up and we got the weapon secured. He never said a word."

A Kaufman County Sheriff's Office dispatcher said the man was in custody.

Sneed, who said the man was a former student, dismissed classes for the day.

"From what I understand he was a former student. I've been here two years I did not know him. Supposedly he made a statement he was looking for a former principal that was here. When he was told he wasn't here he turned around and walked out of the office and started squirting gasoline down the hallway of the school," Sneed said.

Sneed said the suspect claimed he had planted bombs in the area. Police were sweeping schools looking for evidence of bombs.

School district superintendent Steve Nash said no bombs had been found.

The school has an enrollment of about 220 students.

Trump to invest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A West Coast Trump Tower?

Billionaire real estate developer Donald Trump hinted that he may be interested in buying another piece of property in Southern California after investing in a beleaguered oceanfront golf club in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Trump, who has most of his real estate holdings on the East Coast, told the Los Angeles Times he likes to do more than one project in an area.

He said he plans to get another project off the ground here within 18 months.

"I would not be surprised if I came to Los Angeles and built Trump Tower," he told the newspaper.

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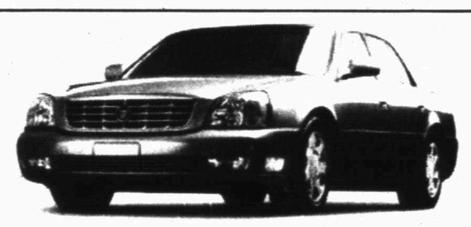

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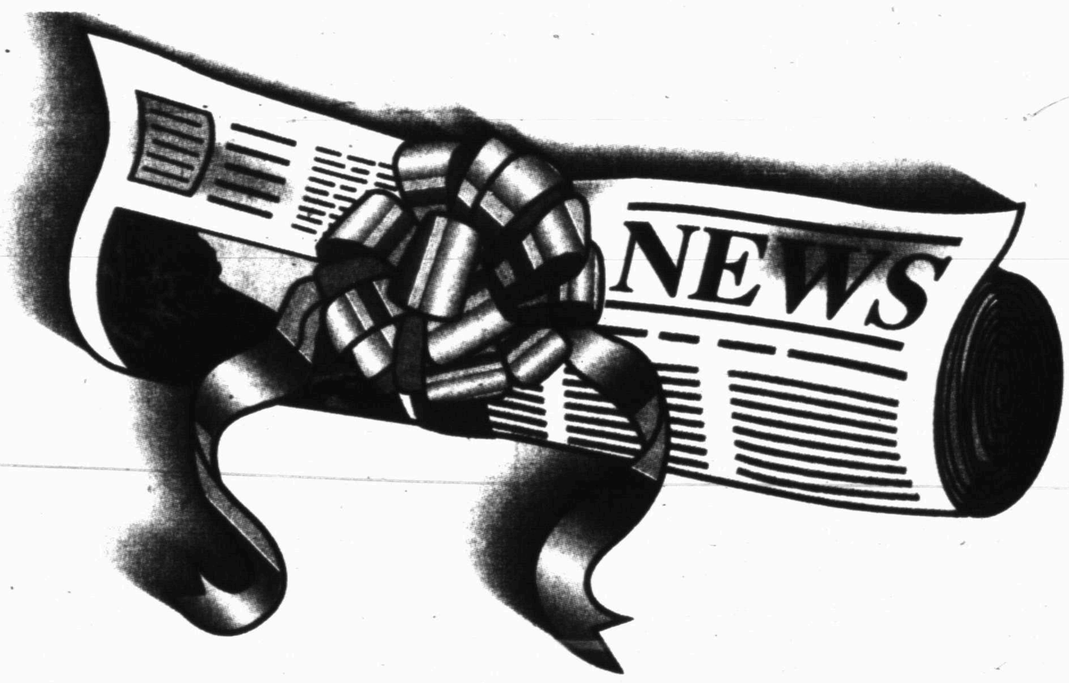

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