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Cogdell asks county to restore funding level

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Representatives from Cogdell Memorial Hospital met with the Scurry County Commissioners Court this morning in hopes of creating "a spirit of cooperation" and to request that the county restore historical funding levels for the hospital.

Cogdell CEO Jeff Reecer presented the hospital's planned $2.5 million facilities-improvement project, which calls for six phases of renovations.

Reecer explained that the plan calls for the hospital to spend $1.1 million in 2000, $911,000 in 2001 and $428,878 in 2002.

He said financing is based upon loans from local financial institutions, additional physicians using the hospital and restoring county funding to its historical levels.

Reecer said the hospital is virtually debt-free with currently only one capital lease that rolls off the books in August.

The renovation plan involves the hospital being able to draw on a line of credit as needed during each individual phase. Reecer said there would be an eight-year note on all phases with an approximate five percent annual interest rate.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey questioned the hospital's ability to borrow funds directly from a bank.

Trevey said he is unable to find information in statutes that he had read that would allow the hospital to borrow funds.

Reecer replied that the hospital had a copy of a legal opinion that was secured by Lamesa's hospital from a healthcare attorney in Austin.

Reecer said the attorney, Kevin Reed, dealt entirely with healthcare issues and gave the opinion that Lamesa's hospital had the ability to borrow money up to the net assets of the hospital.

Reecer also questioned Trevey as to whether he found anything that prohibited the hospital from borrowing.

Trevey said he found that the county was authorized to offer a bond issue or take the money out of reserves.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey then asked Trevey, "Are you saying we need to go out for a bond?"

Trevey replied, "With our inability to go to the bank, I see that we have two options — a bond issue or reserves."

Trevey added that commissioners are bound as a court not to encumber the county for more than a year.

A bond issue would require an election.

Reecer said, "What we would like to see from you is a spirit of cooperation and for you to restore the historical levels of funding."

There was no comments from any court member during the meeting, but County Judge Ricky Fritz said afterwards that any additional funds would have to be in next year's budget since the 2000 county budget is already set.

The county funded the hospital $100,000 in tax money for next year — down from the $395,000 it had provided in recent years.

Reecer said the plan has evolved over the last several years and it will focus on improving outpatient facilities.

Reecer said the plan is to have six phases of construction with the entire project scheduled for some 27 months.

Phase I would include relocating the radiology department. Construction costs would total $570,941 and would take about five months to complete.

Phase II includes expanding the emergency room facility to include the area where the current ER drive is located, and converting the intensive care unit to a special care unit.

Phase III includes adding a day surgery area with a pre-surgery and waiting room area. This is estimated to cost $728,000 and take about eight months to complete.

Phase IV includes renovating the surgical area at a cost of $230,000 with an estimated construction time of 120 days.

Phase V includes renovating the present emergency room area, plus the admissions and ER waiting area.

Phase VI includes site work and landscaping of the hospital grounds.

The court also discussed going out for bids on insurance in an attempt to get better rates and coverage.

"I need to get some guidance form the court so we know what we want," Fritz said.

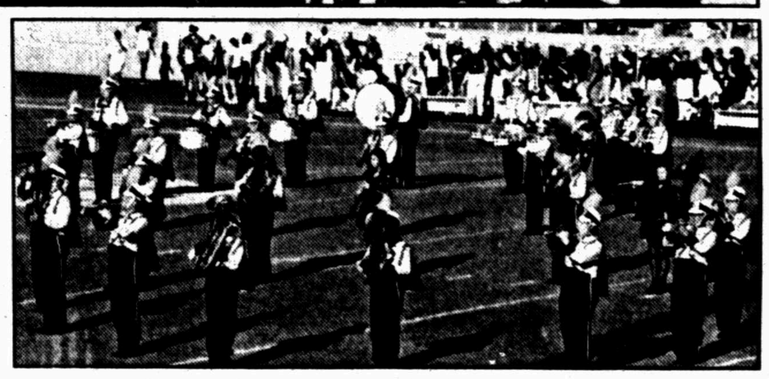
A bid specification package will be prepared for both self-insured and fully insured options.

Fritz said it would take several months for the county to look at the information and decide which option to take.

He said he wanted to make sure the court had the information to "compare apples to apples."

The court also approved line-item transfers, budget amendments and paid the bills.

Fritz presided and all commissioners were present to include Trevey, Lindsey, Howard Limmer and Roy Idom.



LOYAL FANS – A large group of Snyder fans were in Stephenville Saturday for the Snyder Tigers' bi-district game against Fort Worth Everman. The Tigers lost in the first round of the playoffs, 48-20. The Snyder High School marching band is shown at right during their last halftime performance of the season. (SDN Photos by Leah Williams)

Defense witnesses take stand in dragging trial

JASPER (AP) — A psychiatrist whose testimony helped put two white racists on death row for dragging a black man to death testified today that the third man involved was not cut from the same racist mold.

Dr. Edward Gripon, the first witness called by defense lawyers for capital murder defendant Shawn Allen Berry, said he examined the 24-year-old former movie theater manager and found "no evidence of any racial bias or significant prejudice."

"I did not find him to espouse any white supremacist dogma or doctrine, and there's no prior history to indicate that," Gripon said.

Avowed white supremacists John William King, 25, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32, were convicted and sentenced to death earlier this year for dragging James Byrd Jr. along a rural Jasper County road behind Berry's pickup. Gripon testified during the punishment phase of both of their trials that they were a threat to society.

Prosecutors also are seeking the death penalty for Berry if he is convicted.

In testimony today, Gripon said he rejected the prosecutors' assertion that Berry's bull-riding past indicates he was a thrill-seeker who might have gotten a charge from killing Byrd.

"I'm unaware from psychiatric literature and forensic clinical assessments of any correlation between thrill-seeking ... and criminal behavior," Gripon said.

Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray asked Gripon why Berry, knowing the bigotry of his friends and of their mosaic of racist tattoos, gave a ride to an inebriated Byrd in the darkness of June 7, 1998.

"I don't know if he knew what their true potential might be, but he knew they talked about (hating blacks)," Gripon said. He added that Berry used "relatively poor judgment" in picking up Byrd.

Byrd, 49, was beaten, hooked to the bumper of Berry's pickup with a 24-foot logging chain and dragged to his death over three miles of bumpy country roads. Berry has claimed he was a bystander, overcome by fear of his friends' actions, and has denied driving the truck when Byrd was dragged.

Prosecutors rested their case Friday after three days of testimony from 27 witnesses.

An FBI blood expert was among the last to testify Friday, saying he matched blood found on Berry's boots, jeans and shirt to Byrd. Berry has claimed the blood got on him when Byrd was shoved into him during the beating.

Other investigators testified earlier that King's and Brewer's footprints appeared along the logging road where the dragging started, indicating Berry was behind the wheel of the truck during the dragging.

"It's his truck, he's there and I believe there's substantial evidence he was driving the truck," Gray said. "He's got blood on him, and I believe we've established under the law of parties that he was an active participant in the crime."

Berry's attorney, Joseph C. Hawthorn, had promised to introduce physical evidence and expert testimony to refute the state's claims. Berry was expected to take the stand in his own defense.

State District Judge Joe Bob Golden told jurors Friday that Hawthorn would try to complete his case in one day, meaning Berry could be in the witness box today.

Santa Claus, holiday events coming to WTC

Western Texas College has numerous events scheduled Thursday to launch the campus' Christmas activities.

One can get a picture made with Santa Claus beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the student center.

The Scurry County Museum will present "Christmas A to Z" beginning at 5:30 also, and continuing until 7 o'clock.

"A Christmas Story" will be presented in the planetarium at 6 and 7 p.m., and the Christmas tree lighting will take place at 6:30 in the central courtyard.

The Fine Arts Christmas Shoppe will be open from 7-8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery, and "Inspecting Carol" will be presented by the WTC drama department at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

The play will also be presented Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and a Sunday matinee will be presented at 2:30.

Tickets for the play are $6 for adults, and $4 for students and senior citizens.

Theatre goers can bring a friend to the play and receive a $1 discount off each ticket.

Reservations for the play can be made by calling 573-8511, ext. 234. The box office will open on campus one hour before curtain time.

High court to decide school prayer issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today agreed to decide whether public school districts can give students a virtually unfettered right to participate in student-led group prayers at football games.

Setting the stage for its first school-prayer ruling of the new millennium, the court said it will review decisions that struck down a Galveston County, Texas, school board's policy as a violation of the constitutionally required separation of church and state.

Its decision, expected by late June, could help clarify the jumbled state of the law surrounding school prayer.

Among other court action today, the justices:

—Turned away a dispute over the rights of homosexuals raising families. The justices, without comment, refused to review a groundbreaking decision in which Massachusetts' highest court said a lesbian who for years helped her partner raise a son had become a "de facto" — or "in fact" — parent entitled to visitation rights when the two women split up.

—Declined to hear Juan Raul Garza's challenge of his death sentence for three Texas murders in the early 1990s. Garza is one of 20 men, including Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, awaiting federal execution at a prison in Terre Haute, Ind.

Meteor show set this week

Local astronomer Rollin Swanson says all eyes should be looking upward during the early morning hours on Wednesday.

"We should be able to see a spectacular meteor shower," said Swanson. "This is the Leonid meteor shower which should produce a "shooting star" at a rate of about one a minute.

"Astronomers cannot predict the exact time of these meteor showers, so many of them will actually begin looking for the display to begin Tuesday morning," added Swanson.

"I think this will be well worth looking for," emphasized Swanson.

Former nurse sentenced to 360-year term

BRAZIL, Ind. (AP) — A judge today sentenced former nurse Orville Lynn Majors to 360 years in prison for killing six elderly patients under his care with lethal injections.

Judge Ernest Yelton condemned Majors for the diabolical nature of the crime, committed in a hospital where the six victims had gone for treatment of various illnesses.

"It is the judgment of this court that the maximum penalty is the minimally reasonable sentence in this case," Yelton said, staring at Majors. He gave him six 60-year sentences, to be served consecutively

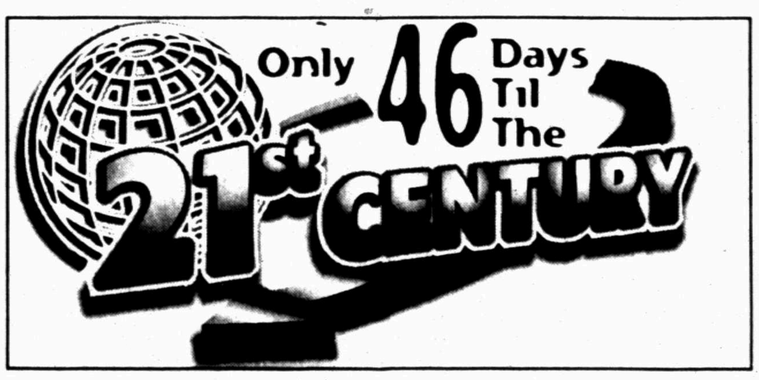
"At long last, may the souls of Mary Ann Alderson, Dorothea Dixon, Luella Hopkins, Margaret Hornick, Freddie Dale Wilson, Derek Maxwell and Cecil Smith rest in peace," Yelton said, concluding the sentencing hearing that had lasted less than an hour.

Majors, 38, was convicted Oct. 17 of killing six patients — all those mentioned by the judge except Smith — while they were patients at Vermillion County Hospital in Clinton in the mid 1990s. Jurors could not reach a decision in the case of Smith, which ended in a mistrial.

Majors sat a few feet from the witness stand where three of the victims' relatives made emotional pleas for the longest possible sentence.

"Mr. Majors, if you don't want the fruit of sin, then stay out of the devil's orchard," said Maxwell's wife, Kathryn.

Defense attorney Carolyn Rader offered no evidence that might have lessened the sentence.



ASK US

Q—Is the local Texas National Guard Armory scheduled to be closed in the near future?

A—It is not on the latest list of units to be closed, but all small town armories are being evaluated in relation to how many members of the Guard it serves.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 79 degrees; low, 47; high Sunday, 80; low, 47; 7 a.m. Monday, 50; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.80 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low 40-45; light, variable wind; Tuesday, mostly sunny, warm, high upper 70s-near 80; S-SW wind, 5-15 mph.

Heather Steelman
Warm

Sunset: 5:45 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.
Of 318 days in 1999, the sun has shone 311 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try.

—Beverly Sills

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 11 R.W. Boyd in the Revilo field, 10 miles west of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 12 G.D Boyles in the Revilo field, nine miles west of Snyder. Contracted for 4,000 feet, drill site is in Section 201, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 12 Boyles in the Revilo field, nine miles west of Snyder. Also scheduled for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 201, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 16 Boyd in the Revilo field, nine miles west of Snyder. Planned depth is 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 19 Boyd in the Revilo field, nine miles west of Snyder. Also planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 17 Boyd in the Revilo field, nine miles west of Snyder. Planned depth is 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 14 Boyd in the Revilo field, nine miles west of Snyder. Projected depth is 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 18 Boyd in the Revilo field, nine miles west of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, drill site is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 14 Boyd in the Revilo field, nine miles west of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, drill site is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 15 Boyd in the Revilo field, nine miles west of Snyder. Scheduled for a depth of 4,000 feet, drill site is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Chevron will drill the No. 10 Smart, a 2,850-foot re-entry wildcat located five miles north of Westbrook. Location is in Section 21, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Chevron will drill the No. 20 Morrison, a 3,080-foot wildcat recompletion, six miles northwest of Westbrook. Drill site is in Section 20, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Yates Energy Corp. will drill the No. 1-939A, an 8,205-foot wildcat located six miles northwest of Justiceburg. Location is in Section 939, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Patterson Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 10 John unit in the Happy field, 13 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,200 feet, drill site is in Section 30, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Seely Oil Co. will drill the No. 1 Lott in the Happy field, 13 miles southwest of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 8,276 feet, location is in Section 30, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 10 John unit in the Happy field, 13 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,200 feet, drill site is in Section 19, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Howard County

Midland Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 1 Bull Winkle, a 7,800-foot wildcat located 25 miles southeast of Vincent. Location is in Section 12, Block 26, H&TC survey.

Marathon Oil Co. will drill the No. 1-R Abrams in the Howard-Glasscock field, 11 miles south of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 3,000 feet, location is in Section 5, Block 32, T2S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2055W Susie B. Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles south of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 2052W Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles south of Coahoma. Scheduled for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 20, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 2018W Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles south of Coahoma. Contracted for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2051W Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles south of Coahoma. Also set for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 2056 Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles south of Coahoma. Set for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 2065 Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles south of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 20, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 2048 Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles south of Coahoma. Contracted for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 30, T1s, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Bettis, Boyle and Stovall will drill the No. 1 Akers unit in the Que field, 15 miles west of Roby. Planned for a depth of 4,500 feet, drill site is in Section 48, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Walter Exploration Inc. has completed the No. 303X Place in the Sprague field, 12 miles southeast of Sweetwater. The re-entry project was finaled to produce 40 barrels of oil and one barrel of water. Perforations were from 3,728-734 feet, and location is in Section 3, Block X, T&P survey.

Bus giant offers alternative

DALLAS (AP) — The United State's only long-haul bus operator is teaming up with Mexico's largest package delivery company to offer cross-border shipping service — at rates that may be lower than other major shippers and the post office.

Greyhound Lines Inc., which is set to announce the deal today, said the new delivery routes will begin Dec. 1, with plenty of time to catch the holiday season rush.

The Dallas-based company said the shipments to Mexico will initially be offered in only five Texas cities — Dallas, Houston, Austin San Antonio and Laredo — before they're expanded to other U.S. cities.

"This is basically a brand-new business for us," Greyhound spokesman George Gravley told The Dallas Morning News. Greyhound is a subsidiary of Ontario-based Laidlaw Inc., which already owned Greyhound Lines of Canada before it bought the American bus line in March.

Under the agreement, Dallas-based Greyhound will deliver packages throughout North America for MultiPack of Mexico City, according to The News. MultiPack will do the same for Greyhound across Mexico.

The arrangement will offer consumers an alternative to United Parcel Service, Federal Express and the postal systems of both countries.

Prior to the deal, Greyhound had offered package service to Mexico, but only on a limited basis. Company officials said the partnership with MultiPack may let Greyhound beat out prices offered by the other shippers on two- to three-day delivery routes.

Greyhound Package Express, known as GPX, delivered 1.5 million packages last year, generating $30 million in revenue.

Greyhound and MultiPack plan to share revenue from their distribution arrangement using a formula that takes into account package size, distance and other factors, Gravley said.

Gates says Microsoft fosters innovations in technology

LAS VEGAS (AP) — In his biggest public presentation since a court depicted Microsoft Corp. as a monopolist bully, Bill Gates portrayed his software company as an innovator that is stretching the boundaries of technology.

Gates unveiled technology initiatives on Sunday that offer new ways to access the Web and take computing well beyond the personal computer. While Gates did not directly mention the government's antitrust case in his presentation, he said he has heard from many Microsoft supporters.

"I want you to know I appreciate the people who sent letters and e-mail in the last week," he said.

The sentiment in correspondence was in favor of Microsoft "doing more innovation in Windows," he said in a keynote speech to thousands of attendees at the giant annual Comdex computer show.

Gates showed a prototype of a small computer, code-named Mariner, that lets people browse the Web, plot out calendars and exchange e-mail. The computer, known as an MSN-based Web companion, will run on Microsoft's Windows CE operating system and be sold by middle of next year by companies including Acer, Philips Electronics and Thomson Consumer Electronics.

The device, which may include a keyboard and jump users directly to Microsoft's MSN site, is expected to be given away to people who agree to sign up for Internet access. The gadgets are larger than so-called Palm-sized PCs, which also use Windows CE but don't offer keyboards or full-fledged Web service.

Gates also showed how Microsoft, working with Web site operators, is pursuing new types of services the company says will make people's lives easier. One such service he illustrated would work in tandem with satellites to give car drivers access to the Web and help direct them to attractive roadside spots, such as the lowest-priced gas station along a given route.

Gates also stressed Microsoft's support for a new Internet programming language, XML, that enables information to be easily exchanged between a wide variety of networked computers. XML is expected to give Web users new freedom to find and retrieve information.

He also showed how a group of five powerful Windows-based computers can handle a busy Web site, with 5 million page views a day, at lower cost and higher reliability than non-Windows machines.

The remarks come in the wake of Microsoft's stinging Nov. 5 court setback. U.S. District Judge Thomas P. Jackson handed state and federal prosecutors a big victory when he found for the government on most points, agreeing that Microsoft was a bullying high-tech monopolist whose actions had squelched the march of innovation.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Woman's Cool Confidence Trumps Man's Crassness

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I recently attended an Indian Head Start Directors conference in Washington, D.C., where I met an amazing woman.

This lady and I were riding a city bus, taking in the sights, as neither of us was able to walk for long periods of time because of health problems. As we chatted, a young man in his 20s who was standing near our seat listened to our conversation.

During the conversation, I asked her how old she was. When she said she was 46, I couldn't believe it because she looked so young. When I expressed surprise at her age, the young man chimed in, "Yeah, you'd be a real knockout of an older woman if you'd lose some weight!" I, and the other bus passengers, were appalled at his rudeness.

My friend, however, simply looked at him coolly and replied: "I'll have you know, young man, that I *am* a knockout. My self-worth and self-esteem do not depend on what you seem to perceive as my shortcomings. There are people in this world who think I'm the sexiest, wittiest and most dedicated person that they have ever met — so what you think does not concern me!"

The other passengers broke into applause when she finished. Although I had the impression that he hadn't planned to, the young man got off at the next stop.

I wrote this to thank the lady for not letting the crassness of some people destroy her positive self-image. She has become my role model, and although we may never meet again, I'll never forget her example. Her name was Brenda.

STANDING TALLER NOW

DEAR TALLER NOW: Those who would remind someone that she (or he) is fat, thin, short or tall are either woefully ignorant or brutally insensitive, and possibly both. And after reading your letter, I'm sure there will be more people applauding Brenda's stance than her fellow passengers on the bus.

DEAR ABBY: "Worried in Woodland Hills" wanted to know what she could do to make the "coming out" process easier for her son. I was moved by her caring and loving regard for her son, whom she feels might be gay. I have no advice for her, only my admiration for what a wonderful mother she must be.

I am 42 and have been out since I was 18. It has never been a problem for me. The problem was always in the minds of other people, and their reaction to something they did not understand. If she is right, her attitude will make a world of difference and help create one more well-adjusted, loving human being. I have known too many who have suffered, and some who have even died, because of the shame and disgrace they were made to feel. I am writing to say thank you to that woman who is truly a mother in the highest sense, and to you, Abby, because your answer was right on.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, SEATTLE

DEAR BEEN THERE: I'm sure your letter will be meaningful, not only to the mother from Woodland Hills, but also to parents everywhere who are emotionally supportive of their gay children. Thank you for your kind words about my reply.

However, several readers have written to tell me that I missed my chance to tell the mother that PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) could be an excellent resource for her. Founded in 1981, PFLAG is a respected support, education and advocacy organization with chapters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 11 other countries.

For literature or referral to a local chapter, write: PFLAG, 1101 14th St. N.W., Suite 1030, Washington, D.C. 20005; or call (202) 638-4200. The e-mail address is info(AT)PFLAG.org, or you may visit the Web site at http://www.PFLAG.org.

Pesticide mist forces 150 to evacuate, dozens hospitalized

EARLIMART, Calif. (AP) — Mist from a weed-killing pesticide blew into this small San Joaquin Valley town, forcing 150 people to evacuate their homes and sending dozens to the hospital.

Twenty-nine people went to hospitals Saturday night complaining of nausea, vomiting, headaches, burning eyes and shortness of breath from exposure to metam sodium, Tulare County Sheriff's officials said Sunday. Hospital officials said all were treated and released.

Residents were not allowed back into their homes until about 11:30 p.m., some six hours after the leak occurred.

Growers had contracted Shafter-based Wilbur-Ellis Company to spray the chemical, commonly known as Sectagon 42, to the field using sprinklers.

"It was applied per the directions so I'm not sure how it ended up coming back into town," said Tulare County Fire Capt. Patricia Granillo. "It was just kind of hanging in town once it came in."

Tulare County agriculture officials were still investigating the leak. Wilbur-Ellis officials did not immediately return a call seeking comment Sunday night.

Members of the United Farm Workers said Sectagon is a highly toxic fumigant that has been shown to cause cancer in lab animals. It is sometimes used instead of methyl bromide to spray fruits, vegetables and orchard crops, although the field it was applied to Saturday had no crops growing on it, Granillo said.

"Can you imagine over your house a cloud of something that has this kind of potential?" asked Jocelyn Sherman, a United Farm Workers spokeswoman.

Date Book

Monday, Nov. 15, 1999

Today is the 319th day of 1999 and the 54th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1864, leaving Atlanta in flames, Gen. Sherman and a force of 62,000 began their march to the sea.

On this day in 1917, Bolshevik forces captured Moscow.

On this day in 1969, 250,000 people assembled in Washington, D.C., to protest American involvement in the Vietnam War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Pitt, the Elder (1708-1778), English statesman; Erwin Rommel (1891-1944), German field marshal; Felix Frankfurter (1882-1965), U.S. jurist; Marianne Moore (1887-1972), poet; Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986), painter; Joseph Wapner (1920-), retired judge-television personality, is 79; Howard Baker (1925-), politician, is 74; Ed Asner (1929-), actor, is 70; Sam Waterston (1940-), actor, is 59.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, Larry Bruce scored a 480-yard hole-in-one at a golf course near Hope, Ark.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I had to create an equivalent for what I felt about what I was looking at — not copy it." — Georgia O'Keeffe

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (Nov. 16).

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Book says Bush was interested in duty in Vietnam

AUSTIN (AP) — In a new book, Texas Gov. George W. Bush says that while flying for the Air National Guard during the early 1970s he was interested in a program that sent some Guard pilots to Vietnam.

But Bush says the program was being phased out by that point and that he lacked enough flight hours to qualify for the war-zone assignment.

The Republican presidential front-runner also says he learned "the lesson of Vietnam."

"Our nation should be slow to engage troops. But when we do so, we must do so with ferocity. We must not go into a conflict unless we go in committed to win. We can never again ask the military to fight a political war," Bush wrote.

"If America's interests are at stake, if diplomacy fails, if no other option will accomplish the objective, the commander in chief must define the mission and allow the military to achieve it."

The comments come in the Texas governor's autobiography, "A Charge to Keep," which is being released this week. The Associated Press obtained an advance copy.

Bush, 53, also said that quitting drinking was a turning point in his life and that he hopes his refusal to detail his past indiscretions will help purge the political system of "its relentless quest for scandal and sensation."

"I will not respond to the rumor du jour. I have told people what they need to know about me. I have made mistakes, and I have learned from them," Bush wrote.

Bush, eldest son of former President Bush, has insisted throughout his public career that no family influence was used to get him a slot in the Guard in 1968, during the height of the Vietnam War.

In the book, he said he heard while home at Christmas from Yale University that pilot openings were available because it required nearly two years of full-time duty for flight training.

After qualifying as an F-102 fighter pilot, Bush said, he heard that several fellow pilots had participated in a program called "Palace Guard" that rotated National Guard pilots to Vietnam to relieve active-duty pilots.

"A friend and fellow pilot, Fred Bradley, and I were interested in participating and we talked with Col. Jerry Killian about it. He told us the program was being phased out, that a few more pilots would go, but that Fred and I had not logged enough flight hours to participate," Bush writes.

In a chapter entitled "The Big 4-0," Bush depicts a matter-of-fact decision to give up alcohol.

It came after his 40th birthday party at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colo., at which he, his wife, Laura, and several friends "had a big time at dinner."

"People later asked whether something special happened, some incident, some argument or accident that turned the tide. But no, I just drank too much and woke up with a hangover," Bush said.

When he felt worse than usual during his regular daily run that day, he says, "I decided I would drink no more. I came back to the hotel room and told Laura I was through."

Even before that, Bush said, he drank only after work, at night, and was a responsible husband, father and employer. "My friends laugh about the image of me as a party animal, an image they think is vastly overblown," he said.

Night goggle accidents rising

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — An increase in the percentage of military accidents involving the use of night-vision goggles and a lack of proper training for crew members in some of those accidents were among the findings of a newspaper's 18-month investigation into military aviation safety.

The Dayton Daily News' analysis was based on an examination of military reports and computer records from what the newspaper said was a never-before-released computer database obtained from the Army Safety Center at Fort Rucker, Ala.

The newspaper has published a series of stories about military safety in the past few weeks.

In its story on Sunday, the paper reported:

— More than 70 percent of all major military accidents in which crews used night-vision goggles involved the Army.

— Between 1995 and 1997, 19 of the Army's 42 serious accidents, or 45 percent, involved night-vision goggles. Between 1992 and 1994, the percentage was 28 percent — the goggles were involved in 19 of 65 crashes.

— The Army Safety Center's computer database identified 24 incidents in which at least one crew member was not qualified. Some may have involved crew members in training.

Among the 24 incidents was a 1996 collision of two helicopters above Fort Bliss, Texas. Three pilots were killed and another injured. An Army report said crews were not adequately trained.

The Army did not respond to a written request for comment, the newspaper said.

Messages left for the duty officer at the Pentagon on Sunday were not returned.

Edward Monhollen, a former Army helicopter pilot who worked five years as an investigator for the Army Safety Center, said the accidents reflect the increased emphasis on night combat.

"On a modern battlefield, if you can be seen you can be killed," he said. "It's just the way of the world now."

Monhollen, who runs an aviation accident consulting firm in San Antonio, Texas, said Congress allots the military a certain number of flying hours every year, and commanders may not always be able to give crews the increased training they need.

The newspaper also reported:

— The Air Force Safety Center's computer database identified 28 aviation incidents, four of them major crashes, from 1995-97 in which night-vision goggles were used during the flight.

That's nearly six times the number between 1985-87, when five incidents involved crews using night-vision goggles and none was a major accident.

— The Navy Safety Center, which also investigates Marine Corps accidents, did not specifically track incidents involving night-vision goggles, but did track incidents in which aircraft used any type of night-vision device.

In 1997, 18 percent of all major aviation accidents in the Navy and Marine Corps involved aircraft in which crews used some type of night-vision device during the mission. That's double the percentage from the previous year and the highest percentage since at least 1984.

Penney's hopes meeting can fix sales

DALLAS (AP) — Hoping to mend sagging sales and bolster its stock price, J.C. Penney Co. said it would gather its 1,150 store managers to North Texas for a two-day brainstorming session in mid-January.

The discount retail chain's get-together, which will include regional and district managers, is set to be held at the company's corporate headquarters in the suburban Dallas city of Plano.

"The meeting's objective is to address several issues and to talk about them all together," J.C. Penney's spokeswoman Gale Duff-Bloom told The Dallas Morning News. "It's something that we need to do. We need to get these people together."

The meeting, set to begin Jan. 16., has been hailed as a new approach for J.C. Penney, which normally meets with managers via long-distance communications.

Analysts said credit for the Plano meeting should go to Vanessa Castagna, who the company hired away from Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in July to beef up struggling sales, according to The News.

Similar in-person brainstorming sessions with higher-ups have long been a part of Wal-Mart's corporate culture.

As executive vice president and chief operating officer, Ms. Castagna is the No. 2 executive at Penney's behind chairman and chief executive officer James E. Oesterreicher.

Also this week, J.C. Penney is expected to report disappointing third-quarter earnings after forecasts said sales would be down for the entire year, the newspaper said.

Penney's is also entering the biggest retail season of the year with a depressed stock price.

For the fiscal quarter that ended Oct. 31, the company is expected to report per share earnings of 50 cents — down from 68 cents per share in the same quarter in 1998, according to analysts at First Call/Thomson Financial.

Peter Fonda leads bikers on 'Love Ride 16'

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — Perched atop his Harley-Davidson, Peter Fonda led a pack of more than 20,000 motorcyclists through suburban Los Angeles streets Sunday on the 16th annual "Love Ride."

The 50-mile caravan hopes to raise more than $1 million to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association and promote children's literacy. The riders started in Glendale, then headed to Castaic Lake for a concert featuring Sammy Hagar and the Waboritas.

Fonda, who served as honorary grand marshall, has participated in the event for several years. Other celebrity riders included Larry Hagman, Lorenzo Lamas, Perry King and Lindsay Wagner, said Oliver Shokou, who founded the ride.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Check your doctor's credentials

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a board-certified plastic surgeon. I found your recent column on board certification to be right on the mark. However, I want to point out a problem in my own profession, a problem that I believe needs to be publicized.

Cosmetic surgery is becoming more popular. So popular (and lucrative), in fact, that surgeons from other specialties are calling themselves "plastic" surgeons in order to cash in. For instance, some ear-nose-and-throat surgeons (who are perfectly qualified in their own specialties) have taken to advertising themselves (even in the Yellow Pages!) as "facial plastic surgeons." Some dermatologists — again, completely competent in their own field — have dubbed themselves "cutaneous plastic surgeons." Then, they advertise themselves as "plastic" surgeons (which they're not) or say that they do "plastic" (read "cosmetic") surgery.

This is becoming an increasingly troublesome problem for board-certified plastic surgeons, who must have seven or eight years of surgical training after medical school and undergo several days of rigorous testing before they're recognized by their specialty board. Please publish this letter to help educate the public.

DEAR DOCTOR: Done.

I am afraid that the average reader simply gets lost in the maze of requirements and sacrifices that surgeons need to achieve board certification. Unfortunately, as you know, physicians and surgeons can get away with advertising whatever they want. For example, as a general medical doctor, licensed to practice, and with hospital privileges, I could advertise myself as a cardiologist if I chose — but I wouldn't; this would be crazy. And it would also be detrimental to my patients. Nonetheless, this type of hype does occur, even in my rural community.

You are absolutely correct. A board-certified plastic surgeon is far better trained than a wannabe. But, as you point out, the specialty is lucrative and mimicry is a form of flattery.

From my point of view, I encourage patients (and readers) to review their specialists' credentials carefully. If you need plastic surgery, make sure your surgeon is a bona-fide plastic surgeon. Similarly, you don't want to trust your cataract removal to the guy who fixes your piles.

If readers are interested in related information, a copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician" is available. Please send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1999

There is a strong possibility that you could make some type of important change in your work or career in the year ahead that will turn out to be extremely fortunate for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you make it a priority matter today, something you've been unable to finalize to your satisfaction can be concluded in a most favorable manner. Put it at the top of your list of things to do. Major changes are ahead for Scorpio in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is an excellent day to get involved in competitive sports, such as golf, tennis, racquetball, etc. It won't make your opposition happy, because you'll turn out to be a winner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A family matter about which everyone has been a bit skeptical will take a turn for the better today with the entire situation turning out quite fortunate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It's time to start thinking bigger if you want to successfully produce larger benefits for yourself. Today's events could show you how to do that. Be alert.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Others may be inclined today to treat you in a more generous fashion than usual, even a person you thought didn't give a hoot. It should turn out to be a rather pleasant day for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take your mind off of material concerns today and concentrate on human relationships, because it's in this matter where you could be extremely lucky at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) With a quiet approach and in your own relaxed manner, you may be able to achieve on the first try a high objective that has eluded others. You should be at the top of your game.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Through some type of personal exposure today, you could gain an insight that will prove to be very important in achieving success. It may be a new way to view an old matter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Due to some changes now in the making, some extremely favorable conditions could open up for you today where you could benefit in both your career and finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Press onward and forward today. This could be a lucky day for you, especially where a partnership arrangement concerning a joint venture has recently been established.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Brush off the dust balls on an old project that has been left to get sooty and resurrect it today. With a few new twists, the time is ripe to successfully revive it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your popularity is strongly trending upwards and social acceptance should not be a problem for you today. You're likely to receive a warm welcome wherever you go.

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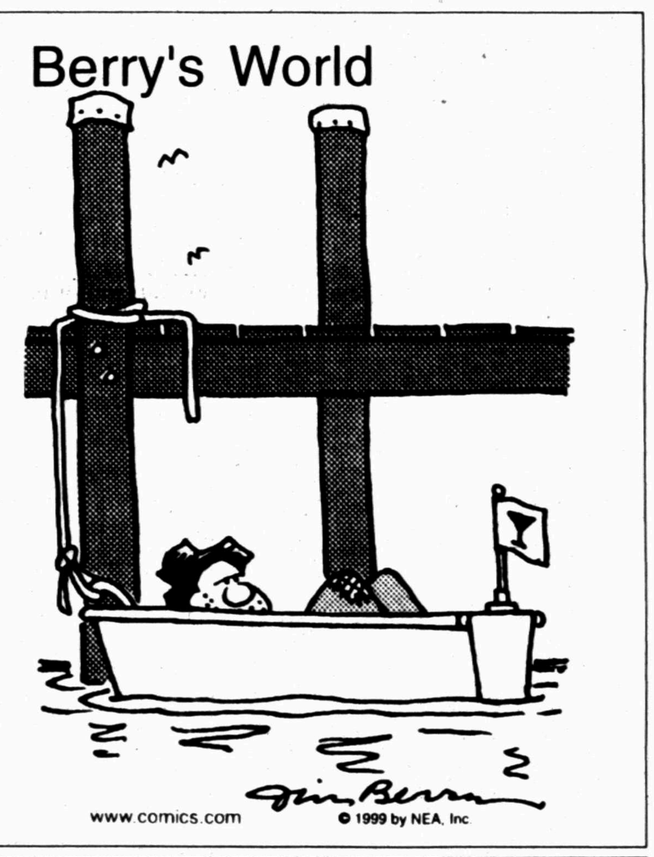

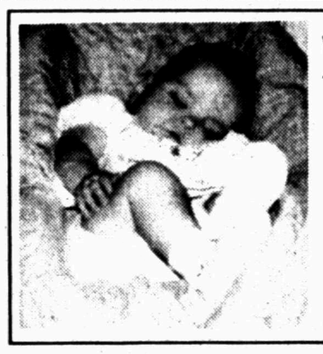

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SPORTS

In bi-district playoff tilt...

Bulldogs run through Tigers, 48-20

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

STEPHENVILLE — With a seven-game winning streak and a district title under its belt, Snyder wasn't used to chasing after its opponents.

But in a first-round playoff match-up at Tarleton Memorial Stadium, the Everman Bulldogs ran away with the Tigers' season.

Everman ran over, around and through Snyder Saturday afternoon, using its size and speed to overpower the Tigers for a 48-20 bi-district victory.

Everman racked up 463 yards rushing, while limiting Snyder to just nine yards on the ground. The Tigers were able to tally 300 yards through the air, but were plagued with seven turnovers and were unable to match the Bulldogs' scoring pace.

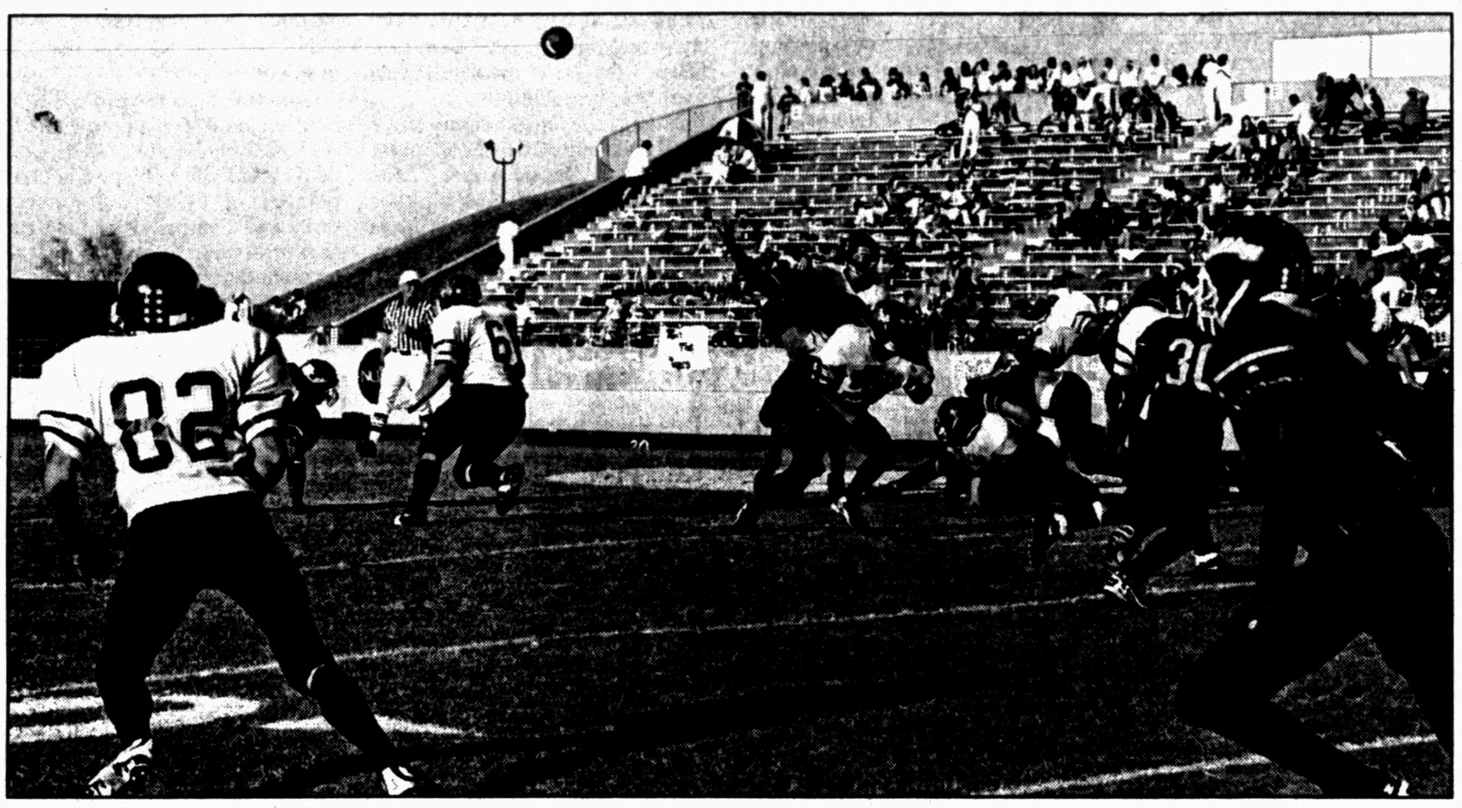
"We didn't execute very well. It was one of our worst games, as far as execution goes," said Snyder coach David Baugh. "And Everman had some outstanding athletes. Their defensive linemen gave us problems all day long, and we had a hard time bringing down those big running backs."

Three Bulldog ball carriers registered over 100 yards, led by 205-pound tailback Thomas Williams who finished the day with 173 yards on 15 carries.

It was Williams who started a series of plays late in the first quarter that turned the tide in Everman's favor.

After Matthew Grimmett jumped over a pair of Bulldogs to haul in a 41-yard touchdown pass from Sonny Cumbie that knotted the tally at 6-6, Williams took the ball on Everman's next offensive play and sprinted 84 yards down the right sideline to regain the lead.

Three plays later, the Tigers fumbled the ball deep in their own territory, and the Bulldogs needed just one play to cover the 14 yards into the endzone. Quarterback Larry Bradford posted the touchdown for a 20-6 margin, after the two-point conversion.



INCOMING — Snyder receiver Matthew Grimmett (82) waits on a pass from QB Sonny Cumbie during the Tigers' bi-district contest against Everman on Saturday. Cumbie threw for 300 yards, and Grimmett hauled in two touchdowns, but the Bulldogs walked away with a 48-20 victory. Blocking on the play are Chase McJimsey (68), Josh Arizmendi (25) and R.J. Hernandez (61). (Photo by Leah Williams.)

Early in the second quarter, Snyder caught a break when Everman's J.D. Hill shanked a punt that covered only four yards.

But on first down from the Bulldog 14-yard-line, Tovares Brandon had the ball blasted loose at the line of scrimmage. Reggie Overton scooped up the fumble and raced 88 yards to paydirt.

In just over five minutes of action, Everman had turned a tie score into a 27-6 advantage.

"Turning it over right after the punt was a killer," Baugh said. "We had a chance to make it 20-13, but instead it ended up being 27-6. It was another great play by Everman, because Tovares got hammered and the ball popped straight up."

Late in the second period, with its running game almost non-existent, Snyder turned to Cumbie to regain some momentum.

Cumbie threw three consecutive passes, the third one covering 78 yards for a Grimmett touchdown that cut the deficit to 20-13 at halftime.

It would be as close as the Tigers got to the lead, as Everman continued to shut down Snyder's rushing game and harass Cumbie, in the second half.

Snyder's offensive problems were compounded by the fact that it couldn't employ its shotgun formation to get Cumbie away from the Bulldogs' relentless pass rush.

The Tigers' senior center, Randy Green, broke his hand on the third play of the game and was forced to snap the ball left-handed the remainder of the day, making any chances of a deep snap almost impossible.

"Not being able to get in the shotgun hurt us," Baugh stated. "But Randy put in a real gutsy performance. To break your hand, and then snap the ball with the other one the whole game, that was really impressive."

The Tigers seemed ready to seize the momentum coming out of the locker room to start the third quarter. After halting Everman's first drive, the Tigers began to move the ball offensively.

A pair of runs by Edwin James netted 22 yards, and a pass from Cumbie to Justin Rosson picked up another 23. But deep in Everman territory, another turnover killed the Tigers' threat.

Cumbie had his arm hit in mid-motion, and Bradford intercepted the fluttering ball at the 1-yard-line.

The Bulldogs capitalized by marching 99 yards in eight plays, all of them on the ground. Donta Hayward carried it the final three steps for a 34-13 advantage.

Fumbles on back-to-back possessions late in the third period and early in the fourth were turned into points by Everman's offense. Williams dove in from five yards out, with Hayward plunging across from the 1 to extend the deficit to 48-13.

The Tigers threatened on their next possession, but fumbled for the fifth time at he Bulldogs' 26-yard-line.

After getting the ball back on an Everman turnover, Cumbie hit John Ortegon with a 19-yard touchdown strike to cap the scoring.

On the day, Cumbie was completed 14 of 27 attempts for 300 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions.

"We got to a point where we knew we weren't going to be able to run the ball effectively enough to catch up," said Baugh. "They had a strong pass rush all day long, and their secondary did a good job in coverage. They executed like they needed to win the ballgame."

Snyder finishes its season as the District 5-4A champions with a record of 8-3. Everman advances to face Wichita Falls.

Game Summary

Snyder	**06**	**07**	**00**	**07 — 20**
Everman	**20**	**07**	**07**	**14 — 48**

First Quarter

Everman — Larry Bradford 3-yard run (kick failed), 3:10.
Snyder — Matthew Grimmett 41-yard pass from Sonny Cumbie (kick failed), 2:00.
Everman — Thomas Williams 84-yard run (kick failed), 1:38.
Everman — Bradford 14-yard run (Dominick Williams pass from Bradford), 0:33.

Second Quarter

Everman — Reggie Overton 88-yard fumble return (Faron Taylor kick), 7:04.
Snyder — Grimmett 78-yard pass from Cumbie (Ralph Ramon kick), 0:51.

Third Quarter

Everman — Donta Hayward 3-yard run (Taylor kick), 4:57.

Fourth Quarter

Everman — T. Williams 5-yard run (Taylor kick), 11:13.
Everman — Terry Jones 1-yard run (Taylor kick), 7:24.
Snyder — John Ortegon 20-yard pass from Cumbie (Ramon kick), 0:38.

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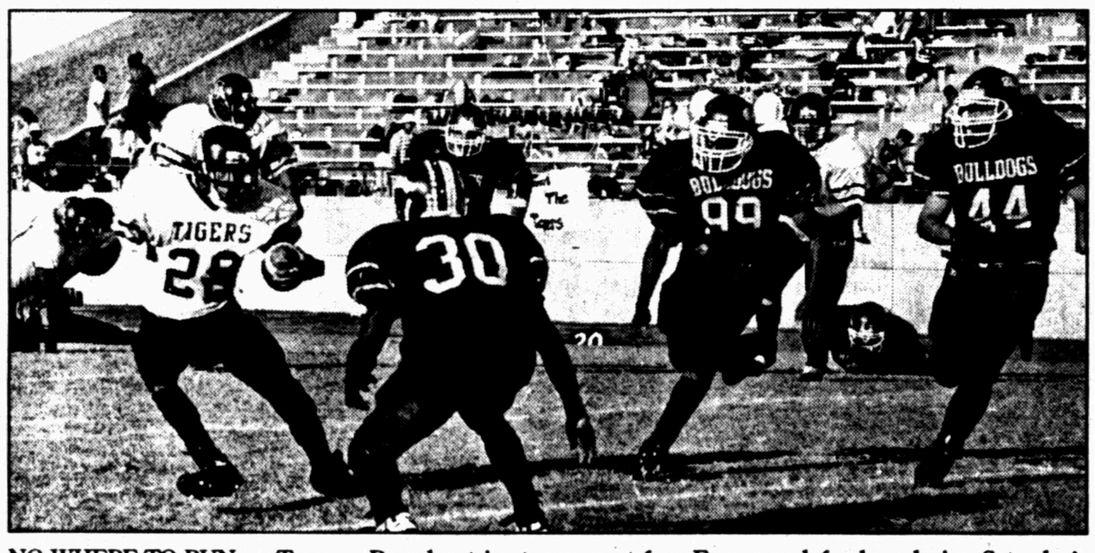
First Downs	14	15
Rushes-yards	24-9	55-463
Passing yards	300	17
Comp-Att-Int	14-27-2	2-3-0
Punts	3-48.0	2-24.5
Fumbles-lost	7-5	4-3
Penalties-yards	6-40	10-86
Time of poss.	21:02	26:58

RUSHING — Snyder: James, 4-21; Brandon, 8-7; Cumbie, 8-minus 9; Arizmendi, 5-minus 10. **Everman:** T. Williams, 15-173; Hayward, 13-123; Bradford, 9-100; Taylor, 7-30; Jones, 7-21; Montes, 2-13; Downs, 2-3.

PASSING — Snyder: Cumbie 14 of 27 for 300 yards, 3 TD, 2 int. **Everman:** Bradford 1 of 2 for 1 yard; Downs, 1 of 1 for 16 yards.

RECEIVING — Snyder: Grimmett, 2-119; Arizmendi, 5-84; Rosson, 2-44; Ortegon, 2-39; Brandon, 3-14. **Everman:** Turentine, 2-17.



NO WHERE TO RUN — Tovares Brandon tries to run past four Everman defenders during Saturday's playoff game. The Bulldogs held Snyder to just nine yards rushing on the day. (Photo by Leah Williams)

Saturday's High School Football Scores

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I

Region I
Lewisville 17, Euless Trinity 13
Waco 35, Arlington Martin 14
Region II
Mesquite 38, Plano 7
Tyler Lee 21, Dallas Skyline 18
Region III
Aldine Eisenhower 47, Humble 14
Clear Lake 31, Galena Park North Shore 30
Region IV
San Antonio Taft 28, San Antonio Madison 21

DIVISION II

Region I
EP Eastwood 24, EP Coronado 12
Amarillo 33, Abilene Cooper 30
South Grand Prairie 24, Irving Nimitz 0
Arlington Lamar 28, Temple 14
Irving 49, The Colony 14
Region II
Dallas Kimball 20, Tyler John Tyler 0
The Woodlands 31, Langham Creek 7
Lufkin 24, Dallas Carter 18
Region III
Houston Madison 58, Houston Washington 34
Katy 48, Fort Bend Austin 7
Beaumont Central 24, Aldine 17
Pasadena Dobie 23, Clear Brook 20
Houston Yates 8, Houston Sterling 0
Alief Elsik 21, Fort Bend Willowridge 14
Baytown Lee 16, Houston Memorial 14
Galveston Ball 42, La Porte 14

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I

Region I
Brownwood 31, Big Spring 28
Region II
Waco Midway 38, FW Wyatt 0
Dallas Hillcrest 21, Grapevine 12
Texarkana Texas High 38, Corsicana 0

DIVISION II

Region I
Canyon 17, Borger 3
Everman 48, Snyder 20
Stephenville 49, Andrews 20
WF Hirschi 41, FW Brewer 21
Region II
FW Dunbar 28, Waxahachie 15
Dallas Samuell 17, Dallas Highland Park 14
Region III
Hallsville 47, Willis 13
Region IV
Mercedes 14, Rockport Fulton 7

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I

Region III
Hardin-Jefferson 36, Buna 16

DIVISION II

Region I
Dalhart 15, Shallowater 14
Crane 44, Slaton 0
Region II
Hooks 27, Daingerfield 14
Brownsboro 35, White Oak 13
Emory Rains 38, Tatum 31
Region III
Marlin 31, Teague 0
Region IV
Gonzales 28, Hitchcock 14

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I

Region I
Post 21, Hale Center 14
Region II
Omaha Paul Pewitt 53, Farmersville 0
Region III
Hughes Springs 13, New Diana 7

DIVISION II

Region I
Sonora 40, Van Horn 8
Hamlin 35, New Deal 21
Region III
Garrison 53, Hull-Daisetta 6
Big Sandy 10, Beckville 6

CLASS 1A

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Bronte 48, Ranger 6
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Karnack 30, Wortham 25

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SPORTS

STACKED UP — Players battle for a loose ball during Saturday's bi-district playoff between the Snyder Tigers and the Everman Bulldogs at Tarleton Memorial Stadium in Stephenville. Grabbing at the ball for Snyder are R.J. Hernandez (61) and Bebos Martinez (26). Snyder committed seven turnovers in a 48-20 victory by Everman. (Photo by Leah Williams)

Tigers host Bobcats in hoops opener Tuesday

Bud Birks' Snyder Tigers will begin the challenge of defending their district title when they open the hoops season Tuesday night at home.

The Tigers host San Angelo Central in the opener, and Birks is eager to see how this year's squad responds.

"We'll have a little more height this year coming off the bench, and we could be a little quicker," Birks said. "But we've had some kids in football who will only get one day of practice, and the opener is never pretty anyway. We're not quite sure how we're going to play."

Only three players return from last year's district championship squad. Seniors Jared Hester, Greg McAnaw and Sonny Cumbie were on the title team, and will be joined by fellow seniors Layne Scott, Trevor Kerr and Michael Loper. Juniors Heath Pinkerton, Jamal Wofford, Jared Thornhill and Greg Knirsch, a foreign exchange student from Germany, will round out the squad.

In order for Knirsch to participate, Snyder had to apply with the University Interscholastic League for a waiver of the residence rule. The waiver was granted and Knirsch will suit up on Tuesday.

"Greg will be able to contribute for us this season," said Birks. "Right now he's just still trying to learn the American style of game. It's more physical than what he's used to, but he's quick and can shoot the ball.

"There's still a little bit of a language barrier at times. You'll explain how to do something, and you'll think he understands. But then once you start practicing it, you'll realize that he didn't. But he's extremely intelligent and works hard to pick up what we're doing."

Knirsch will play on the wing for Snyder, along with Scott and Pinkerton.

The Tigers' size will be inside where Cumbie, Kerr, Loper and Thornhill will go to work. The four post players will allow Snyder to substitute more freely, without losing any size.

"Our starting five is about the same size as our starters last year," remarked Birks. "But this year, when we have other guys with some height who can come off the bench and help."

Hester, last season's district newcomer of the year, will handle the point guard duties, with McAnaw also in the backcourt. Wofford will back-up both players.

The Central Bobcats, the Tigers' Tuesday night opponents, are highly regarded in District 4-5A. Central is figured to finish in the top three in its league.

"Central will be extremely tough," Birks stated. "They have a lot of kids back and they are very quick. We're going to have to take care of the ball, and be smart on the offensive end."

Following the tilt with the Bobcats, Snyder be in action again Friday when it visits Slaton at 6 p.m.

Cowboys get back on track against Pack

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys broke their losing streak and avoided another fourth-quarter meltdown. And they did it without Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith or Michael Irvin.

Suddenly, the next seven games don't look so bleak for Dallas.

"This was a very pivotal game for us," tight end Eric Bjornson said after the Cowboys beat Green Bay 27-13 Sunday. "Frankly, if we came out of here with a loss, the rest of the season wasn't going to look very good."

Dallas (5-4) ended a two-game losing streak and leaped from third in the NFC East to a first-place tie with Washington and the New York Giants, both of whom lost Sunday.

The Cowboys could get Aikman and Smith back for Sunday's game in Arizona and should have both for their Thanksgiving showdown with Miami and former coach Jimmy Johnson.

Most importantly, the other players proved they can win without their three superstars and the defense showed it doesn't quit always after the third quarter. Dallas had been outscored 50-7 in the fourth quarter of losses.

"This is still a team game," said Smith, who has a broken right hand. "It's never been and never will be about individuals. It takes all 11 guys, not one, not two and not three."

Backup quarterback Jason Garrett showed the poise and accuracy of Aikman and he didn't let others' blunders disrupt him. Chris Warren lost two fumbles and Richie Cunningham missed a 22-yard field goal.

"I've had a close up view of Troy and I've seen how he deals with adversity," said Garrett, who was 13-of-23 for 199 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. "You have to keep going out there and doing your job, just keep playing."

This was the first time since Nov. 5, 1989, that Dallas played without its Big Three. The Cowboys beat Washington 13-3 for their only victory that season. So, even though it took 10 years, Dallas has a two-game winning streak without Aikman, Smith and Irvin.

"It's really a special day to win when three of the best players to ever play their positions in the NFL are standing on the sidelines in T-shirts and ballcaps," Garrett said.

The Packers (4-5) have dropped three straight and four of five to fall below .500 in the second half of a season for the first time since 1994.

A big reason is an offense that's scored just three touchdowns in 12 quarters. Brett Favre again made things interesting in the final minutes, but Cowboys safety George Teague intercepted a pass on the sideline and coasted 95 yards for a touchdown.

"If we're not mad, there's something wrong with this locker room," Green Bay receiver Antonio Freeman said. "We've got to find out among ourselves, man to man, what's going wrong and fix it."

Fair or not, first-year coach Ray Rhodes and offensive coordinator Sherm Lewis, who is calling plays for the first time, have taken much of the heat.

"This is pro football, not Aunt Fannie's playground league," general manager Ron Wolf said. "Certainly it's easy to point fingers. But at some point you have to be accountable for yourself in your profession.

"This is the same team we've had for eight years. To say people haven't bought into the system is asinine. It's the same damn system. The problem is with our depth and that's my fault. But with the cap, there's no way to get depth. I'm expecting somebody to come forward and make some plays."

This was Green Bay's eighth straight loss at Texas Stadium. All have been by at least 10 points.

Lady Dusters host Ranger tonight at 7

Western Texas will officially open its revamped campus gymnasium tonight when the Lady Dusters host Ranger at 7 o'clock.

The contest is the only non-conference home game on the Lady Dusters' schedule. The squad won't play on the WTC campus again until Jan. 13 when it hosts Odessa in a WJCAC tilt.

The Lady Dusters used to play their home games in the Scurry County Coliseum, but made the move this season to the WTC gym.

"It's certainly a lot smaller than the coliseum," WTC coach Valery Jackson said. "But it looks a lot better than it used to. We've made some changes so it doesn't look like just a practice gym anymore."

A new scoreboard adorns the far wall of the gym, and the lanes under the baskets are now painted blue and green. The WTC mascot and other emblems were also painted on the walls.

The gym still has seating on only one side of the floor, but the smaller arena could create a more rowdy atmosphere for visiting teams.

"It can get loud in there," Jackson said. "I don't know if it will hold everybody, but it should be loud. If everybody doesn't fit, I don't know what we'll do."

The Lady Dusters will be looking for their first win of the season against Ranger. WTC droppped its season opener at Cisco, before suffering two setbacks at the Liberal, Kan. tourney, and two more at the Waco event.

Following tonight's match-up, the Lady Dusters will take part in the Howard College Classic, beginning Friday in Big Spring.

There will be no admission charge for tonight's contest, and concessions will be available. Fans can park on the north and east sides of the gym, with overflow parking available in the campus' southeast lot.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Basketball: Ranger at Western Texas, WTC gym, 7 p.m.

Basketball: Snyder 9th girls at Seminole, 6 p.m.

Basketball: Westbrook at Ira JH, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Basketball: Plainview at Snyder JV and varsity girls; 5 and 6:30.

Basketball: San Angelo Central at Snyder JV and varsity boys, 6 and 7:30.

Basketball: Sterling City at Ira boys and girls, 5 p.m.

SDN Sports Briefs

Boxing event scheduled

A boxing event will be held at the National Guard Armory Saturday at 7 p.m. Several bouts are scheduled, and tickets will be available at the door.

Major College Football Scores

EAST

Boston College 34, West Virginia 17
Brown 35, Dartmouth 28
Cent. Connecticut St. 28, Monmouth, N.J. 21
Colgate 38, Towson 14
Cornell 31, Columbia 29
Delaware 35, Rhode Island 0
Duquesne 28, Lafayette 17
Fairfield 42, La Salle 0
Georgetown, D.C. 49, Canisius 6
Holy Cross 37, Fordham 14
Jackson St. 30, New Haven 23
Lehigh 48, Bucknell 27
Maine 20, Northeastern 14
Marist 40, Iona 29
Michigan 31, Penn St. 27
Navy 45, Tulane 21
New Hampshire 43, Connecticut 18
Penn 21, Harvard 17
Pittsburgh 37, Notre Dame 27
Rutgers 24, Syracuse 21, OT
Sacred Heart 37, St. Peter's 18
St. John's, NY 20, Siena 7
Stony Brook 24, St. Francis, Pa. 6
Yale 23, Princeton 21
Youngstown St. 28, Villanova 21

SOUTH

Alabama 19, Mississippi St. 7
Alabama A&M 35, Alcorn St. 26
Alabama St. 42, Prairie View 27
Appalachian St. 34, W. Carolina 10
Auburn 38, Georgia 21
Bethune-Cookman 26, Norfolk St. 6
Cent. Florida 39, Middle Tennessee 14
Davidson 38, Austin Peay 22
Duke 48, Wake Forest 35
E. Kentucky 23, Tennessee Tech 20, 2OT
ETSU 28, Chattanooga 14
East Carolina 48, Cincinnati 34
Elon 41, Morehead St. 6
Florida 20, South Carolina 3
Florida St. 49, Maryland 10
Furman 30, Wofford 3
Georgia Southern 51, Jacksonville St. 14
Georgia Tech 45, Clemson 42
Grambling St. 25, Winston-Salem 23
Hofstra 42, South Florida 23
Houston 20, LSU 7
Howard 42, Morgan St. 38
James Madison 31, Richmond 13
Kentucky 19, Vanderbilt 17
Louisiana Tech 41, UAB 20
Massachusetts 25, William & Mary 16
McNeese St. 24, Troy St. 7
Memphis 14, Army 10
Morris Brown 20, MVSU 19
N. Carolina A&T 30, Florida A&M 15
S. Carolina St. 34, Delaware St. 14
Samford 28, Nicholls St. 24
Southern Miss. 48, Louisiana-Lafayette 0
Tennessee St. 42, Murray St. 41
The Citadel 7, VMI 6
Tusculum 42, Jacksonville 36
Virginia 50, Buffalo 21
Virginia Tech 43, Miami 10

MIDWEST

Akron 37, Kent 34
Bowling Green 35, Ball St. 14
Butler 27, Lindenwood 16
Cent. Michigan 29, E. Michigan 26
Illinois 46, Ohio St. 20
Illinois St. 24, E. Illinois 17
Marshall 31, W. Michigan 17
Michigan St. 34, Northwestern 0
Minnesota 44, Indiana 20
Nebraska 41, Kansas St. 15
Ohio 40, Miami, Ohio 28
Oklahoma 31, Iowa St. 10
SW Missouri St. 62, Tenn.-Martin 7
Texas A&M 51, Missouri 14
Toledo 44, N. Illinois 14
Valparaiso 30, Aurora 0
W. Illinois 46, N. Iowa 27
W. Kentucky 40, Indiana St. 34, 2OT
Wisconsin 41, Iowa 3

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 28, Tennessee 24
Arkansas St. 44, Nevada 28
Colorado 37, Baylor 0
Louisiana-Monroe 37, Tulsa 34
Oklahoma St. 45, Kansas 13
S. Utah 32, SW Texas 28
SMU 58, CS Northridge 16
Sam Houston St. 21, Northwestern St. 0
Southern U. 23, Texas Southern 14
Stephen F.Austin 73, Wingate 11
TCU 27, North Texas 3
Texas 58, Texas Tech 7
UTEP 30, Rice 29

FAR WEST

Air Force 35, UNLV 16
Boise St. 45, New Mexico St. 26
Cal Poly-SLO 24, St. Mary's, Cal. 21
E. Washington 30, Weber St. 27
Hawaii 31, Fresno St. 24, 2OT
Idaho 33, Montana 30
Idaho St. 29, Montana St. 13
N. Arizona 40, Portland St. 24
Oregon 24, California 19
Oregon St. 28, Arizona 20
Southern Cal 31, Washington St. 28
Stanford 50, Arizona St. 30
UCLA 23, Washington 20, OT
Utah 52, New Mexico 7
Wyoming 31, BYU 17

National Football Schedule

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	2	0	.778	250	181
Miami	7	2	0	.778	192	166
New England	6	2	0	.750	191	150
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	204	149
N.Y. Jets	2	6	0	.250	126	150
Central						
Jacksonville	8	1	0	.889	216	79
Tennessee	7	2	0	.778	190	171
Pittsburgh	5	4	0	.556	172	124
Baltimore	3	6	0	.333	139	150
Cleveland	2	8	0	.200	99	253
Cincinnati	1	9	0	.100	130	292
West						
Seattle	7	2	0	.778	205	145
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556	200	136
Oakland	5	4	0	.556	185	162
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	136	194
Denver	3	7	0	.300	194	205

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	226	169
N.Y. Giants	5	4	0	.556	157	165
Washington	5	4	0	.556	287	257
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	115	187
Philadelphia	3	7	0	.300	149	212
Central						
Detroit	6	3	0	.667	201	171
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	237	199
Tampa Bay	5	4	0	.556	139	128
Green Bay	4	5	0	.444	166	192
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	167	201
West						
St. Louis	7	2	0	.778	300	128
Carolina	3	6	0	.333	196	204
San Francisco	3	6	0	.333	156	258
Atlanta	2	7	0	.222	117	216
New Orleans	2	7	0	.222	147	185

Sunday's Games

St. Louis 35, Carolina 10
Cleveland 16, Pittsburgh 15
Indianapolis 27, New York Giants 19
Tampa Bay 17, Kansas City 10
Buffalo 23, Miami 3
Minnesota 27, Chicago 24, OT
New Orleans 24, San Francisco 6
Tennessee 24, Cincinnati 14
Philadelphia 35, Washington 28
Oakland 28, San Diego 9
Jacksonville 6, Baltimore 3
Arizona 23, Detroit 19
Dallas 27, Green Bay 13
Seattle 20, Denver 17
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In crisis, farm advocates offer help

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Bruce Lubitz, who knew his own troubles as a dairy farmer, vividly recalls one of the first visits he made after he began working with other farmers in distress.

The Minnesota farmer he met had grain in the bins and $1.5 million in machinery on the land. But inside the kitchen refrigerator, nothing.

"No mustard, no ketchup, no eggs," Lubitz said. "There was a bowl of Jell-O. That's what they were going to serve me."

Since that meeting more than a decade ago, Lubitz and colleagues have worked with thousands of farmers as part of the state-funded Farm Advocate Program. Begun in 1984, the program offers free help to farmers who face natural disasters or financial problems.

The 13 advocates working across Minnesota are trained in agricultural lending practices, mediation, farm programs, crisis counseling, disaster programs and lender negotiation, along with how to recognize the need for legal or social services. They've worked with more than 2,000 farmers since 1993; figures before that weren't available.

"Everyone who originally started with the program (as advocates) went through some sort of crisis," said Lubitz, a field manager for the program who lives in Perham in west-central Minnesota. He became an advocate in March 1984 after his wife, Liane, got terminal cancer, his dairy cows got sick and the bills mounted.

A farm wife from Granite Falls helped the Lubitzes apply for a loan and refinancing. Out of her efforts for them and others the Farm Advocate Program began, supported by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Jan Boll, also an advocate since 1984, was on the verge of losing her beef cattle farm near Trail in northwestern Minnesota after years of losses.

"We eventually worked our way out of it," as prices turned around in the market, Boll said. By 1994, she and her husband had paid for the farm. They eventually sold it because of his health problems.

In the beginning, the advocate program focused on helping farmers get loans and keeping them on the land at all costs.

Now, advocates handle a variety of needs, including helping producers figure out how to get out of farming if they choose.

"They really serve as a bridge," said Perry Aasness, an assistant commissioner with the state Agriculture Department. "If they weren't there, I think a lot of times farmers just would not know who to go to for advice."

The advocates, who will visit farmers who can't afford to travel or don't want to risk running into creditors in public, get involved on a personal level.

"I don't think there's an advocate out there who hasn't been involved in a suicide intervention," Lubitz said. He recalled going to a farm where he had received a call, walking through the barn and looking up at the rafters to see if the woman had hanged herself. He kicked himself for not bringing his knife, in case he needed to cut a rope.

It turned out that a neighbor had come to take the woman for coffee.

The original organizers thought the program would only last about 10 weeks and sent the advocates out with three days of training, Lubitz said with a laugh. Advocates, who are contract employees of the state, now meet every few months to keep their training up to date.

The state Legislature appropriated $234,000 for the program for the 2000 fiscal year $236,000 for 2001, but Lubitz said more money is needed to hire more advocates.

Many mundane artifacts from macabre event slated for auction

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Armed with cash and a taste for the macabre, Cathee Shultz and J.D. Healy hope to buy a relic from the worst mass suicide in American history.

The couple, owners of a bizarre shrine known as the Museum of Death, say they will be among the expected hundreds at a Nov. 20 auction of property belonging to 39 Heaven's Gate cult members who committed suicide at a mansion in Rancho Santa Fe.

Anyone looking for arm patches embossed with the group's logo or artwork featuring space aliens, however, should stay home.

Other than the famed bunk beds, few if any of the items — televisions, VCRs, kitchen utensils, furniture, sleeping bags, a trampoline and a fax machine — have much connection to what happened March 26, 1997, at the cult's rented home.

That doesn't matter to Shultz and her husband.

"Even if it's just a linen napkin, we hope to get something," said Shultz, 37, who plans to move their museum from San Diego to Hollywood in January.

The item the couple most wants is one of the 20 bunk-bed frames. The cultists were found in the beds poisoned to death from a mixture of applesauce, vodka and barbiturates. They were dressed in black outfits with "Away Team" patches, Nike tennis shoes, purple shrouds and a plastic bag over their heads.

The cultists left a video message saying they were shedding their "earthly containers" to join a spaceship trailing the tail of the Hale Bopp comet.

Shultz and her husband have already acquired from an anonymous donor one of the outfits, she said. A bunk bed would allow them to create an exhibit duplicating one of the rooms in the house.

"I'm doing it because it's weird and I like that kind of stuff, but I'm a historian, too," Shultz said.

All the cult's intellectual property, including the writings of its leader Marshall Applewhite and anything bearing the cult's logo, were given to two former cult members, Mark and Sarah King of Phoenix, as part of a legal settlement earlier this year with San Diego County.

"They didn't want those things to be part of any ghoulish auction," said Jillyn Hessverdon, a lawyer for the Kings.

The county administrator is listing the sale as that of the John Craig Estate, named for a cult member, to downplay its connection to the mass suicide. The estate has been appraised at $50,000, but the sale could generate more. Proceeds will go to the cultists' families.

"We have no idea who will show up or how much they'll offer," said Kent Schirmer, head of the property division of the county administrator's office. "We don't know if people will put a premium on it just because of the incident."

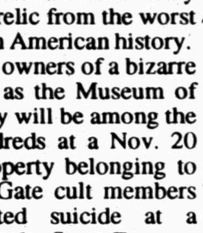
In June, a developer bought the seven-bedroom home where the mass suicide occurred for $668,000 — less than half of what the two-story home was listed for before the deaths.

Relatives of the cult members dislike the idea of the Museum of Death creating an exhibit of the suicide and hope the auction passes without much notice, said Nancie Brown, whose son, David Moore, 40, died with the cult.

"This is another step toward closure," said Brown, a semiretired teacher in northern California. "Nobody wants the auction to be some kind of a scene, something that's going to be bring more bad publicity."

Nutrition

By Ed Blonz, PH.D.



Calcium, clarified

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am a Public Health nurse, and I work with the elderly at various sites. I have always recommended to my clients that the easiest way to get supplemental calcium is to take a few Tums daily. I tell them that the best form of vitamin D is sunlight and I also recommend a good multi-vitamin daily.

You have written quite a bit about calcium supplements, but I would like to know your feelings on giving this mineral to the elderly population — what they specifically need and the disadvantage of recommending Tums as a supplement in their diet, especially if they already take a multivitamin daily. I was told that the State Department of Health and Human Services in Sacramento does not want Tums recommended to clients because it is not an adequate form of calcium for the elderly. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter. — A.S., Calif.

DEAR N.S.: Tums, composed of calcium carbonate, was originally formulated as an over-the-counter aid in combating simple heartburn, or gastritis. An increased awareness about the need for dietary calcium opened new avenues for marketing this product. It makes sense, as a typical Tums contains 200 milligrams of calcium. (The tablet contains 500 milligrams of calcium carbonate, but only 40 percent of the weight of calcium carbonate is actually calcium). This means that one regular Tums contains 20 percent of the Daily Value for calcium, making these tablets a good source for this mineral. The other ingredients in this antacid include sucrose, artificial flavoring and coloring.

I acknowledge the convenience of taking a product such as Tums, but it helps to be aware of a few things: First, when taking Tums or some generic equivalent, don't overdo it – especially around mealtime. The initial stage of digestion requires an acid environment to begin the separation of foods into their individual nutrients. Taking too much calcium carbonate at mealtime can potentially interfere with normal digestion. This might especially be the case in the elderly, who often experience a decreased output of digestive acids. It would also be a problem for those that suffer from a disorder where the acid stomach contents splash up the throat (gastroesophageal reflux disease, or GERD), as they often take products that reduce the stomach's production of acid.

This being said, you shouldn't take this antacid on an empty stomach, as it can actually cause heartburn due to its ability to stimulate a rebound acid production. The answer is to take this form of calcium in divided doses spread throughout the major meals of the day.

Another concern I have is that even though a bone is about 90 percent calcium by weight, it takes more than calcium to make bones. Other minerals, such as magnesium, phosphorous, boron and silicon are needed, and nutrients such as vitamins A, B-6 and D have to be available for mineral absorption and the maintenance of healthy bones. Finally, aside from having the needed nutrients, it takes an active lifestyle to encourage the body to keep its bones strong.

Supplements should not be viewed as a remedy for a poor diet, but they can help provide the nutrients your body needs.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I read your column on olive oil with much interest. How much does the grade of the olive oil (extra virgin, virgin, etc.) have to do with the fatty acid proportion and other health values? — F.M., N.J.

DEAR F.M.: The primary component in olive oil is oleic acid, which is a monounsaturated fatty acid. Most of the oleic acid will be present as a triglyceride, where three oleic acids are attached to the compound glycerol. The higher the grade of olive oil, the lower the amount of free oleic acid (that not bound to glycerol). In the scheme of things, the grade has little to do with the proportion of monounsaturates, saturates and polyunsaturated fatty acids. In terms of health, there is an added value to olive oil that goes beyond its high percentage of monounsaturated fat. The olive contains active phytochemical substances, which are nature's way of protecting the olive's fats from attack. These substances, which include polyphenols and tocopherols, will only be present in the extra virgin oil, which is the first oil to come out during pressing.

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.

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NEWYORK(AP)-						
High	Low	Last				
AMR Corp	62 1-16	61¼	61¾—	¼		
AT&T Corp s	46 7-16	45 5-16	46⅛+	7-16		
Albertsons	34¼	33¼	33 13-16—	9-16		
AlldSignal	62	60¾	61¼+	1¼		
Alltel	84¼	83 5-16	84 +	1½		
AmOnline s	155	148 3-16	153⅜+	5½		
AndarkPtr	32¼	31 9-16	32 3-16+	5-16		
AtlRichfld	96 7-16	94 1-16	95¼+	¼		
ATMOS Egy	23	22¼	22¾—	1-16		
Aviall	7 11-16	7 7-16	7¾+	3-16		
BP Amoco s	60 13-16	6060¼+		5-16		
BakerHughes	26¼	26¼	26¼+	¼		
Bank of Amer	66 7-16	65¾	66 5-16—	3-16		
BellAtl	63 7-16	62 13-16	63 +	¼		
BellSouth s	46 5-16	45 13-16	46 3-16—	5-16		
BethSteel	6 5⅛	5 15-16—		⅛		
BurlNoSFe	31	30¼	30 13-16—	3-16		
CBS Corp	52¼	51½	52⅛+	11-16		
Caterpillar	55 7-16	54¼	55 1-16+	1-16		
CenSoWst	20¼	20¼	20 13-16—	3-16		
Chevron	91⅛	90¼	91 5-16—	1-16		
Citigroup s	55 7-16	54 7-16	55¼+	⅛		
Coastal	40 7-16	40 1-16	40¼+	3-16		
CocaCola	58¼	57½	58¼+	¼		
ColgatePal s	57 15-16	57⅛	57¾—	3-16		
ComclMetals	33 3-16	32 13-16	33 3-16+	3-16		
Cooperln	45 7-16	44 13-16	45¼+	1-16		
CyprusAmax	19¼	18⅜	19¼+	7-16		
DaimlrChry	71 11-16	71 1-16	71 7-16—	⅛		
DallSemicn	61	60 5-16	60 15-16—	7-16		
DeltaAirl	51¼	50¾	50¾—	½		
Dillards Inc	19	18 9-16	18 15-16+	⅛		
DowChem	119	117¾	118¾+	1-16		
DuPont	61¼	60¾	61¼—	5-16		
EastmanChem	38¾	38 3-16	38 7-16+	⅛		
EstKodak s	67¼	66 5-16	67¼+	15-16		
EDS Corp	65¼	63¾	65 1-16+	1 11-16		
Entergy	28	27¾	27 13-16—	1-16		
Exxon	77 15-16	77¼	77¾—	¼		
Flowers	16 9-16	16¼	16⅜—	⅛		
FordMotor	54 9-16	53 5-16	54¼+	1¼		
GTE Cp	74¼	73½	73 11-16—	3-16		
GenDynam	51¼	50 13-16	50 15-16—	⅛		
GenlElec	136⅛	134¼	136 3-16+	13-16		
GenMills s	41 1-16	40¼	40½—	⅛		
GenMotors	72 11-16		7172⅛+	1¼		
GaPacGP s	42 7-16	41¾	42 7-16+	1¼		
GlobalMar	17⅛	16 13-16	17 +	5-16		
Goodrich	22½	22 5-16	22½+	1-16		
Goodyear s	37 9-16		3737⅛+	9-16		
GtAtlPac	27¼	26 13-16	26¾—	⅛		
Halliburtn	42¾	41¾	42¼+	9-16		
Hanson ADS	38¼	38¼	38⅛—	9-16		
HarteHanks	19 15-16	19¼	19¾+	¼		
HomeDepot	80 13-16		7979⅛—	11-16		
IBM s	96¼	94 7-16	95 3-16—	9-16		
IntlPaper	54¼	53 3-16	54 11-16+	⅛		
JohnsonJn	103 15-16	103	103¼—	½		
K mart	9 15-16	9¾	9¾+	1-16		
Kroger Co s	24¼	23 9-16	23⅛—	⅛		
Litton	43¼	43	43 5-16+	13-16		
LockheedM s	19¼	18⅛	19¼+	⅛		
Lowes Cos	56 9-16	52½	55 11-16—	2 3-16		
Lubys	12¼		1212¼+	⅛		
LucentTech s	74¼	72½	74¼+	1		
MayDeptStr s	32 13-16	32½	32 11-16+	1-16		
MediaOne	71⅛	69 15-16	70 11-16+	½		
Medtronic s	36⅛	35¼	36 3-16+	1-16		
Mobil	101 3-16	100 11-16	101			
Monsanto	46 1-16	44¼	45⅛—	1-16		
MorganJP	138⅛	136¾	137 13-16—	1½		
Motorola	115	113¾	113⅛—	2⅛		
NCR Corp	33¼	33¼	33⅛—	3-16		
Navistar	38⅛	37¼	37 15-16+	⅛		
Penney JC	23 15-16	23 3-16	23 15-16+	1-16		
PepBoys	10 3-16	9 11-16	10 +	⅛		
PepsiCo	33¼	32½	32 9-16—	9-16		
PhelpDodge	55 15-16	54 3-16	55¼+	1 7-16		
PhilipPet	49¼	49½	49¾+	¼		
PilgrmPrd B	7¾	7¼	7⅛—	¼		
Polaroid	21¼	20 11-16	21 +	⅛		
Praxair	46¾	46	46 5-16+	5-16		
ProctGamb	106¼	104¼	106¼—	¼		
PubSNwMx	17 3-16	17 1-16	17 1-16—	1-16		
ReliantEngy	26 1-16	25¾	25¾—	7-16		
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SBC Comm	50 15-16	50¼	50¾—	9-16		
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SherwinW	22	21¼	21⅞—	⅛		
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SouthernCo	25 5-16	25 1-16	25⅛—	1-16		
SwstAirl s	17¼	16¾	16 15-16—	⅛		
SprintFON s	73½	72¾	73 3-16—	1 3-16		
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Sunoco Inc	25¾	25 1-16	25 5-16+	⅛		
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Textron	71¼	68½	71 3-16+	2½		
TriconGlbR	45½	44 1-16	45¼+	2½		
TrinityInds	29¼	28 11-16	28¾—	½		
TritonEngy	20¾	19¼	20¼+	1¼		
TylerTech	4¼	4¼	4¼			
US West Inc	64 13-16	64¼	64 11-16+	¾		
USX-Marathn	29 7-16	28¾	29¼—	⅛		
USX-USS	24 5-16	24¼	24 3-16			
UnCarbde	61	60 7-16	60¾+	¼		
UnionPacif	53	52 3-16	52¾+	⅜		
UnitedTech s	54 7-16	53¾	54 7-16+	7-16		
Unocal	34¼	33 15-16	34⅛—	¼		
Venator Grp	7¾		77¼+	3-16		
WalMart s	59¼	58 3-16	59¼+	1		
WellsFargo	47 15-16	46¾	47⅛—	⅜		
WstnGasRs	13¼	12¾	13¼+	3-16		
WinnDixie	28 5-16		2828			
Xerox Cp s	25¼	24 15-16	25 +	3-16		

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Patterson	14 7/8	0
Dell	41 1/8	-5/8
Wal Mart	59 11/16	+13/16
Compac	22 1/16	+1/16
Dol. Gen.	25 9/16	0
GTE	73 7/8	0
SBC Comm.	50 1/2	-9/16
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LU	74 9/16	+2 1/16
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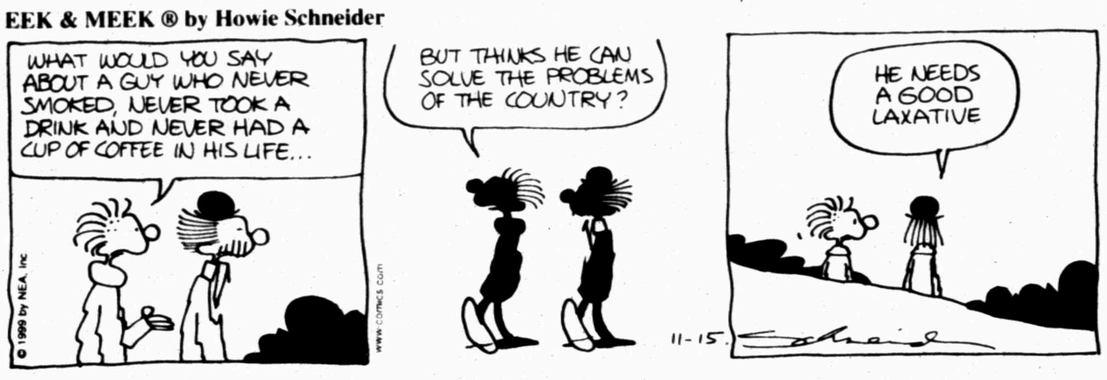

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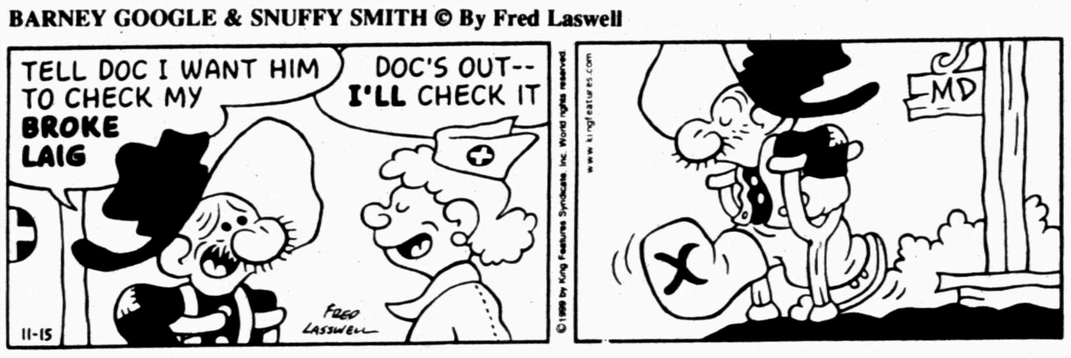

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1 Actress Anita —
7 Malodorous
12 Eager —
13 Thriller writer Leonard
14 Fruit used in a split
15 Muffle
16 Short sleep
17 Bruce Springsteen's birthplace (abbr.)
18 Roman 650
21 Use filtering liquid on
23 Orthodontist's deg.
26 "— Past Is Showing" (1957 film)
28 Diving duck
29 "Alley —"
30 California valley
31 Little bone
33 Receiver of property
36 Cleft
37 Guys
38 — Longa (ancient city)
40 Winged
41 Crude metal
42 Malaga's place
44 Annapolis grad
45 Edible tuber
46 Samoyed, e.g.
48 Dodges adroitly
51 Style of type
55 Actor Al —
56 Utah's neighbor
57 About
58 Hansel's sister

DOWN

1 Subside
2 New Zealand parrot
3 Prohibit
4 Novelist Hunter
5 Of a kidney
6 Fruits grown in 30 Across
7 Camera bulbs
8 Jane Austen title
9 Lid
10 Rage
11 Lair
13 Elicits
18 Forceful person
19 Fuel-carrying ship
20 Wolfish
22 One-celled organism
23 Like animals at a petting zoo
24 Type of sleeve
25 Pointed weapons
27 "Norma —"
32 A Gershwin
34 Emerging
35 City in Texas (2 wds.)
39 Helping
43 Observer
45 Norse god of war
47 Donated
48 Air-quality org.
49 Pianist Cliburn
50 Highest card
52 Map abbr.
53 "Cyan" ending
54 — Tech

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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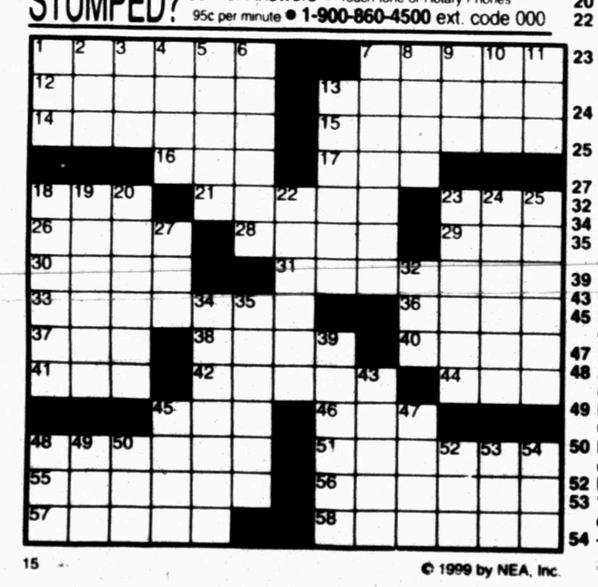

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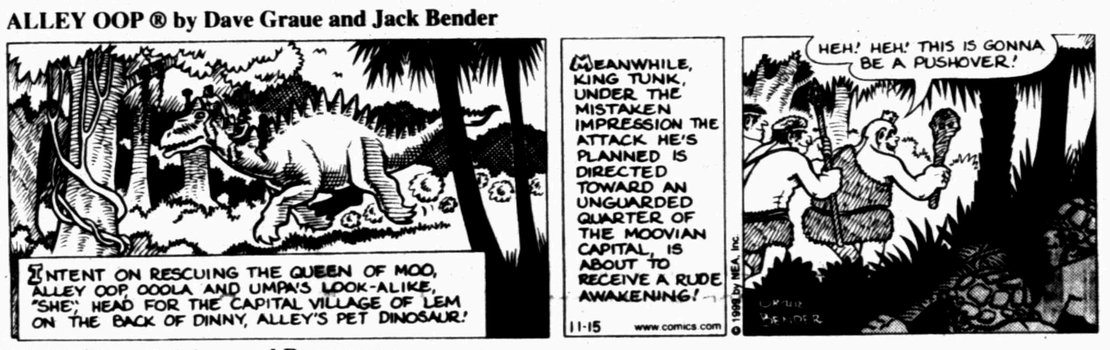

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Low marks given for hiring practices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although states are attempting to boost teacher quality, they are heading in the wrong direction with highly centralized, regulation-heavy policies, said a report issued today.

The Thomas Fordham Foundation, a privately run school-reform research organization, compiled data on policies it associates with teacher quality and concluded that most states stand in the way of ensuring that quality teachers get into the nation's classrooms.

"A far more promising approach is to deregulate entry into teaching, devolve personnel authority to individual schools, and then hold those schools and their staffs to account for student learning that occurs in them," said foundation president Chester E. Finn Jr., who was an Education Department official in the Reagan administration.

The Washington-based group evaluated states in areas that included how they punish or reward teachers and administrators for student achievement, conduct checks of teachers' backgrounds and college course work, and how much they give individual schools power to hire and fire teachers.

States were also judged on whether their willingness to certify candidates that did not come from traditional college teacher preparation programs.

Forty-four states require teachers to pass a test to earn a license. But the tests, which vary, grant teachers credentials based on a range of measures from basic skills to knowledge of a specific subject to teaching performance.

The foundation report cited Texas, whose governor is GOP presidential front-runner George W. Bush, for being one of the few states to evaluate teachers based on how well their students perform in the classroom and its aggressive recruitment of talented professionals from other fields.

Young Texas entrepreneurs put corporate logo on boxer

FORT WORTH (AP) — When Evander Holyfield fights for the world heavyweight title Saturday night in Las Vegas, two young Texas entrepreneurs hope the TV cameras show the boxer's backside — often.

Their interest lies more in finances than physiques.

Chris Faulkner and Erin Bullock direct CI Host, an Internet services company that provides computer space and manages Web sites for what it says are 38,000 clients in 126 countries.

The Bedford, Texas-based company paid more than $100,000 at auction for the right to put its logo on the back of Holyfield's trunks. Faulkner and Ms. Bullock hope the name will be seen by hundreds of millions of viewers worldwide when Holyfield takes on Lennox Lewis.

Faulkner and Ms. Bullock, both 22 and thinking about getting married, started out designing Web pages as college freshmen. They made enough money to buy an Internet server system and jump into the emerging industry of Web hosting and soon had 3,000 clients, they told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

They left school the next spring.

In the past two years, CI Host has been ranked among the top five Web-hosting companies by rating services c/net, HostIndex and Web Host Directory.

CI Host limited its promotional activities to Internet banners and word of mouth, but not anymore.

The company paid at least $100,000 to win an auction on Adauction.com for space on the rear waistband of Holyfield's trunks. It also paid a "six-figure" sum to be a sponsor at a huge Internet trade show in Las Vegas next week, Faulkner said.

Analysts are divided on the value of seat-of-the-pants endorsement.

"When they see 'CIHOST.com' on that patch, people all over the world will type it in (on their computers) to find out who they are," said sports agent Alan Zucker, whose firm represents golfer Tiger Woods and tennis player Andre Agassi.

Bone-marrow drive draws large crowd

SALISBURY, Md. (AP) — More than 2,300 people showed up for a bone-marrow testing drive this weekend to help two young people with leukemia.

"I have children and I would want someone to do this for them," said Teresa Parsons as she waited to be tested to see if she might be a suitable donor.

Ginger Lasley, 11, was diagnosed with acute myloid leukemia Oct. 20. She needs a transplant, but no family member was a suitable match. The family turned to the community for help.

Volunteers were so overwhelmed by the turnout Saturday, they had to ask people to return Sunday. Organizers had hoped that 500 people would attend.

"It's the biggest drive we've ever had. It not only helps Ginger, but all this testing could help thousands around the world," said Sandy Mortensen, Eastern Seaboard coordinator for the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry.

Joan Keller, headquarters director of the Louisiana-based American Bone-Marrow Donor Registry, said it was the largest turnout for her organization.

Before Saturday, the largest bone marrow testing drive was held in Cleveland in 1992, where 697 people were tested, organizers said.

"We passed the most they have ever done by 10 a.m.," said Stacey Weisner, who coordinated the drive.

She said the community pitched in, even publicizing the event, with school children passing out bags of "ginger snaps for Ginger," T-shirts for sale and a company that donated billboard space.

The drive on Sunday also was to find a match for Adam Travatello, 17, who was diagnosed with t-cell leukemia in June. He was admitted to John Hopkins Hospital on Wednesday following a relapse. He also needs a transplant.

"We want to put the two together so we can help both," Ms. Weisner said.

Ginger's father, Jay Lasley, said the turnout was "heartwarming to the point of being overwhelming."

Potential donors had a simple blood test to determine their HLA, or human leucocyte antigen type. HLA are genetic markers found on the white blood cells. To be a donor, six primary antigens must match.

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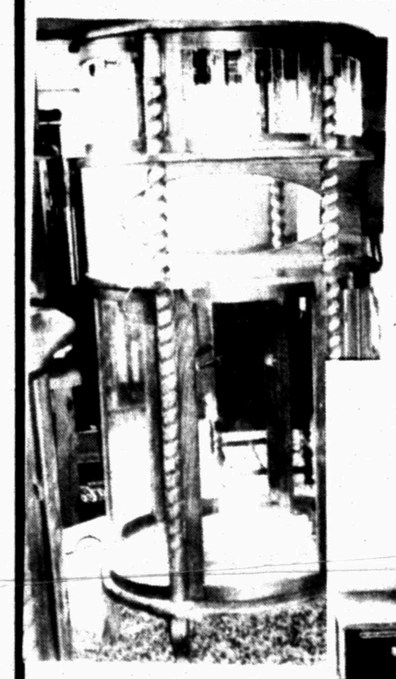

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Plane crash cause undecided

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — The pilot and co-pilot of EgyptAir Flight 990 were fixing something that got "progressively worse" and alarms sounded in the cockpit, a source close to the investigation of the downed jet told The Associated Press.

During the first 28 minutes of tape from the cockpit voice recorder, the pilot and co-pilot engaged in what appears to be routine exchanges, at times talking "like pals," the source said Sunday. Then something went wrong.

A preliminary review of the tape provides no apparent evidence of an intruder in the cockpit or of any fighting among the crew, the source said. The New York-to-Cairo jetliner crashed off Massachusetts' Nantucket Island on Oct. 31, killing all 217 people on board.

Federal officials say it is still unclear whether a mechanical problem or criminal act caused EgyptAir Flight 990 to crash.

The voice recorder was recovered from the ocean floor late Saturday just ahead of worsening weather. This morning, work to recover additional airplane wreckage was suspended because of rough seas.

In a statement Sunday, National Transportation Safety Board chairman James Hall said no conclusions could be drawn from the initial review of the tape. The recorder was found to be in good condition and it provided about 311/2 minutes of data, he said.

The source said the pilots never seem to indicate on the tape what problem they're dealing with.

"Something happens. Alarms go off. Both work to try to fix it," the source said a review of the tape revealed. "There is some kind of problem that they're dealing with. It gets progressively worse. And the tape stops."

Hall said a Cockpit Voice Recorder Group, directed by the NTSB and including representatives from Egypt, the Federal Aviation Administration, Boeing Aircraft and Pratt & Whitney Engines, would meet today to begin a more thorough review of the recorder.

It already has been reviewed by American and Egyptian officials, including FBI representatives.

After a two-week search, the recorder was found Saturday night by a remote-operated robot. It was delivered to NTSB headquarters in Washington on Sunday.

Obituaries

Lucille Dickey

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1914-1999

Lucille B. Dickey, a resident of Snyder since 1985, died Sunday, Nov. 14, in Odessa's Medical Center Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Dickey, 85, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Jim Mosley will officiate.

An Eastern Star graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Lakeland Memorial Park near Burnet.

Born Oct. 4, 1914 in Fannin County, she married Alva C. Lear on June 19, 1935 in Rotan. He died in 1978. She married Ben Dickey on May 24, 1985 in Sweetwater. He died in 1997.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, James Mark and Dessie Lee Terry; a sister, Mavis Dickey; and a great-granddaughter, Taylor McNeese.

Mrs. Dickey lived in Sweetwater from 1979 to 1985 before moving to Snyder. She was a homemaker, a member of the Union Baptist Church and a member of the Eastern Star Lodge in Marble Falls.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Neva and Charlie Clark and Stella and Sonny Bowman, all of Monahans; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Velma Lou Lear of Snyder and James and Nita Lear of Monahans; three brothers, Elmer Lee Terry of Shive, Freddie Terry of Stephenville and Dink Terry of Johnson City; four sisters, Ruth Garner of Austin, Mabel Rodgers of Cisco, Jewel Hartsfield and Lois Hooks, both of Stephenville; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

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Cleola Myers

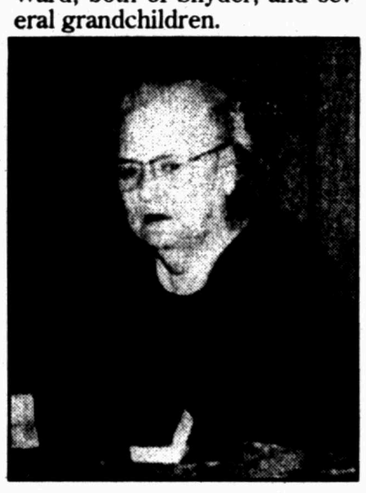
1921-1999

HYATTSVILLE, Md. – Cleola Ward Myers, the sister of two Snyder residents, died Friday, Nov. 12, following a brief illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Myers, 78, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in Port Lincoln Cemetery.

Born in Lamar County, she was reared in Roscoe. She was a civil service employee in Washington, D.C. prior to her retirement.

Survivors include three sons, Richard C. Myers Jr., J. Lon Myers and William C. Myers; one sister, Dycie Kemp of Roby, formerly of Snyder; two brothers, Hollis Ward and Jimmy Ward, both of Snyder; and several grandchildren.



Etta Chapman

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1923-1999

Etta Mae Chapman, 76, died Friday, Nov. 12, in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Chapman was held Sunday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Billy Capps, pastor of North College Ave. Baptist Church, officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 8, 1923 in Graham, she married Ollie Chapman on March 16, 1946 in Seminole. He died in 1995.

Mrs. Chapman was a homemaker and a member of the North College Ave. Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Jean Chapman of Ardmore, Okla.; two daughters, Christine Scrivner of Snyder and Virginia Swearingen of Piedmont, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mr. D'Esposito

1919-1999

Graveside service for Anthony D'Esposito of Fort Worth, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service was held Monday in Moore Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Worth.

Mr. D'Esposito, a retired quality control employee in the aerospace industry, died Thursday, Nov. 11, in Arlington.

Born March 3, 1919 in New York City, he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Arlington. He was an U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Mary Lou D'Esposito; two daughters, Elaine Olander and Debra Stiles; two sons, Anthony and David Lee D'Esposito; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Various charges send 4 to jail

A felony charge along with an assortment of misdemeanor charges sent one subject to jail over the weekend while three others were arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Department of Public Safety troopers arrested Christine Cheryl Dodd, 19, of 6200 South College at 2:54 a.m. today in the Western Texas College parking lot.

She was arrested for failure to identify. In addition, she also had an outstanding felony warrant from Taylor County for forgery, a misdemeanor warrant for theft by check/surety withdrawal, a Jones County warrant for theft by check and a Scurry County warrant for issuance of a bad check.

Officers took a 28-year-old male into custody at 1:39 a.m. Sunday in the 600 block of 30th Street for driving while intoxicated.

At 2:01 a.m. Sunday, DPS troopers arrested a 20-year-old male at Hwy. 180 milepost 354 for DWI.

A 17-year-old male was taken into custody at 3:29 a.m. Sunday for driving while intoxicated, no Texas driver's license, and no liability insurance. Officers arrested him at 27th Street and Avenue Q.

A juvenile was also taken into custody over the weekend. He was picked up at McDonald's at 9:36 p.m. Saturday for minor in possession of tobacco and released to a parent.

In other weekend activity, Gilbert Martinez reported at 7:25 a.m. Saturday the theft of items from his vehicle. An undetermined amount of cash and miscellaneous tools were reported missing. An offense report for Class B theft was filed.

An offense report for runaway was filed at 7:56 a.m. Saturday after a woman reported to a deputy that her 16-year-old daughter had not returned home. The attempt to locate was cancelled at 2:21 p.m. Sunday when the woman reported that her daughter had returned home.

A 14-year-old female was reported as a runaway at 7:22 p.m. Saturday. The attempt to locate was cancelled at 2:35 p.m. Sunday when the girl returned home.

A one-vehicle rollover occurred at 5:51 a.m. Saturday 4.8 miles south of Snyder on Hwy. 208.

DPS trooper Rick Campos worked the accident and said this morning it is still under investigation as the subjects involved in the accident said they didn't know who was driving.

The vehicle was a 1988 GMC pickup owned by Joe Velasquez. The three occupants were Ruben Drake, Susano Sosa, and Chris Lara, all 17 and from Colorado City.

According to Campos, the vehicle was northbound on Hwy. 208 when it went off the roadway and overturned.

A two-vehicle mishap occurred at 9:35 a.m. Sunday in the 3000 block of Avenue N. Involved were a 1999 Pontiac Grand AM driven by Dalinda Kay Halkowitz, 37, of 409 32nd Street and a 1990 Pontiac driven by Joe Daniel Martinez, 20, of 3101 Avenue N.

Births

Ray and Amy Reyes are parents of a son born at 4:35 p.m. on Nov. 14 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, eight ounces.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Nov. 13-Donnie Chorn, Mary Moffett, Iva Woodson; Nov. 14-Jennette Malone, Nellie Martinez, Amy Reyes and Vivian Kyle.

DISMISSALS: Nov. 13-Chris Lara of Colorado City, Esmeralda Robledo, Susano Sosa of Colorado City, Lois Haynes, Delena Jones and baby boy, Patricia Scott; Nov. 14-Bruce Elder, Eunice Houston, Kenneth Rinehart, Amy Garza and Iva Woodson.

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SHS girls basketball booster club

The SHS girls basketball booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the high school gym.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 this evening are "Lessons from the Book of Revelation," followed by "You Can Make a Difference."

Cancer Society meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Partner-in-Service Night

Snyder Lions Club will not meet at noon Tuesday, but will have a Partner-in-Service Night featuring District Governor Bernie Gardel of Lubbock. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Martha Ann's Woman's Club.

MAWC luncheon

The Martha Ann Woman's Club November luncheon and game day will be held Wednesday instead of the usual fourth Wednesday. Games of choice will be played throughout the afternoon. Reservations are requested by 5 p.m. today.

SHS softball booster club

The club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the West Elementary cafeteria.

Inspecting Carol

"Inspecting Carol" will open Thursday at Western Texas College. The curtain raises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for seniors/students. Call 573-8511, ext. 234 for tickets.

TSA fundraiser

The Technology Student Association at Snyder High is selling nuts as a fund-raising project to offset end-of-year competition costs. Call 573-6301 and ask for Darrin Duzan.

Ira yearbooks on sale

The Year 2000 Bulldog annuals are on sale. The cost is $26 with a name on the cover, or $22 without a name. The annuals will be on sale until Friday.

Foster parent workshop

The Oil Patch Foster Parent Association will sponsor a workshop Saturday on "Avoiding Power Struggles and Encouraging Compliance." It will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Call Donna Zalman, 863-2276; Donna Dickinson, 573-7817; or Alice Alvarez, 573-3722 by Monday if you plan to attend.

Heart walk

The Scurry County division of the American Heart Association will host the annual heart walk Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Towle Park Pavilion. Walkers can earn prizes based on donations. For more information, call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041.

Quilting Club

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club meets from 8 a.m. until noon each Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited for free quilting lessons. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Tiger Times yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Nov. 23. Copies may be ordered by paying $14 now, or paying a deposit of $7 with the balance due when the yearbooks arrive in the spring. Orders will be accepted in the school office or room 110. There will be no extra copies.

Choir Poinsettia sale

The SHS choir and booster club are selling Christmas Poinsettias during November. Red, white and a jingle bell variety are available for $10. Place orders with any choir member or call the high school. Poinsettias will be here Nov. 29 and will be available for pickup or delivery that week.

Tiger's Lair senior dedications

Dedications for the annual are due Dec. 1. The cost is $40 and to reserve a space, call Katie Henson at 573-6301.

Library extends hours

Scurry County Library has extended its Saturday hours and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-W-F and

WTC planetarium open

The planetarium at Western Texas College is now open with its fall lineup of new programs, developed for specific age groups: pre-K and kindergarten, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, and grades 7 through adults. The 60-seat planetarium is open for group showings, by reservation, for Friday morning and afternoon programs. It is also available, by reservation, for group showings Thursday through Saturday evenings. For reservations, call Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

WTC nursing program

Students wishing to enroll in the March class for Licensed Vocational Nursing at Western Texas College need to contact the counseling office to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through Dec. 7 and interviews will be scheduled through Jan. 10. Classes begin March 1. Contact the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313, or toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC.

Support groups

Support groups for Cancer, Grief and Divorce Recovery meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at First Baptist Church. For information call 573-263. A new group for sexual assault survivors will meet at a confidential time and location. For information call 573-1822. Childcare is provided.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million. The ticket was sold in Waco. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 3, 14, 38, 40, 47 and 50. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million

Pick 3

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

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