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Home Of Roosevelt Asberry

Airport bids to be opened

County commissioners will have two bids for the lease of hangar space at Winston Field to consider when they meet Monday at 10 a.m. in special session.

The bid also includes office and shop space for a fixed base operator, or mechanic.

The hangar space and the fixed base operator position became vacant when a five-year lease agreement between the county and Gary Haltom was terminated by the county after being in effect for only 13 months.

Haltom has moved from the city.

The court voted on Aug. 29, 1995 to award the contract to Haltom for $1 per year for five years. At that time, one other bid was submitted to the court. County resident David Shifflett bid $50 per month for the initial year of the contract, and $100 per month for the next four years.

While Shifflett indicated earlier that he might submit a proposal Monday, neither of the two bids received were from him.



PEARL HARBOR CEREMONY — The Senior Citizens Center conducted a special program Friday morning to honor Pearl Harbor survivors and other World War II veterans. A flag-raising ceremony, conducted by local members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, kicked off the special event. Horace Proctor, left, commander of the AL post, and Bob Sealy unfurled the American flag. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Lighted parade, Cowboy Ball key weekend activities

Scurry County and area residents have the opportunity to see what could be Snyder's best lighted parade yet Saturday, then do a little boot-scootin'.

It's time for the city's sixth annual Lighted Christmas Parade, to be followed this year by a Cowboy Christmas Ball.

The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Cinema I & II parking lot and proceed north on College Avenue to 26th Street and around the square. All entries in the parade must have lights.

Grand marshal for the event is Ellie Dryden.

Among the parade entries are the grand marshal's float, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, Don's Inspection Service, First United Methodist Church, Scurry County, First Baptist Church, Outreach Health Services, Snyder EMS, Girl Scouts, G-20s, Snyder Healthcare Center and Ira Church of God.

Others are Thompson Insurance, East Side Church of Christ, American State Bank, Phi Theta Kappa, Snyder Youth Bowlers, 4-H Horse Club, Wal-Mart, Reef Chemical, Midwest Electric Cooperative and the Scurry County rodeo queen.

The Cowboy Christmas Ball is planned from 7:30 p.m. until midnight at Scurry County Coliseum. CowJazz will be the featured band. Tickets will be $5 at the door.

Santa land will be open in Room B at the coliseum from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Girl Scouts to sponsor Toys for Tots

Girl Scout Troops 100 and 158 have taken up the challenge of sponsoring Toys for Tots this Christmas season.

Applications for families requesting toys for their young children may be completed and mailed to Judi Martin at 3106 Hill Avenue. An application form is in this issue of the Snyder Daily News.

Applications must be turned in by Dec. 20.

Anyone having toys to donate to the program can drop them off at the Snyder Daily News office, 3600 College, during regular business hours, or the Girl Scout Hut, 2501 35th, in the afternoons.

Toys for Tots can accept toys until Dec. 19 for this Christmas.

For more information on applications or donations, call 573-3525.

DCOS interviews set Tuesday

Board to meet again with two applicants

Directors of the Development Corporation of Snyder will meet Tuesday afternoon to interview two finalists for the position of executive director.

The board will convene at 1 p.m. At 1:15 the board will interview Kent Sharp, director of economic development for the city of Stamford for the past three years.

At 3 p.m., the board will interview John DeLille of Bella Vista, Ark., a former director of industrial development for Arkansas Industrial Development Commission.

The two applicants, recommended by the search firm of Andersen and Associates, were first interviewed by the board last Thursday, along with a third candidate from Kansas.

Sharp, a graduate of Texas Christian University, also served as chamber manager and director of economic development in Shamrock before moving to Stamford.

DeVille, who has been in private business for the past nine years, also formerly worked for the Washington state Department of Trade and Economic Development. He graduated from the Institute of Politics and Government at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock in 1974.

Roy McQueen, DCOS vice president, said the board could make a final decision Tuesday afternoon following the two interviews.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A prudent driver is one who drives likes he owns the car, not the road."

A few weeks ago, we ran a Biblical puzzle that generated numerous comments.

One such reaction was from Billy Terry of Roby who brought us another brain teaser.

Legend has it that a man offered $1,000 to anyone who could write a puzzle which he couldn't solve. The following riddle was posed to him by a woman from California. The man had to pay the money. Give it a try:

Adam, God made out of dust,
but thought it best to make me first.
So I was made before man, to
answer God's most Holy plan.
A living being I became, and
Adam gave to me my name.
I from his presence then withdrew, and more of Adam never knew.
I did my Maker's law obey, nor
ever went from it astray.
Thousands of miles I go in fear.
but seldom on earth appear.
For purposes wise which God
did see, he put a living soul in me.
A soul from me God did claim,
and took from me the soul again.
So when from me the soul had fled, I was the same as when first made.
And without hands, or feet, or
soul, I travel on from pole to pole.
I labor hard by day, by night, to
fallen man I gave great light.
Thousands of people, young
and old, will by my death great light behold.
No right or wrong can I
concieve, the scripture I cannot believe.
Although my name therein is
found, they are to me an empty sound.
The feat of death doth trouble
me, real happiness I'll never see.

To Heaven I shall never go, or
to hell below.
Now when these lines you
slowly read, go search your Bible with all speed.
For that my name is written
there, do honestly to you declare.
(The answer is one word and
appears only four times in the Bible. Try and unravel the mystery.)

Community blood drive to be held here Tuesday

Scurry County residents are invited to become "holiday heros" and donate blood.

Those who do will receive a special holiday T-shirt.

The drive begins Tuesday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, a drive will be held from noon until 5 p.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Thursday, the donation effort will move to the Price Daniel Unit for Texas Department of Criminal Justice employees from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Everyone who signs up to donate blood during this drive will receive a holiday T-shirt, and their are other gifts as well.

Donors are reminded that they are required to show identification before donating blood. Acceptable identification can be a driver's license, birth certificate or Social Security number.

It is not necessary to make a reservation to donate blood. However, it will speed the process for those who have little time. Donors are invited to make reservations for Tuesday's community drive by calling 573-8626.

Pinocchio tickets on sale at chamber

Tickets are on sale at the chamber office for the American Family Theatre production of "Pinocchio," scheduled here next Saturday, Dec. 14.

Reserved seating tickets are $10. General admission is $6.

The Broadway for Kids series production will be held at Worsham Auditorium. Curtain time is 7 p.m.

This classic story is presented with exuberance and song, according to a spokesman from the production's home office in Philadelphia, and has been performed before sell-out audiences throughout the United States and Canada.



EARLY MORNING FIRE — Snyder firemen got their weekend off to a busy start as they responded to a house fire around 6:30 a.m. Saturday at 3400 Ave. M. The house, occupied by Bennie Hallums, suffered major structural damage and was believed to have started when an electrical cord shorted out. It was the second structural fire the department has responded to in two days. Thursday, a fire destroyed Snyder Laundry. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—What company pays the most in county taxes in Scurry County?

A—Pennzoil, with a bill of $154,449.36.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 74 degrees; low, 37; 7 a.m. Saturday, 37; no precipitation; total for 1996, 18.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Low, upper 20s. N wind 5-15 mph, becoming light, variable by midnight. Sunday, sunny. High, mid 60s. Light wind, becoming S 5-10 mph by afternoon.



Brittany Fritz

Clear

Sunset: 5:41 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:31 a.m.
Of 341 days in 1996, the sun has shone 337 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Whoever has no rule over his own spirit Is like a city broken down, without walls.

Proverbs 25:28

More on Monday offers something new for SHS students

Snyder High School offers many opportunities for students after regular school hours during the week. These opportunities include computer and library access and the Homework Hotline. Starting on Monday, SHS Students will have More on Monday.

The program sponsored by the SHS Counseling Department will offer a variety of programs each Monday. These services will include opportunities for personal counseling for students and parent conferences on Monday evenings from 6 until 8 p.m. Students can receive assistance with study skills and organizational skills.

Students will also have the opportunity to receive assistance with college financial aid applications, college admissions, college and scholarship information and any other service they can receive during the regular school day. Since it is often difficult for students to take class time for these activities and a visit to the school often requires parents taking off from work, More on Monday will provide greater access to school personnel and resources.

More on Monday will include a variety of activities throughout the day each Monday. The first More on Monday will kick off with an organizational meeting of a Newcomers Club at 7:50 a.m. in the home economics living room. This will be an organization developed to assist students new to Snyder High School become familiar with the activities and opportunities available at the school.

The welcoming committee of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host the event and meet with students to help organize activities to meet the needs of students moving into the district.

Western Texas College representatives will be in the student center during the lunch hour to provide information about activities, admission, financial aid, courses and other academic opportunities available to SHS Students.

Counselors will be available in the counseling office each Monday evening to work with parents and students. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the More on Monday evening activities to talk to the counseling staff about concerns they may have about their students.

Activities planned for future Mondays include parent workshops on drug abuse and addictions, study skills, 1997-98 student registration, college financial aid, and opportunities for SHS students at Western Texas College. Plans also include the organization of a peer assistance program to provide information

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'Coach' to replace 'Townies' on ABC

NEW YORK (AP) — The comedy "Coach" will return to ABC's lineup next week, sending "Townies" to the bench.

"Coach" has been on hiatus for several weeks but will reappear on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 8:30 p.m., ABC officials said Friday.

"Townies," a comedy starring Molly Ringwald, will go on hiatus but ABC said it will be rescheduled sometime later in the television season.

Ringwald's entry into series television has met with lukewarm acceptance.

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Cody Cribbs named one of four finalists

Cody Cribbs, 17, of Snyder's FFA chapter, is one of the four national finalists who competed for the title of national winner in the food, science and technology proficiency award program at the 69th FFA Convention last month in Kansas City, Mo.

Proficiency awards recognize FFA members who excel as agricultural entrepreneurs, employees or volunteers while they gained hands-on experience.

Food science and technology is one of 40 FFA proficiency award categories offered at local, state and national levels.

The food science and technology proficiency award program is sponsored by General Mills Foundation and Mariani Packing Co., as a special project of the National, FFA Convention.

Cribbs began interested in food technology while enrolled at SNyder High School. He has actively participated int the FFA meats lab, greenhouse and community garden projects.

He spent "countless hours" on these projects in designing programs and developing and installing machinery to improve each facility.

In the process, Cody developed considerable skills in fabricating meat products into both wholesale and retail cuts, growing plants in hydroponic greenhouses and developing the ability to inspect meat for wholesomeness and quality.

Cribbs plans to attend Texas A&M University and will probably major in animal science.

Cribbs is the son of Barry and Marsha Cribbs.

Mexican boy in temporary custody

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Pedro Sandoval Sanchez, a 10-year-old Mexican boy who ran away from home and rode the rails to Utah, has been ordered placed in temporar ' state custody.

The boy traveled 600 miles from Nogales, near the Arizona border, to Salt Lake City, where transients delivered him to police on Sept. 15. His attorney says he wants to stay in his foster home here.

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Angie Ramirez
seaman apprentice

Ramirez becomes seaman apprentice

Angie Ramirez has been promoted to seaman apprentice. She also received a certificate of appreciation for helping to recruit someone.

Since September, she has been serving on the USS Wasp, stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Ramirez, who enlisted under the Delayed Entry program, has spent the past five months in the Navy. She completed basic training at Great Lakes, Ill.

She is a 1995 graduate of Snyder High School.

Ramirez' parents are Pete and Antonia Ramirez.

Moderate quake rattles Japan

TOKYO (AP) — A moderate earthquake rattled windows on islands south of Tokyo Saturday. There were no reports of injury or damage.

The magnitude-4.9 quake was centered 180 miles south of Tokyo, 30 miles beneath the sea floor, the Central Meteorological Agency said.

On Hachijo and several other lightly populated islands near the epicenter, the quake was strong enough to make buildings sway and make water slosh around in glasses.

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Briseno attends conference

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Zachary Briseno is attending the National Young Leaders Conference this week. It was to conclude on Sunday.

Briseno is the son of Joe and Eloisa Briseno. Maternal grandparents are Miguel and Eva Moreno of Snyder. Paternal grandparents are Juanita Briseno of Loraine and the late Eloy Briseno.

The National Young Leaders Conference is a leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

Briseno, a junior at Snyder High School, is among 350 other national scholars who are also attending the conference from across America.

The them is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the six-day conference, participants interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the Floor of the U.S House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club.

Scholars also visit with foreign embassies and receive policy briefings from senior government officials.

They may also meet with their senators and representatives or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing their city and the nation.

Participants also take part in a number of leadership skill-buildings activities, including role-playing exercises such as the president, members of the Cabinet and representatives from Capitol Hill who must respond to an international crisis involving Russia.

At the conclusion of the conference, the young scholars assume the roles of the U.S. Reps by debating, amending and voting on proposed legislation for an official language and immigration reform.

The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization, founded in 1985. Each year only 7,000 youth nationwide participate in the 20 sessions.



Zachary Briseno

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Many unfamiliar with new federal law

By ARLENE LEVINSON
AP National Writer

Law officers and military personnel who have been convicted of domestic violence are breaking a new federal law every time they pick up a gun.

With federal, state and local law officers totaling about 700,000, and with 1.5 million Americans serving in the military, some criminal justice experts say the law breakers could number in the thousands.

The new law, tucked into a federal spending bill that went into effect Sept. 30, applies to anyone convicted of a misdemeanor for using or attempting to use physical force on an intimate partner or a family member. The penalty is up to 10 years in prison and up to $250,000 fine.

It gives no exemption to the military or law officers, for most of whom a gun is a job requirement. In most states, crimes of domestic violence are prosecuted as misdemeanors.

The law applies equally to private citizens and to FBI and Treasury agents, the Secret Service and U.S. marshals, jail guards and state troopers, housing police and campus security, and every local police officer from chiefs to cops on the beat.

Spot checks by The Associated Press found many law enforcement agencies still unaware of the law this week. This, despite an open letter to all local and state law enforcement officials on Nov. 26 from John Magaw, director of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Officers convicted of a domestic violence misdemeanor, Magaw advised, "must immediately dispose of all firearms and ammunition in their possession."

On Friday, the Justice Department told its agency chiefs that all their law enforcement employees with government-issued firearms must immediately return their weapons to their supervisor if they have a conviction.

All agents in the department, including FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration agents, will get a document they must sign within 10 days stating they were never convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, said Gregory King, a department spokesman. Lying on that form will be a federal crime.

Few agencies, it seems, know how many of their employees have been found guilty of domestic violence misdemeanors.

"It isn't something you can just look up. Often, misdemeanor convictions are not listed on rap sheets," King said.

Air Force Maj. Monica Aloisio, a Defense Department spokesperson, said, "We are not in compliance with the law, and we know we're not in compliance with the law."

Some law enforcement agencies are simply hoping the guilty will come forward and turn in their weapons. In others, a few officers have already been disarmed.

In Denver, Officer Alex Woods Jr., convicted last year of assaulting his girlfriend, was one of two officers who surrendered their guns Monday.

Woods, 25, turned his three handguns and a shotgun over to his father, homicide Detective Alex Woods Sr., and was temporarily assigned to working with equipment.

The young officer didn't return a reporter's phone call. His father said victims will be fearful of reporting domestic violence when it might cost their spouses their jobs.

The younger Woods's former girlfriend, Mary Taylor, 28, said from her home in Aurora, Colo., she's glad the law was enacted.

"It's a step in the right direction for domestic violence," she said. "It's not going to stop it, but it's going to prevent people at least from being shot."

Around the country, other police departments say they are beginning to act. In Los Angeles, five sheriff's deputies have been disarmed and in Nashville, Tenn., one officer's case is being reviewed.



LIONS MAKE DONATIONS — The Special Olympics and Noah Project-West received monetary gifts Tuesday from the Snyder Lions Club. Representing the Special Olympics was Juanita Glass, left. Receiving checks for the general fund and the building fund for Noah Project was Dee Wilson, service area director. Lions Club president Redge Heard made the presentations. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Colonial Hill will present annual Christmas cantata

The Colonial Hill Baptist Adult Choir and Orchestra will present the annual Christmas cantata, "I'll Be Home For Christmas" this weekend.

Two performances are slated. The first is 8 p.m. Saturday, following the lighted Christmas parade. The second will be at 11 a.m. Sunday.

The Sunday morning presentation will be televised live on TCA Cable Channel 2.

This year's musical drama is set in a small American town in 1941, during the "golden days of radio." The story begins on Thanksgiving Day and concludes just following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

This musical shows how a typical American family relied on their strong Christian faith to face the very troubling days that lay immediately ahead of them at the beginning of World War II.

Everyone is invited. A nursery will be provided for both performances.

'Little Women' slated at Garza

POST — The stage adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women" opened Friday at the Garza Theater. Other dates are this weekend, Dec. 13-15 and 20-22. Curtain time in 7:45 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The 2:30 p.m. performances are Sunday matinees.

Ticket prices are $8 for adults and $5 for children ages 6-12.

For reservations, call (806) 495-4005, Monday through Saturday — noon to 5 p.m., or until curtain time during show weekends.

Fluvanna resident Emily Hataway plays the grown up Jo March, who narrates the story. Amber Conoly and her sister, Jenny, formerly of Fluvanna, play March sisters Meg and Beth.

Senior Center News

The Senior Center invites the public to shop for holiday treats at a bake sale starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Senior citizens will be bringing cookies, candy, breads and cakes for sale and those who can give volunteer time during the sale are asked to contact Pamela Fenton.

Christmas greetings will be sent to senior citizens who are homebound or who are in long-term care facilities. Senior citizens are invited to sign the cards on Monday. Cleo Wolf will be presenting a musical program at 11:15 a.m. Monday.

A 42 tournament is scheduled Tuesday morning. Social Security representatives will be in the center from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday.

Children from Snyder Day Care Center will visit at 11:15 Wednesday morning. Santa Claus will be there starting at 11:30. The Christmas Tree is decorated with mittens, gloves and socks given by senior citizens for the children and donations for the tree will be accepted through Dec. 20.

The Kitchen Band will go to the Snyder Oaks Care Center for a program on Wednesday morning. The line dancing class will meet at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Pat Reynolds will present a program of holiday songs at 11:30 Thursday.

The annual Christmas dinner is set Dec. 19 and senior citizens who wish to attend are asked to make reservations so food preparation can be planned.

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Financial Focus

Responsibility means being accountable for your own actions. And when it comes to investing, it's especially important to understand responsibility.

Numerous state and federal agencies exist to help protect investors. The securities industry polices its members through the listed stock exchanges, the National Association of Securities Dealers, the Securities Industry Association and more. Violators are promptly disciplined with meaningful fines and penalties.

Yet all these safeguards do not absolve investors of the responsibility to protect their own investments. Today, more than ever, investors must recognize this responsibility.

Why is this so important today? The stock market has enjoyed one of the longest and most profitable advances in modern history. Many investors have been rewarded as they may never be again. However, good times like these pave the way for con artists offering a variety of investment scams.

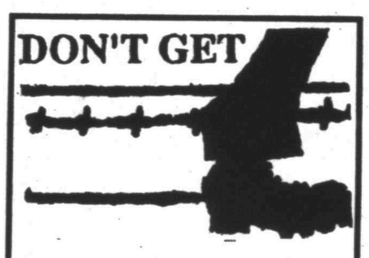
For example, the Associated Press recently reported that a Louisiana woman pleaded guilty to bilking 10 people out of more than $360,000 in an investment scam. Her victims were all out-of-state investors who voluntarily sent large sums of money to her - an unknown person - because she promised to buy them mutual funds. However, the woman kept the money and never bought any funds.

Crimes such as this occur every day. The only thing unusual about this one is the fact that the woman was caught. The victims will probably never see the money they lost. The woman faces a possible 30-year prison sentence on six counts of mail fraud, but that's of little comfort to the people whose money she stole. The unfortunate people learned responsibility the hard way.

More and more poeple are being approached by strangers offering investments. These "salespeople" obtain names (and an alarming amount of personal information) from computer databases and make their deals over the phone.

As I have said many times in this column, never invest with an individual or a company whom you have not researched. A competent financial professional should get to know you in person, want to establish a long-term relationship and have your best interests at heart.

The various industry regulators can only go so far in preventing fraud. The ultimate responsibility for protecting your money lies with you. The first step in being responsible is to invest only with someone you know and trust - never with a stranger.



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Clint graduated from Snyder High School in 1991, and attended Eastern New Mexico University for one year. He has also taken some classes at Western Texas College. His wife, Melanie, is employed by a home health agency.

As a scrub tech, Clint must be able to prepare for a variety of cases, anticipate various physicians' needs and preferences, maintain a sterile field, and be knowledgeable about different types of instruments and procedures.

Clint was selected for this honor followwwing nominations by coworkers. Comments on nominating ballots included:courteous and caring...takes pride in his job...willing to do more than his share and "go the extra mile"...very considerate of other people...always friendly, a joy to be around...has a positive attitude...very dependable and conscientious about his work.

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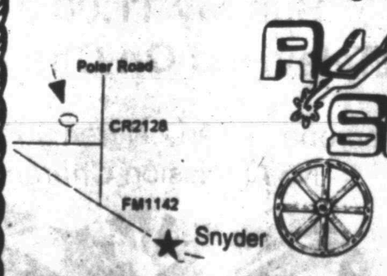
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LARGE OFFICE — The largest portable building built by Production Pump in Snyder, 2710 25th, was moved Wednesday by E.L. Farmer Trucking to the Nina-Lucia Lease near Silver. The 24 ft. by 75 ft. structure is an office building for Oryx Energy. It has five office rooms, a conference room, kitchen, rest room and storage room. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



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FBI agent's son charged in killings

FORSYTH, Ga. (AP) — The son of an FBI agent was charged in the mysterious killings of two college students who were repeatedly shot as they sat in a car on a popular lovers' lane near a lake.

Andrew Cook, 22, was arrested in the January 1995 slayings of Michele Cartagena, 19, and Grant Hendrickson, 22, Monroe County sheriff's officials said Friday. He was being held without bail.

Investigators would not speculate on a motive or whether Cook knew the couple.

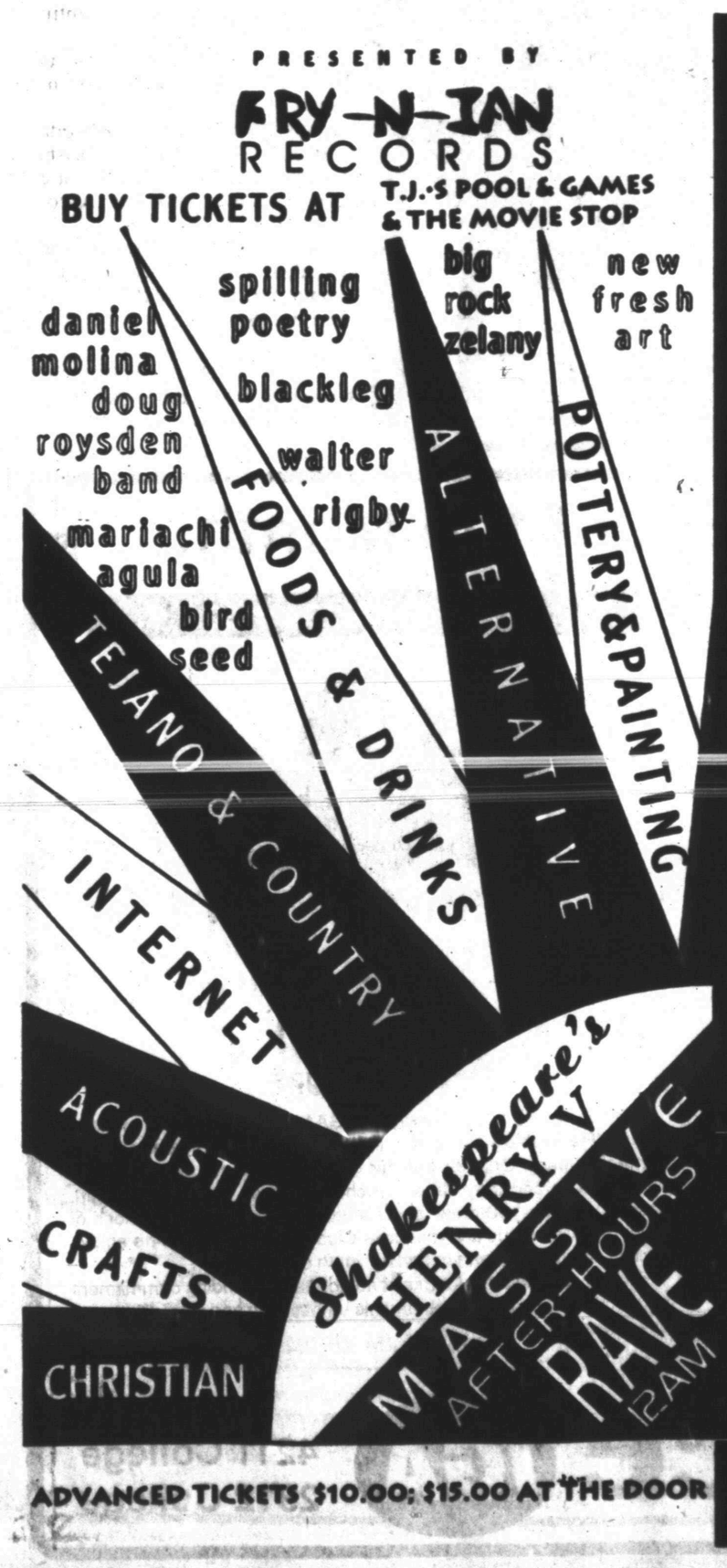
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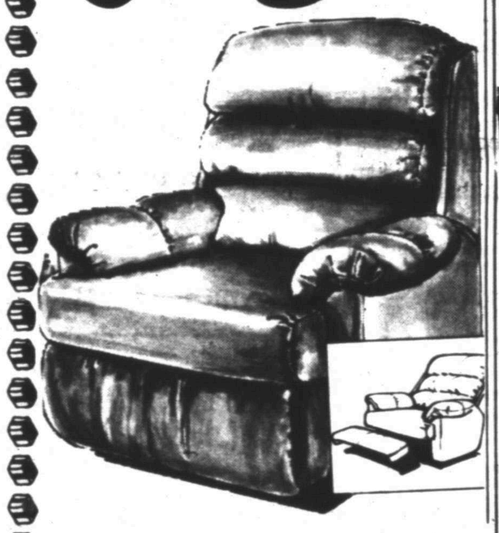
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Judge inclined to let racketeering counts in tobacco lawsuit

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A judge said Friday he's inclined to let Florida accuse the cigarette industry of racketeering in a lawsuit filed to recoup some $2.4 billion in taxes spent on people who get sick from smoking.

Circuit Judge Harold Cohen didn't immediately rule on whether the state could add the racketeering counts to its lawsuit.

But before he listened to lawyers argue the issue, Cohen said he was leaning toward permitting the racketeering counts.

The racketeering counts claim that the industry lied to federal officials, committed fraud, illegally marketed its products to children and conspired to deceive the public about the dangers of cigarettes.

Attorney General Bob Butterworth was at the hearing, joined by two counterparts: Mike Moore from Mississippi and Grant Woods of Arizona.

Arizona and Texas both want to charge cigarette makers with racketeering but judges have not yet ruled on whether they can do so.

Attorneys for both Florida and Philip Morris said they expected Cohen to rule within a week.

Should the judge allow the racketeering counts, the state potentially could win triple damages if it prevails in the suit, which is scheduled to go to trial in August.

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READING CLINIC — Several parents with primary age students attended a special TAPPS reading clinic last week. From left are, Shrunda Smith and Stella Hermosillo, parents; Kathy Brooks, reading specialist; and Jim Rosson, principal. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

TAPPS reading clinic presented

Central Elementary has received a grant from the Texas Education Agency for a reading program designed to involve primary parents and students at Central.

The program, Reading TAPPS, Targeting all Primary Parents and Students, offers and encourages parents of primary level students to become partners in the education of their children.

Kathy Brooks, reading specialist, conducted the clinic.

UT officer remaining finalist

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A second candidate for the presidency of the University of Minnesota has withdrawn, leaving just one finalist.

Judith Ramaley, president of Portland State University in Oregon, announced Friday that she withdrew her name from consideration over concerns about the job.

"I became increasingly aware that (the University of Minnesota) has mixed expectations about its own future and conflicting ideas about the role, scope and approach to leadership that the next president should exercise," she said in a written statement released by Portland State University.

Ramaley, also a candidate for president at the University of Vermont, got overwhelming support in an unofficial straw poll of the Minnesota Student Association earlier this week.

Another finalist for the job being vacated by President Nils Hasselmo next summer was William Muse, president of Auburn University. He withdrew this week to accept a 5-year contract with his school. Ramaley said the narrowed field influenced her decision.

The remaining finalist is Mark Yudof, vice president of the University of Texas at Austin.

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Day of infamy still fresh for 'Pearl' survivors

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — It has been 55 years since the peace of a Sunday morning — and of a nation — disintegrated in the chaos of fire from the air.

Still, the memory of the attack on Pearl Harbor is as fresh to its survivors as the tropical dawn in which it occurred.

"Every one of us can recall it right to the instant," said 82-year-old Joe Langdell, who came from Yuba City, Calif., to join some 450 other members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association at a memorial for the attack that dragged the United States into World War II.

Langdell was an ensign aboard the USS Arizona, which still lies at the bottom of the harbor, 900 of its crew members entombed within. He was spared their fate because he was on Ford Island in the harbor's center when Japanese warplanes streaked through a mountain pass to the north and attacked at 7:50 a.m.

The scars on 76-year-old Donald Stratton's arms attest to his story of escaping the burning Arizona by climbing hand-over-hand on a line tossed from the repair ship Vestal.

"Everybody was burned real bad," he said. "I was on the gun control platform on the deck above the bridge where the captain and the admiral were killed.

"We were firing at them. I seen the Oklahoma capsize. I seen the West Virginia get hit."

Within hours, 21 American vessels had been sunk, including the battleships Arizona, California, West Virginia, Oklahoma and Nevada. At airfields around the island of Oahu, 165 planes were destroyed and 159 were damaged.

In all, 2,338 military personnel and civilians were killed. Japan lost 29 planes and five midget submarines in the attack.

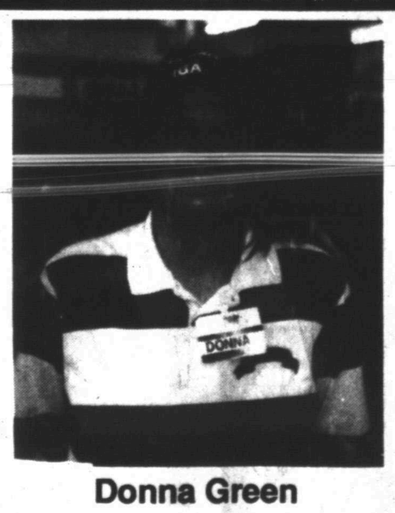
Survivors of the attack — the complete number is uncertain — reunite formally every five years to honor its victims.

The "S" in Harry S. Truman's name was not an abbreviation; his middle name was just "S."

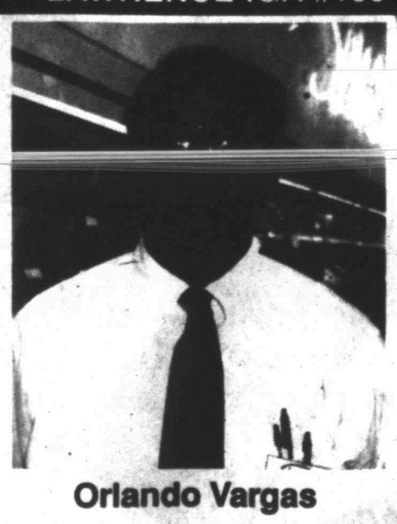
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Donna has worked at Lawrence IGA for one year and a month. She is assistant Deli Manager. She enjoys reading books and spending time with her son in her spare time.
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Orlando Vargas
Orlando has worked for Lawrence IGA for a year and three months. He is a Perishable's Manager. He has lived in the Snyder area for fourteen years. Orlando and his wife, Isabel, have been married sixteen years and they have four children, three boys and one girl, Joseph, Thomas, Andrew and Kathrine. Orlando is a member of Knights of Columbus and the Lions Club. In his spare time he enjoys cycling, leatherwork and coaching youth sports.
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GOLD STAR RECIPIENTS — Veronica Williams and Darcee Purcell recently received Gold Star Awards. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



OUTSTANDING JR. 4-H — Dana Stribling and Hadley Hirt were recently named Outstanding Junior 4-H members. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Scurry County 4-H awards presented

Scurry County 4-H members recently received awards.

Darcee Purcell and Veronica Williams were named Gold Star Award recipients. The Outstanding Junior 4-H Awards were presented to Dana Stribling and Hadley Hirt.

Danny Williams and Janet Stribling were named Outstanding Adult Leaders. Friend of 4-H recipient was Keith Hackfeld.

Jacinda Judah and Jacki Thompson received Family Community Educator Awards.

Horse awards were presented to Cindy Nachlinger, Veronica Williams, Vanessa Williams, Jessica Bradshaw, Amy Church, Hadley Hirt, Darcee Purcell and Riley Tatum.

Swine award recipients were Jared Boyd, Justin Boyd and Jenise Judah.

Clothing awards were presented to Jacki Thompson, Jackie Beccue, Jacy Beccue and Jacinda Judah.

Judging award recipients included Colton Long, Coulter Brown, Tyler Frey, Randi Kay Herrington, Amber Haarmeyer, Mark Cave, Niki Claborn and Will Collier.

Beef awards went to Katie Voss, Randi Reed, Morgan Miller, Malorye Miller, Rad Eicke, T'Leah Eicke, Dana Stribling and Justin Stribling.

Sheep awards were presented to Stacy Perkins, Stephanie Perkins, Keila Helms, Brandon Hackfeld and Brady Hackfeld.

Leadership award recipients were Chance Tatum, Callan Lee, John Ryan Rasmus and Kasey Nachlinger.

Pantex plant program slated

AMARILLO (AP) — The U.S. Energy Department revealed plans Friday to begin cutting in half its current work force of about 3,440 at the Pantex nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly plant by the year 2003.

The department has tagged about 350 positions as unnecessary in the future and is asking for applicants for a "voluntary separation" program.

A news release issued Friday said the plan, which targets senior workers, could reduce the need terminate employees.

The program will pay workers the equivalent of 1½ weeks' pay or $15,000, whichever is greater, for each year of service at the Amarillo-area plant. There is a 27-year limit on service time in the plan.

After the program is completed, the Energy Department said it will re-evaluate its staffing needs and determine if further cuts are necessary.

A month ago, the Energy Department announced that Pantex could suffer roughly 1,700 job losses once a realignment of the nation's nuclear weapons complex is complete.

Most of the job reductions would come from the assembly-disassembly mission, which is Pantex's largest.

Police do not believe missing man drowned

CLEVELAND (AP) — The police chief said Friday there is no evidence of misconduct in the case of a man who disappeared near the Cuyahoga River on Nov. 23 during a police pursuit.

Police Chief Rocco Pollutro said Friday that Danny Harmon, 38, is considered a missing person. He said police again would search the area where the chase occurred but do not intend to conduct a river search.

Sgt. Mark Hastings, a police spokesman, said Friday that there is no evidence to support the belief of Harmon's family that he probably is dead and his body is in the river.

"We don't know where Mr. Harmon is," Hastings said. "We are hoping he will call his family and put an end to this."

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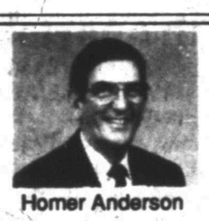
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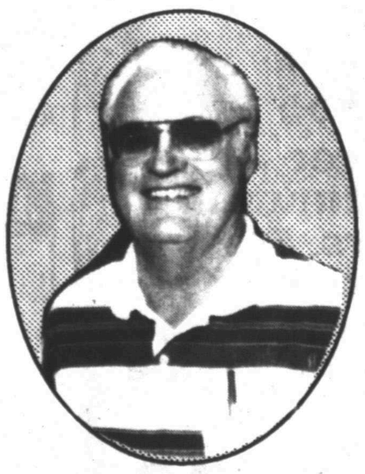
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A resident of Scurry County since 1957, Charles Anderson has recorded much of the history of Deep Creek. He is a retired school principal and writing is a lifelong hobby.

Anderson's writings of J. Wright Mooar have caught the attention of Dallas Morning News writer Kent Biffle who said: *"No one is better equipped to record this Western saga of J. Wright Mooar than historian Charles G. Anderson. He tells the tale with the accuracy and wallop of a buffalo rifle."*

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Lady Westerners bow to tournament host Tyler

TYLER — Tyler Junior College was anything but a gracious host, collecting its first victory of the season at the expense of the Western Texas College Lady Westerners.

Tyler thumped WTC, 78-50, in the opening round of the Tyler JC Classic Friday night. At 4 p.m. Saturday, WTC was to take on Trinity Valley. WTC's season record is now 3-8.

Dionna Russell hit for 17 points, including a pair of treys, to pace the Lady Westerners. Shanna Gaithright was also in double figures with 13 points.

Celestine Otuoro was good for eight points and Angelica Brooks added six. Jessica Jeffrey, Jennifer Peters and Kelley Willson each contributed two.

WTC resumes conference play Tuesday night, hosting Frank Phillips College. The Lady Westerners are 1-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

Free throws save Snyder in local JV tournament

It was billed as a junior varsity tournament, and that is exactly what it turned out to be as all sophomore teams were eliminated going into Saturday's final games.

Snyder JV girls remain alive in the consolation bracket after defeating Abilene High sophomores, 46-42, Friday.

Snyder led the entire game, but Abilene rallied with 15 points in the final quarter. Snyder's narrow victory was saved with 87 percent accuracy from the free throw line, making 13 of 15.

Jodi Dennis paced Snyder's offense with 15 points and K.K. McClain came on with 12. Terrie Moore added six points while Amber Haddox pitched in five. Amanda Scott scored four and Christy Tankersley contributed three.

Earlier in the day, San Angelo Central's JV raced to a 60-21 victory over Snyder. The Lady Tigers could get only nine points in the first half.

Terrie Moore led the Lady Tigers' scoring with 10 points and Jodi Dennis hit for four. Tessa Hildebrand had three while Renee Trevino and Lexie Beard each added two.

Snyder JV was to play San Angelo Lake View at 11:30 Saturday, following the Brownfield-Odessa Permian matchup.

Abilene Cooper and San Angelo Central were to tipoff at 1 p.m. followed by Lubbock Monterey and Midland Lee at 2:30.

The consolation championship was scheduled for 4 p.m., the third place game at 5:30 and the championship tilt at 7 p.m. Saturday.

In other action Friday, Lubbock Monterey defeated Brownfield, 49-31, and Midland Lee eased by Odessa Permian, 49-32. Abilene Cooper upended San Angelo Lake View, 46-29.

Brownfield JV eliminated the Permian sophomores, 51-34, and Permian JV crushed Midland Greenwood, 49-27. The San Angelo Central sophomores were eliminated by Lake View's JV, 49-27.

SHS freshman still perfect

Snyder High School freshman boys A-team overcame a 11-point first quarter deficit and crushed Abilene Cooper, 60-53, to keep its perfect record intact.

Sonny Cumbie paced the Tigers with 21 points, as the Tigers upped their season slate to 7-0.

Paul Camp with 13 points and Jared Hester with 12 also got in the double-digit column. Trey Gorman chipped in six points.

The freshman A-team travels to Colorado City Monday for a 7 p.m. encounter before competing in the Andrews tournament starting Thursday.

High School grid playoffs

CLASS 5A
Division II
Quarterfinal

Aldine 38, Houston Yates 6

Division II
Quarterfinal

Highland Park 17, Dallas Lincoln 15

La Marque 57, Friendswood 17

CLASS 3A
Quarterfinal

Coldspring 37, Cameron 19

CLASS 2A
Quarterfinal

Iraan 14, Stamford 13

Groveton 69, Arp 30
Ganado 6, Refugio 0

CLASS A
Semifinal

Windthorst 48, Wheeler 33
Tenaha 28, Burkeville 27

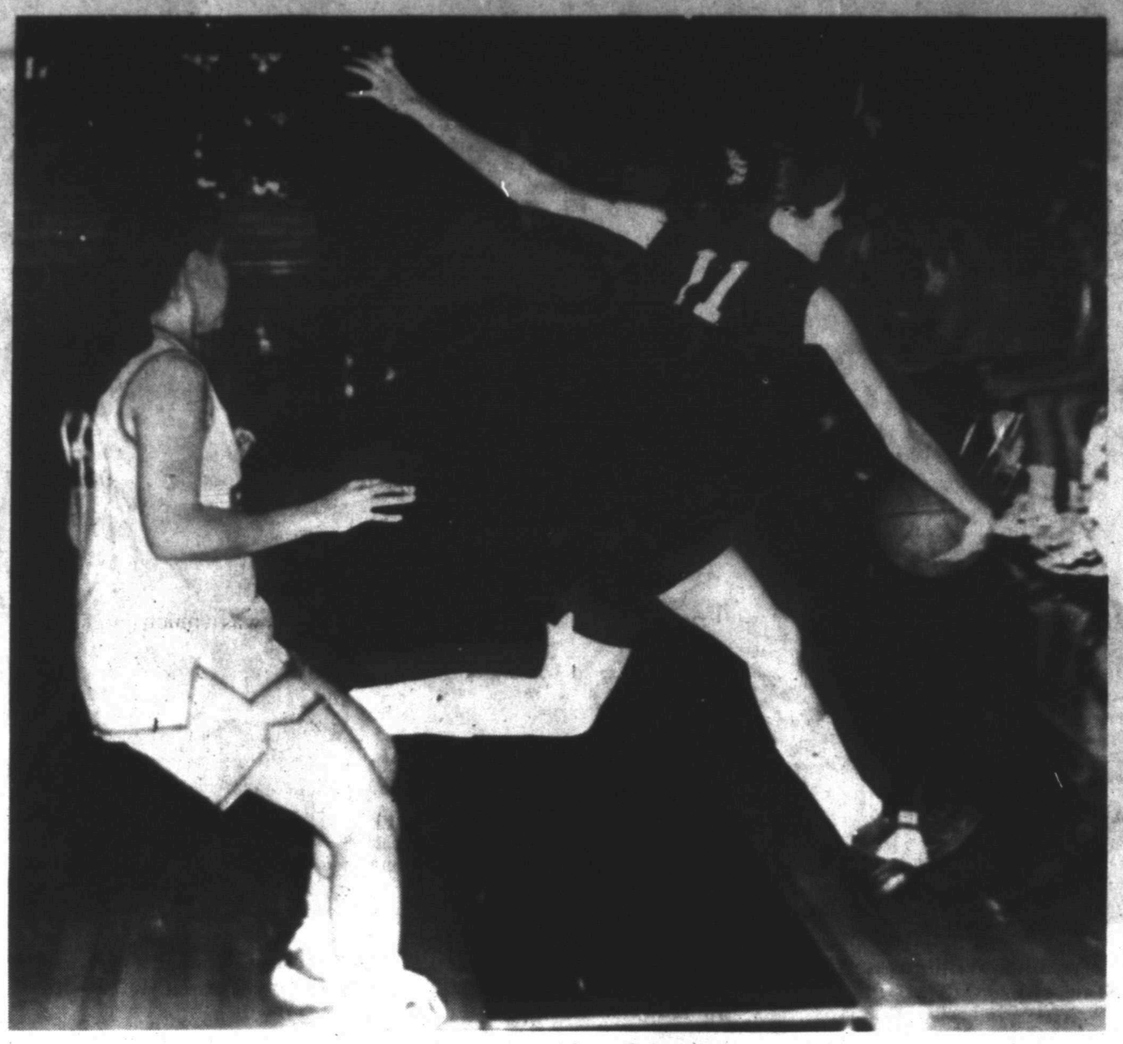
SIX-MAN
Semifinal

Whitharral 75, Chillicothe 28
Gordon 30, Milford 23

NCAA scores

EAST

Boston U. 81, Towson St. 63
Cent. Connecticut St. 61, Md.-Baltimore County 52
Delaware 74, Northeastern 55
Drexel 80, New Hampshire 55
Maine 81, Hofstra 73
Seton Hall 80, Fordham 65



GOING FOR THE SAVE - Snyder's Amber Haddox tries for a save in early action of the girls junior varsity tournament game against San Angelo Central Friday afternoon. After defeating Odessa Permian's sophomores Thursday afternoon for their first win of the season, the young Tigers were defeated by San Angelo, 60-21. (SDN Staff Photo)

SDN Sports Week

Basketball

Monday

SHS Freshmen Girls host Colorado City, 5 p.m.
SHS Freshmen Boys at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.
Snyder 7th and 8th Girls, A&B host Colorado City, 5 and 6 p.m.
Snyder 7th and 8th Boys, A&B, at Colorado City, 5 and 6:16 p.m.
Hermleigh Junior High at Highland, 6 p.m.
Dawson at Ira Junior High, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

SHS Lady Tigers host Lubbock Coronado in SHS Gym, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30.
SHS Tigers at Slaton, JV at 6:30, varsity at 8 p.m.
WTC Lady Westerners host Frank Phillips, 6:30 p.m. Scurry County Coliseum.
Westbrook boys and girls varsity at Hermleigh, 5:30 p.m.
Ira boys and girls varsity at Trent.

Thursday

SHS Lady Tigers at Meadows Tournament
SHS Lady Tigers JV at Colorado City Tournament
SHS Tigers at Big Spring Tournament
SHS Freshmen boys at Andrews Tournament
SHS Freshman girls at Colorado City Tournament
Hermleigh boys and girls varsity at Colorado City Tournament
Ira boys and girls varsity at Roby Tournament

Friday

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SHS Tigers at Big Spring Tournament
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SHS Freshman girls at Colorado City Tournament
Hermleigh boys and girls varsity at Colorado City Tournament
Ira boys and girls varsity at Roby Tournament
Snyder 7th and 8th boys B-team at Sweetwater Tournament
Snyder 7th and 8th boys A-team at Lamesa Tournament

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Little Dribbler signup

Little Dribblers signup, for boys 8 through 12 by Aug. 31, 1997, should register anytime through Friday, Dec. 13, at the Boys and Girls Club, 1500 28th.

A parent must accompany. Also required is a birth certificate and a players fee of $15.

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Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	14	5	.737	-
NewYork	11	6	.647	2
Orlando	8	7	.533	4
Washington	7	9	.438	5½
Philadelphia	7	10	.412	6
NewJersey	4	10	.286	7½
Boston	4	13	.235	9
Central Division				
Chicago	17	1	.944	-
Detroit	14	3	.826	2½
Cleveland	11	6	.647	5½
Atlanta	10	8	.556	7
Indiana	8	8	.500	8
Milwaukee	8	8	.500	8
Charlotte	8	9	.471	8½
Toronto	6	11	.353	10½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	16	2	.889	-
Utah	15	2	.882	½
Minnesota	7	11	.389	9
Dallas	6	11	.353	9½
Denver	5	14	.263	11½
SanAntonio	3	14	.176	12½
Vancouver	3	16	.158	13½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	15	5	.750	-
L.A.Lakers	14	7	.667	1½
Portland	12	8	.600	3
L.A.Clippers	7	11	.389	7
GoldenState	6	13	.316	8½
Sacramento	6	13	.316	8½
Phoenix	3	14	.176	10½

Friday's Games

New Jersey 110, Boston 108, OT
New York 103, Miami 85
Detroit 93, Cleveland 81
Phoenix 101, Sacramento 95
Vancouver 105, San Antonio 89
Utah 106, Minnesota 95
Portland 97, Charlotte 93
L.A. Lakers 92, Orlando 81
Indiana 86, Golden State 71

Saturday's Games

L.A. Clippers at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Boston at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
NewEngland	9	4	0	.692	355	269
Buffalo	9	4	0	.692	267	215
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	269	284
Miami	6	7	0	.462	285	266
N.Y.Jets	1	12	0	.077	221	368
Central						
Pittsburgh	9	4	0	.692	299	211
Houston	7	6	0	.538	291	254
Jacksonville	6	7	0	.462	263	288
Cincinnati	5	8	0	.385	299	318
Baltimore	4	9	0	.308	320	369
West						
x-Denver	12	1	0	.923	351	199
KansasCity	9	4	0	.692	262	230
SanDiego	7	6	0	.538	277	323
Oakland	6	7	0	.462	274	234
Seattle	5	8	0	.385	250	317

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	254	201
Washington	8	5	0	.615	291	251
Philadelphia	8	6	0	.571	313	302
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	248	332
N.Y.Giants	5	8	0	.385	200	250
Central						
y-GreenBay	10	3	0	.769	346	191
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	243	245
Chicago	5	8	0	.385	202	248
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	263	289
TampaBay	4	9	0	.308	153	243
West						
SanFrancisco	10	3	0	.769	325	198
Carolina	9	4	0	.692	292	164
St.Louis	4	9	0	.308	246	334
Atlanta	2	11	0	.154	234	393
NewOrleans	2	11	0	.154	184	291

x-clinched division title.
y-clinched playoff spot.

Thursday's Game

Indianapolis 37, Philadelphia 10

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Denver at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Miami, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at New England, 4 p.m.
Buffalo at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Carolina at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Monday's Game

Kansas City at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Philadelphia at New York Jets, 12:30 p.m.
San Diego at Chicago, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 15

Baltimore at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New England at Dallas, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 4 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Seattle at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 16

Buffalo at Miami, 9 p.m.

Ira girls cold in 4th quarter

HIGHLAND — Ira's girls' varsity team suffered their first loss of the season Thursday, as Blackwell scored 20 points in the final period to take a 52-46 victory.

The Lady Bulldogs had led 31-17 at intermission, but Blackwell narrowed the gap to seven by the end of the third quarter. Ira managed only nine points in the deciding final eight minutes.

Lisha Leatherwood paced the Ira scoring with 18 points while Terri Robison canned 16. Jamee Goolsby and Brook Wilkes each added four.

In Friday's consolation game, Ira got back on the winning track with a 60-53 win over Loraine. Ira, now 5-1, was to face Roby at noon Saturday for the consolation title.

Ira boys lost to Blackwell in overtime Thursday and then bowed to Westbrook on Friday in the Hilltop Classic hosted by Highland High School.

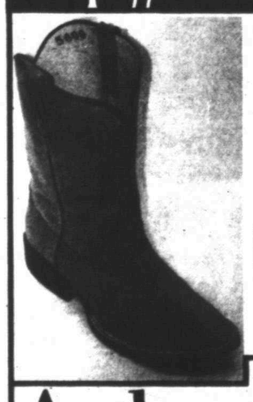
Blackwell finally outlasted the Bulldogs, 98-86, as Blackwell outscored the Bulldogs 16-4 in the overtime period.

Logan Daves scored 24 points for the Bulldogs and Jerek Brown canned 21. Richard Wilkins pulled down 14 points and Drew Wall managed 11.

In Friday's consolation tilt, Westbrook took the bark out of Ira, 102-61.

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SPORTS

In Brownfield tourney...

Tigers snare pair of wins

By Mitch Word
SDN Correspondent

BROWNFIELD — The Snyder Tigers utilized their sheer athletic ability to cruise through the first two rounds of the Brownfield Charity Invitational Tournament Friday.

In first-round action Friday morning, the Tigers destroyed Ozona, 89-54, then clawed their way past host Brownfield, 59-47.

With the pair of wins, the Tigers upped their season mark to 7-2 and were scheduled to face the winner of the Vernon-Lamesa contest for the tournament championship set for 8 p.m Saturday in Cub Gym.

In the opening round, the Tigers jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

Coach Bud Birks was proud of his team's effort. "Well, they were just out-matched physically, and we were able to take them out of their offense," he said. "I also think we played excellent defense. I'm proud of the way we played."

The first quarter belonged to post Jimmy Taylor as the junior connected for 10 points in the opening eight minutes. After making the first shot of the contest with just 20 seconds gone, Taylor followed an Ozona free throw with a steal, and a coast-to-coast slam dunk, much to the delight of Snyder fans in attendance.

That dunk keyed a 12-2 run as Tigers Ramsey Castillo and Matt Fambro joined Taylor in the scoring barrage. Fambro sank a pair of baskets to up the Tiger lead to 10-1 with 4:45 left in the opening stanza.

Taylor then dominated down under, scoring six points from short range following strong rebounds, making the score 16-5, Snyder, with 3:11 left.

Fambro then continued the attack with four points, while teammate David Smith added a basket and Chad Carter threw in a free throw as Snyder took a 23-11 first-quarter lead.

Taylor scored again just 13 seconds into the second period, then the Tigers went on a 15-point rampage as senior Rick Henderson hit five quick points, followed by six points from Fambro, along with baskets from Taylor and Castillo which made the score 34-13.

The Tigers then scored 12 points while holding the Lions to just three for the remainder of the period as Snyder enjoyed a 52-17 advantage at intermission.

The outmatched Ozona squad fought hard to stay in the game, but the Tigers were simply too much as they held the Lions at bay with each team scoring 37 points in the second half.

Fambro led four scorers in double figures with 18 points, followed by Taylor with 14 and Jeff Loper with 12. Jeremiah Johnson chipped in 10.

In Friday's second game, the Tigers found the going a little tougher against a determined Brownfield squad.

Keyed by strong play from Henderson, the Tigers took a 17-10 lead at the end of the first period, then defenses took control as both teams were held to just 10 points each in the second eight-minute span, making the score 27-20 in favor of Snyder at the half.

Brownfield made a run late in the third quarter to cut the Tiger lead to 37-35 heading into the final eight minutes. But Taylor answered the call with nine points in the fourth while Castillo held Brownfield at bay from the free throw line, where he sank five of six attempts.

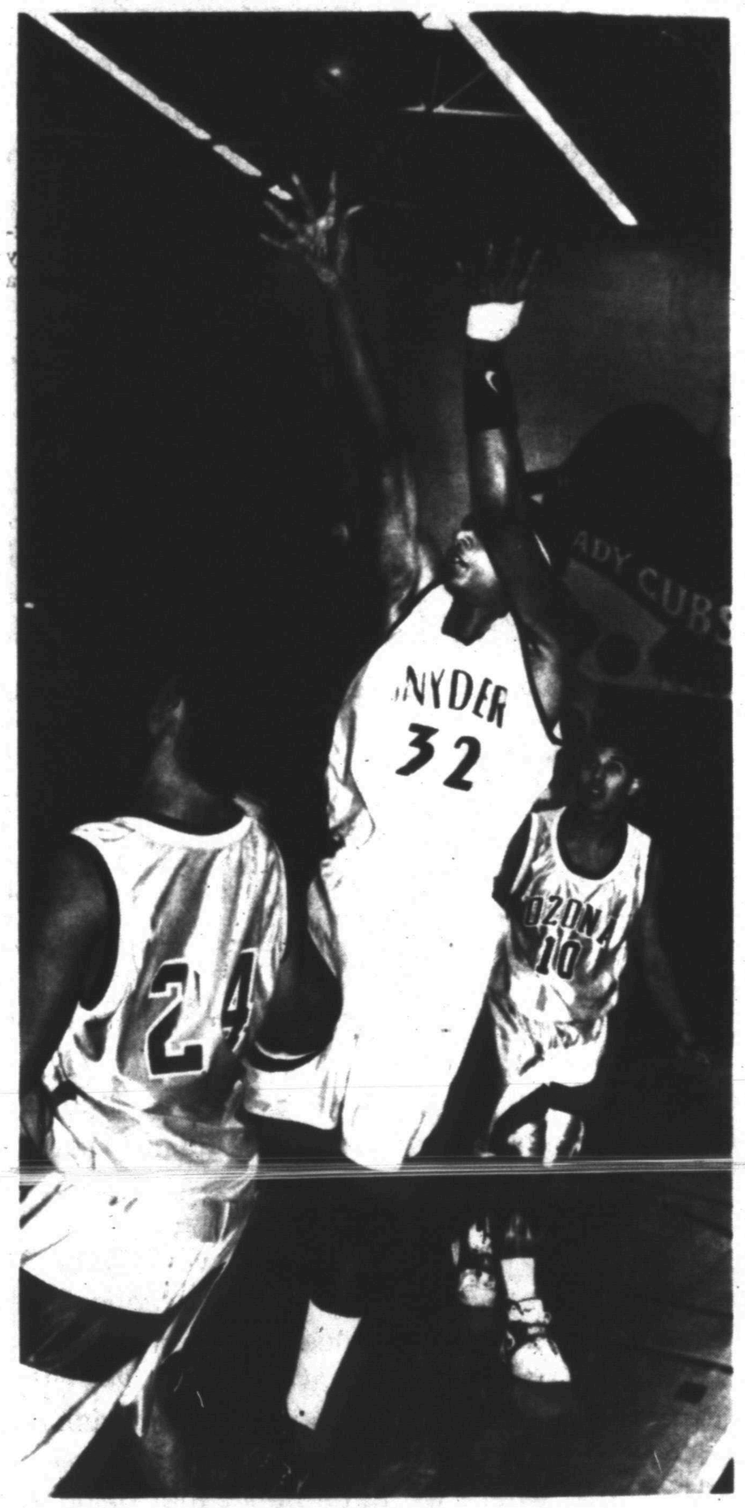
In the end, the Tigers outscored the Cubs, 22-12, to seal the 59-47 triumph.

"This was a much tougher game for us, a game between two good teams. We just made a few more shots than they did," Birks said. "I'm proud of their effort. We want to keep improving each game we play."

Henderson led the Tigers in scoring with 19 points, followed by Taylor with 17 and Fambro with 14.



TWO POINTS — Snyder's Jamie Burleson nails two points in the opening round of the Brownfield cage tournament. The Lady Tigers lost in the opener to Amarillo Caprock and came back later in the day to defeat Alpine. (Photo by Mitch Word)



REBOUND — Snyder's Chris Riggins hauls down a rebound in the Tigers' opening game against Ozona in the first round of the Brownfield tournament. Snyder destroyed Ozona and then put away host Brownfield in the tourney's opening day. (Photo by Mitch Word)

Lady Tigers split opening day games

By Mitch Word
SDN Correspondent

BROWNFIELD — The Snyder Lady Tigers split their first two games in Friday action of the Brownfield Lions-Rotary Charity Tournament.

In first round action Friday morning, the Lady Tigers dropped a 63-61 heartbreaker to the Amarillo Caprock Lady Longhorns. In the consolation bracket Friday evening, the Tigers rebounded to whip Alpine, 56-34.

Snyder, 8-4 for the year, was scheduled to play Lamesa Saturday morning.

In their opening contest, the Lady Tigers got off to a snail's start and were unable to get things going until midway in the second half.

The Lady Tigers got on the board first on a three-point bomb from Melanie Kidd to take a 3-0 lead with 7:17 left. Caprock, however, responded with a seven-point run to take a 7-3 lead.

Following a basket from Snyder's Darla Blackwell, Caprock went on another scoring spree, this time a 13-2 run, with Snyder's score coming on a shot from Jamie Burleson.

The Lady 'horns scored five more points to pad their lead at 20-7, but Snyder's Erica Garvin sank a shot with one tick left as the Tigers trailed 20-9 at the end of the first period.

Five points from Garvin and Mandy Hess narrowed Caprock's lead to 20-14, but Amarillo went on a 13-4 run to forge a 33-18 lead. Snyder came back late in the period with their own 8-2 run on baskets from Hess and Garvin, with Garvin sinking a three-pointer off the glass as the buzzer sounded to end the first half, with Caprock on top, 37-29.

The Lady Tigers collected themselves at halftime and came back to pull within two, 45-43, on three free throws from Garvin. Kidd sank two more charity tosses, but Caprock hit three free throws near the end of the period to take a 50-45 lead heading into the final quarter.

The Lady Tigers made their biggest run in the fourth period, as they grabbed the lead on an eight-foot jumper from Kidd with 5:21 left. Caprock came back to tie the score, then Snyder responded with a basket from Shannon Hall and a pair of free throws from Hess, making the score 57-55 with 4:17 left.

The teams traded scores through the rest of the contest until Caprock tied the score at 61 with 22 second left. Then, following a Lady Tiger turnover, the Horns scored again with 11 seconds remaining to take a 63-61 advantage.

Snyder had two more opportunities in the waning seconds, but neither shot would fall, and Caprock prevailed.

Garvin led the scoring with 19 points, followed by Hess with 12 and Kidd with 11. The team, however, drew the ire of Coach Rick Archer.

"We got off to an atrocious start, and we just weren't ready to play," the first-year coach said. "I'm really disappointed in the lack of heart and determination we showed."

In the second contest Friday, the Lady Tigers enjoyed a more successful outing against the Lady Bucks from Alpine.

The Tigers got out to a 12-7 lead at the end of the first period, then were able to create a 20-10 second period burst that enabled the Tigers to own a 32-17 halftime pad.

The Lady Tigers continued to roll in the third quarter, utilizing a 10-4 run to forge a 42-21 lead heading into the final minutes. The teams played evenly in the fourth period, with a 14-13 Snyder effort cementing the squad's 56-34 triumph.

Kidd led the team in scoring with 17 points, including 13 points in the decisive second and third quarters. Alicia Peoples added 10 points while Hall tossed in eight, six of them coming in the final stanza.

Hermleigh Cardinals bow in New Home cage tourney

NEW HOME — Despite a 26-point effort by Jennifer Roemisch, the Lady Cardinals bowed to Wilson in second-round action of the Shootout hosted by New Home-Wilson.

Hermleigh, now 4-4, was to face O'Donnell at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Against Wilson, the Lady Cards got off to a slow start, managing only eight points in the opening quarter, and then trailed 36-19 at halftime.

The boys, who lost their first-round game on Thursday, was defeated by Union 57-43 Friday. Larry Lambaren led the Cards with 20 points. Hermleigh boys were to face Amherst at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Bowling News

Jack-N-Jill
Standings as of 12/4/96

Team	Won	Lost
House of Anticks	36	20
Holcomb	35	21
B.J. Services	35	21
Rogers Backhoe Service	34	22
KSNY	34	22
Buchanan Printing	26½	29½
Landes Home Furn.	24	32
Ace Hardware	22	34
Misfits	19½	28½

Bowlers of the Week: Roger Batchelor 571 scratch series; Wanda Johnson, 570 scratch series; High scratch games, Larry Mann 222, Wanda Johnson 235.
Converted Splits Jeff Smith 5-8-10; Shirley Coffey 4-7-10 and 3-7; Helen Kellner 3-10; Lionel Crisp 3-10; Larry Mann 3-10.

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Common Cause backs state income tax, not Bush's plans

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush's ideas for replacing local property taxes as the main funding source for Texas schools would put too much of the tax burden on middle- and low-income families, according to a government watchdog group.

Common Cause of Texas announced Friday that it opposes Bush's proposals to increase the state sales tax, impose new business taxes or somehow combine the two. The group said that instead, the state should consider a state income tax and other measures to reduce tax burdens while providing school funding.

"The best defense against being overtaxed is to have everyone pay his or her fair share," said Common Cause Chairman Briscoe Swan.

Since last year, Bush has talked about the need to replace local property taxes as the main funding source for schools. Those taxes raise about $10 billion a year.

Bush's office has not announced a formal tax replacement plan and has set no deadline to do so, according to his office.

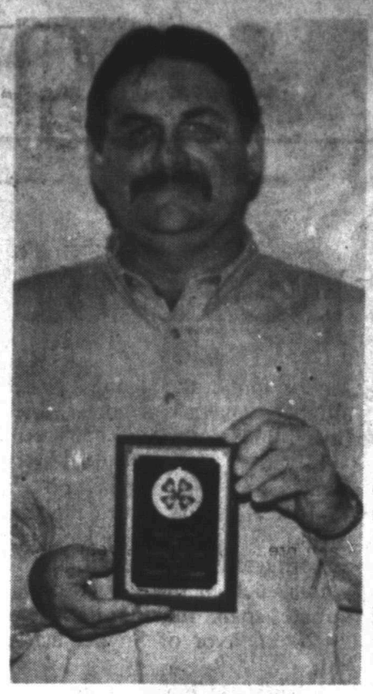
"The governor's preference for providing property tax relief is through simple, fair and consumption-based revenues, rather than taxing savings or property," said Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan. "A consumption tax, like a sales tax, gives consumers a choice based on how much they purchase rather than paying property tax, where they have no choice in the matter."

Bush and other state leaders have said a state income tax will not be considered.

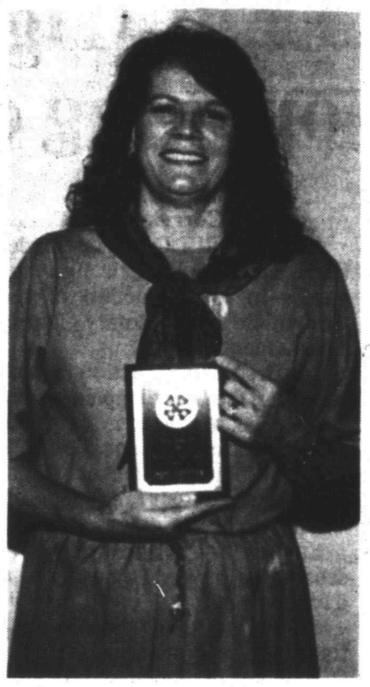
"There is no way we're going to consider a state income tax," said Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland and chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Craddick said Common Cause is welcome to participate in the process, but no one knows what the final proposal will be and how it will effect Texans until its completed.

Swan said each of the ideas floated by the governor would hurt consumers, especially poorer Texans.



OUTSTANDING LEADERS — Danny Williams and Janet Stribling were named Outstanding Adult 4-H Leaders. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



FRIEND OF 4-H — Keith Hackfeld received the Friend of 4-H Award. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Rail cars go off track

HOUSTON (AP) — Nine freight cars derailed Thursday in an industrial area in southeast Houston, knocking down power lines and spilling about 200 pounds of plastic pellets on the ground, authorities said.

No injuries nor evacuations were reported after the 2 p.m. accident near the Houston Ship Channel, said Rick Flanagan, spokesman for the Houston Fire Department.

The cars of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight train went off the tracks of the Port Terminal Railroad Association, said Burlington spokesman Mike Martin in Fort Worth.

Hurricane expert makes predictions for storms in 1997

MIAMI (AP) — Don't say you weren't warned.

An above-average Atlantic hurricane season is predicted for 1997 by a forecaster who suspects a decade of increased activity has begun.

William Gray, a Colorado State University atmospheric scientist, said Friday he is predicting 11 named storms, of which seven will intensify into hurricanes and three will become major, or Category 3, hurricanes, with sustained winds of at least 111 mph.

A major rearrangement of the Atlantic Ocean sea surface temperatures is to blame for the increased activity. The north Atlantic has turned warmer than the south Atlantic, reversing a long trend, Gray said.

"This change could result in increased hurricane activity, perhaps somewhat similar to the very active period of the mid-1940s to late 1960s," Gray said in a telephone interview from Colorado.

Specialists at the National Hurricane Center in Miami say they are always curious about Gray's predictions, but that a large number of storms doesn't necessarily translate to damaged cities and towns.

"Over the past 10 years his forecasts seem to lean the right way. The problem is nobody has yet to tell us when a storm is going to form, where it is going and to how strong is it going be when it gets here," said hurricane specialist Ed Rappaport.

What Gray's predictions do is keep people thinking about hurricanes and preparedness.

"It maintains yearlong focus on tropical storms and hurricanes," Rappaport said. "Preparing for a hurricane is not a one or two day event, it can requires days or years depending on the activity."

Last year at this time Gray predicted 10 tropical storms for 1996. He said six of them would become hurricanes, and two of those would have winds greater than 110 mph.

There ended up being 13 tropical storms. Nine of them turned into hurricanes, and six of those were major ones, making 1996 the eighth most active year since records were first kept in 1880.

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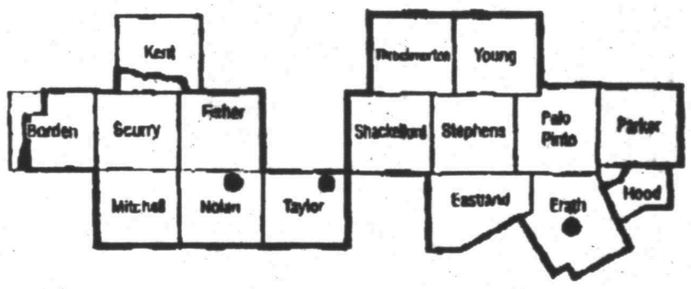
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INDIANS — Hermleigh fifth graders recently put together a presentation about Indians. In photo one, Danny Elder, Toni Jackson and Justin Williamson are working on the Woodland Indians. In photo two, Courtney Bridges and Brittainy Milota are helping set up the Plains Indians display. Setting up the Northwest Indians' display are Dustin Williamson, Amanda Bayer and Nicholas Rabon. Working on the Southwest Indians are Edward Arellano, Vickie Riveira and Valerie West. Cathy Beckman is their teacher. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 8, 1996

In the year ahead, you might have good fortune in areas which were unlucky for you in the past. Significant developments are indicated in several areas of your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Luck may continue to play a prominent role in your affairs. Many good things could happen if you cooperate with others. Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead make wonderful Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail $2 for each and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure you state desired zodiac signs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not hesitate to seek favors from a well-connected friend who is in a position to give your career a boost.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You could play an instrumental role in an important achievement today. Let an associate take some of the credit, even if he only played a small part.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will be luckier than you realize today, so stop worrying about the outcome of events. You must try to remain positive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will succeed if you can maintain a positive outlook today. You can accomplish whatever you set your mind on doing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you have to negotiate an important matter today, insist on doing it with the head honcho. You will have better luck when you deal with bigwigs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Focus your energy today on developments that could provide you with a second source of income. You might find a worthwhile opportunity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, try not to feel anxious regarding an involvement controlled by outside forces. Generally speaking, the odds are in your favor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Good things could be in store for you today if you do a favor for a friend. You won't regret it if you go out of your way to be helpful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Remain alert for an opportunity to serve as a middleman today. You can bring two people together for a profitable purpose. You will benefit as well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you treat your friends generously at this time, they will reciprocate later. Do not hesitate to cast a little bread upon the waters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This will be a good time to build on existing projects. Do not be content with a partial success; go all out.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 9, 1996

The year ahead will not be boring or routine for you. It looks as if your social circle will be expanded through several new involvements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This will be a good day to take care of personal interests. Try to avoid entanglements that will inhibit your freedom. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might have good fortune in financial matters. However, your profits will be the result of unique circumstances rather than your own efforts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, try to make arrangements for a get-together with a person you met recently and would like to know better. This individual deserves a place in your life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Pleasant surprises might be in store for you today simply because others think highly of you. People will want to acknowledge you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A flash of inspiration might hit you today during a stimulating conversation with a creative friend. Your idea will have merit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not hesitate to experiment with unconventional tactics at work today, provided they are ethical. Your ingenuity will give you an edge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An old friend has someone he is eager for you to meet. Try to get together today, because this could develop into an alliance with unusual benefits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not be disturbed today if everything doesn't run like clockwork. Unexpected changes tend to work for you, not against you. Go with the flow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have a secret admirer who has been watching you from a distance. Today this person might step out of the shadows and try to initiate a relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Situations that are usually routine could become exciting today. Events you thought would be boring could be anything but mundane.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Pleasant news might come to you through an unexpected informant today. It could pertain to an interesting social engagement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will have good luck with financial matters. Think positively and remain hopeful regarding the outcome of today's events.

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Success has no formula

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Neil Simon says there's no formula for success.

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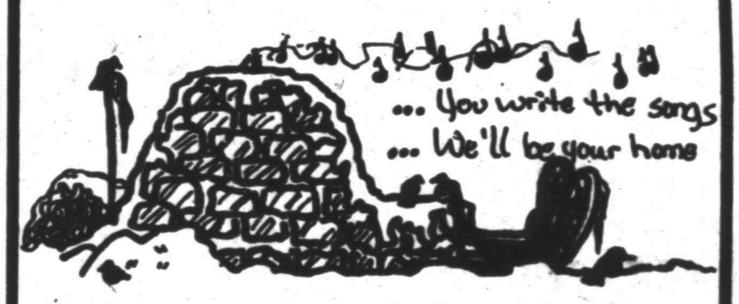
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School teacher suspended

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A fifth-grade teacher who said he soiled himself when the faculty bathroom was locked was suspended for misconduct after he brought his pants to the school board as proof of poor conditions at the school.

"I'm really upset with him. It's unprofessional behavior to bring soiled clothing into any room, for any meeting," Mingo County Schools Superintendent Everett Conn said.

Dow Ooten, 36, was suspended with pay Friday amid accusations of misconduct, inappropriate behavior and unfitness to teach, Conn said. A disciplinary hearing may begin in January.

Ooten's troubles began Thursday, when he said he found the Lenore Grade School's faculty bathroom locked. Teacher's aide Margie Conley then refused to let him into another restroom in the special education section, Ooten said.

"I was standing outside the bathroom and stayed out there with the door locked until it was too late," Ooten said.

More

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about additions for students.

Representatives from various colleges and branches of the military and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse will also be available to students. Elective courses, UIL events, advanced courses, ACT, SAT and TASP testing programs will be spotlighted.

More on Monday will also include a student recognition program called the Terrific Tiger Award which will honor students who have shown outstanding improvement or accomplishment during each six weeks period.

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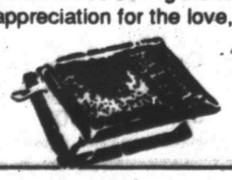
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ADVENTURES OF LEWIS AND CLARK — Four fifth grade classes at Northeast recently presented "The Adventures of Lewis and Clark." Teachers were Donna Farley, Laurie Grinslade, Anne Uptergrove and Paige Shaw. Dorothy Kayser directed the play. Students in Shaw's class (top photo) include back row, from left, Kima Lewis, Kenneth Fabre, Justin Boyd, Henry Dominguez, Brad English; second row, Kevin Fenner, Megan Fletcher, Michael Thamez; third row, Melissa McGough, Jacob Rodriguez, Yvette Cerda, Maresha Rivera, Sheena Saleem, Erica Martinez; front row, Jessie Hernandez, Matthew Florez, Marissa Chaidez, Alex Dupree, Callan Lee. Uptergrove's students, (second photo) include top row, from left, Caleb Olibas, Aleida Arellano, Chris Kimbrell, Theodore Vasquez, Jeremy Stout; next row, Hollie Lammert, April Lollar, Emily Long, Travis Gaspar; third row, Tucker Early, Alfredo Hernandez, Chad Thompson; bottom row, Andrea Valadez, Brooke Peterson, Joe Lopez, Nickki McKinney, Sonia De La Cruz. Grinslade's students (third photo) are from left, (dogs on floor) Prissy Capetillo, Katie Neves, Jennifer Halverson, Michelle Garcia, Eliza Hernandez, Angelica Puente; next row, (male dogs) Macario Martinez, Cody Elder, Isidro Gutierrez, Sterling Millhollon, Joseph Ynguanzo; first row (bleachers) Chad Martin, Lacie Thompson, Elbert Williams, Ty Collier; back row, Peter Perez, Jessica Sollis, Matt Hale. Farley's students (bottom photo) from left, front row, Jordan Donelson, Cami Trout, Bethany Clements. Molly Haire; second row, Kyle Dortch, Paul Fritz, Tanner Reed, Andra Dunham; third row, Josh Kemp, Rankin Hardin, Jed Martin, Justin Stoker, Blake Grimmett, Clayton Floyd; back row, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Lucy Amarillas, Sarah Crawford, Sara Thornhill, Erin Burleson. (SDN Staff Photos)

Bridge protest

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Woody Harrelson's protest on the Golden Gate Bridge to save trees is sure causing a lot of paperwork.

Harrelson and nine other protesters, already facing trespassing charges, are now being sued by a driver who was stuck in traffic for two hours when they climbed the bridge and unfurled banners two weeks ago. Scott Shields is seeking unspecified damages.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.



Melatonin: Is it worthwhile?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please give me information about melatonin.

DEAR READER: This is a compound, manufactured in the brain, that is vital for normal sleep. Unfortunately, as we age, we produce less and less melatonin; this is why the elderly often suffer from insomnia.

Melatonin pills, which are available in most health-food stores, have achieved wide popularity for their supposed benefits: primarily, sounder sleep and an increased feeling of well-being. However, no one knows the long-term effects of supplemental melatonin.

Moreover, the pills are not always manufactured using strict quality control. Consequently, many experts discourage their use. If you want to use the substance on occasion for temporary relief of insomnia — particularly that caused by jet lag — I see no reason why not to do so. But I advise you to avoid chronic use of melatonin.

Because this is such an interesting topic, I plan to write a lengthier analysis in the next week or two. Keep your eyes peeled for further information in this newspaper.

To give you still more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Sleep Wake Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently recovered from viral pericarditis. Can this recur? What precautions should I take? Does it have a permanent effect on my heart?

DEAR READER: Pericarditis is an inflammation of the thin but tough envelope that surrounds the heart. It is usually caused by a virus infection, which may inexplicably appear without warning, but it can also be associated with Lyme disease, tuberculosis, fungus infection, rheumatic fever, kidney failure, heart attack, and a variety of other afflictions. Pericarditis often follows heart surgery.

In general, this disorder causes chest pain, fever and difficulty breathing. The diagnosis is made by a cardiogram and ultrasound examination. Because pericarditis often causes fluid to build up around the heart (causing progressive heart failure), doctors may have to remove this fluid (with a needle) for further analysis and relief of symptoms.

Treatment depends on the reason for the inflammation. Anti-inflammatory drugs (Motrin and others) are often used; antibiotics may be necessary.

Although most patients recover without complications, some types of pericarditis may progress to a chronic stage, leading to constriction of the heart and possible cardiac failure. In such instances, surgery to relieve the pressure ("pericardial window") may be required.

In general, patients with viral pericarditis need not fear a recurrence, although other types are associated with a 15 to 25 percent recurrence rate. Although there are probably no precautions you can take (and the pericarditis should not have caused permanent damage), you should heed your cardiologist's advice about future activity and appropriate monitoring, such as ultrasound.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 72 and have osteoporosis. Can you provide information about sodium fluoride and calcium that might help my condition?

DEAR READER: Osteoporosis is a common affliction of the elderly. It is marked by a loss of bone mass — both bone cells and calcium — leading to brittle bones that can easily be fractured.

The exact cause of osteoporosis is unknown. However, several factors play a key role. These include the health of the bones in middle age — that is, are they well-calcified before the process of osteoporosis begins? — as well as hormonal deficiencies, lack of exercise and inadequate dietary calcium.

Osteoporosis is diagnosed by a special X-ray examination to measure bone density.

Ordinarily osteoporosis is treated with a variety of methods, all of which are most effective if begun before fractures develop.

These methods include the following.

• Increased exercise. As people age, they tend to become more sedentary, causing calcium to leach from bone tissue. To some degree, this leaching process can be slowed (or even abridged) by exercise, especially weight-bearing activity such as walking. Therefore, experts advise older people to remain fit by exercising regularly.

• Calcium supplements. In order to prevent calcium depletion, all young people should consume calcium-rich foods. Patients at risk for osteoporosis (notably women past menopause) should consume at least 1,500 to 2,000 milligrams of dietary calcium daily, along with about 500 units of vitamin D (which enables the body to metabolize the calcium). There are several over-the-counter preparations (Os-Cal and others) that meet this requirement. Of course, high-calcium foods, such as milk and cheese, also help but may provide excess cholesterol, which many adults should avoid.

• Sodium fluoride. Early enthusiasm about the ability of this pill to increase bone-calcium has been dampened by reports showing that fluoride-induced bone mass is not as strong as normal bone — in fact, it may be quite brittle. This therapy is not widely used.

• Female hormones. The decrease in testosterone production in elderly men is one cause of osteoporosis, but it is not as important as the lack of estrogen in post-menopausal women. Consequently, many authorities urge such women to use hormone supplements, by prescription from their gynecologists. Estrogen appears to retard osteoporosis significantly, as well as protecting women from heart disease. Nonetheless, its use is associated with a statistically increased risk of uterine and breast cancer, so the decision whether or not to take it can be difficult. Most women who are prescribed hormone supplements of estrogen and progestin do well but must be closely monitored by their gynecologists with Pap tests and mammograms.

• Specific drug therapy. There are several prescription medicines, such as calcitonin and Didronel, that alter bone metabolism and increase bone strength, with few significant side effects. The latest addition to this armamentarium is Fosomax and it shows great promise. It is, however, inconvenient to take (before breakfast in an upright posture) and can cause marked stomach upset.

In summary, there are many treatment strategies for osteoporosis, all of which have their advantages and disadvantages. However, they can usually be individualized to answer each patient's needs.

Readers can learn still more about osteoporosis by requesting my Health Report "Osteoporosis." Simply 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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ST. NICK OF TIME by Jimmy Johnson



Supreme Court will decide on restricting Internet indecency

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court set its course Friday toward a momentous free-speech ruling for the computer age, saying it will decide whether government can restrict indecency on the Internet.

The justices voted to review a ruling that has blocked enforcement of the Communications Decency Act, Congress' first attempt to regulate the freewheeling global computer network.

A three-judge federal court in Philadelphia ruled earlier this year that the law wrongly would chill adults' right of access to sexual material that may be inappropriate for children.

The law also was struck down by a three-judge federal court in New York.

The case will be argued before the nation's highest court in March, and a decision is expected by July.

"This is a really important case ... that decides freedom to speak and freedom to read for the next century," said Danny Weitzner of the Center for Democracy and Technology, a Washington-based advocacy group.

"Unquestionably, we need Supreme Court guidance on these issues," he said. "We have to win it. Just winning in Philadelphia isn't winning. It's not enough until the Supreme Court speaks."

No star treatment

TUXEDO, N.Y. (AP) — Don't expect Woody Allen to get the star treatment if he returns to this small town.

Town officials complained Allen left behind a portable toilet and other items, spent little money and never said thanks for using Tuxedo to shoot scenes for his next movie, "Deconstructing Harry."

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Variety of calls keep officers busy

While no arrests were made Friday, local law enforcement personnel were busy with a variety of calls.

Larry Falls notified officers at 8:55 a.m. Friday that he had lost a pistol in the 2700 block of 48th Street. An offense report for a lost firearm was submitted.

An ambulance was requested at West Elementary at 11:19 a.m. Friday in reference to a 11-year-old female student being unconscious. She was transported to Cogdell Hospital where she was treated and released.

Around 11:48 a.m. Friday, several 9-1-1 calls were received from Western Texas College. It was determined that the calls were coming from a fax machine and there was no emergency.

The fire department responded to a small grass fire in the median of U.S. Highway 84 just north Halliburton around 3:34 p.m. Friday.

An ambulance was requested in the 1700 block of Laurel Lane at 6:17 p.m. Friday in reference to a 35-year-old male being bitten by a dog. He was treated at the emergency room and released.

Officers responded to a disturbance call at 12:06 a.m. Saturday from the 200 block of 33rd Street.

A woman en route from a football game in Big Spring notified dispatchers at 12:57 a.m. Saturday that she had stopped at Skinny's on Coliseum Drive and left her purse on top of a trash can while using a pay telephone. Officers located the purse and returned it to the woman.

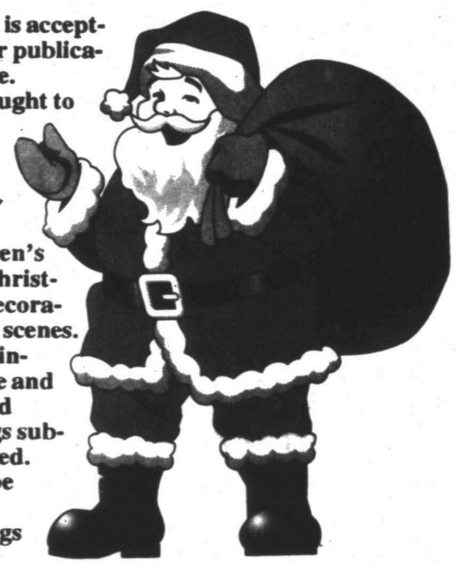
Shuttle returns home Saturday

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — After nearly 18 days aloft, Columbia and its astronauts returned to Earth Saturday, ending the longest flight in space shuttle history.

Columbia swooped through a slightly hazy sky and touched down on the floodlit runway at 6:49 a.m. The weather, finally, cooperated. Fog and low clouds thwarted landing attempts the two previous mornings.

Length of the science mission, marred by a jammed hatch: 17 days, 15 hours, 54 minutes and 20 seconds. Distance traveled: 7 million miles.

Letters to Santa



Snyder Daily News is accepting letters to Santa for publication in its Dec. 24 issue.

Letters may be brought to the newspaper office at 3600 College Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 949.

This year, the SDN will also accept children's drawings depicting Christmas, such as Santa, decorated trees and Nativity scenes. The drawings should include the child's name and age. Because of limited space, not all drawings submitted can be published.

Drawings will not be returned.

Letters and drawings must be received by 5 p.m. Dec. 18 in order for them to be forwarded to the North pole in time for Christmas.

Obituaries



Lorenzo Martinez

Mr. Martinez

1917-1996

Funeral service was held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church for Lorenzo Martinez, 79, of Snyder. Fr. Patrick Maher, pastor, officiated. Burial followed in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Rosary was held Friday at the funeral home. Mr. Martinez died Wednesday, Dec. 4, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Born on Aug. 10, 1917 in Monterrey, Mexico, Mr. Martinez was a retired pipeline construction worker. He had lived in Snyder since 1949 and was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lionor Martinez of Snyder; seven daughters, Guadalupe Escobedo, Elena Gonzales, Jesusa Herrera, Adelina Martinez, Louisa Martinez, Rosa Martinez and Hortencia Villareal, all of Snyder; three sons, Lorenzo Martinez Jr. of Lubbock, Lousiano Martinez of Snyder and Felix Martinez of Hermleigh; one brother, Saturnino Martinez of Snyder; 48 grandchildren; 80 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Jimmy Davis

1916-1996

Jimmy A. Davis, a resident of Snyder since 1957, died Saturday, Dec. 7, in Abilene Regional Medical Center after a lengthy illness. He was 79.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Northside Baptist Church. The Rev. Bob Rhodes will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 25, 1916 in Cunningham, Tex., he married Opal Wilson on July 27, 1949 in Clarksville, Tex. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World Ward II.

A member of the Northside Baptist Church, Mr. Davis had worked for the Texas Highway Department for many years. He was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Alan Davis, in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Davis of Snyder; four daughters, Nada Cotton, Shirley Kelly and Nell Scott, all of Snyder, and Blaine Wilkerson of Abilene; and a sister, Marie Crawford of New Boston.

Bobby Clanton

1937-1996

Funeral serevice is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Bobby Gene Clanton, 58. The Rev. Paul Clanton will officiate and burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Clanton, self-employed in sheet metal production and sales, died Friday, Dec. 6, at his home in Hermleigh after a long illness.

Born Dec. 29, 1937 in Big Spring, he married Eileen Vernon on Oct. 10, 1956 in Snyder. Mr. Clanton was a member of the Hermleigh Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Sylis Clanton, Royce Clanton and Bobby Joe Clanton.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen Clanton of Hermleigh; two sons, Curtis Clanton of Fort Worth and Marty Clanton of Hermleigh; a daughter, Brenda Cook of Fort Worth; a brother, G.H. Clanton of Post; two sisters, Pauline Broyles of Snyder and Teva of Newport News, Va.; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Hospice of Abilene at Box 1922 in Abilene.

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What's Up?

'Life of King Henry the Fifth'

Western Texas College's production of "The Life of King Henry the Fifth" is on stage at the Fine Arts Theatre Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Beans & cornbread supper

First United Methodist Church, 2700 College Ave., will hold a beans and cornbread supper with drink and dessert from 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday. Cost is $3. Children under age six may eat for $1.

East Elementary fund-raiser

Twenty percent of each sale from 5-9 p.m. Saturday at Pizza Inn will be donated to East Elementary, upon the request of the purchaser.

Girl's softball association

Snyder Girl's Softball Association will elect officers in a meeting set for 2 p.m. Sunday at Snyder National Bank. Anyone interested in girl's softball is invited to attend.

Reynolds reception slated

A reception to honor Pat Reynolds, administrative assistant at First United Methodist for 11 years, will be held Sunday at the church, during the Sunday School and fellowship hour. She will begin work in the district clerk's office in the Scurry County Courthouse.

Museum open Sunday

Scurry County Museum will be open during Sunday's Tour of Homes from 2-4 p.m.

AARP chapter to meet

The local AARP chapter will meet at noon Monday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Shirley Mease, district coordinator from Abilene, will install officers for 1997.

Christmas concert Monday

Snyder High School choirs will perform their Christmas Concert at 8 p.m. Monday in Worsham Auditorium. A reception will follow in the choir room.

Fun, facts, fashion event

A fun, facts and fashion evening for working women is slated for 7 p.m. Monday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Dr. Kathleen Weaver will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge.

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "A Recipe for Happiness," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

GED test date Tuesday

The last GED test date for 1996 will be Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the college Learning Resource Center. For more information or to make an appointment, call Geraldine Parker at 573-8511, ext. 322, from 8-11 a.m. Tuesday. A new minimum standard for passing the GED will become effective Jan. 1.

Extended clinic hours

Scurry County Health Unit will be open until 6 p.m. Tuesday for extended clinic hours.

Stanfield meeting planned

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday. All parents are invited.

Junior High concert slated

The Junior High band will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Worsham Auditorium. Admission is free.

Grief support group

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

Stanfield yearbook orders

Orders are being taken through Friday for Stanfield Elementary's 1996-97 yearbook. The yearbooks are $6 each and should be paid at the time of ordering.

NHS sale to help needy

Snyder High School National Honor Society will hold its Pink Elephant and Garage Sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, in the foyer of the girls' gym. Funds raised through the project will go to help needy families during Christmas. Donations are welcome.

Post office extends hours

Snyder Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, Dec. 14, to assist those mailing Christmas packages. Also, a box has been set up by the flagpole at the post office for Santa Letters bound for the North Pole.

Tiger's Lair yearbooks

Snyder High School Tiger's Lair yearbooks are on sale for $35 until Dec. 20 in the journalism department. After the 20th, the price will be $40. The journalism department suggests that the yearbooks make ideal Christmas gifts.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
0-2-8
(zero, two, eight)

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-25-28-29-33.
Estimated jackpot: $46,622.
Number matching five of five: 5.
Matching four of five: 508. Prize: $689.
Matching three of five: 20,261. Prize: $28.

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Four Snyder residents enjoy sharing musical gifts with others

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A West Texas ranch dance some 100 years ago may very well have created such a tableau.

Today, listening to Texas Sand, a local singing foursome specialing in western swing and a variety of other music styles, is very much like stepping into the past.

Texas Sand is comprised of Jackie and Valerie Moss Greene, Vince Moss, Valerie's brother, and Wendell Sollis. Jackie plays rhythm guitar. Valerie plays the fiddle, Vince the bass guitar and Wendell the banjo.

Dustee Sollis, Wendell's wife of 26 years, also supplies the voice for "Sam," the banjo playing puppet who often appears with the group — especially when children are in the audience.

Texas Sand strives to make each performance as realistic as possible. They even took their name from the song, "Texas Sand," from an album by Don Edwards.

They like to dress in the period of the music they are playing, and periodically change positions from one side of the room to another "to give everyone an equal chance to hear the music up close."

Texas Sand prefers to play acoustic since that is the way the original music was played. Jackie said this gives them an advantage because they sometimes play engagements where electricity is not available.

Musically, western swing is their "first love." It isn't a simple kind of music, but rather a "dance beat music," they explained. "The beat is everything."

They also play fiddle breakdowns, some of which are quite old — and other "real old music" dating at least to the Civil War period — plus bluegrass and cajun music.

Texas Sand usually does not play anything newer than 50 years old, so their music won't be heard on contemporary country stations. They are not the "Nashville sound," but that's okay with them, since they aren't aiming for stardom anyway.

Instead, they just enjoy playing the music they love.

Common interests and a mutual love of cowboy music brought the foursome together. However, comaraderie and a genuine love of what they are doing keeps them together, playing as often as their schedules allow.

Each holds a day job and they all contribute their own money for group expenses. They are also sponsored by Billy Ray Browning of the Wagon Wheel Dude Ranch. In turn, they play for tips at the Rusty Spur, a restaurant located on the ranch which serves as their "home base," Vince said.

Most Saturday nights they can be heard there. The restaurant also gives them a place to practice. They have begun to attract a loyal following.

Other local appearances have included the citywide shower for Brent and Deshonna Taylor, parents of quintuplets, and the recent Western Swing Festival.

"We couldn't believe it (the festival) came here," Jackie said. "It was tailor made for us. We had a ball. It was a lot of fun."

They also performed at the White Buffalo Festival and monthly sessions at Cogdell Memorial Hospital's longterm care unit, located on the fourth floor.

Some of their other credits include the West Texas Rehabilitation Trail Ride, the Lincoln County Symposium at Ruidoso and the chuck wagons at the Western Heritage Classic in Abilene.

Texas Sand also performed during the gathering at Fort Concho last weekend. They play pre-1880s music for such engagements.

They average one performance a week, but have played as many as six times in a week. Bookings include parties, historical weddings and 4th Cavalry Memorial functions.

Throughout the year, Texas Sand also performs at cowboy-circuit gatherings such as Lubbock's National Cowboy Symposium and the Oklahoma City National Chuckwagon Gathering at the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

The Greenes have also performed at the West Texas Cowboy Gathering in Alpine.

At cowboy gatherings, Jackie will also recite cowboy poetry or tell cowboy stories. Besides being another love of Jackie's, Wendell said it also gives the band a nice break.

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TEXAS SAND — For the past several months, Texas Sand has been attracting fans through its music variety, including western swing, cajun, bluegrass and historic music. From left are, Jackie Greene, rhythm guitar; Valerie Greene, fiddle; Wendell Sollis, banjo; and Vince Moss, bass guitar. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

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DECEMBER MARRIAGE — The children of Pauline Withers and Gerald Walton announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their parents. They are planning a 2:30 p.m., Dec. 28 wedding at the First Baptist Church Chapel. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	12-07-96
	♠ K J 10 8 3	
	♥ 2	
	♦ K Q 7 5	
	♣ 8 6 3	
West		East
♠ 6 4		♠ A 7 2
♥ 9 4		♥ 7 5
♦ A J 8 4 3		♦ 10 9 6 2
♣ K 10 7 5		♣ J 9 4 2
	South	
	♠ Q 9 5	
	♥ A K Q J 10 8 6 3	
	♦ ---	
	♣ A Q	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 4

Learn over the shoulder

By Phillip Alder

The late Terence Reese first used the over-the-shoulder instructional technique. You follow the bidding and play of a deal as if able to read his mind. In "Play these Hands with Brian Senior" (Batsford; $19.50, postpaid, from The Bridge World, 39 West 94th Street, New York, NY 10025-7124), the author adopts this style.

The good point is that in the 34 deals, you will learn how an expert analyzes difficult real-life declarer-play problems.

The bad point is that you will finish the book with no great feelings of friendship for Senior.

In this deal from the book, North was in an unenviable position on the second round of the auction. To try to avoid this, most American experts would make an initial "waiting" response of two diamonds.

Senior won the irritating trump lead (a minor-suit attack would have conceded the contract immediately) and drew a few more rounds. Then he led the spade queen: six, three, two. He continued with the spade nine: four, 10, seven.

Now it looked natural to take the club finesse (which would have resulted in one down). But if the opponents were signaling honestly, East was marked with the spade ace. Backing his judgment, Senior led the diamond king from the dummy, discarding his last spade when East played low. West was endplayed, forced to lead a minor and give South his 12th trick.

If East had covered with the diamond ace, Senior would have ruffed and exited with his spade, forcing a club return from East, allowing declarer to try the finesse after all.

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
No game
SUNDAY

Dot Casey directed three tables of bridge at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Charles Blakey, Louise Thompson.
2. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Mippie Brownlee, Margaret Birdwell.

TUESDAY

1. Three tables were directed by Rube McKinley.
1. Nona Morrison, J.O. Morrison.
2. TIE: Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd and Margaret Birdwell, Mary Lois Wilson.

GS Council has set Dec. 14 for Yule festivity

The West Texas Girl Scout Council invites all area Girl Scouts to a Christmas party at the new Program Center for Girls at 3125 Oldham Lane.

"Come take a tour of the new facility, enjoy some refreshments, meet Santa and the council staff, and find out what fun and exciting things that you can do at the new center," said Jennifer Stuckey, Program Center coordinator.

For more information, call 915-670-0432.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors' regualar meeting; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

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

Defensive Driving Course; Monday and Tuesday required; community room of Snyder Savings and Loan; 6 to 9 p.m. Call 573-2850 for more information.

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

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association; social; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 7 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

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

AARP Chapter luncheon; Martha Ann Woman's Club; Shirley Mease, district coordinator from Abilene will install officers for 1997; noon.

Plainview TAFCEC; 2 p.m.; for more information, call Nancy Higgins at 573-7770.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

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

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Gene Bowlin.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

Snyder Palette Club Christmas luncheon; airport terminal building.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; community room of Snyder Savings and Loan; one-day class from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 573-2850 for more information.

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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



The greatest number of personal Christmas cards sent by one individual is believed to be 62,824, by Werner Erhard of San Francisco in December 1975.



AFTERNOON VOWS SET — Mr. and Mrs. Donald McAdams and Mrs. Kay Spann, all of Trinity, Texas, announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Donyelle Renee McAdams, to Steven Daniel Gaddis, son of Betty Baker of Snyder, Loyd Gaddis of Colorado City, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Evans of Snyder. A Dec. 14, 4 p.m. wedding is planned at the Heritage Pentecostal Church in Cleveland, Texas. (Contributed Photo)

Christmas creations from the kitchen

By Marialisa Calta

It's that time of year when everyone is searching for that "perfect gift" for friends and relatives, co-workers and teachers. The idea of MAKING something may appeal to you, but right about now you're thinking that it's easier to just go out and BUY a gift.

Well, think again. Here's a bunch of truly EASY recipes for gifts from your kitchen. They are inexpensive. They don't require candy thermometers, or weeks of aging, or pressure-canning, or anything even remotely tricky.

For me, getting into the kitchen means getting into the holiday spirit. Happy Holidays.

CRANBERRY ORANGE VINEGAR

1/2 gallon white wine vinegar, or 1 quart white wine vinegar and 1 quart cider vinegar
2 pounds fresh cranberries, picked over, rinsed and drained
Zest of 2 oranges
Juice of 2 oranges
5 whole cloves
2 sticks cinnamon

In a nonreactive saucepan, heat the vinegar, being careful not to let it boil. Add the cranberries, orange zest, orange juice, cloves and cinnamon sticks. Allow to simmer covered for 35 minutes. Set aside and allow to come to room temperature.

Pour into a clean jar or bottle, pouring little by little so that you can arrange the cranberries, zest and spices for an attractive display.

Seal with a tight-fitting lid or with a cork and melted paraffin. A bit of raffia (available in crafts stores) tied around the wax seal looks attractive. Label with the date and storage instructions: "Store away from direct sun light for up to 6 months."

Yield: about 2 quarts.

— Recipe developed by Chef Roland Czekelius, The New England Culinary Institute, Montpelier, Vt.

SEASONED SALTS

For herb and spice salt:

8 tablespoons kosher salt
4 teaspoons celery seed
1 teaspoon whole coriander
4 Turkish bay leaves

For celery salt:

8 tablespoons kosher salt
4 teaspoons celery seed

Combine all ingredients for either herb-and-spice or celery salt in a clean coffee grinder or spice mill or mini-food processor and grind to a very fine grain. Spoon into a clean jar with a tight-fitting cover and label.

Yield: Each recipe makes about a half cup.

— Recipe from "The Dean & DeLuca Cookbook," by David Rosengarten and Joel Dean and Giorgio DeLuca (Random House, 1996).

BLACK PEPPER MUSTARD

3 tablespoons yellow mustard seed
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
1-1/2 tablespoons water
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

In a spice mill or mini food processor, coarsely grind the mustard seed. Transfer to a small bowl, add the remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly with a fork. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside for 2 hours.

Spoon into a clean jar, and label with the date and storage instructions: "Refrigerate up to 3 months."

Yield: 1/2 cup.

— Recipe from "Homemade in the Kitchen," by Barry Bluestein and Kevin Morrissey (Viking Studio Books, 1995).

PREPARED HORSE RADISH

3 tablespoons water
3 tablespoons distilled white vinegar
1/2 cup finely grated fresh horseradish root

Combine the water, vinegar and horseradish in a small bowl. Mix well, and refrigerate at least 2 hours before using.

Spoon into clean jars and cap with tight-fitting lid. Label with the date and storage instructions: "Keep refrigerated up to 3 months."

Yield: 1/2 cup.

— Recipe from "Homemade in the Kitchen," by Barry Bluestein and Kevin Morrissey (Viking Studio Books, 1995).

COINTREAU CHOCOLATE SAUCE

1 cup heavy cream
10 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
3 tablespoons butter
1/3 cup Cointreau or other liqueur (see note)

In a heavy saucepan, bring the cream to a simmer over low heat. Remove the pan from the heat, and add the chocolate and butter, and whisk until the mixture is smooth. Stir in Cointreau or other liqueur.

Pour the sauce into warmed, clean jars. Label with the date, as well as storage and reheating directions: "Keep refrigerated up 2 to 3 months; reheat in microwave or double boiler, or in a small saucepan with 1 inch of simmering water."

Serving suggestions, such as "Serve over ice cream, fresh strawberries or poached pears," are a nice touch.

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MAWC GAME DAY, LUNCHEON SET — Gradine Sterling, Clara Tate, Patsy Sitton and Verna Foree were pictured when they played bridge at the last Martha Ann Woman's Club's luncheon and game day. Due to the holidays, this event has been set for Wednesday and reservations should be made by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427. This foursome played bridge, but games of choice will be played following the meal. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



WORKING WOMEN EVENT — Fun, facts and a fashion show are slated for working women at 7 p.m. Monday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Dr. Kathleen Weaver (right), local orthopedic surgeon, will speak on how to prevent various problems created in the workplace, and how to listen to the body's warning signals. A style show, hair fashions with skin and nail tips, and refreshments are added features. The program, coordinated by Carolyn Barbee (seated at the computer, owner of Barbee Medical and Uniform Center), will include coupons and door prizes. Pictured left is Teresa Ragland, RN. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Deep Creek ABWA has program

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA members met for their November meeting at The Shack for a program on parliamentary procedure, according to Roberts Rules of Order.

President Pam Dortch led a common sense game and Johnnie Pyburn received the incentive gift for most correct answers.

Dortch showed members a new 35 mm camera purchased for chapter use.

Following the benediction, secret pals were revealed and drawings were held.

Attending were Pyburn, Stella Bailey, Linda Briseno, Annette Grady, Dorothy Dortch, Pam Dortch, Donna Mills, Bonnie Carroll, Tillie Rios and Brenda Meurer. Guests included House, Ruby Deavers and Patsy Ramon.



ABWA MEETS — Deep Creek Chapter of American Business Women's Association met recently with Betty House, right, giving the program. Also pictured is Brenda Meurer, vice president. (Contributed Photo)

Sly foxhole convert

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The tense hours waiting for his infant daughter during her heart operation helped Sylvester Stallone find his sensitive side.

The "Rambo" and "Rocky" star said he has decided not to accept any more roles as "overblown super-action heroes."

"Call me a foxhole convert if you will, but I had these thoughts while waiting for the surgery to end. I said that if the baby would just be OK, I would change. I would do different kinds of movies.

"I would no longer play these guys with big muscles and shoulder-length hair blowing in the wind who run through burning flames and wipe out 200 heavily armed mercenaries with only a pistol and jump from airplanes without a parachute."

In "Daylight," which opens Friday, Stallone plays an emergency medical worker who tries to safely guide strangers trapped in a tunnel.

"This is more of a ... humanistic character for me. It's going to surprise some people; I haven't been called human for a long time."

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MONDAY

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Breakfast Taco

TUESDAY

Sausage Sticks

WEDNESDAY

Biscuits
Cream Gravy

THURSDAY

Waffles w/Syrup

FRIDAY

Sausage & Biscuits

LUNCH

MONDAY

Beef Vegetable Soup
Grilled Cheese
Chicken Burger
Oranges
French Fries

TUESDAY

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Steak Burger
Yeast Rolls
Peas

WEDNESDAY

Chicken-'n-Pasta
Steak Fingers
French Bread
Baked Potato
Fruit Gelatin

THURSDAY

Hamburger on a Bun
Chili Mac
Lettuce & Tomato
Tater Tots
Cowboy Cookies

FRIDAY

Sausage Pizza
Spaghetti, Meat Sauce
Corn on the Cob
Tossed Salad
French Bread

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MONDAY

Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Green Peas
Rolls
Peaches

TUESDAY

Chicken Patties w/Gravy
Vegetable Sticks
Cucumbers
Apple Crisp

WEDNESDAY

Soup
Cheese Wedge
Crackers
Corn Bread
Peanut Butter Sandwiches

THURSDAY

Hamburgers
French Fries
Pears

FRIDAY

Corn Dogs
Potato Chips
Green Beans
Cookies

Hermleigh

MONDAY

All meals are served with milk.

Fruit
Pancake/syrup

TUESDAY

Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

WEDNESDAY

Fruit
Blueberry Muffins

THURSDAY

Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast

FRIDAY

Fruit
Dry Cereal
Taost

LUNCH

Burritos/Chili/Cheese
Tater Tots
Relish Cup
Chilled Pears

TUESDAY

Lasagna
Sweet Potatoes
Shredded Lettuce
Hot Rolls
Rockie Road Pudding

WEDNESDAY

Roast Beef/Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Pickled Beets
Hot Rolls
Fruit Jello

THURSDAY

Texas Hash
Buttered Spinach
Corn Bread
Peach Halves

FRIDAY

Franks & Cheese Wraps
French Fries
Pickle Spears
Blueberry Fruit Bars

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Boneless Barbecued Ribs
Black-eyed Peas
Cream Style Corn
Lettuce Salad
Baked Apple

TUESDAY

Chicken Spaghetti
Lima Beans
Fried Squash
Cottage Cheese & Pear Salad
Texas Toast
Refrigerator Cookies

WEDNESDAY

Country Fried Steak
Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Spinach
Tomato Wedges
Pineapple Pudding

THURSDAY

Beef Stew
Fried Okra
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Someday, they would like to be included in the "convention circuit," Wendell said.

Texas Sand has been playing together for a few months. The Greenes and Vince had already been playing together when Wendell joined the band. They attended many practice sessions at first, but have been playing so often lately that practice sessions aren't needed, except when they want to learn new music.

They recorded a tape, "For the First Time," before Wendell joined. Larry Scott, well-known country music DJ, plays it on the "Cowboy Hour," a program on KVOO in Tulsa, Okla., where Bob Wills played. Scott is also known locally because he has emceed the annual White Buffalo Festival.

Valerie and Vince have been around western swing music most



Vince Moss
bass guitar

of their lives. Valerie, who grew up in Amarillo, learned to play classical music on the violin while in the fourth grade. Students had to choose orchestra, band or choir, she explained. Her dad played the guitar at home and she often accompanied him, playing by ear.

Valerie and Vince also played with a bluegrass band in Amarillo. Though they preferred western swing, they compromised since no other type band was available. "I sacrificed myself to play blue grass," Vince laughed.

After graduating from high school, Valerie attended South Plains College in Levelland where she earned an associate degree in country and bluegrass music.

During her college days, she helped establish a western swing band, the South Plains Playboys, which made several country and western dance videos, which are now being sold nationwide.

Vince has a great deal of experience in preserving western heritage through music and dance. He is the marketing coordinator and partner of Diamond "M" Music and Video Productions.

He has also been a country and western dance instructor for 18 years, and has promoted his dance videos. He had always wanted to play with his sister, but that dream did not become a reality until 1992.

Valerie took the notes she knew on the fiddle and composed them to bass and taught him a basic pattern of playing. Vince has since developed his own style and adds the bass rhythm for the band.

Wendell and Dustee first met Valerie through a country and western dance class she taught at Western Texas College. Mutual interests drew them together outside of the class.

Wendell has been playing the banjo since 1973 when he was in the Air Force. He taught himself how to play by studying Earl Scrugg's banjo book.

After learning the picking patterns, he said be began to "put songs together from that." He later performed with a group while living in Amarillo, often playing for Fellowship of Christian Athletes events and church camps.

Wendell enjoys both the music and watching the crowd. "People recognize the old songs and I enjoy making people happy," he said. "I love to see them smiling, clapping and having a great time."

Valerie considers her talent a gift which she likes to share with the audience. "I love it all. I love to play and I enjoy seeing people enjoy the music. It's very enjoyable. That's what keeps us going," she added.

Vince said, "It's fun to have a group to play with. As a bass player, I can't do much by myself."

Jackie loves performing the music he grew up listening to. "If you are as old as I am and you grew up in Scurry County, you listened to Hoyle Nix," he said.

Valerie said they have several goals. They would like to have a bus to transport their instruments. Currently, the band travels in two or three vehicles.

Another goal, Valerie said, is to get Texas Sand on the Internet. She said they hope to do this after they make a tape featuring all of them.

Upcoming engagements include a three-day cattle drive slated for this spring. That's something Vince said they are all excited about. Larry Scott has told the group that he wants to broadcast live and include interviews with them and area cowboys at chuck wagons and around camp fires.

Some 40 head of cattle will be driven about 30 to 40 miles.



Jackie Greene
rhythm guitar



Valerie Greene
fiddle



Wendell Sollis
banjo



Dustee Sollis
and "Sam"

Wendell is the curriculum director for Snyder Independent School District. He has both a bachelor's and master's degree in education from West Texas A&M University and has spent 18 years in education.

He is also a member of the 4th Cavalry Memorial Unit out of Lubbock.

Dustee also holds both a bachelor's and masters degree in education from WTA&M. She is a Garrison Lady with the 4th Cavalry Memorial Unit.

Jackie has been a pipeline contractor for his family's business for several years. He was recently elected a Western Texas College trustee.

He has chaired the annual White Buffalo Festival which hosts such entertainers as Red Steagall. He said he supports every aspect of the cowboy life through his music and reciting cowboy poetry.

He has also cooked with a local chuck wagon gang traveling nationwide to display authentic cowboy traditions.

He and Valerie were married on a western swing cruise ship with the Texas Playboys.

Valerie is a secretary at Cogdell.

At present, Vince is the publicity promoter for the Wagon Wheel Dude Ranch.

While working and performing keep Vince very busy, he said he likes to spend what spare time he has sorting through old junk stores, collecting cowboy and western artifacts. He also likes to attend western swing festivals and cowboy gatherings.

Hearing impaired viewers benefit

POTTSBORO — On a recent Monday afternoon, Deborah Brown took a peek at some of the stories that KTEN television was preparing for the 6 p.m. news broadcast.

In a story that day about a murder in a small Oklahoma town, both the name of the person and the name of the city were unfamiliar, so Ms. Brown typed the names into her stenographer's machine.

When a newscaster said those names in the evening broadcast, Ms. Brown would be able to easily translate them into captions for the hearing-impaired.

Ms. Brown is one of the few professional captionists in Texas, and the only live captionist in Grayson County. She provides live captions for the KTEN news broadcasts at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., and for the First Baptist Church worship broadcast live Sunday on KXII.

Closed captions are the visible words that show on specially-equipped television sets. All new televisions have the capability.

Most newscasts either use live captioning, done word-by-word, or teleprompter captioning, written before the newscast and fed onto the screen one line at a time as the newscaster speaks. There is also prerecorded captioning used for movies, soap operas and other prerecorded shows.

There is no delay before Ms. Brown's captions go on the air. If she makes a mistake, she has no chance to fix it. If a late-breaking story comes up, she has no chance to prepare for unfamiliar names or places.

"There is no mercy for a live captionist," she said.

Ms. Brown learned her trade at a court reporting school in Richardson. She has been doing closed captions for about a year.

She uses a machine like those used by court stenographers and medical transcriptionists to create the captions.

Words from Ms. Brown's stenography machine go through a modem to the television station. There, a machine barely bigger than a compact disc player translates the signals into the white letters that scroll on the screen.

Ms. Brown's machine works phonetically, using the sounds of words instead of individual letters. Besides building words by their phonetic components, a stenographer can also build a computerized dictionary that remembers hard-to-pronounce words. These shortcuts, called "macros" or "jobs," simplify hard words in to codes. For example, Ms. Brown remembers Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman by the shortcut "Aik-aik."

Before a broadcast, Ms. Brown loads the station's computer list of stories through her modem, and reads as many stories as she can. She makes up codes for unfamiliar words and posts them, along with the stories, around her in a circle.

Papers hang from the wall, the desk and the computer. Television newscasters don't always follow their scripts exactly. That means Ms. Brown always has to use her ears and never take anything for granted.

"I try to give the person at home that can't hear the sense that they are there," she said. That means, if church bells ring in a remote shot, Ms. Brown tries to type in "BELLS RINGING." Of course, it all depends on how much time she has.

"The hardest part (of captioning) is learning how to paraphrase," she said. Another difficulty is making sure the captions do not go too fast for people to read.

Ms. Brown has an office in downtown Pottsboro, but she mostly works out of her home. On two sides of her home work station are desks which hold her computer, phone, modem and stacks of tapes. In front of her is the television that she listens to while entering the captions.

She and her daughter, Jody, sometimes monitor national news to pick up late-breaking stories that might show up on the local newscast. This gives Ms. Brown a chance to put any tricky words into her dictionary.

Support sagging for bust of Bardot

MARLY-LE-ROI, France (AP) — Support is sagging for a bust of Brigitte Bardot.

This quiet suburb west of Paris will remove a bust of Marianne — symbol of the French republic — because it was modeled after Bardot, who has fallen from grace because of ties to the far-right National Front.

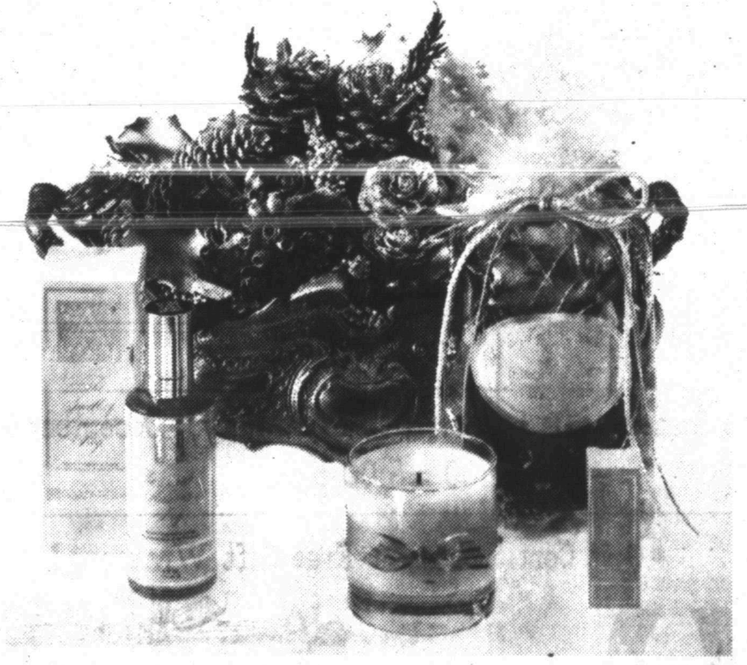
The model for Marianne changes about every 10 years.

"Brigitte Bardot was chosen as the model of Marianne because she had generous curves," Mayor Francois-Henri de Virieu said Thursday. "Today, she has ideas that we don't find generous."

The decision comes a week after the city council in the Brittany city of Quiberon replaced four Bardot-inspired busts.

Bardot, the 62-year-old former screen star, has supported Jean-Marie Chevallier, National Front mayor of the southern city of Toulon. Chevallier was criticized for refusing to honor a Jewish writer at Toulon's annual book fair last month. He instead substituted a book by Bardot.

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Larry Smith, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

D.L. Peterson Trust, two 1997 Ford pickups from Williamsburg Motors.

Everett C. and Steven N. Robertson, 1996 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Tommy and Elizabeth Deloera, 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

James Nettleton, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Roxann R. McDonald, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Michael G. Maguire, dba West TX Recovery, 1997 Jeep from Snyder Chrysler.

Kirby and Randy Head, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling Co., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Sam Lendermon, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Michael D. Jeter, 1996 Chevrolet van from Big Country Autoland.

Terry D. and Tracie McDowell, 1997 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

J. Ray Basinger, 1997 Jeep from Snyder Chrysler.

Travis Lee Elliott, dba Elliott's Welding Service, 1997 Ford truck from Hutchins Ford Sales.

Clifton J. Kolb, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Dale Sheets, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling Co., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Linda Vernon, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Gerald C. Nobles Jr., 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Sidney and June Wall, 1997 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Midwest Electric Cooperative Inc., 1997 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Robert G. Early, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Samson Production, 1997 Ford pickup from Jordan Ford.

Jimmie D. Dyess, 1996 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marshall Spence, 1997 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

AMOCO Pipeline Co., 1997 Dodge pickup from Brookdal Dodge Inc.

Gus and Leonard Tovar, 1996 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

JoAnna and Lynn Hargove, 1997 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

James and Michele Sanders, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

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Layton Oliver, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

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Clinton and Annette Chesser, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Gilbert Merritt Sr., 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Sidney Reynolds, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Brian D. Adams, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Francisco Camacho Esparza and Felisa Gutierrez Juares, both of Snyder.

Gary Lynn McWilliams of Snyder and DeAnna Jane Plagens of Midland.

Action in District Court

Cecil Don Vineyard vs. Michael J. Brown, Ernie Armstrong, Samatha Cunningham, Gene L. Dulaney and Kerry Fritz, order granting Gene L. Dulaney's motion for summary judgment.

In the marriage of Kathryn Roberta Jukes and William Lee Jukes, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Helen E. Feinsod to Arthur F. Feinsod, all of Lot 3 in Block 24 of the Mandry Addition.

Arthur F. Feinsod to Helen E. Feinsod, tract one being all of Lots 3, 4 and 6 in Block 10 of the Bootheland Addition; tract two being all of Lots 1-3 in Block 3 of the Bootheland Addition; tract three being all of Lot 10 in Block 2 of the Bootheland Addition; tract four being the west 57.5 feet of Lot 13 in Block 1, Section 1 of the Martin Addition; tract five being two acres out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract six being one acre in Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract seven being two acres in Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract eight being one acre out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Elwanda Stewart Nachlinger to Robert Glenn and Jacqueline Lathem, 17.535 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 134, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Herby M. Thomas, part of Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Sovann and Lim Leth Vath to Tommy J. and LaQuita J. Culwell, all of Lot 12 in Block 2 of the Cedar Creek Addition, Section 1.

Donald E. Hartman to John W. Pethel III, the west 75 feet of Lot 1 and the west one-half of Lot 2 and the east one-half of Lot 2, all in Block 19 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to Sue Griffin, all of Lot 6 in Block 4 of the Highlands Addition.

J.B. Tate Jr., Trustee, to Snyder Savings and Loan, 36.1990 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 158, Block 3, H&GN survey.

David Cotton, Trustee, to Don L. Ramsey and Patsy Ann Stowe, all the southwest one-quarter of Section 247, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Simon and Leonor Bernal Quiros to Alfredo Bernal Quiros, all of Lot 2 in Block 13 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Simon and Leonor Bernal Quiros to Patricia Bernal Quiros Garcia, all of Lot 8 in Block 8 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Simon and Leonor Bernal Quiros to Leonor Bernal Quiros Overton, all of Lot 7 in Block 8 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Simon and Leonor Bernal Quiros to Alferdo Bernal Quiros, Lot 3 in Block 13 of the J.B. Chambers Addition.

Morris Hardin to Kennith and Barbara Hardin, tract one being 20.285 acres out of the north part of the southeast one-quarter and the south part of the northeast one-quarter of Section 643, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 9.849 acres out of 98 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 643, Block 97, H&TC survey.

F.E. and Jimidene Tutt to Helene Tutt, 1.37 acres out of the northwest part of the the east one-half of Section 49, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Tim and Susie Mitchell to H.E. and Vivian Lewis, the south 199 feet of the west 150 feet of Lot 4 in Block 8 of the Scarborough Addition.

Police find bloody sheet, knife and spell book in car

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A bloodstained sheet and a paperback book with spells for conjuring demons were seized from a vehicle used by teen-agers accused of killing a Florida couple, authorities said.

Court papers said hundreds of items were taken by police from the 1993 Ford Explorer when the five teens were arrested here Nov. 28. The vehicle belonged to Richard and Ruth Wendorf, who were found bludgeoned to death in their Eustis, Fla., home three days before the arrests.

Police believe the teens, including the daughter of the slain couple, were members of a self-described "vampire cult" whose members drank their own blood and that of mutilated animals. All have been ordered back to Florida to face charges of murder or accessory to murder.

Police were looking in the vehicle for several suspected murder weapons, including a crowbar and a "heavy blade chopping type tool or kitchen utensil," according to court records.

Police believe they found blood in the vehicle, as well as a pearl necklace discovered in one of two teddy bears, papers filed in connection with a search warrant. Also found were a black-handled hunting knife and a backpack with a dismembered doll hanging from it.

In addition to the spell formula book, police found a copy of the Anne Rice novel "Queen of the Damned" and a book called "The Ultimate Dracula."

Electric cars don't pollute, but they aren't for everyone

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. (AP) — With two seats, an 80-mile range and a $34,000-plus price tag, General Motors Corp.'s new electric cars aren't for everyone.

The company is even trying to talk some customers out of buying its EV1, a teardrop-shaped sports coupe that rolled out Thursday at 24 Southern California and Arizona dealerships.

"We do not want anybody in this vehicle unless they are 100 percent sure it fits their needs," says Robert Randall, one of 13 Saturn workers trained as EV1 specialists.

GM, which invested $350 million in the EV1, is the first big automaker to sell electric cars, but it won't be the last. All the others are planning electric cars and trucks to meet rules in California and the Northeast that 10 percent of vehicles be zero-emissions by 2003.

While EV1s cost more than $34,000, for now they can only be leased. The costs range, depending on region, from $520 to $680 a month, as much as many luxury cars. The lower price is available in the greater Los Angeles region because of incentives provided by the smog-control agency.

Then there are the rechargers: One for garage walls costs $2,000 or can be leased for $50 a month. And don't forget installation charges, typically from $1,000 to $3,000.

At a San Juan Capistrano dealership Thursday, Jack Farley, a recent retiree shopping for a car to tow behind his RV, asked Saturn salesman Raymond Herrera for more information.

"I can't give you the detailed package until you fill out a questionnaire," Herrera replied, opening the door of a bright red EV1. "It's just so we both can make sure that you're a suitable candidate."

That candidate profile is an exclusive one: environmentally minded consumers with annual incomes of, say, $120,000 and up and two other gasoline-powered cars.

Just 34 customers put in advance orders and took delivery of EV1s on the first day. Those fans included Sylvester Stallone.

Not everyone is so taken. Mobil Corp. ran newspaper ads touting clean-burning gasoline, criticizing the taxpayer-funded credits that lower the EV1's price by thousands of dollars, and pointing out that electricity is generated mostly by burning coal and other smog-producing fossil fuels.

The car is certainly not for everybody. Drive more than the 70 to 90 mile range provided by the lead-acid batteries? You'll want to wait at least until nickel metal hydride batteries, which will double the range, become available in a couple of years.

Haul children to school and soccer? Consider a minivan. Moving soon? You'll pay dearly to tear out and reinstall the recharger.

Farley had hoped he could recharge the EV1's batteries by generating power from the wheels as he towed it behind his RV. That's possible technically but not practically, Randall said.

Not only does GM ban any modifications on the experimental cars, but the EV1's lightweight plastic and aluminum materials aren't designed for towbars.

"There's no way they can take a lot of torquing and wrenching," Randall said.

One more caveat: never park an EV1 in a towaway zone or call a plain old towing service if the batteries falter. It's the lowest-slung car GM has ever built, and towing from front or rear will cause the opposite end to scrape the ground.

"You've got to take it away on a flat-bed truck," Herrera said.

Houston attorneys reportedly accused of misconduct

HOUSTON (AP) — Four Houston attorneys face a formal civil disciplinary complaint filed by State Bar of Texas investigators who contend they solicited cases from the 1994 crash of a USAir jet in North Carolina.

John O'Quinn is accused of taking cases which he allegedly knew were improperly solicited and of paying others to sign up clients.

Attorneys Charles Musslewhite and his father, Benton Musslewhite, are alleged to have violated State Bar rules on approaching and soliciting clients. That also is the complaint against Carl Shaw, an associate in O'Quinn's firm.

"There is nothing new in the allegations — which are unfounded and untrue — or in this investigation," said O'Quinn attorney Gerald Treece. "This has been ongoing for the past six months."

Treece said the State Bar assembled a blue-ribbon investigative panel to handle the probe.

That team is made up of Treece, former dean of the South Texas College of Law, San Antonio procedural law specialist Luther "Luke" Soules, noted Houston civil attorney Joe Reynolds and Tom McDade, who has been representing O'Quinn.

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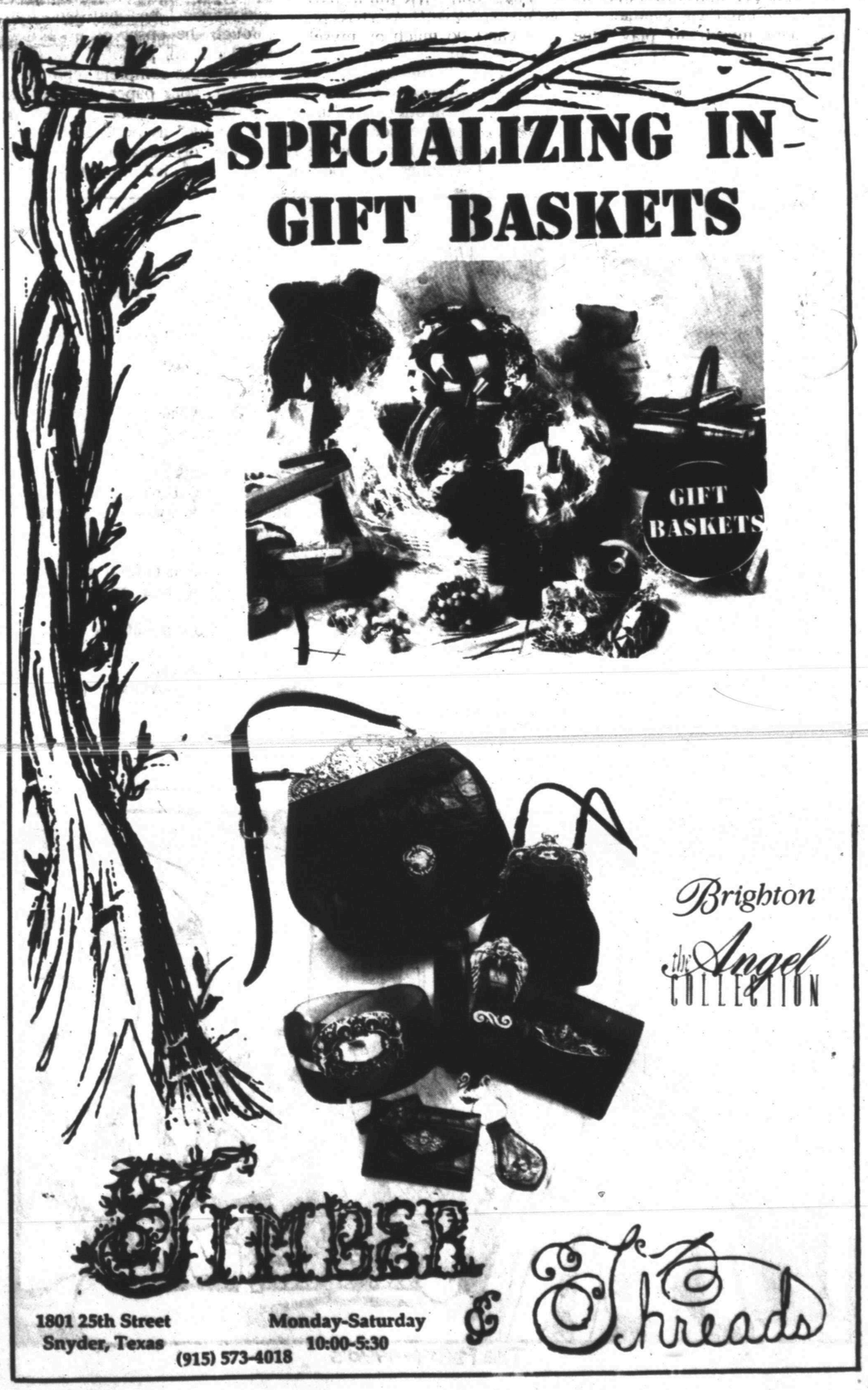
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Doing Christmas in just three weeks, or, NASA's got nothing on me



DEANIE FRANCIS MILLS

Through some extremely complicated mathematical formula worked out by top NASA scientists and sealed in a locked vault, the Thanksgiving holidays fell on the last weekend of November this year, which leaves us one week less to prepare for Christmas.

What, are they CRAZY?

I can't do Christmas in three weeks!

Men figured this out, I KNOW it. They don't have to do anything at Christmas but buy their wives or girlfriends a present on Christmas Eve and give it to her still in the sack.

Around our house, it takes three days just to get all the decorations down out of the closets and attic and various nooks and crannies. I mean, just about the time I've got the house looking all wonderful and cozy and Christmasy, it'll be time to put it all back up again.

I wanna lodge a formal complaint! SOMEBODY SCREWED UP THIS YEAR!

I keep getting these deadlines stuck on me that just come out of nowhere. This year, instead of shipping my lastest novel to my agent in early June, I didn't get it done until November. My editor, who was responsible for this disaster, kept saying, "Take all the time you need." And I would say, "I've got a kid in college! I don't HAVE all the time I need!"

So I worked like the demon-possessed and shipped it to New York on Nov. 8.

Then there was the little matter of 75 books I had to read as part of my commitment to help in the selection process for the "Best True-Crime" category of the Edgar Allen Poe awards, which are presented by the Mystery Writers of America. The awards are presented in April, so I thought I had plenty of time. When I finished writing "Cold Play," I contacted our committee chair and found out that, lo and behold, I was supposed to have them all read by DECEMBER FIRST!!!

You try reading 75 books in one month. Three weeks, actually. Go on. I DARE ya.

So I had to do some whining, but it only got me a 10-day extension. I've read 50 books so far, and have not put up one stupid light or ornament or Santa or any other bah humbug decorations. Which means that, after Dec. 10, when I submit my five nominee choices for the award, I will then have TWO weeks to do Christmas. Two weeks to shop, wrap, prepare for mailing, and ship the bulk of our gifts to family, plus all the mom-stuff that's expected around here.

So I'm thinking, Maybe we'll just leave all the damn decorations up until February. Make it worthwhile, you know?

Or maybe we could just skip Christmas entirely. Make it TWICE as special next year.

Or, how's this for a plan — I'll get my HUSBAND to do everything this year! Boy, that would be festive! Bunch of brown paper bags stashed in the corner and a stack of half-addressed Christmas cards scattered over the kitchen table that never get mailed. A note stuck on the refrigerator for a solid month that says, BUY EXTENSION CORDS. I can see it all now.

"But I'm busy," he'd say. "This is my busy time of year."

Boo-hoo.

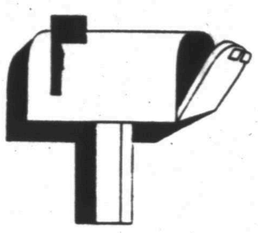
Then there's the little matter of bucks. Moo-lah. Money which is not made of plastic. Am I, like the ONLY broke person in town this Christmas?

It takes my publisher about four months to process a check after I complete a book. A very nice check, I might add. Now, had I turned in "Cold Play" in June, which was the original plan, then we would be having a very merry Christmas indeed. However, as it is, I'm thinking ... maybe we could postpone Christmas this year ... like, till MARCH?

Those NASA scientists think they're so cool, just because they send a stupid old rocket ship to Mars.

Shoot, we womenfolk gotta do Christmas in three weeks.

I'd like to see 'em try it. They'd crack. They couldn't handle the pressure.



A great success

Dear Editor:

On Thanksgiving Day, the Snyder Rotary Club hosted the second annual Thanksgiving dinner for the less fortunate at The Shack restaurant. Approximately 300 meals were served by volunteers from the Rotary Club, and several employees of The Shack also gave up their holiday for the needy.

The Rotary Club wishes to thank Randy Perkins and Stan Pavlik of The Shack for the many hours they contributed to this outpouring of love for members of this community.

In addition, we would like to acknowledge the donations of food by Lawrence IGA and the helpful assistance of C.R. Perez. And what would we have done without the culinary skills of Shirley Fritz, the organizational efforts of Nan Swanson, and most especially, we want to thank the students from Snyder High School under the leadership of Richard Hester. These members of the student council carved turkeys and delivered 75 meals to homes throughout Scurry County.

What a wonderful way to begin the holiday season! Thank you, Snyder, Texas, for making this project a success.

Sincerely,
Daryl Thomas
Gayle Lomax
Chairmen of the
Rotary Club
Thanksgiving Day
Service Project

Thanks, PUC!

Dear Editor:

Here's a Christmas wish for Texas that might just come true because of a recent decision by the state Public Utility Commission: We wish for a choice when it comes to buying local telephone service, along with the lower prices and higher service quality a little old-fashioned competition will bring.

The PUC refused to cave in to Southwestern Bell's wish to retain monopoly power in Texas when it set forth a plan for telephone competition that is among the most consumer-oriented in the country.



It's high time the wishes of Texas consumers came first, and the PUC is doing just that.

Thanks, PUC, and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely
Earl (Hassie) Sneed

Code of ethics

To the Editor:

I read with interest the SDN Column published on Nov. 27. While you point out that accuracy is not necessarily a requirement of political rhetoric, I was curious if it might fall under any code of ethics for journalists.

Contacting the Texas Press Association, of which the Snyder Daily News is a member, I was intrigued with Article III of their Code of Ethics which states in part, "To the newspapers of Texas, therefore, fall unique privileges and responsibilities which can be fulfilled only through the observance of high standards of personal integrity, and fair and complete reporting." Further, your paper, and you as publisher, subscribe to a set of "Standards" as outlined by your member organization, the Texas Press Association. Those standards specifically state, "In its editorials, it (the Snyder Daily News) adheres to a practice of sincerity, honesty and fair dealing in all forms of editorial expression."

In case it has been a while since you have read the code of ethics and the Standards to which you subscribe, I've enclosed a copy for your convenience. I would hope this document would be a reminder of your responsibility to the people of Scurry County.

While your column is certainly your opinion, to the extent it states facts, they should at least be accurate. You cite the Big Spring Herald as your source for my campaign receiving $300,000 in out of district contributions, yet you fail to cite their correction (which I personally sent to your attention) that the figure was actually only $3,136.08. This correction was brought to your attention a full six days prior to the publication of your column.

I stand by my campaign and the information we put forward to the voters and specifically the charge that Mr. Counts largely receives his financing from outside special interest groups. Accuracy may not be a concern of Mr. Counts or of yours, but it is of mine.

I might suggest, as an exercise in complete objectivity, that you publish side by side the complete contributor and expenditure reports that Mr. Counts and I have filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, the last of which will be filed in mid January. As you point out, the results will be interesting.

Sincerely,
Scott McLaughlin
Big Spring

Slick Willie

Dear Editor:

Here's a something I came across that I thought your readers might enjoy seeing:

Slick Willie's Psalm

Bill Clinton is my shepherd whom I do not want.
He maketh many lies about green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still factories.
He restoreth my doubts about the Democrats.
He leadeth me in the paths of socialism for his namesake.
Yes, I will walk through the valley of the shadow of debt, and I will fear much evil, for he is with me.
Hillary and her staff discomfort me.
He prepares a tax hike for me, to give presents to mine enemies.
He anointed my wages with inflation so that my expenses runneth over my income.
Surely poverty and hard times shall follow me all the days of his administration.
And I will dwell in a rented HUD house forever.

—Author Unknown

Sincerely
J.H. Roddy



Relatives sought

Dear Editor,

My name is Garland Michael Green. I am 30 years old and partically grew up up in Bend, Texas near San Saba. I am serving a two-year sentence at the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder.

Through extensive travels and long absences from the state, I have lost all contact with my family.

I am the grandson of Fred and Doris Elliott who had a family reunion every year in Bend, Texas arranged by my aunt, Jo Grumbles. Many members came from the Snyder area and I wish to re-establish contact.

If I do in fact have relatives in the area, please write me at: Garland M. Green #763384, Price Daniel Unit, 938 S. FM 1673, Snyder, TX 79549.

Garland M. Green
Price Daniel Unit

EDITORIAL COMMENT

On teacher incentives

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Texas Comptroller John Sharp's proposal to pay tuition at state colleges and universities for the children of public school teachers as an incentive to stay in the classroom is a great idea — so long as it is not an alternative to raising teacher salaries to reflect their crucial contribution to society.

Relatively meager pay and attractive career options have caused a growing turnover among Texas teachers in recent years. Retaining seasoned teachers should be among the state's highest priorities.

Sharp deserves credit for his plan, which would provide full tuition payments for the children of teachers who have accrued 10 years in the classroom. After 15 years of tenure, the state would also pay all fees, which at some institutions have almost equaled the cost of tuition. Sharp estimated the cost at about $20 million a year.

Such a commendable, farsighted incentive could offer considerable relief for those whose toil in the classroom has afforded little opportunity to accumulate enough money to help support their own children's college education.

Yet paying all classroom teachers the salaries that will be competitive with other industries is the most effective long-term incentive to attract and retain talented women and men who are entrusted with perhaps the most critical responsibility of any state or nation: preparing successive generations to take on the challenges of society's future.

It won't be cheap. Raising teacher salaries in Texas just to the current national level would require $700 million in the next five years — a sad commentary on the Legislature's parsimony — but then, Texas children are worth more than just an average investment.

Re-visiting school finance

The Dallas Morning News

Public education in Texas was in deep trouble back in the late 1940s. Following World War II, school districts were springing up everywhere with few standards and even fewer funds.

Texas' new governor, Allan Shivers, and the state Legislature realized something had to be done before public school systems fell into a perpetual state of mediocrity. The result was the 1949 Gilmer-Aikin laws, which overhauled the school administration, raised standards and committed the state to pay 80 percent of education costs.

A half-century later, Texas schools are again experiencing a financial dilemma. With the state now picking up only 47 percent of the education tab, the burden has shifted to local property taxes.

Even the Texas Supreme Court acknowledges the serious inequities of funding education with property taxes. The high court's convoluted solution was the "Robin Hood" plan, which forced the state's 93 "wealthiest" school districts to send $372 million to districts with lower property values. It is a heavy-handed act of desperation that has only increased taxpayer frustration in many parts of the state.

It's time for the Texas Legislature to admit school finance is in a mess. It's time to muster the same courage lawmakers showed in the 1940s. ...

Several worthwhile suggestions already have been made:

— Gov. Bush wants to commit $1.2 billion from economic growth and state savings to the tax relief effort.

— Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock is discussing a plan to raise the sales tax and motor fuel tax by a half-cent. That would generate $1 billion a year. In return, the state would require school districts to provide a $25,000 homestead exemption to all homeowners. He also would like to allocate additional money from a change in the state lottery contract to education. That could bring $500 million.

— Several speakers at the Citizens Committee on Property Tax Relief hearings want to commit all lottery revenue to public education. ...

These all will be good discussion points when the Texas Legislature convenes in January. But state lawmakers must adopt a broad-based school finance package that won't simply transfer the responsibility for education funding from one taxpaying group to another. Above all, property tax relief must be achieved fairly.

Here are some suggested approaches:

— Commit $1.2 billion in budget savings to property tax relief, as the governor suggested, and suggested, and challenge state officials to find other ways to reduce costs in future years.

— Pledge half of the annual lottery revenues to education. ...

— Commit the state to pay at least 60 percent of the costs for public education in Texas. Then work to increase the state's funding share in the future.

— Lower the tax rate cap for school districts to ensure that property owners benefit from the state's increased funding.

Also worthy of consideration:

— A business activity tax could take advantage of Texas' improving economy. ...

An expanded state sales tax could include utility companies and various business and professional services. ...

During the lean years of the 1980s, state officials shifted the burden for education funding to the shoulders of property owners.

Now, there is a chance for lawmakers to rectify the wrongs of the past decade. They can bring forth a school funding program that is both fair and responsible. ...

Trial date, time may be changed

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Turning the tables on the Unabomber suspect, federal prosecutors proposed moving Theodore Kaczynski's first trial up by five months and away by nearly 3,000 miles.

The government had originally planned to try Kaczynski first in Sacramento, Calif., where a November trial date has been set on two deaths attributed to the Unabomber's 18-year string of explosions.

In court papers filed Thursday night, prosecutors proposed trying him first on murder charges in New Jersey starting June 30. Kaczynski is charged with killing an ad executive in the state.

Kaczynski's lawyers, who had requested delays earlier, said they were concerned about a speedy resolution and asked a judge for a single trial in California on all the Unabomber charges, since there is evidence common to both cases.

Prosecutors asked the judge to deny the request to transfer the New Jersey case to Sacramento. If the New Jersey trial started on June 30, it would be finished in time for the California trial to start in November, prosecutors say.

The change of venue request is to be argued in Newark on Tuesday before U.S. District Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise, following Kaczynski's arraignment by video conference. He is charged with killing Thomas Mosser by sending a bomb to his New Jersey home, the only attack for which the Unabomber claimed responsibility.

Midland man files lawsuit

MIDLAND (AP) — A man stricken with the virus that causes AIDS is suing Memorial Hospital and Medical Center for alledgedly revealing his condition.

Freddie Lee Hawkins Jr. has filed suit against the hospital, Midland County Hospital District and Angela Shaw, a nurse at the hospital.

In some cases, state law prohibits medical facilities from disclosing patient information without permission.

After testing positive for HIV on May 13, he contends in his lawsuit that friends and relatives of Ms. Shaw began calling, expressing condolences because he was "dying of AIDS."

Bail refused for ex-cadet

FORT WORTH (AP) — A judge on Thursday declined to lower the $250,000 bond for a former Air Force Academy cadet jailed on a capital murder charge in the death of a 16-year-old girl.

David Graham's lawyers had presented evidence last month before state District Judge Joe Drago that the maximum Graham's family could raise was between $25,000 and $50,000. Prosecutors objected to the bond-reduction request.

Also jailed in the killing is Graham's fiancee, former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora, 18.

Miss Zamora and Graham, 19, are accused of killing Adrianne Jones nearly a year ago because of a sexual encounter the victim supposedly had with Graham.

Q&A

What about marijuana?

In response to the growing concern among parents, educators and other affected members of our community, Snyder Daily News in cooperation with the Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this weekly column to readers' questions and concerns about the increasing threat of substance abuse in our community.

This week's question comes in response to the current debate caused by the legalization of marijuana for medical use in California and Arizona. A parent asks: "Is marijuana healthy or harmful — what can I tell my children?"

The following, which is excerpted from "The Case Against Marijuana," by Ed Friedlander, M.D. provides an up-to-date answer to this parent's question.

"As a medical doctor and board-certified pathologist, I am often asked about cannabis ("marijuana," "hashish"). The national debate over drugs is highly politicized, with much rhetoric and few facts. However, there is reason to be concerned about the long-term effects on the brain.

Users frequently report problems with short-term memory, both while using and between uses. It's clear that using cannabis does alter the molecular structure of the brain. A marijuana smoker's performance on tests of thinking and coordination is impaired while on the drug and marijuana smoking does impair a user's ability to drive a car safely.

"In the 1960s, it was generally considered by my college friends, that heavy marijuana smokers exhibited changes that were different from, but as obvious as, the changes seen in deteriorating alcoholics. The primary changes were loss of motivation and interest in what most of us like best (i.e., other people, sports, learning, exchanging ideas). 'It makes you lazy and kind of stupid' was a common description.

"Marijuana is associated with the "I don't give a damn, I'm lazy and the world owes me a living" attitude of its most visible users. This was true in the past (the 'tune in, turn on, drop out' hippies of the 1960s) and present. A marijuana smoker is using a substance that has become a symbol for the culture of cry babies and losers.

Some people who are depressed use marijuana as a short-term medicine to feel better. But it's a poor long-term strategy, and makes the problems worse tomorrow.

Cannabis promotes single-minded focusing of attention, and this is seldom on other people. A user may become pleasantly engrossed in a candle flame, but will not make a real friend or practice a skill. The drug makes its users markedly less sociable when they are high. The people whom you select as friends tend to be those who share common activities, and a marijuana smoker is likely to end up with a circle of friends who are less interested in interacting with one another. If you actually want to have friends it's stupid to choose a drug that will make you withdraw from each other into fantasy."

We would want to remind this parent and other readers of the Q&A article from the Snyder Daily News on April 21, of this year. This article listed other short and long-term effects of using marijuana which would be harmful to your child. Some of these which affect students include sleepiness and reduced short-term memory; those students who smoke marijuana during the lunch period are sleepy and inattentive when they report back to class. Marijuana is also considered a "Gateway Drug" and may be the first illegal drug teens use. And that brings up a reminder: two states may have "legalized" its use, but United States' law makes the possession of marijuana ILLEGAL in every state.

Please send your questions to P.O. Box 695, Snyder TX, 79550, or call 915-573-1141. All questions and personal inquiries may be submitted anonymously.

Ski injury sidetracks tour

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A ski injury has sidetracked Reba McEntire's concert tour.

McEntire, 42, injured a knee Wednesday at the Park City Ski Area and had minor surgery at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center.

A show Thursday night in Tucson was canceled, but McEntire hoped to return to the concert stage Friday in Phoenix, a spokeswoman said.

"She's feeling great," Jenny Bohler said Thursday. "If she had her way they'd be wheeling her onstage in her hospital bed tonight in Tucson."

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New Orleans PD has trouble curbing crime rate in the city

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Thousands of tourists will pour into New Orleans in the next two months, and residents say thousands of criminals — unafraid because of a strapped police force — will be waiting.

Several hundred people protested a lack of police protection by marching in the French Quarter on Thursday, just four days after a triple slaying in a restaurant there.

The killings capped a week in which 13 people were slain in a city that has one of the highest murder rates in the country.

"It's made people aware of just how rampant the crime really is," said Lonnie Baham, who works for a restaurant group that closed for the afternoon so workers could march. "There's just no police around."

The city has a 200-officer shortage, which some critics — including Gov. Mike Foster — blame on Mayor Marc Morial's refusal to drop a requirement that police officers live within the city if they want promotions.

The shortage will really hurt in January, when hundreds of thousands of football fans come for the Sugar Bowl and Super Bowl, and again in February during Mardi Gras.

"Customers, as well as employees have gotten mugged on the street," Baham said. "A lot of these incidents aren't even reported, because most of the time, police don't even come out. And when they do, how much action do they take on it?"

The protesters, some carrying signs saying, "It's the public safety stupid," and "You dropped the ball — now drop the attitude," walked from Jackson Square, the heart of the French Quarter's tourist district, to City Hall.

"This is not about anger. This is about making New Orleans a peaceful place," organizer Kathleen Horn told the group. "We want to show we are for the police and for this city."

Many marchers also attended a candlelight vigil in the French Quarter to honor crime victims. Off a balcony overlooking Jackson Square, a huge banner read: "WARNING TOURISTS: The French Quarter is a HIGH CRIME AREA."

"It is even worse where I live," said James Graham, who was pushing his 2-year-old son in a stroller. "You don't see the police as much there, because there's no tourists there."

The slayings Sunday, when more than 70,000 visitors were in town for the annual Bayou Classic football game, were among 327 so far this year. The total is down from 332 at this time a year ago.

Many of the protesters admitted that more police patrols probably could not have prevented the recent slayings. A new employee at a restaurant is accused of robbing and shooting three workers to death.

As for Mayor Morial, he has sent out letters to more than 600 clergy, asking them to call on their congregations to join crime-fighting programs. He also said he is trying to find ways to hire more police officers and pay them more.

The governor has suggested that the National Guard could help — if Morial agrees to drop the requirement that police officers live in New Orleans.

Residents are tired of political arguments and want some action, restaurant owner Andrew Jaeger said.

"The only bickering I see is the political people," he said. "They need to stop and get on the same page with the community."

CDC: fatal teen-age crashes show decline

ATLANTA (AP) — Teen-age drivers have been involved in fewer deadly wrecks over the past eight years, partly because of new laws that restrict their driving privileges, the government said.

Teen-age drivers were involved in 7,993 fatal crashes in 1995, down 24 percent from 10,415 in 1988, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday.

However, crashes are still the top killer of youths between 15 and 20 and the CDC urged parents to be the road police in states without the laws.

"People will be encouraged by this decline," said Ann Dellinger, a CDC epidemiologist, "but I don't want them to forget that teens are at a higher risk for these accidents than any other age,"

That's evident in another statistic: Young drivers were involved in about 2 million nonfatal crashes in 1995 alone, the CDC said.

Young drivers between 15 and 20 make up 7 percent of all licensed drivers but 14 percent of drivers involved in deadly wrecks.

Teens are more apt to speed and to drive recklessly, have little experience behind the wheel and, as they grow older, have more access to alcohol, Ms. Dellinger said.

Over the past eight years, teen drivers were involved in 68,206 fatal crashes. Most of them were boys, more than a quarter had been drinking and more than half were not wearing seat belts.

All the more reason for limits, the CDC said. That's the thinking behind new laws adopted in at least 15 states credited in part with stopping teens from steering into disaster.

The laws establish a multi-step, or "graduated" license that slowly give teen-agers more and more driving privileges as they gain experience, such as increased hours and more passengers. Some programs also require adult supervision until a youth gains enough driving experience.

You'll be surprised by how warm you'll feel when someone else is wearing your coat.

It feels good to help those in need. That is why we're hoping you'll join us during the "St. Mary Cure For The Cold" coat drive. From November 18 to January 18, we invite you to drop off an old or new coat at the location listed below. Your donation will be distributed by the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance. And, in return for your generosity, you'll receive a special St. Mary Christmas ornament. With your help, the "St. Mary Cure For The Cold" will make this a warm winter for everyone.

Recipient: Scurry County Ministerial Alliance
The Scurry County Ministerial Alliance is an organization dedicated to helping Scurry County's less fortunate. Made up of religious leaders throughout the county, the alliance has graciously volunteered to help distribute coats by holding two "shopping days." During this time, those in need may come pick out a free coat for the winter.

Drop-Off Location: St. Mary Family Healthcare Center
Dr. Jim Burleson's office, 5301 Trinity Blvd. B • For additional information, call Carla at (915) 573-4926.

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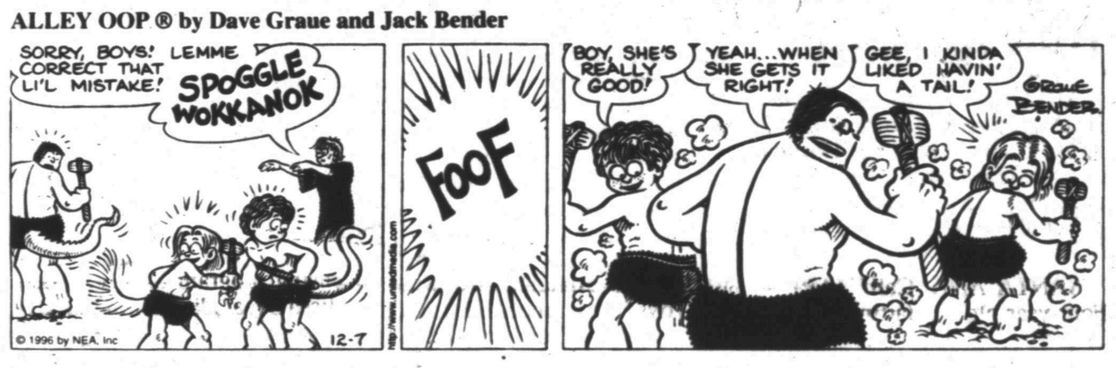
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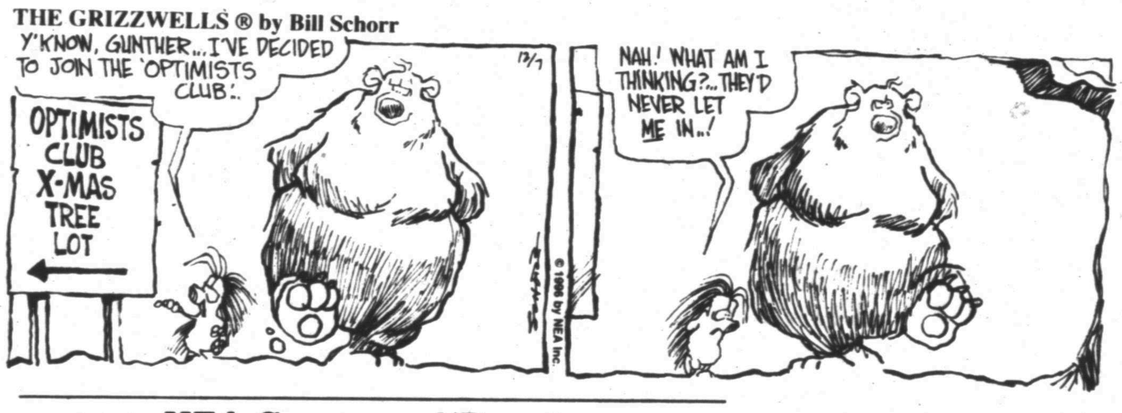
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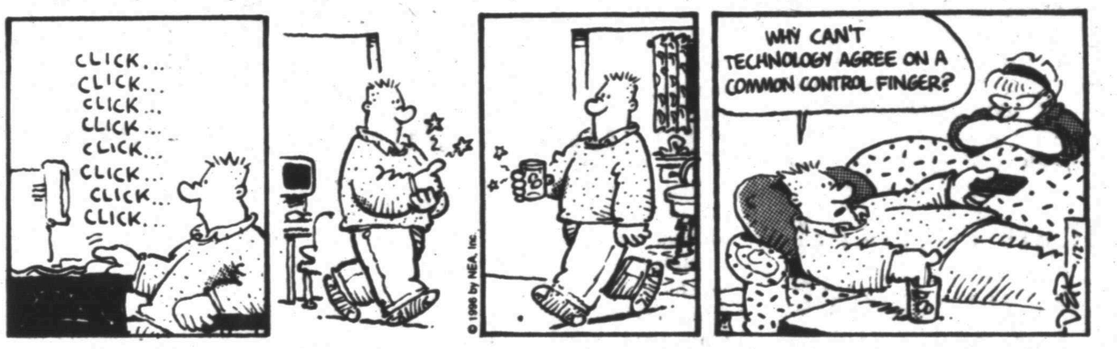
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5 Investigative agcy.
8 Wool-washing residue
11 Bandleader Goodman
12 Oval
14 Author — Sinclair
15 Slanting
16 Mineral spring
17 Wagon
19 Soaks
21 Ida. time
22 Invitation inits.
25 Ornamental bird's mate
28 Iced —
29 Type of race
32 Rat, e.g.
34 Genus of ants
36 Small pastries
37 Limb
38 Male feline
41 Regrets
43 — Tse-tung
44 Newts
48 Meet by chance (2 wds.)
51 Hawaiian garland
52 Room top
54 Existence
56 Charge of wrongdoing
57 Made of a certain cereal
58 Stir-fry pan
59 — de France
60 Formerly, formerly

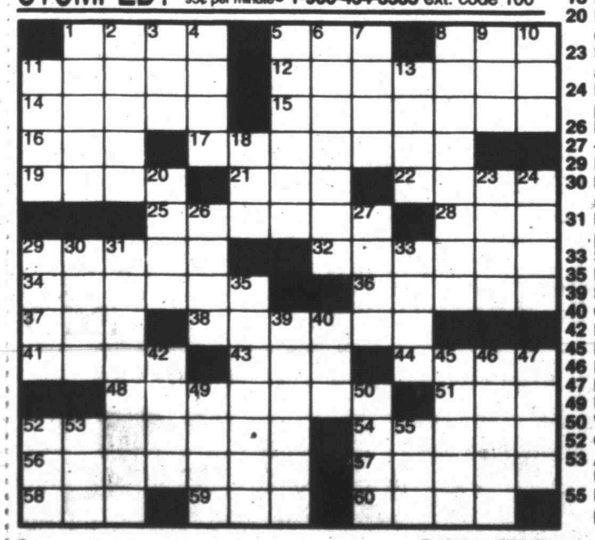
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1 A Marx brother
2 Like some beer (2 wds.)
3 Lennon's love
4 Lip- — (pretend to sing)
5 Magic object
6 Skin bubble
7 Infirmities
8 Unmarried woman
9 Naval abbr.
10 B.A. or Ph.D.
11 Kiss
13 Believe — — not
18 M.D.'s assn.
20 Lovers' quarrel
23 Small aperture
24 Butter portions
26 Island
27 — bene
29 Raise
30 Hosiery shade
31 Nonsense poem
33 See socially
35 Negligible
39 Spoil
40 Camp bed
42 Long garment
45 Darts
46 Doctrine
47 Indication
49 Unless (Lat.)
50 Woodwind
52 Crow's cry
53 Author Umberto —
55 Part of a corn plant

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Jobless rate rises, analysts say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unemployment edged up to a four-month high in November and job growth slowed, fresh signals the economy continues to decelerate from its sizzling pace earlier this year.

The Labor Department reported Friday the jobless rate rose to 5.4 percent, same as in July. After dipping to 5.1 percent in August, it rose to 5.2 percent in both September and October.

Nonfarm payrolls grew by just 118,000, down from 224,000 in October and below the 175,000 that many analysts had expected. It also was just half of the monthly average recorded in the first half of 1996.

"The economy is moderating," said Stuart G. Hoffman, economist at PNC Bank Corp. in Pittsburgh. "There's nothing in this report that even smells of recession, but it certainly is an economy that is losing some of its momentum."

Stocks plunged at the start Friday after remarks by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan Thursday night that stock prices may be so inflated they could endanger the overall health of the economy.

Some investors interpreted the remarks to mean Fed policymakers could raise rates at their Dec. 17 meeting to further slow the economy. Higher rates could trim stock growth by curbing consumer spending and raising corporate borrowing costs.

Stock prices recovered somewhat later in the day.

The Clinton administration found the employment news to be positive, saying it reinforced the belief that the economy, while slowing, continues to expand at an acceptable pace.

"There is still no sign of overheating, nor is there any sign of over-cooling," Labor Secretary Robert Reich said. "This economy is in extremely good shape."

The Commerce Department reported that orders to U.S. factories grew 0.9 percent in October. Although the pace was slower than the 2.6 percent jump a month earlier, it was the seventh advance this year.

"It's another sign the economy keeps rolling along," PNC's Hoffman contended. "It's in line with other reports that manufacturers are still getting orders and are going to be slowly increasing production to fill those orders."

The employment report showed that 9,000 new factory jobs were created in November, the same as in October. Manufacturing payrolls had fallen by 50,000 in September and generally had been on a downward trend during much of the year.

The overall 118,000 November increase was led by 70,000 new service jobs, a gain that occurred despite a drop of 32,000 jobs at temporary help firms. Employment in the construction industry was up by 14,000.

The Commerce Department said orders for durable goods rose 0.3 percent, much slower than the 4.5 percent surge in September.

The advance was due almost entirely to a 17.2 percent jump in orders for electronic and other electrical equipment, led by a double-digit jump in demand for computers and other electronic equipment.

Other durable goods categories posted declines including transportation, down 7.7 percent after shooting up 19 percent in September; industrial machinery and equipment, down 1.4 percent; fabricated metal products, down 1.9 percent, and primary metals, down 0.6 percent.

Date Book

Dec. 7, 1996

Today is the 342nd day of 1996 and the 77th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the United States Constitution.

On this day in 1941, Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor, prompting the United States' entry into World War II.

On this day in 1972, Apollo 17 was launched on the final manned moon mission.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Mary Stuart (1542-1587), Queen of Scots; Willa Cather (1873-1947), writer; Joyce Cary (1888-1957), writer; Eli Wallach (1915-), actor, is 81; Noam Chomsky (1928-), linguist-political activist, is 68; Johnny Bench (1947-), baseball great, is 49; Tom Waits (1949-), singer-songwriter; is 47; Larry Bird (1956-), basketball great, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Auburn running back Bo Jackson won the Heisman Trophy.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "My end is my beginning." — Mary Stuart

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1935, eight people were killed when heavy rain led to deadly flooding in Houston.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 3) and new moon (Dec. 10).

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Today is the 343rd day of 1996 and the 78th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 579, Mohammed is believed to have ascended to heaven from the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem.

On this day in 1980, John Lennon was shot to death in New York City.

On this day in 1991, the Soviet Union was dissolved into its constituent republics.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Eli Whitney (1765-1825), inventor; Diego Rivera (1886-1957), artist; James Thurber (1894-1961), humorist; Sammy Davis Jr. (1925-1990), entertainer; Jim Morrison (1943-1971), singer; Kim Basinger (1953-), actress, is 43; Sinead O'Connor (1966-), singer, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1940, the Chicago Bears defeated the Washington Redskins 73-0 to win the NFL championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You might as well fall flat on your face as lean over too far backward." — James Thurber

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1703, about 8,000 people were killed when a monstrous storm raked the south coast of England, sinking ships and toppling the lighthouse at Eddystone.

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Statewide Internet sex ring broken up after investigation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A statewide sex ring that police say used the Internet to provide male prostitutes has been broken up following an eight month investigation.

Officers arrested a San Antonio man they believe to be the kingpin of the ring, which reportedly had about 60 males charging up to $150 per encounter in San Antonio, Austin, Dallas and Houston.

Police said the ring had bases in Dallas and Houston as well as San Antonio.

Austin was not believed to be one of the dispatch centers.

"This is pretty unusual," said San Antonio police spokesman Joery Smittick. "Usually, they're (prostitution rings) pretty much localized."

William Bloss, 66, was arrested at 4 p.m. without incident at his San Antonio home.

He was held late Thursday in Bexar County Jail charged with organized crime — aggravated promotion of prostitution. Bond was set at $150,000.

The charge is a third-degree felony, carrying a penalty of between two and 10 years in prison and a fine of up to $10,000.

Police backed a pickup into Bloss' yard and seized computer equipment, files and a big-screen television set.

Police declined to say if they confiscated a list of clients.

Four other men were arrested in Dallas, Houston and Austin, and police were seeking three more on the charge of organized crime — aggravated promotion of prostitution.

The arrests are the result of an eight-month investigation by the San Antonio police Covert Operations Unit, which later coordinated with Dallas, Houston and Austin police departments to make the arrests.

Also arrested was David Manning, 56, of Dallas, Steven Peterson, 32, of Houston and Richard Dinkins, 25, also of Houston.

They all face the charge of organized crime — aggravated promotion of prostitution.

Austin police arrested Bradley Peterson, 33, on the same charge. He was held without bond in Travis County Jail.

Police said the ring involved between 30 and 60 male prostitutes who were sent to meet clients at locations statewide after clients called a toll-free number.

Details of how the organization worked and how much money it may have brought in were unavailable late Thursday.

Retailers: '101 Dalmations' merchandise hot holiday item

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Four-year-old Martin Duron lunged at the display in a Target store aisle.

"Mama!" he cried, putting a death grip on a stuffed animal. The youngster wanted the black-and-white spotted dog based on the new Disney film "101 Dalmatians," and he wanted it now.

He's not alone.

A deluge of merchandise tied to the live-action movie, the latest catalyst for a Disney marketing blitz, is finding eager customers in stores across America. Wal-Mart and Toys R Us reported strong sales, though both declined to release figures.

Consumers have a dizzying collection to pick from, with Disney licensing some 14,000 official "101 Dalmatians" products from Mattel, Hallmark, Wamsutta and many other manufacturers. If an item can wear spots, it probably is for sale as part of Disney-induced doggie mania.

The "Dalmatians" effort represents "our most extensive film licensing program to date," said Melissa Segal, director of marketing for Disney licensing.

The movie is a remake of a 1961 Disney animated feature about puppies in peril of becoming a fur coat. It set a Thanksgiving weekend ticket sales record of $45 million.

Just how much can Disney and its licensees expect in sales? Marty Brochstein, executive editor of The Licensing Letter in New York, said predictions are difficult.

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India suspends missile plans

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India has shelved plans to develop a ballistic missile that could carry nuclear warheads deep inside China, the Defense Ministry said.

But India could resume the Agni development program if its security is threatened, the ministry said in a 20-page report presented to parliament on Thursday.

A defense ministry spokesman declined Friday to give the reason for stopping the Agni project, but the ministry said in its report that India never planned to build the weapon.

The report was made public five days after the departure of Chinese President Jiang Zemin, the first Chinese head of state to visit India.

The previous government, which was replaced six months ago, had said the project would be halted after testing was completed.

The Agni, which means "fire" in Hindi, was last tested in 1994. It has a range of 1,550 miles — enough to reach Shanghai or Beijing.

The decision to suspend development of long-range missiles — while building short-range ones — appears to fit with India's belief that Pakistan poses a greater threat than China does.

India and China have not fought a war since 1962, and tensions have steadily eased along their disputed frontier in the Himalayas.

The two Asian giants signed an accord this week to further reduce troops there.

In the last two years, India has tested a short-range ballistic missile, the Prithvi, which can target Pakistani cities within 95 miles. A longer-range version was test-fired last January.

The Prithvi is believed to be ready to be deployed on the western border. India has fought Pakistan in three wars since 1948 and still engages in frequent border skirmishes.

The United States has criticized India's $300 million missile program, saying the missiles could be fitted with nuclear warheads.

India, which conducted a nuclear test in 1974, has refused to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, saying it needs to keep the nuclear option open because of uneasy relations with Pakistan and China.

For 20th holiday season, store allows disabled to shop alone

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — The store aisles were wider, the crowds were thinner and volunteers lavished attention on the shoppers.

For four hours on Thursday, the Rogers Department Store was for disabled shoppers only, an exclusive time to buy gifts without contending with the usual mob scene during the holidays.

"It's marvelous to just be able to get around without mega people," said JoAnn DeGood, 52, who has multiple sclerosis and rides a motorized cart.

"I usually have to honk my horn at Christmas," she said, pushing a button on the steering wheel. "Not today."

Rogers is a major store in this western Michigan city with three levels of clothes, shoes, jewelry and cosmetics. Owner Hy Berkowitz began setting special hours for the disabled 20 years ago, after a former employee said her father, stricken with multiple sclerosis, had trouble navigating the aisles.

"They have the whole store to themselves and a 20 percent discount," said Bill Wild, an assistant manager. "People enjoy the entertainment, the refreshments and the friendship. We offer free transportation, too."

Indeed, the store drums up the holiday cheer.

Singers from a Methodist church were in perfect harmony with "The 12 Days of Christmas." Anyone needing time to check their list could pause at a table for free coffee, sweets and lemonade.

A bearded visitor from the North Pole stood at the watch display. "Who's this pretty lady coming to see Santa?" he said, followed by a bellowing round of ho, ho, ho.

The shoppers came in all ages, with canes, walkers, even a guide dog, and most were from schools or group homes for the physically and mentally disabled. They didn't have to make a purchase to have a good time.

"For our kids, it's incredible," said Lincoln School teacher Rick Hardenberg, stopping near the carolers. "A lot of them don't speak, but music is something they really appreciate.

"No one is intimidated here," he added. "You don't see people staring at the kids because of their handicaps."

Don Livingston, 33, said he suffered a brain injury after his car was run off the road 10 years ago. Moving around the store in a wheelchair, he picked up some socks for his father. His mother's gift was next.

"Normally these times are pretty hectic for a handicapped shopper," he said. "You need more one-on-one attention. I look forward to this day because that's what I get."

Barbara Heerspink, 69, stricken with polio decades ago, patiently waited to have a gift wrapped.

"You can feel the holiday spirit in this place," she said. "Oh, the discount is wonderful, too."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Pearl Harbor Survivors Fight To Keep the Memories Alive

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a survivor of the sinking of the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. Of the 429 crewmen who were killed, only 35 bodies were identified. The remaining bodies were interred in graves marked "Unknown." This is just one example of the tragedies of that day.

Is it any wonder we are upset that many people are unaware of what Pearl Harbor Day commemorates? One wife of a survivor was recently asked, "Is that where all the tea was dumped in the harbor?"

The following poem pays a beautiful tribute to those who died on that day in infamy. I hope you will consider printing it on Pearl Harbor Day.

JEAN GOODYEAR,
CASA GRANDE, ARIZ.

DEAR READERS: Some of you may not remember Pearl Harbor, a beautiful bay in Hawaii where a U.S. naval base was bombed on Dec. 7, 1941, but that day marked the beginning of the United States' involvement in World War II. The poem is a fitting tribute to those who died on that sad day.

DECEMBER 7TH

Pearl of beauty, pearl of life
Within your channel deep:
Rest the men and tools of war
For you and God to keep.
From northern skies
Fell death and strife
As history wrote by early light,
A tearful memory tale.
What valor is there to be found
In tragic human loss?
Man must begin to live as one
No matter what the cost.
For all who died that Sunday morn
We bow our heads and pray.
For them, please grant them peace.
For us ... a better way!

CORNELIUS DOUGLAS

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DEAR ABBY: My mother passed away a little over a month ago. She and Dad lived in another state, and for the eight months from her diagnosis until she died, my father took care of her. I am taking her death very hard.

Dad now tells me has met a wonderful woman! I am beside myself and cannot accept it. I feel he is in a vulnerable state and it is too soon after my mother's passing.

This woman has no job and lives in a trailer. She has an invalid husband who lives in another state. I don't want my father taken for a ride.

My father has some stability — a house, a car, some money in the bank, and friends and family he will probably lose. Please help with some advice. I know he reads your column.

TOO SOON

DEAR TOO SOON: Please accept my sympathy on the loss of your beloved mother. I advise you to remain calm. You may be jumping the gun on your father because of your own grief. Although he said he has "met a wonderful woman," he did not say that he has designs on someone who has an invalid spouse living in another state. Your father may be vulnerable and lonely, but based on what you have written, there's no reason to assume that he's seriously interested in a romantic involvement.

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Juice company decides to pasteurize in E. coli wake

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. (AP) — The company that recalled its bottled apple juice after 50 people became infected with E. coli bacteria is stocking store shelves with pasteurized apple juice starting Friday.

Odwalla Inc., which built its reputation on freshly squeezed juices, decided on pasteurization after its apple juice was linked to the outbreak in October. Dozens were sickened in several western states; a baby in Colorado died.

Under the "flash pasteurization" method, apple juice is quickly heated and then immediately re-cooled. The technique has been used on milk since the 1940s to kill bacteria.

"Odwalla's first priority is safety," Stephen Williamson, Odwalla's chief executive, said Thursday.

The company said its new apple juice will have a brighter color and a slightly lighter taste. Odwalla will continue to offer unpasteurized citrus juices. The Food and Drug Administration, which investigated Odwalla facilities, didn't find any problems with the way Odwalla produces citrus juices, Odwalla spokeswoman Sydney Fisher said.

Williamson said the company has added several safety measures at its plant.

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