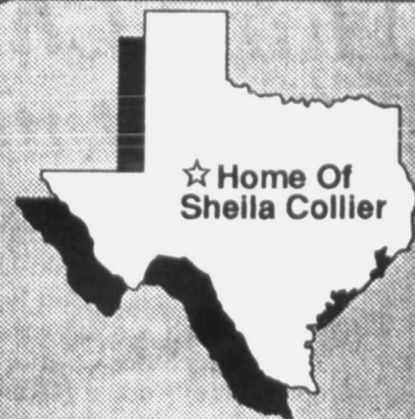


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FRIDAY

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Ask Us

Q—Do all three public school districts in the county have the same schedule during the holidays? If so, why not?

A—They are not the same. Ira and Snyder ISD students will be dismissed on Dec. 16 and return on Jan. 3. Hermleigh students will be dismissed Dec. 20, and will return Jan. 2. Hermleigh ISD takes a shorter Christmas break but makes up for it by scheduling various other school holidays during the school year.

Local

Masons

Scurry Lodge #706 will work in the E.A. Degree at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Lucky 13

Lucky 13 Sports Club is sponsoring a Christmas tea from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Dodson House in honor of exes and mothers of present members. RSVP at 573-0017 or 863-2335.

Cantata

The Chancel Choir or First United Methodist Church will present their Christmas Cantata "Great Day," Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m., in the sanctuary of the church.

The public is invited.

Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club asks its members to bring a toy to Tuesday's noon meeting. Lions who forget will be fined \$10.

Snyder Lions Club will not meet Dec. 27 or Jan. 3.

Ratite

The Rolling Plains Ratite Association will meet at 7 p.m. on Dec. 17 at the Northeast Community Center. Guest speaker will be Fred Ross with Rhea International, a marketing co-op for orstich, rhea and emu. The public is invited.

For more information, call Pat Day at 573-0971 or Jeannie Jackson at 573-4789.

Angel Tree

Volunteers are needed to help with Angel Tree, a ministry of Prison Fellowship which provides Christmas gifts for the children of TDCJ inmates. A church, family or organization agrees to provide gifts and deliver them to the home, in the name of the inmate. For further information or to volunteer, contact Jean Hardy in Colorado City at 728-3442 during the day or 728-5828 in the evening.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 45 degrees; low, 33 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 34 degrees; .05 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 11.47 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain early. Low 25-30. North wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. High near 50. Northeast wind 5-10 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:41. Sunrise Saturday, 7:31. Of 342 days in 1994, the sun has shone 335 days in Snyder.

Boll weevil eradication zone passes

Area producers voted overwhelmingly to establish the Central Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

The 15-county zone includes all of Scurry and the eastern part of Borden County.

Passage of the referendum means assessment will begin next year, with the program to actually begin in 1996.

"I think they needed to pass this vote to stay competitive with other cotton growing regions that have eradicated the boll weevil or have

voted to eradicate the boll weevil," said Mark Logan, entomologist with the Scurry County extension office.

The referendum to establish the boll weevil eradication zone passed by 84.6 percent of the popular vote, or, 2,143 votes for, and only 380 against. A second vote, approving assessment for the eradication program, passed 2,064 to 430, or by 82.8 percent.

Producers will be assessed \$5 per acre per year in 1995 and 1996 and \$10 per acre each year thereafter

until eradication is complete and the program is paid for.

Balloting in the election was by popular vote or by acreage. Sixty-six percent of the acreage was represented in the vote, said Logan. Counties in the zone represent 492,139 acres of cotton. Some 57.2 percent of the acreage, or 281,748 acres, voted to establish the Central Rolling Plains zone, and 56 percent, or voters with 275,804 acres, voted for participation in the program.

Balloting ended Dec. 1, and the

votes were tabulated Thursday. Some 5,711 growers were eligible to vote and 47.5 percent cast ballots.

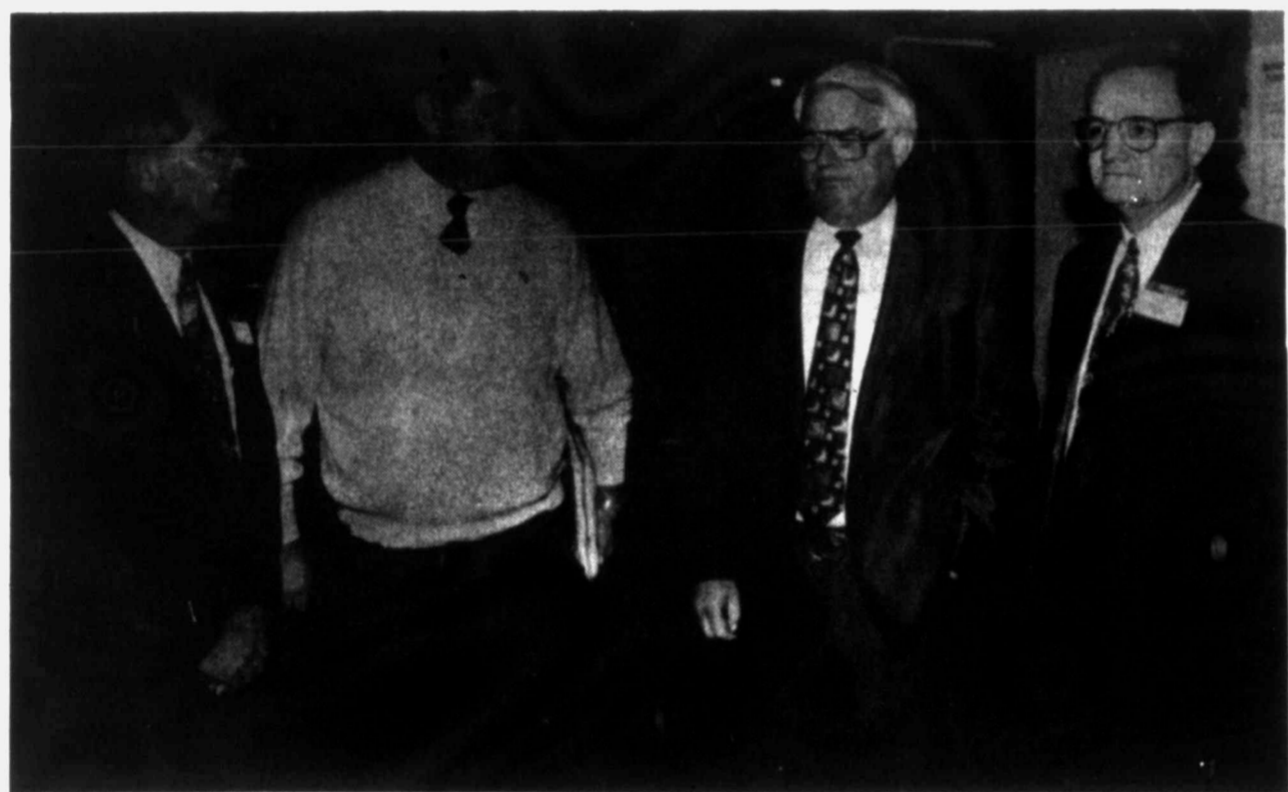
"That's about the highest percent I've ever heard of. That's very, very good for a referendum like this," said Frank Myers, executive director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc., in Abilene.

The Central Rolling Plains zone was the third such zone to be established and approve assessment in Texas. The first referendum in Texas created the Southern Rolling Plains zone; the second created the Lower Rio Grande Valley zone. Myers said the foundation has received a referendum request for the South Texas Wintergarden area. That proposed zone will vote on or before Feb. 16, 1995.

Woody Anderson of Mitchell County, current chairman of the foundation, will serve as the Central Rolling Plains representative on the foundation board.

Myers said eradication programs in other states have shown that ridding cotton fields of the weevil provides economic benefits to the state and reduces the use of pesticides. Boll weevils invest 2.5 million acres of cotton in the state.

In addition to Scurry and eastern Borden County, other counties in the Central Rolling Plains zone are Baylor, Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton and Young. Also included are parts of Archer and Taylor.



LEGISLATIVE MEETING — State Rep. David Counts, second from right, sponsored a legislative meeting for his district's school superintendents and their board members at the Scurry County Museum this morning. Representatives of the Texas Education Agency and the State

Comptroller's office were also present to discuss legislative issues that affect public schools. Among the 60 in attendance were, from left, SISK Curriculum Director Wendell Sollis, Stamford Supt. Robert Damron, Counts, and Bobby Bain, Post Supt. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sunday event...

Tour tickets on sale

Tickets for Sunday's third annual Tour of Homes are still avail-

able at local businesses.

Four homes are included on the tour, which is being sponsored by Historic Scurry County, Inc., and the Scurry County Historical Commission.

Advance tickets are available for \$10 each at Classic Interiors, Countryplace, Li'l Rascals, The Pleasure's Mine, Friendly Flowers and Eddie Peterson Pharmacy. Proceeds from the event will go toward the upkeep of the Dermott School and Cornelius-Dodson House.

Homes on the tour are the Sennell House at 3101 Ave. X, the Odom House at 1912 29th St., the Ray Courtney home on Highway 180, and the Herbert Reed home

at 2500 32nd St.

The Cornelius-Dodson House, Snyder's oldest remaining residence, and the Dermott School will be holding open house from 2 until 4:30 p.m. while the tour is in progress. Both the house and school are located on the Scurry County Coliseum grounds.

Refreshments and entertainment are planned in the Dermott School. Holiday table settings created by Classic Interiors and Countryplace will be featured in the house. There will be drawings for door prizes.

Advance ticket purchases are requested so planning for refreshments can be completed.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Beauty often comes from within — from within jars, within tubes, within compacts."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

James Roberts, in the Andrews County News, says a motel owner should never have to buy a Christmas present — as long as family members don't mind second-hand stuff.

In days past, hotel and motel owners used to worry about what guests would carry off. Today, it's more a matter of what they leave behind.

According to a world-wide survey of hotels, one chain found that it had mountains of false teeth piling up. Pearly whites were items most commonly left behind.

Second most forgotten items were eyes. Piles of contact lenses end up in the lost-and-found department each week. At Britain's Hyatt Regency Birmingham, somebody left behind a bag of glass eyeballs.

Some travelers are even forgetting formerly prized items. One guest in Dubai recently left behind luggage packed with the hotel's towels, cutlery, clock and even the bathroom scale.

Irony-of-the-month was offered by Wacil McNair in the Gilmer Mirror.

Nov. 17 was designated as the 1994 Great American Smokeout Day.

A house fire started when a Fort Worth man went to sleep with a lighted cigarette in his hand on that day.

Gil Stern, in the Wall Street Journal, offers proof

that man does not live by bread alone.

"He has to handle some hot potatoes, know his onions and be worth his salt. Little wonder man is in a stew."

Jimmy Carr, in the Vernon Daily Record, said family holiday traditions are great, but there is one tradition that should be abandoned — holiday stress.

It reminds us of the father who had been laid off right before the holidays, and he was trying to keep a cheerful spirit.

He announced to the family, "This year the tree is real, but the gifts are artificial."

Snyder native Dean Williamson, now editor of the Alpine Avalanche, printed part of the "432 things to do for yourself and for others during the Christmas holidays:

--never select a Christmas tree after dark.

--never miss an opportunity to shake hands with Santa.

--learn the second verse to Jingle Bells.

--make a friend out of an enemy this holiday.

--don't count calories from Dec. 15 through Jan. 2.

--be nice to sales personnel who are often wearier than you.

--make an effort to attend every party you're invited to, even if you can stay only a few minutes.

--when you have enough lights on your tree, add two more strands.

--throw restraint to the wind.

--don't try to do everything yourself, even Santa has helpers.

--never refuse a holiday dessert.

ISD spurns bids

Takes tough stance against drug abuse

Snyder ISD trustees took no action on bids for improvements at the junior high tennis courts Thursday, but did take a tough stance against employees who test positive for a controlled substance.

The board approved the procedure for drug testing of employees who operate commercial motor vehicles, and Supt. Gyale Lomax said the consequences for testing positive can be summed up in one word — termination.

"Everyone who drives a school bus, from the superintendent on down, will be tested for drugs and the consequences will be the same for everyone," said Lomax.

Texas state law requires that 25 percent of bus drivers in a district be randomly tested but Lomax said that he feels everyone should be tested.

"If you drive a bus in this district — you're going to have a drug test sometime during the year," said the superintendent.

The trustees took no action on two bids submitted for improvements at the Snyder Junior High tennis courts.

Lomax told the board that the lowest bid failed to include a bond for the work. The district will be re-bid, and proposals considered again in the February meeting.

The trustees and administrators did express their appreciation to the City of Snyder for agreeing to do the excavation work and pro-

vide the fill sand for the tennis courts project, which is estimated to total some \$160,000.

Trustee Richard Chambers said he had questions about how long the lights would be left on at night at the facility. Lomax stated a timing device would turn the lights off at 11 o'clock each evening.

Lomax also recommended to the board that the portable building at Stanfield Elementary recently destroyed by fire not be rebuilt.

Director of Curriculum Wendell Sollis provided information indicating that the campus has room for 31 additional students before reaching the state-mandated ratio of 22 to 1.

"I've recently seen bids in Abilene for similar structures and they were bid at \$70,000 each," said the superintendent. "I would have a hard time asking you for that kind of money when we feel we still have room to grow on that campus."

Two bids were submitted for asbestos abatement work at the administration building and Lomax recommended both be rejected.

"We had expected that the bids would come in around \$20,000 to \$25,000," he said. "But both were in excess of \$40,000."

He added the district will ask for bids again later in the school year.

The trustees also approved the annual audit as submitted by Davis, Kinard & Co., P.C. and set May 19 as the make-up day for classes since the Christmas holidays were extended one day to include Jan. 2.

Board president Charles Anderson presided. All trustees were present to include Mark McCormick, Janet Stribling, Luann Burleson, Chambers, Geraldine Parker and Glenn Clarady.



Santa Letters!

Snyder Daily News is accepting Santa Letters for publication in its Dec. 23 issue. Letters may be brought by the office at 3600 College Ave. or mailed to P.O. Box 949.

All letters must be received by Dec. 15 in order for them to be forwarded to the North Pole in time for Christmas.

Colonial Hill sets Christmas cantata

The adult choir, orchestra and drama departments of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church will be presenting their annual Christmas cantata this Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday and 11 a.m.

This year's offering is entitled "The Heavens Declare... Glory" and is a new work for 1994 by Dennis and Nan Allen, a nationally-known husband and wife musical team.

"The Heavens Declare" tells the Christmas story through the eyes of Simeon, the faithful servant of God who was told that he would not die until he, himself, had seen the Messiah.

The Saturday evening showing is especially designed as an offering to the community and to fellow Christians from other churches and congregations that otherwise would not be able to see the 11 a.m. Sunday presentation.

The public is cordially invited to attend either or both performances. There is no admission charge, a nursery will be provided, and the Sunday morning service will be televised live at 11 on Snyder Cablevision, channel 2.

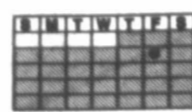
Datebook

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TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.



Today is the 343rd day of 1994 and the 78th day of fall.



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1st Methodist slates cantata

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1918, World War I came to a conclusion when Romania signed peace treaties with Austria and Bulgaria.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Milton (1608-1674), poet; Douglas Fairbanks Jr. (1909-), actor-producer, is 85; Thomas "Tip" O'Neill (1912-1994), Speaker of the House; Kirk Douglas (1918-), actor, is 76; Redd Foxx (1922-1991), comedian; Beau Bridges (1941-), actor, is 53; Dick Butkus (1942-), football great, is 52; Tom Kite (1949-), golfer, is 45; John Malkovich (1953-), actor, is 41; Donny Osmond (1957-), singer, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, Los Angeles Ram Bob Waterfield became the first pro footballer to kick five field goals in one game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When I was a kid, my family was so poor I had to wear my brother's hand-me-downs — at the same time he was wearing them." — Redd Foxx

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1786, 15 inches of snow fell on Morristown, N.J. That snowfall contributed to a storm total of 41 inches. SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL, ©1994 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

The Chancel Choir of the First, United Methodist Church will present its annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday and Monday, in the sanctuary of the church located at 2700 College Ave.

Each performance will be at 7 p.m. A reception in Wesley Hall will follow the Sunday night performance.

The 30 voice choir will present "Great Day! A Choral Celebration for Christmas" arranged by Moisie Lister. Soloists will be Melanie Smith, Sam Robertson and Donald Burk. Narrator for the cantata will be the Rev. Ernie McGaughey, pastor.

The public is invited to attend.

Buys winery

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Francis Ford Coppola is a Napa Valley wine baron.

The filmmaker bought the historic Inglenook Winery chateau last week for \$9 million, but he doesn't get the brand name, a wine industry newsletter reported.

The father of "The Godfather" movies bought the 1880s chateau from beverage giant Heublein Inc.

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First Christian sets Christmas musical

The youth and children of First Christian Church will present the Christmas musical, "The Gift Goes On," this Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary located at 2701 37th St.

Reba Bailey, church organist, will direct the choir assisted by her husband, Robert, who serves as music director for the church.

The cast includes Comfort, played by Shelly Englert; Cashus B. Greenback, played by Jason Warren and Bucko McGoo; played by Jessica Hall. Narrators include Matt Hester, Robby Huestis, Kameron Kallemeyn, Dustin Sargent, and Cheyenne Walker.

Soloists in the musical are Lindsey Griffin, Vanessa Freeman, Taylor Daniell, Hall, Englert and Warren.

The rest of the choir will serve as the "shoppers." They are Ike Crill, Kasey Crill, Justin Englert, Jared Hester, Halea Huestis, Heather Polk, Jacob Sargent and Tyler Warren.

"The Gift Goes On" is a Christmas story about giving," Bailey said. "Even though the musical is contemporary in nature, it still includes the favorite carols of the season."

Everyone is invited to attend.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Dec. 10, 1994

A lucky turn of events could make the year ahead a special time for you. An arrangement that was masterminded by others may soon be in your control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The stars indicate you might be unusually lucky today dealing with large enterprises. Things on a large scale will work to your benefit, so don't back away. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have a number of good things working to your advantage today, but they might not be immediately visible to associates. Your aces will be revealed as events unfold.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Despite what others think about your ideas today, trust your imagination. Your schemes might seem outlandish to them, but you'll know how to make them gel.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Focus on potential money makers today. Your instincts for making financial plans a success are right on target.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your powers of observation are sharp today; apply them. Try adapting the behavior of those you admire to fit your personality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be patient today, especially if you're involved in something you can't control. You will come out okay if you don't rock the boat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not hesitate to ask for favors from friends today. They are in your corner and would enjoy an opportunity to repay you for your help.

Pick 3
AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
1-3-7
(one, three, seven)

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Conditions look very promising today for you. Elevate your sights and proceed with the confidence of a winner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Involvements with socially influential people could turn out advantageously for you during this cycle. Make it a point to develop relationships with those who know how to get things done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Several important matters that have been left hanging could now be finalized. Make a strong push for the finish line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Partnership arrangements usually work out well for you and today is no exception. A temporary alliance for a specific need will be successful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your chances of financial or material increases look strong today. Give top priority to matters that can increase your resources.

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U.S. Army, Air Force plan to reduce personnel levels

WASHINGTON (AP) — New cuts announced by the Army and Air Force will reduce the services' uniformed and civilian ranks by nearly 60,000 over the next two years.

Although relatively few of the cuts will require actual pink slips, the reductions reflect a decade of defense spending cuts from the peak years of the Reagan buildup and an effort to cut redundant bureaucracy.

"The overall force structure changes are designed to maximize the Army's worldwide power projection capability," the Army said in a statement announcing plans to cut 45,000 soldiers from the active-duty force along with 644 civilians.

The Air Force said the reduction of 11,700 positions from its existing work force of 152,747 civilians stems from Vice President Al Gore's "reinventing government" effort.

The Army will go from 12 to 10 divisions and cut thousands more uniformed positions from the support ranks for a net reduction of about 10 percent over the next 19 months. Army cuts will fall most heavily on Kansas, Colorado and Texas, with lesser reductions in California, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland and Kentucky.

Under the long-anticipated plan, the 194th Separate Armored Brigade at Fort Knox, Ky., and the 3rd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, will be deactivated in the next seven months.

In the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 1995, the Army will close headquarters and supporting units of the 1st Infantry Division — the famed "Big Red One" — at Fort Riley, Kan., and the 4th Infantry (Mechanized) Division at Fort Carson, Colo.

One brigade at Fort Carson will also be deactivated with the remaining brigade falling under the command of the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Two brigades remaining at Fort Riley

will be aligned with divisions stationed in Germany.

Two Continental Army Headquarters units, at the Presidio in San Francisco and Fort Meade, Md., will be deactivated, with some people reassigned to the two remaining headquarters units in

Atlanta and at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The Army plan also involves shifting of several units in an effort to balance the force between the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of operation and to streamline overall operations.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is affair due to male menopause?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please comment on male menopause. My otherwise sane, stable, honest, loving husband of many years began an affair at 61. When he ended it, the woman became so enraged that she telephoned and told me everything. She sounded so coarse and vulgar that I couldn't believe he would have anything to do with a woman like that. However, when confronted, he confessed. We got counseling, were tested for AIDS, and went on with our lives. I have since talked to other women whose husbands did the same, or refused to bathe, or eat the food they prepared, became hypochondriacs, bought a sports car, or stood on the street ogling the women, or pawing them at parties. Apparently a man in his 60s can be a very dangerous creature! It's been several years now, but sometimes I look across the dinner table at my husband and wonder who he is, really!

DEAR READER: I appreciate how you feel. You think you know someone and then, after several years, wham! you're hit with an unpleasant surprise.

It seems to me that your husband exhibited behavior that is more com-

monly associated with "mid-life crisis" than with male menopause. (Anyway, several authorities question the entire concept of male menopause, which is supposed to cause moodiness, hot flashes and lack of sexual interest in men over 60.)

In contrast, mid-life crisis often causes men to get "itchy" after many years of marriage and fidelity. They long to "break out" and recapture some of the passion of their youth. Also, as much as it distresses me to say so, men may become bored with their spouses. Irresponsible, somewhat childish behavior may result.

You are to be congratulated on handling the situation in a rational, mature manner. Many women, given the same scenario, would have dumped their husbands and financially cleaned their clocks. Fortunately for your husband, you chose a more constructive and circumspect approach.

Still, maybe you don't really know your husband after all. And perhaps your job as a couple is to get to know each other all over again. Fortunately, this can be fun, as well as challenging. It requires non-judgmental, open communication. You may want to enlist the help of your counselor from time to time to get over rough spots or

head off trouble before it starts.

As someone who is pushing 60, I hope that men my age may be "dangerous creatures" — within reason, of course. Many middle-aged wives are, frankly, bored by their husbands, who have settled into life a bit too comfortably.

Therefore, such men should once again become more experimental and caring, have more verve, rattle the cage now and then — but do so with their wives, using consideration and care. The key here is to work as a couple, not to go off on some wild and destructive tangent.

You raise an interesting question: Can we really ever know our spouses? Can we really ever know ourselves? Thanks for writing and provoking discussion.

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PETER GOTT, M.D.

'Chemical terrorist' targets office of telephone company

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. offices have been attacked by a chemical terrorist armed with "the smelliest substance known to man," authorities say.

Bell officials say there have been three attacks in which mercaptan, a noxious and potentially deadly liquid, was planted on company grounds since May 1993.

The overwhelming odor generated by the chemical has forced evacuations and made employees ill.

Tom Nolan, area manager of security for Southwestern Bell, said mercaptan is a sulfur compound used to give natural gas an odor.

Dr. Ira Hessel of the University of Texas at San Antonio described mercaptan as highly toxic and narcotic.

"A little bit of it expands to a lot," said Hessel, adding that mercaptan is known as "the smelliest substance known to man."

"It's wretched," Hessel said. "The smell is related to some of the chemicals in rotten cabbages."

Internal probes have turned up few clues, forcing Bell to turn to Crime Stoppers for help, Nolan

told the San Antonio Express News.

"Someone knows who's doing it," said Nolan, who hopes a witness will come forward. "We don't know when he'll attack us again."

The most recent incident occurred Nov. 17 when mercaptan was poured onto the grass at company offices at 4119 Broadway, also the site of the initial attack.

The mercaptan odor sparks fear of a gas leak, Nolan said.

The telephone company or an

employee is the target of the attack, Nolan believes.

The first chemical assault on the company offices, which took place May 20, 1993, was the most severe, he said.

The eight-story building was evacuated along with other nearby businesses and offices and nearly 50 Southwestern Bell employees were treated for nausea.

Some received oxygen. Others were treated and released at area hospitals.



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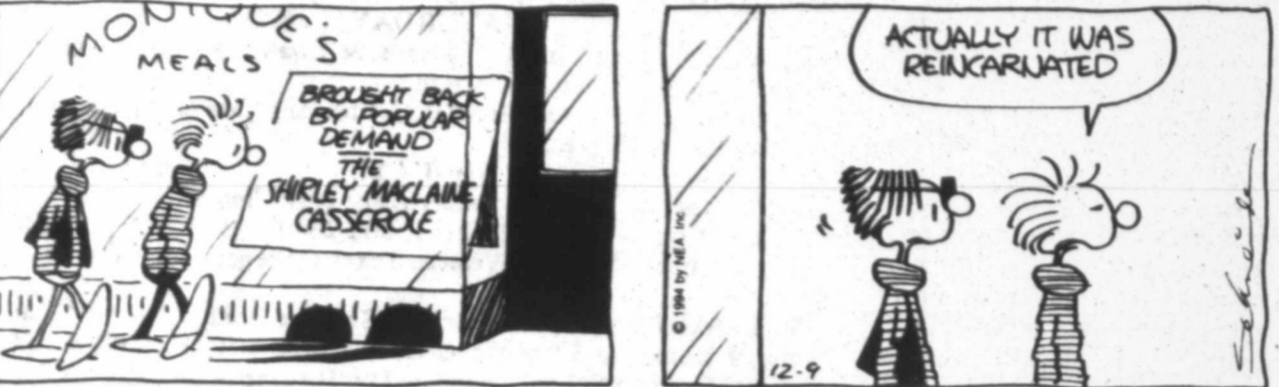
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Sports

San Jacinto escapes WTC 97-95 at buzzer

Carrell contributes five 3-pointers, 36 points

HOUSTON — It was a bitter-sweet night for the Lady Westerners and freshman Donna Carrell.



Carrell missed opportunity.

With 12 seconds remaining on the clock and the score 97-95 in favor of the Lady Gators, San Jacinto's Tamla Garner missed the front end of a one-and-one to give the ball back to Western Texas.

Carrell connected for a career high 36 points for the Lady Westerners on the night. It was a type of night players dream about, as she connected five times from beyond the three-point arc.

However, it was a layup opportunity off a backdoor pass in the low post with two seconds remaining that proved to be too much. Carrell missed the shot, leaving the Lady Westerners looking for answers.

"It was a fast paced run-and-gun game," San Jacinto head coach Ricky Ryan said. "Everytime we started to pull away, they hit a three pointer."

"Contribute it to them being re-1994 Snyder High School Lady Tiger Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament, Dec. 8, 9, 10.

laxed, done with finals...whatever, they were just on fire. Their shooting was terrific."

Quite a change for the Lady Westerners, who as a team were wondering when their shooting woes would fade away, just one week ago.

"We will get out of this shooting funk soon," WTC head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols said last week. "I just hope it comes in the near future."

The Lady Westerners will be looking to find the shooting touch again Saturday as the take on Pearl River (Miss.), the nation's No. 10 ranked junior college team.

After Saturday's matchup, Western Texas continues it's trip east, taking on Pensacola Junior College (Fla.) Monday.

San Jacinto 97, WTC 95

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE (95) — Ezernack 1 0-0 2, Brown 0 3-6 3, Veitenheimer 1 1-2 3, Moss 5 0-0 13, Carrell 11 9-11 36, Thompson 1 0-0 3, Wilson 2 2-3 7, Cates 3 1-2 7, Wright 10 0-0 22. Totals 34 16-24 95.

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE (97) — Terrell 1 0-0 2, Garner 8 3-4 19, Burnett 6 5-6 19, Prince 5 4-3 14, Matthews 4 2-3 10, Balderez 0 0-2 0, Steward 8 0-0 16, Westbrook 1 1-2 3, Abdur-Rahman 6 2-4 14. Totals 39 17-26 97.

Western Texas College..... 41 54-95
San Jacinto College..... 47 50-97

Three-point goals—San Jacinto 2 (Burnett 2); Western Texas 11 (Carrell 5, Moss 3, Wright 2, Thompson 1). Records—San Jacinto 5-6, Western Texas 5-8.

Robert Lee sweeps HHS

ROBERT LEE — Hermleigh teams got off to a slow start Thursday in the Robert Lee Tournament.

Hermleigh boys fell behind by 22 points in the first quarter and couldn't recover, falling 86-42 to Robert Lee. The Cardinals, who were hoping for better success in second round action at 2:30 today against Coahoma JV, got 12 points from Chris Roemisch and 10 from Michael Breitweiser.

In girls' action, Robert Lee popped Hermleigh 75-46. The Lady Cardinals got 17 points from Kelly Gonzales and 15 from Michelle Roemisch. Hermleigh girls were also to play Coahoma JV today, at 1 o'clock.

The tournament continues through Saturday.

Robert Lee 75, H'leigh 46

ROBERT LEE GIRLS (75) — Leading scorers: J. Scott 21. **HERMLEIGH GIRLS (46)** — Leading scorers: Michelle Roemisch 15, Kelly Gonzales 17.

Robert Lee..... 23 12 18 22-75
Hermleigh..... 7 17 12 10-46

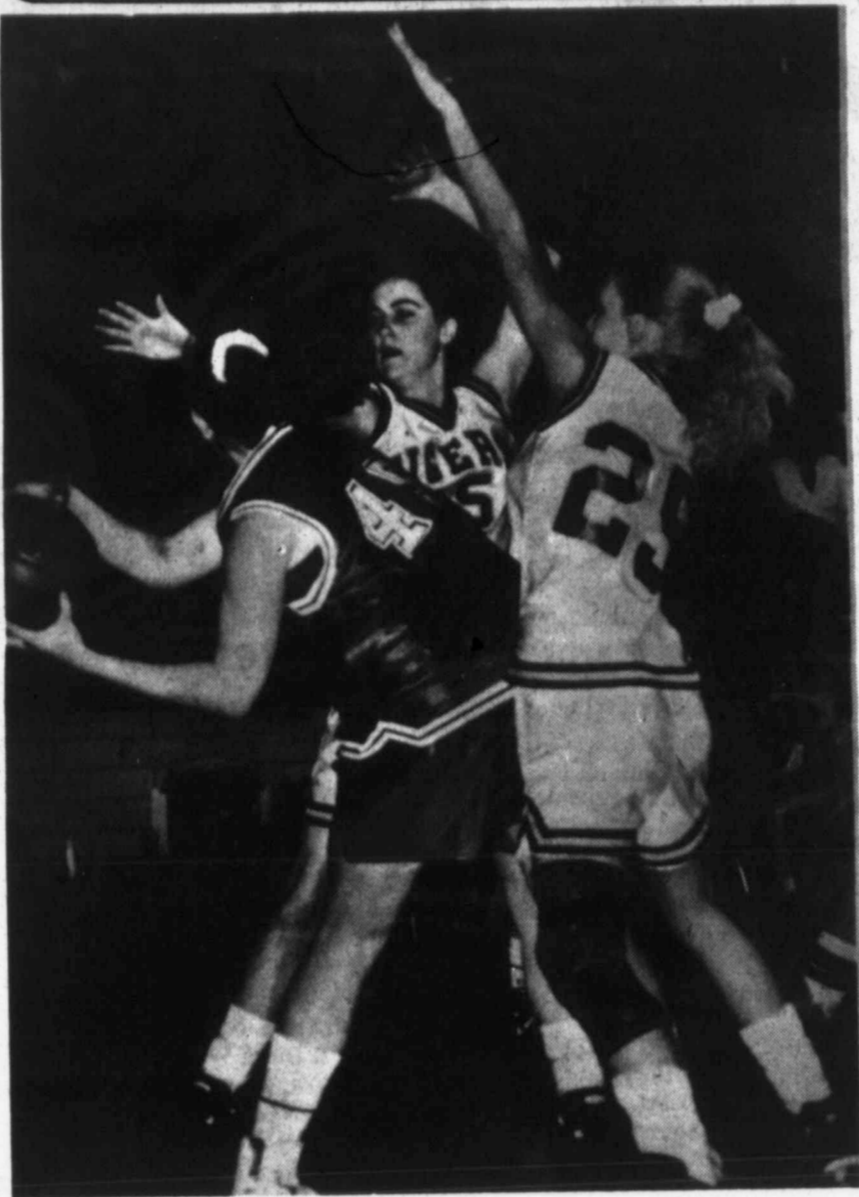
Three point goals — Hermleigh 5 (Roemisch 3, Moore 1, Gonzales 1); Robert Lee 1 (Wal-drop 1).

Robert Lee 86, H'leigh 42

ROBERT LEE BOYS (86) — Leading scorers: McCown 14. **HERMLEIGH BOYS (42)** — Leading scorers: Chris Roemisch 12, Michael Breitweiser 10.

Robert Lee..... 27 27 17 15-86
Hermleigh..... 5 14 10 13-42

Three point goals — Hermleigh 2 (Breitweiser 2); Robert Lee 5 (Kay 3, B. Hood 1, A. Hood 1). Rebounds — Hermleigh 34 (Roemisch 9, Digby 8); Assists — Hermleigh 9 (Roemisch 4); Steals — Hermleigh 4 (Sanchez 2).



NO WHERE TO RUN — Snyder's Lisha Leatherwood, right, and Maribeth Dillaha, center, trap Coahoma's Rendo Herring during the Lady Tigers 44-23 win in the Snyder junior varsity tournament. Snyder takes on Post tonight at 8:30 in the second round. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

Turnover bug bites Lady Tigers twice

ABILENE — Unlike their previous seven losses, the Snyder Lady Tigers roared out to an early lead in the first quarter. The Merkel Lady Badgers, however, outscored Snyder in the final three quarters to swipe a 36-26 win in the opening round of the Polk-Key City tournament in Abilene Thursday.

"We accomplished our goal by getting out to a good start," Snyder head coach Steve Qualls said. "Our problem was that we had way too many turnovers leading to good scoring opportunities for them (Merkel)."

Coach Qualls added that not only did the continuous pressure displayed by the Lady Badgers cause turnovers, it also limited the effectiveness of the Snyder offense.

"We couldn't execute our offense for good shots," Qualls said. "We got some good looks at the basket and we made those, but we just were not able to take many shots."

Snyder (2-8) was outscored 33-19 in the final three quarters after getting out to an early 7-3 lead.

"We played good enough defense to win the game," Qualls said. "They (Merkel) had some very quick players, but we did our job defending them and keeping the score down."

Sophomore Erica Garvin led the Lady Tigers with eight points, while Merkel's Trina English scored 12 in the contest.

Merkel, which is averaging over 58 points per contest, improved to 7-1 on the year, but fell

to Waco Midway 55-41 in the tournament's nightcap.

Snyder dropped into the consolation bracket of the tournament and took on Quannah today at 8 a.m. The Lady Indians, who fell 48-35 to Winters Thursday, got off to a quick start and continued to apply intense pressure throughout the game to capture a 53-32 victory.

The Lady Tigers were able to keep it close in the first quarter, trailing only 12-7, but according to Coach Qualls, the Lady Indians poured it on the rest of the way.

"They (Quannah) had a great shooting night," he said. "They came out red hot by hitting four three pointers in the first half."

Snyder's nemesis, however, was the real factor in the game...turnovers.

"Turnovers killed us again," he said. "Plus we had poor execution running our press break."

"This was the weakest outing of the season by far."

The Lady Tigers play a consolation game tonight at 9:30 against the loser of the Sweetwater-Abilene Cooper game scheduled for 11 a.m. today.

Merkel 36, Snyder 26

MERKEL (36) — Laird 1 1-3 3, Wilson 0 0-1 0, Doan 1 1-2 3, Hellums 0 3-5 3, White 2 5-8 9, English 4 4-4 12, Snowden 1 0-1 2, Jacobs 2 0-0 4. Totals 11 14-24 36.

SNYDER (26) — Reed 1 1-5 3, Brown 0 2-4 2, McGrew 1 0-1 2, Haggerton 1 0-0 2, Crow 2 0-0 5, Williams 1 0-0 2, Shipp 1 0-0 2, Garvin 3 2-3 8, White 0 0-0 0. Totals 10 5-15 26.

Merkel..... 3 13 11 9-36
Snyder..... 7 5 8 6-26

Three-point goals—Snyder 1 (Crow 1); Brownfield 0. Records—Snyder 2-8, Merkel 7-1.

Quannah 53, Snyder 32

SNYDER (32) — Reed 0 0-0 2, Haggerton 0 0-1 0, Williams 5 2-3 14, Payne 1 0-0 2, Shipp 2 1-4 5, Garvin 3 1-2 7, White 1 2-3 4. Totals 12 6-13 32.

QUANAH (53) — Woods 2 0-0 4, Carter 1 0-0 2, Newsum 1 0-0 2, Adkins 4 3-4 11, Woodland 2 0-1 4, Julomo 3 0-0 8, Martinez 2 0-0 4, Brooks 2 4-4 10, Allen 3 2-2 8. Totals 20 11-9 53.

Snyder..... 7 9 7 9-32
Quannah..... 12 22 15 4-53

Three-point goals—Snyder 2 (Williams 2); Brownfield 4 (Julomo 2, Brooks 2). Records —Snyder 2-9, Quannah 7-1.

Thursday's games
Game 1: Snyder 44, Coahoma 23
Game 2: Post 49, Abilene Soph. 33
Game 3: Midland Lee 36, Stamford 30
Game 4: SA Cen. Soph. 43, Greenwood 40
Game 5: Abilene 78, Colorado City 50
Game 6: SA Lakeview 53, Abl. Cooper 42
Game 7: Odessa Permian 43, Anson 27
Game 8: Idalou 42, SA Central 35

Friday's games
Game 9: Stamford vs. Greenwood, 10 a.m.
Game 10: Anson vs. SA Central, 11:30 a.m.
Game 11: Midland Lee vs. SA Central Soph, 1 p.m.
Game 12: Odessa Permian vs. Idalou, 2:30 p.m.
Game 13: Coahoma vs. Abilene Soph., 4 p.m.
Game 14: Colorado City vs. Abilene Cooper, 5:30 p.m.
Game 15: Abilene High vs. SA Lakeview, 7 p.m.
Game 16: Snyder vs. Post, 8:30 p.m.

Dogs can't swing with the Gorillas

HIGHLAND — Ira hoopsters weren't able to swing with the Trent Gorillas and took a couple of tough losses in the Hilltop Classic, which began here Thursday.

Ira girls lost their opener to Trent, 47-45, despite a 14-point effort from the game's leading scorer, Melissa Brasuel.

Ira boys racked up 28 fourth-quarter points in a too-little, too-late effort, losing 76-63 to the Gorillas. Heath Mathis seared the nets for 32 of Ira's points.

Ira girls take on Rotan at 3:30 today in second-round action, while its boys test Sands at 5 o'clock.

Trent 47, Ira 45

TRENT GIRLS (47) — Leading scorers: Stephens 12, Christensen 12, Brazelton 9, Ray 5, O'Connor 5, Hollingsworth 4. **IRA GIRLS (45)** — Leading scorers: Brasuel 14, J. Rankin 11, Northcott 9, Calley 7, J. Rankin 2, Chaney 2.

Trent..... 6 14 17 10-47
Ira..... 10 10 14 11-45

Trent 76, Ira 63

TRENT BOYS (76) — Leading scorers: Bolls 29, Roberts 17, Christensen 8, Bradford 6, Hester 6, Digby 5, Sipes 2, Williams 2, Burns 1. **IRA BOYS (63)** — Leading scorers: Mathis 32, Howard 8, Brasuel 7, Collom 6, Rodgers 6, Davis 2, Box 2.

Trent..... 20 18 26 12-76
Ira..... 7 15 13 28-63

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Game 1: Merkel 75, Odessa High 73 (OT)
Game 2: E.P. Socorro 62, Snyder 61
Game 3: E.P. Andress 67, Lamesa 63
Game 4: Big Spring 60, Amarillo Caprock 48

Friday's games
Game 5: Odessa High vs. Lamesa, 4 p.m.
Game 6: Snyder vs. Amarillo Caprock 8:30 p.m.
Game 7: Merkel vs. E.P. Andress, 7 p.m.
Game 8: E.P. Socorro vs. Big Spring 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Game 9: Seventh place game — Loser (game 5) vs. Loser (game 6), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. or 2 p.m.
Game 10: Third place game — Loser (game 7) vs. Loser (game 8), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. or 2 p.m.
Game 11: Consolation finals — Winner (game 5) vs. Winner (game 6), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. or 2 p.m.
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Snyder 44, Coahoma 23

COAHOMA JV (23) — Scorers: Krista Stanislaus 13, Sara Lovett 6, Shana Earnest 2, Allison West 2, Tasha Grummit 1. **SNYDER JV (44)** — Scorers: Tiffany Garza 9, Tami Tucker 7, Lisha Leatherwood 7, Darla Blackwell 4, Jina Miller 5, Laura Collins 3, Sharon Gulseth 6, Maribeth Dillaha 2, Sha Marticle 1.

Coahoma JV..... 4 6 6 7-23
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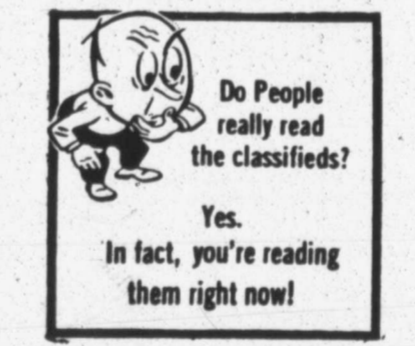
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Dear Abby



Woman Hurt by Friends Who Ignore Great-Grandchild's Birth

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I need some advice on how to deal with a matter that has hurt me deeply. My husband and I are longtime friends with three couples in their 70s (as we are). Over the years, when we have received announcements of high school and college graduations, marriages, and births of their grandchildren, we have always responded with gifts or checks. (We can well afford it.)

My granddaughter recently had a baby. (She is unmarried.) She is opposed to abortion and chose to keep her baby and finish college. I wrote to an etiquette expert and asked the correct way to word the printed birth announcement. She suggested sending baptismal announcements instead. So I sent the announcements to my three closest friends, and not one of them sent my granddaughter a card — much less a gift!

I am very bitter with these so-called friends and will never send them even a Christmas card again. If they are good Christians — deliver me! Thanks for letting me release this anger. Sign me ...

DEEPLY HURT

DEAR HURT: I cannot fault you for feeling hurt, but instead of ignoring these longtime friends, may I suggest you tell them how disappointed you are in them for having ignored the birth of your great-grandchild.

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DEAR ABBY: For years I have been wanting to write to you about a problem many of us older folks have during the Christmas and Hanukkah season: Many of us have exchanged holiday greetings with longtime friends and relatives year after year; then suddenly, their cards and letters stop coming. We can only assume that they are seriously ill, or dead.

Occasionally, a thoughtful relative will send a note saying, "Uncle Elmer died peacefully last August," or, "Aunt Martha is incapacitated and is no longer able to send holi-

day greetings," etc. However, all too often we are left wondering.

If my holiday cards are not returned to me, I naturally assume they were received, but Abby, it would be comforting to know what happened — and when.

LOUISE HAUTER,
LA CANADA, CALIF.

DEAR LOUISE: Your point is well-taken. Thank you for a letter that I hope will jar some readers into action.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently had lunch with my two sisters, whom I don't see very often. The get-together was long overdue.

The problem: One of my sisters has gone from alcoholic to religious to fanatic. She prayed over her food so loudly nearly everyone in the restaurant could hear her. It was very embarrassing! I feel that she should do her praying in private. How can I get the message through to her without hurting her feelings?

EMBARRASSED,
RED WING, COLO.

DEAR EMBARRASSED: No need to feel embarrassed. Let your sister pray wherever she wants to pray. Prayers are not the worst things people overhear in restaurants.

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WORTH QUOTING: Pablo Picasso said: "I have always believed and still believe that artists who live and work with spiritual values cannot and should not remain indifferent to a conflict in which the highest values of humanity and civilization are at stake."

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Probation for killer sparks furor

CHICAGO (AP) — Residents of a neighborhood where an elderly woman's throat was slit by her 11-year-old next-door neighbor are incensed that the boy was sentenced to home probation instead of prison.

"Calling him a monster is being polite," said Joe Kulys, an official with a neighborhood group. "How could any sane judge put a monster like this back on the street?"

The body of 84-year-old Anna Gilvis was found in her home in the city's southwest side on Oct. 5, 1993. Police said the boy confessed to the killing nearly a year later, and that the only motive he gave was that he hated the woman. He was convicted in juvenile court.

But according to the boy's lawyer, Stephen Broussard, he gave the confession under duress and "in fact did not kill her." He said there was no physical evidence linking the boy to the crime, and that much of the boy's confession was inconsistent with what happened.

"He was talking about tying her up with brown rope, like hemp that you use to hang plants with," he said. "But there were no hanging plants on the premises and she was tied with a red ribbon around her ankles and a yellow telephone cord around her neck and hands."

Writers or speakers imply in the words they use; a listener or reader infers something from the words.

U.S. eyes risk in peacekeepers rescue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Evacuating 24,000 U.N. peacekeepers from Bosnia would carry such grave risks military planners may as well prepare for guerrilla-style warfare lasting weeks, Pentagon officials say.

"This won't be any 100-hour war; this will be a mess," said a senior U.S. officer familiar with the situation in the war-ravaged former Yugoslavia.

Unlike the Persian Gulf War, when U.S. forces engaged the de-

moralized army of Saddam Hussein across a wide expanse of desert, the tens of thousands of NATO ground troops needed for a withdrawal of the peacekeeping force in Bosnia would have to maneuver in extremely rugged terrain well known to any opponent who might want to hinder them.

The U.N. Security Council has not decided yet to withdraw, and the Clinton administration still hopes such a step can be avoided.

But White House spokeswo-

man Dee Dee Myers told reporters aboard Air Force One en route to Miami on Thursday that NATO had asked the United States for a troop commitment if necessary to evacuate the peacekeepers.

"The president approved sending troops in principle," she said. She said Clinton signed a declaration Tuesday night that could lead to a commitment.

Bosnian Serbs have crippled the U.N. mission, blocking humanitarian convoys and taking more than 300 peacekeepers hostage in an effort to thwart NATO air strikes.

Should the United Nations decide to try to pull out its beleaguered force, U.S. troops would make up "substantial part" of a NATO rescue mission, said a Pentagon official briefing reporters Thursday.

He declined to specify an exact number or describe the type of force that would be used, saying NATO officials will review options next week.

However, military officials familiar with the planning said the United States would contribute anywhere from a single brigade —

3,000 to 5,000 soldiers — to as many as 20,000 to 25,000 troops.

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Clinton plans bipartisan meeting on welfare reform

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The issue is high on the White House list of priorities as one on which Democrats and Republicans may be able to agree on a common approach.

Clinton said on Thursday that the meeting would be "a first step in an honest dialogue about our country's broken welfare system and what we must do to fix it."

In a written statement, Clinton said the current welfare system "is a bad deal for the taxpayers who pay the bills and for the families who are trapped on it."

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said the meeting would be in early January, and Clinton would participate. He described it as a working session closed to the public and press.

Panetta said that while their details or approaches may differ, both parties have the same goal: "We've got to move people off welfare and into work."

The welfare conference was announced after Clinton met at the White House with leaders of the National Governors Association.

Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, the Democrat who heads the association, told reporters that the governors who met with Clinton "think there's some real potential for some good bipartisan cooperation on welfare reform."

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