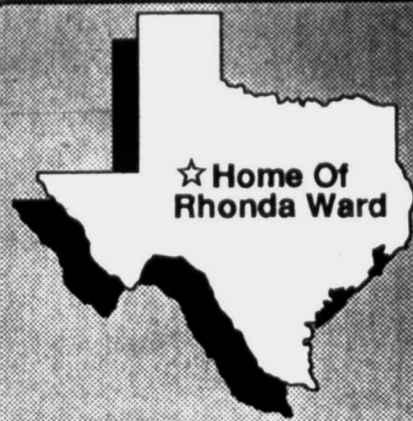


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# WEEKEND EDITION

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## Ask Us

**Q**—Are the Snyder schools participating in the city's paper recycling program?  
**A**—Yes. The city has placed paper recycling containers on all the campuses and also at the administration building and the maintenance building.

## Local

### Masons

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

### 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.

### UWSA

United We Stand, America will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Towle Park Barn. The public is invited.

### Video series

The Family Life series continues at 7 p.m. Monday on Cablevision Channel 2 with "Faith and Self-Esteem: Loving the God Who Loves Me."

### City dinner

The annual City Christmas Banquet will be held at 6:30 Saturday evening at Snyder Country Club. Employees will be awarded for years of service.

### Ratite

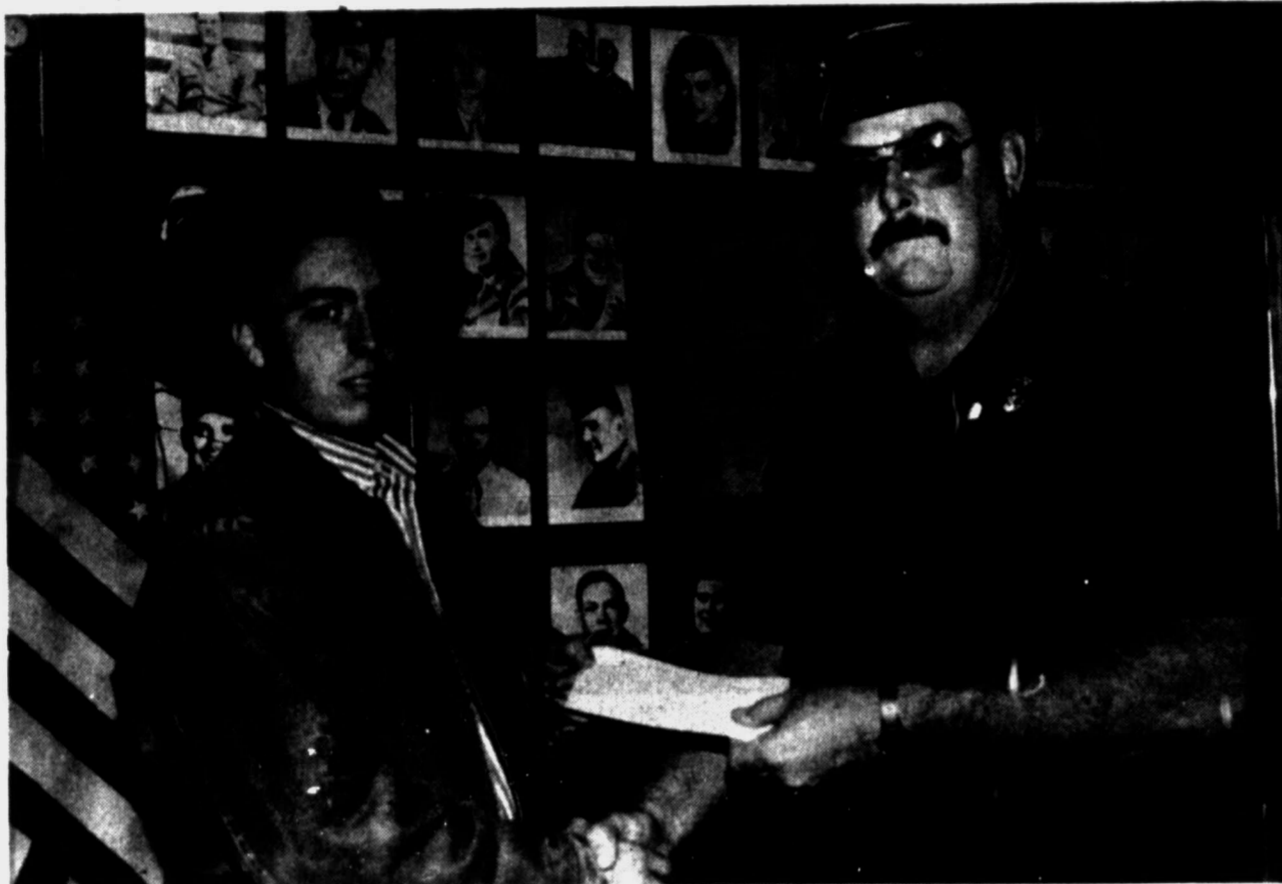
The Rolling Plains Ratite Association will meet at 7 p.m. on Dec. 17 at the Northeast Community Center. Guest speaker will be Fred Ross with Rhea International, a marketing co-op for ostrich, rhea and emu. The public is invited.  
For more information, call Pat Day at 573-0971 or Jeannie Jackson at 573-4789.

### Home tour

Tickets for Sunday's third annual Tour of Homes are still available at local businesses.  
Tickets are available for \$10 each at Classic Interiors, Countryplace, Li'l Rascals, The Pleasure's Mine, Friendly Flowers and Eddie Peterson Pharmacy.  
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.

### Weather

**Snyder Area Forecast:** Saturday night, fair. Low around 20. Wind becoming light and variable. Sunday, increasing high cloudiness. High 45-50. Southeast to south wind 10-15 mph.  
**Snyder Temperatures:** High Friday, 41 degrees; low, 27 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 27 degrees; .08 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 11.55 inches.  
**Almanac:** Sunset Saturday, 5:41. Sunrise Sunday, 7:32. Sunset Sunday, 5:41. Sunrise Monday, 7:33. Of 343 days in 1994, the sun has shone 336 days in Snyder.



**LOCAL WINNER** — Ira High School student Travis Collom receives a scholarship check from John Fair of the local VFW Post 8231. Collom was the winner of the local Voice of Democracy National Scholarship Program competition and his tape will now be entered in district competition. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Voice of Democracy...

# Ira student wins contest

Ira High School student Travis Collom has been selected as the local winner of the Voice of Democracy National Scholarship Program competition, sponsored by the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary. Collom's audio tape, voicing his opinion on a person's responsibility to the United States, was selected over those of six other high school students in Scurry

County. As local winner, Collom's tape will now be sent to district competition. Selected winners advance to state. Each state winner is provided with a five-day paid trip to Washington D.C., and an opportunity to compete for national scholarships totaling over \$100,000. As the local winner, Collom

will receive a scholarship provided by VFW Post 8231, the Ladies Auxiliary and the VFW bingo fund.

Collom, 17, is the son of Larry and Pam Collom.

Judges for the local competition were Johnny Thomas and Donna Fowler of KSNY Radio and Dr. Franklin Pruitt.

# Candlelight program to feature meditations, music, fellowship

Meditations from Max Lucado's "God Came Near," music and fellowship are some of the highlights planned for the first Scurry County Community-Wide Candlelight Service, to be held Dec. 20 in the county coliseum.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission and everyone is invited to attend. Organizers of the event have placed an emphasis on "community" involvement. More than 400 county residents are taking part in the program and local financial institutions, schools, hospital employees and churches are among those volunteering to provide after-service refreshments.

Reading meditations will be Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church; Gayle Lomax, Snyder ISD superintendent; Tom Holcomb, minister of East Side Church of Christ; Barbara Bigham, speech pathologist with Snyder ISD; Tony Wofford, pastor of the Word Is Life Church; and Marty Akins, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Performing will be the sixth grade choir, the Snyder High School Ensemble, the Junior and

Senior High School from Colonial Hill and a host of others, including quartets, duets, soloists and the

Worship Team, made up of 11 local residents.

The audience will also be invited to participate in "Silent Night" as the program concludes.



## 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.

# Youth Center plans fund-raiser Tuesday

Scurry County Youth Center hopes to open its doors in early 1995 to Scurry County junior high and high school students.

Youth Center board members are currently negotiating with St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church for use of a portion of the former Katherine Ryan School facility.

The Youth Center will have a Community Night Out on Tuesday evening. Five restaurants are sponsoring the event. Citizens participate by asking for a Community Night Out slip at any of the restaurants. Each restaurant will donate 20 percent of the purchase to the Youth Center.

Community Night Out slips will be available at Subway, Pizza Inn, Taco John's, McDonald's and

Spanish Inn. The slips will also be handed out to all high school and junior high students.

The purpose of the center is to provide a safe and healthy place of recreation and entertainment. All funds for the center have come from local donations. There are no government or tax monies involved.

Donations to Scurry Youth Center may be mailed to P.O. Box 399 in Snyder. The center is also accepting donations of building materials, furniture and appliances. Youth Center board members will pick these items up if donors call Police Chief Lannie Lee at 573-0261.

# Coliseum pact on county list, chamber's, too

Scurry County Commissioners' Court will have another opportunity to discuss the proposed coliseum operating agreement be-

tween it and the chamber of commerce Monday when the court convenes at 10 a.m.

The agreement is among six items on the county's agenda.

## \$8,780 still needed for chapel fund

Commissioners and chamber officials appeared in near agreement on the proposal last Thursday until the status of coliseum employees surfaced.

Both Judge Bob Doolittle and Commissioner Ralph Trevey were vocal in insisting that salaries and status of current coliseum employees remain the same for 1995.

"We feel like we have a workable crew out there and we would like to see the same level of pay before we turn it over to you," said Commissioner Ralph Trevey.

"What if the chamber works it for a year and then decides it wants out?" said Doolittle. "We may be left with employees there who have only that one year of experience."

"If your attitude is that we are going to operate it for one year only — then maybe we should not do it at all," Chamber board president Pearlene Stewart-Nolan replied.

Trevey said he would like to see salaries set before the contract is signed.

"That is the board's decision," said Stewart-Nolan. "I have the utmost confidence in them to run it like a business."

"I realize that this first year will be a transitional year," said Doolittle. "I feel if we are going to give you the \$185,000 then I think you should keep the current workers at their present salaries."

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## New senator due in Snyder Dec. 20

Tom Haywood, state senator-elect, will spend the day in Snyder on Dec. 20, getting briefed on issues of interest to Scurry County residents.

Haywood, who will represent District 30 starting with the start of the legislative session on Jan. 20, defeated State Sen. Steve Carriger of Roby in the November general election.

The Wichita Falls Republican will kickoff the day in Snyder with a "Meet The Senator" reception set for 9 a.m. at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

Haywood will meet with various groups throughout the day and will tour the Price Daniel unit, Cogdell Hospital and Western Texas College.

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Marriage is often like a phone call in the middle of the night. You get a ring, then you wake up."

It pays to stay single — at least for the rest of the year.

A fallout from the Republican victory earlier this month is news that couples planning a December wedding may want to postpone tying the knot until next year.

One tax expert says that he is recommending, because of anticipated changes in the tax law, that couples wait until 1995.

By pushing the big day back, says one tax lawyer, couples may avoid getting hit this year by the so-called "marriage penalty," which is said to force many two-income couples to pay more than if they were single.

The tax expert says Republicans are vowing to change the law. The new ways and committee chairman, Rep. Bill Archer of Texas, says congress is committed to eliminating the marriage penalty.

The tax lawyer cited an example of one couple

that will save \$1,700 in taxes just by putting off nuptial vows a few weeks. The savings could be a good start on a pretty nice honeymoon.

For fear of sounding old-fashioned, it seems that a wedding based on tax savings may be off to a rocky start.

We guess the couple could use the \$1,700 to buy a rare diamond.

A jewelry store in Houston has a Mickey Mouse diamond for \$50,000.

The gem had its beginning when a Belgian diamond cutter, while splitting a diamond with a steel cleaver, noticed that one piece had two giant rounded ears, reminding him of the cartoon character.

So instead of turning it into the oval he had been planning, the cutter spent two weeks buffing it until it looked like a perfect head-on picture of Mickey Mouse, about the size of a quarter.

The owner is hoping to make a sale during the holiday season, but admits that the odds are sort of like a lasting marriage, about 50-50.

## Forgery nets 30-year term

A forgery conviction, enhanced because of a habitual history of felony offenses, resulted in a 30-year prison sentence handed down Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Donnier Max Belcher, 26, of 3707 Muriel plead guilty to a Oct. 11 offense of forgery, a check written on the account of Target Oilfield Service.

District Judge Gene Dulaney handed down the 30-year term to be served in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

A total of 26 years of probation were ordered for three other defendants who also pleaded guilty Thursday.

Javier Medina Martinez, 38, of 2002 Ave. O entered two guilty pleas. He was charged with the

Oct. 2 bribery of a correctional officer and for providing a prohibited substance in a correctional facility on Oct. 3.

Judge Dulaney ordered an eight-year probation sentence and a \$500 fine for each charge. The sentences will run concurrently.

Raymond Lee Ware, 19, of 3734 Highland pleaded guilty to the Oct. 19 burglary of the Sparkle City Pawn Shop. Ware was sentenced to two years in the state jail, probated for five years, and a \$500 fine.

Jose Guadalupe Alfardo, 40, of Lorraine pleaded guilty to the Oct. 25 charge of burglary of a habitation owned by Omar Walters. Alfardo was assessed a five-year probated prison term and fined \$500.

# Man suspected of calling in thousands of false alarms

NEW YORK — "It sounds like our friend," the dispatcher would tell the firefighters, and they'd roll out to another in a series of thousands of false alarms. The calls have stopped now. Frank Mancini, 45, has been charged with phoning in 20 false

alarms between March 1992 and August 1994.

But he's suspected of thousands of other false alarms in the past four or five years, said the Fire Department's chief spokeswoman, Deputy Commissioner Marilyn Mode.

"After a while it just got to be a little redundant, knocking on these people's door and asking if they've got a fire when you've been there a thousand times already," said Capt. Richard Burbank of Ladder Co. 175 in the borough of Brooklyn.



**REGISTERING** — Lamesa Superintendent Ken McCraw registers prior to a legislative update meeting hosted by State Rep. David Counts held at the Scurry County Museum Friday. Representatives of the Texas Education Agency and the

Comptroller's Office spoke to the group along with Counts. Aiding in the registration process Friday morning were Deidra Graves, left, and Lynda Cain-McCormack. (SDN Staff Photo)

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## Yeltsin has nose surgery

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin was hospitalized for nose surgery, his press office said Saturday in a terse announcement.

The statement said the surgery on Yeltsin's septum was "without complications." It said Yeltsin would be recovering for eight days, but would be able to work during that time.

The surgery was at the Central Clinical Hospital, an exclusive facility for the Kremlin elite and the well-connected. The hospital, which is near Yeltsin's Moscow residence, has an unlisted telephone number.

The presidential press office refused to describe Yeltsin's ailment or to say when the operation was performed or whether the president was still in hospital.

The president had not been reported ill prior to the sudden announcement. He attended the Council on Security and Cooperation in Europe conference in Hungary this week.

On Friday, Yeltsin issued a decree authorizing the use of force in the breakaway republic of Chechnya. The announcement left both Russia and Chechnya bracing for war.

## Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-5-6 (four, five, six)

## ASU selects new leader

SAN ANGELO (AP) — E. James Hindman, provost at Middle Tennessee State University for three years, has been appointed president of Angelo State University.

The Angelo State Board of Regents selected Hindman during a meeting Friday.

Hindman, 52, succeeds Lloyd D. Vincent, who died Aug. 5 after 27 years as president.

To forbear is to avoid or shun; a forbear is an ancestor.

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# Supreme Court will deal with congressional redistricting case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court says it will take on a key case on voting rights and the government's power — at the federal, state and local levels — to give minorities more political clout.

Rights Act of 1965 suffice as a compelling interest? Awaiting action by the justices are similar congressional redistricting disputes from Texas, Georgia and North Carolina. A Florida redistricting fight is making its way through lower federal courts. Murder is malicious, premeditated homicide; manslaughter is homicide without malice or premeditation.

The court, in an order Friday, said it will decide by July whether Louisiana lawmakers discriminated against some voters when creating a black-majority congressional district.

Texas is among three other states with similar cases before the court.

In finding such discrimination, a three-judge federal court relied heavily on a 1993 Supreme Court decision in which the justices ruled for the first time that election districts designed to benefit racial minorities can violate voters' equal-protection rights.

A decision in the Louisiana case could answer these important questions:

—How much of a factor can race be in creating election-district boundaries?

—Does unlawful discrimination occur if race played a major role in creating a district deemed to have a "bizarre" shape, and just what is bizarre?

—What must government prove to show it had a "compelling interest" that justifies using race as a factor in redistricting, and does compliance with the Voting



GRAND RE-OPENING — Snyder Gold Coaters and other members of the Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Golden Corral Friday morning in honor of the remodeling of the restaurant. The owner of the restaurant is Dan Massaro, third from left, and the manager is Paula Fox, shown on his left. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Administration agrees to ease emissions testings standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration, seeking to blunt a revolt in some states about new air pollution controls, has agreed to ease its requirements for more stringent and costly automobile tailpipe emissions testing.

EPA Administrator Carol Browner promised a group of governors that they would be given more flexibility in meeting the new vehicle testing regulations as long as the overall pollution reduction levels are met, agency officials said Friday.

Texas officials are unsure how the change may affect the state's program, set to begin a trial run Monday. However, the announcement will not delay its start.

A requirement for more sophisticated testing of automobile tailpipe emissions has been controversial in a number of Northeast states where motorists have protested the increased cost and inconvenience. Other states, including California, also have sought more flexibility than the EPA previously had been willing to give.

The state of Maine suspended its auto emissions testing program in September and recently the legislature in Pennsylvania ordered the program delayed. Officials in other states including Vermont, New Jersey and West Virginia, have complained to the EPA about the program.

Browner, meeting with seven governors Thursday evening, agreed to provide increased flexibility in the testing program, agency officials said.

"We're still insisting that you get the 15 percent reductions (in pollution) that you're required to get," said Nancy Sutley, a special assistant to Browner for clean air issues. She said if states choose not to use the more sophisticated "enhanced" auto emissions testing program, they must find alter-

native sources of air pollution reduction.

The 1990 Clean Air Act required the EPA to develop tougher auto emissions inspection procedures. The agency adopted a program that would require separate, more sophisticated testing facilities and would end the practice in some states of having both tests and repairs conducted at service stations.

The EPA argued that it has been widely shown that the combined test-and-repair facilities are not as effective in reducing air pollution because service stations do not have the sophisticated equipment required in test-only facilities. But the new auto emissions testing proposal brought strong opposi-

tion from lobbyists representing service station owners and grumbling from motorists in almost every state affected, from California to Maine.

Governors from New Jersey, Delaware, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Vermont, Ohio and Colorado brought their complaints at the testing program and other air pollution rules to Browner on Thursday.

Vermont Gov. Howard Dean said the EPA had agreed "to back off" on the testing issue. Vermont had complained that it should not have to adopt the more stringent testing program because the state already is in compliance with air quality standards. "We will still have clean air," said Dean.

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# 10 years probation

AMARILLO (AP) — A man received 10 years' probation Friday for killing his stepdaughter as she phoned for help during a domestic dispute, prosecutors said.

Jurors who found Carroll Gustin guilty deliberated about three hours before rejecting the prosecution's request for a life sentence.

Randall County Assistant District Attorney John J. Thorpe said relatives of the victim, Donna Montana, implied during testimony that the 46-year-old woman deserved killing.

Thorpe, who sought a life sentence, said that shouldn't matter.

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**BUSINESS OF THE MONTH** — Snyder Laundry and Dry Cleaning received the Business of the Month Award for December, presented by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Dave Wickline, third from left, received the traveling trophy from Mack Humphrey, owner of the Sonic Drive In which won the award in November.

Employees standing in the front row are from left, Amber Bell, Lou Crowder, Patti McKinney, Christy Gilbert and Priscilla Hernandez. Standing in back are Ricky Fritz, chamber manager, and several Gold Coaters. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Financial Focus

You've probably heard the old saying that the three most important considerations when investing in real estate are "location, location, location." There are also three essentials in selecting mutual funds: management, management, management.

All mutual funds have access to the same securities. What distinguishes the outstanding mutual funds from the mediocre is how their managers select securities and operate the business.

The December 1993 issue of Institutional Investor featured the top 10 money management companies as determined by a survey of U.S. companies with more than \$500 million in market capitalization and at least 70 percent institutional ownership. The funds on the list were not the "hottest" funds, but rather those whose managers are the most dependable, consistent and successful in investing their shareholders' money. This is the way professionals select money managers, and it makes sense for individual investors, too.

With a little homework, you too can select mutual funds like a professional. All you need to do is examine a couple of statistical listings that can be found at your public library or investment representative's office. The first is a listing of mutual funds from Lipper Analytical Services. The second is the Standard & Poor's 500 Index (S&P 500), a group of 500 stock that is one of the most respected and widely used indicators of stock market performance.

Assume you want to invest in a growth-and-income fund. As your "yardstick," use the five-year average annual return of the S&P 500, which is 14.5 percent for the period 1989-93. Now compare that to Lipper's mutual fund listing. The report lists 5,500 mutual funds currently available; 326 of which are growth-and-income. Of these 326, only 42 outperformed the S&P 500 during the five-year period. Only 14 beat S&P's 10-year average of 14.9 percent, and just eight of those outpaced the S&P over both the five- and 10-year periods.

This elimination process identifies not only the top funds, but also the top managers. In the above example, two of the top eight funds are managed by the same investment management group.

This process can be used to select all types of mutual funds—income funds, international funds, or any other investment category you choose. No matter what your investment objective, you generally will keep discovering the same management groups at the top.

Evaluating mutual funds based on the soundness of their management allows you to avoid a host of distractions that can confuse your decision. Ferret out the best money managers, and you will generally uncover the most consistent funds. Rather than chasing the hottest, cheapest or most-advertised fund, select the best management group and then run with the professionals.

## Cogdell staffers receive annual awards

Cheryl Chance has been selected as Cogdell Memorial Hospital's Employee of the Year.

Chance, RN, house supervisor, received the award during Cogdell's annual awards dinner on Thursday.

Some 350 people attended the dinner, which was held at Scurry County Coliseum.

Fifteen-year awards were presented to Lucille Clinkinbeard, operating room technician, and Jeff Mason, physical therapist.

Five-year awards were presented to Margie Brown, cook; Pat Camp, LVN, Price Daniel Unit; Margo Grant, LVN specialty clinic;

Shelley Gannon-Smith, RN, house supervisor; David Hoops, senior radiologic technologist; Fran Horn, admitting clerk; Laverne Kitchens, LVN, TDCJ acute care; Margaret Kruger, RN, Price Daniel Unit; Dorothy Lloyd, admitting supervisor; Marilyn Lockhart, LVN, OR recovery; Brenda Row, RN, head nurse, operating room; Pauline Strain, dental clerk, Price Daniel Unit; Betty Woodland, medical records; and Tillie Rios, LVN, TDCJ acute care.

Employees of the Month were also recognized. They included Chance; Katy Bailey, LVN, Medi-

cal 2; Helen Crouse, data entry; Christy Brown, administration secretary; Frank Alarcon, groundskeeper; Bonnie Carroll, RN, obstetrics; Karen Franklin, LVN, Medical 3; Wanda Stansell, ward clerk; Roger Garza, janitor; Teresa Herrera, LVN, Medical 3; and Nelda Baze, LVN, home health.

A special award was given to West Texas State Bank for support of the employee of the month program.

Chance has been employed at

CMH for four years. She graduated from the LVN program at Western Texas College in 1990, obtained her RN degree in May of 1992 through the Howard College ADN program on the Snyder program.

Her duties prior to house supervisor included long term care, ICU/CCU and the emergency room.

She has two children. Her son, Chris, attends college in Oklahoma, and a daughter, Misty, is a junior at Ira High School.



**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR** — Cheryl Chance, left, is shown receiving her Cogdell Memorial Hospital Employee of the Year from CEO Jeff Reecer at the annual Christmas banquet held Thursday at the Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## 'Extension' will host annual meeting here

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, county extension staff and the Extension Program Council executive board will host their annual meeting Thursday in the Senior Center dining room.

The evening's activities will begin at 6:30 and will include a meal, entertainment, program area committee reports and the 1995-99 long range extension program.

Jim Judah, board chairman, will serve as master of ceremonies. The public is invited to attend.

The Extension Program Council, program area committee members and county extension staff have completed the long range extension program. Study group participants examined and discussed conditions in Scurry County, identified the most critical issues impacting the four state goals, and prioritized the issues that could be addressed through extension programming.

The state issues were health, safety and well-being; environmental stewardship and natural resources; economic competitiveness, viability and stability; and development of life skills and leadership qualities.

Major issues identified by the Scurry County study group included environmental and solid waste management, diversification and new ag technologies for ag competitiveness, strengthening youth behavior, life skills for youth and adults, and boll weevil eradication. These issues will be

addressed by the county extension staff and program area committees during the next five years. Annual program plans will reflect the critical issues.

Extension Program Council members involved in preparing the 1995-99 LREP included Jim Judah, David Kattes, Darren Jackson, Byron Hedges, David Shiflett, Karen Nachlinger, Terry Busby, Sy Tabor, Steve Moore and Sue Loyd. The Scurry County extension staff includes Kathryn Roberts, Terry Millican and Mark Logan.

A federal law, administered by the Transportation Department, specifies that daylight time applies from 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of April until 2 a.m. on the last Sunday of October in areas that do not specifically exempt themselves.

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Homer Anderson

Jesus instituted the Lord's supper in an upper room in Jerusalem on the night before he was crucified. The Bible presents four accounts of this event (Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:17-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Terms such as "the Lord's supper" (1 Cor. 11:20), "the breaking of bread" (Acts 2:42), "communion" (1 Cor. 10:16), and "the table of the Lord" (1 Cor. 10:21) are all biblical expressions used to designate this act of worship.

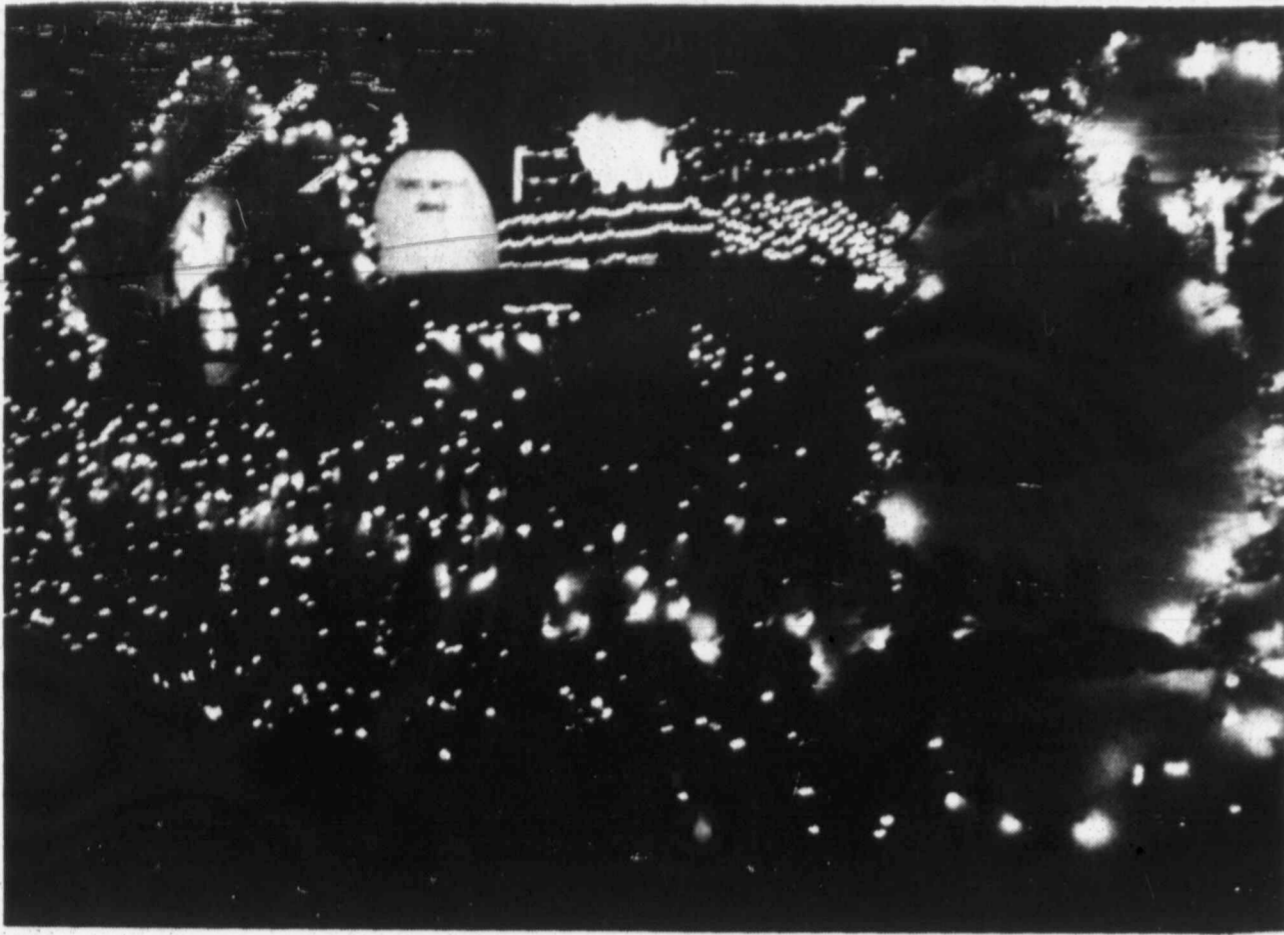
The Lord's supper is a memorial service. Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). The Lord's supper is the world's greatest monument commemorating the world's greatest event.

It is a proclamation of the Lord's death. He said, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Cor. 11:26, NASB). Notice that each one was to partake of both the bread and the cup (Matthew 26:26-27, 1 Corinthians 11:28).

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**TOP FLOAT FOR SCHOOLS** — Hermleigh's Booster Club won first place in the school division of the annual Celebrate Christmas Parade held last week. The float depicted Santa's toy shop. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Manuscript sells for \$255,000

NEW YORK (AP) — 'Twas right before Christmas, and for one famous poem, a man paid big money, and then took it home. Ralph Gadiel won a bidding war Friday, paying \$255,000 for a rare handwritten copy of "A Visit From St. Nicholas."

The famous 56-line poem was written in 1822 by Clement Clarke Moore. The copy being auctioned Friday — one of just three surviving handwritten copies — was transcribed by Moore at the request of an admirer in 1860 when he was 81 years old.

Christie's auction house had estimated that the poem, written in brown ink on a single 8-by-5-inch piece of paper, would sell for between \$70,000 and \$90,000.

But a bidding war drove the price up. Gadiel said he was determined to have it at any price.

Gadiel, an entrepreneur from Northbrook, Ill., whose company sells gifts and collectibles, plans to market a limited edition of copies of the manuscript in time for next Christmas.

He already is manufacturing a miniature house like the one described in the poem.

"It has Santa and his reindeer on the roof, and the father throwing open the sash," Gadiel said. "The house can be opened, so you

can see the children 'nestled all snug in their beds.'"

Legend has it that Moore came up with the poem while he was out buying a turkey for his wife to roast on Christmas Eve and give to

the poor of the local parish. He jotted the verses down when he got home, and the following Christmas, a family friend sent a copy to the editor of the Sentinel newspaper in Troy, N.Y.

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Must we be reminded to count our blessings? It is Friday November 18th, 3:15 a.m. As I sit in Room #300 of Brackenridge Children's Hospital, I look around me. A bit homesick for my bed, pillow, a glass of water, a toilet that doesn't sound like it will swallow you whole with each flush. I long for a look at my son, who is healthy. I do count my blessings.

I am experiencing, only a minute part, of the life of cancer. Zachary, nine years old, lays in his bed with a plastic pillow, his arms folded and his hands, as if in prayer. Intertwined in his fingers, are IV lines, instead of teddy bears, he snuggles with these tubes that go from a broviac tube in his chest, that is connected to his heart.

Zach is in the hospital for four days, to receive chemotherapy. One of his drugs is brought, covered in a plastic bag stating, "Chemo BLOC Transport Bag Chemotherapy Drug. Observe Safety Precautions for Handling and Administration." This drug, handled with rubber gloves, is administered through the IV lines, which goes to the broviac tube, which is inserted into his body, and through his heart. He has constant fluids running through, to help flush these drugs. He then receives "rescue drugs," to help clean and flush out the toxicity being put into his fifty-three pounds of small frame. His hair, gone, again, with only bristles to touch, can be removed with a bit of scotch tape. His top eyelashes still there, but singed as if he had been too close to the kitchen stove, while mom was cooking dinner. But his dinner was a delivery from Pizza Hut. Pepperoni pizza, of course, with bread sticks and cheese, and Pepsi to wash it down. The hospital food is yet to be desired.

Zack has lots of friends in the hospital. As he walks around the third floor, shorter than a city block in length, completely around, he runs into nurses, a parent or two, a baby in the hallway, in a

playpen, trying to sleep through the nightly routine of a nurse's desk station. It is Zack and I and his trusty friend, the IV pole. At this point, the only thing that can stop our "monkeying around," is the urine stop. That can't be done just anywhere, he has to pee in a urinal and the person holding the urinal must wear rubber gloves. His hands are pretty shaky, due to chemo, so he exposes himself comfortably for this routine. As we are walking the halls, in a circle, again and again, he plays games with a special nurse Cynthia. A bit like hide-n-seek, but nowhere to run. She gives us the key to the entertainment center. We have received the "ultimate." "Private play time." This is an honor, like you would receive a key to the city, we are in heaven. Spinart, his favorite. He does special art for every special person on his list; he has many. And then we are off to a video game. Of course, I am glad he has competition on the computer, because this mom is from the "old world." I don't get those buttons that jump and grab and throw. We spend an hour in the center. It is just now approaching 10:30 p.m., past my bedtime, but the reality outside that center seems to be a struggle for Zack. We had spent an hour prior to the playtime, calling everyone he knew, and everyone I felt comfortable calling collect. Except for Doyle, who hung up on us twice, but did we give up? No, we were persistent and finally found my calling card, he didn't get out that easy.

Zachary is fidgety. He seems to be running inside himself, but physically not able. He had asked a nurse earlier, "Is it cold outside?" His only view and contact of outside is through a 3' by 6' window, overlooking III-35 and the Budget Inn. He hasn't been outside in about sixty hours now, with about sixty more to go.

Tracy, Zack's mom left here, reluctantly, at about 7:00 p.m. She has a three year old, Telie, at home. She also has a husband,

Chuck. The reluctance was because she is torn to leave the child, her first, to go home for some quality time with Telie. That is if she has the strength to stay up, after an hour drive home, with the thought and longing for her own bed and pillow, just a few feet away. You see, interruptions in the hospital are numerous. I was awakened to the IV pump beeping. The nurse, kindly working in the dark, to flush lines, change bags, take temperatures, and etc. They are a considerable of the need to sleep. Not that a person's physical strength is tested, but the emotional strain that goes on behind these closed doors. Each door containing a family of pain, anger, guilt, and resentment. Looking for a small amount of happiness. These children, from new born, to teenage years, all go through such a struggle. A parent facing the unknown with their children. Struggling to fight tears, they need to be out-of-control. The strain goes on and on, and on.

All is quiet. The baby, who has cried for hours and hours, is sleeping. Zack is sleeping. It is peaceful.

God gives Zack time to rest, to build his well needed strength to carry on the cycle again. To face another day. Bravery. This word best describes such a beautiful boy of nine years of age. He looks forward to his expected 6'8" of sturdy frame. His mom, having measured him at age two and doubling his height. He also looks forward to being in double digits in age, he will turn ten on April 16th. His heroes are Michael Jordan, Arnold Schwarznegger, Red Power Ranger, and Tyrannosaurus Rex. He dreams of strength and power, that his own body is cheated of. Although his body is surviving a disease, fought with such drugs that we have to handle with gloves and rubber bags. Who is really the stronger here?

by Carol Waid  
daughter of  
Doyle & Peggy Chandler

## Audit warned about Orange County's risky investments

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — An audit last year warned that Orange County's treasurer was making "risky and unusual transactions" with the county's investment pool and violating state government codes.

The audit was sent to the Board of Supervisors, but Chairman Thomas Riley said it was labeled "not for board action" and was simply filed by the staff.

District Attorney Michael Capizzi announced late Friday that he was investigating the investment practices of the county, which this week became the biggest local government in the United States ever to file for bankruptcy protection.

"The severe implications of this has caused us to conclude that it was appropriate to conduct an analysis and review and we've undertaken that," Capizzi said.

The county has lost \$1.5 billion of its \$20 billion investment pool. Three federal class-action lawsuits were filed Friday accusing

the county of recklessly leveraging the investment pool.

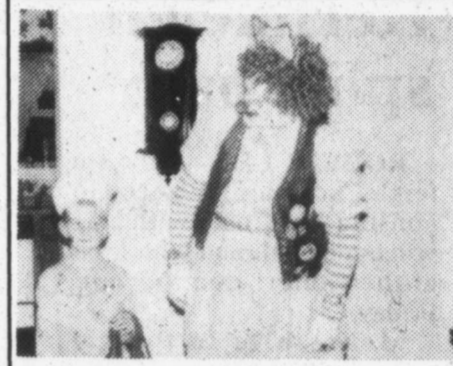
The suits were filed on behalf of outraged bondholders and named several investment firms and county officials, including resigned Treasurer Robert L. Citron.

Citron was criticized in last year's audit for the way he handled the pool in 1991. The audit also said Citron broke the law, although the violations didn't carry any criminal penalties.

When auditors questioned the violations, "We were told that the instances were conscious deci-

sions made to maximize returns," they said.

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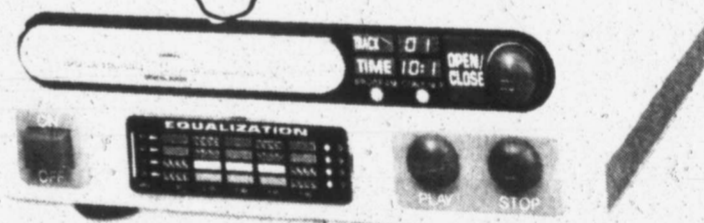
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# Sports

## Snyder overwhelms Sweetwater, 50-34

Lady Tigers get 15 points from Garvin

ABILENE — After what must have seemed like an eternity between wins, the Lady Tigers rebounded from a 53-32 loss to Quanah early Friday to net a 50-34 win over the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs Friday night in the Polk-Key City tournament in Abilene.

For the first time all year, the Lady Tigers (3-9) jumped out to an early lead in the first half. Snyder led at the end of the first quarter 11-2, as they led throughout the ballgame.

At halftime the Lady Tigers held a nine-point, 24-15 advantage.

"For once I'd like to have a game where we lead going into halftime," Snyder head coach Steve Qualls said after the loss to Quanah which he called "the worst outing of the season."

The Lady Tigers held off the

## Rodman returns

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Elusive Dennis Rodman is back with the San Antonio Spurs, sporting bright green hair and saying he's ready to play basketball.

But the star forward wasn't likely to see any game action Saturday.

Following his second suspension of the season, Rodman ended his standoff with the Spurs Friday and attended practice.

Lady Mustangs in the second half, outscoring them 14-8 in the third quarter and 12-11 in the fourth.

Erica Garvin led Snyder with 15 points and Vanessa Williams ended the night with 12.

Next up for the Lady Tigers is a game against Idalou on Dec. 16 in Idalou.

## Hermleigh splits pair

ROBERT LEE — The Hermleigh Cardinals advanced to the consolation finals with a 53-48 win over Coahoma junior varsity at the Robert Lee tournament Friday.

Meanwhile in the girls' bracket, the Lady Cardinals were unable to hold back Coahoma junior varsity, as they fell 38-28.

The boys were paced by Ricky Sosa's 18 points, five assists and four steals. Hermleigh was scheduled to play Winters at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The Lady Cardinals were scheduled to take on Ballinger junior varsity, who lost to Miles 45-42 Friday, at 8 a.m. Saturday.

## Canseco out; Nixon in

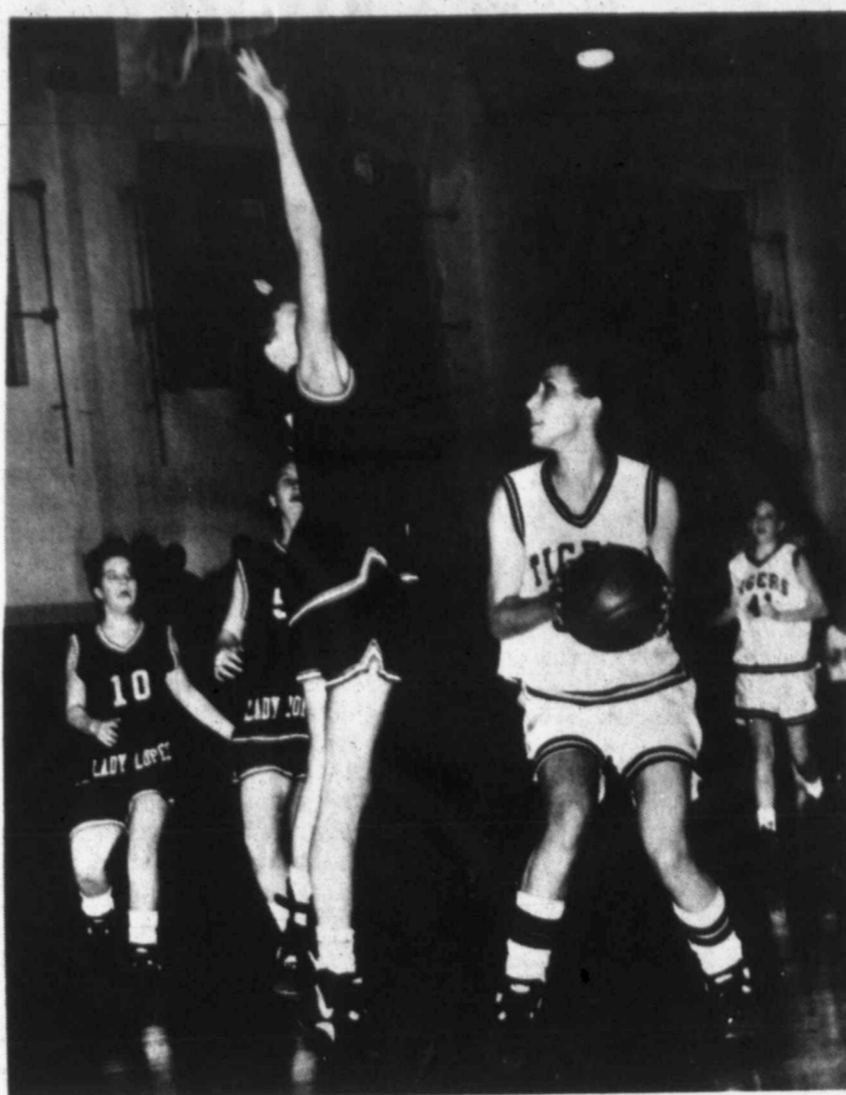
BOSTON (AP) — Kevin Kennedy doesn't hit or throw. He only manages.

But the new skipper of the Boston Red Sox has already helped the team on the field. He's attracted slugger Jose Canseco to the squad.

"The only reason I considered Boston is because of Kevin," Canseco said Friday after he was reunited with his former manager in a trade between the Red Sox and the Texas Rangers.

Boston got the designated hitter-outfielder in exchange for outfielder Otis Nixon and minor league third baseman Luis Ortiz.

Kennedy, who managed Canseco in Texas before he joined the Red Sox in October, said he plans to use the right-handed power hitter as a designated hitter, although he will be available as an outfielder.



TALL TASK — Snyder's Tiffany Garza, right, looks to make a move against one of Post's Lady Antelopes Friday in the Snyder junior varsity tournament. Post won the game 45-36, snapping the Lady Tigers' five-game win streak. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

## Lady Bulldogs advance in Robert Lee tourney

The Lady Bulldogs, led by Jennifer Rankin's 20 points, bashed Rotan in the second half to take home a 57-46 victory Friday and advance to the consolation finals of the Robert Lee tournament.

Ira and Rotan battled neck-in-neck throughout the first two quarters, as the Lady Bulldogs led 24-23 at halftime.

However, a second half blitz, which saw Ira outscore the Lady Yellowhammers 33-25, helped propel the Lady Bulldogs into the final game.

Another Rankin, Jody, added 17 points and Misty Chance scored eight in the victory.

The Ira boys fell victim to a 91-23 scoring onslaught provided by the Sands Mustangs.

Four Mustang players scored in double-figures and each quarter saw Sands score 20 or more points, including the third quarter in which the Mustangs outscored the Bulldogs 27-2.

Heath Mathis led the Bulldogs' scoring with nine points.

## Post snaps JV girls' winning streak at five

Snyder's junior varsity girls had a chance Friday to not only extend their winning streak to six straight, but advance to the semi-final round of their own tournament.

Neither happened, as the Post Lady Antelopes (7-0) remained undefeated by taking out Snyder 45-36 Friday.

Despite a 6 of 19 night from the free-throw line, the Lady Tigers hung in with tough defense to keep the score 18-16, in favor of Post, at halftime.

The Lady Antelopes pulled away in the third and fourth quarter, however, as they outscored Snyder 14-8 and 13-12, respectively.

The Lady Tigers' leading scorer was Tiffany Garza, who notched 15 points. Darla Blackwell added eight and Jina Miller scored six in the losing cause.

Snyder was scheduled to take on San Angelo Central's sophomore squad Saturday morning.

## NBA Glance

By The Associated Press  
All Times EST

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### Atlantic Division

| Team         | W  | L  | Pct. | GB    |
|--------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Orlando      | 14 | 3  | .824 | -     |
| New York     | 10 | 6  | .625 | 3 1/2 |
| Boston       | 8  | 10 | .444 | 6 1/2 |
| Washington   | 6  | 8  | .429 | 6 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 7  | 10 | .412 | 7     |
| New Jersey   | 7  | 13 | .350 | 8 1/2 |
| Miami        | 4  | 11 | .267 | 9     |

#### Central Division

| Team      | W  | L  | Pct. | GB    |
|-----------|----|----|------|-------|
| Indiana   | 11 | 5  | .688 | -     |
| Cleveland | 10 | 8  | .556 | 2     |
| Charlotte | 9  | 8  | .529 | 2 1/2 |
| Chicago   | 9  | 8  | .529 | 2 1/2 |
| Detroit   | 8  | 9  | .471 | 3 1/2 |
| Atlanta   | 8  | 10 | .444 | 4     |
| Milwaukee | 5  | 12 | .294 | 6 1/2 |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Midwest Division

| Team        | W  | L  | Pct. | GB    |
|-------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Houston     | 12 | 5  | .706 | -     |
| Utah        | 11 | 7  | .611 | 1 1/2 |
| Denver      | 9  | 6  | .600 | 2     |
| Dallas      | 8  | 7  | .533 | 3     |
| San Antonio | 7  | 9  | .438 | 4 1/2 |
| Minnesota   | 3  | 14 | .176 | 9     |

#### Pacific Division

| Team          | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
|---------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Phoenix       | 12 | 5  | .706 | -      |
| Seattle       | 11 | 6  | .647 | 1      |
| L.A. Lakers   | 10 | 7  | .588 | 2      |
| Sacramento    | 9  | 7  | .563 | 2 1/2  |
| Portland      | 8  | 7  | .533 | 3      |
| Golden State  | 8  | 9  | .471 | 4      |
| L.A. Clippers | 2  | 16 | .111 | 10 1/2 |

#### Friday's Games

Cleveland 96, Boston 89  
Indiana 94, Philadelphia 88  
Orlando 110, Miami 96  
Atlanta 89, New York 85  
Chicago 117, Detroit 96  
Portland 116, Golden State 107  
L.A. Clippers 109, L.A. Lakers 84

#### Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.  
Atlanta at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.  
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
Miami at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.  
Charlotte at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
San Antonio at Houston, 8:30 p.m.  
Washington at Denver, 9 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.  
Seattle at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.  
Sunday's Game  
Sacramento at Portland 10 p.m.

Jack Nicklaus was tagged with the nickname of "The Golden Bear" by an Australian sportswriter.

## SDN Sportsweek

Saturday, Dec. 10

### WTC Basketball

Lady Westerners at Pearl River Community College, Mississippi, 2 p.m.

### College Football

Heisman Trophy Award Presentation, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

### College Basketball

West Virginia at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m. (ESPN)  
Georgetown vs. Memphis, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
Michigan at Duke, 8 p.m. (FOX)

### Professional Basketball

San Antonio at Houston, 7:30 p.m. (HSE)

### Professional Football

Detroit at NY Jets, 11:30 a.m. (FOX)  
Cleveland at Dallas, 3 p.m. (NBC)

### High School Basketball

Snyder JV girls host Snyder JV tournament, times and teams to be announced.

Snyder JV boys at Midland tournament, times and teams to be announced.

Snyder varsity boys at Big Spring tournament, times and teams to be announced.

Hermleigh varsity boys and girls at Robert Lee tournament, times and teams to be announced.

Ira varsity boys and girls at Highland tournament, times and teams to be announced.

### Junior High Basketball

Snyder 7th and 8th boys at Sweetwater "A" tournament, times and teams to be announced.

Sunday, Dec. 11

### Professional Football

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, noon (FOX)  
Seattle at Houston, 3 p.m. (NBC)  
San Francisco at San Diego, 3 p.m. (FOX)  
New Orleans at Atlanta, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

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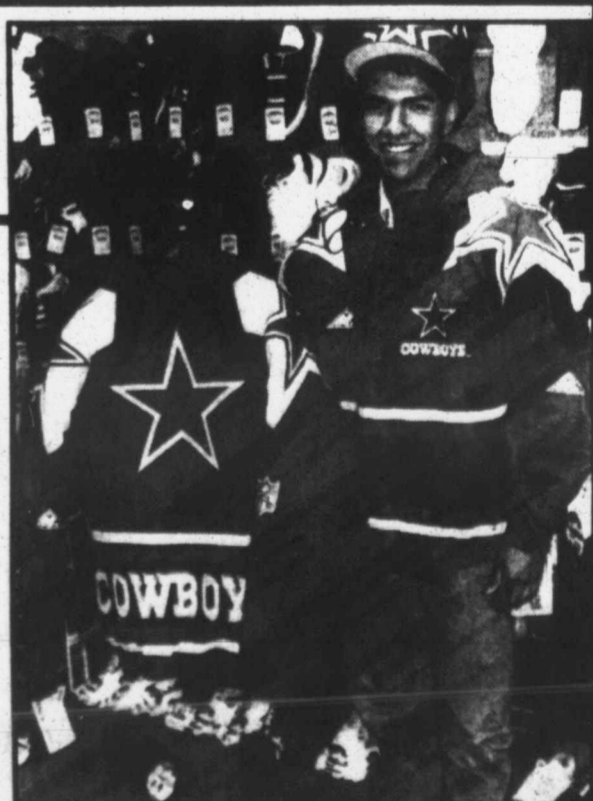
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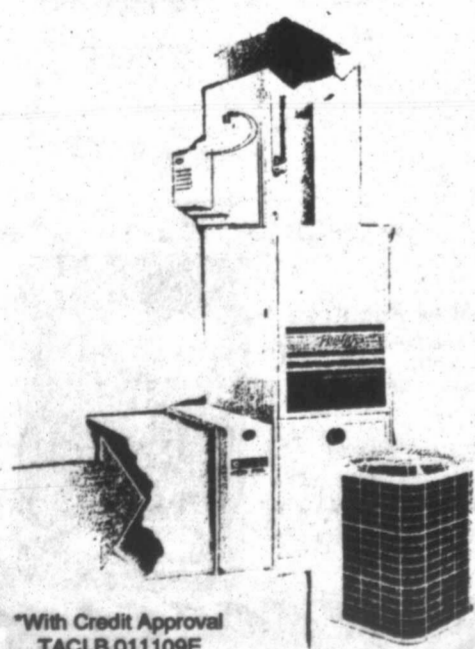
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# LSU, Sullivan unable to agree on contract

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Pat Sullivan won't be coaching LSU's football team because the Tigers won't buy out his contract with Texas Christian University.



"We have reached an impasse," LSU athletic director Joe Dean said Friday.

He announced that he had not been able to agree on a buyout clause for the two years left in Sullivan's contract in Fort Worth. The buyout reportedly would have cost \$400,000.

On Thursday, Dean canceled a news conference to announce a new football coach hours after he scheduled it.

"Thursday afternoon I began to feel very uncomfortable with the direction in which this negotiation was headed and that is why we postponed a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Today we have decided to move on," Dean said Friday.

The announcement came a few hours after Milton Womack, chairman of LSU's board of supervisors, said the school would not buy out the contract but would offer Sullivan enough money to buy it out himself.

"We're going to offer Pat Sullivan a healthy amount of money. What he does with that is his business," board president Milton Womack said Friday morning.

None of the board members would say who else Dean was

considering to replace Curley Hallman, whose dismissal after four years of losing records was announced last month and became official Friday. "It is possible that more than two people are being considered," said athletic committee chairman Joseph C. LeSage Jr.

None would identify other possible candidates, or when a coach will be picked.

"I hope it'll be done in the next week," LeSage said, emphasizing the word "hope."

Several board members commended Hallman for coaching the team for two games and recruiting high-school players after Dean told him he was being fired.

"He is one of the classiest fired coaches anywhere," Dr. Jack Andonie said.

TCU offered Sullivan a three-year contract extension and a raise to more than \$300,000 a year, The Times-Picayune reported Friday.

Sullivan, 13-19-1 in three seasons at TCU, met with the TCU chancellor early Thursday but refused to comment when he left.

TCU was 7-4 this year with a share of the Southwestern Conference championship and a bid to the Independence Bowl.

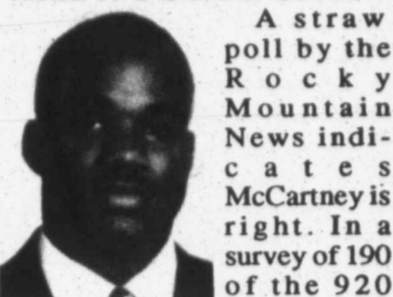
LSU was 4-7, an unprecedented sixth straight losing season.

A Heisman Trophy winner and All-America quarterback at Auburn, Sullivan was an assistant at Auburn under Pat Dye, was in private business for awhile and took the TCU job three years ago.

# Salaam is Heisman favorite

NEW YORK (AP) — Colorado coach Bill McCartney expects his star running back Rashaan Salaam to win the Heisman Trophy.

"I'd be surprised if he doesn't," McCartney said. "I think it's a slam-dunk."



A straw poll by the Rocky Mountain News indicates McCartney is right. In a survey of 190 of the 920 eligible Heisman voters, Salaam was the runaway winner with 120 first-place votes and 764 points. Penn State running back Ki-Jana Carter was second with 16 first-place votes and 288 points.

The winner will be announced Saturday at the Downtown Athletic Club.

Salaam, the nation's leading rusher with 2,055 yards, is favored over Carter and quarterbacks Kerry Collins of Penn State and Steve McNair of Auburn State.

"He gained 2,000 yards, and that's a magic number," said Lee Corso of ESPN, which will televise the Heisman ceremony.

Rushing for 2,000 yards is significant because the other three Division I-A players who did it won the Heisman: Marcus Allen in 1981, Mike Rozier in 1983 and Barry Sanders in 1988. Salaam also is the first player since Sanders to lead the nation in rushing, scoring and all-purpose yards.

Salaam, a junior who may leave early for the NFL, played against six teams that are heading for bowls.

"He had a great year against top-flight competition," said Mark Blaudschun of the Boston Globe.

Weak competition was the big knock against McNair, who posted astronomical numbers in Division I-AA. Although he set NCAA total yardage records for a season (5,799) and career (15,887), skeptics said he did it against inferior opposition.

Carter averaged 7.8 yards per carry, almost a yard more than Salaam, but finished with 516 fewer yards because he didn't carry the ball as much.

Collins led the nation in passing efficiency and was 7-for-7 during Penn State's memorable 96-yard touchdown drive against Illinois. The drive capped a comeback from a 21-point deficit and kept the Lions undefeated.

The Downtown Athletic Club invited Salaam, Carter, Collins, McNair, Alabama quarterback Jay Barker and Miami defensive tackle Warren Sapp to attend the Heisman ceremony.

# Tech ticket sales brisk

LUBBOCK (AP) — Good luck finding a ticket to the Cotton Bowl.

Texas Tech fans snapped up their 20,000-allotment so fast that officials in Lubbock stopped sales and began hoping for leftovers from Southern Cal.



All indications — from ticket demand to decorated dorms to the wild popularity of "Cotton" T-shirts — point to an overwhelming Tech turnout for the Red Raiders' matchup against the University of Southern California Trojans at noon Jan. 2.

Forty-four obstructed seats were all that remained available Friday at the bowl's office in Dallas.

"People are just trying to get into the stadium," said Marty MacInnis, assistant executive director for the bowl. "Tech is willing to take anything on the market."

The Red Raiders (6-5) attracted home crowds averaging just 32,032 this season, despite showcase opponents like No. 1 Nebraska and No. 19 Texas. In last year's John Hancock Bowl, 43,848 people saw Tech lose to Oklahoma, 41-10.

USC (7-3-1) beat Utah 28-21 at last year's Freedom Bowl in front of 43,150.

But the Cotton Bowl — capacity 68,252 — offers a venue the Red Raiders haven't seen since 1939.

"We've waited a long time," said Carol Baker, Tech's ticket manager. "It's been a statewide response, not just a Lubbock response."

"They're coming with their grandfathers, their father and their son. They're buying blocks," MacInnis said. "Normally, people buy four or five tickets. These people are buying 20 or 30."

He estimated that USC will sell about 5,000 of its allotted 11,242 tickets and then send remainders to Tech.

"If we have any we need to get rid of, Texas Tech is salivating," said Larry McLaine, director of ticket office services for the Trojans.

## Sports briefs

MIAMI (AP) — Former Miami Dolphins wide receiver Mark Duper was put in jail after failing a drug test while free on bond awaiting trial on cocaine charges.

## High School

CLASS 3A SEMIFINALS Region I-II Atlanta (13-2) beat Abilene Wylie (11-4), 25-0

CLASS 1A SEMIFINALS Region III-IV Thorndale (15-0) beat Burkeville (12-1), 43-13

## Heisman points

Trophy winners to get the highest voting-points totals

| Player, college             | Year | Points |
|-----------------------------|------|--------|
| O.J. Simpson, Southern Cal  | 1968 | 2,853  |
| Tony Dorsett, Pitt          | 1976 | 2,357  |
| Charlie Ward, Florida State | 1993 | 2,310  |
| Doug Flutie, Boston College | 1984 | 2,240  |
| Jim Plunkett, Stanford      | 1970 | 2,229  |
| Howard Cassady, Ohio State  | 1955 | 2,219  |
| Vinny Testaverde, Miami     | 1986 | 2,213  |
| Desmond Howard, Michigan    | 1991 | 2,077  |

In 1968, O.J. Simpson became only the second Heisman Trophy winner in the history of the award to get more than 2,000 voting points. Although the 2,000-point plateau has been topped six times since then, Simpson's total still stands almost 500 points more than the next closest Heisman Trophy winner's tally.

## NFL Glance

By The Associated Press All Times EST AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| Team         | W | L | T | Pct. | PF  | PA  |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Miami        | 8 | 5 | 0 | .615 | 311 | 269 |
| Buffalo      | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 297 | 284 |
| New England  | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 269 | 279 |
| N.Y. Jets    | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 241 | 257 |
| Indianapolis | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 274 | 277 |

East

| Team         | W  | L  | T | Pct. | PF  | PA  |
|--------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| y-Pittsburgh | 10 | 3  | 0 | .769 | 251 | 187 |
| Cleveland    | 9  | 4  | 0 | .692 | 279 | 164 |
| Cincinnati   | 2  | 11 | 0 | .154 | 216 | 321 |
| Houston      | 1  | 12 | 0 | .077 | 179 | 295 |

West

| Team         | W | L | T | Pct. | PF  | PA  |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| San Diego    | 9 | 4 | 0 | .692 | 308 | 228 |
| Kansas City  | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 241 | 235 |
| L.A. Raiders | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 254 | 279 |
| Denver       | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 287 | 301 |
| Seattle      | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 246 | 257 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

| Team         | W  | L | T | Pct. | PF  | PA  |
|--------------|----|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| x-Dallas     | 11 | 2 | 0 | .846 | 366 | 198 |
| Philadelphia | 7  | 6 | 0 | .538 | 262 | 245 |
| N.Y. Giants  | 6  | 7 | 0 | .462 | 221 | 262 |
| Arizona      | 6  | 7 | 0 | .462 | 184 | 235 |

## Bowling News

| Teams              | Won | Lost |
|--------------------|-----|------|
| Long John Silvers  | 35% | 16%  |
| ESP Inc.           | 32  | 20   |
| Feed Store (CCity) | 29  | 23   |
| Rose Barber Shop   | 29  | 23   |
| Misfits            | 29  | 23   |
| American Legion    | 28  | 24   |
| Farmers Helper     | 28  | 24   |
| M.B.'s             | 26  | 26   |
| Lucy's Video       | 26  | 26   |
| Pro Paris          | 24  | 28   |
| Mesquite Oil Tools | 24  | 28   |
| Spanish Inn        | 22% | 29%  |
| Ezell Key          | 22  | 30   |
| Uncared Pts.       | 9   | 43   |

Jack-N-Jill

for 509; Billy Hicks 505; Rhonda Wilson 500. 200 Games: Tracy Boone 3-10; Grace Beauchamp 3-10; Judy Davis 5-6-10; Jack Beall 6-7; Jimmy Fletcher 6-7; Roger Batchelor 5-7; Bill Shaw 3-10, 5-7; Bernie Sealy 2-7.

Wahball

| Teams       | Won  | Lost |
|-------------|------|------|
| CAM         | 105% | 62%  |
| Blue Sunoco | 91   | 77   |
| Barq's RB   | 83%  | 84%  |
| Kwik Kar    | 78   | 90   |
| Blazers     | 75   | 93   |
| Generation  | 71   | 97   |

High Series Scratch: Rick Mammolite 592. Handicap: Monte West 628.

High Game Scratch: Rick Mammolite 233. Handicap: Russell Loyd 249.

Splits and special mentions: Monte West 5-6; Russell Loyd 9-10; Lynn Smith 4-5; Roger Pavlik 2-7; Wayne Monroey 3-9-10; Monte West 5-4; Don Bradshaw 205-525; Lynn Smith 213-560; Rick Mammolite 233-592.

His and Hers

| Teams            | Won | Lost |
|------------------|-----|------|
| Snyder Lanes     | 32% | 19%  |
| Flames           | 31% | 20%  |
| Frito-Lay        | 25  | 27   |
| Cas-Am           | 25  | 27   |
| Great Western #2 | 21% | 30%  |
| Great Western #1 | 20% | 31%  |

High Series Scratch: David Lyle 508, Sammy Lyle 458.

Handicap: Steve Mackey 557, Sally Alvarado 605.

High Game Scratch: David Lyle 193, Sherry Comer 179.

Handicap: Gerry Smith 230, Zelma Irons 201.

Splits and Special Mentions: David Lyle 4-6; Wes Everett 5-7; Kerry Smith 5-6; Johnny Irons 2-7-8.

Roll-N-Hope

| Teams        | Won | Lost |
|--------------|-----|------|
| Red Man Pipe | 30  | 22   |
| Louise's     | 30  | 22   |
| Strike Force | 30  | 22   |

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# Three local churches set Christmas programs

Three Snyder churches will present special Christmas programs this holiday season. The Chancel Choir of the First United Methodist Church will pre-

sent 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. 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 at 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 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.

The youth and children of First Christian Church will present the Christmas musical, "The Gift Goes On," this Sunday 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.

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## Injunction is issued to block dismantling of chemical plant

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The federal government has no business trying to prevent Occidental Chemical Corp. from dismantling its plant in West Virginia, according to a company official.

U.S. District Judge Dennis Knapp on Friday granted a request from the National Labor Relations Board to temporarily block the Dallas-based company from dis-

mantling the plant, located about 10 miles east of Charleston.

"This is simply a case of a federal government trying to substitute its business judgment for ours even though it has had no involvement in managing our chloromethanes business," said Michael J. Rudnick, the company's vice president and general counsel.

Chloromethanes, made at the company's plant in Belle, are used as refrigerants and in plastics. The

plant closed Tuesday.

"If we can't resolve this dispute through negotiations, then we will defend our position vigorously," Rudnick said.

The temporary restraining order was issued after the board's Acting Regional Director Laura Atkinson filed a petition contending that if dismantling continued, any action by the government to take action later, such as reopening the facility or paying workers, would be impossible.

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## Senior Center will serve annual Christmas dinner

The Senior Center will serve its annual Christmas dinner Thursday. All senior citizens who plan to attend are asked to pre-register because of the large number expected. The Sunshine Choir will present a special program starting at 10:30 a.m. and the serving line will open at 11:30 a.m.

The winner of a quilt made in the center will also be announced Thursday morning. Tickets for the drawing are \$1 each and can be purchased in the center office at 2603 Ave. M.

Three special programs are planned in the center during the week. John Palomaki, music instructor at Western Texas College, will perform at 11:30 a.m. Monday. The Hallelujah Chorus will be featured at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday and children from Snyder Day

Care Center will be performing at 11:30 a.m. Friday. The Kitchen Band will go to Snyder Oaks Care Center for a program at 10 a.m. Wednesday and the Sunshine Choir will go there for a program at 10 a.m. Friday.

Monday is Game Day in the center and 42 will be the featured game this Monday. An Eight Ball tournament will also begin on Monday and run through the week.

Representatives from the Social Security Administration will be in the center Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-2 p.m. Persons of any age who need information about Social Security are invited to talk to them. Benefits counseling for senior citizens is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon each Tuesday.

Senior citizens interested in helping distribute surplus commodities each month are required to attend a training session. Those who have been through the training are required to go through the training again. The volunteers help recipients fill out the required forms as well as helping with the distribution. Men and women interested in giving volunteer time to the program are asked to contact Pamela Fenton, activities director, for details.

Dec. 21 will be Christmas Shirt Day in the center. Everyone is encouraged to wear their decorated shirts on that day. The center will be closed on Dec. 23 and Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday.

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# FAA halts ATR flights during icy conditions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Holiday travelers in colder states may be scrambling for alternative ways of getting to their destinations following a government ban on flying popular ATR airliners in icy weather.

More than 100 flights were canceled in Chicago alone within hours of the government order Friday, and the move overall could affect as many as 15 percent of the seats available on regional air carriers. Some airlines plan to shift the affected planes to warmer parts of the nation.

The Federal Aviation Administration announced the ban on flying the ATR-42 and ATR-72 planes in icing conditions immediately after getting new test results from the planes' French manufacturer indicating that a hazard existed.

FAA Administrator David R. Hinson said the planes are still safe to fly in good weather. Nine U.S. regional airlines operate 156 of the twin turboprop aircraft. The ATR-42 can accommodate up to 50 passengers and the larger ATR-72 can carry as many as 74 passengers.

Ice has been a prime suspect in the crash of an American Eagle ATR-72 on Oct. 31 in Roselawn, Ind., killing 68 people.

The National Transportation Safety Board has not ruled on a cause of that accident, but it urged that the ATR-72 and ATR-42 not be flown in icing conditions.

## Argument caused Chrysler shooting

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich. (AP) — An autoworker shot his supervisor to death and wounded a co-worker, firing repeatedly as they lay on the ground, then re-

turned to his chair "like he was all done" and waited for police, a witness says.

The Chrysler Corp. employee, whom police would not identify, was being held on a murder charge. He was scheduled to be arraigned Monday.

Witnesses at Chrysler's Sterling Stamping Plant told police that the suspect argued with his supervisor about a work assignment just before the shooting Friday afternoon.

"Then he stopped, got something out of his bag, went around me and started shooting," said Denny Berry, a plant employee.

The supervisor, Willie Ruffin, and employee Eddie Williams fell to the floor.

The gunman then walked back to his bag, reloaded the gun and "started shooting again," Berry said. "When they were both on the floor, not moving, he was still shooting."

When the shooting stopped, the gunman "went and sat down, like he was all done," Berry said. Police arrived about 15 minutes later.

Ruffin, 54, died about a half-hour later at a hospital. Williams, 65, underwent surgery and was in stable condition early Saturday with gunshot wounds to his arm and chest.

John Danski, president of United Auto Workers union Local 1264, said he knew of nothing serious involved in the bickering. "It was on-the-job problems" that a plant supervisor ordinarily encounters, he said.

About 30 to 40 people were working in the area at the time of the shooting. The area was closed off and the workers were sent home or to other parts of the plant.

The FAA initially took the less drastic step of calling on airlines to avoid icing conditions whenever possible and directed air traffic controllers to assist in routing the planes into safer weather.

NTSB Chairman Jim Hall said Friday he was pleased at the ban from flights in icing weather and the Air Line Pilots Association concurred.

But manufacturer ATR said in a statement that it regretted the FAA's move. It said the wind tunnel tests conducted in Toulouse, France, at the company's own initiative "provide no basis for the

action taken ..."

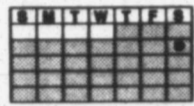
"These tests reconfirmed the full compliance of the ATR aircraft with the certification requirements set by the FAA ... for icing conditions," the company said. "ATR retains full confidence in its aircraft's ability to operate safely in all weather, including icing conditions."

Tony Broderick, the FAA's associate administrator for regulation and certification, defined icing conditions as temperatures of 40 degrees Fahrenheit or colder with visible moisture in the air.

## Datebooks

Dec. 10, 1994

Today is the 344th day of 1994 and the 79th day of fall.



**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1950, Ralph C. Bunche became the first black recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of his role in mediating the Palestine conflict.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Emily Dickinson (1830-1866), poet; Melvil Dewey (1851-1931), librarian; Dorothy Lamour (1914-), actress, is 80; Susan Dey (1952-), actress, is 42; Sinbad (1956-), comedian, is 38; Kenneth Branagh (1960-), actor-director, is 34.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1982, heavyweight challenger Michael "Dynamite" Dokes needed only 63 seconds to flatten Mike Weaver in a

championship bout.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Hope is the thing with feathers / That perches in the soul / And sings the tune without the words / And never stops at all." — Emily Dickinson

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1949, Las Vegas set its record lowest pressure.

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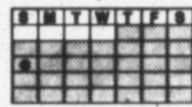
**TODAY'S MOON:** Day after first quarter (Dec. 9).



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Dec. 11, 1994

Today is the 345th day of 1994 and the 80th day of fall.



**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1991, a jury in West Palm Beach, Fla., found William Kennedy Smith not guilty of raping Patricia Bowman in one of the most publicized trials in U.S. history.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Hector Berlioz (1803-1869), composer; Robert Koch (1843-1910), scientist; Annie Jump Cannon (1863-1941), astronomer; Alexander Solzhenitsyn (1918-), writer, is 76; Rita Moreno (1931-), actress, is 63; Tom Hayden (1939-), politician, is 55; Donna Mills (1943-), actress, is 51; Teri Garr (1949-), actress, is 45.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1892, the students outscored the teachers 5-1 in the first public basketball game, played at the School for Christian Workers in Springfield, Mass. After each successful shot, a ladder was used to retrieve the ball from the closed-bottomed peach baskets.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "A great writer is, so to speak, a second government in his country. And for that reason no regime has ever loved great writers, only minor ones." — Alexander Solzhenitsyn

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1990, a small area of pea soup fog formed along the Hiwassee River near Calhoun, Tenn., reducing visibility to zero along a three mile stretch of I-75.

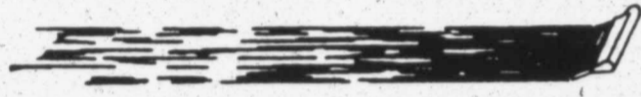
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**TODAY'S MOON:** Between first quarter (Dec. 9) and full moon (Dec. 18).



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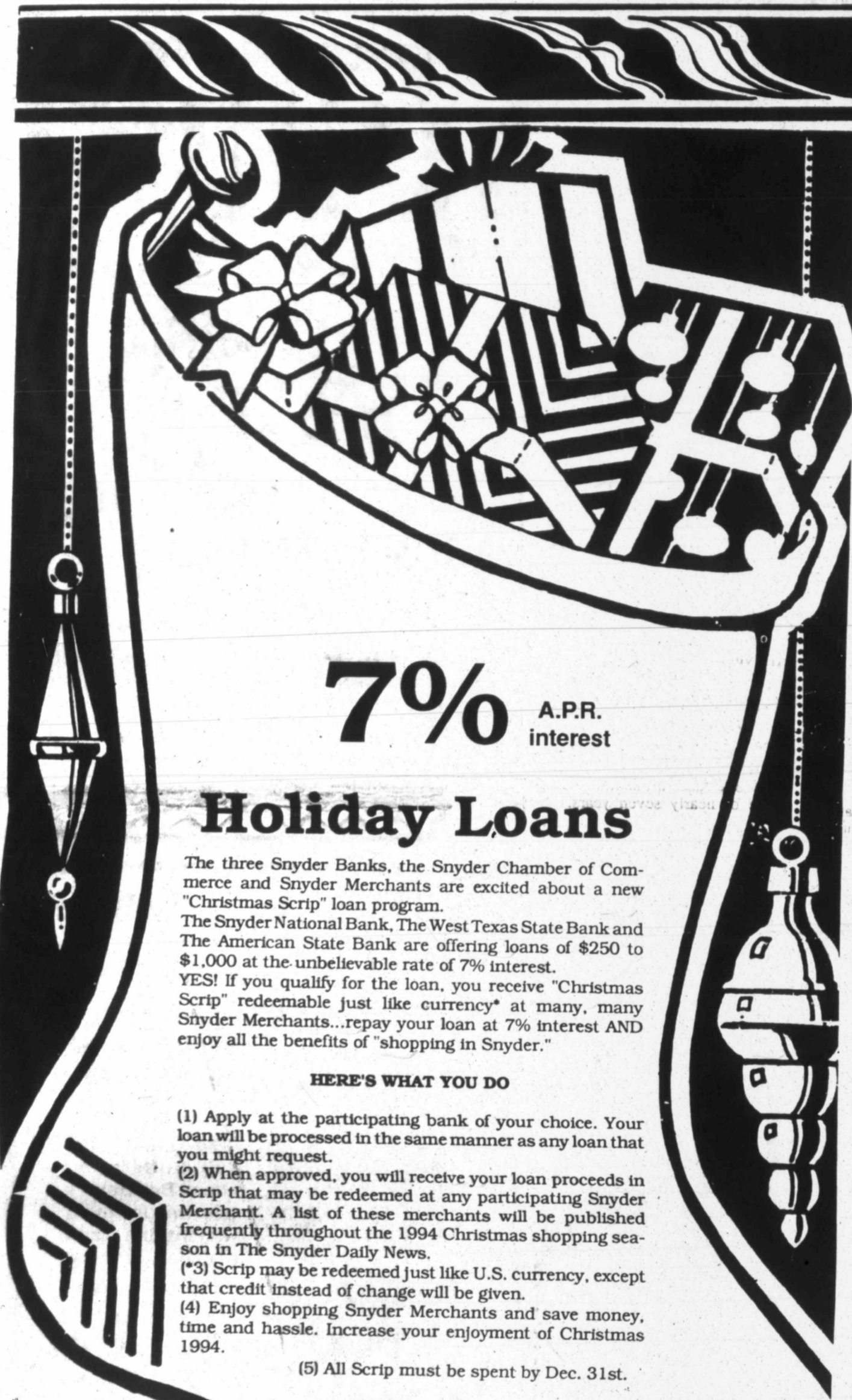
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## Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

### Abracadabra! Here's to your health

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

Do you believe in magic?

Of course not, you say; that's stuff for kids. But wait. We all want to believe in magic: for example, shortcuts to better health, youthfulness and improved athletic performance. This desire for an easy solution affects us all, unfortunately, and has led to a multi-billion dollar vitamin/health food/herbal/nutritional supplement/cosmetic industry.

Based in large part on clever and convincing advertising campaigns, promoters are rapidly persuading the American public that if people will only try an array of products, the consumers will live longer, healthier lives. According to authorities, this is magical thinking — expensive at best, dangerous at worst.

How, then, does an intelligent person choose between quackery and science, hustlers and experts? With difficulty, in many cases.

Now, however, there is a brand-new book that addresses this and similar issues in a forthright and detailed manner: "The Vitamin Pushers," by Stephen Barrett, M.D. and Victor Herbert, M.D., J.D. (Prometheus Books, Amherst, N.Y., \$26.95). This book should be required reading for every citizen and can be ordered by calling Prometheus Books' toll-free number (800-421-0351).

Barrett and Herbert begin by analyzing the current "vitamin craze" and documenting how the "health food" industry is selling America a bill of goods. One of the most notable examples of this is the "stress formula" con game, the basis of which is the incorrect assumption that Americans don't get enough vitamins in their food or that "stress" somehow leads to vitamin deficiencies. (Neither claim has been proven.) Several major pharmaceutical firms have been guilty of making unsubstantiated statements about their products.

Then Barrett and Herbert describe

plugs used by health-care confidence artists and how to spot quacks and pushers. This is followed by sections on dubious credentials, phony tests (such as hair analysis), specific fakes (such as homeopathic remedies), methods of marketing, and the exploitation of athletes. The authors name names and provide evidence that many of the health claims we assume to be valid are actually misleading or downright false.

"The Vitamin Pushers" debunks many scientifically unproven nutritional remedies, including naturopathy, macrobiotics, Chinese herbs, transcendental health foods, chiropractic nutrition, patent medicine pitchmen (such as Dr. Atkins), L-tryptophan, KM Matol, anti-oxidants, and the dangers of food additives.

Barrett and Herbert describe the "vitamin war," in which corporations battle to win consumers, and how everyday, mild-mannered pharmacists unknowingly get drawn into the fray — due, in part, to the enormous power exerted by the press, especially the tabloids.

Finally, the authors devote a chapter to the subject of where to get reliable advice about nutrition and how to avoid becoming prey to health fraud.

With so much contradictory information available to consumers, "The Vitamin Pushers" is a refreshing resource that counsels its readers about nutritional responsibility. This is more than a how-to book; it's also an expose of what's happening and what you can do about it.

Some of the authors' conclusions may shock, even infuriate, readers. However, the material is so meticulously researched and ably presented that it is sure to achieve its goals of educating us and enabling us to avoid being victims of a nationwide scam.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband uses the herb rutin to relieve hemorrhoid discomfort. Is this appropriate?

DEAR READER: No, it isn't. Herbal remedies have not been shown in

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 16 and suffer from hypoglycemia. I can't get much information about my problem around here and would like to know more about it.

DEAR READER: Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) is defined as a blood sugar level below 45 milligrams per deciliter in conjunction with symptoms, such as hunger, faintness, palpitations, and weakness. Also, the symptoms have to be corrected by consuming sugar in order to establish the diagnosis.

True hypoglycemia is very rare and is usually due to a glandular imbalance. In the past, hypoglycemia was a "fad" illness, used to explain chronic fatigue and other vague complaints. Therefore, most reputable practitioners are loath to diagnose this ailment without careful documentation.

If you do, indeed, suffer from hypoglycemia, you need further testing to define the cause. Such blood tests can be coordinated by an endocrinologist, a specialist in glandular disorders, who will also prescribe a low-sugar, high-protein, frequent-feeding diet.

For more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Hypoglycemia." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Curvature of the spine runs in my family. I'm over 70 and take 1,500 mg of oyster shell calcium with vitamin D daily. Because my fingernails break all the time, a friend suggested I take KAL bone meal with vitamin D. I now take one tablet daily but am unsure of the dosage. Am I taking too much calcium and is bone meal safe? Sign me "your favorite reader."

DEAR FAVORITE READER: Bone meal with vitamin D is safe to take along with your present calcium supplement. However, because you're unsure about the dose, I suggest that you ask your doctor about this.

Most experts recommend 1,500 to 2,500 milligrams of calcium supplements daily for post-menopausal women at risk of osteoporosis. (Women during their reproductive years need less, pregnant women need much more.) Although calcium supplements are harmless, it is not a guarantee that you'll avoid spinal curvature as you age.

If your doctor confirms that your bones are deficient in calcium (as determined by certain X-ray tests), he will have to consider more aggressive therapy, such as estrogen supplements or prescription drugs (Didronel and others) that stabilize bone formation. Your physician can guide you, or recommend an appropriate specialist.

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## Texas Women's University to admit men to programs

FORT WORTH (AP) — Another gender barrier has fallen as the Texas Woman's University regents have voted to admit men to all undergraduate degree programs for the first time in the school's 91-year history.

The regents voted 6-1 on Friday to change the admissions policy to allow men in all its 161 academic programs. The lone dissenting vote was cast by a male regent, Don Reynolds, who called the vote "agonizing."

About 100 angry protesters demonstrated against the proposal before the vote. Some held signs reading, "Support women at TWU. No new policy!" and "It's white male paranoia, stupid!"

TWU had been the larger of the last two state-supported universities in the nation with a predominantly female student body. The other, Douglass College in New Brunswick, N.J., has an all-female student body but shares faculty with Rutgers University.

The policy change is effective immediately, although the registration deadline for spring courses has passed. In March, men's applications will be accepted for admission to all undergraduate courses in the summer.

### Mother convicted of helping groom rape her daughter

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — A woman was convicted Friday of failing to notify police that her 7-year-old daughter had been beaten and raped by the woman's AIDS-infected groom at their wedding reception.

The child tested positive for the HIV virus. She and her mother are not being identified by The Associated Press to protect the child's privacy.

The 38-year-old woman was convicted of felony child endangerment and being an accessory to rape. She faces a maximum sentence of nearly seven years.

Frank Bridges, a former juvenile probation officer, was sentenced in June to 38 years in prison after admitting to five felony counts related to the Jan. 15 attack.

Bridges, 43, whose surname is different from his stepdaughter's, refused to testify against his wife at her trial.

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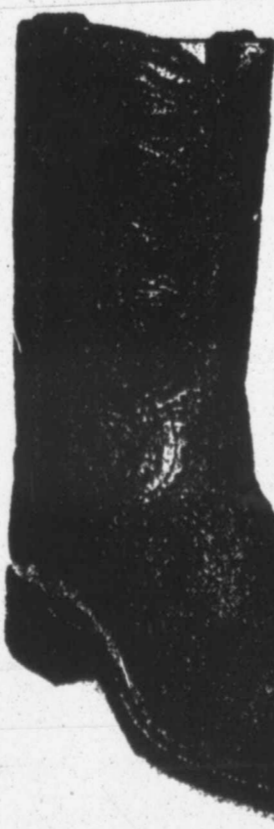
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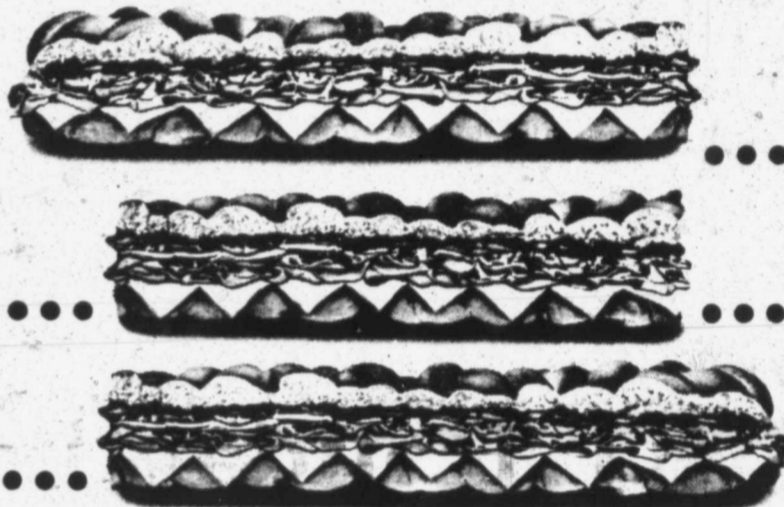
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A call in reference to several juveniles having a party and consuming alcoholic beverages in the 2300 block of 40th Street Friday resulted in the arrest of a 19-year-old juvenile male at 9:12 p.m. for public intoxication.

Three other arrests were made Friday and city police officers logged two arrests early Saturday morning.

A 24-year-old male was arrested at 12:35 a.m. Saturday from the 3000 block of Avenue T on outstanding warrants for family violence, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

A 46-year-old male was arrested in the 1300 block of 37th Street at 1:42 a.m. Saturday and charged with misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Arrests Friday include a 25-year-old male from the 2500 block of Hidetown at 5:13 p.m. where he was charged with driving while license suspended.

Arafat, Peres and Rabin receive Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Yasser Arafat, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres received the Nobel Peace Prize Saturday for their breakthrough in helping bring peace to the tormented Middle East.

Obituaries

Eula Limbaugh
1910-1994
Eula Limbaugh, 84, died at 10:45 a.m. Saturday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Bob E. Warren
1925-1994
ABILENE — Service is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Tye Baptist Church for Bob E. Warren, 69, who died Friday in an Abilene hospital.

Jesse Lemons
1912-1994
Services are set for 10 a.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church for Jesse Lemons, 82, of Snyder who died at 4:35 a.m. today in the Scenic Mountain Hospital in Big Spring.

Hospital Notes
ADMISSIONS: George Camp, Snyder Healthcare Center; Linda Garza, 905 27th; Lorene Henderson, Sweetwater.

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be at the chamber's discretion. "I think we should go with their decisions and let them manage it," the commissioner said.

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**TERRIFIC TURKEYS** — Teachers picked students with good citizenship and putting forth their best effort in class at Stanfield Elementary recently. From left are, first row, Justin Hertel, Amanda Alaniz, Logan Martin, Corie Hernandez, Danny White, Brooke Jackson, Tara Gilliland, Paul Hines; second row, Blake Robertson, Andrew Rollins, Jennifer Martinez, Rusty Smith Nicole Dabney, Luis Silva, Jessica Hallford,

Matthew Morris, Tanner Bloom, Phil Rice, Hope Cole, Kelsey Shaw; third row, Corinna Fouts, Ricky Delao, Brent Tyler, Justin Souder, Joshlyn Tovar, Ruben Salas, Courtney Cox, Clint Cooper, Andrea Rios, Cierra Stafford; top row, Natasha Gutierrez, Nathaniel Clarady, Alan Gray, Norma Ramirez, Chelsea Wood, Seth Coffey, Emily Pinkston and Kendra Martinez. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## Elders defends statements as opponents celebrate her firing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The foes of Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders' social views are celebrating her firing by President Clinton. But Elders, defiant to the end, said she does not regret saying school children should be taught about masturbation and suggested that her remarks were misinterpreted.

"People have taken a lot of things I've said in a most unusual way," she said Friday in a telephone interview from her home outside Washington.

Incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who has repeatedly assailed Elders' views, called her "a

remarkably destructive person" who has long deserved removal from office.

And Rep. Marge Roukema of New Jersey, the most senior Republican woman in the House, said, "Great! What took her so long?" after Clinton demanded and received Elders' resignation.

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said Clinton acted because Elders had ignored repeated warnings from administration officials to moderate her public statements. "This was one too many," he said.

He cited previous Elders statements in which she said the gov-

ernment should consider legalizing drugs, consider "teaching five-year olds to use condoms" and for saying that anti-abortion Catholics have "a love affair" with fetuses.

Her firing stemmed from her remarks Dec. 1 at a World AIDS Day conference in New York, when she was asked whether taboos about the public discussion of masturbation should be lifted.

Elders said: "As per your specific question in regard to masturbation, I think that is something that is a part of human sexuality and it's a part of something that perhaps should be taught. But we've not even taught our children the very basics. And I feel that we have tried ignorance for a very long time and it's time we try education."

Elders said on Friday she had intended to explain her belief that masturbation is a natural act that would have to be included in any comprehensive discussion about human sexuality. But she does not believe young people should be taught how to masturbate.

## Astro-Graph By Bernice Bede Osol



**Your Birthday**

Sunday, Dec. 11, 1994

In the year ahead, you will probably travel more than you have in the recent past. These trips will be of a practical nature and not necessarily of long duration.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You will feel inclined to take a few risks today and this can work to your advantage. Just make sure that your intentions are rational rather than foolish. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Conclude promising situations today instead of starting something new. Your biggest rewards may come from things you've already initiated.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** If you want to sway your opposition today, use a friendly, logical approach. You won't make much headway by forcing your views on others.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** A commission arrangement could work out very well for you today. Putting all your eggs in one basket would be a mistake, though.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** There is a fine line today between assertiveness and aggressiveness. Those around you can tell the difference. Don't be pushy or arrogant.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** A good friend needs help at this time, but he/she is too proud to ask for it. Determine who this person is from recent clues. Follow your compassionate instincts.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** A new interest is worthy of more attention than you've given it so far. Try to appreciate all of its possibilities today.

**CANCER (June 21-July 21)** A situation you've been evading is not as bad as you think it is. If you meet it head on, you'll discover this.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** If you can choose between mental or physical tasks today, use your mind rather than your muscles. You think better than you lift.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Changes due to chance should work out well for you today. Shifts you engineer yourself, however, might not.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your warm, cooperative personality is contagious today. Those around you will be encouraged to act in a similar manner.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** This could be a rewarding day because your sense of pride, not your ego, will dominate your behavior. Today you would happily sign your name to any of your projects.

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**Your Birthday**

Monday, Dec. 12, 1994

Secret ambitions you've had for quite some time may be fulfilled in the year ahead. Don't give up on them now.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Usually you're a good judge of character, but today you might meet someone who is not what you perceive him/her to be. You could be taken in, so be on guard.

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Today you might be the first one out of the starting gate, but as the day progresses, your motivation will begin to fade and you may lose your lead.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** If you want to impress others today, don't pretend to know more than you actually do or take positions you can't defend. No one likes a poseur.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Extravagant urges might surface again today: If your will power isn't strong, it'll be bad news for your budget.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** There might be an unusual amount of pressure on something you direct or manage today. You will have to be thick skinned and tenacious to get through the day.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Timing is extremely important today. Try to get information from your competition before tipping your hand.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** It would be best to stay out of the complicated affairs of a friend today. He/she may seek your advice in hopes of shifting the burden on to you.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Keep your objectives simple today. If you start adding whistles and bells, it could fall apart.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Resist using methods today which have proven unsuccessful in the past. Repeating mistakes may result in harsher penalties.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Someone who owes you a big favor might try to negotiate his/her way out of the debt. This individual is a good salesperson, so be careful.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** A smooth-talking associate might try to convince you to do something today that's not in your best interest. Think for yourself.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Maintain consistent work habits today. If you start early and finish what you begin, you'll meet your expectations.

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## Former congressman dies

JUNCTION (AP) — The death of former U.S. Rep. O.C. Fisher marks the passing of another figure from Texas' storied political past, when the state's congressional delegation held power unrivaled by other states.

Fisher, whose sprawling West Central Texas district was at one time one of the largest in the nation, died in a Junction hospital Friday. He was 91.

He represented the 21st Congressional District for 32 years before

open-heart surgery prompted him to decline re-election in 1974.

But he was part of a Texas congressional delegation that, during the 1950s, ruled both houses of Congress to a degree unmatched since.

A conservative Democrat, Fisher was first elected to the U.S. House in 1942, joining the Texas delegation led by House Speaker Sam Rayburn of Bonham.

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# Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

## Snyder man, 91, continues to bake and quilt

Born more than nine decades ago in Coryell County, C.O. "Connie" Haskins of Snyder picked more cotton on his family's farm than he cares to think about.

He once told his father that he "would never raise a bale of cotton." And, true to his word, he never did.

Instead, as a young man he went to work in the 1920 oilfield, hauling pipe and other material. He later worked as a garage hand in Breckenridge until 1926. At that time the prospect of a six weeks long job lured him back to the oilfield.

His work day then began at 5 p.m. and lasted nine hours. Besides hauling, he also repaired the truck he drove.

But what was expected to be a brief employment with Humble Oil Co., (now Exxon) actually turned into a career, with Haskins retiring in 1966. It gives him great pleasure to note that his combined work and retirement years have kept him on the oil company's payroll for 68 years.

Haskins, who celebrated his birthday last month, said he has a "firm grip on 91." A goal, he joked, is to "live to be 100." That would be quite an accomplishment, as he recently noted that members of his family usually only live into their 80s.

When asked what he attributes his longevity to, Haskins re-

sponded, "I've never smoked."

Though Haskins has been retired for 28 years, he has not stopped working. Steady hands and good eyesight allow him to bake — one of his specialties — and quilt, something that he first started doing as a young boy, and returned to a few years ago.

To Haskins, the best way to tell if a pecan pie is baked is "if it doesn't shimmy."

He also makes 12-inch block squares and pieces them on a sewing machine. He likes to make small quilts — which he gives

**"I have a firm grip on 91."**

away — because they take less time to make. But he has also made larger ones, including one which his wife, Estelle — who died in 1984 — made the pieces for. He also made a large one "from scratch."

As a young boy, Haskins quilted "on and off" and kept his quilts on roll up frames which could be let down as necessary.

He said he "took up quilting" again a few years ago, because he likes to keep busy and he enjoys making things he can give away.

But the best thing about quilting, he said, is that "it takes up

time" and "I don't have to get my hands dirty."

Haskins' answer for having nothing to do is, "I can always quilt."

He first learned to sew on a treadle sewing machine which his one surviving brother now has.

Before he married, Haskins also made a new top for a Model T he owned while living in Breckenridge.

Haskins has also perfected how to repair holes in his pants pockets, and occasionally repairs one for his neighbor.

Haskins was also an avid fisherman at one time, but quit when his wife died. She was "the real fisherman in the family," he said. Now, the boat they once used sits idle in his yard.

After he retired, Haskins said he tore down houses in Snyder for a while and used the lumber to build a fishing cabin near Breckenridge. He sold the cabin after his wife died.

He also helped his son build a 24-foot by 36-foot cabin in Midland after his son retired.

He also does carpentry work and in 1975 ordered a grandfather clock kit and put it together.

In his kitchen, he pointed with understandable pride to the top part of his cabinets, which he made himself, as well as the "new face" he put on the bottom part.

With his carpentry tools, Haskins said, "I can do anything I want to."

Living in Andrews, Haskins and his family moved to Snyder in 1957. Haskins said he wanted to transfer because he was looking for a good place to eventually retire.

Haskins was reared with four brothers and a sister. He lost two brothers to spinal meningitis when they were quite young and another

to the great flu epidemic of 1918. His surviving brother lives in East Texas. His sister lives in Breckenridge.

He said his mother was "so sure I was going to be a girl that she did not have a boy's name picked out." Instead, she compromised by naming him Connie Oliver.

Haskins has two sons, one daughter, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

One son, B.W., lives in Midland and retired from Exxon after 39 years. Another son was injured at birth and resides at the San Angelo State School.

A daughter, LaVoyne Newman,

lives in El Paso. Haskins will fly to El Paso this month to visit his family. This trip will make his first airplane ride.

One of his grandchildren, his son's youngest daughter, pumps for Exxon in Levelland.

One of Haskins' grandfathers fought in the Civil War.



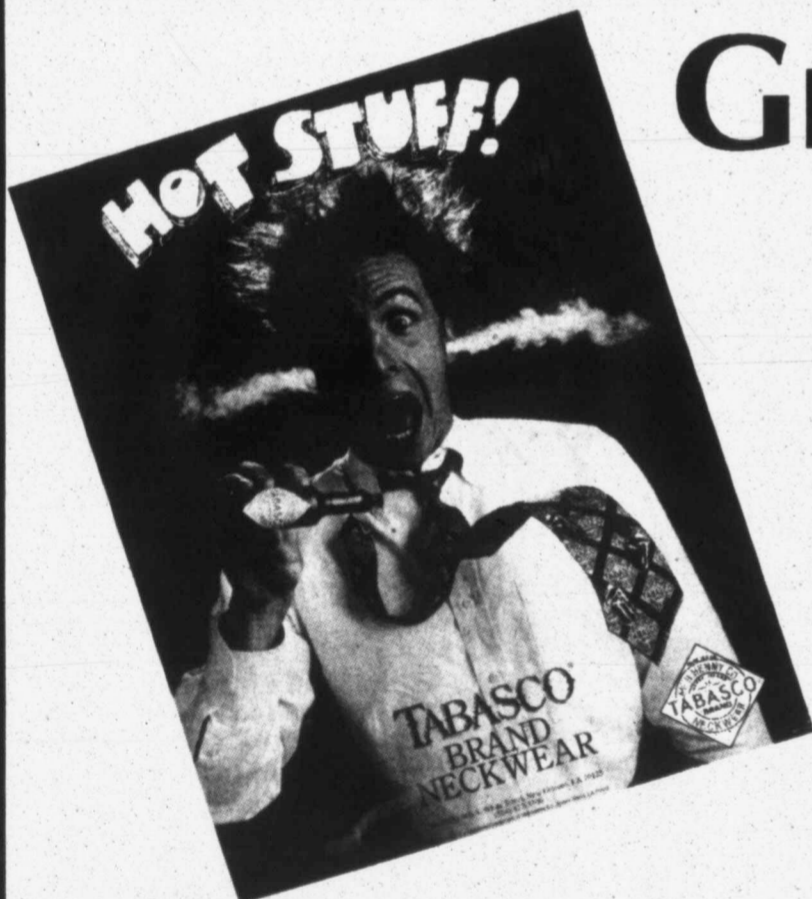
**QUILT MAKER** — Longtime Snyder resident, C.O. "Connie" Haskins displays one of the quilts he has made. He enjoys keeping busy and especially likes making smaller quilts because he has

more to give away. Haskins also likes to bake. A resident of Snyder since 1957, he worked for Exxon (formerly Humble Oil) since 1926, retiring in 1966. (SDN Staff Photo)

### The SDN Section B

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## Great Gift Ideas!



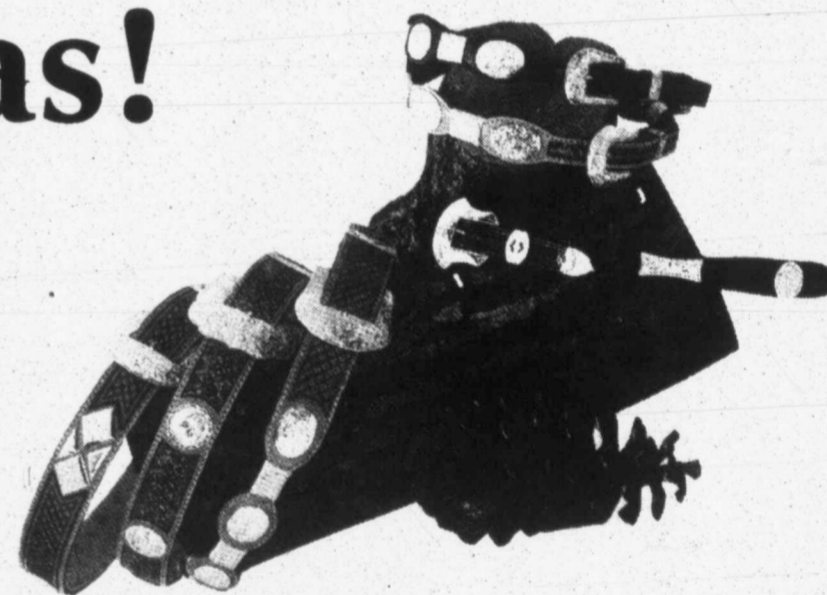
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**BRIDAL COURTESY** — Dayla Wall Church, bride-elect of Bert Merritt, was given a gift tea by several hostesses recently in the fellowship hall of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The couple plan a Jan. 28, 6 p.m. wedding at the church. From left are Dorris Martin, the future bride's grandmother; Doris Church, her grandmother from Abilene; Judy Church, her mother; the honoree; Doloris Merritt, the prospective groom's mother; Mildred Merritt, his grandmother; Teresa Wall the honoree's stepmother; and Libby Wall, her grandmother. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## Hunt for outdoorsman's gifts without spending big bucks

By RAY SASSER  
The Dallas Morning News  
**DALLAS** — Christmas looms on the horizon, and here are 12 days worth of gifts for the sportsman on your list. Forget about the partridge in a pear tree. Partridges, a name sometimes used for quail, are scarce in Texas this year.

— 1. A Tackle Logic tackle bag for the serious fisherman. This is the best traveling tackle system I've used. Its pockets will hold six transparent plastic boxes that can be labeled on the edges to quickly find what you're after. The inside compartment holds rain gear and other sundries.

The Tackle Logic bag is as nice as a piece of luggage. In fact, I've removed tackle boxes from mine and used it for an airline carry-on

bag. It costs about \$80. For as little as \$5, tackle boxes are available in all shapes and sizes and always make a good gift.

— 2. A belt tool for all occasions. A Gerber Sportsman's Tool comes with its own belt sheath and opens into 11 different tools. It cost about \$45 and is sturdy enough for serious jobs. Fishermen might find the needle-nose pliers on a Leatherman Tool handier and the Leatherman is slightly more compact. Also less expensive at about \$30.

— 3. A portable cellular phone, which makes good emergency insurance for a fishing boat or a hunting camp. I've had several phone calls from fishermen on area lakes this year and even got a cellular call from an antelope hunter who had just bagged a fine buck in New Mexico. The phones are free and the monthly rates vary, depending on which cellular program you choose.

— 4. Buck Quest, a challenging board game that should prove fun for off-season deer hunters or a diversion at the hunting camp. Conceived by Brady, Texas, sportsman Darrell Donaldson and David Pfister, players follow a "trail" through the woods by rolling dice and correctly answering questions about wildlife, firearms, safety, first aid and survival. Both Pfister and Donaldson are hunter safety instructors. Buck Quest costs \$24.95 plus tax, shipping and handling (\$31.01 total) by calling (800) 575-4868.

— 5. A subscription to a specialty magazine. A well-stocked magazine rack includes publications that cover the spectrum from hiking to white-tailed deer hunting to bass fishing to gun dogs. Most annual subscriptions cost \$15 to \$25.

— 6. Texas deer hunting camouflage. The so-called woodland camo patterns are so outmoded even the military has abandoned them. For deer hunting in mesquite for brush country, two made-in-Texas brands merge into the cover. Bushlan South Texas Camouflage was the first to use a mesquite pattern. Diamondback Camouflage made by Spider Oak Outfitters of Dallas uses the interesting snake scale pattern to effectively blend brush colors. Prices start at \$7.50 or so for caps.

— 7. Gifts from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Collection, a catalog that contains dozens of gift ideas from very affordable T-shirts and rock art stone coasters to a mesquite briefcase inlaid with a lone star for \$375. Call (800) 786-8644 for a catalog that includes 165 items.

— 8. Texas wildlife art. Dallas-based Collector's Covey, Highland Park Village, is the state's leading fine art publisher. Check out Ken Carlson's "Phantom of the Flats" whitetail print or David Drinkard's "Maverick Monster," the first in a series of paintings that depict historic Texas whitetails. Also any quail or duck hunting scene by John P. Cowan. All are Texas artists. Unframed, limited edition prints cost \$12 to \$150.

— 9. A good knife is always an appropriate gift. A Gerber 200 is a lightweight little folding knife of excellent quality. It measures just over two inches when closed and is compact enough to fit on a key chain so it's always handy. It costs about \$15.

— 10. A knife sharpener, since a sharp knife is more useful and less dangerous than a dull knife. Also since sharpening a knife is becoming a lost art. A Lansky or similar sharpening device holds the hone at the precise angle to guarantee a razor edge. The Lansky Sharpening Kit costs about \$30.

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## Tipping gathering highlights birthday

W.O. Tipping celebrated his 88th birthday at the annual Thanksgiving reunion dinner held recently in the Ira Community Center.

Attending were Ocie and Lorraine Tipping, Mickey and Joanne Sterling of Ira; James, Kathy Whitney and Laney Hedin, Rhonda Bryant and Haley Hayes, all of Carlsbad, N.M.; John and Jetonne Dill of Austin; Billie and Corkey Neyman of Lamesa; Jerry and Melisa Kurklin, Shana and Suzannah Parkerson, all of Idalou; Carl, Dana and Shana Harjo, Will Roy and Joyce Fulton, all of Fort Worth; Tim and Shonnah Miller of Lubbock; Tabatha Long of Azle; and Develva Sorrells of Snyder.

## Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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## The new magazine from Europe

By Phillip Alder

There are many independently published bridge magazines around the globe. Each struggles to make a profit. So why is Stein Aker, from Norway, starting a new magazine, called European Bridge? That is a good question. But apparently he already has 6,000 Scandinavian subscribers and the initial issue — in English — is excellent. In its 100 small pages there are articles for everyone, though most aim at the experienced club player.

Today's deal is from the instructive article by Berry Westra, who won the 1993 Bermuda Bowl. South gets to four hearts. West leads the spade nine: five, queen, four. East cashes the spade ace: jack, eight, 10. East switches to the diamond four: ace, jack, three. How should South continue?

It is interesting how much is known about the deal so early. It is clear that East started with the top three spades. Also, he surely has a diamond honor, because if West had the K-Q-J of diamonds, he would have led the king, not a spade from such a weak suit. Yet East couldn't open the bidding. So how can he have the heart queen? Answer: He cannot.

This points to the right line. South should cash the heart ace and follow with a low heart, finessing dummy's 10 when West plays low. The heart king is cashed and the clubs are run for 11 tricks.

European Bridge is available for \$35 per annum (six issues) seamount or \$45 airmail. Subscriptions may be ordered through The Bridge World, 39 West 94th Street, New York, NY 10025-7124.

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**MARRIAGE PLANS** — Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Alsop of Roby, formerly of Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moore of Clyde announce the approaching marriage of their children, Dale Alsop and Kandis Moore. The wedding is set for Jan. 21. Alsop is a graduate of Roby High School and Miss Moore is a graduate of Clyde High School. Both graduated from TSTC in Sweetwater with degrees in computer science. Alsop is employed at Dell Computer in Austin where the couple plan to make their home. (Contributed Photo)

## Snyder School Menu

### BREAKFAST MONDAY

Donut  
Assorted Cereal w/Toast  
Orange Juice  
Milk

### TUESDAY

Biscuit & Sausage  
Assorted Cereal w/Toast  
Fresh Orange  
Milk

### WEDNESDAY

Breakfast Pizza  
Assorted Cereal w/Toast  
Pineapple Juice  
Milk

### THURSDAY

Scrambled Eggs w/Toast  
Assorted Cereal w/Toast  
Milk

### FRIDAY

French Toast w/Syrup  
Assorted Cereal w/Toast  
Apple Juice  
Milk

### LUNCH MONDAY

Sausage Pizza  
Stuffed Potato w/Crackers  
Green Beans  
Pear Halves

### TUESDAY

Hamburger w/Fixins  
Steak Fingers w/Salad  
Potato Rounds  
Apple Cobbler

### WEDNESDAY

Turkey & Dressing w/Giblet  
Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Fruit Salad  
Hot Rolls

### THURSDAY

Sliced Roast Beef  
Sliced Ham  
Golden Potato  
Diced Carrots  
Hot Rolls

### FRIDAY

Lasagna w/Garlic Toast  
Oven Fried Chicken  
Buttered Corn  
Fruited Gelatin



**CELEBRATION** — A reception is set for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, in the Ira Community Center celebrating the 80th birthday of Opal Sorrells. Born Dec. 21, 1914, in Shackelford County, she moved to Scurry County in 1931. She was married to the late Marvin Sorrells. Her children and their families will host the event. They are Brenda Johnson of Sweetwater, Ray Sorrells of Ira and Sue Ely of San Angelo. The family asks the presence of friends and family in lieu of gifts. (Contributed Photo)

## Ins of eating out

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Eating away from home and food cooked in someone else's kitchen will be the main topic at The American Institute of Wine & Food's Twelfth International Conference on Gastronomy to be held Sept. 14-17, 1995, in Boston.

The conference will focus on the ins and outs of dining out in the '90s. Program sessions will include ethnic influences, take-out foods, wine and the dining experience, and food preparation and gender.

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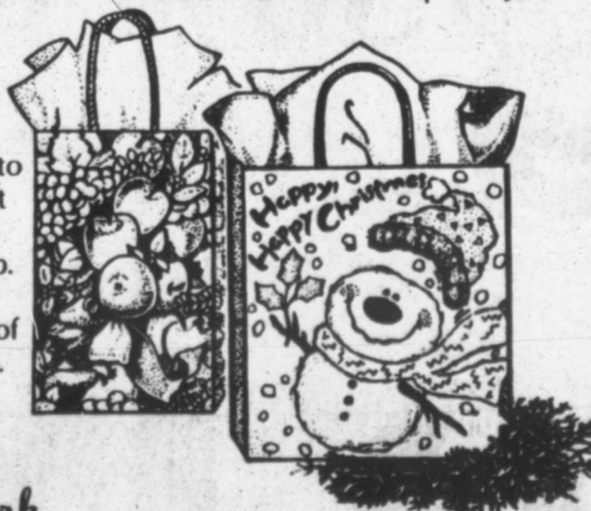
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## Community Calendar

### MONDAY

Patchwork Squares Extension Homemakers; 9:30 a.m.  
Storytime for 4- and 5-year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.  
White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 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.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; chamber of commerce board room; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 863-2349, 573-8626, 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

### TUESDAY

Plainview Extension Homemakers; 2 p.m.  
Beta Sigma Phi; 7 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club, call 863-2702 for meeting place; 7 p.m.  
Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in and meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

DIALOGUE Support Group; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.  
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

### WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141; 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Honey Do's Extension TAFCE; 9:30 a.m.  
Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m.  
SOS (Singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Life Center; 7 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.  
Co-dependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.  
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

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

### SATURDAY

Athenum couple's Christmas dinner; home of Bill and Martha Schiebel; 6:30 p.m.

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

### SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 863-2349 or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.  
Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.



**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED** — Mr. and Mrs. Don Farmer of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Deone Nicole, to Brent Roy Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roy Knight of Kingwood. Vows will be exchanged at 11 a.m. on Feb. 25 in the Perkins Chapel on the SMU campus in Dallas. (Contributed Photo)



**APPROACHING MARRIAGE** — Mr. and Mrs. George Adams of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sonya, to Steve Huisman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Huisman of Hot Springs, Ark. A Feb. 4 wedding is planned at the Highland Baptist Church in Waco. (Contributed Photo)

### Patrick Stewart, 'Trek' actor, in Yule play

NEW YORK (AP) — Patrick Stewart is time-traveling again.

Best-known to Star Trek fans as the futuristic Capt. Jean-Luc Picard, Stewart is on Broadway in a one-man version of "A Christmas Carol."

He was asked Sunday to read from an 1843 first edition of the Charles Dickens classic before 250 people at Christie's auction house. The fragile, gilt-edged volume had been sold for \$4,200.

Stewart held it for about 10 seconds, then gingerly put it down, saying "it makes me nervous."

Later, as he portrayed Scrooge, he forgot his lines, nodded toward the 19th-century book, and said, "Well, I can't open that and look at it!"

The palace of Versailles became a museum in 1837.

## Hermleigh School Menu

### BREAKFAST MONDAY

Juice  
Waffles/Syrup  
Milk

### TUESDAY

Fruit  
Buttered Oatmeal  
Toast  
Milk

### WEDNESDAY

Juice  
Pancake Pups  
Milk

### THURSDAY

Fruit  
Biscuit & Gravy  
Milk

### FRIDAY

Juice  
Cinnamon Toast  
Milk

### LUNCH MONDAY

Swiss Steak  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Mixed Vegetables  
Hot Rolls  
Blonde Brownies  
Milk

### TUESDAY

Barbecued Chicken  
Potato Salad  
Cole Slaw  
Hot Rolls  
Rainbow Jello  
Milk

### WEDNESDAY

Goulash  
Cream Style Corn  
Pickled Beets  
Hot Rolls  
Peanut Butter Bars  
Milk

### THURSDAY

Texas Hash  
Buttered Spinach  
Corn Bread  
Chilled Pears  
Milk

### FRIDAY

Turkey/Dressing/Giblet Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
English Peas  
Cranberry Sauce  
Hot Rolls  
Fruit Salad  
Milk

## Senior Center Menu

### MONDAY

Boneless Barbecue Ribs  
Black-eyed Peas  
Cream Style Corn  
Lettuce Wedge  
Baked Apple

### TUESDAY

Chicken Spaghetti  
Lima Beans  
Fried Squash  
Heavenly Delight Salad  
Texas Toast  
Refrigerator Cookies

### WEDNESDAY

Steak Fritter  
Cream Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Mixed Greens  
Tomato Wedges  
Pineapple Pudding

### THURSDAY

Christmas Dinner  
Chicken Cordon Bleu  
Asparagus  
Seasoned Baby Carrots  
Fresh Spinach Salad  
Potato Roll  
Coconut Pie

### FRIDAY

Fried Fish  
Cauliflower w/Cheese Sauce  
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Lettuce & Tomato Salad  
Chocolate Cake w/Chocolate Icing

### 'The Swan Princess'

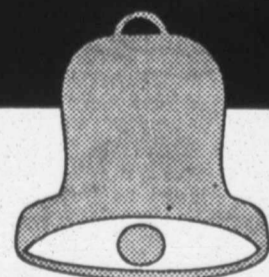
NEW YORK (AP) — Sony Wonder is releasing the original soundtrack and a book-audiotape adaptation of "The Swan Princess," New Line Cinema's animated musical feature film.

Among the film's original songs included on the soundtrack is the duet, "Far Longer Than Forever." The 16-page, full-color storybook and audio cassette also features selected songs as well as narration by Corey Burton.

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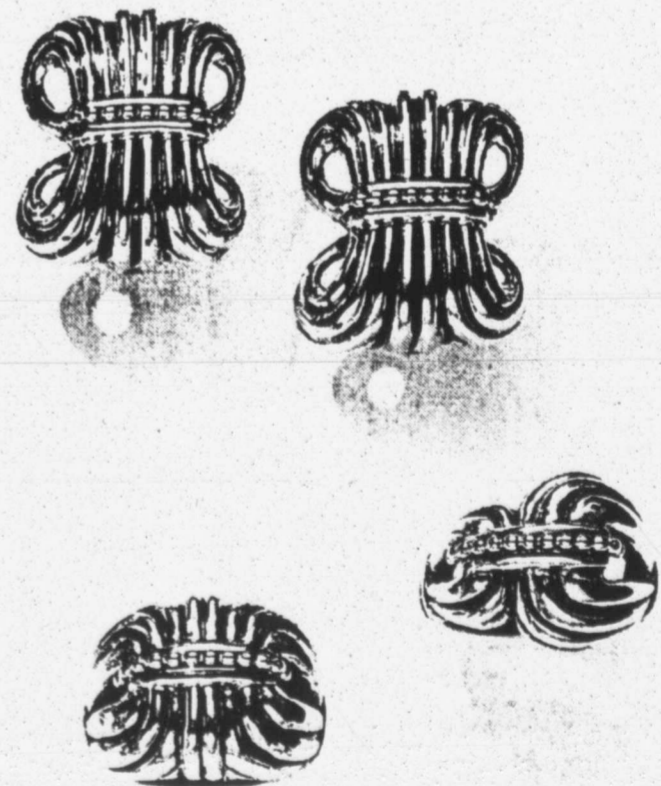
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**GIFT SHOWER** — Jennifer Carter and her fiancé, Brian Sitton, were honorees at a gift shower recently in the Baptist Student Ministries Building. They plan to marry at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 in the First Baptist Church at Pflugerville. From left are LaOma Floyd, aunt of the future

groom; Patsy Sitton, his mother; Brian and Jennifer, both of Waco; Shirley Carter, mother of the future bride from Pflugerville; and Bobbie Woolever, aunt of the prospective groom. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



**WREATHS, CENTERPIECES** — Alpha Study Club members met recently at the Martha Ann Woman's Club for a yule decorations program by Sue Travis, owner of Travis Flowers. She demonstrated construction of wreaths, wall hang-

ings, centerpieces and many other festive decorations. From left are Travis, Pearle Waller and Elizabeth McCloskey, hostesses. The next Alpha Study Club meeting will be Jan. 3, 1995 at MAWC. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Festively decorated...

## Reed home in Sunday tour

Miniatures are big in Herbert and Ramona Reed's home. Since she began collecting them in 1986, she has filled two scale-model houses, four one-room set-ups, and built a Christmas village using materials from a kit. The Reeds' home will be included on the Tour of Homes scheduled from 2-4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The Reeds built their house at 2500 32nd Street in 1969. Herbert gave her the first scale-model house, a farm house, as a Christmas gift. It sits on a table in front of sun-filled south windows in the kitchen-dining area. It can be rotated on a turntable so viewers can see either the front or back side.

One-room structures nearby portray a dressmaker's shop, a general store, a school room and a church with its own tiny Christmas tree. Just down the hall in the guest room is a Victorian wedding house furnished with everything from the bridal gown to dirty dishes in the sink. This is the newest addition to the collection and Mrs. Reed has only recently brought it in from her workshop for display. Another conversation piece in the room is an antique wardrobe.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Reed are Scurry County natives and she chose local names to go on the buildings in her Christmas village. There is the Loyd Mountain school, Pick and Pay Grocery that was once located on the east side of the square, and the RS&P Depot on 25th Street. The buildings do not look like the original structures but people who remember the originals get a special enjoyment out of reading the signs. Historic Scurry County Inc. and



**UNIQUE DISPLAY** — Ramona Reed's hobby is miniatures and her love for them is displayed throughout her home including two large homes she calls her farm home and a Victorian wedding house. She is pictured beside her three story wedding house. The Herbert and Ramona Reed home is included in the Tour of Homes Sunday. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

the County Historical Commission are hosting the Sunday Tour of Homes and Open House in the Cornelius-Dodson House and Dermott School on the Scurry County Coliseum grounds from 2-4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for both the tour and open house and can be purchased at any house or

at the Dermott School. Proceeds go for the upkeep of the house and school.

Other homes on the tour are those of Ralph and Nance Lewis at 1912 29th Street, Marvin and Julie Sentell at 3101 Avenue X, and Ray and Betty Courtney on the Roby highway.

### Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

### Calling all peach, blueberry pies

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

**DEAR READERS:** We have requests from S. Fletcher of Ashford, Conn., and Janet Vogel of Ocala, Fla. Both have written in response to a letter from Dorothy Davis of Doylestown, Pa.

Dorothy said she had good recipes for peach and blueberry pies. Both S. and Janet were wondering if Dorothy would share her recipes. If she does, we'll print them.

We have mountains of FEEDBACK, so the rest of this column is devoted to sharing it.

**DE-FUZZING COTTON BATH TOWELS** — Laura T. Mercer of St. Charles, Ill., asked for a "secret" formula for de-fuzzing the new super-plus 100 percent cotton bath towels.

Valerie of Mount Prospect, Ill., writes, "Use a coarse boar bristle or natural fiber hairbrush. Make sure the bristles are set close together. Another purpose for this brush is to freshen up plush toys. You can give your old teddy bear a good dusting off with one of these."

**COFFEE STAINS** — V.B. of Bucks County, Pa., learned about the benefits of club soda from an American Airline hostess. "I spilled coffee on a

polyester/cotton white skirt. The hostess said to sponge with club soda. This was a fresh stain. I have since used club soda on dried coffee stains, rubbed, allowed to stand then washed as usual."

**FINAL WORD ON KEEPING WHITE CANVAS SHOES WHITE** — Several readers wrote to suggest spraying white canvas shoes with Scotchgard before wearing the first time and after each washing.

**SOME HINTS FROM BETSY HARTMAN OF BATON ROUGE, LA: HER FORMULA FOR REMOVING STAINS FROM WASHABLES**

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**THE ADDRESS OF EFREM ZIMBALIST JR.:** Helen Woodward of Elkton, Mich., was looking for this,

and Donna Cloyd of Waterloo, Iowa, writes that he has a daily program on Trinity Broadcasting Network. His address is: Efrem Zimbalist Jr., in care of Trinity Broadcasting Network, P.O. Box A, Santa Ana, CA 92711-2101.

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings are co-authors of "Ask Anne & Nan" (Whetstone) and "Dear Anne and Nan: Two Prize Problem-Solvers Share Their Secrets" (Bantam). To order, call 1-800-888-1220.

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ASK ANNE & NAN



### Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Dot Casey directed three days for the Duplicate Bridge Club at the Snyder Country Club.

**FRIDAY**

Nine tables.

**N-S**

- Ena Carroll, Sue Mize.
- Dot Casey, Tizzy Hall.
- Ann Davis, Anita Talbott.
- Billisue Stuard, Mary Ann Key.

**E-W**

- Maribeth Vestal, Margaret

**Birdwell.**

- Margaret Costin, Warren Costin.
- Polly Ballard, Verdi Kimbro.
- TIE: Gwen Sealy, Mal Stevenson and Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.

**SUNDAY**

- Barbara Yorgesen, Rube McKinley
- Dot Casey, Louise

- Ann Davis, Mal Stevenson.
- Nona Morrison, Polly Ballard.

**TUESDAY**

Four tables.

- Rube McKinley, Louise Thompson.
- Verdi Kimbro, Anita Talbott.
- Dot Casey, Margaret Birdwell.
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# "Family Focus"

By James C. Dobson, Ph.D.



**Question:** I've read that it is possible to teach 4-year-old children to read. Should I be working on this with my child?

**Dr. Dobson:** If a preschooler is particularly sharp, and if he can learn to read without feeling undue adult pressure, it might be advantageous to teach him this skill. Those are big "ifs," however. Few parents can work with their own children without showing frustration over natural failures.

Besides this limitation, learning should be programmed at the age when it is most needed. Why invest unending effort in teaching a child to read when he has not yet learned to cross the street, tie his shoes, count to 10, or answer the telephone? It seems foolish to get panicky over preschool reading, as such.

The best policy is to provide your children with many interesting books and materials, to read to them and answer their questions, and then to let nature take its unobstructed course.

**Question:** If retention and summer school do not solve the problem of the slow learner, what can be done for these children?

**Dr. Dobson:** Let me offer three suggestions that can tip the scales in favor of the slow-learning child.

1. Teach him to read, even if a one-to-one teacher-student ratio is required (and it probably will be). Nearly every child can learn to read, but many boys and girls have difficulty if taught only in large groups. Their minds wander, and they do not ask questions as readily.

Certainly, it would be expensive for the school to support an additional number of remedial reading teachers, but I can think of no expenditure that would be more helpful. Special techniques, teaching machines and individual reinforcement can be successful in teaching reading to the children who are least likely to learn without individual attention.

This assistance should not be delayed until the fourth or fifth grades or until junior high. By those late dates the child has already endured the indignities of failure.

Many school districts have implemented creative programs to focus on reading problems. One such program, the "ungraded primary," eliminates the distinction between students in the first three grades.

Instead of grouping children by age, they are combined according to reading skill. Good readers in the first, second and third grades may occupy the same classes. Poor readers are also grouped together. This procedure takes the sting out of retention and allows children to profit from the benefits of homogenous grouping.

Another system is called the "split reading" program. In this method, the better half of the readers in a given class arrive at school 30 minutes early to be taught reading. The poorer half of the readers remain a half-hour later each evening for the same purpose.

There are many such programs that have been devised to teach reading more effectively. And of course, parents who are concerned about their child's basic academic skills may wish to seek tutorial assistance.

Let me state it more explicitly: It is absolutely critical to your child's self-concept that he learn to read early in his school career, and if professional educators can't do the job, someone else must!

2. Remember that success breeds success. The best motivation for a slow learner is to know that he is succeeding. If the adults show confidence in him, he will be more likely to have confidence in himself. We tend to act the way we think other people "see" us.

3. The slow learner needs individual attention in all of his academic work, which can only be given by teachers who have relatively small classes. He also needs access to audio-visual approaches to learning, including the latest in computer technology.

The inordinate expense of such programs is a reality we must face in view of the current financial crisis in the schools, but the slow learner's program is dependent on receiving an enriched experience that does not often occur in the traditional classroom.

*This column is brought to you courtesy of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. These questions and answers are excerpted from the book Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions. Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Correspondence to Dr. Dobson should be addressed to: Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. (c), 1982, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.*

# In Japan's 'Apple town,' U.S. imports threaten way of life

HIROSAKI, Japan (AP) — It's the apple of farmer Kunihiko Saito's eye, plump, perfect — and pricey. A picky shopper in Tokyo will pay up to \$6 for a single flawless fruit.

"Here, have one," Saito said, proffering the juicy halves of a red Fuji apple.

But along with the chill blasts from Siberia that signal the end of autumn harvest, a new wind is blowing for Japan's apple growers.

Beginning next month, apples from Washington state will go on sale in Japan. And that could change the way of life in Hirosaki, 360 miles north of Tokyo, Japan's self-proclaimed "apple hometown."

Japanese farmers have been growing apples in this isolated northern valley since 1872, when the first seeds were brought to Japan by Europeans.

Over the generations, it has become almost an art form.

Japanese farmers painstakingly remove each leaf around an apple's stem to ensure uniform color. On the trees, little bags are placed around each and every apple to ensure even redness and prevent little nicks caused by brushing against branches in the wind.

Naturally, perfection has its price. A bargain bag of six apples in Tokyo costs around \$5. A perfect specimen of an expensive variety like the Mutsu — a gorgeous pale-red giant weighing more than a pound — can go for \$6 apiece at a fancy department store.

"This is Japanese culture," said Tokuei Kimura, president of the Aomori Apple Association. Japanese consumers, he said, don't want apples with scratches or uneven color, even if they taste fine.

But in Japan, which is just beginning to recover from a deep recession, consumers have lately become much more receptive to discounted goods. Even with the country's complex and cost-adding distribution system, Washington state apples could sell for 20 percent or 30 percent less than the cheapest homegrown ones.

The arrival of the American fruit caps a negotiating process nearly as painstaking as growing apples here.

Although it ostensibly opened its apple market in 1971, Japan had always banned U.S. apples on the pretext that they contained pests not found in Japan. The issue became a major source of trade tension.

The breakthrough came in August after Tokyo sent inspectors to Washington state, the chief U.S.

apple grower, and gave the green light to Golden and Red Delicious apples.

The first Delicious apples are set to arrive in Japan on Jan. 9, and more U.S. varieties may win approval later.

As he and his family hand-pick the last of their crop from the trees on their hillside plot, Saito wonders whether this harvest marks the end of an era.

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# Japan approves U.S. decision to scrap atomic bomb stamp

TOKYO (AP) — Survivors of the World War II atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Japanese government officials Friday hailed a U.S. Postal Service decision to scrap plans for a stamp depicting a nuclear explosion.

Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama said he was grateful to the United States "for understanding our position as the only country

victimized by an atomic bomb." Sunao Tsuboi, acting director of the 30,000-member Hiroshima Prefectural Confederation of A-bomb Survivors Organizations, welcomed the U.S. decision as a step in the right direction.

"But we should strive for narrowing the perception gap between our countries about the bomb between through dialogue," Tsuboi said.

The controversial stamp, which depicts a mushroom cloud over the caption "Atomic Bombs Hasten War's End, August 1945," sparked angry protests from Japanese officials, bomb survivors and anti-nuclear activists.

The Postal Service initially defied the stamp, one of a set of 10 stamps marking the 50th anniversary of the final year of World War II.



**WINS CAR** — Mary Lou Scott of Snyder won a 1995 KIA Sephia from KPLX 99.5 during the Texas State Fair. Big Billy Barrett and Mike O'Dell made the presentation. (Contributed Photo)

# Gingrich, still unknown, but already a 'polarizing figure'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newt Gingrich's early public reviews suggest he is on a path to becoming the most polarizing major figure in American politics, a distinction some Republicans worry could ultimately hurt the party.

In making this point, independent pollsters and some Republicans draw a comparison to President Clinton and data showing that support for policy positions slips when Clinton's name is attached.

But that dynamic is far more likely to affect a president than the speaker of the House, the job Gingrich, R-Ga., will assume Jan. 4. And in any event, the public's questions about Gingrich don't appear to have adversely affected its view of the GOP agenda.

A Times Mirror Center for the People and the Press survey released this week, for example, showed 52 percent supported the Republicans' plans while 28 per-

cent opposed them and 20 percent weren't sure.

But the same survey suggested Gingrich is not sharing in the glow of the Republican election victory: 25 percent said they have a favorable opinion of him, while 28 percent had an unfavorable view. Thirty percent said they had never heard of Gingrich, and 17 percent said they didn't know enough to offer an opinion.

Given Gingrich's prominent media profile since the election, it is somewhat surprising that nearly one-third of the public says it has never heard of him. But just five months ago, 65 percent said that, so his name identity is rising rapidly.

In May 1990, by comparison, nearly half of Americans had never heard of Rep. Thomas Foley, who by then had been House speaker for nearly a year.

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# CDC study finds high health costs for poor, uneducated

ATLANTA (AP) — Americans who never graduated from high school are more likely to smoke, live a sedentary life and be overweight than more educated people — no matter what their race, federal health officials say.

The report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is the first major study of education

on the health of all races in the United States, said Nora Keenan, an epidemiologist with the center.

It found that the correlation between health and education — first noted in whites — existed across the board, Keenan said.

Smoking, excess weight and lack of exercise put people at risk for heart disease, stroke, diabetes

and cancer — which account for about 70 percent of all deaths in the United States.

And people with less than 12 years of education were most likely to engage in those high-risk behaviors, the study found.

Keenan said the findings should alter how officials develop public health messages to reach those at highest risk as well as members of particular ethnic groups. For example, a pilot study to reach overweight black women used ethnic foods and materials and had black women as group leaders, she said.

## Infant mortality rate drops, but still higher than others

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's infant mortality rate dropped to an all-time low in 1993, although the rate is still higher than that of 21 other countries, the government's record-keepers reported Thursday.

There were also indications of a slight drop in life expectancy for newborns, according to provisional figures from the National Center for Health Statistics. Babies born in 1993 were expected to live 75.5 years, down from 1992's all-time high of 75.8 years.

University of Michigan School of Public Health, the author of the article, said more couples appear to be living together.

The infant mortality rate fell to 8.3 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1993, a decline from 8.5 deaths per 1,000 the year before.

Wegman said life expectancy fell because of an influenza epidemic in 1993 and because of higher death rates from pneumonia, influenza and chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases.

But almost a third of babies born in 1993 are expected to reach age 85.

While the report on the provisional figures for 1993 was appearing in the American Academy of Pediatrics' journal, the National Center for Health Statistics also released final mortality statistics for 1992.

A report in the Journal Pediatrics said that one in every five women was childless in 1992, up sharply from one in nine in the 1970s.

The number of marriages in 1993 was the smallest since 1979. Dr. Myron E. Wegman of the Uni-

A CHRISTMAS ON SANTA STREET by Delaine and Rasmussen



# Rival governors both claim to represent all of Chiapas

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — As Mexico's president hugged the newly sworn-in governor of the impoverished state of Chiapas, thousands of Indian and peasant protesters held another "inauguration" for their own candidate.

Amado Avendano Figueroa of the leftist Democratic Revolutionary Party says he is the true representative of Chiapas, but was robbed of victory through vote fraud and ballot stuffing by the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI).

"There will be two governments in Chiapas," Avendano said in an interview before his "inauguration" Thursday in a colorful Mayan ceremony before 6,000 supporters.

Indian elders sang and danced under clouds of fragrant incense smoke. They handed Avendano the symbol of authority in many Mayan communities — the "bas-

tion de mando," a long wooden stick decorated with streams of multi-colored ribbons.

Avendano called for a "totally new Chiapas" and a new constituent assembly made up of members from Indian villages. The crowd responded with chants of: "The people voted, Amado won!"

But official figures gave PRI candidate Eduardo Robledo Rincon 51 percent of the vote in the Aug. 21 election. Robledo took the oath of office Thursday in the state capital of Tuxtla Gutierrez, despite the protests and threats of a new uprising by Indian rebels.

The continuing unrest is the first crisis for new President Ernesto Zedillo's week-old government. The new president, who gave Robledo a bear hug after the ceremony, said his attendance was designed to promote peace in Chiapas.

"I come here to express my firm belief that we must and shall achieve peace and justice through dialogue, through negotiation," he said in a speech after the inauguration.

Robledo repeated an offer to resign immediately if guerrillas of the Zapatista National Liberation Army — who launched the New Year's Day rebellion — disarm. At least 145 people were killed in fighting with the army before the government called a cease-fire on Jan. 12.

The Zapatistas had said Rincon's inauguration would void an 11-month cease-fire, but there were no immediate reports of violence.

Avendano, who finished second with 34 percent, prepared Thursday to set up his parallel government in the City Theater, with Zapatista support.

"This is my first office," he said, sitting on a cement step outside the theater and laughing. "I don't even have a desk or a chair."

The 60-year-old lawyer and publisher of the El Tiempo newspaper wears a patch over one eye, the souvenir of a July 25 car collision that killed his nephew and two campaign organizers. His bro-

ken ribs still ache in the cold. The state Attorney General called it a "lamentable accident," but Avendano insists it was an attempt on his life.

El Tiempo, which Avendano's wife co-publishes, contained some of the most complete early coverage of the Zapatista revolt beginning on Jan. 1 and received the first statements issued by the rebels.

Avendano came to support Zapatista demands for democracy and sweeping reforms to improve the lives of the state's Indian peasants.

"What Chiapas needs is a new social pact that achieves peace with justice, democracy, legitimacy, social reform, reconciliation and well-being," he said.

## More executions occurred in 1993

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ten states carried out death sentences against 37 prisoners in 1993, when death rows nationwide held 2,716 inmates at year's end.

The previous record was the 31 prisoners put to death in 1992. Thus far this year, 30 people have been executed.

Sixteen of last year's executions were in Texas. There were five in Virginia, four in Missouri, three in Florida and two each in Arizona, Delaware and Georgia. California, Louisiana and Washington executed one prisoner each.

The Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics said Thursday that 2,716 people were under death sentences nationwide at the end of 1993. Of that total, 57.7 percent were white, 40.8 percent were black and less than 1 percent each were Indian or Asian-American.

Thirty-five women and 206 Hispanics were under death sentence.

A total of 225 prisoners were executed in 21 states from 1976, when the Supreme Court allowed states to resume using the death penalty, through 1993. Fourteen states and the District of Columbia do not allow capital punishment.

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Indian Ink Leasing Inc. and Johnny Wall, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Tennessee Pipeline Construction Co., 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Julia D Ann Rathel, 1995 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Ronald G. Hall and Martha Salas, 1994 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Hoyt Dillard, 1995 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Rozel Huntsman, 1995 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Michael Brown, 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

C.M. Russell Operations and Carl M. Russell Sr., 1995 Oldsmobile from Big Country Autoland.

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Howard Zimmerman, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

**Marriage License**

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J.L. White of Snyder and Doretha Janell Turner of Big Spring.

Rafael Guzman Espinosa and Alejandra Alonzo Torres, both of Snyder.

Darmon Scott Reynolds and Karen Jean Watts, both of Snyder.

Raymond Eladio Flores and Monica Janet Terrazas, both of Snyder.

Joe Dan Collier and Susan Rene Harty, both of Dunn.

**Action in District Court**

John T. and Jackie Smith vs. Bobby Ashcraft and Howard Drain, final judgment for plaintiffs.

In the marriage of Abelia Espinosa and Manuel L. Espinosa, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Kyle David Shankles and Carroll Denece Shankles, divorce granted.

In the marriage of David Charles McKinney and Zeena June McKinney, divorce granted.

**Deed Records**

State of Texas to James R. Patterson, Lot 11 in Block 31 of the W.L. Gross Subdivision.

Annette Blum Mulkey to Gary Bouher, 0.38 of an acre tract out of Block 80 of the Scarborough

Addition.

Walter H. and Bobbie Gene Coonrod to Douglas Hugh and Donise Coonrod, a one-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 133, Block 97, H&TC survey.

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Timothy Wayne and Diana Lee Riggan to Michael W. and No-reene Taylor, Lot 2 in Block 1 of the Cedar Creek Addition.

Pilar and Maria Luna to Ascension and Joe Richard Luna, 0.38 of an acre out of Section 119, Block 97, H&TC survey.

James Vohn Bishop, guardian of the estate of Elizabeth Ann Bishop, et al, to Russell E. Jones, all of Lots 7 and 8 of the H.F. Murray Subdivision of Block 39 and 42 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Emma Huffman to Glenn Huffman Jr., Jimmy T. Huffman and Patsy L. Massey, all of Lot 6 in Block A of the Highland Park Addition.

Alfred and Irma Alderette to Warren G. Tabor, all of Lot 24 in Block 2 of the Cullum Addition.

## Top three leaders of new House are from the South

By JILL LAWRENCE  
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The South is rising again on Capitol Hill.

Conservative Southern Republicans intent on shaking up Congress are chasing away the ghosts of the powerful Southern Democrats who once dominated the landscape.

The top three leaders of the new House are from the South, as are the chairmen of some key committees. In the Senate, a Mississippian ousted a Westerner from the No. 2 leadership post. The strict Senate seniority system, meanwhile, will put elderly Southerners in charge of the Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees.

The regional resurgence signals changes in both politics and policy. There are more Southern Republicans than ever, and they often reflect the country's most conservative leanings on fiscal and social issues.

The November midterm elections were a breakthrough for Republicans in the 11-state South from Virginia to Texas. The GOP now holds a majority of Senate and House seats in the region — 64 of 125 in the House, 13 of 22 in the Senate.

"They've never been able to achieve that before. And there's still considerable potential for more Republican seats in the South," said Earl Black, a Southern politics specialist at Rice University.

Some Southerners say it's taken over 100 years for their region to forgive the Republican Party for the Civil War and its aftermath. Disillusionment with Democrats began with the civil rights movement, and has gradually trickled down from the presidential to the congressional level.

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The trend has been reinforced by what some see as a reversal in party roles. The GOP, long faithful to business interests, is now viewed by many as a populist party. And its increasing social conservatism in recent years is compatible with prevailing Southern cultural attitudes toward religion, the military and other institutions.

But the major driving force behind the shift, according to political scientists, is suburban sprawl and the conservative economic attitudes it spawns wherever it occurs.

"This is the rise of the suburban middle-class Republican. All these leaders and committee chairs — that's the type of district they're from," said Black. "The themes they emphasize aren't necessarily Southern."

At the head of lineup are incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia and incoming Majority Leader Richard Armitage of Texas, both of them Northern transplants who represent affluent suburban districts.

On the Senate side, Trent Lott of Mississippi ousted Alan Simpson of Wyoming for the No. 2 whip job. But Lott, like his close ally Gingrich, has a national, rather than Southern, vision of conservatism.

South Carolina's Strom Thurmond, 92, a 40-year veteran, will chair the Senate Armed Services Committee. The other Southern chairman will be North Carolina's Jesse Helms, 73, who is inflaming political passions as he prepares to head the Foreign Relations Committee.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Jill Lawrence is covering the congressional transition for The Associated Press.

## Will changing how Congress works change the outcome?

By WALTER R. MEARS  
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whatever the game, the rule makers decide how it is going to be played, which is exactly what House Republicans are doing.

And there's hard ball coming up when the Republican 104th Congress meets in a month, with the promise of its House leaders to act within 100 days on 10 major bills, among them tax cuts, defense increases and welfare reform.

Republicans are pledged to do it under open rules, permitting amendments as the measures are debated, instead of the restricted procedures that had become standard under Democratic control.

That will take time and will be far more difficult than stifling or sharply limiting dissenting efforts to change them.

Republicans demanded that right — to no avail — during their 40 years in the minority. Now in charge, they say they will grant what they were denied.

Revenge isn't on the agenda, the incoming majority leader, Rep. Richard Armitage of Texas, has said.

No vindictiveness, says Rep. David Dreier of California, overseeing the reorganization of House committees in the new Congress. He'd been working on a bipartisan reform effort for two years, but its work was scrapped even though the Democrats voted to undertake it in the first place.

The changes coming now on open rules, proxy voting in committee and GOP decisions to drop committees and realign the duties of others sound like Beltway insider stuff. But the process shapes the product, especially in a divided government in which a Democratic president will have to sign what a Republican Congress does if it is to become law.

The most drastic changes are coming in the House. Republicans controlled the Senate for six years, until 1986, so they've been on top before. But no GOP member of the new House ever has been part of

the majority.

Ironically, some of the things that are being changed now are the backfired handiwork of an earlier generation of Democratic reformers.

Twenty years ago, they took away the power of the House Rules Committee to send bills to the floor under closed rules that either prevented amendments or determined in advance what could be proposed and what could not.

That was a revolt against both the Rules and Ways and Means committees, the tax-writing panel that was automatically able to bar changes in what it had drafted.

But the minority Republicans soon spotted the opening, and began offering amendment after amendment to slow the Democratic measures they lacked the votes

to stop. To counter that, Democrats turned to what they called the modified closed rule, limiting and specifying amendments that could be offered.

It worked, and there's no guarantee it won't work next year against the Democrats, now that they're on the outside. Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich says he wants to go back to the style of Sam Rayburn, the Mr. Speaker of another era, who ran the show without bars against dissenting amendments.

"We will have open rules for the first 100 days," Gingrich said, except on tax bills, on which amendments will be limited, but Democratic leaders will be entitled to seek and get votes on proposed changes.

## Dinosaur's remains said oldest discovered in state

DALLAS (AP) — Dinosaur bones unearthed from a road embankment are among the oldest found in North America, say scientists who link the discovery to similar remains in China.

A Southern Methodist University professor said Wednesday the duckbilled dinosaur's skeletal parts are the oldest ever found in Texas.

The bones, found two weeks ago, are about as old as 100 million-year-old Chinese remains that are thought to have been from the earliest duckbilled dinosaurs.

"Scientifically, it is very significant," Louis Jacobs, a geology professor, said. "This is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in North America."

Gary Byrd, a Dallas roofing contractor, found one of the dinosaur's toe bones. He had been searching for fossils along Farm-to-Market Road 2499 in Flower Mound, northwest of Dallas.

"This establishes that North America is right in there with China and a couple of other places

that have early duckbilled dinosaurs," said Charles Finsley, curator of paleontology at the Dallas Museum of Natural History.

Byrd has made several finds as a volunteer for the Dallas museum, including two species of swimming reptiles previously unknown in Texas.

Finsley examined the toe bone Byrd had found and notified SMU's geology department.

Byrd met Jacobs, SMU graduate student Yuong-Nam Lee and museum volunteer Bill Lowe at the fossil site the day after Thanksgiving.

The bones were identified as those of an unknown duckbilled dinosaur species, formally known as the hadrosaur, that lived about 96 million years ago.

University researchers have pulled a skull, several ribs, a toe and numerous unidentified bones from the embankment.

Paleontologists estimate that the Flower Mound dinosaur stood nine feet tall at the hip.

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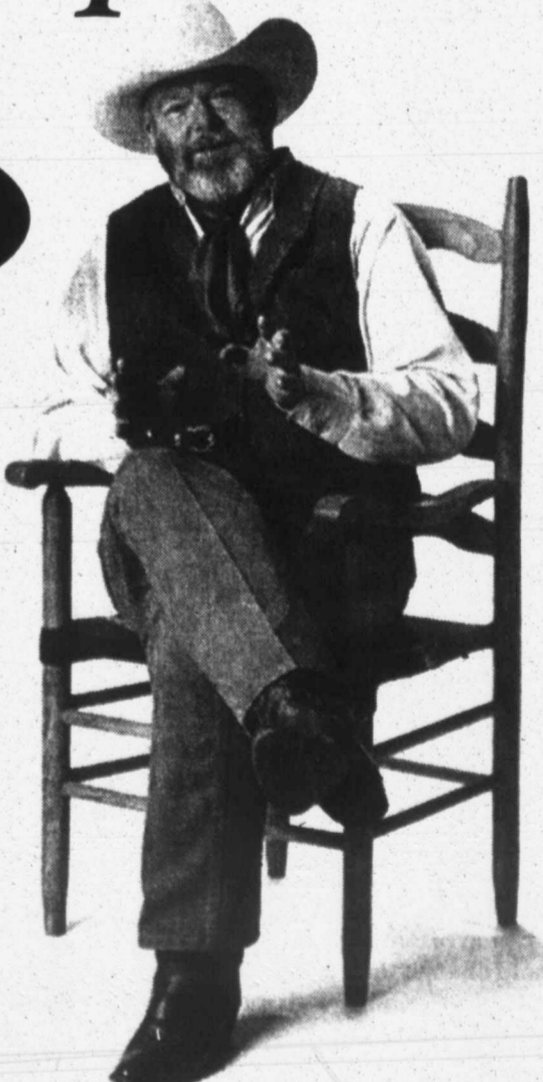
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# Secrecy protects young criminals

**Richard H. Collins**  
There is magic in the Texas juvenile system that would amaze even Kreskin.  
Assume a teen-ager is arrested for a string of serious felonies when he is 15 and 16 years old. The kid is no stranger to juvenile authorities, has become familiar with his county's detention tanks, and has even spent time in a Texas Youth Commission facility.  
Let's say our teen is now considered an adult. But when authorities check his record for previous offenses — *abracadabra* — our teen's slate is clean.  
The adult courts will treat him as a first-time offender.  
Under Texas law, juvenile records are shrouded in secrecy. As a result, the number and severity of crimes an offender commits as a juvenile have no bearing on how he is treated as an adult. In addition, Texas law permits detailed juvenile records to be maintained on a local basis only, limiting pro-

secutors' ability to learn the history of mobile juvenile offenders.  
Amazingly, adult probation officers are prohibited from reviewing a probationer's juvenile history, even though it is the officer's job to assess the risk the offender presents to society. Juvenile probation officers also receive limited information on those who have committed offenses in other counties. And in Texas, it is illegal for a juvenile's fingerprints to be placed on the nationwide print-matching network.  
Protecting the identity of juvenile criminals also presents a hurdle to task forces intent on monitoring gang activity within their communities. The privacy of juveniles is guarded so closely in some counties that juvenile hearings are closed to the public. This is a slap in the face to communities desperately trying to cope with escalating juvenile crime.  
This zealous protection of the juvenile offender is no longer ap-

propriate. There were almost 40,000 felony cases referred into the juvenile system in 1993. In 1992, the number of juvenile arrests for violent crimes rose 14 percent, triple the increase in adult arrests.  
Fifteen of every 100 individuals arrested in Texas are juveniles. This 15 percent figure indicates that youths under 17 could be responsible for 20,000 of the 137,000 violent crimes reported last year alone.  
Young hard-core criminals have been protected long enough. The Texas Family Code was written 20 years ago to prevent a bicycle theft or broken windows from hounding a child into adulthood. Today, the code limits the ability of Texas law enforcement officers, prosecutors and probation officers to do their jobs.  
The Texas Legislature can help. Members should join the fight against juvenile crime by opening juvenile records in the next session. They should:

- Allow juveniles arrested for any serious offense to be photographed and fingerprinted.
  - Make juvenile records available in a central repository.
  - Ensure that records are readily available to prosecutors, juvenile and adult probation officers, law enforcement officials, school officials and those involved in rehabilitation efforts.
  - Prevent juvenile records, especially those for serious offenses, from being destroyed.
  - Allow juvenile fingerprints to be placed on a nationwide system. When the state of Virginia instituted this practice, authorities discovered that one of every five fingerprints matched from a residential burglary belonged to a juvenile.
- Texans have protected hard-core juvenile offenders long enough. It's time for a change.  
*Richard H. Collins is the chairman and founder of Associated Texas Against Crime.*

# Buffalo Reef

By Bill McClellan

I had just pulled up to Uncle Elber's place the other evening when he came rushing out the door.  
"Come on. We gotta' get over to Smithy Thompson's," he said, jumping into the passenger seat. "Drive!"  
I swung the pickup around and shot over the cattle guard out on to the main road. "What's Smithy done this time?" I said. "He's not buying more Christmas lights again is he?"  
You might recall that Smithy Thompson once burned half his place down by plugging up 50,000 mail order Christmas lights at once. Still has an image of Santa Claus burned into the west side of his barn.  
"No. Somethin's tore him all up," said Elber.  
"Tore him up? You mean he's real depressed?"  
"No, I mean he's all tore up," said Elber.  
That wasn't the half of it. Smithy was a mess. He had scratch marks from head to toe. His shirt and pants were in shreds and he only had one shoe.  
Bertha Mae Timbers was standing over him with a rag and a bottle of alcohol, dabbing at a particularly nasty looking scratch about five inches long.  
"Yeecoooh!" Smithy howled, and he flailed away kind of feeble-like at Bertha Mae. She ignored him and kept on dabbing.  
It looked like Smithy had tangled with a bobcat, but I suspected different. I suspected he had been after Slappy Bottoms' prize roster again. That's what I suspected.  
"What happened, Smithy?" I said.  
"I was huntin' tumbleweeds...down...down in...Hudson's Creek, figurin' on takin' a couple of West Texas Reds easy...easy like," he wheezed.

Hudson's Creek has long been dry, but its banks are deep, and tumbleweeds often find themselves trapped in there. It's usually easy pickings for hunters.  
"And...and...all of a sudden, they attacked!"  
Now that didn't make any sense. Everybody knows that West Texas Reds are a pretty docile breed of tumbleweed. I've never known them to attack. Well, unless you get between a buck and his doe during mating season and then, why, any tumbleweed is liable to attack. That's just human...ah, tumbleweed nature. But even then, West Texas Reds don't grow more than a few feet tall. It'd take a whole herd of them to inflict this kind of damage.  
"Reds don't attack people, Smithy," said Uncle Elber.  
"No...no...not the Reds," whispered Smithy, his eyes getting real big. "These was Big Blue Jumpers. Two of 'em! They ran right over me! Then they ran over me again! And again! And again!"  
"Now, now, just calm yourself, old man," said Bertha Mae.  
Well now, that was a different story. Big Blues grow larger than a tractor and have the temperament of a shredder in high gear.  
But it isn't mating season, and they shouldn't have had any pups around to protect. This time of year, you'd expect them to turn and run, unless they were frightened by something.  
"What made 'em stampede, Smithy," I said.  
"That...that's the durn part of it all," he said. "I kept hearin' a train whistle. A train whistle. You know...Toot! Toot!"  
Well, a train will most certainly make a tumbleweed stampede. No doubt about that. Tumbleweeds are deathly afraid of trains. But the fact is, there are no train tracks, much less trains, in that part of the county.  
"That's crazy, Smithy," Elber said. "There ain't no train tracks out there."

"I know! I know! I don't understand it. I tell ya' I'd never made it back here if it hadn't been for old Joe. He saved my life." By now, Smithy was almost in tears.  
"Saved your life?"  
"Yes sir. I crawled out of that creek bed and started home, but I just couldn't make it. Didn't have another ounce of strength left in me. I know'd I was a goner. Then, along came Joe. He helped me back here and fetched Bertha Mae. God bless Joe," said Smithy.  
Almost on cue, there was a knock on the door. It swung open and Crazy Joe Hetemeyer walked in. "How we doin'?" he said. "Here's them things you wanted, Bertha," he said, handing Bertha Mae a package of what looked like gauze and bandages.  
"Oh Joe, oh Joe. I can't thank you enough, Joe!" moaned Smithy.  
"Oh, twern't nothin'," said Crazy Joe. "I was the lucky one. I only wish I'd got there sooner. Woulda' been if I hadn't stopped at that ol' creek bed. Why, I might'a saved you from that bobcat altogether, Smithy."

"It weren't no bobcat," started Elber. "It were..."  
"Hold on, Elber," I said. "What do you mean, Joe, you stopped at the old creek bed? Where were you tonight?"  
"Well," he said. "I was up near the creek bed, Hudson's Creek, comin' back from seein' on Lynn Tarp. Lynn's been kinda' down in his back lately. You know ol' Lynn, he goes on and on..."  
"What did she do at the creek bed, Joe?" I said.  
"Funny you should ask that. As I got close to the creek bed, what did I see but two Big Blue Jumpers, right in front of me. I'm a tellin' ya' they was huge. Lucky though, they didn't even see me. So I thought I'd have me a little fun."  
I glanced over at Smithy Thompson. His nostrils were beginning to flare somewhat and his eyes were turning red. I eased toward the front door.  
"What'd ya' do, Joe?" said Uncle Elber. He was right behind me.  
"Well," said Smithy, with a grin as wide as the room, "I made a sound like a train. I went 'Toot-Toot, Toot-Toot.' And you know what?"  
"No, what, Joe?" I said, as I grabbed for the door handle.  
"Those Big Blues bolted, right into the creek bed! And I kept on a goin' 'Toot-Toot' and they kept runnin' up and down the sides of the creek bed. Why, it was the wildest thing you ever did see."

Not exactly. The wildest thing I ever saw is a near-dead Smithy Thompson jump up from that couch, grab his shotgun and take after Crazy Joe Hetemeyer.  
Smithy almost got him, too, because Crazy Joe didn't have a clue as to what was happening. But you don't hang around for explanations when someone is pointing a shotgun at you. So Crazy Joe ran. Smithy ran after him, hobbling along a little, with just one shoe. And in the darkness, you couldn't see them. But you could hear them.  
Boom! went the shotgun.  
"I saved your life! I saved your life!" yelled Crazy Joe.  
"Yeah? Well Toot-Toot, Joe! Toot-Toot," screamed Smithy.  
Boom!  
"I saved your life! I saved your life!"  
"Toot-Toot! Toot-Toot!"  
Boom! Boom!

By providing a steady supply of cash, food stamps and sometimes subsidized housing, welfare makes the single-parent family a going concern. It supplies the economic underpinning to a way of life that often damages children and harms society — and that is rapidly growing.  
The trend is ominous: The illegitimate birth rate went from 5 percent in 1960 to 30 percent in the latest figures. Most illegitimate babies are white, though the incidence of unmarried childbearing is highest among blacks (68 percent).  
A central purpose of welfare reform must be to halt this trend. The widow or divorcee who collects public assistance for six months while she and her children get on their feet is not the issue. For her, the safety net is working as planned. What must end is government's complicity in the non-formation of families in the first place.



# Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

Abhh... I love to hear an editor grovel.  
Okay, okay, I admit it: in fourteen years of dealing with editors of all shapes and sizes, I must confess I've only heard one grovel once, and that was just yesterday.  
Now, you must understand here that when I refer to "editor," I don't mean a sweetheart like Bill McClellan. Oh no. I refer to alien space creatures, beamed down to the New York publishing establishment in an inner-planetary experiment gone horribly wrong.  
It's a story of adventure and intrigue and of too much caffeine and/or alcohol.  
See, I've got a book coming out this spring called "Trapdoor". It's already out in hardcover overseas. It's the only book I've done which is based on my own personal experiences — a city girl falling in love with a cowboy and leaving everything she knows. It's set out in the beautiful Davis mountains and has a wonderful old west flavor to it. I've gotten lots of feedback from guys who've read it — including actor Sam Elliot — and they love it as much as women do.  
So I finally received the manufactured cover for the American "Trapdoor".  
They had changed the title to "Love Me Not" and put a flower on the cover.

A flower. On a purple cover. "Love Me Not" indeed.  
(Excuse me a moment. Gag, gag. Puke, puke. Okay.)  
My agent, to quote herself, "went berserk". See, I've got a contract. A real one with lawyers and everything. And it specifically states that they can't do stuff like that. They gotta check with me first. And nobody, (meaning my editor), did.  
Now it's too late. The sales force has already fanned out across the country, selling it to bookstores.  
"She's gone to a convention, that (blank)," screamed my agent. "I'm gonna track that woman down."  
I spent a peaceful hour at my little computer, and the phone rang. It was my editor, calling me from a hotel where she'd been stalked by my agent. She groveled.  
She stammered. She stammered. Yes ladies and gentlemen, she stammered AND stammered. I didn't say anything, preferring to watch her for a while as she twisted slowly in the wind. Because something was dawning on me: there is only one thing that will make an editor grovel.  
They don't care if they hurt an author's feelings. They LIKE to hurt author's feelings. They don't

care if they make author's mad. It's their job to make authors mad. In fact, for years, they take great joy in belittling, badgering, and bullying authors; it is, after all, their only talent.  
Nope— the only thing that can possibly make an editor grovel is NUMBERS.  
Yes, my friends, the blessed, exalted numbers. The numbers for which they callously made me wait an entire year with no income whatsoever.  
"Losers, Weepers" has been on the stands since August. It is my understanding that sales are going so well, they have to... (please hum the Halleluyah chorus here)... go into second printing.  
This means the publisher has already earned many times over what they paid me in advance money.  
There's also the little matter of a proposal for a book that is far and away the best thing I've ever done. And it's not their book. They can't have it unless they make me v-ery happy.  
After what they've done to my beloved "Trapdoor," that should make for a lot of groveling, don't you think?  
So guys—and I'm talking now to all my male fans out there who want to read the book and yet don't dare get caught dead carry-

ing a book around with a flower on the front and the word "Love" in the title—I've been giving it some thought.  
For one thing, I'll be donating a hardcover copy to the Scurry County Library when the book comes out here this spring. It says "Trapdoor" on it. But that can be a hassle because I'm told lots of people get on a list and have to wait.  
So, if you want to buy the book as an American paperback right here in Snyder, here's what you can do when the time comes: First, get your Significant Other to buy it for you. Then, if you'd like to come to my book signing, go ahead and come. Lean over close and whisper, "Please sign it To Spike With Love", then stand up and yell, "Yup, the little missus really appreciates my bringin' this book out here for her. She really likes your books."  
Now, if you've gotta take it onto a plane or someplace public, here's what you do: buy yourself a copy of "Guns & Ammo" or "Sports Illustrated", and slip the book down into it. Nobody'll ever guess.  
Of course, if you're a klutz and you drop the thing, I can't help you there.  
That happens, you're on your own, buddy.

# Editorial Comment

## On judicial reform

**The San Angelo Standard-Times**  
Another proposal to change the way Texas judges are seated has been made, and this time the effort is being driven by forces outside the state, and outside Texans' control.  
The U.S. Justice Department is declining to let the state create new courts because it considers the present selection method discriminatory. Specifically, it opposes election of district judges in countywide races, because those tend to give minority candidates less chance of election.  
A plan offered by a group of legislators, judges and private citizens would change that, and fix problems at the appellate level, while leaving ultimate control with the voters.  
The group, appointed by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, recommends that judges on the Texas Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals and all 14 regional courts of appeal be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate. After two years, they would face retention elections in which voters could remove them.  
State district judges would be chosen in nonpartisan elections with no runoffs...  
While it will be gratifying to many that the latest impetus for this proposed change comes from Washington, we hope that legislators and other Texans will consider it on the merits and acknowledge the shortcomings in the present system.  
Along that line, it was disheartening that the initial reaction of Gov.-elect George W. Bush to the proposal was negative. While we have some questions ourselves about some specific recommendations, we believe they provide a good beginning for the Legislature.

## State lottery, education

**The Corpus Christi Caller-Times**  
One bad idea refuses to die. It's the idea that Texas should dedicate its lottery proceeds (after the winnings are disbursed and the cost of operating the game is deducted) to education.  
It was a big issue in the gubernatorial campaign and Gov.-elect George W. Bush promised to support the change in the state's lottery law...  
The way it works now, the state's share of the lottery take goes into the general revenue fund. From the general fund, most of the money goes to education. But it is not formally, officially dedicated to education and that's what Bush and (state) Sen. (Jerry) Patterson and many Texans want.  
But that would be a big mistake. It was a mistake in Florida, California and seven other states that did just that. In Florida, less than 4 percent of the state's education costs are provided by lottery money, and yet Floridians have long had the mistaken impression that the lottery would pay all education costs. The result has been declining support for education taxes and school-bond issues...  
Texas must not repeat the mistakes made in other states.

## On welfare reform

**The Port Arthur News**  
... Over many years, successful welfare reform should save money, to be sure. But the more important reason is to discourage the ruinous behavior that welfare rewards.  
To begin at the beginning, a single mother and her baby are not a viable economic unit. Most adults cannot both nurture a baby and earn money to supply the adult's and the baby's material needs.  
But more than money is at stake. Children reared without fathers are more prone than others to a whole range of ills, including emotional and academic problems, juvenile crime and childbearing out of wedlock. Children of poor, never-married mothers are most at risk of all.



# Study: no link between height, social woes

CHICAGO (AP) — Shorter children are no more likely to be shy, anxious or depressed than taller youngsters, according to a study that contradicts earlier research.

The study, financed by a group that supports the use of growth hormones, suggests that parents

who hope expensive hormone treatments will improve their children's self-esteem may be wasting their money.

"Society accepts petite girls more than petite boys," said study co-author Susana Campos, an assistant professor at State University of New York at Buffalo.

The findings contradict earlier studies suggesting shorter youngsters are more likely to be maladjusted than taller children.

Jim Weiss, a spokesman for Genentech Inc., which earned \$216 million last year on growth hormone sales, said the findings were consistent with the company's philosophy.

About 20,000 U.S. children

have taken human growth hormone. The National Institutes of Health estimate about 8,000 receive the drug solely for cosmetic reasons. Doctors say perceived psychological reasons are frequently the only problems cited by parents requesting the treatment, which costs about \$30,000 a year.

Many doctors recommend hormone treatment for children only if it's medically necessary, such as when kidney failure leads to a deficiency in the natural growth hormone.

## Parents advised to thoroughly check home for child hazards

As more mothers return to work outside the home shortly after they give birth, more responsibility for their children's safety and well-being is assigned to a relative or hired caregiver.

Even for parents who are home with their children most of the day, it is vitally important that adults focus on home safety to ensure that little children are protected from harm.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, based in Washington, D.C., provides several guidelines on hidden hazards in the home. One of the latest warnings alerts parents and caregivers of the potential dangers of child strangulation in window covering cords.

Today's window coverings offer homeowners versatile sources of light control, style and privacy. To add to the element of safety, older models require only a few easy alterations to eliminate potential danger from the loop in two-corded horizontal blinds, and pleated and cellular shades.

Because children are curious and especially active when they learn to crawl, walk and climb, it is important to keep their cribs or beds away from windows where dangling cords could be in reach. The same positioning of furniture applies to sofas or chairs that allow children to climb up and reach the cords.

Children who get the cords around their necks could become entangled or, more tragically, strangled.



Check your window coverings for dangerous conditions.

An effective and simple way to eliminate the potential danger a loop creates is to cut the cord above the tassels (which is actually a thimble-like knob), remove the buckle and add two new tassels at the end of each cord.

If you have two-corded pleated or cellular shades, follow the same procedure: cut the cord above the tassel and add a separate tassel at the end of each cord. Remember that when these shades are raised, a loop appears above the cord-stop, so keep the cord out of reach of children.

If you have vertical blinds, drapery cords or any treatment with a chain pulley system, the safest thing to do is to secure the cord or chain to the floor, wall or window jamb.

Regardless of the type of blind or shade you have, it is best to keep cords out of a child's reach.

Because toddlers and young children can find trouble just ab-

out anywhere, here are some other home safety tips:

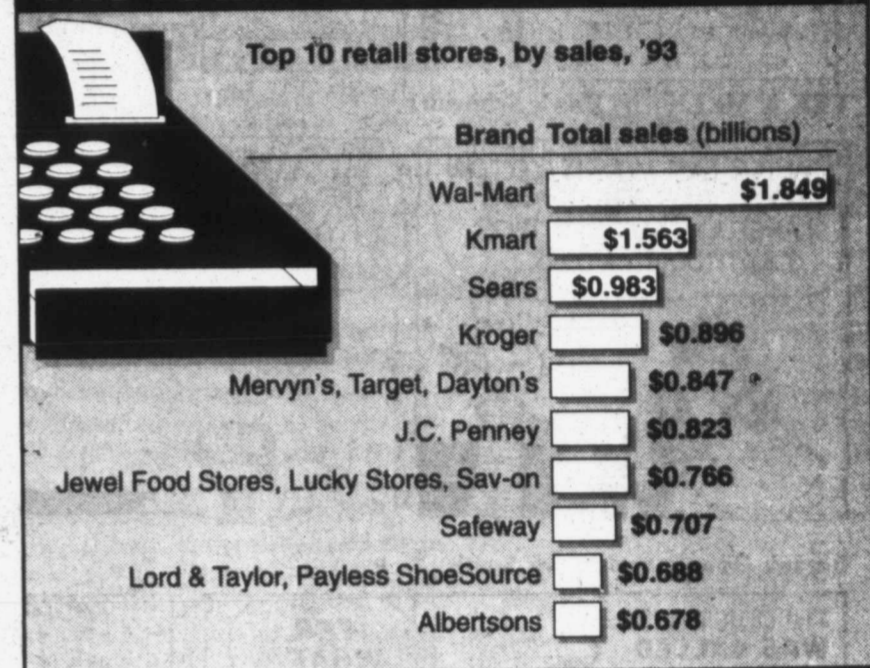
- Remove all breakables from low tables, shelves and the floor.
- Put plants or electrical cords out of children's reach.
- Use outlet closures so curious kids won't put their fingers or objects into the electrical outlet.
- Use stair guards.
- In warm weather, lock screen doors to keep kids who lean against them from falling out onto a cement stoop or steps.
- Cushion sharp edges on tables and counters.
- Use child latches for cabinets in the kitchen, bathroom and anywhere else that dangerous items are stored.

The investigative phase of a child's life lasts only a few years. The short amount of time it takes to implement safety checks around your house when a baby is born, begins to crawl, walk or climb, is well worth the peace of mind that comes with knowing that you are making those years safe for your kids.

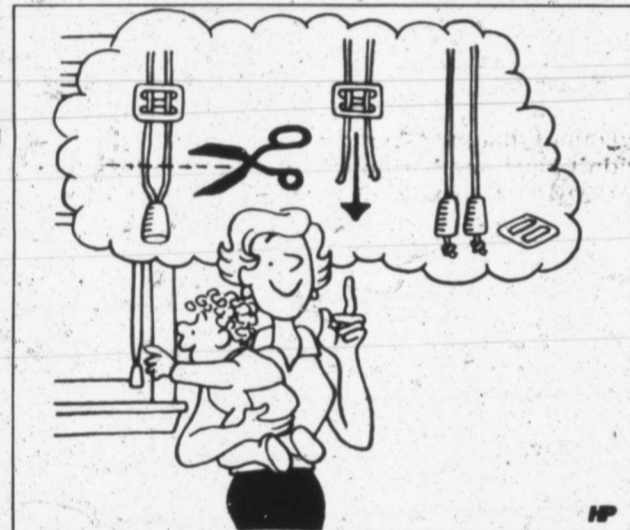
Many new window covering products include improved designs. Look at them the next time you are at a retail store.

For more information about window covering safety, visit your local window covering retailer. Free tassels can be obtained from the following retail stores: Home Depot, JC Penney, K Mart, Lowe's Companies, Meijer Stores, Montgomery Ward, Pier One Imports, Sears, Wal Mart, and other participating retailers. Or call 800-506-4636.

### The retail race



With sales totaling nearly \$2 billion in 1993, Wal-Mart was the No. 1 retail store, followed closely by Kmart with \$1.563 billion in sales.



For two-corded window covering products where the cord ends in a loop with a tassel, the Window Covering Safety Council recommends cutting the cord above the tassel, removing the equalizer buckle and adding a separate tassel at the end of each cord. Even with the loop gone, furniture should be moved away from windows to ensure greater safety for babies and young children.

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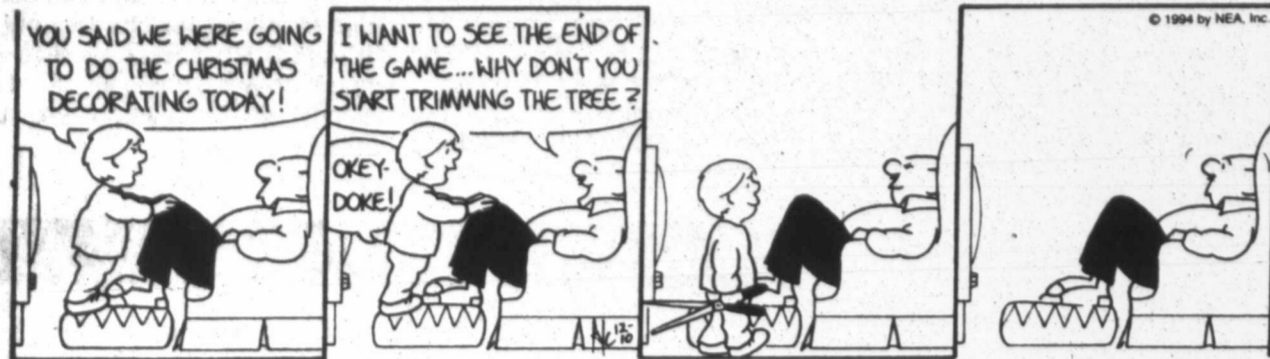
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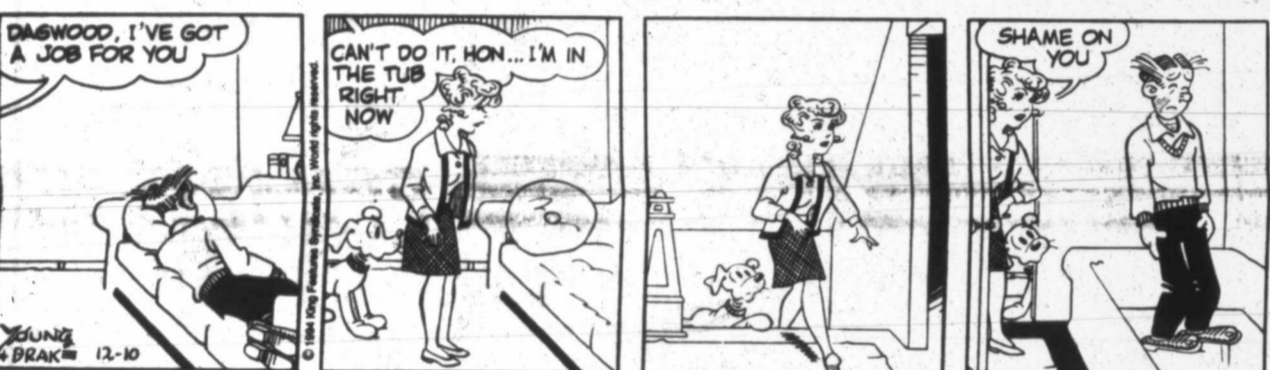
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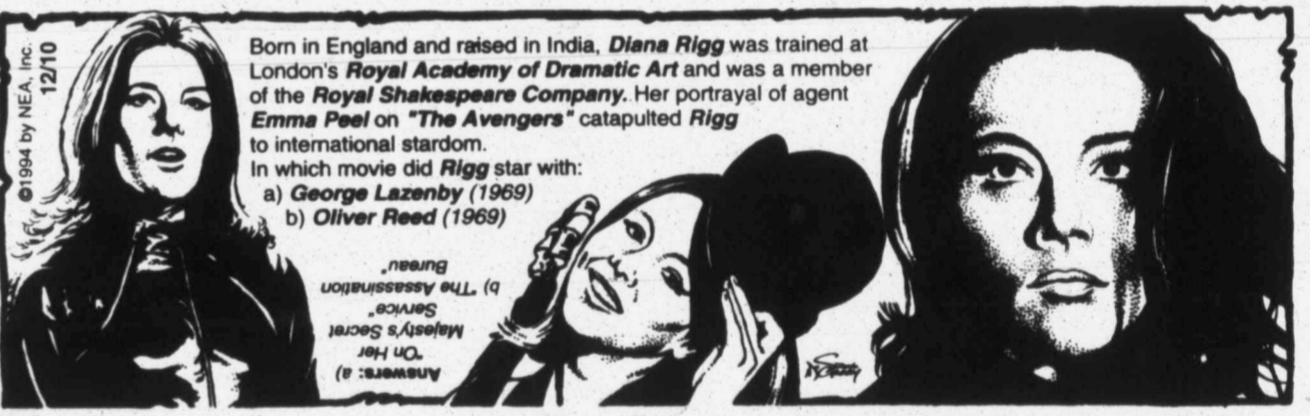
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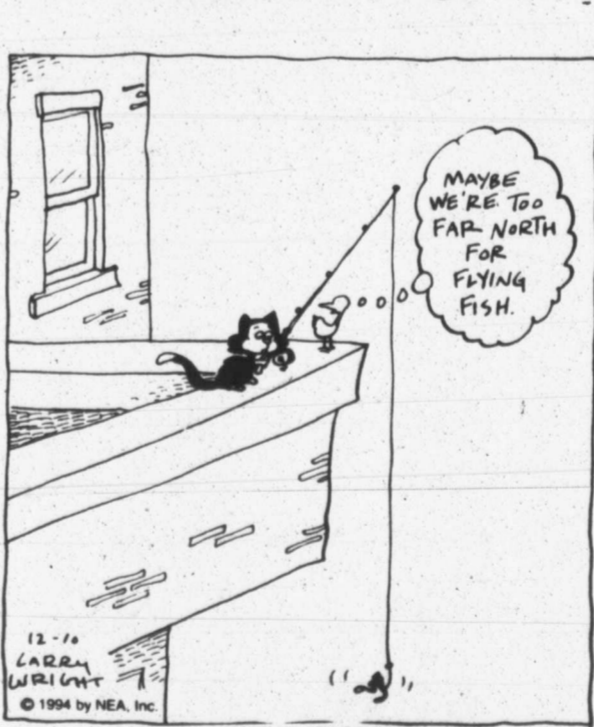
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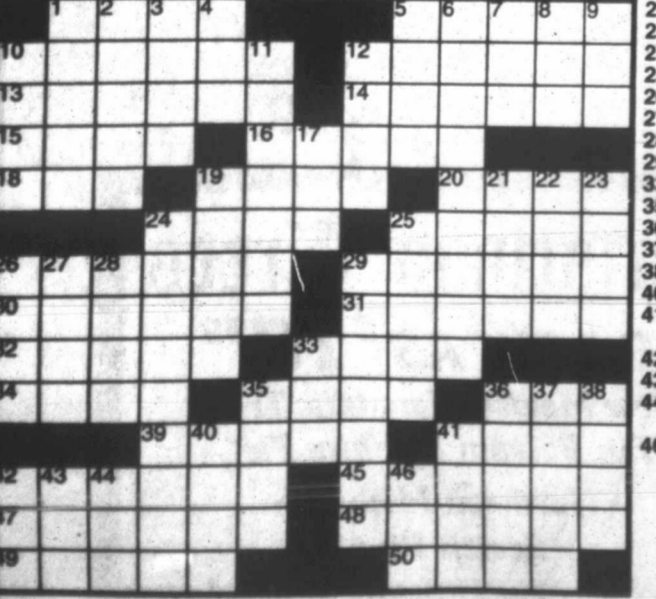
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# Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren  
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## Small theaters said in decline in nation

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — From the snappy quips of Tracy and Hepburn to the monotonous of Sylvester Stallone, the Madison movie theater has shown it all.

The Madison's white-light marquee and its extra-cushy seats uphold the dying tradition of old-style neighborhood theaters. Even its lobby harks back to an earlier era: Pictures of Humphrey Bogart in "The Treasure of Sierra Madre" and of Marlene Dietrich and Gary Cooper in "Desire" hang below a sign reading "Do You Remember?"

It's a question people could soon be asking about the Madison and other neighborhood theaters across America.

Citing tough competition in the age of multiplexes, the Madison's owners are trying to sell the 65-year-old dinosaur. A zoning board recently turned down a potential buyer who wanted to slice the theater into five separate screening rooms, but other multiplex developers remain interested.

Once a common part of America, neighborhood theaters like the Madison are fast becoming an endangered species.

Entertainment Data Inc., a California company that tracks the industry, says about 2,500 single-screen theaters are left in the United States. Others believe there are fewer. But observers agree they're a dying breed.

Ironically, a major appeal of old movie houses — their size — is

what's killing them. Chains that dominate the theater business operate under the economic maxim that more screens mean more money.

"People expect to have a choice of at least five or six screens," said Grey Hautaluoma of the League of Historic American Theaters, which fights to keep old movie houses open.

There are other problems facing old theaters. When the Madison contracts an unpopular movie, it can't play it in a smaller screening room. Chains reserve larger rooms for hits and use smaller theaters for bombs.

Grand old theaters also often have too many seats, whopping heating bills and antiquated fixtures.

"These buildings, as beautiful as they are, cost a fortune to operate," said Jon Olivan of Metropolitan Theaters, which operates five vintage movie palaces in Los Angeles. Olivan said the decision to keep the Orpheum, Palace and other movie palaces open has more to do with love than money.

Few theaters are built these days without at least six screens, and eight to 12 are the norm. AMC Entertainment Inc., a leading movie chain company, plans to open a theater in Dallas next year with a record-breaking 24 screens.

What's being lost? Madison co-owner Barry Rosenblatt says it's an experience.

## Sharing Holiday Feasts May Be No Treat for Pets

DEAR ABBY: I am sending this letter to warn people about a little-known danger to pets during the holiday season.

Jesse, our cocker spaniel/beagle mix, was extremely overweight due to the table scraps and treats we fed her. She got sick the week after Thanksgiving, and we took her to the veterinarian on Friday, and again on Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday evening, Jesse began throwing up, and we took her back to the vet — who immediately hospitalized her. Sadly, our beloved pet passed away on Wednesday.

The vet said she died of acute pancreatitis. He told me that older, overweight dogs are especially at risk over the holidays — with all of the skin from the turkey, ham and other high-fat food "treats" that owners give their dogs.

Abby, please pass this along to your readers. Maybe someone can avoid the heartbreak our family has suffered.

BROKENHEARTED  
IN GEORGIA

DEAR BROKENHEARTED: I'm sure there are many who give in to the temptation to share the goodies with their pets, so thank you for letting others know about your tragedy. Please accept my condolences on the loss of Jessie.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife is in the hospital at the moment, and since I'm not very good at cooking, I decided to go to a restaurant for dinner.

After I was seated, I noticed two men of the cloth at the table next to me. I don't know what denomination they were, but they both wore black suits and white collars. One of the men had a bottle of beer and a glass in front of him. To me, this seemed awful — especially on a Sunday night. I feel certain that others must have noticed, too.

Abby, does this seem right to you? Or was this improper for a religious man?

MR. J.V.P., SCARBOROUGH,  
ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR MR. J.V.P.: I see nothing improper about a man of the cloth having a glass of beer in a restaurant — or anywhere else — on a Sunday night. Readers?

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DEAR ABBY: I am a sophomore in high school. I enjoy making all the gifts I give for Christmas. I make them for my relatives, teachers and friends who are important to me.

This year I have a new friend who is Jewish. Would it be appropriate to give her a Christmas gift?

UNSURE

DEAR UNSURE: Ask your new friend if she celebrates Christmas. If she says yes, give her a Christmas gift.

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DEAR ABBY: Regarding the baby stroller issue: Why not design a stroller that allows the baby to ride sideways? The little ones can see where they are going, where they have been, and Mom and child can see each other!

MARY J., RICHMOND  
BEACH, WASH.

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Dave Tyson Gentry

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DEAR ABBY: I had to respond to Mrs. Koster's response to "Apple Annie." I'm sure her concerns about potential lawsuits — if Annie allows neighborhood children to pick her apples — are well-intentioned. But if that is the way we must live today, it is hardly worth the effort. I personally would take reasonable precautions, and then risk the rest.

Lawyers can always think up the worst possible scenarios. But the fact is, the vast majority of people will live their lives without being sued for anything — except possibly divorce.

JAMES L. DELAY

DEAR JAMES: It does seem a sad commentary that a generous and neighborly impulse must be suppressed because of the realities of an America gone lawsuit-crazy. Yours was not the only letter I received voicing that opinion. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to Mrs. Koster's letter to "Apple Annie," telling her to stop allowing children onto her property, to keep her apples picked, or better (or worse) yet, replace her beloved apple tree with some non-fruiting variety!

As an American kid, I've swiped apples. As the owner of an apple tree, I have had apples "stolen." And as a lawyer, I could stand to make money whenever there is an "apple tree accident."

Abby, the America I love is the America where children on their way home from school can dash into neighbors' yards to swipe apples or swing from the trees. It is not an America of barricades, warnings and walls — where lawyers become rich suing apple tree owners and citizens are impoverished by outrageous insurance premiums.

I would like to tell Apple Annie to keep her fruitful tree and friendly ways. But if I did, I might be sued.

WM. TRAVIS GOBBLE,  
LAWRENCEBURG, TENN.

DEAR MR. GOBBLE: If more lawyers agreed with you (and me) the only torts we'd read about would be apple torts. Which reminds me ... it's been years since I published my famous pecan pie recipe (none better!):

- 9-inch unbaked pie crust
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1 cup firmly packed dark-brown sugar
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 1/3 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 heaping cup pecan halves

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Prepare the pie crust.

In a large bowl, combine corn syrup, sugar, eggs, butter, salt and vanilla; mix well. Pour filling into unbaked pie crust; sprinkle with pecan halves.

Bake for 45 to 50 minutes, or until center is set. (Toothpick inserted will come out clean when pie is "done.") Cool. If crust or pie appears to be getting too brown, cover with foil for remaining baking time.

TIP: My original recipe stated that the pie should be baked 45 to 50 minutes in a preheated 350-degree GAS oven. If an electric oven is used, it may be necessary to add 15 to 20 minutes to the baking time. (Begin testing pie with a toothpick after 45 minutes.)

## Judge-elect's omission may cost him his position

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge-elect on the state's highest criminal court might have jeopardized his seat by failing to report \$10,000 in past-due child support his ex-wife claims he owes, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

Houston attorney Steve Mansfield, elected to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals last month, got his Texas law license in late 1992.

Mansfield failed to mention the alleged child support delinquency when he applied to the state, meaning his license could be canceled, the Chronicle reported in a copyright story.

A 1990 bankruptcy petition filed by Mansfield's ex-wife, Kathleen Mansfield, claimed the judge-elect was \$10,000 behind in support payments, an amount that was still outstanding in 1992.

Ms. Mansfield told the newspaper there were no missed payments, but she hinted her husband didn't always pay the amount specified in their divorce decree. She refused to provide de-

tails of the alleged delinquency but said she stands behind her sworn statement in the bankruptcy case.

The judge-elect denied the accusation and said he was unsure why his ex-wife would level such a charge.

"It is clearly not true, I have never been in arrears," Mansfield said. "In fact, over the last four years, I have paid several thousand dollars in excess of what the stipulation requires."

Rachael Martin, executive director of the State Board of Law Examiners, said she plans to "consult with appropriate authorities" to determine whether the matter should be brought before the nine-member state board.

The board can call a hearing to determine whether Mansfield fraudulently obtained his law license and, if so, can recommend to the state Supreme Court that it be canceled.

The board has its next scheduled meeting in January, after Mansfield is scheduled to be seated on the state appeals court.

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## Surgery not always needed with some back pain patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most people stricken by sudden, painful episodes of low back pain don't need surgery or even expensive diagnostic tests, a government-backed panel of experts said today.

The problem will go away spontaneously for 90 percent of sufferers within four weeks, the experts said.

In the meantime, the best advice is to spend no more than two or three days in bed, take over-the-counter painkillers and start moderate exercise as soon as possible, the new guidelines from the U.S. Agency for Health Care Policy and Research recommend.

The guidelines do not address chronic back problems, defined as lasting longer than three months.

For sudden pain, chiropractors' manipulation of the spine may help some people in the first four weeks, the guidelines say.

Surgery helps only one in 100 people with acute low back problems, the experts said.

Unless a doctor suspects a possible fracture, tumor, infection or severe nerve involvement, back sufferers do not need to undergo X-rays, CT scans, magnetic resonance imaging or bone scans during that first month, it said.

An ice pack applied to the painful area for five or 10 minutes may help in the first 48 hours. Beyond that, a heating pad or hot shower or bath may provide relief.

The 23-member panel of experts, headed by Dr. Stanley J. Bigos, professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, reviewed more than 3,900 studies in preparing the guidelines.

They concluded that none of the following treatments is worthwhile:

- Traction.
- TENS (transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation).
- Massage.
- Biofeedback.
- Acupuncture.
- Injecting anesthetics, corticosteroids or other substances into the back.

- Back corsets.
- Ultrasound.

"While these treatments may give relief for a short time, none have been found to speed recovery or keep acute back problems from returning," the guidelines state.

This was the 14th clinical practice guidelines issued by the federal agency, which Congress created in 1989 to look for ways to improve the practice of medicine and hold down costs.

Dr. Philip R. Lee, the assistant secretary for health and head of the Public Health Service, said, "These guidelines could save Americans considerable anguish, time and much money now spent on unneeded or unproved medical care."

Americans spent more than \$20 billion in 1990 just on the direct medical costs of all low back problems.

It is the most common cause of temporary disability for people

under 45. Up to 80 percent of adults will experience the excruciating problem at least once before their 50th birthday.

The guidelines state, "Even having a lot of back pain does not by itself mean you need surgery."

Sofamor Danek, a Memphis, Tenn., firm that makes screws used in back fusion surgery, tried to block release of the guidelines. But U.S. District Judge Gladys Keffler on Tuesday denied the company's request for a preliminary injunction.

The panel said that acetaminophen and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs including aspirin, ibuprofen and naproxen are safe and acceptable for pain control.

It said that muscle relaxants, including benzodiazepines, were no more effective than acetaminophen, aspirin and the other over-the-counter painkillers.

Prescription painkillers such as morphine derivatives and other opioids also were rated as no more effective than the over-the-counter painkillers, it said.

Back sufferers should start aerobic exercises that minimally stress the back such as walking, swimming or biking during the first two weeks.

Prolonged bed rest — more than four days — "may lead to debilitation and is not appropriate," it said.

Experts seldom can find the exact cause for low back problems. Sufferers may have pain in the lower back or pain or numbness that moves down the leg; the latter is called sciatica.

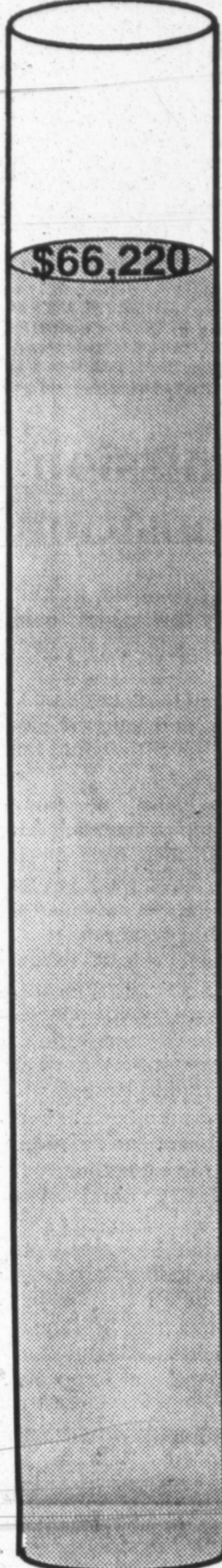
They are usually blamed on poor muscle tone, muscle tension or spasm, back sprains, ligament or muscle tears, joint problems or herniated discs. Stress or inactivity can make the back problems seem worse.

The agency is publishing the guidelines in the form of consumer pamphlets, a quick reference guide for clinicians, and a 160-page desk reference also aimed at professionals.

Free copies of the quick reference guide and the consumer versions may be obtained from the AHCPR Clearinghouse at 1-800-358-9295 or by writing to P.O. Box 8547, Silver Spring, Md. 20907. The desk reference may be purchased through the Government Printing Office.

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