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## Ask Us

Q—How many people entered the Goldcoats' Lighted Christmas Contest?

A—A chamber spokesperson said some 25 residences entered the contest prior to last Friday's deadline. The homes will be judged Wednesday evening.

## Local

### VFW

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 this evening at the post home.

### Video series

The Family Life series continues at 7 this evening on Cablevision Channel 2 with "Faith and Discovery: Where Does Faith Come From?"

### Health care

Snyder Health Care Center will have its residents' Christmas party at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Each family is asked to bring a gift for their relative and cookies.

### Hermleigh

Hermleigh ISD will dismiss at 2 p.m. Tuesday for the holidays.

Staff will return for in-service on Jan. 2. Classes will resume Jan. 3.

### Candlelight

The first Scurry County Community-Wide Candlelight Service will be held Tuesday at Scurry County Coliseum. Everyone is invited to the 7:30 p.m. program, which will include music and meditations.

### HISD board

Hermleigh ISD board of trustees will hold a special meeting at 7 this evening to consider weighted grades in advanced classes for local class ranking purposes.

The board will also meet in executive session for consultation with a school attorney concerning personnel.

### BCD

Scurry Board of County Development will meet at noon Wednesday in the Development Corporation of Snyder board room. Agenda items include consideration of approving one or more funding projects and approval of financial statements and previous minutes.

### Weather

**Snyder Temperatures:** High Saturday, 67 degrees; low, 28 degrees; high Sunday, 65 degrees; low, 33 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 43 degrees; no precipitation either day; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 11.55 inches.

**Snyder Area Forecast:** Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. Low 35-40. South to southwest wind 10-15 mph becoming northwest 5-15 mph by early morning. Tuesday, morning low clouds and fog, becoming partly cloudy. High in the lower 60s. Northwest wind 5-15 mph.

**Almanac:** Sunset today, 5:44. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:37. Of 352 days in 1994, the sun has shone 344 days in Snyder.



# Snyder Daily News



**TOYS FOR TOTS** — Volunteers for the annual Toys For Tots drive were busy Saturday morning as they handed out bags of toys to 147 families. Debbie Word (left) and Vicki Neeley were among the many volunteers who participated in the program for 1994. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Indian rebels announce major troop mobilization

VICENTE GUERRERO, Mexico (AP) — Indian rebels in southern Mexico today announced that thousands of their troops have slipped out of guerrilla-held territory and infiltrated 83 communities in Chiapas state.

Subcomandante Marcos, speaking at an early morning news conference in the Lacandon Jungle, said the troop mobilization was the first major "military action" he had taken since the New Year's uprising.

There were no immediate reports of shots fired, or of fighting, but there were reports of numerous highway blockades by Indian peasants, some wearing the trademark rebel ski masks in outlying communities of Chiapas.

Marcos told reporters that the rebels had surreptitiously slipped out of the Chiapas jungle between Dec. 11 and Dec. 14, entering communities which are heavy supporters of the Zapatista National Liberation Army.

He said those communities in Chiapas state were being "fortified" today by the rebels for possible attacks by Mexican army troops. He did not say how the troops were getting out nor give evidence of those troop

movements. But his announcement came amid a surge of reports of Indians, some carrying rifles and wearing the bandannas of Zapatista rebels, blockading numerous highways around the state.

However, it was not immediately clear if many of the peasants were members of Zapatista army, whose 12-day shooting war with the Mexican army cost more than 145 lives before a mid-January cease-fire.

The dozens of peasants, many wearing ski masks and the brown fatigue uniforms of the Zapatistas, began placing stones and tree trunks across highways on Monday morning.

One of the highway barricades was reported to be on a road leading from the colonial town of San Cristobal de las Casas to the capital of Tuxtla Gutierrez, the state capital 430 miles (690 kms) southeast of Mexico City.

"In this free and rebel territory, we prohibit the entrance of military personnel, of public security, judicial police ... or any person from the government," read one banner.

There were no incidents late Monday morning. Military planes overflew over San Cristobal and

adjacent indigenous areas. Three huge banners on the highway to the state capital proclaimed: "Welcome to Zapatista territory."

At his news conference, Marcos said he decided to take action because the 40,000 soldiers that were boxing the rebels into a mountainous area bordering Guatemala appeared ready to attack.

He said he rejected as "insufficient" a proposal by new President Ernesto Zedillo to create a seven-member, multiparty peace commission to meet with rebels. That proposal was made last Wednesday.

But Marcos told reporters a Roman Catholic church commission, headed by Bishop Samuel Ruiz of San Cristobal de las Casas, would have to be recognized as mediator if any peace talks were to proceed.

Several of the highway blockades were reported to be going up in communities north of San Cristobal de las Casas, the mountain city seized by the Zapatistas on New Year's day to kick off armed rebellion.

## Softball conflicts will be handled; lease pact okayed

Chris Maxfield, president of the Snyder Men's Softball Association, along with Snyder High School girls' softball coach Billy Hicks, met with Scurry County commissioners this morning and agreed any conflicts associated with both groups using Winston Park could be worked out.

In other action today, the court agreed to a lease agreement for Big Country Incineration; agreed to set the third Monday in the month as the regular session of the court for 1995; agreed to advertise for bids for a used tractor/trailer for use in Precinct 3; and gave its support in the form of a letter supporting a plan to care for mentally retarded adult children of aging parents.

Commissioners had voted last Thursday to allow county high

school girls teams to practice on Winston Park Field.

"What we were really concerned about," said Maxfield, "was whether the schools were going to use permanent stakes for their bases and pitching mounds."

He added that the men's association has "no problems" with the girls teams practicing at Winston Park, but wanted to ensure that the field would not be damaged.

Hicks stated that since the high school team was only going to practice at the field, base stakes would be temporary and would be removed after each practice.

At the suggestion of County Judge Bob Doolittle, coaches and county personnel, will meet later to discuss spring schedules to avoid any conflicts in scheduling

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## Clinton to take knife to budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clinton says he can cut \$76 billion from the federal budget in five years to pay for his program, saving \$16 billion for deficit reduction. But \$52 billion of the cuts are unspecified and would not take effect until 1999 and 2000.

That leaves \$24 billion in agency cuts that Clinton will outline today. He also will give Gore 90 days to come up with more cuts for future budgets.

His primary targets are the departments of Energy, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development — along with the Office of Personnel Management and the General Services Administration.

Administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity Sunday, said Clinton has a long list of ideas to eliminate, reduce or sell off government programs, including:

—Transportation would cut its staff roughly in half over five years, from 106,000 to 54,000 and would consolidate its 10 agencies into about five. That would save about \$10 billion over five years.

Potential Losers: The Coast Guard would lose 4,000 employees over five years. The Air Traffic Control system would become a government-run corporation, taking 40,000 employees off the federal payroll. Federal outlays for roads would be reduced by about \$5 billion.

—Energy would trim \$22 billion over five years from its \$18.5 billion annual budget, including as much as \$10 billion by selling four electric power agencies that provide wholesale electricity from federal dams in the West and South.

Potential Losers: The rest of the money would come from various programs, including those that help poor people winterize their homes, promote scientific research and pay for cleanup at nuclear weapons plants.

—HUD would cut about \$700 million from its nearly \$30 billion

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## J. Eicke arraignment is scheduled Tuesday

LUBBOCK — Johannas J. Eicke, one of three people charged in a \$1 trillion banking scam, is scheduled to be arraigned at 9 a.m. Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate J.Q. Warnick Jr.

Eicke, a former Scurry County resident, was arrested in Detroit on Oct. 28. Arraignment has been pending since his return to Lubbock on Dec. 7.

Eicke appeared before the magistrate last Wednesday and was told that unless he had an attorney on record by Friday, the court would appoint a federal public defender. Magistrate Warnick has since appointed Lubbock attorney Marvin Williams to represent Eicke.

In his appearance before the court last week, Eicke questioned the court's jurisdiction and whether it recognized common law. He also asked if the judge honored the decisions of other states. Eicke has filed a writ of habeas corpus seeking to be returned to the "Country of Montana" to appear before three superior court judges.

Eicke, 39, and his 42-year-old brother, Arlie Thomas Eicke of Snyder, were among three people named in a 21-count federal in-

dictment unsealed on Oct. 31. Arlie Eicke was arrested in Snyder on Oct. 30. He pleaded not guilty and is free on \$5,000 bond.

Also named in the federal indictment was Heather M. Altschuler, 29, of Denver. Altschuler was arrested in London on Nov. 1. Her extradition is still pending, U.S. Attorney Steven M. Sucusy said today.

The three are charged with conspiracy, wire fraud, mail fraud and interstate transportation of falsely made securities. According to the indictment, the scheme revolves around bogus cashier's checks written on Central Dominion Trust, a non-existent bank in Snyder. Authorities say the bank consisted of a fax machine, computer and a post office box.

Checks written on the bank totaled \$1 trillion, including one \$100-billion check sent to the U.S. Attorney's office in Dallas to cover other outstanding securities. Authorities said only one check, for \$50,000, was ever successfully cashed.

If convicted of all charges, each defendant could receive a maximum prison term of 110 years and a fine of \$5.25 million.



**SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE** — Correctional officers at the Price Daniel Unit had a "Canned Food Drive" during the holiday season and donated the cans to the Goodfellows. Sgt. Keith Gentry (in back) spearheaded the drive at the unit that saw 1,255 cans donated. Gentry and Capt. Paul Morales (left) help Scurry County de-

puty sheriff and Goodfellow member Joe Cheyne get food ready for distribution. Gentry challenged each shift to bring the cans of food and based on a formula that took in consideration the number of workers on each shift, the second shift took top honors. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Gunman shoots two hostages, before turning gun on himself

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Tragedy gripped a southwest Shreveport neighborhood Sunday as a man held his girlfriend and her father hostage for nine hours before killing them and, apparently, himself.

A fourth person in the house, an 11-month-old boy identified as the son of the gunman and the woman, was brought uninjured from the house after police stormed the dwelling — 2 1/2 hours after telephone contact between the gunman and negotiators ended.

Police Chief Steve Prator defended the delay.

"We took the time to get our plans together," Prator said. "We were waiting on protecting anyone who was alive there. We had to do what we did. We tried to negotiate. It's a shame this happened."

Councilman James Green, who is also a minister and the last person to speak to the gunman said he appeared "ready to come out and give himself up."

But, Green said, the man said he had to go to the bathroom and get a diaper for the baby. A few mo-

ments later, Green said, he heard a noise over the phone. A police officer near the house identified the noise Green heard as a gunshot. "It's very tragic," Green said.

Neither the gunman nor the victims' names were released pending identification by the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office and notification of relatives.

The drama began around 1:30 p.m. Sunday when a man entered a house. Neighbors called police after hearing several shots and a scream.

When officers arrived, no one answered the door. They heard the television's volume being adjusted and the phone ringing as police dispatchers tried to reach someone inside the house.

Dispatchers finally reached a woman inside the house, but said they could tell by the way she was talking she was not speaking freely. That's when police called for back-up.

Police Sgt. Gary Alderman said a disturbance was reported at the same address on Dec. 3 involving a man believed to be the gunman.

A crowd of about 100 curious neighbors gathered as police strung yellow tape across adjacent property and blocked off traffic.

Steve Dawson, who was visiting his mother nearby, said at least three people were inside the house and the gunman appeared to be suicidal.

"It's in the good Lord's hands," he said. "When that (full) moon goes straight up, something bad is going to happen."

The gunman's mother, who identified herself only as Dianne, was brought to the scene to speak to her son. Family members of the people held hostage sat inside Caddo Parish school buses parked on a grassy lot across the street.

After police stormed the house and it became known that the gunman and hostages were dead, neighbors began to cry, wail and scream. Earlier, the atmosphere was markedly less serious, when it appeared the gunman would give up.

## Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press  
One ticket bought in the San Antonio area correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot is worth an estimated \$10 million. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 4, 13, 15, 28, 40 and 43.

In addition to the jackpot winner, there were 169 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$1,539. There were 8,813 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$106. And there were 168,334 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$3 million.

## Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-1-8 (seven, one, eight)

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**MATH AWARDS** — These Hermleigh students all received math awards last week. Jack Hudgins, seated, outstanding in geometry; back row, from left, Michelle Roemisch, outstanding algebra II; and Ester Martinez, outstanding algebra I. Not pictured is Chris Roemisch, outstanding in pre-calculus. (SDN Staff Photo)

### A CHRISTMAS ON SANTA STREET by Delainey and Rasmussen



**FOR GOODFELLOWS** — Snyder Cablevision sponsored a canned food drive this month to benefit Goodfellows. Goodfellows' representatives who collected the canned goods last week are Bob Cole, second from left; and Joe Cheyne, far right. Cablevision employees are from left, Stella Hermosillo, Mariann Neblett and Joyce Buchanan. (SDN Staff Photo)

# 2 suspects' frozen bodies recovered from mountain

LAKE CITY, Colo. (AP) — Exactly one month after suspected robbers allegedly shot a Colorado sheriff, their bodies were found shot in the head and frozen, partially hidden under a pine tree on a snowy, 9,000-foot mountain.

Forensics specialists pulled their bodies down on a sled Sunday and thawed them out enough to identify Mark Vredenburg from his fingerprints. A photo ID of Ruth Slater was in her purse.

A nationwide manhunt and a segment on the television show "America's Most Wanted" had triggered dozens of false sightings in half a dozen states of Hinsdale County Sheriff Roger Coursey's killers.

Now authorities believe they died in an apparent suicide pact a few hours after Coursey was killed, turning the same .44-caliber gun on themselves.

In Boo's Saloon, residents of this old silver mining town erupted into cheers when a newscaster said the bodies of Vredenburg, 31, and Slater, 38, had been found.

"I'm glad it's over. I just wish the mountain had done it. They would have suffered more," said

saloon proprietor Bowie Bolger.

On Nov. 18, Coursey and then-Undersheriff Ray Blaum — the entire Lake City police force — stopped a pickup truck that matched the description of a truck seen leaving several nearby robberies.

Coursey was shot as he told the driver to get out. Blaum, standing on the passenger side, emptied his gun into the back of the fleeing pickup. The deserted truck was found about a mile away.

After the nationwide search failed, the FBI suggested they look again near the murder scene. The bodies were discovered Saturday less than a half-mile from the bullet-riddled pickup.

"I yelled for joy and started crying," Sheriff Blaum said.

But Coursey's widow, Karen Coursey, is angry they won't face trial.

"But the more I heard about them, it probably wouldn't have affected them even if they hadn't taken the gutless way out," she said Sunday. "I'm happy for the town's people. They needed that closure. My closure won't come until the Lord takes me away."

Mainly, the discovery brought a sense of relief to the roughly 300 winter residents of Lake City, people who are used to leaving their doors unlocked and their keys in their car.

"Last night I left my door unlocked for the first time since Roger was killed," said town council member Betsy Copeland, whose husband Simon has been sleeping with a 9 mm pistol by the bed.

## DATE BOOK

Dec. 19, 1994

Today is the 353rd day of 1994 and the 88th day of fall.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1732, Benjamin Franklin, using the pen name Richard Saunders, began publishing "Poor Richard's Almanac."

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Ralph Richardson (1902-1983), actor; Leonid Brezhnev (1906-1982), Russian leader; Jean Genet (1910-1986), writer; Edith Piaf (1915-1963), singer; Cicely Tyson (1933-), actress, is 61; Phil Ochs (1940-1976), singer; Richard E. Leakey (1944-), anthropologist, is 50; Kevin McHale (1957-), basketball player, is 37.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1984, Wayne Gretzky scored his 1,000th point. The feat took him only 632 games, compared to Gordie Howe, who needed 1,850 games.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "A little house well filled, a little field well tilled, and a little wire well willed, are great riches." — Benjamin Franklin

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1948, the "Blizzard Bowl" was played in Philadelphia's Shibe Park between the Eagles and the Chicago Cardinals, with snow falling at the rate of two inches per hour.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL/1994 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Day after full moon (Dec. 18).

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As defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, the eight Mountain States are Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

Under Murphy's law, if something can go wrong, it will.

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# Are there hungry people in my neighborhood?

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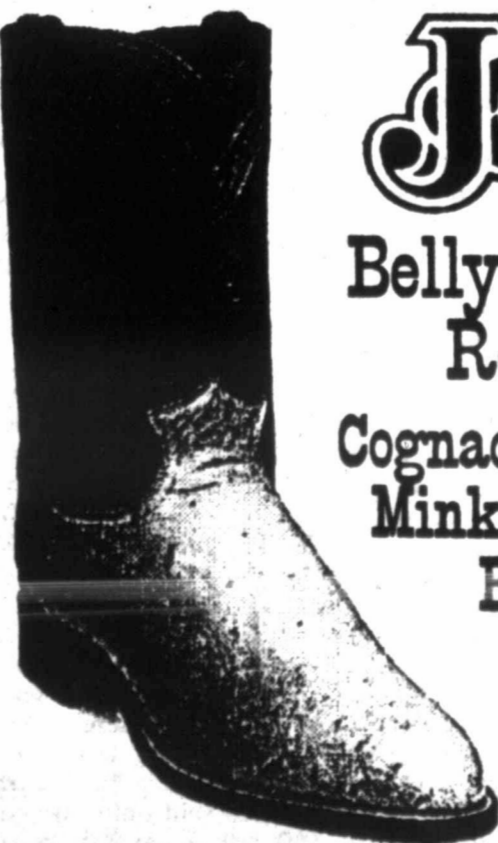
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**TOPS IN MATH** — These Hermleigh seventh grade students received math awards last week. From left are, Randi Herrington, Jared Higgins, Tiffanie Moore, all outstanding; Crystal Jackson, most improved; and Joey Garza, outstanding. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Monitoring daily caffeine intake

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** My parents drink too much coffee. What are the hazards of too much caffeine in the systems of senior citizens?

**DEAR READER:** Excessive caffeine (in a person of any age) may cause nervousness, irritability, increased blood pressure, rapid pulse, insomnia, frequent urination, weakness, and other symptoms.

The elderly seem to be particularly sensitive to the effects of caffeine, as older citizens are to a variety of medications and substances, such as alcohol.

I sometimes caution my elderly patients to restrict their caffeine-containing beverages to no more than three cups a day, in order to avoid over-stimulation. Or, as an alternative, switch to a decaffeinated variety.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Please discuss Parkinson's disease and the related condition known as progressive supranuclear palsy.

**DEAR READER:** Although they share some common characteristics, these two afflictions are probably not related.

Parkinson's disease, a common neurological disorder, is caused by progressive depletion of a vital brain chemical called dopamine, leading to

muscular rigidity, tremor and difficulty with movement and coordination. The diagnosis can usually be made by a special examination called PET scanning.

Treatment consists of a combination of drugs, such as levodopa, that replenish dopamine in the brain.

In contrast, progressive supranuclear palsy is rare, primarily affects the nerves supplying the muscles of the head and neck, and usually interferes with cognitive thinking. The cause is unknown, but patients show deterioration of brain cells at the base of the skull. The diagnosis is confirmed by neurological examination. There is no treatment, although dopamine-like drugs may provide brief improvement.

Both diseases are serious and progressive, but — with therapy — the prognosis of Parkinson's disease is more favorable.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** A year ago I had a cholesterol level of 208. This year it's 233. I've been watching my fat intake, walk 30 minutes a day and am quite active. What am I doing wrong?

**DEAR READER:** Probably nothing. Cholesterol levels — indeed, the levels of any components in your bloodstream — may vary slightly from test to test. With respect to cholesterol, the difference between 208 and 233 is,

in my opinion, inconsequential. Also, the lab may have made an error. Ask your doctor about this.

However, I'll bet that he'll reassure you and urge you to continue your present lifestyle. Remember that normal cholesterol levels are age-related: Younger people should be below 200 milligrams per deciliter, whereas recent reports have indicated that people over 70 do not need to be as concerned about high cholesterol as do younger adults.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." 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.

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### DR. GOTT

PETER GOTT, M.D.



## Surgical center patients may have been infected with virus

**FORT WORTH (AP)** — An outpatient surgical center waited two years to tell some 500 patients that a technician might have exposed them to hepatitis C, an incurable and sometimes deadly virus, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

The Mid-Cities Surgi-Center in Bedford since has learned that 15 people, including a baby, may have been infected through contact with a drug-addicted, ex-convict.

In his voluntary statement to Bedford police and in his sworn statement in prison, David Wayne Thomas said he would remove vials of fentanyl, a pre-anesthesia narcotic, which he describes as synthetic heroin, the newspaper reported Sunday.

Thomas said he dotted vials above and below a line, where he then snapped them open. He withdrew the narcotic with a syringe, replacing it with a saline solution using a second syringe, he said. Thomas would then match the dots, reseal the vial with Superglue and put it back in the narcotics box.

During Thomas' tenure as a surgical technician, from December 1991 to March 1992, about 500 patients passed through the center, most for routine, minor surgery. An undetermined number of them were administered drugs from vials tainted by Thomas.

Marianne Sisson had surgery at the center in January 1992 after a miscarriage and apparently was infected at that time. During a later pregnancy, she passed it to her now 14-month-old son, Garrett. Both show no symptoms, but doctors say their livers are likely to fail in two to 20 years.

"Anger has entered our home," said Mrs. Sisson's husband, John Sisson, a former North

Richland Hills resident who lives in Jefferson City, Mo. "You've got a woman here who goes in for a miscarriage; it was a baby that we wanted very deeply. It was a loss that devastated us. We were trying to knit our lives back together."

When the surgical center did send letters in May 1994 informing patients of the possible exposure, many patients said the center downplayed the risk. The letter spoke of a "remote" danger of infection.

In June, a spokesman answered a Star-Telegram inquiry after the letters went out, saying the center had only recently learned that an employee had tested positive for hepatitis C. But documents obtained by the newspaper show that the center had the positive results of Thomas' test 23 months earlier.

Lawsuits have been filed on behalf of those infected against the surgical center, and its current and former owners. Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp., based in Louisville, Ky., acquired the center three months ago from Medical Care International.

"I can tell you, we feel we are going to do whatever we feel is appropriate for the patients that are involved. ... I can assure you it is a new day with Columbia," said Lindy Richardson, a senior vice president at Columbia/HCA.

All 15 people infected also have sued at least 11 anesthesiologists who worked at the surgical center. The doctors' attorney, David McCue, could not be reached for comment Sunday by The Associated Press.

By mid-February 1992, according to police reports, officials at

the center began to notice that narcotics apparently were crystallizing in some vials. The glue apparently had leaked, mixing with the saline solution.

During the next four weeks, the clinic detected 164 vials of contaminated fentanyl and eight vials of contaminated cocaine. Thomas' fingerprints were found on some of the vials, and he was arrested April 2, 1992.

Thomas, 32, pleaded guilty in 1992 to charges of theft and possession of controlled substances in connection with the Mid-Cities Surgi-Center case and is in state prison, serving eight years. He will be eligible for parole in June.

It was not his first criminal conviction. Thomas, a former Arlington resident, was found guilty in January 1986 of possession of controlled substances and drug theft from an Austin hospital where he worked. He was sentenced to five years' probation.

The first indication of the outbreak came about four weeks after Thomas was fired; two patients who had undergone recent surgery at the center became ill. Center officials who knew of his vial tampering asked him to submit to a blood test.



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## Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♦ 8 3		♦ 9 7 4	
♣ K Q J 8		♣ A 10 7 5 2	
SOUTH			
▲ K J 10 9			
♥ A 3			
♦ J 6 2			
♣ 9 6 4 3			
Vulnerable: East-West			
Dealer: West			
South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ K			

### This way or that?

By Phillip Alder

Let's start the week with another of those amusing signs that appear in Joseph Harker's Notes and Queries column in England's Guardian newspaper. A New Zealand man was contemplating a career in the Army. Looking through the drill manual, he came upon the instruction "Take a step to the left with the left foot." He decided not to enlist.

In bridge, suppose you have A-3-2 in the dummy opposite the Q-J-10 in your hand. All things being equal, you will find it for the king through your left-hand opponent. But is it possible to finesse through both opponents in the same suit for the same card? Sounds impossible, but look at today's deal, which was devised by Jan Wohlin.

After ruffing the first trick in the dummy, South played a spade to his nine, which held the trick. How should he have continued?

Foiled by West's brilliant duck, South played a spade to dummy's ace. East's discard was a shock. The declarer played a diamond to his jack, ruffed a club with dummy's last trump and tried to cash some diamond tricks. But West ruffed the third round and cashed two club tricks. With a heart loser to come, that was an ignominious one down.

The right play, strange as it sounds, is for South to lead his spade jack at trick three and, assuming West follows suit, play low from the dummy. Having finessed through East, he finessees through West! As long as spades are 3-2, the contract is safe. But South must guard against today's layout.

Phillip Alder's new book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available, autographed upon request, for \$14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169.

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**Earth Tip:** Energy equal to an entire year's flow of the Alaskan pipeline leaks out American windows every winter. Additional insulation can often pay for itself in only one year and extra caulking is but one simple and inexpensive way to cut your energy bill.

## Community Calendar

### MONDAY

Stargazers TFCEC; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.  
Overeaters Anonymous; board room in Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 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

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.  
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.  
Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 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

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

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

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

### SUNDAY

#### Christmas Day

## 600 evacuated from mobile homes after ammonia leak

**WYLIE (AP)** — A leaking anhydrous ammonia tank on a nearby farm forced officials to evacuate about 600 people from a mobile home park, authorities said.

A malfunctioning valve was believed to be cause of the leak that began about 6 p.m. Sunday and kept residents away from their homes for about seven hours.

Wylie Fire Chief Shan English said emergency squads from Wylie, Lucas, Murphy, Garland and Richardson took about 30 minutes to evacuate the residents.

No one was seriously injured, but two residents were momentarily overcome by fumes. They were treated at an emergency evacuation center set up at the First Baptist Church of Wylie.

The evacuation was at the Southfork Mobile Home Park, named after the home used in the television series Dallas. The Southfork Ranch, used in the filming of the nighttime soap opera, is located about 11/2 miles away and was not involved in the evacuation.

Anhydrous ammonia is a fertilizer, and the leaking tank was located about 200 yards from the mobile home park.

The ammonia is considered highly toxic if inhaled for long periods. Symptoms include conjunctivitis, swelling of the eyelids, sore throat, coughing, vomiting and shortness of breath. Skin irritation and corneal ulcers are possible.

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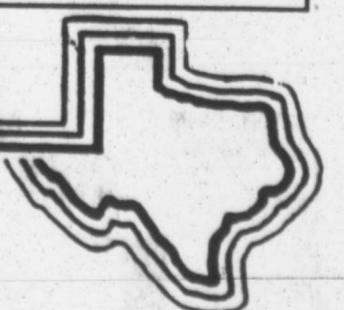
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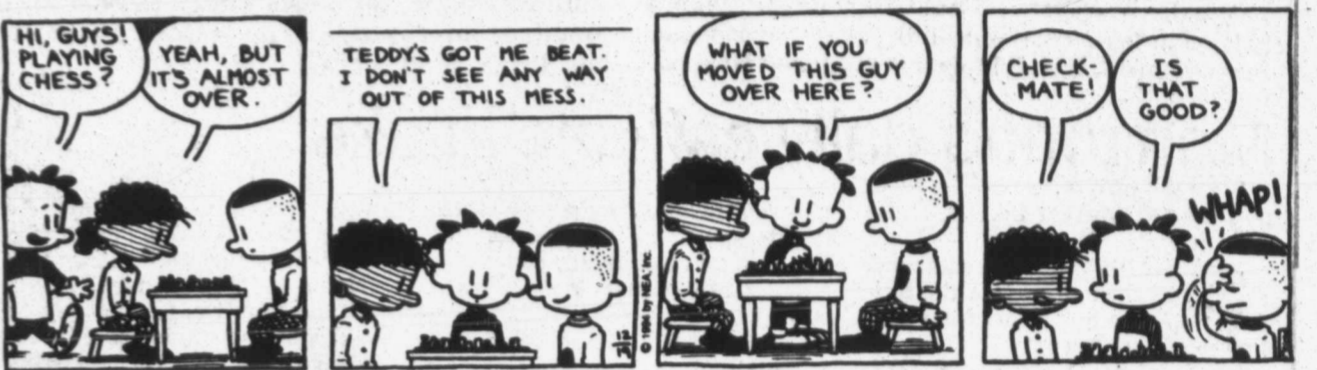
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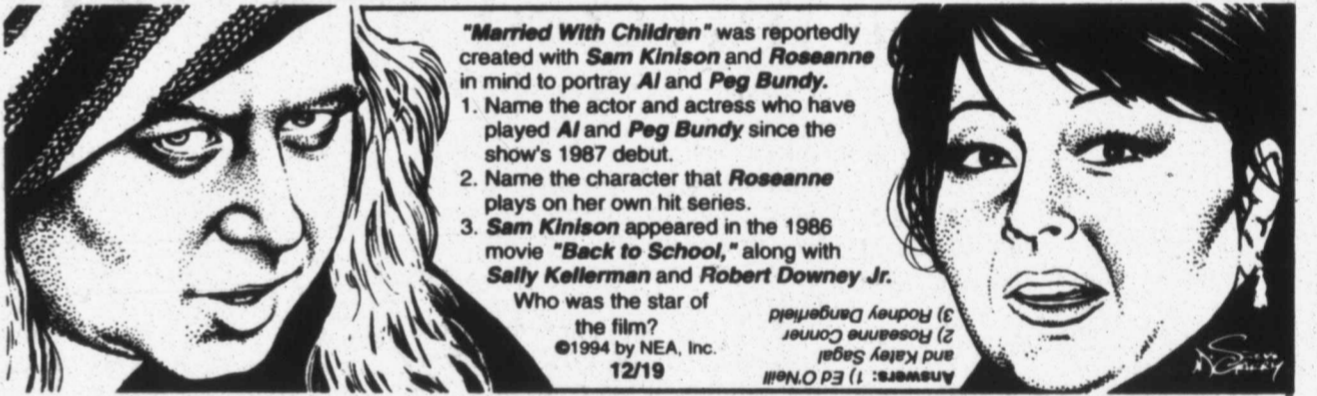
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- 13 Tropical tree
- 14 Meadow
- 15 Dashboard opening
- 16 Ignorant
- 18 Basement opening
- 20 Animal docs
- 21 Barbara — Geddes
- 22 Monk's title
- 24 Bread cakes
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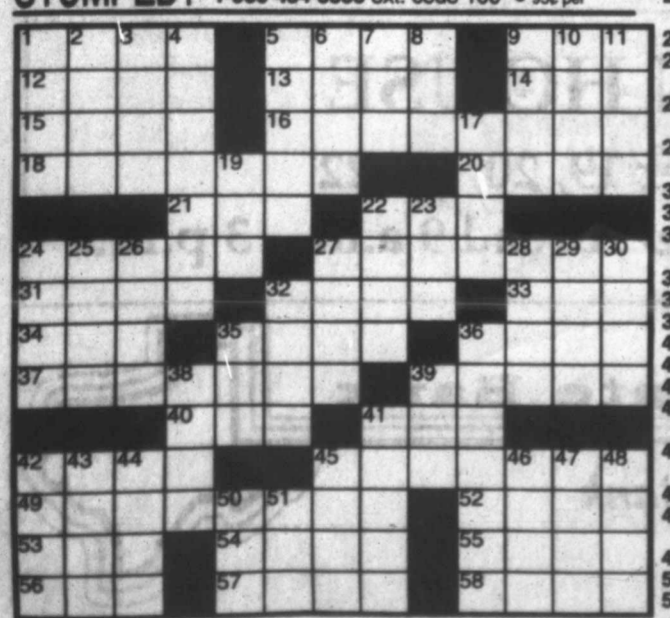
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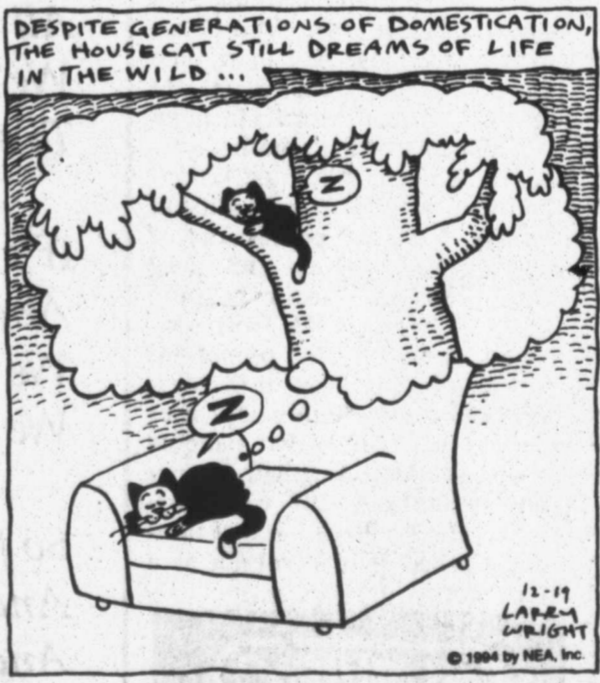
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# Sports

## Snyder outduels Slaton

By TODD STANLEY  
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers jumped out to an early 18-2 lead, then thwarted any plans of a Slaton comeback with clutch fourth quarter free throw shooting to score a 56-49 win Saturday.

Brad Guber led the Tigers with 16 points and Reagan Key contributed eight, as Snyder upped its record to 9-5 on the year.

Slaton fell victim to poor execution and sterling defense by Snyder in the opening period, as they were unable to get off a shot in their first 11 possessions.

Snyder head coach Bud Birks was pleased with the way his team jumped out to an early lead, but was more impressed with the way they finished the game with a strong fourth quarter.

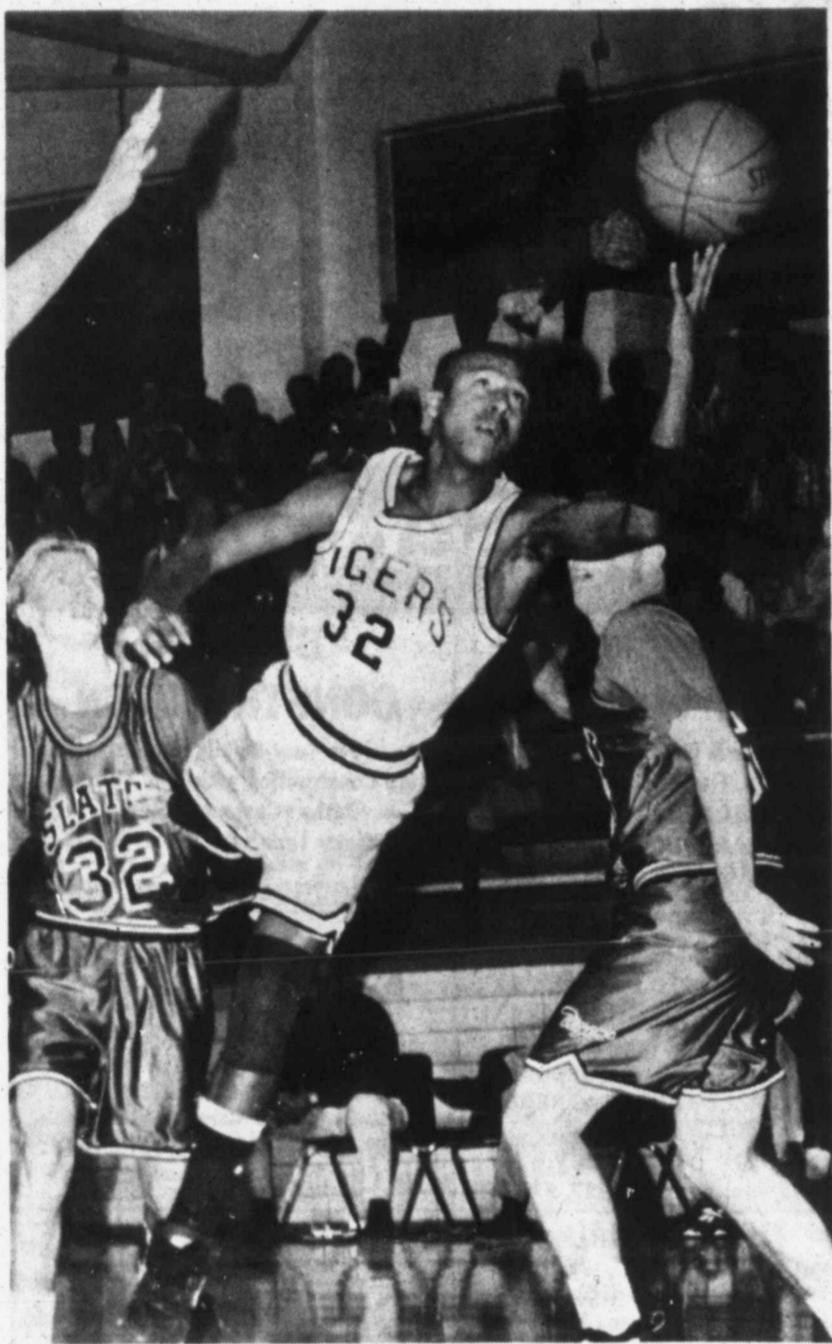
"The first and last parts of the game were good," he said. "We just gave up too many easy shots in the middle portion of the game."

Slaton's center of attention was 6'7" Greg Johnson, the game's leading scorer with 29 points.

Johnson, who was immovable in the paint, took interior pass after interior pass in the third and fourth quarters and converted them for easy points.

"Once they (Slaton) settled down and started concentrating on getting the ball inside to Johnson they were able to work their way back into the game," Birks said. "It was hard for us to stop their interior game."

"Our backside help wasn't getting there fast enough and that posed us a lot of problems."



**BALANCING ACT** — Snyder's Wayne Braziel knifes through the lane during the Tigers' 56-49 victory at home over Slaton Saturday night. The Tigers face Plainview, the defending class 4A state champions, tonight at 6:30. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

Snyder clung to a 23-16 advantage at halftime thanks to a pressing defense which posed Slaton problems in setting up the half court offense.

Slaton tried a late comeback, outscoring Snyder 16-14 in the third period, but was unable to erase its first quarter

misfortunes.

Coach Birks called the Slaton Tigers one of the tougher teams that Snyder will play this year. Of course, the toughest may be their opponent tonight, the Plainview Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs are the defending state champions in class 4A.

## Lady Tigers start fast, end slow in 59-38 loss to Slaton

By TODD STANLEY  
SDN Sports Editor

The Lady Tigers have had a nasty habit of falling behind early, scrambling back late and coming up a bit short at the end of their games.

Saturday at home against the Slaton Lady Tigers, Snyder amended their first quarter woes with an early 12-11 lead. However, Slaton used a well-aged blend of talent, experience and tradition to turn a 25-19 halftime lead into a 59-38 blowout victory.

"We have talked about how in our games it's not so much what the other team does to us, it's how we are killing ourselves," Snyder head coach Steve Qualls said. "We came out and tried to correct that in the early stages of the game."

"The only problem was that they proved to be as talented as we had feared."

Qualls said he felt that the start of the game was "awesome" and that the girls finally got the first quarter "jinx" behind them.

"I was really proud the way we came out and fought," Qualls said. "We moved the ball around on the perimeter and got some good looks at the basket."

Erica Garvin got most of those looks, as she scored eight of her team high 13 points in the first quarter.

Slaton's big three of Phylesha Whaley, Rosielita Smith and Curissia Madkins, accounted for 49 of the Lady Tigers' 59 points.

Whaley, who Qualls calls a possible Division I college prospect, scored 21 points.

"In the second quarter, they (Slaton) brought in a high post and that really gave us some problems," Qualls said. "When we came out and tried things to slow down their offense they just started hitting the short jump shot."

Snyder, now 3-11, goes up against Plainview, another tough opponent, today at 5 p.m.

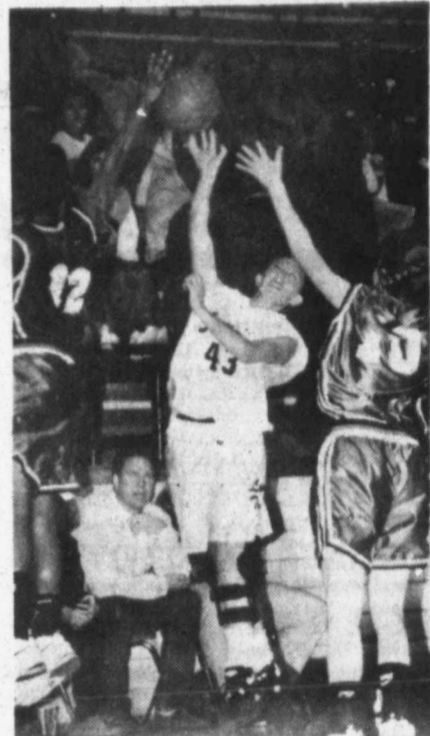
"Plainview is a little down from what they have been in the past," Qualls said. "But that doesn't mean we have less respect for them."

"They are a young team like us. It should be a good game."

According to Qualls, the Lady Tigers must jump out to another early lead, or face the consequences.

"If we have the same kind of start that we did against Slaton, we will win," Qualls said. "My only hope is that we aren't in the Christmas mood and start giving away presents early in the game."

"Their girls are just as young as we are and they have a tendency to be sporadic."



**OVER THE TOP** — Lady Tigers' Connie Payne shoots over Slaton's Curissia Madkins, left, and Becky Evans, right, during Snyder's 59-38 loss Saturday night. Snyder takes on Plainview today at 5 p.m. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

## Freshmen squads struggle

Snyder's freshmen teams struggled over the weekend, as the Tigers fell in two out of three games in the Andrews tournament and the Lady Tigers dropped to both Idalou and Levelland.

The Tigers dispatched Pecos in the opening round of the tournament with a 73-58 bashing of the Eagles.

Jimmy Taylor led the Tigers

with 16 points, while Kelly Gentry chipped in 14 and Kyle Beck added 10.

In second round action, the Tigers were unable to overcome a 36-26 halftime deficit as they fell to Lamesa 65-52.

Chad Carter was the hot hand for the Tigers, as he converted for 17 points. Kyle Beck was good for 12 points. Jimmy Taylor scored nine.

The tournament's third place game pitted Snyder against the Frenship Tigers.

Snyder fell down seven points at the midway point and was unable to overcome steady play by Frenship, as they lost 59-46.

Alvin Fabre poured in 13 points for Snyder and Beck hit for nine. David Smith contributed seven points in the loss.

The Lady Tigers, meanwhile, found the going tough against Idalou, losing 46-35.

Jamie Burleson had 18 points for the Lady Tigers and Melanie Kidd contributed nine.

The Lady Tigers fell to 3-9 on the season with a 57-30 loss to Levelland.

Melanie Kidd had nine points and Jenise Judah scored four in a losing effort.

## JV boys fall to S'water

Despite sophomore Matthew Fambro's 15 points, the Snyder JV boys fell to Sweetwater 71-45 in the San Angelo JV tournament.

Snyder kept the game and the Mustangs in check early in the game, as the score was tied 14-14 in the first quarter.

Sweetwater, however, pulled away as the game progressed and led 38-23 at halftime.

Ramsey Catillo scored 10 points and Richard Canas had seven for the Tigers.

## Baseball meeting planned

Snyder Teenage League Baseball Association will meet at 7 this evening in the chamber of commerce board room. Representatives from all baseball leagues in Snyder will be present.

The public is invited to attend.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
A Sudanese soccer match between Betuan and Al Kubra in the early 1970s was interrupted in the 62nd minute by lions on the field.

## Teams wrap up spots in time for Christmas

By The Associated Press

By the time John Kasay's kick went wide, this much was settled this weekend: The San Diego Chargers were in the playoffs, the Buffalo Bills were out and Jimmy Johnson was still on television.

With so many teams in the NFL hoping to improve their postseason chances Sunday, the Chargers were the only ones that clinched a spot.

The New England Patriots could've clinched if Seattle had beaten the Los Angeles Raiders at night, but Kasay missed a 43-yard field goal try with nine seconds left and the Seahawks lost 17-16.

The Miami Dolphins would've won the AFC East with a win at Indianapolis, but the Colts made a goal-line stand in the closing minutes and held on for a 10-6 win.

The Pittsburgh Steelers, already assured a playoff berth, wrapped up the AFC Central and home field advantage through the playoffs with a 17-7 victory over Cleveland. San Diego earned its second AFC West title in three years with a 21-6 victory over the New York Jets.

In the NFC, San Francisco is the West champion and Dallas has won the East. But the Central lead is shared by Minnesota, Detroit and Chicago, and all three — along with Green Bay — might yet wind up in the playoffs.

The Bills, meanwhile, were eliminated, as were Philadelphia, Atlanta and the Jets. For Buffalo, a 41-17 loss to New England meant it will not have a chance to reach the Super Bowl for the fifth straight year — and win for the first time.

"From my standpoint, other than the Super Bowl losses, I can't remember a game where I've been more disappointed, or feel worse about, than this one," Bills coach Marv Levy said.

Jimmy Johnson apparently isn't ready to return to the good-old days of coaching, either.

As expected, Johnson announced he had signed a three-

year contract to stay on Fox television.

As it all stands, Miami (9-6) is tied with New England (9-6) atop the AFC East. Miami, already in the playoffs, wins the division if both teams finish with the same record. The Patriots get into the playoffs with a victory at Chicago on Saturday.

In the AFC Central, the Steelers (12-3) are the winners, with the Browns (10-5) in as a wildcard.

In the West, the Chargers (10-5) are the champs, with Kansas City (8-7) and the Los Angeles Raiders (9-6) still in the wild-card running.

In the NFC, Dallas (11-3) is in with the New York Giants (8-7) and Arizona (8-7), a 28-7 winner over Cincinnati, possible for the playoffs.

Dallas is at New Orleans on Monday night.

On Saturday, it was San Francisco 42, Denver 19 and Detroit 41, Minnesota 19.

Raiders 17, Seahawks 16  
Los Angeles escaped at the Kingdome when Kasay missed after earlier making three field goals, including a 50-yarder.

Seattle (6-9) was ahead 13-10 with a first down on the Raiders' 10 in the fourth quarter when a remote-control car appeared on the Kingdome field. The game was delayed for a couple of minutes and the Seahawks stalled with a penalty, a run for no gain and two incomplete passes.

Patriots 41, Bills 17

Drew Bledsoe threw three touchdown passes and New England overcame a 17-3 deficit. The crowd of 56,784 was the smallest at a non-strike game in Buffalo since Sept. 20, 1987.

Steelers 17, Browns 7  
Spurred by a towel-waving, record crowd of 60,808 at Three Rivers Stadium, Pittsburgh won its seventh straight game.

Neil O'Donnell threw a 40-yard TD pass to Yancey Thigpen and Barry Foster ran for 106 yards and a touchdown.

Chargers 21, Jets 6  
Stan Humphries threw three touchdown passes and San Diego surged after linebacker Junior Seau sidelined New York quarterback Boomer Esiason with a concussion in the second quarter.

The Chargers (10-5) lost their previous two games, missing a chance to wrap up the AFC West

both times.

Packers 21, Falcons 17

Brett Favre scrambled 9 yards for a touchdown with 14 seconds that kept Green Bay in the playoff picture.

The Packers (8-7) played their final game in Milwaukee after 61 years of playing a portion of their home schedule there each season. Atlanta (6-9) lost quarterback Jeff George to a broken finger in the first quarter.

Bears 28, Rams 13

Raymont Harris and Lewis Tillman scored on short touchdown runs for Chicago (9-6) at Soldier Field. Steve Walsh had a 3-yard TD pass to Keith Jennings as the Bears sent Los Angeles (4-11) to their sixth straight loss.

Colts 10, Dolphins 6

Dan Marino moved Miami to a first down at the Indianapolis 2 in the closing minutes, but could not produce the go-ahead touchdown. Dewell Brewer returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown for the host Colts (7-8).

Cardinals 28, Bengals 7

In coach Buddy Ryan's first season, Arizona assured its first non-losing season since 1984. The Cardinals (8-7) must beat Atlanta on Saturday and then have Dallas beat the Giants and the 49ers beat Minnesota to make the playoffs for the first time since the strike season of 1982.

The visiting Bengals (2-13) lost their fifth in a row.

Cuipers 31, Oilers 9

Joe Montana, out for two weeks with an injured left foot, came back in time to revive the Chiefs' playoff hopes. His two touchdown passes helped host Kansas City end a three-game losing streak.

A win next week over the Raiders would give Kansas City a wildcard playoff spot. Houston (1-14) lost its 11th in a row.

Buccaneers 17, Redskins 14

Washington, in coach Norv Turner's first year, wound up its first winless season at home. Tampa Bay won its fourth straight, its longest winning streak since starting 5-0 in 1978.

The Redskins (2-13) set a team record for most losses in a season. They lost their seventh in a row, their longest losing streak since 1964-65.

Erriett Rhett had TD runs of 1 and 3 yards.

Giants 16, Eagles 13

New York survived some last-second drama in Philadelphia to win its fifth straight game. Dave Meggett scored on a 5-yard run with 3:54 left and Brad Daluiso kicked an 18-yard field goal with 54 seconds left as the Giants (8-7) sent the Eagles (7-8) to their sixth consecutive loss.

## NFL Glance

By The Associated Press  
All Times EST

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New England	9	6	0	.600	338 309
Buffalo	7	8	0	.467	331 346
Indianapolis	7	8	0	.467	297 311
N.Y. Jets	6	9	0	.400	254 296
Central					
x-Pittsburgh	12	3	0	.800	282 197
y-Cleveland	10	5	0	.667	305 195
Cincinnati	2	13	0	.133	243 376
Houston	1	14	0	.067	202 342
West					
x-San Diego	10	5	0	.667	344 272
LA Raiders	9	6	0	.600	294 308
Kansas City	8	7	0	.533	300 289
Denver	7	8	0	.467	319 366
Seattle	6	9	0	.400	278 288

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Arizona	8	7	0	.533	229 257
Philadelphia	7	8	0	.467	278 275
Washington	2	13	0	.133	296 391
Central					
Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	335 300
Detroit	9	6	0	.600	337 315
Chicago	9	6	0	.600	268 294
Green Bay	8	7	0	.533	348 268
Tampa Bay	6	9	0	.400	232 317
West					
x-San Francisco	13	2	0	.867	491 275
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	302 355
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	307 379
LA Rams	4	11	0	.267	265 341

x-clinched division  
y-clinched playoff spot  
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San Francisco 42, Denver 19  
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Chicago 27, Los Angeles Rams 13  
New England 41, Buffalo 17  
San Diego 21, New York Jets 6  
Tampa Bay 17, Washington 14  
Indianapolis 10, Miami 6  
Arizona 28, Cincinnati 7  
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# Pilot's wife waited anxiously

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Donna Hall spent a day anxiously pacing in front of the television set after her husband's helicopter went down in North Korea, then wept "tears of joy" when she learned he was alive. The other pilot was killed.

"I'm elated that my husband is safe, but my heart goes out to the family of the other man," Mrs. Hall, wife of Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall, said Sunday.

The second pilot, Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon of Clarksville, Tenn., was killed when the helicopter went down, the White House announced Sunday.

"This tragic loss of life was unnecessary," President Clinton said. With details still sketchy, Clinton demanded Hall's release.

"Our primary concern now is the welfare of Chief Warrant Of-

ficer Hall and his return, along with the body of Chief Warrant Officer Hilemon," Clinton said.

North Korea said an "enemy" aircraft was shot down Saturday, after the OH-58C helicopter was ordered across the heavily fortified border. The United States said the craft was unarmed and on a routine training mission.

Hilemon's wife, Berit, issued a statement after his death was announced.

"I can find comfort in the fact that David died doing something he loved — flying and defending our country," Mrs. Hilemon said. "He was a dedicated and loving husband, who enjoyed flying and his life as an Army aviator."

Hilemon, 29, was also a Persian Gulf veteran. They had been married nine years, but had no children.

Mrs. Hall, who stayed behind with the couple's two children last March when her husband went to Korea, said she has worried about her husband before. Hall, 28, served seven months in the Persian Gulf nearly four years ago.

"I have always had that as part of my life being married to a military man," she said. "It's always been in the back of my mind that something like this could happen — but the reality is still a shock."

Friends and colleagues of Hilemon's at Fort Campbell in Kentucky agreed.

"Even though there are 23,000 people — soldiers and civilians — at Fort Campbell, you're never ready for it," said base spokesman Maj. Paul Aswell.

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# Dartmouth seeks to heal 225-year-old wound with Indians

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — More than two centuries ago, a Mohegan Indian named Samson Occom made his way to England to preach the gospel and ask for money. His dream was to found a college exclusively for young American Indians.

Lord Dartmouth was one of those who listened — and Occom soon returned with 12,000 pounds (about \$1.17 million in today's terms), enough to establish one of the finest schools in the colonies.

Occom had become a Christian preacher after attending a school for Indians in Connecticut run by Eleazar Wheelock, and eagerly agreed to raise money when Wheelock won a land grant to set up a similar school in New Hampshire.

But when Occom returned in 1768 with such a considerable sum, his mentor reneged on his promise. Wheelock, Dartmouth's first president, made the Ivy League school a preserve for young white men.

Occom, feeling betrayed, turned over the money and left, never seeing the campus he had worked so hard to build.

"There was an injustice perpetrated on Occom and his people," said Lenore O'Jibway, a Dartmouth development official who is working to renew the college's ties to the Mohegan tribe and heal a wound that has festered for 225 years.

Today, Occom's portrait hangs over the fireplace in the Dartmouth College library. His Bible and writings are carefully stored there as well, and the town hon-

ored his memory with Occom Ridge Road and Occom Pond. But to people outside the Mohegan tribe, he remains a little-known figure.

Fascinated with the story, O'Jibway, a Sioux who is Dartmouth's assistant director of special gifts, decided on her own to rekindle ties with Occom's descendants. She took a personal day last summer and traveled to Montville, Conn., to meet with tribal elders.

"The first reaction was hurt," she said. "They said that whole experience had broken Samson Occom's spirit. ... He went on to have nothing more to do with white people."

Occom continued his missionary work, but only with other Indians. And in Dartmouth's first 200 years, only 20 American Indians have attended — none of them Mohegans.

O'Jibway and the college are working to change that.

"We want to rebuild relations with the Mohegan tribe," O'Jibway said. "It's way overdue — centuries overdue."

In a telephone interview last week, Mohegan Chief Ralph Sturges said that while some elders still resent Occom's mistreatment, most welcome Dartmouth and its plans.

The 1,000-member tribe decided to break away from the Pequot tribe and cooperate with white colonists before Occom's time. Unlike the Pequots of today, which have made millions running a casino on tribal lands, most Mohegans live in humbler circum-

stances in towns in southeastern Connecticut.

The Mohegans won federal recognition earlier this year, and hope to set up their own casino. Meanwhile, they could use some help.

John Siros, head of Dartmouth's Native American program, said the college plans to recruit Mohegan students. There's also hope of sending Dartmouth students to help set up a tribal government, improve health care, conduct a census and do other research projects.

Dartmouth, which became co-ed in the 1970s, now has a 23-year-old Native American Program that graduates 75 percent of its American Indian students, compared to a national average rate of about 7 percent. The 148 Indians who met Dartmouth's stringent admission standards get a strong network of support services to ensure their success.

James Wright, dean of the faculty and Dartmouth's temporary acting president, is equally enthusiastic about the renewed relationship.

"This is as important symbolically at this stage as it is substantively," Wright said.

Siros said the college hopes to interest some Mohegan students in applying to Dartmouth this January. About six young members of the tribe have shown interest, including a young woman who wants to be a doctor.

"This relationship is going to be great," said Sturges. "I think old Samson would go along."

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# FAA pledges closer airline inspections in the future

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal aviation officials are promising closer inspections of airlines as they try to reassure travelers during the holiday period that flying is safe.

"I fly all over the country with great confidence," Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said Sunday, but he acknowledged that a recent string of accidents, including two involving commuter airlines "has been troubling."

Pena said that 3,000 FAA inspectors were reviewing safety operations at every air carrier and that he has asked the chief executives of all the airlines — both commuters and larger carriers — to attend a meeting in Washington for "a gut check to see if there's something else we ought to be doing" to improve safety.

"The American people expect and deserve the highest level of safety in our airline system," Pena said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Meanwhile, FAA Administrator David Hinson said he was "reasonably optimistic" the ATR turboprop aircraft, which was barred from cold-weather flights Dec. 9, would soon be returned to full service.

Hinson said on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley" that further tests were being conducted on the aircraft and that its French manufacturer and the French Civil Aviation Authority "will be able to get the airplane returned to service very soon."

An American Eagle ATR-72 crashed Oct. 31 near Roselawn, Ind., killing all 68 people aboard. Investigators suspect icing of the wings as a factor, although a formal cause has not yet been determined. The FAA barred the plane from flying in weather that might cause icing after tests suggested the aircraft was unusually susceptible to loss of control during icy conditions.

There are about 150 of the ATR-72 and the smaller ATR-42 turboprop aircraft operated by U.S. airlines. When the planes were restricted, many of the companies shifted to smaller aircraft and canceled flights.

Since early September, 215 people have been killed in three airline accidents, including the American Eagle crash in Indiana. Investigators have yet to pinpoint a cause for a USAir crash near Pittsburgh on Sept. 8 in which 132 people were killed or for the crash of another American Eagle commuter — a 19-seat Jetstream — on Dec. 13 near Morrisville, N.C., in which 15 people died.

While Pena said he considered

these accidents troubling, he rejected criticism that his department, which includes the FAA, has been sluggish in regulating air safety. Critics have accused the FAA of being slow to implement proposed air safety regulations from the National Transportation Safety Board, which investigates air crashes.

Shortly after the Oct. 31 American Eagle crash, the NTSB, for example, recommended that the French-made ATR not fly in icy conditions. The FAA imposed

new operational requirements on the plane, but did not restrict the aircraft for another month.

Hinson called the recent commuter accidents, as well as the USAir crash in September as "random events" with "no connection between them whatsoever." He also said "there is hardly any statistical difference" in the accident rates of the commuters (0.4 per 100,000 departures) and the larger airlines (0.3 per 100,000 departures).

# Homeless advocate found shot to death

DALLAS (AP) — A homeless man who filed a lawsuit against the city of Dallas in an attempt to stop demolition of a shantytown near Interstate 45 has been found shot to death in a house where he had been staying, police say.

Prince Johnson, 34, was found Sunday night in a house in the Oak Cliff section of the city, according to Dallas police detective Ken Wigington.

There were no witnesses and no one was arrested, Wigington said.

The house where Johnson was found was owned by Common Ground, a housing advocacy group. John Fullinwider, director of the group, said, Johnson had been living in the house on and off while doing some repair work.

"He was really dedicated to the homeless cause," Fullinwider told the Dallas Morning News. "He made a lot of sacrifices."

Johnson was at the center of the debate between city officials and the homeless over the proposed destruction of the shantytown near downtown Dallas. It was eventually destroyed earlier this year, but Johnson fought against it and was able to delay it for a time.

Fullinwider said Johnson, who had battled homelessness and alcoholism for years, had recently returned to Dallas from North Little Rock, Ark., where he found sobriety and a job.

Johnson said he wanted to come back to be a part of the fight against homelessness and to find a way to house people who have been living on the streets.

After the shantytown was destroyed, Johnson began sleeping in downtown Dallas and was arrested at least once for sleeping just outside City Hall.

American Eagle pilots send letter over training remarks

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Thursday that plans to transfer pilots from bases in the South posed safety problems because the pilots lacked experience flying in icy weather and were unfamiliar with Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

Federal investigators suspect icing on the wings may have contributed to one of the crashes, which killed all 68 people aboard in Indiana on Oct. 31.

American Eagle, reeling from the Federal Aviation Administration's decision to ban ATR turboprops from cold-weather flying, on Friday suspended its Chicago commuter service and trimmed flights from John F. Kennedy Airport in New York.

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# 'Disoriented' aviators strayed off course

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Two American aviators whose helicopter went down after straying over North Korea were disoriented and gave an incorrect report of their location in their last radio contact, a U.S. spokesman said today.

One pilot died when the helicopter was shot down or made an emergency landing Saturday in the communist country. The other was reported unhurt and in North Korean custody.

In their final contact at 10:43 a.m. Saturday, the pilots gave their position at a location in South Korea. In fact, they were somewhere else, said military spokesman Jim Coles. He could not say

whether they were actually in South Korea or North Korea at the time.

There had been a heavy snowstorm the night before, and the three feet of snow on the ground may have obscured terrain landmarks and the orange navigational placards pilots use as markers, Coles said.

Quoting South Korean military officials, South Korea's Yonhap news agency said the two Americans reported in their last radio contact that they were six miles south of the Demilitarized Zone that separates the two Koreas and getting ready to turn around. Actually, they were three miles north of the zone, in North Korean territory, Yonhap said.

North Korean officials did not discuss the incident at a routine briefing today, then canceled a higher-level meeting with American officials.

"The KPA (Korean Peoples Army) called at the last minute to say their leaders were busy working on their investigation," Coles

said. American officials will try again Tuesday to meet with North Korean authorities, he said.

## County court meets

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\$500 per year for the lease.

In other business, commissioners gave their support of a plan to care for mentally retarded adult children of aging parents.

Judge Doolittle said the concern is when the aging parents can no longer care for their adult children and the parents are asking for a program to determine who will be responsible at that time.

The court also approved a number of line-item transfers including \$250 from office rent to travel expense for Kathryn Roberts of the County Extension Office; \$1,350, total from equipment, liability insurance, maintenance agreements and lease rental to computer lease and supplies for the Tax Office; and \$400 from general public liability insurance to rural fire equipment.

The Child Welfare Board asked that \$250 be transferred from medical care to supplies, film and processing and \$600 was transferred in Precinct 1 from machine hire to communications and operating supplies.

The county attorney's office transferred \$47 from communications to lease rental while \$145 was transferred in the district attorney's office from repairs, travel expenses and postage to maintenance agreements, communication and law books.

Three hundred dollars was transferred from supplies to autopsy expense in Justice Precinct 1 while \$325 was transferred from repairs to maintenance agreements and checks in the county auditor's office. Some \$386 was transferred from repairs and court appointed attorney expenses in the district court to district judge law books and grand jury expenses. Some \$510 was transferred from bank service charges to maintenance agreements in the office of the county treasurer.

Line-item transfers totalled

\$814.88 for Scurry County Library to cover supplies used for games or field maintenance.

The court agreed to sign a lease agreement between the county and Big Country Incineration for approximately two acres at the site of the old Hermleigh landfill. John Williamson plans to locate a business that will process insulated wire in a special furnace at the site.

Williamson will pay the county daily library operations, additional book and utility expenses and additional expenses for the copy machine.

Doolittle presided. Commissioners present were Ralph Trevey, Jerry Gannaway and Roy Idom. C.D. Gray Jr. was absent.

## Ask the IRS

Following are examples of common questions people ask the Internal Revenue Service. They are presented as a public service of this publication and the IRS.

**Q.** Every year I take my tax return to a professional tax preparer, and every year I am surprised by how much I get back or owe. Is there something I can do so I will know how I am doing before I get my tax returns prepared?

**A.** Yes. Almost everyone can benefit from a little tax planning throughout the year.

**Q.** Tax planning! I just work for my employer during the week and do little odd jobs on the weekend. I thought tax planning was for rich people. How would I do it?

**A.** The first step is to look at the tax return you just filed. What parts of the return are easy to predict each year and what parts are not?

Based on your return, estimate how much you will earn for this year and how much tax will you owe on that income. Then look at your tax withholdings. If necessary, give your employer a new Form W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate," to adjust your withholding so you will have the right amount of tax paid in by the end of the year.

If your return seems to be different from one year to the next, you may need to go back and review your situation two or three times a year to see if your income and deductions are changing substantially from the previous years. Especially look at income from your odd jobs or from events that do not take place each year, such as the sale of stock or a home.

**Q.** Is there any other kind of planning that I should be doing?

**A.** Yes. In addition to looking at your income, you should also look at deductions or adjustments that can lower your taxable income. If you itemize, you should make sure you are getting proper receipts or proofs of items that can be deducted. If you are saving up for retirement, you should check to see whether you would qualify to make deductible payments into an individual retirement account or other tax-sheltered retirement plan.

**Q.** Where can I get more information?

The Internal Revenue Service has many publications to help you with your taxes. Publication 919, "Is My Withholding Correct for 1994?" helps you figure out how much you will owe. Also, Publication 910, "Guide to Free Tax Service," lists many other helpful publications and services. All are available by calling 1-800-829-3676.

## Obituaries

### Allena Lewis

1906-1994

Service was to be held at 4 p.m. today in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Allena Lewis, 88, of Snyder. Burial was to follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Lewis died at 2:40 p.m. Saturday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born on Nov. 26, 1906, in Scurry County, she married Leverett L. Lewis on Jan. 21, 1933, in Snyder. He died on July 19, 1988. A housewife, Mrs. Lewis was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church and the Haley Sunday school class. She was a former longtime resident of the Union Community.

Mrs. Lewis was preceded in death by two brothers, Lee Brumley and Leonard Brumley; and a daughter-in-law, Kay Lewis.

Survivors include one son, Don Wayne Lewis of Dallas; one daughter and son-in-law, Doris Fay and Rodger Blackard of Snyder; three grandchildren, Paul Lewis of Dallas, and Lonnie Blackard and Audra von Roeder, both of Snyder; and four great-grandchildren.

### Clinton

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budget, consolidating 60 programs into a handful of block grants to cities. Local governments could take over some of HUD's duties, such as maintaining housing projects or providing rent supplements to poor families. The Federal Housing Administration, a Depression-era body that guarantees mortgages, could become a quasi-independent entity.

**Potential Losers:** Mayors whose cities benefit from the HUD money fear the "mega-block grant" concept will lead to overall reductions of housing aid. Clinton apparently has scrapped proposals to completely eliminate a Cabinet agency. Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, Transportation Secretary Federico Pena and HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros were attending today's ceremony to put a happy face on the cuts.

The bulk of Clinton's proposed savings come from extending a freeze on nonessential spending from 1998 to 2000. Today's announcement was planned as a preview of a more comprehensive set of cuts Clinton will propose next year in his budget.

## Markets Middy Stocks

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	51 1/2	50 7/8	50 7/8 +1/4
AT&T Corp	51 1/2	51 1/4	51 1/4 -3/8
AirTouch	28 1/4	27 7/8	28 1/8 +1/8
Albersons	29 1/4	29 1/8	29 1/4 -1/4
Allsignal	33 7/8	33 3/8	33 5/8 -1/8
Alltel	30 3/8	29 7/8	30 1/4 -1/2
AmStores	25 5/8	25 1/4	25 1/8 -1/2
Ameritech	42 3/8	41 7/8	41 7/8 -3/4
Amoco	62 1/8	61 3/4	61 7/8 -1/2
AndarkPtr	41 3/8	41	41 -1/2
Armcolac	63 1/8	61 4/8	63 -1/8
AT&T	104	103 5/8	103 7/8 -1/4
ATMOS Eay	17 5/8	17 1/2	17 5/8 -1/8
Aviall	83 1/8	81 1/4	81 1/4 -1/8
BakerHughes	18 3/8	18 1/4	18 3/8
BancTexas	15-16	15-16	15-16
BellAtl	51 1/2	51 1/8	51 1/4 -3/8
BellSouth	53 7/8	53 1/2	53 1/2 -3/8
BethSteel	19 1/8	18 7/8	19 1/8 -1/8
Borden	123 1/4	123 1/8	121 1/2 -1/8
BritPet	79 5/8	79 3/8	79 1/2 +1/4
Caterpillar	52 7/8	52 1/2	52 5/8 -5/8
CenSoWst	23 1/4	23	23 -1/4
Chevron	44 3/8	44 1/8	44 1/4
Chrysler	46 3/8	45 7/8	46 1/8 -1/2
Coastal	26 1/4	26 1/8	26 1/8
CocaCola	51 5/8	51 1/2	51 1/8 -1/4
ColgatePalm	44 1/4	43 3/4	44 1/8 +1/8
Copier	33 3/4	33 1/4	33 1/4 -5/8
CyprusAmx	26 1/4	25 7/8	25 7/8 -3/8
DallSemico	15	15	15
DeltaAirl	46 7/8	46 5/8	46 3/4 -1/8
DigitalEq	34 1/2	34 3/8	34 3/8 -3/8
Dillard	28 1/8	27 7/8	28 -1/8
DowChem	68 5/8	68 1/4	68 1/4 -1/2
DresserInd	19 1/4	19	19 1/8
DuPont	55 7/8	55 5/8	55 3/8 -3/8
EastmanChem	51	50 1/2	50 1/2 -5/8
EstKodak	46 3/8	46	46 1/8 -1/4
EljerInd	57 1/8	57	57 1/8 +1/8
Enserch	127 1/8	123 1/4	123 1/4 -1/8
Entergy	22 1/2	22 1/4	22 1/4 -1/4
Exxon	61 3/4	61 1/2	61 1/2 -1/4
FlowerInd	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
FordMotor	26 1/2	26 1/4	26 1/2 +1/8
GTE Cp	30 7/8	30 5/8	30 7/8 +1/8
GenDynam	44 1/4	43 1/2	43 1/2
GenElec	50 1/4	49 7/8	50 1/4
GenMill	57 1/8	56 3/4	57
GenMotors	38	37 1/2	38 +1/8
GenMotors E	37 5/8	37 1/4	37 1/4 -1/4
GalPacif	74	73 1/2	74 +5/8
GlobalMar	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4
Goodrich	43 7/8	43 7/8	43 7/8
Goodyear	33 7/8	33 1/2	33 5/8 -1/8
GtAtlPac	18 1/4	18 1/8	18 1/8 -1/4
Halliburton	34 7/8	34 5/8	34 7/8 +1/8
Hanson ADS	18 1/4	18	18 1/8 +1/4
Houstitad	35 3/4	35 1/2	35 1/2 -3/8
IBM	71 1/4	70 1/2	71 +7/8
IntlPaper	75 7/8	75 1/2	75 3/4 -1/8
JohansJan	55 1/4	54 7/8	55 -1/4
K mart	14 1/8	13 7/8	14 -1/4
Kroger	23 7/8	23 3/4	23 3/4
Litton	36 1/2	36	36 1/2 +3/8
Lowes	34 1/8	33 1/2	33 5/8 -5/8
Lubys	23 3/8	23 1/2	23 1/2 -3/8
Maxus	35 1/8	31 1/2	31 1/2 -1/8
MayDeptSt	34 5/8	34 3/8	34 3/8 -1/2
Medtronic	54 1/4	53 3/4	54 1/4 +3/8
Mobile	84 3/4	84 3/8	84 1/2 -1/8
Monsanto	73 1/4	72 7/8	72 7/8 -1/2
Motorola	56 5/8	55 7/8	56 1/4
NationsBt	46 5/8	45 7/8	46 1/2 +3/8
Navistar	14 1/2	13 3/4	14 3/8 +1/2
NorramBegy	55 1/8	51 1/2	55 1/8
Nysa	38 1/4	37 7/8	37 7/8 -1/4
OryxBegy	11 7/8	11 5/8	11 7/8 -1/8
PacTelcom	29 1/2	29 1/8	29 1/2 +3/8
PanECP	20 5/8	20 3/8	20 5/8 -1/8
Pennay JC	41 3/4	41 1/2	41 5/8
Pennzoil	45 5/8	45 3/8	45 3/8 -3/8
PepBoys	30 7/8	30 1/2	30 5/8 -3/8
PepsiCo	36 5/8	36 3/8	36 1/2 -1/4
PhilpDodge	59 1/4	58 5/8	58 5/8 -1/4
PhillipPet	34 1/8	33 3/4	33 7/8 -1/8
Polaroid	31 1/2	31 3/8	31 3/8 -1/8
Praxair	20 1/8	19 3/4	19 3/4 -3/8
ProctGamble	62 1/4	61 7/8	61 7/8 -3/8
PubNwMx	13 1/4	13 1/8	13 1/8 -1/8
RoyalDutch	106 7/8	106 5/8	106 5/8 -1/2
SFEPCp	17 1/2	17 3/8	17 3/8 +1/2
SaraLee	25 1/2	25	25 -1/2
SearsRoeb	45 3/8	45 1/4	45 3/8 -1/8
SherwinW	32 3/8	31 5/8	31 5/8 -5/8
SmbBchADS	35 5/8	35 1/2	35 5/8 +1/8
SmbBc eqt	33 3/4	33 1/2	33 1/2
SouthCo	20 1/4	20	20 1/8 -1/8
SwtAirline	16 1/4	15 7/8	15 7/8 -1/4
SwBell	41 5/8	40 5/8	41 5/8 -1/8
Sprint	27 7/8	27 3/8	27 1/2 -1/4
SterlingChm	12	11 7/8	12 +1/8
SunCo	28	27 1/2	27 3/4
TNP Ent	14 3/8	14 1/4	14 1/4 -1/8
Tandy	47	46 3/4	47 +1/4
Templin	46 7/8	46 5/8	46 3/4 +1/4
Tenneco	41 1/8	40 5/8	41 1/8 -1/8
Texasco	61 3/8	61 1/8	61 1/8 -1/4
TexasInd	30 1/4	29 3/4	29 3/4 -3/8
TexUtil	73 1/8	72 1/2	73 +3/8
Textron	32 1/2	32 1/4	32 3/8 -1/4
TrinityInd	49 3/4	49 1/4	49 3/4 +1/8
TritonEsgy	32 1/8	31 7/8	32 1/8 +1/4
Tyler	34	33 1/4	34 +1/2
US West	31 1/4	31 1/4	31 1/4
USX Dethi	36 1/2	36 1/8	36 1/4
USX-Marathn	10 1/4	10 1/8	10 1/8 -1/8
USX-USS	16 7/8	16 3/4	16 3/4 -1/8
UnCarbide	37 1/2	37 1/4	37 3/8 -1/8
UnPac	31 1/8	30 1/2	31 +5/8
UnitedTech	47 3/4	47 3/8	47 1/2
Usocal	62 1/8	61 3/4	61 3/4 -1/2
WalMart	26 3/4	26 1/2	26 5/8
WatsCarR	22 7/8	22 1/2	22 3/4 -1/4
Westing	19 7/8	19 7/8	19 7/8
Westing	12 1/4	12 1/8	12 1/8
WinnDixie	52 5/8	52 1/8	52 1/2 -5/8
Woolworth	14 1/4	14 1/8	14 1/4
XeroxCp	95 5/8	97	98 +3/4
Zenith	113 1/4	112 1/2	115 1/8 -1/8

## Assisted suicide battle heads for another round

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Oregon's voters narrowly decided to sanction doctor-assisted suicide for the terminally ill. A lawyer for the state sees no reason why the measure shouldn't be allowed to take effect.

"People voted for this, and we think it would be unfortunate if the majority of Oregonians who favored Measure 16 didn't have that option available to them," deputy Attorney General Tom Balmer said.

The state planned to ask U.S. District Judge Michael Hogan today to lift a Dec. 7 restraining order blocking the measure, which allows patients to request life-ending medication if a doctor determines they have less than six months to live.

The law is the first of its kind in

the world. Doctor-assisted suicide is technically illegal in the Netherlands, but doctors are guaranteed immunity if they follow strict guidelines.

Oregon's measure has some safeguards — the patient must ask for the drugs three times — including once in writing — get a second doctor's opinion and wait 15 days.

But opponents say it violates the American Disabilities Act as well as constitutional guarantees of due process and equal protection.

James Bopp, a National Right to Life lawyer who asked for the restraining order, says the safeguards won't prevent disabled or terminally ill patients from having themselves killed because of depression.

## Weekend arrests keep officers busy

Local law enforcement officers were kept busy last weekend with a number of arrests, including two on felony charges.

Scurry County Sheriff's Office responded to the report of a fight in progress at Willow Park Inn at 7:29 p.m. Sunday. A deputy arrested 28-year-old Jose Rodriguez Guerrero on two warrants for failure to post bond on felony driving while intoxicated charges.

About 11:30 p.m. Sunday, an officer began pursuit of a subject driving a blue Camaro westbound along Coliseum Drive. The subject's vehicle struck the Fletcher's 66 gas station building and the pursuit continued on foot. Officers arrested 31-year-old Walter Lee Courtney in the 2400 block of Avenue R on charges of felony driving while intoxicated, driving with a suspended license, resisting arrest, fleeing from police, fleeing the scene of an accident, an outstanding Brownwood DPS warrant for speeding, an outstanding Tarrant County warrant for theft, and an outstanding Stephens County warrant for passing worthless checks.

Police said damage to Fletcher's 66 include a broken window and some broken bricks.

At 11:57 p.m. Sunday, police arrested a 22-year-old woman in the 4400 block of Avenue U on an outstanding warrant for theft out of Scurry County, a warrant for failure to identify out of Brownwood and an outstanding warrant for theft out of Ector County.

Police were called to the Park Village Apartments at 2:33 p.m. Saturday in reference to some minors having a keg. One female

was issued a citation for minor in possession.

At 9:13 p.m. Saturday, police arrested a 33-year-old man in the 3100 block of Avenue A on a charge of assault Class C, family violence.

Officers were advised of a disturbance at Kathy's Club on East Coliseum Drive at 12:08 a.m. Sunday. Police took two men, ages 23 and 32, into custody for public intoxication.

John Corser contacted police at 1:10 a.m. Sunday in reference to damage to tree on Saturday. A report was filed.

Police were requested in the 2700 block of Avenue Q at 1:42 a.m. Sunday in reference to a noise disturbance. A 27-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication.

Police responded to a disturbance in the 4000 block of Midland at 2:33 p.m. Sunday where they arrested a 42-year-old man for assault/family violence.

## Commodities distribution set Wednesday

Commodities will be distributed Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Senior Center at 2603 Ave. M.

Eligibility guidelines for citizens of Scurry County are posted at the Senior Center. There will be no make-up day and all individuals are asked to enter through the north door of the senior center and to bring paper sacks or boxes to transport commodities.

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# Mexican officials says they cannot locate Alamo flag

DALLAS (AP) — For years, the Mexican government has resisted returning an Alamo flag to Texas, where it was captured more than 150 years ago in the battle for the San Antonio fortress.

Now, even if Mexican officials want to give it back, they might not be able to.

It seems the last remaining Alamo flag is missing.

"What can I tell you? We can't find it," an apologetic functionary with the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Relations told The Dallas Morning News in Sunday's editions.

The News began inquiring about the only Alamo banner remaining after state Sen. Carlos

Truan, D-Corpus Christi, suggested trading three Mexican flags that Texas captured after the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836 for the Alamo flag.

The flag was last displayed at a Mexico City military-theme museum in the mid-1980s, but no one could tell the newspaper where it's been since.

The museum said it gave the flag to the country's premiere history museum for restoration.

The history museum first said it had loaned the flag to the military museum. Later it said it did not know what had become of it.

The institute that oversees the history museum said it had no information on the flag.

And Mexico's national defense department, which tracks military artifacts, said it can't find its files on the Alamo flag.

For decades, Mexican officials have rebuffed Texans' efforts to regain the flag, which is emblazoned with a flying eagle and the declaration "God and Liberty." They have said the victory symbol rightfully belongs in Mexico.

While Alamo boosters and historians are concerned, they don't believe that the flag has been lost or destroyed. More likely, they said, it's been misplaced or is the victim of a tug-of-war that Mexican leaders want to ignore.

"I feel sure it's exactly where it's supposed to be," said Virginia Nicholas of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, which manages the Alamo.

"They probably don't want to (give it up)," she said, speculating that the flag situation is rooted in politics, not preservation.

William D. Gooch, director of the Texas State Library and Archives in Austin, said the latest news is "frightening."

"We certainly need to look into it and actually find out if the flag is somewhere and, if it is, can it be restored?" he said.

Truan said Mexican Consul Armando Beteta of Corpus Christi initiated discussion of a flag exchange. But Beteta now says he never brought up the idea.

"I do not have the authority to say my government may consider discussing this," Beteta said.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM — Hermleigh fourth graders in Brenda Kuss' class will sing Christmas carols Tuesday during the school's annual Christmas program. From left are, back row, Whitt, Randy Thomason, Roy Torres and Jeremy Brady; front row, Shawn Roemisch, Reece Saucedo, Jessica Hernandez, Juan Yruegas, Danny Elder and Jimmy Luna. (SDN Staff Photo)

# College student's body has been returned to its grave

DALLAS (AP) — The family of Melinda Ann Lee is looking for a return to a peaceful, normal life now that their daughter's body has been found and reburied.

The 20-year-old Texas Tech University honors student was reburied Sunday, five days after her grave was desecrated and her body stolen.

"They're taking some peace from returning her to her grave. They're hoping they'll continue to be left in peace and given time to put things back together," said the Rev. Byron Myrick, the family's minister.

Myrick, associate pastor of the Lake Highlands United Methodist Church in Dallas, says he and four members of the Lee family were present for the secret 15-minute graveside service early Sunday at Restland Memorial Park.

The grave site is different from the one that was desecrated, he said.

The Texas Tech honors student died Dec. 7 from injuries she suffered in an October traffic accident.

Her body was buried Dec. 10, but it was unearthed and stolen from the previous Restland plot

sometime between sundown Monday and sunrise Tuesday, Dallas County sheriff's investigators said.

A newspaper carrier found the body on a secluded road on the southern fringe of Dallas early Thursday and called in authorities.

Cemetery officials said someone burrowed 6 feet to the grave and then broke a hole through a 4-inch concrete crypt. Another hole was made in the coffin, through which the entire body was removed and taken away, they said.

Dallas County sheriff's depu-

ties report no breakthroughs in their search for a suspect in the body snatching.

Sheriff's detectives have said the operation would have required three to six hours to complete, depending on how many people were involved.

Detectives have spent part of the past week interviewing Miss Lee's friends in Dallas and on the Texas Tech campus in Lubbock.

The crime was the first grave robbery reported in Dallas County in more than a half century, Sheriff Jim Bowles has said.

# Gasoline prices said slightly lower

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Retailers lowered gasoline prices about a penny a gallon over the last two weeks, taking advantage of lower crude oil costs and discounting old supplies to make way for reformulated fuels.

The Lundberg Survey of 10,000 gasoline stations nationwide showed the average pump price, including all grades and taxes, was 119.94 cents per gallon on Friday. That was a 0.95-cent drop over the Dec. 2 average of 120.89 cents.

"Slightly lower crude oil prices and price cutting at the retail level is the reason for lower prices," survey publisher Trilby Lundberg said Sunday. "The reformulated gas must be in the pipeline by Jan. 1. Refineries, wholesalers and retailers must get rid of what they have."

The federal government mandated clean-air changes in gasoline recipes for high pollution areas in about a third of the country.



**Scurry County**  
Texaco will drill the No. 316 Fuller in the Fuller northeast field, 17 miles northeast of Snyder. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 5,054 feet, and location is in Section 706, Block 97, H&TC survey.

**Howard County**  
Cobra Oil and Gas Corp. will drill the No. 1-3 Saunders, a 11,000-foot wildcat located four miles southwest of Big Spring. Location is in Section 3, Block 34, T1S, T&P survey.

EP Operating will drill the No. 2802-H Fusselman in the Luther southeast field, two miles southwest of Luther. The re-entry project is planned for 9,900 feet, and drill site is in Section 27, Block 32, T&P survey.

Costilla Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 14-1 Wilkinson, located eight miles northwest of Big Spring. The wildcat was planned to produce 156 barrels of oil and 10 barrels of water. Perforations were from 10,413-428 feet, and location is in Section 14, Block 34, T1N, T&P survey.

**Garza County**  
Texland Rector and Schumac will drill the No. 2-4 Canyon Valley unit in the Forbes field, six miles south of Caprock. Planned for a depth of 3,800 feet, drill site is in Section 1, 110, R.L. Adams survey.

Powell Properties Inc. has completed the No. 2-A Connell in the Rocker A northwest field, six miles southeast of Post. The venture was completed to produce 29

5,524-foot re-entry project located nine miles southeast of Sylvester. Location is in Section 5, Block 19, T&P survey.

**Mitchell County**  
Threshold Development Corp. has completed the No. 8 L.A. Strain in the Sharon Ridge field, 10 miles northwest of Colorado City. The venture was planned to produce 24 barrels of 32 gravity oil and 50 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,512-620 feet, and location is in Section 3, Block 27, H&TC survey.

**Nolan County**  
Enrich Oil Corp. will drill the No. 2-81 Double M, a 7,800-foot wildcat located eight miles southwest of Maryneal. Drill site is in Section 81, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Walter Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 1 Joe Young, a 6,600-foot wildcat located 11 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Drill site is in Section 5, Block X, T&P survey.



# Wife Is Not of Good Cheer Over Husband's Christmas Tradition

by Abigail Van Buren  
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DEAR ABBY: I have a problem that recurs every year, and I would like your opinion.

My husband (I'll call him Paul) and I have been married for eight years. We have a good marriage, but here's the problem:

Paul has a son by a previous marriage. (His former wife has not remarried.)

After their divorce, it was their tradition for Paul to get together with his ex-wife and "little Jeff" on Christmas morning to have breakfast and watch Jeff open his gifts.

Well, "little Jeff" is now 21 years old, and that tradition is still going on. My own grown children also have commitments elsewhere, so we usually get together later in the day — which means that since my marriage, I have spent every Christmas morning alone.

At first, I could understand trying to make the idea of his father's remarriage easier for his young son, but he's an adult now, and the "adjustments" have been made. Jeff and I are cordial, as are the ex-wife and I, and we do see each other occasionally throughout the year.

My husband thinks I'm out of line to feel hurt about being excluded every year and he can't see anything rude about their behavior.

Abby, if you think I'm being too sensitive, I'll try to adjust my thinking, and just get used to being alone every Christmas morning.

NAMELESS, PLEASE

DEAR NAMELESS: "Little Jeff" is a grown man, and I agree, the adjustment should have been made by now. It's time you were made welcome to join your husband, and his "ex" and Jeff — instead of being left alone every Christmas morning.

The squeaking wheel gets the grease — so "squeak up" louder.

When my mother was dying, she said, "Dotty, please see that your father marries again — he can't live alone." (She really meant it.)

Within a year, Dad met Grace — a lovely woman — and after asking for my approval, he proposed marriage to her. He could not afford to buy her a ring, because my mother's illness had been so costly, he had to mortgage the house. He then asked me if I would allow him to take the diamond out of Mother's ring and have it reset for Grace. I agreed without a moment's hesitation.

Years later, when Grace learned where the diamond in her ring came from, she and Daddy surprised me by giving me Mother's ring back. When I opened the box, Grace said, "Now, both your mothers have worn it!"

MRS. DOROTHY SWAN, OLD SAYBROOK, CONN.

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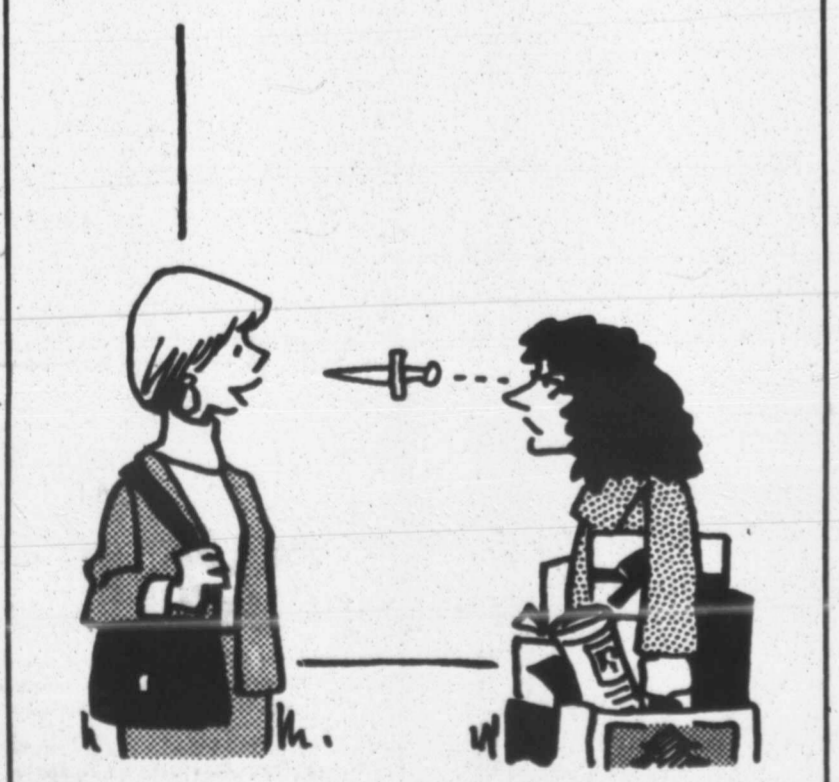
Your father and Grace were both loving and generous to have returned your mother's diamond to you. It is twice-blessed.

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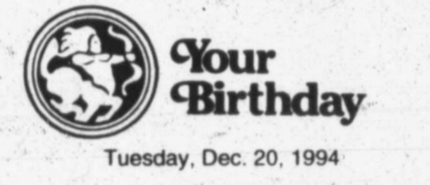


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"Heavens! I finished all MY Christmas shopping BEFORE THANKSGIVING."

# Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1994

In the year ahead, collaborations might prove more profitable than solo projects, particularly if you've already started something with others that's going well so far.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Focus on grandiose schemes instead of detail-oriented, mundane plans. Big is your buddy at this time. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Lady Luck might favor you indirectly today. Something advantageous has been developing behind the scenes, and soon you'll be aware of what it is.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Commitments or agreements made today should turn out well for all concerned, especially if the people you're dealing with are of high caliber.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** In competitive career developments today, do not think of yourself as the underdog. The odds favor you going in, so make the most of it.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Stay particularly alert today and listen carefully. An acquaintance might reveal something that could add to your know-how and resources.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Contrary to your first impression, changes due to outside circumstances today could prove beneficial to you in the long run. Go with the flow.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your luck could significantly improve today in selling your ideas to your superiors, colleagues, friends or mate.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Financial or material matters that you initiate today will be luckier for you than someone else's ideas. Let your mind work freely.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Small projects might fail flat today, but big, important ones will succeed. You will be able to handle things on a large scale skillfully.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Early indicators might lead you to believe that things won't work out as you'd hoped, but don't despair! Lady Luck may come to your aid in later rounds.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Take advantage of opportunities today to meet new people. Your current cycle leads to valuable contacts.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Your general conditions are favorable today, but arrangements concerning your resources or your reputation may be particularly lucky. Concentrate on these.

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# New study reports shortfalls in welfare education training

WASHINGTON (AP) — Education and training programs for women on welfare are failing to establish strong links to local employers that could help these single parents find and keep jobs, according to a study released today.

The report by the General Accounting Office also found that many single women who are at high risk of long-term welfare dependency, particularly substance abusers and teen-age mothers, are not being served by these state-run programs.

Of the 4 million parents on Aid to Families with Dependent Children, only about 11 percent were participating in the education and training program known as JOBS, for Job Opportunities and Basic Skills from 1991 through 1993, the congressional watchdog agency said.

Spending on JOBS totaled \$1.1 billion last year. Yet despite the investment, the program generally does not view employment as its bottom line and is not reaching out to many welfare recipients with the biggest barriers to entering the work force, such as learning disabilities, emotional problems, and teen-agers.

Rapid increases in the number of people on welfare in recent years and concerns about long stays on welfare have focused national attention on the nation's welfare system. GOP lawmakers say reform will be at the top of the agenda when they take control of Congress in January.

Teen parents are considered to be among those at high risk of long stays on welfare because of their low levels of education and work experience, and the young age of their children.

Yet a 1992 review of 16 states containing most of the nation's AFDC teen mothers found that only 24 percent overall were enrolled in JOBS, the GAO said.

Also at risk of long-term dependency are welfare recipients who have low education and literacy levels and barriers to self-sufficiency such as a lack of self-esteem, limited life skills or little motivation.

"Various sources indicate that problems such as substance abuse, learning disabilities, emotional problems and domestic violence are not uncommon among adult welfare recipients," the study said. "If left unaddressed, these problems can interfere with a recipient's ability to get or keep a job and may result in long-term welfare dependence."

These women are also not being widely served by JOBS, the GAO said.

The agency also criticized the program for not focusing on employment as its ultimate goal.

"Most local JOBS programs nationwide have not forged the strong links with employers that may help get jobs for their participants," the GAO said.

Instead, the system is based on participation in program activities and not on whether participants get and keep jobs.



**SNYDER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT** — Andrew David Weaver of Snyder (far left) was among 31 South Plains College students who were recognized as recipients of scholarships from the South Plains Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute during a luncheon held at the college Thursday. Also pictured are Mark Jones of Slaton; Ron Wharton of Slaton; and Lance Gill of Post. Since 1970, a total of 660 students have attended SPC with an API Scholarship. (SPC Photo)

## Snyder resident receives API Scholarship at SPC

LEVELLAND — A Snyder resident was recognized as a recipient of a scholarship from the South Plains Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute during the annual API Scholarship Luncheon recently held at South Plains College.

Andrew David Weaver of Snyder was one of the 31 students who were recognized during the luncheon, which was held in the Sundown Room of the Student Center.

The South Plains Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute

began contributing to South Plains College in 1970, when two students in the math/engineering department were selected to receive scholarships.

Its contributions to the college since then have totaled \$208,500, including a check for \$8,500 which Charlie Miller, co-chairman of the API scholarship committee, presented to the South Plains College president Dr. Gary McDaniel during the luncheon.

Since then, 660 students have attended SPC with a scholarship.

## Noted columnist arrested for DWI

WINNETKA, Ill. (AP) — Pulitzer-Prize winning columnist Mike Royko was handcuffed, put in the back of a patrol car and charged with drunken driving after a two-car accident, police said.

Royko, who writes a syndicated column for the Chicago Tribune, collided with a car while driving his 1994 Lincoln Continental Saturday afternoon in suburban Chicago, police Sgt. Glenn Florkow said Sunday.

Royko, 62, was slightly hurt but refused treatment. The other driver was treated for minor injuries at a hospital and released.



**PRESENTS CHECK** — Brenda Burney, chairperson of the Steve Burney Memorial Golf Tournament, is pictured presenting H.W. Cargile, Scurry Unit American Cancer Society, with a \$4,100 check, reflecting the proceeds of the annual fund-raiser. First place winners of the four-person scramble tourney were Allen Kelley, Ricky Daniell, Rick Hall and Larry Anderson. Randy Head won the drawing for a set of golf clubs. All monies raised for the ACS are used for cancer research, health education and patient services. (Contributed Photo)

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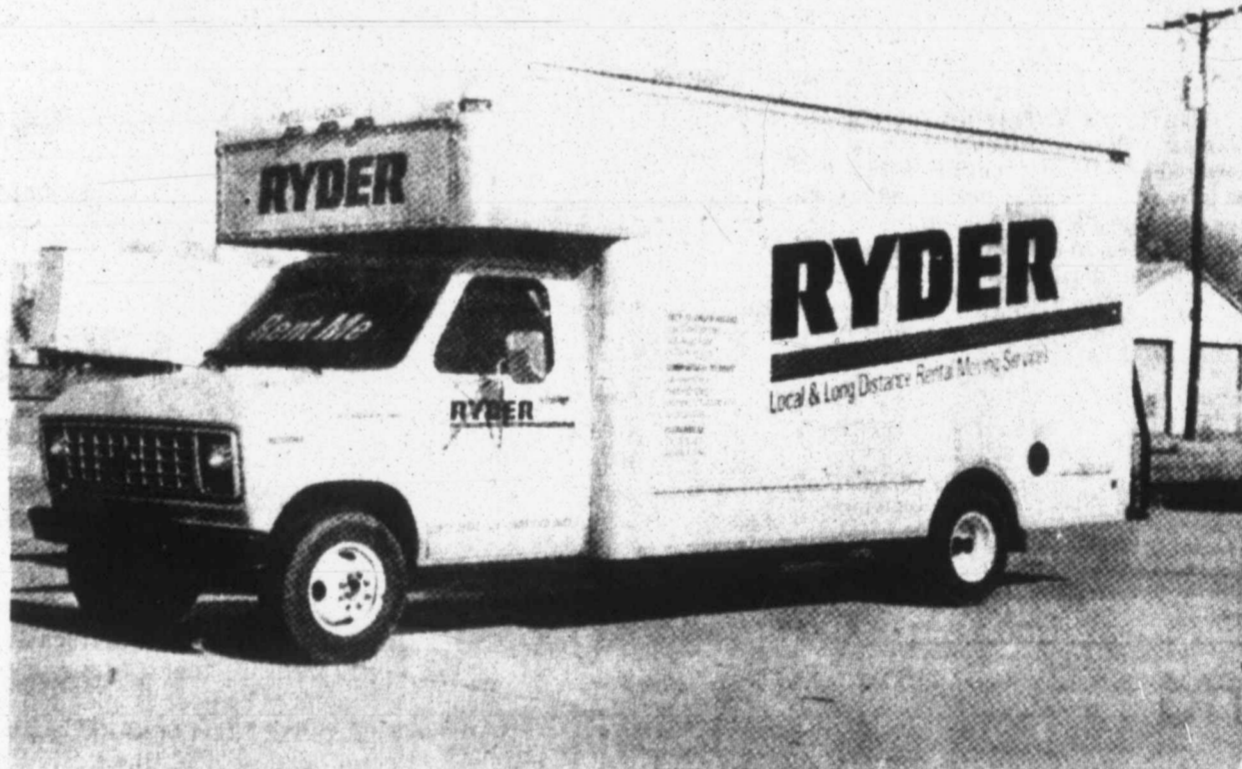
It's tricky, so you have to know what you're doing. Martin doesn't pretend to know everything about radiators, but the experts — Pete and George — do.

Once the radiator is off, Pete or George can evaluate it. If it can be repaired, they can do it. If it needs a new core, their prices are the best in the business.

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what they are doing.

In addition to radiator repair, Martin and his staff can repair or replace heater cores and thermostats. If you insist, Martin has all the equipment to get your air conditioner cooling again, although you're not likely to need it this time of year.

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## Autistic teen charged with nephew's murder

NEW YORK (AP) — An autistic teen-ager charged with murder after allegedly throwing his 5-month-old nephew out a fifth-floor window has a fixation with

throwing household items from the apartment, police say.

Even while police were interviewing him, 17-year-old Michael Holmes threw toiletries and other things out the window, Detective Captain William Roe said Sunday. Neighbors also said he had a habit of tossing things, police said.

The youth was evaluated at Bellevue Hospital Center after his arrest Saturday and was awaiting arraignment on second-degree murder charges.

Police reserved judgment on how well the mentally handicapped youth understood their questions. "We make the arrest and let the courts take care of due

process," Roe said.

Tracey Provencal, 24, the wife of Michael's older brother, had left little Stanley Holmes with her other brother-in-law, 34-year-old James Bacchiano, while visiting her husband in prison Saturday afternoon.

Bacchiano told police he was momentarily distracted by a phone call. Afterward, when he couldn't find the child, he looked out the bathroom window and saw him lying in an alley below, police said. Bacchiano then drove the child to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

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