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Ask Us

Q-I want to protest the possible parole of a TDCJ inmate. How do I go about

A—If you are a victim, you may make a victim impact statement at the District Attorney's office or the sheriff's department. To protest the parole, write to the Board of Pardons and Parole, P. O. Box 13401 — Capital Station, Austin, Tx. 78711. On the outside of the envelope, write "Protest Letter".

In Brief

Priests killed

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) - Four Roman Catholic priests were shot and killed today in Tizi-Ouzu, about 60 miles east of the Algerian capital, the Archbishop of Algiers reported.

Three of the priests were French and the other a Belgian, the Archbishop said.

Their deaths bring to 75 the number of foreigners killed since late 1993 when Islamic radicals began targeting expatriates in their violent campaign against the government.

The attack came a day after French commandos stormed aboard an Air France jetliner hijacked from Algiers to Marseille, killing the four Algerian hijackers and bringing an end to the three-day drama.

Local

Oath of office

Newly elected and reelected county office holders will be sworn in at 4 p.m. Thursday in the district courtroom.

Luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will hold its salad luncheon and game day beginning at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. The luncheon is \$6.50 per person. Call 573-3427 for reservations.

Appreciation

An appreciation reception will be held from 10-11 a.m. Friday in the county courtroom for Justice of the Peace Wanda Rushing and County Judge Bob Doolittle, who are leaving office.

Candlelight

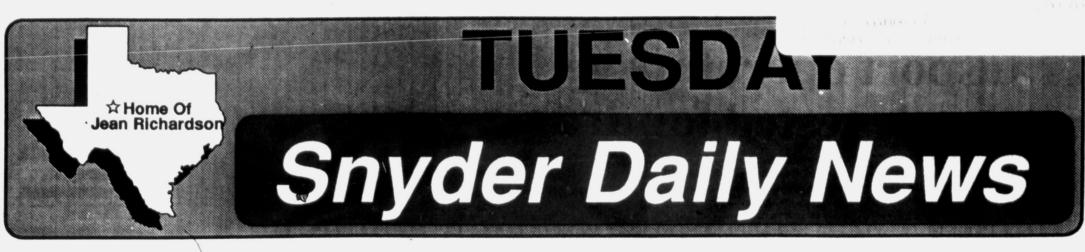
The July Fourth Breakfast/Community-Wide Candlelight Committee will meet at 5:30 today at the chamber of commerce. Visitors are welcome.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 60 degrees; low, 32 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 47 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 11.55 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy with an 80 percent chance of showers, possibly a thunderstorm. Low near 40. East wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. High 50-55. North northeast wind 10-15

Almanac: Sunset today. 5:48. Sunrise Wednesday, 7:41. Of 360 days in 1994, the sun has shone 352 days in Snyder.



Passengers say...

Jet was to be turned into flying bomb

Islamic extremists who seized an was related to the hijacking. Air France flight in Algiers planned to blow up the plane and its 171 occupants over Paris, strewing city streets with flaming wreckage, former hostages said today.

In Algeria, four Catholic priests — three Frenchmen and a Belgian - were shot to death today in Tizi-Ouzu, 60 miles east of Algiers. The gunmen escaped and there was no claim of responsibil-

French investigators discovered 20 sticks of dynamite rigged with detonators hidden under two seats in the plane, which French commandos stormed in Marseille on Monday. The four hijackers were killed, but all the hostages survived.

The hijackers asked to have 27 tons of kerosene loaded into the plane's gas tanks, whereas only

Blanc said Monday.

use as fuel, would have caused a bigger explosion if the plane did blow up.

'Their idea was to set Paris ablaze," Ferhat Mehenni, a wellknown singer in Algeria, told TF-1 TV. "They whispered it among themselves, and passengers overheard them.'

The dynamite was found under 10 tons is necessary to make the a seat just behind the Airbus

The extra kerosene, which jets Marseille Police Chief Alain Ge-

The plane was low on fuel when the hijackers ordered it flown from Algiers to Marseille. There, they demanded that it be refueled for a flight to Paris.

Gehin said he never heard the hijackers express an intent to detonate the explosives in mid-air.

was understood that I could not over the weekend in Algiers.

MARSEILLE, France (AP) — ity or immediate indication if it trip to Paris, regional Gov. Hubert A300's cockpit and under another take the risk of allowing a plane to seat in the jet's midsection, take off that could be susceptible to being blown up in the air," Ge-

> It was not clear whether authorities were aware of the hijackers' alleged plans to blow up the

The hijackers had demanded to be flown to Paris by 5 p.m. Monday or they would kill a fourth "Throughout our dialogue, it hostage. Three were executed

Sales tax rebates down 11%

Sales tax rebates to the City of Snyder are down 11.21 percent compared to last year's, according to the State Comptroller's Office.

The comptroller's statistics also show sales tax rebates down 6.42 percent for the county.

Snyder received \$92,483.19 in sales tax rebates, some 11.21 percent less than the \$104,167.22 taken in during December of 1993. Sales tax rebates for the year have totaled \$1,392,156.69, down 0.39 percent from last year's \$1,397,738.24.

According to the comptroller's office, Scurry County received \$43,043.08 this month, a 6.42 percent drop from \$45,998.16 taken in during December of last year.

This month's payments include taxes collected by monthly sales tax filers on October sales and reported to the Comptroller in November.

December's sales tax rebates to

area cities included: -Andrews received \$53,420.28, up 0.30 percent from the \$53,259.81 received in December of 1993. The year-to-date total of \$729,072.94 is down 1.57

percent. -Lamesa received \$52,621.82, up 23.52 percent from the \$42,601.15 received in December of 1993. The year-to-date

See SALES TAX page 8



CLEANING UP — City crews were busy before the holidays de- say there are no immediate plans for the city-owned property exthe intersection of 37th Street and College Avenue. City officials cleaning up the town". (SDN Staff Photo)

N. Korea accuses

U.S. of espionage

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — it," the KCNA statement said.

molishing an old service station located on the southwest corner of cept that "we are just practicing what we are preaching in terms of

Mexico...

Buildup alarms opposition leaders

Chiapas state could lead to war.

Roman Catholic Church mediators recognized last week by the government told a news conference late Monday that they would travel throughout the state, checking on the troop buildup.

President Ernesto Zedillo met ished Indians. More than 145 peo- but have dug huge trenches across

North Korea insisted today that

U.S. officials apologize for the in-

trusion of an American helicopter

into its airspace, which it called a

the helicopter was spying. The

State Department dispatched an

official to seek the release of

American pilot Bobby Hall,

whose prospects for immediate

official Korean Central News

Agency was only its third mention

of the Dec. 17 incident, in which

the U.S. Army OH-58C helicopter

strayed across the border into

Hilemon, died. Hilemon's body

of a deal worked out by U.S. Rep.

Pyongyang is trying to obtain con-

are in control of the reclusive com-

intrusion of the U.S. helicopter.

is a grave violation of the sove-

'All facts clearly prove that the

The statement by the North's

freedom plummeted.

shot down.

very soon.

munist country

U.S. officials again denied that

"deliberate act" of espionage.

CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Opposi- defense minister and an undersec- cease-fire. tion leaders and mediators say retary of the interior department, they fear the army's troop buildup which oversees national security. to reignite recently, posing a around rebel territory in southern There was no word from Zedillo's threat to Zedillo's new govern-

> The rebel Zapatista National last New Year's Day, demanding improved living conditions and

> > The North has said Hall will not

be released until it completes its

investigation. Its statement said

Washington "must admit its re-

sponsibility ... and clearly show an

honest and reasonable attitude be-

letter of regret over the weekend.

Korea, adamantly denied North

Korea's accusations of espionage.

routine training flight that unfortu-

nately strayed into DPRK airs-

'As we have said, this was a

U.S. officials sent Pyongyang a

fore it is too late.'

pace," he said.

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS Monday in Mexico City with his ple were killed before a Jan. 12

office on the purpose of the ment. On Dec. 19, the rebels announced the deployment of thousands of fighters in Chiapas and Liberation Army began its revolt blocked roads and briefly occupied towns in a show of force.

Since then, the Zapatistas habasic rights for Chiapas' impover- ven't issued any more statements.

roads and airstrips and chopped down trees to block roads into The guerilla war has threatened their territory in the Lacondon

> "Of some 50 runways in the area, the Zapatistas have blocked 45 of them with trenches," said army Capt. Luis Gomez, quoted today by the Mexico City newspaper Reforma.

The military, in response, has set up roadblocks.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Conscience is something that makes you tell on yourself before your sister does."

Snyder's Barbara Walton was simply amazed, and she thought people ought to know.

Two days before Christmas, with the holiday rush at its peak, Barbara came home from work at the Great Western Restaurant and made a pleasant

She heard the postman place the mail in the box next to the front door, but it was a couple or nours before she turned loose of her household chores to see what the postman had brought. Jim Coles, a spokesman for the

One particular item caught her attention. It was a U.S. and U.N. military presence in Christmas card addressed to Scott and Barbara

> The envelope and card had obviously been damaged in the mail system, likely the casualty of automated processing machines at the Abilene sectional center.

The card was mailed in Snyder and postmarked

in Abilene. Her uncle, Lee Miller of Snyder, had placed cash inside the Christmas card. The cash was Uncle Lee's gift to Barbara's six grandchildren. What amazed Barbara was that the cash was eas-

ily seen sticking out of the envelope. In fact, some of the bills had been torn, just like the envelope and

With all the negative publicity about people, Barbara thought people should know there are still plenty of honest folks around - at least in Wast

It does renew one's faith in mankind.

Sometimes honesty can be embarrassing. We recall the story about the preacher who called on a family which was new to the town.

The preacher said, "I'm glad you found such a neat, comfortable home in which to live."

A young daughter piped up, "If you want to see how we really live, you ought to come when you're not here."



reignty of the DPRK (Democratic THIRD PLACE - The home of Bill and Jill Edwards, 2811 Ave. themes including the manger scene, a sleigh ride and Santa Claus People's Republic of Korea) and a U, was the third place winner in the 1994 Goldcoats' Christmas checking his list. (SDN Staff Photo) deliberate act for espionage on Lighting Contest. The display featured numerous Christmas

Transport operators will be randomly tested for drugs

FORT, WORTH (AP) - A new drivers' licenses. federal law takes effect Jan. 1 that will require random testing for alcohol of such workers as airline pilots, train engineers, truckers and bus drivers.

"This random testing thing has been up in the air for years. Now it's a law, so we're going to have to live with it," said Gregory Scott, a 13-year bus driver with the Fort Worth Transportation System.

The new law, called the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act, which Congress passed in 1991, also requires those workers to submit to tests for alcohol in their systems.

The law requires random testing of workers in what the government calls "safety sensitive" jobs, including pilots, flight attentors of commercial trucks, school buses, motor coaches and trains.

Most of the employees affected - 6.6 million - hold commercial alcohol.

Pick 3

winning numbers drawn Monday lot, who was not identified. by the Texas Lottery, in order:

Berry's World

(nine, nine, five)

federal employees have been sub- \$500,000 on alcohol testing in ject to random drug testing since 1995. the late 1980s. Many more public employment.

Initially, one-quarter of all eligible employees must be tested, but U.S. Department of Transporta-transit system's \$25 million opertion spokeswoman.

Under the law, anyone who tests positive for alcohol will be barred from working that day and will not be permitted to return until after an evaluation and possible rehabilitation, she said.

A Delta Air Lines pilot told the dants, airline maintenance crews, Fort Worth Star-Telegram in its air traffic controllers and opera- Monday editions that he is taking in stride the new requirement that he blow into a machine that will check his blood system for

"I wouldn't say I'm clapping my hands, but I'm resigned to it. It's just the price you have to pay AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 to do the job, I guess," said the pi-

Companies will have to pay for the random tests. Officials at Fort Worth-based American Airlines,

which has 45,000 eligible employ-Pilots, some train operators and ees, expect to spend about

The airline will select employtransport employees have been ees to be tested through a random subject to such testing after an ac-computer search, said company cident or as a condition of spokesman Al Comeaux. American intends to conduct its own tests, he said.

The Fort Worth Transportation that number could go up or down, System estimates that the testing depending on how many tests turn will cost about \$50,000 a year, abup positive, said Roslyn Kaiser, a out two-tenths of 1 percent of the ating budget.

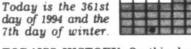
"But to suddenly have a new federal regulation you have to comply with, that's a considerable chunk of money to come from nowhere," said assistant general manager Linda Watson.

The Northwest Independent School district near Fort Worth KINDERGARTEN — Hermleigh kindergarten Megan Kariainen, Brittany Kelley and Brian expects to spend \$2,500 testing one-quarter of its 60 bus drivers. There, where about 73 percent of school, administrators applaud the



Dec. 27, 1994

Today is the 361st day of 1994 and the



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1932, Radio City Music Hall opened in New York City.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Johannes Kepler (1571-1630), astronomer; Louis Pasteur (1822-1895), scientist; Sydney Greenstreet (1879-1954), actor; Marlene Dietrich (1901-1992), actress; Oscar Levant (1906-1972), musicianactor; William H. Masters (1915-), physician, is 79; Lee Salk (1926-), psychologist, is 68; Gerard Depardieu (1948-), actor, is 46.

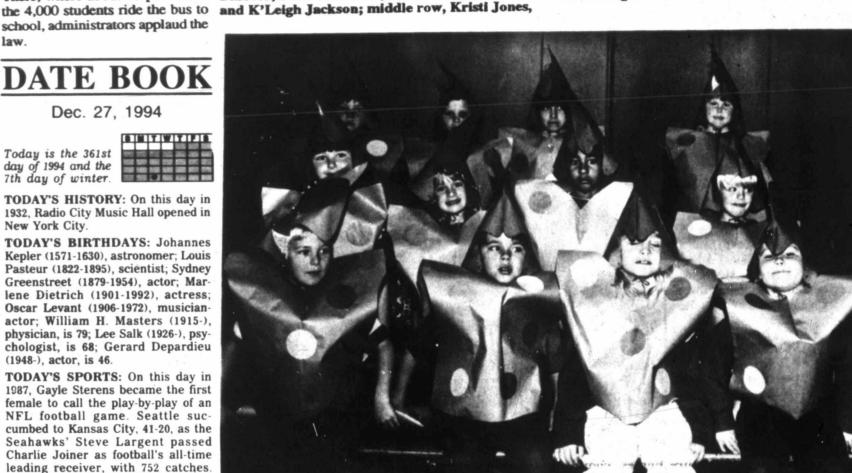
TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, Gayle Sterens became the first female to call the play-by-play of an NFL football game. Seattle succumbed to Kansas City, 41-20, as the Seahawks' Steve Largent passed Charlie Joiner as football's all-time leading receiver, with 752 catches. TODAY'S QUOTE: "No, a thousand times no; there does not exist a category of science to which one can give the name applied science. There are science and the application of science, bound together as the fruit to the tree

which bears it." — Louis Pasteur 1947, Central Park in New York registered more than 26 inches of snow in a 24-hour period. Snow removal costs totalled \$8 million and there were 27 storm-related deaths.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL 01994 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 25) and new moon (Jan. 1).

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FIRST GRADE — Hermleigh first graders in "A vantes, and Bobby Lane; back row, Frank Smith. Prehistoric Christmas" include front row, Georgianna Smith, Erica Torres and Dani Robby Anderson, Scotty Arellano, Atasha Ar- Webb. Curtis Hosler is not pictured. Lori Wilrendale and Joshua Baldwin; middle row, Sa- liamson is their teacher. (SDN Staff Photo) TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in mantha Berry, Crystal Bridges, Matthew Cer-

students who helped sing in "A Prehistoric

Christmas" are from left, front row, Michael

Barrera, Nickolas Eaton, Ysidro (Y.J.) Fuentes

Molina; back row, Robert Ritch, Ashley Rodri-

guez, Erissa Sanchez and Cesilie Torres. Karen

Whittenburg is their teacher. (SDN Staff Photo)

Gamblers spend Christmas in casino in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — see and try everything." 'Jingle Bell Rock' played in the dealers wore Santa hats, but otherwise it seemed like any other day at the Flamingo Casino.

'It sure don't feel like Christmas," Julie Swartz of Sacramento, Calif. said. She sipped beer and fed quarters into a poker machine. "When people say 'Merry Christmas,' I do a doubletake.'

She and her husband, Vern, the holiday dinner at Bacco's with others on their "Cajun Christmas" tour.

"This is sort of a novelty," Vern Swartz said. "We're not

to the landfill.

tainer, shovel, etc.

NOTICE

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

No Charge

From December 27th Thru January 3rd.

Trees may be taken to collection site at 30th and

Ave. Q (south side of 30th; east of Varsity Square)

or call City Hall 573-4960 for tree to be picked up

Please be sure all spikes, nails, stands, etc. have

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Flamingo. 'We are visiting from Los

Angeles, and there is nothing else to do, so we came to the casino," internal medicine specialist Etehad Mak said. He already had lost \$150 and was watching his wife play roulette. "I hate gambling."

Aida Barakat of Irving, Texas, said her husband, Moe, had lost planned to gamble \$2 or \$3 before nearly \$1,000 at the casino since the family arrived earlier in the week. When she picked up her brother there on Christmas Day she lost another \$60.

"For the tourist, it is not easy," gambling people at all. But while she said. "But most of the places we're in New Orleans, we want to are closed, so we have no place to

come but here. ... I would prefer to The Swartzes were among have the fun with my family inbackground and a few blackjack nearly 2,000 people who spent stead of spending all the money. part of their Christmas at the But I'm trying my luck in the meantime."

> Real estate secretary Ellen Papa came out a winner. A few hours before her Christmas Day flight back to Florida, her quarter brought back \$125 worth of quarters from a slot machine.

> "And we voted down casino gambling in Florida? This is really nice," she said. "It makes up for all the T-shirts and souvenirs I've bought here."

Papa was one of almost 2,000 people aboard the Flamingo on Sunday.

Even some New Orleans residents made time Sunday to gamble. Vincent Cannata and Tori Rider gave each other about \$50 for Christmas and passed some of it along to the Flamingo at roulette.

'Most of my friends and family live out of state, and I couldn't afford a plane ticket," said Cannata, who moved to New Orleans from Long Island, N.Y., four years ago. "So I decided to take a little extra money and come here.

"I haven't lost it yet, so I guess I'm doing all right.'

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RECOMMITMENT SERVICE - Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met for its Christmas meeting in the home of Betty Courtney recently for a recommitment service and to honor charter members from left, seated, Durelle Gorman, past president and hostess;

Ruby Anderson, charter member; standing. ceremonial director Judy Barkowsky, hostess June McGlaun, Philomen Kelly and past president and hostess Georgene Galloway. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



PROJECT — These sixth graders at West Elementary participated in an extra credit opportunity in social studies class studying the Middle Ages. They each chose an era of the Middle Ages and created a model to signify the lesson. From left are, Danielle Sharp, Donnie

Sims, Brian Castillo, Mat Coronado, Joe Lopez, Margie Sanderson, Amanda Nobles, Destini Crawford, Tommie Sims, Keith McLain and Josh Heaton. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



REED'S FARM HOME — Atheneum Study Club met in Ramona Reed's festively decorated home to view two miniature homes, complete with miniature furnishings. Mrs. Reed is pictured with the one she calls her farm home. Herbert and Ramona Reed's home was included in

the Scurry County Historical Commission's Tour of Homes. On Dec. 16, Atheneum members and guests met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schiebel for dinner and games. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



A. DAUGHTERS MEET — Mrs. Roy Carter opened her home, decorated for the holidays, to Altrurian Daughters Club recently. Members met at The Shack for their Christmas luncheon and reconvened at the Carter home to enjoy the

festively decorated dwelling. Pictured from left are Altrurian Daughters president Jean Sealy, treasurer Dora Blakey and Rita Carter, hostess. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community education club has holiday meet

Family and community education club, Patchwork Squares, met for a Christmas breakfast meeting

at Willow Park Inn on Dec. 12,

highlighted by a gift exchange. The group prepared Christmas Day tray favors for patients in Cogdell Memorial Hospital at a meeting held Dec. 14 in the home of Freida Dever.

The five prizes established under terms of the will of Alfred Nobel are: Nobel Peace Prize, Nobel Prize in chemistry, Nobel dge Prize in literature, Nobel Prize in physics, Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine. The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences is not a Nobel Prize in the same sense. The Central Bank of Sweden established it in 1968 as a memorial to Alfred Nobel.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Salad Luncheon and Game Day; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427; \$6.50 per person; serving begins at 11:30 a.m., games of choice follow.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 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

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. Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 863-2349 or 573-8626; 10 a.m. Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4

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Trust partner on defense

A journalist asked Marilyn Monroe, "Didn't you have anything on?"

"I had the radio on," she replied. She didn't say to which station it was tuned

When defending a bridge hand, it is

one ace and six diamonds denied a king - don't ask!

Gardynik found the only lead that gave the defense a chance: a low club. On any other attack, declarer can draw trumps and play on hearts, benefiting from the favorable distribution. The club ace is the entry to the established heart tricks.

After winning with the club ace, South drew one round of trumps before playing the ace and another heart. East correctly withheld his king, signaling with the two before the three. After West had ruffed, he had to decide whether to switch to a spade (right if partner had the queen) or to continue with a second club.

Trusting that his partner would have dropped a high heart as a suit-preference signal if he held the spade queen, Gardynik led the club jack. The slam could no longer be made.

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As a teenager, scuba-diving enthusiast Annette Bening worked as a cook on a charter boat in San Diego. She made her movie debut opposite John Candy and Dan Aykroyd in the 1988 comedy "The Great Outdoors." In which movie did she star with: a) Anjelica Huston and John Cusack (1990) b) Harrison Ford, Bill Nunn and Mikki Allen (1991) c) Robert De Niro, George Wendt and Patricia Wettig (1991) d) Colin Firth, Meg Tilly and Fairuza Balk (1989) e) Warren Beatty, Harvey Keitel and Ben Kingsley (1991)

And Andrewers: a) "The Griffers" b) "Valmont" e) "Bugsy" Inc. 12/27

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Sports

Lady Tigers headed for Reagan County

By TODD STANLEY **SDN Sports Editor**

BIG LAKE — It just took a little bit of work, a whole lot of two of their games this season. patience and a 250 mile trip to Alpine for the Snyder Lady Tigers to reach their stride.

Last week, Snyder took its 3-12 record on the road looking for a win and some answers.

swer to their scoring woes, as they to the championship game," amassed 78 points in a rout of Alpine, but they might have even beat the winner of the Reagan found themselves.

All season long, Head Coach Steve Qualls has sought after just the right amount of chemistry to get his team into gear. Apparently, a long bus ride might have on Jan. 6. done the trick.

and out of the game," Qualls said. "Now, I have a sense of how each player will react in certain situations and that has been a big plus.

"Hopefully, we can continue our progress.

The Lady Tigers will look for Sonora Lady Bronchos today at 3:30 p.m. in Big Lake.

Even though the Lady Tigers are on a one game roll, Qualls remains cautious.

'We played some good basketball in Alpine," he said. "However, I don't know if you could say we are on a roll...its more like a roller coaster."

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoe-

nix Suns win so often the victories

tend to run together. Charles

Barkley can distinguish them,

"They were double-teaming

me every time, and that opens up

the 3-pointers, and we were

knocking them down," Barkley

said about Monday night's

139-113 blowout of the Dallas

Mavericks. "Then they had to

make a decision each time down,

Otis Thorpe ailing, the Houston

Rockets needed a friend to help

known as "Amigo" to his team-

mates, filled in for Thorpe, who

has a strained shoulder, and

scored 15 points on 7-for-8 shoot-

ing in a 101-88 victory over

Fellow reserves Mario Elie and

Pete Chilcutt also picked up the

slack, adding 19 and 12 points, re-

spectively. Hakeem Olajuwon

finished with 24 points, 12 re-

bounds, five assists and seven

Reserve forward Carl Herrera,

put away the Miami Heat.

Miami on Monday night.

the America West Arena.

have struggled early in each of their games this season. In fact, the Lady Tigers have trailed at the end of the first quarter in all but

Coach Qualls hopes his team can get out on the right foot and advance to the championship game in their third and final tournament of the season.

"In most tournaments the host Not only did they find the an- team tries to find the easiest path Qualls said. "If we win today and County-Crane game on Thursday, we will be in the finals.'

Qualls likes his team's chances in their second to last tune-up before facing district foe Levelland

"I saw Sonora play in the Polk-"Earlier in the year I was sub- Key City tournament and I think stituting groups of five players in we matchup pretty well against them," he said. "We have a good chance to win.'

The time together at the tournaments and road trips has been a positive experience for everyone, according to Qualls.

"Even though we haven't won their second straight win in the all our tournament games, we first round of the Reagan County have played well in each of grow and mature as a team."

In other Scurry County action, p.m. (Photo by Todd Stanley) the Hermleigh boys and girls varisty teams head to Eula to participate in the Eula tournament today and tomorrow.

Both teams are coming off last week's losses to Anson.

The Lady Cardinals (2-7) fell early first quarter lead, as they boys fell in a close 55-52 game.

and we took what they gave us."

The Suns made 10 of 23 from

3-point range, increasing their

league-leading total to 189 this

'As soon as we'd start to cut it

or three 3-pointers in a row, so

that's a real credit to them," he

said. "I think we learned that you

can't leave anybody on their team

very active, went to the basket

well and did a good job defen-

Herrera had been averaging 6.3

"I tried to be active all the time

points in 18.6 minutes prior to

underneath," Herrera said.

'When they double-teamed Ha-

keem, the guys did a good job in

finding me. Then I used my hook

Also falling for Houston were

Elie's 3-pointers. He scored

Houston's first 11 points of the

fourth quarter and shot 4-for-4

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes

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Alabama 27, Louisville 17, Oklahoma 17, Vir-

ginia Tech 17, Xavier, Ohio 16, Ohio U. 15, Hawaii 10, Penn St. 10, Brigham Young 9,

Utah 7, Florida St. 6, Mississippi St. 3, Texas

3, La Salle 2, Marquette 2, Texas Southern 2,

Clemson 1, Gonzaga 1, Manhattan 1.

sively. He's been there before."

Monday's 31-minute effort.

shot and they were falling."

Suns burn Mavericks, 139-113

Rockets turn off Heat, 101-88

MIAMI (AP) - With reliable Tomjanovich said. "Herrera was

"Mario did a great job and it during that period from 3-point

Top 25

previous ranking:

2.UCLA(5)

5. Kentucky

8. Connecticut

9. Maryland

11.Syracuse

12.Georgetown

15.MichiganSt.

17.GeorgiaTech

18. WakeForest

22.NewMexicoSt.

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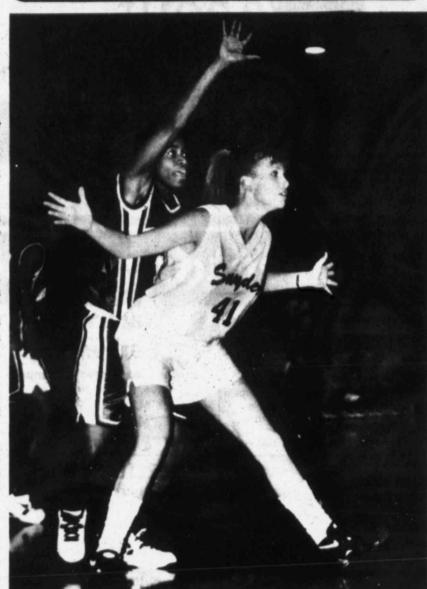
3.Arkansas(3)

4. Massachusetts

1.NorthCarolina(56)

was good to see Amigo come range, helping Houston extend a

through," Houston coach Rudy 73-61 lead to 86-67.



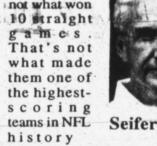
tournament, as they take on the them," he said. "They (tourna- OPEN TARGET - Snyder's Vanessa Williams, shown here ments) have given us a chance to against Slaton, and the Lady Tigers were scheduled to play Sonora in the first round of the Reagan County tournament today at 3:30

49er backups can't repel Vikings in 21-14 defeat

Snyder, hopes to get out to an to the Lady Lions 56-34 and the Young sets record, Minnesota claims Central

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - This most of his regulars early to avoid open up, give Minnesota every- sota's defense. thing they had.

Hold back? That's not what won season. It made a believer of 10 straight It was a good, solid win from Mayericks guard Jim Jackson, the beginning to end," Barkley said NBA's second leading scorer who That's not about the Suns' 25th in a row at matched his average with 28 what made them one of the highestscoring down, they came back and hit two teams in NFL



and this year's Super Bowl

favorite. That's not what makes them

the 49ers. But hold back was what they

had to do in 1994's final regularcost them in a 21-14 defeat that their second NFC Central title in

was not what the San Francisco costly injuries, and the 49ers re-49ers wanted. They wanted to serves were no match for Minne-

"We like to run, we're like thoroughbreds, and when George pulls the reins in, guys are set two NFL records. "Guys take it out on the next opponent."

San Francisco (13-3) will have to wait nearly two weeks for that, when either Chicago, Detroit or Green Bay will travel to Candlestick Park. That's where the NFC championship must be won, and the 49ers are the team to beat despite Monday's setback.

The Vikings (10-6) will be season game Monday night. It back to work immediately, preparing to play host to the Chicago allowed the Vikings to clinch Bears on Sunday. Minnesota swept Chicago this season, including a 33-27 overtime win at Coach George Seifert pulled the Metrodome on Dec. 1.

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Arizona, Utah battle for national respect

sons, Arizona is once again playing in a lower tier bowl game.

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fifth postseason game in the last six years. Arizona, despite having one of the conference's best teams the past few years, never has made it to the Rose Bowl.

But Wildcats coach Dick Tomey said his team has gotten over the disappointment of not playing in January.

"You can't harbor frustrations," Tomey said. "I think athletes on all teams are a lot more offensive line from 1987-89 mature than fans or media given under Tomey before taking the them credit for. They get on with what's at hand. That's what our guys have done.'

Pac-10 race with a 6-2 mark, los-since 1892.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - De- ing to Rose Bowl-bound Oregon spite having the Pac-10's win- (10-9) and Southern Cal (45-28) ningest record the past three sea- in the final month of the regular

> With 17 bowl games left and a loss by No. 11 Kansas State to Boston College in the Aloha-Bowl, a victory could boost the rankings of Arizona (8-3) or Utah (9-2), Tomey predicted.

"Now there's even more of a sure thing that the winner of this game is going to be in the top 10," Tomey said.

"How many times have you seen Utah in the top 10? That would be new ground for us," Utah coach Ron McBride said.

The Utes are playing in their third straight bowl game under McBride, who coached Arizona's job at Utah. A victory against Arizona will give Utah a schoolrecord 10 wins in a season for a Arizona finished second in the program that has been around

Eagles' dismiss Kotite

Former coach Vermeil is reported replacement

Kotite and Jeffrey Lurie stood together to explain why they are separating.

The news conference announcing Kotite's firing as coach was a fitting conclusion to one of the most muddled years in franchise history

Both were blamed for Philadelphia's collapse - Kotite for losing grip on a promising season and Lurie for mismanaging player contracts and putting a muzzle on Kotite when he wanted to talk about his future.

On Monday, two days after the Eagles lost to Cincinnati to end the in the NFL had left him frazzled. season, they exchanged feelings ticked," said Steve Young, who of respect before Kotite walked left in the second quarter, but still out the door a former NFL coach.

The season that started under an understand. We'll get mad and the firing of a holdover coach and coaching about a possible position seven-game losing streak. Philadelphia finished 7-9.

million for the Eagles: Who will manager.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Rich coach Philadelphia in 1995?

It won't be Kotite, who leaves with a 36-28 record in regularseason games and a 1-1 mark in the playoffs.

And it won't be Jimmy Johnson, who claimed he was offered the Eagles job by Lurie. The former Dallas coach, after hinting he may return to coaching, said two weeks ago that he will remain a television analyst.

It may be Dick Vermeil, who guided the Eagles to their only Super Bowl appearance in 1980, then left the job two years later, saying that the stress of coaching

Vermeil, also a television analyst, met with Lurie twice last week in what Vermeil characterized as "the first time I have ever met don't want to be held back, but we optimistic new owner ended with with anybody since I got out of in the organization.

> If he returns — and Vermeil Kotite's firing finally gave legi- stressed Monday night that he has timacy to the question that hung not been offered any position - it over his head since May, when most likely would be in the dual Lurie paid Norman Braman \$185 role of coach and general

> > SECOND TEAM

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polis; Chris Warren, Seattle.

Center - Mark Stepnoski, Dallas.

Quarterback - Dan Marino, Miami

Wide Receivers - Terance Mathis, Atlanta

Tackles - Lomas Brown, Detroit; Tony

Guards - Keith Sims, Miami; Steve Wis-

Running Backs - Marshall Faulk, Indiana-

Kick Returner - Brian Mitchell,

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1994 AP All-Pro Team

NEW YORK (AP) - The 1994 Associated Press All-Pro Team, as selected by a panel of

> FIRST TEAM Offens

Wide Receivers - Jerry Rice, San Francisco; Cris Carter, Minnesota. Tight End - Ben Coates, New England. Tackles - William Roaf, New Orleans;

Richmond Webb, Miami. Guards - Nate Newton, Dallas; Randall

McDaniel, Minnesota Center - Dermontti Dawson, Pittsburgh Quarterback - Steve Young, San

Running Backs - Barry Sanders, Detroit; Washington. Emmitt Smith, Dallas. Placekicker - John Carney, San Diego. Kick Returner - Mel Gray, Detroit.

Ends - Charles Haley, Dallas; Bruce

Smith, Buffalo.

Tachica John Randle, Minnesota; Cortez Kennedy, Seattle.

Outside Linebackers - Greg Lloyd, Pittsirgh; Kevin Greene, Pittsburgh. Middle Linebackers - Junior Seau, San

Cornerbacks - Deion Sanders, San Francisco; Rod Woodson, Pittsburgh Safeties - Eric Turner, Cleveland; Darren

Woodson, Dallas. Punter — Reggie Roby, Washington

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Angeles Raiders; Michael Dean Perry, Outside Linebackers - Ken Harvey. Washington; Derrick Thomas, Kansas City.

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Draft of senate panel report eyes conflicts in testimony

draft of the Senate Banking Committee's upcoming Whitewater report details the numerous times Clinton administration officials provided conflicting accounts or could not recall key events during testimony last summer.

It also states that the Resolution Trust Corp., the government's savings and loan cleanup agency, did not follow its own written policy in handling a criminal investigation that spawned the Whitewater affair.

The committee set out to deteraides did anything improper when they gathered information about the ongoing S&L investigation that involved some of the first family's Arkansas business of this matter." dealings.

nistration's conduct.

In their final days in the Senate cussions about sensitive investiga- factly. tions in the future.

mony, are preparing a draft of their the aftermath of the hearings. own views - certain to draw their many public criticisms.

control.

If the draft stands, its content sible wrongdoing. would not be unexpected given wounded president.

are gearing up for the exhaustive, the failed Madison Guaranty Sav- says.

Democrats denied them last year.

Scattered throughout the draft are anecdotes that escaped much notice during the panel's hearing, such as comments the president apparently made to an aide that reflected his dissatisfaction with the came the focus of the hearings. way his own White House had handled Whitewater.

The draft states that Clinton "had expressed concern generally about how the matter was being handled and wanted improvements." It added that Clinton mine whether President Clinton's asked the aide, White House Deputy Counsel Joel Klein, "to participate in thinking on a goingforward basis about how to improve the White House's handling

But most of the draft is dedi-But the 300-page draft of the re- cated to recounting the many inport, dated Dec. 5 and reviewed by stances in which administration The Associated Press, did not officials, in their testimony before draw any conclusions about the the panel, could not recall key legality or propriety of the admi- events or gave conflicting accounts.

During the hearings, such anmajority, the Democrats who swers occasionally caused senawrote the draft are working on a tors, including outgoing Banking section that will make some re- Chairman Donald Riegle, Dcommendations about procedures Mich., to lash out in irritation. The for handling administration dis- draft treats the conflicts matter-of-

The testimonies of Deputy Republican members of the Treasury Secretary Roger Altman committee, who have denounced and Treasury General Counsel the actions of administration offi- Jean Hanson are most frequently cials and the truth of their testi- cited. Both officials resigned in

The draft noted that Hanson tesharder-edged conclusions from tified she did not believe she was told to keep confidential the infor-The report is expected to be re- mation she received about nine leased Jan. 3, the last day before criminal referrals from the RTC Congress changes to Republican investigation that named the Clintons as potential witnesses to pos-

Among other things, the referthat Democrats, stung by their rals alleged that the first family's from the RTC regional office to election losses, are reluctant to in- Whitewater real estate venture and the appropriate U.S. attorney offlict further damage on their Clinton's gubernatorial campaign fice and to the RTC's Washington, may have benefited from illegal Republicans, on the other hand, diversion of depositor funds from concern a major case," the draft

WASHINGTON (AP) - A politically grueling investigation ings & Loan Association, which of Whitewater that they believe was owned by the Clintons' Whitewater business partners.

After getting the information about the referrals from RTC official William Roelle, Hanson conveyed it to the White House, setting off a series of contacts that be-

"There is a conflict in the testimony about whether Mr. Roelle told Ms. Hanson about the need to safeguard the confidentiality of the referrals. Mr. Roelle testified that he explained to Ms. Hanson that "'we need to make sure these are kept confidential," the draft

"In contrast, Ms. Hanson testified that she did not recall Mr. Roelle telling her to refrain from discussing the referrals."

The report also cited several instances in which Altman's testimony was questioned.

The draft also notes that the RTC's routing of the criminal referrals did not follow the agency's

written procedure. It notes that before the referrals

were forwarded to prosecutors, they first were sent to the RTC's Washington headquarters. There, according to testimony, RTC lawyers took the unprecedented action of writing a critique of the referrals that highlighted potential problems before the documents were forwarded to federal prosecutors.

Republicans cited the incident in arguing that the administration

may have tried to derail the investigation.

Without drawing any conclusions, the draft report simply contrasts the action in this case with the RTC's written policy.

"The RTC's written policy was, and is, to forward referrals D.C., office where the referrals

Ames doubts secrets he sold the Soviet Union hurt the U.S.

fessed spy Aldrich Ames says there probably are other moles inactions did not damage U.S. national security "in any significant

The ex-Central Intelligence Agency official is serving a life prison term for selling secrets to Moscow for more than eight years until his arrest last February. His wife, Rosario, is serving a fiveyear prison term.

He was interviewed for one hour by a CNN team for a program to air tonight. Ames said he hopes to go free

some day despite his sentence to life imprisonment without parole.

"I don't think you can live otherwise," Ames said in the interview taped at the federal penitentiary in Allenwood, Pa. Asked if he believed there were

other moles still inside the CIA, Ames said, "Probably." CIA Director James Woolsey

has called Ames a "warped, murdering traitor." Several of the Soviet and East European doubleagents he unmasked were executed.

But Ames sought to play down the damage he inflicted.

'While I betrayed my public trust, I don't believe that that betrayal damaged our national security in any significant way," Ames said.

He said the United States "historically had hardly any agents who ever reported any valuable or significant political information on what was happening in the Soviet Union." While some of the double-

agents were executed, Ames said, others "have been released from jail or finished their jail terms and are out." And these double-agents

"identified a lot of American or British agents of the KGB who are now doing jail time in Britain and this country and elsewhere," he said.

Ames said he passed CIA lie detector tests by staying calm and following the Soviets' advice to develop "a good rapport" with the person administering the polygraph.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Con- his Russian handlers, Ames said, bought a Jaguar automobile and "I have a lot of respect for them and gratitude. ... They worked real side the CIA, but insists his own hard and they did everything they could ... from their point of view, to take good care of me.'

His motivation for walking into the Soviet embassy in Washington in April 1985 was "greed, weakness (and) fear," Ames said.

He got \$50,000 for giving the Soviets what he considered "fake information" - a list of Soviets who had volunteered to help the CIA, but who were actually working for the KGB. He said he fully intended to stop after pulling that

"It was after that in a much less conscious sort of process that I took the deeper plunge and gave real agents up," said Ames, who for him."

fancy home with the \$2 million the Soviets later paid him.

"I should have been much more careful," said Ames. The Russians "credited me

with a great deal more care, awareness, sensitivity than I showed. But you do have to remember that a \$500,000 house in the Washington suburbs is not unusual for civil servants. Buying it for cash is."

Ames cried when asked about his 6-year-old son, Paul, now living with his wife's parents in her native Colombia.

"There's a tremendous amount of grief and remorse that I have to deal with," he said. "There's a sense in which I have perhaps died

Shoppers go back to stores looking for bargain prices

by The Associated Press after-Christmas sales.

Stores and malls were again packed, this time with people seeking bargains on marked-down gift wrapping and other items. The Sunday and Monday newspapers were stuffed with ads promising megadiscounts.

Stores that had a great Christmas — including purveyors of home furnishings, electronics and computers - had a chance to fatten their receipts even more.

Clothing stores, left with huge amounts of inventory after a largely disappointing season, hoped discounts of 30 to 50 percent would clear out slow-moving winter merchandise. The stores were hurt by persistent warm weather in some parts of the

Bloomingdale's tried to lure after-Christmas shoppers with newspaper ads proclaiming "Brrr! It's cold outside" and promising reductions on gloves, Asked if had anything to say to scarves, hats, sweaters and down

comforters. Unfortunately, the Shoppers were back at it Mon-temperature, intransigent for day as stores began big much of the holiday season, was again failing to cooperate - highs in the 50s were forecast for the entire week in New York, Bloomie's biggest market.

In Manhattan, shopper Ellen Shapiro looked at the bargains in upscale Saks Fifth Avenue and said the post-holiday prices were good. But she added: "They were good before too.

In downtown Chicago, Steve Theilen, who was loaded down with two big bags, said he had spent thousands of dollars on gifts before Christmas, his usual outlay. Now, he was "doing follow-up shopping today for family birthdays and things I didn't get myself."

Retailers and industry analysts generally found consumers willing to shop, and even splurge, on some items during the season. But even shoppers who spent liberally were looking for good prices and quality afterward. And many, concerned about cutbacks in their businesses, were buying cautiously,

Obituaries



KATHY SHANNON MACKEY **Kathy Mackey**

1949-1994

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Kathy Shannon Mackey, 45, of Snyder. Officiating will be the Donnie Price, and burial will fol-Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of the low in the Cisco Cemetery under Calvary Baptist Church. Burial the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale will follow in the Snyder Funeral Home.

her home following a lengthy moving from Lubbock.

Tommy Mackey in February, Christian Church and was in the 1990 in Snyder. She had been a Snyder resident since 1966, working in convenience store management positions. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, son, Jason Shannon of Snyder; two sisters. one daughter, Kim Rollins of Snyder; her mother, Marie Gemes of Snyder; two sisters, Glenda McKinney of Snyder and Susan Walls of Colorado City; two stepsons, James Mackey and Steven Mackey, both of Lubbock; one stepdaughter, Gina Mackey of Lubbock; and four grandchildren.

Marvin Gary

Services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for former Snyder resident Marvin Gary, 91, who died Monday in the

home of his daughter and son-inlaw, Inez and D.L. Miller in Barwise Community, near Floydada. The Rev. C.J. Smith, retired

Baptist pastor, will officiate, and burial will be in the Dunn "Dude" Lilley

Born on Nov. 7, 1903, in Wood, he married Estelle Williamson in 1941 in Snyder. He moved to Scurry County in 1923 Lilley, a former Snyder resident and was a farmer. He was a mem- and retired Mobil employee, died

where he served as the music di-

Masonic Lodge 706.

Tommy Gary of Vienna, Va.; two of Longview; one brother, Alvis Gary of Silver City, N.M.; one sister, Bonnie Mims of Lubbock; grandchildren.

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Service is set for 2 p.m. Wedian Church for Frances Roena Walker, 97, who died Friday in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Officiating will be the Rev.

Mrs. Walker had been a resi-Mrs. Mackey died Monday at dent of Snyder since August,

A resident of Lubbock for al-She was born on Aug. 17, most 50 years, Mrs. Walker was a 1949, in Stephenville and married member of the Lubbock First

Born in Cisco, she married Roy Little who died in 1923 and Ralph Walker who died in 1967. She was also preceded in death by a Tommy Mackey of Lubbock; one son, a daughter, nine brothers and

> Survivors include several nieces and nephews, including Gene Huestis of Snyder.

Edward B. Flores

1990-1994

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for four-year-old Edward B. Flores of Snyder who died Monday morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born on May 20, 1990. Felix Munoz of Midland and Patricia Flores of Snyder; his grandparents, Mrs. Blasa Flores of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Jose Fred Williams Munoz of Midland; and one brother, Nicholas Flores of

Survivors include his wife, Estelle Gary of Snyder; two sons, rangements are under the direc-John Gary of Weatherford and tion of Ellis Funeral Home.

daughters, Inez Miller of Barwise Mr. Lilley was reared in Cleve-Community and Virginia Morris land and went to work for Mobil

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ber of the Dunn Baptist Church Saturday in a Midland hospital.

A graveside service for Mr. Lilrector for over 50 years. He was ley, 81, is set for 1 p.m. Wednesalso a member of Scurry County day in Midland's Resthaven Memorial Park. Blaine Huddleston of Midland will officiate and ar-

> Born in Cold Springs, Tex., Oil in Kilgore in 1930.

He married Donna Ogden in 1932 in Bossier City, La. The 11 grandchildren; and 10 great- family lived in Kilgore for one year and then moved to Hender-The family suggests memorials son where they resided for 16 to the Dunn Baptist Church or the years. The family lived briefly in Andrews before moving to Seminole for two years. He was then transferred to Snyder where he worked until his retirement in

The family moved to Midland nesday in the Cisco First Christ-in 1979. Mr. Lilley was a member of the Kelview Heights Baptist

Survivors include his wife, Donna Lilley of Midland; a son, Vernon Lilley of Midland; a daughter, Delores Huddleston of Midand; two brothers, Loyce and Jamie Lilley of Cleveland; a sister, Claudie Coleman of Cleveland; four grandchildren; and four snow to get help. great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the American Lung Association, Box 26460 in Austin, or to tion, Box 26460 in Austin, or to the Allison Cancer Center, 2200 special treatment, W. Illinois in Midland.

Lloyd Moore

1917-1994

CORSICANA — Service was held Monday in the First Baptist Church for Lloyd B. Moore, 77, who died Friday in Corsicana. Burial followed in the Oakwood

A former resident of Snyder, Mr. Moore was a member of the Snyder First Baptist Church and the Snyder Masonic Lodge.

Born in Ralls, he was active in the Texas Apartment Association. Survivors include his wife,

Evelyn Moore of Corsicana; two sons, Tobin Moore of Houston and Lloyd Burl Moore of Gar-Survivors include his parents, land; a sister, Mrs. Robert E. Cox of Post; three grandchilren; and two great-grandchildren.

1911-1994

ELECTRA - Fred Lee Williams, a resident of Snyder for more than 40 years, died Monday in a Wichita Falls Hospital.

Services for Mr. Williams, 83, are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Totten-Day Funeral Home ranking gang leaders. Chapel with the Rev. Tom Medley, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in the New Electra Cemetery.

Born in Henrietta, Mr. Williams was a retired Mobil em- in a room reserved for inmates ployeee and was a member of the meeting with their lawyers; the First Christian Church and the Masonic Lodge in Snyder.

Mr. Williams married Maxine Fisher on Oct. 10, 1933 in

Survivors include his wife, Maxine Williams of Snyder; five said. The jail's 6,000 other in- \$133,286.29 is down 4 percent. nephews and four nieces.

Harry Wilkerson

1941-1994

Graveside service is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Snyder Cemetery for Harry Thomas Wilkerson, 53, of Snyder who died Sunday. The Rev. Marvin Applin of Gentle Dove Ministeries will officiate.

Mr. Wilkerson died Sunday night after being struck by a vehicle as he attempted to cross U.S. 84 near the U.S. 180 intersection.

He was born on Sept. 10, 1941, in Snyder and married Jeanie Bilberry on Dec. 9, 1989, in Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanie Wilkerson of the home; one brother, George Wilkerson of Victoria; four sisters, Callie Lewis of Midland, Dimple Gray of Odessa, Lottie Scott of Pecos and Arlene Schroeder of Redington Shores, Fla.; one stepdaughter, Dawn Bilberry of Post; and one stepson, Christopher Bilberry of Snyder.

According to a study by Professor James D. Davidson, Baptists and Catholics remain underrepresented among the nation's powerful elite. Comparing "Who's Who in America" listings from the 1930s to the 1990s, Davidson concludes, "If you stepped into a board meeting of a business giant, you still would find several Episcopalians, a few Presbyterians, probably a Jew and a Catholic, and no Baptists."

Woman survives desert ordeal on determination & 3 oranges

PHOENIX (AP) — It's called Devil's Highway. For an elderly Colorado couple who got stuck near the dirt track pioneered by Spanish friars, the missionaries' purgatory was hell on Earth.

Donald Herink died in the desert that nearly killed his wife, Pauline, who apparently survived for five days on little but determination and three oranges.

Campers found Mrs. Herink Thursday evening wandering near an interstate in Wellton, about 30 miles from the California state line. Searchers found the body of her 64-year-old husband later that

She was a little shaky, she was dirty, she was wet and cold," said an acquaintance, Sarah Willhite. "She done real good. She's an awful strong woman."

The ordeal bore similarities to that of an elderly California couple, Vinson and Annabelle Goodwin, who were stranded in November near Seligman, about 200 miles north of Wellton. Mrs. Goodwin, 77, survived two weeks in their van; her 76-year-old husband died while walking through

Simpson is getting special treat-

ment in jail, including more show-

ers, weekend visitors, hot meals

and time outside his cell than other

Simpson's privileges have up-

set some public defenders, who

complain their clients get little

slack at Los Angeles County's

ney who goes down to the jail to

see a lot of clients, is a scam," said

John Meyers, who has been a de-

Sheriff Sherman Block said

what appeared to be favoritism

was an attempt to run the jail more

smoothly. "Those things we are

doing that seem to give O.J. spe-

cial treatment are being done for

dering his ex-wife Nicole Brown

Simpson and her friend Ronald

Goldman. He is the only occupant

in a seven-cell wing reserved for

high-security "keep-away" in-

mates such as bad cops and high-

get only one hour per week in the

crowded visiting room. Simpson

gets unlimited — albeit no-contact

bieri and others in a private booth

Los Angeles Times reported Mon-

day, citing records and interviews.

of the attorney visiting area on

weekends and was allowed visi-

through out TVs

Throw the rascals out!

reported.

window.

building.

hammad said.

youngsters.

NEW DELHI, India (AP) -

Sick of TV violence and sex?

Hundreds of Bombay residents

None of the 1,200 residents of

did just that, hurling their televi-

sion sets out the window to protest

violence and sex on Indian TV

two apartment buildings in the

fashionable neighborhood of Ver-

sova in Bombay now owns a tele-

vision set, The Pioneer newspaper

It started a few months ago

when Safira Ali Mohammad and

her family disconnected the televi-

sion set one night, carried it to the

window of their high-rise apart-

crash. Many neighbors rushed

out," the newspaper quoted Mrs.

Mohammad as saying. Minutes la-

ter, their neighbors also pushed

their television set out of the

The idea then caught the fancy

"We set the trend," Mrs. Mo-

Most of the 365 residents in her

building are Muslims and were

constantly told at prayer meetings

that television programs corrupt

of residents in a nearby apartment

ment and hurled it down.

Simpson also has exclusive use

Most inmates held in isolation

visits with girlfriend Paula Bar-

Simpson is charged with mur-

our benefit," he said.

fense attorney for 25 years.

'What it looks like, to an attor-

Men's Central Jail.

inmates.

public defenders say

LOS ANGELES (AP) - O.J. mates weren't allowed Christmas

visitors.

Mrs. Herink, 59, described her enough hooks?" 'El Camino del Diablo'' — the ordeal to Mrs. Willhite before leaving Christmas Eve for her hometown of Clutier, Iowa, where the couple was married 39 years ago. Yuma County sheriff's officials would say little about the case Monday and refused to confirm details of Mrs. Willhite's account. Herink's obituary said he died of exposure.

Like thousands of other "snowbirds" in recreational vehicles, the Herinks had planned to spend the winter in the desert sunshine, at a mobile home park managed by Mrs. Willhite and her husband. They wanted to leave the cold of Golden, Colo., and perhaps find work for Herink, a heavyequipment operator.

They left the park Saturday, Dec. 17, on a one-day fishing trip driving enthusiasts. to an irrigation canal. They took oranges they had picked from a grove, Mrs. Willhite said.

'We didn't think of blankets or around.' water," Mrs. Herink told The Arizona Republic in a telephone interview from Iowa. "We were worried about, 'Do we have enough worms? Do we have O.J. Simpson getting

Simpson is allowed to sleep la-

or watch TV, the newspaper said.

outside their cells each week.

Simpson also can take a shower

with the extra time out of his cell, a

sheriff's spokesman said. Other

"keep-away" inmates shower ev-

Simpson won a court order

gets back from court after dinner is

Continued From Page 1

total of \$662,321.01 is up 13.3

\$569,140.57, down 1.43 percent

from the \$577,407.88 received in

December of 1993. The year-to-

date total of \$8,896,063.54 is up

-Post received \$11,705.52 up

received in December of 1993.

The year-to-date total of

\$184,646.42 is down 0.46 percent.

\$233,889.24 down 6.34 percent

from the \$249,745.56 received in

December of 1993. The year-to-

date total of \$3,411,423.30 is up

\$1,406,024.41 down 26.53 per-

cent from the \$1,913,871.31 re-

ceived in December of 1993. The

year-to-date total of

\$21,491,981.18 is up 3.47 percent.

\$20,539.22 down 13.57 percent

from the \$23,764.56 received in

December of 1993. The year-to-

date total of \$367,625.00 is up

the \$97,914.37 received in De-

cember of 1993. The year-to-date

total of \$1.604,136.12 is up 3.99

\$1,353,551.80 up 14.30 percent

from the \$1,184,161.61 received

date total of \$19,348,372.74 is up

San Angelo received

-Abilene received

-Colorado City received

Sweetwater received

0.17 percent.

2.21 percent.

'There was a tremendous \$101,160.04 up 3.31 percent from

percent.

4.90 percent.

1.94 percent.

-Big Spring received

Lubbock received

received

ery other day, the Times said.

closed medical problem.

Sales tax

Odessa

down 17.59 percent.

6.69 percent.

Bombay residents 18.26 percent from the \$9,897.40

1700s, is now a rough track visited by few people other than off-road "There's lots of empty space only a thermos of water and three out here," Mrs. Willhite said. "Miles of empty space, especially if you don't know your way

The fish weren't biting, and the

Instead of heading north, tow-

couple's luck deteriorated even

further when they got turned ar

ard the interstate and the Will-

hites' trailer park a few miles bey-

ond, they headed south and gor

stuck in sand about 20 miles from

the interstate, according to a state-

ment from the sheriff's

ble rear wheels on each side for

towing the mobile home -

clawed free the next morning, then

got stuck again about two miles

from El Camino del Diablo. The

route across southern Arizona,

used by the Spanish in the early

The Chevy pickup — with dou-

ound going home.

department.

Temperatures ranged from the 60s in the day to near freezing at night. Mrs. Herink, who had a stroke in 1993, was drenched by a day of rain.

Herink, suffering from cirrhosis of the liver and weakened by jaw surgery, initially tried to walk alone for help but gave up after à brief foray. Then the couple set off together.

They made it only a few miles. On either Sunday or Monday, Herink became too weak to go on. He was only able to drink a few mouthfuls of water that his wife fed him from her own mouth, Mrs. Willhite said. Mrs. Herink left the thermos

ter and use about 14 hours outside his cell each week to stretch his with her husband and struck out legs, ride an exercise bike procarrying nothing but the oranges, vided for his use, talk on the phone Mrs. Willhite said. She finally saw a glimmer from a vehicle belong-Most inmates get up to four hours ing to some campers, about 15 miles from her stuck Chevy.

Uggams will present award

Block said he gave Simpson NEW YORK (AP) — To Leslie more time outside his cell because Uggams, Mitch Miller is much he complained about an undis- more than the maestro of the singalong.

Miller discovered Ms. Uggams guaranteeing him a hot meal if he and stuck by her when times could have gotten tough. That's why she'll present him with the Congress of Racial Equality's lifetime achievement award at a dinner

> A year after Miller saw Ms. Uggams as a game show contestant, his "Sing Along with Mitch" went on the air, and he asked her to make a guest appearance, she recalled. She became a regular on the show, which ran on NBC from January 1961 to September 1966.

Some stations in the South refused to air the programs with Ms. -Roby received \$879.80 up Uggams, who is black. 36.31 percent from the \$645.42 re-Mitch was told either I go or ceived in December of 1993. The

the show goes," Ms. Uggams said year-to-date total of \$21,981.17 is in Monday's New York Times. 'He said, 'Either she stays or -Rotan received \$5,404.02 there's no show.' He loved that down 38.08 percent from the show, and he had been trying to \$8,727.89 received in December sell it for so long that to turn artors on Christmas, the newspaper of 1993. The year-to-date total of ound and do that was heroic.'

Eventually, Ms. Uggams said, my best fan mail came from the South, and the only time we got a death threat, it came from the North."

Hospital **Notes**

ADMISSIONS: Manual Alderete, Snyder Oaks Care Center; Wiley Dennis, 5400 College Apt. 102; Amy Fowler, Fluvanna; Jillian McCormack, Rt. 3 Box 295; W.E. McMillan, Hermleigh; Katherine Whitfield, 2703 47th; Betty Monroney, 5500 Cedar

DISMISSALS: Nikki Switzer. Census: 51 (Med.-16, Long-Term Care-29, OB-3, Nursery-3).

Births

Keith and Jillian McCormack announce the birth of their son born at 1:59 p.m. on Dec. 26 in in December of 1993. The year-to- Cogdell Memorial Hospital weighing seven pounds, two

\$481,465.85 down 3.10 percent Jimmy and Amy Fowler anfrom the \$496,881.72 received in nounce the birth of their son born December of 1993. The year-toat 9:33 a.m. on Dec. 26 in Cogdell date total of \$7,072,781.73 is up Memorial Hospital. He weighed five pounds, seven ounces.



FIFTH GRADE — Hermleigh fifth graders performed "A Texas Christmas" last week. From left, front row, Christina Arellano, Ashley Arrendale, Crystal Atkinson, Ben Barrera, Aaron Bayer and A.J. Frizzell; middle row, Tony Garza, Angie Glover, Rocky Glover, Candace

Gonzalez, Julie Mireles and Kendra Nachlinger; back row, Adam Roemisch, Jeremy Roemisch, Whitney Rogers, Casey Row, Sabrina Terry, Bryan Thomason, Thomas Whitt and Amber Yruregas. Cathy Beckman is the eacher. (SDN



"A Christmas Tree For Kitty" include from left, carolers; back row, Ramon Granado, Billy Lamfront row, Lisa Sanchez, announcer; David baren, Salvador Luna and Toni Martinez, all Digby, Todd; Jennifer Brady, mother; Amber carolers. Mary Spruill, caroler, is not pictured. Harbin, Jannis; and Samantha Smith, Willa; Beth McDaniel is the teacher. (SDN Staff Photo) middle row, Sheena Callaway, Martha; Lori

SIXTH GRADE - Hermleigh sixth graders in Eckert, Shannon Barnes and Janet Eckert, all

Sometimes humanitarian aid goes to feed fighters instead

It wasn't necessarily good news guns and take everything. Other for hard-pressed civilians, though. times, they'd stick a gun at your who have torn the country apart in all." five years of war.

tinue distributing aid, knowing of Liberia's seven warring fac- arms. tions, or do they cut off all aid,"

Nations Development Program. fighting." "If we don't do it, no one gets food. So where do you draw the answer. line?'

bution virtually impossible.

tions last week, due to take effect needs food." Wednesday, won't make a difference immediately. Previous Liberia. cease-fires have collapsed, so aid agencies are waiting to see if this hired gunmen to protect their supone holds.

food-distribution arm of the Un- cember 1992 to safeguard aid. fted Nations, scaled back operaestimates - falls into the hands of Rwanda. combatants.

camps in Monrovia tell of regular looting in the countryside.

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) - sprawling camp of 26,000 refu- fiting," said van Buuren. Defying the danger of rebel at- gees on the sandy plain around the tacks, the World Food Program re- Voice of America's relay station. workers to leave isolated areas, as cently sent much-needed food into "Sometimes when I would be car- occurred in Liberia, close moni-Liberia's embattled countryside. rying food, they would attack with

Some — maybe most — of the head and ask you to give them food ended up feeding fighters some. If you didn't, they take it Some aid workers have sug-The result highlights the no-win gested the war has been prolonged. situation aid agencies face in try- by food distribution in rebel-

ing to save the innocent without infested areas. If food supplies he said. helping the guilty. Do they con- were cut off, they argue, the rebels - mostly young men with hearty much of it will be taken by troops appetites - might lay down their

"When you want the fighters to knowing civilians will suffer? stop fighting, you have to offer "It's a dilemma. We don't go them something," said Thys van out and say we're going to feed the Buuren, an administrator in Monfighters, but they're the strong rovia for the humanitarian group ones. They can fight and loot," Doctors Without Borders. "When said Rheka Thapa of the United there's no food, they'll stop

All agree there is no easy

"The rebels have to survive, Most aid agencies in Liberia too," said Brig. Gen. Azizul drew the line last September, Haque, the deputy chief military when fighting and looting outside observer for the United Nations in Monrovia, the capital, made distri- Liberia. "Whether such distributions contributed to prolonging the A truce signed by all the fac- conflict is debatable, but everyone

The debate is not confined to

In Somalia, most aid agencies plies from armed thugs until a The World Food Program, the peacekeeping force arrived in De-

In refugee camps along the tions in recent months, but con- Zaire-Rwanda border, many aid tinued sporadic distribution. The agencies have been forced to withorganization's director in Liberia, draw because of thuggery, leaving Gerard Van Dijk, acknowledges behind tens of thousands of civisome of the food — half, by some lian refugees from the civil war in

Next to peace, the best solution Displaced people living in is to carefully monitor distribution, aid workers say. "That's why you have to make sure you "It happened very often," said have staff on the ground — you Eugene Roberts, who lives at a have to see who is actually bene-

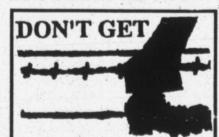
But when fighting forces aid toring is impossible.

By handing supplies only to civilians, the World Food Program is doing its best to ensure that as little as possible is taken by fighters, said Van Dijk, who rejects arguments that rebel groups could be conquered by hunger.

'Fighters always find food,"

New Year's Day, a federal legal holiday, is observed on Friday if Jan. 1 falls on a Saturday, on Monday if it falls on a Sunday.

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Plan would withhold benefits until children receive shots

withhold welfare benefits to fami- Geyer said. lies whose children are not immunized could hurt the children months to get federal permission more than help them, critics say.

Jude Fuller, executive director for Texas Alliance for Human Needs, a coalition of advocacy groups for low-income people, said the idea could have the opposite effect of what is intended.

"We give so little in benefits already, and there's so much risk that children will suffer from a cutoff in benefits," Fuller said.

The Texas Board of Human Services has asked the federal government for permission to withhold some benefits to families whose children are not immunized by age 2.

The idea is meant to increase child immunizations in Texas, which has one of the lowest immunization rates in the country, said board member Bob Geyer.

"We don't see this as a sanction," Geyer said. "We see it as a requirement that (Aid to Families With Dependent Children) caretakers should be responsible for having their children immunized and, if they do that, they are not going to be losing any benefits."

State law requires all Texans younger than 18 to obtain "ageappropriate" immunizations. Texas Department of Health officials say most children can be fully immunized by age 2. The most current data show about 42 percent of the state's 2-year-olds have been immunized.

The Texas Board of Human Services is the governing arm of the Texas Department of Human Services, which oversees AFDC and other assistance programs.

Geyer, who proposed the idea, said the board approved the plan Dec. 16 after a November report showed little progress in raising immunization rates among children receiving state and federal

Details have not been worked out on how the penalty would be imposed, but welfare recipients should be given three months to present proof of their compliance

He estimated it would take six to implement the plan.

An estimated 252,500 children under age 5 are on the state welfare rolls, according to the Department of Human Services.

Most Texas families receiving AFDC consist of a mother and two children. The maximum grant for a family of three is \$188 a month. If the board's plan is approved, a maximum of \$92 would be withheld from parents of children lacking immunizations.

Maria Vega, director of the that's just real scary," Fuller said.

AUSTIN (AP) - A proposal to in meetings with caseworkers, Health Department's consumer information and services program, said the welfare requirement could help improve immunization

compliance. "Sometimes those incentives to parents — and that is an incentive because money is going to be withheld from them - are the things that work," she said.

However, Fuller said the idea would hurt the most needy welfare recipients.

'When you are sanctioning a benefit, you are really knocking the knees out of the very lowest of the low (income residents), and

Road safety chief refocuses agency

nation's highway safety chief programs on ways to curb the devastating long-term costs of injuries.

Traditionally, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has concentrated on preventing deaths on the roads. But injuries also produce tragic longterm losses, both financially and in human terms, said NHTSA Administrator Ricardo Martinez.

Formerly an emergency-room vehicle and equipment manufacturers, professional societies, the highways. insurance industry, state and local prevention.

His effort comes at a time of cluding a planned reduction in jured people return home and to money and staff at the Transporta- work as soon as possible. tion Department, which oversees

WASHINGTON (AP) — The we are going to be very unhappy." Instead, he said, through educawants to focus both government tion, safety regulations and coopand private accident-prevention eration with others, the agency will try to save lives and prevent

injuries.

Death is tragic, but its immediate financial costs are usually limited, Martinez said. On the other hand, long-term injuries cost the nation \$215 billion yearly, in addition to the human suffering involved, he said.

Martinez' goal is to organize with his partners a three-pronged program to deal with injuries.

First is prevention, including physician, Martinez is bringing in changing driver behavior, making better vehicles and creating safer

When accidents do occur, he agencies and a host of others as said, improved acute care needs to what he calls partners in accident be available for all patients — the second step.

The third step is to develop resharp government budget cuts, in- habilitation systems to help in-

Early and aggressive rehabilitation can reduce long-term costs to 'It's silly to think there are go- society and employers and iming to be a lot more dollars," Mar- prove the lives of victims by gettinez said in a recent interview. "If ting them back to work earning we measure our success in how money and reducing their disabilmany dollars and people we have, ity and dependence.

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By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 66-year-old husband has lost his sex drive. I'm 50 and love him deeply. I miss the intimacy and while I'am very attentive, nothing seems to turn him on. We were recently married and he doesn't even try - he just attributes it to old age.

DEAR READER: Loss of libido (sex drive) has many causes, some physical, others emotional. For example, your husband's interest in sex can be substantially reduced by alcohol, many prescription drugs, ill health, and an age-related deficiency of male hormone (testosterone). In addition, he may have lost interest in sex because of stress, depression and other psychological factors.

To discover the root of the problem, he should be examined by his family physician, who can subsequently enlist the aid of specialists - such as urologists or counselors - if appropriate. Your husband's lack of libido is probably treatable, once a diagnosis is

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've just been released from the hospital after suffering for eight days with ischemic colitis. Do you have any information that would be helpful?

DEAR READER: Ischemic colitis, a dangerous medical condition, causes recurring diarrhea and internal bleeding. Unlike other forms of colitis, this variety is caused by arteriosclerosis: Progressive narrowing of the arteries feeding the colon leads to an inadequate blood supply and an eventual deterioration of the colonic lining. The diarrhea may be difficult to stop and the bleeding may be impossible to arrest.

The diagnosis is usually made by an arteriogram (a special X-ray), after other causes of colitis have been ruled out by appropriate testing, such as stool analysis, blood tests and colonoscopy. In some cases, bypass surgery (to re-establish arterial blood flow) is indicated.

However, in most instances, doctors and patients must be content to treat symptoms as they arise, with anti-diarrheal drugs and blood transfusions.

Obviously, any measures to retard the arteriosclerotic process are mandatory. These include stopping smoking, increasing exercise and reducing blood cholesterol. Patients with ischemic colitis should be under the care of gastroenterologists, in my opinion.

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

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DR. GOTT



Some taxpayers would rather Congress tackle U.S. deficit

By MIKE FEINSILBER Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just as the country's governing elite has decided tax cuts are a political must, some taxpayers are suggesting they might rather tackle the deficit.

One eloquent advocate of putting deficits first turns out to be President Clinton — the Clinton who spoke to the centrist Democratic Leadership Council 10 days before he went on television to propose his "middle class bill of rights.'

In that earlier speech, Clinton didn't mention tax relief. Instead, he engaged in some bragging:

"I believe we were right when we fought to bring this terrible deficit down. Let me tell you something, folks. The budget would be in balance this year were it not for interest payments on the debt accumulated when they (Republi-

Bush) had control and they ran this Another half-trillion dollars has country into the ditch.

"And before you listen to the years. siren songs that will be offered in the next year, you just remember analysis says Clinton's tax cuts

AP analysis

this: Next time you make out your federal income tax check, 28 percent of it's going to pay interest on the debt accumulated in the last 12

It was an effective line — as good as Clinton's standard boast that he will be the first president since Harry Truman to bring the deficit down three years running. But even when deficits go down, the national debt continues to

Reagan-Bush-era deficits added \$3 trillion to the national ducing taxes.

years before we took over.".



You're Never Too Old to Do What You Love for a Living

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I would like you to know what a positive impact your advice has had on my life. In May 1989, at the age of 471/2, I was laid off from my job at the local telephone company in Ketchum, Idaho. In addition, my husband had just been transferred to Twin Falls. At an age when most of our friends were settling down as empty-nesters, we were in a state of flux with a major

move and a new career for me. I had no computer skills for today's job market, and no desire to work in retail sales. While discussing the possibilities with our daughter, who was away at college, she asked me what I'd do if I could do anything I wanted to do. I said, "I'd teach mathematics." I had always loved math and knew that there was (and is) a serious shortage of math teachers. She said, "Go

for it, Mom!' "No, it's too late," I responded. "I'd be at least 52 years old before I'd be back in the work force." Then I remembered something I read in your column: Never put off starting something because of how old you will be when you finish. So in June 1989, terrified of failure, I enrolled in

junior college in Twin Falls, Idaho. To make a long story short, on May 1, 1994, I graduated from Boise State University with a bachelor of science degree — magna cum laude! It turns out that I like teaching more than I ever thought possible. My life is filled with new friends, new challenges and, most

important — joy.

I am grateful to my family for their support, especially my daughter for encouraging me to go back to college — and to you, Abby, for pointing out that I would have been 52 this year, whether I went back to school or not.

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DEAR NANCY: Congratulations! And on the chance that you didn't save the letter that changed the course of your life

DEAR ABBY: I am a 36-year-old college dropout whose lifelong ambition was to be a physician. I have a very good job selling pharmaceutical supplies, but my heart is still in the practice of medicine. I do volunteer work at the local hospital on my time off, and people tell me I would have been a wonderful doctor.

If I go back to college and get my degree, then go to medical school, do my internship, and finally get into the practice of medicine - it will take me seven years. But Abby, in seven years, I will be 43 years old! What do you think? UNFULFILLED IN PHILLY

DEAR UNFULFILLED: And how old will you be in seven years if you don't go back to

DEAR ABBY: Regarding whether fathers should tell their daughters dirty jokes: I say no,

which brings to mind this story: A constituent of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant asked if he wanted to hear a dirty joke, prefacing his question with, "I see there are no ladies pre-

Grant replied, "Yes, but there are gentlemen present." I rest my case.

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cans Ronald Reagan and George debt, bringing it to \$4 trillion. been added in Clinton's first two

A Treasury Department will reduce revenues by \$60 billion in the first five years, and \$177 billion in 10 years.

The Treasury says the tax cuts proposed by the GOP's "Contract With America' will reduce revenues far more — \$197 billion in the first five years and \$712 billion over 10 years.

Maybe because Clinton did a good job selling deficit reduction in his first two years, deficit reduction seems to have acquired a constituency, at least among some of the people some of the time.

By 58 percent to 35 percent, participants in a Wall Street Journal-NBC poll in mid-December ranked reducing the deficit as a higher priority than re-

A week later, a poll conducted for USA Today and CNN asked this question: "If Congress is able to cut federal spending, what do you think they should do with the savings - cut taxes or reduce the federal budget deficit?"

Deficit reduction out-polled tax-cutting, 70 percent to 24

Of course, no one says people in polls must be consistent. Sixty-six percent also said that their taxes were too high; only 30 percent said they were about right.

If nothing else, concern about deficits has caused both Clinton and the Republicans to embrace the notion that government has an obligation to pay for tax cuts with spending cuts. That hasn't always been conventional wisdom.

Clinton promised enough spending cuts to make up for the cost of his tax cut and to put aside a few billion dollars for deficit reduction too. Details still to come.

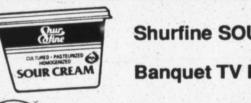
Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas, who will be House majority leader in the next Congress, said Republicans will create "an American tax relief savings account" to pay for Republican tax cuts. Details still to come. The election message from the people, said Armey, was "cut spending first."

Martha Phillips, executive director of the 150,000-member Concord Coalition, formed by former Sens. Paul Tsongas, D-Mass., and Warren Rudman, R-N.H., to fight deficits, says she has not given up hope that a tax cut can be headed off. She admits that the idea of opposing it has few congressional adherents willing to identify themselves.

In a mouthful, she offers her reasoning: "As more people look at the impact of cutting taxes on the deficit, on borrowing, on the debt and interest payments, and look at who will be getting the benefit and how small a benefit it will be, and watch the reaction of the markets and the Federal Reserve - if it is perceived as something that will overheat the economy and trigger higher interest rates — as this stuff starts to sink in, and as some of the pep rally excitement dies away, I think there's going to be a lot of confronting reality.

EDITOR'S NOTE - Mike Feinsilber has covered events in Washington since 1968.





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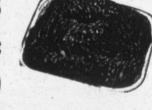
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