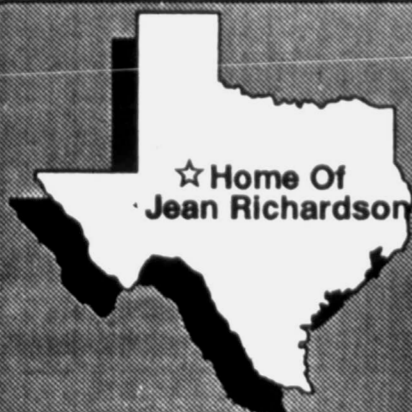


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TUESDAY

# Snyder Daily News

## Ask Us

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

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 re-elected 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 mph.

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

MARSEILLE, France (AP) — Islamic extremists who seized an 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 responsibility or immediate indication if it was related to the hijacking.

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 10 tons is necessary to make the

trip to Paris, regional Gov. Hubert Blanc said Monday.

The extra kerosene, which jets 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 well-known singer in Algeria, told TF-1 TV. "They whispered it among themselves, and passengers overheard them."

The dynamite was found under a seat just behind the Airbus

A300's cockpit and under another seat in the jet's midsection, Marseille Police Chief Alain Gehin said.

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.

"Throughout our dialogue, it was understood that I could not

take the risk of allowing a plane to take off that could be susceptible to being blown up in the air," Gehin said.

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

The hijackers had demanded to be flown to Paris by 5 p.m. Monday or they would kill a fourth hostage. Three were executed over the weekend in Algiers.



CLEANING UP — City crews were busy before the holidays demolishing an old service station located on the southwest corner of the intersection of 37th Street and College Avenue. City officials

say there are no immediate plans for the city-owned property except that "we are just practicing what we are preaching in terms of cleaning up the town". (SDN Staff Photo)

## Mexico...

# Buildup alarms opposition leaders

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Opposition leaders and mediators say they fear the army's troop buildup around rebel territory in southern 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

Monday in Mexico City with his defense minister and an undersecretary of the interior department, which oversees national security. There was no word from Zedillo's office on the purpose of the meeting.

The rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army began its revolt last New Year's Day, demanding improved living conditions and basic rights for Chiapas' impoverished Indians. More than 145 peo-

ple were killed before a Jan. 12 cease-fire.

The guerrilla war has threatened to reignite recently, posing a threat to Zedillo's new government. On Dec. 19, the rebels announced the deployment of thousands of fighters in Chiapas and blocked roads and briefly occupied towns in a show of force.

Since then, the Zapatistas haven't issued any more statements, but have dug huge trenches across

roads and airstrips and chopped down trees to block roads into their territory in the Lacondon jungle.

"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.

# N. Korea accuses U.S. of espionage

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea insisted today that U.S. officials apologize for the intrusion of an American helicopter into its airspace, which it called a "deliberate act" of espionage.

U.S. officials again denied that the helicopter was spying. The State Department dispatched an official to seek the release of American pilot Bobby Hall, whose prospects for immediate freedom plummeted.

The statement by the North's 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 North Korea and crashed or was shot down.

Hall was captured and his copilot, Chief Warrant officer David Hilemon, died. Hilemon's body was returned last Thursday as part of a deal worked out by U.S. Rep. Bill Richardson, who said North Korea had agreed to free Hall "very soon."

The North's rhetoric-filled statement today came just as there appeared to be progress in obtaining Hall's release. The statement raised questions such as whether Pyongyang is trying to obtain concessions from the United States, and whether military hard-liners are in control of the reclusive communist country.

"All facts clearly prove that the intrusion of the U.S. helicopter ... is a grave violation of the sovereignty of the DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) and a deliberate act for espionage on

it," the KCNA statement said.

The North has said Hall will not be released until it completes its investigation. Its statement said Washington "must admit its responsibility ... and clearly show an honest and reasonable attitude before it is too late."

U.S. officials sent Pyongyang a letter of regret over the weekend.

Jim Coles, a spokesman for the U.S. and U.N. military presence in Korea, adamantly denied North Korea's accusations of espionage.

"As we have said, this was a routine training flight that unfortunately strayed into DPRK airspace," he said.

## 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 discovery.

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

One particular item caught her attention. It was a Christmas card addressed to Scott and Barbara Walton.

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

With all the negative publicity about people, Barbara thought people should know there are still plenty of honest folks around — at least in West Texas.

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."



THIRD PLACE — The home of Bill and Jill Edwards, 2811 Ave. U, was the third place winner in the 1994 Goldcoats' Christmas Lighting Contest. The display featured numerous Christmas themes including the manger scene, a sleigh ride and Santa Claus checking his list. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Transport operators will be randomly tested for drugs

FORT WORTH (AP) — A new 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 attendants, airline maintenance crews, air traffic controllers and operators of commercial trucks, school buses, motor coaches and trains.

Most of the employees affected — 6.6 million — hold commercial

drivers' licenses.

Pilots, some train operators and federal employees have been subject to random drug testing since the late 1980s. Many more public transport employees have been subject to such testing after an accident or as a condition of employment.

Initially, one-quarter of all eligible employees must be tested, but that number could go up or down, depending on how many tests turn up positive, said Roslyn Kaiser, a U.S. Department of Transportation 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 Fort Worth Star-Telegram in its Monday edition that he is taking in stride the new requirement that he blow into a machine that will check his blood system for alcohol.

"I wouldn't say I'm clapping my hands, but I'm resigned to it. It's just the price you have to pay to do the job, I guess," said the pilot, who was not identified.

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

which has 45,000 eligible employees, expect to spend about \$500,000 on alcohol testing in 1995.

The airline will select employees to be tested through a random computer search, said company spokesman Al Comeaux. American intends to conduct its own tests, he said.

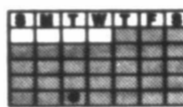
The Fort Worth Transportation System estimates that the testing will cost about \$50,000 a year, about two-tenths of 1 percent of the transit system's \$25 million operating budget.

"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 expects to spend \$2,500 testing one-quarter of its 60 bus drivers. There, where about 73 percent of the 4,000 students ride the bus to school, administrators applaud the law.

## DATE BOOK

Dec. 27, 1994



Today is the 361st day of 1994 and the 7th day of winter.

**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), musician-actor; 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

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 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.

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



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**KINDERGARTEN** — Hermleigh kindergarten students who helped sing in "A Prehistoric Christmas" are from left, front row, Michael Barrera, Nickolas Eaton, Ysidro (Y.J.) Fuentes and K'Leigh Jackson; middle row, Kristi Jones, Megan Kariainen, Brittany Kelley and Brian Molina; back row, Robert Ritch, Ashley Rodriguez, Erissa Sanchez and Cesilie Torres. Karen Whittenburg is their teacher. (SDN Staff Photo)



**FIRST GRADE** — Hermleigh first graders in "A Prehistoric Christmas" include front row, Robby Anderson, Scotty Arellano, Atasha Arrendale and Joshua Baldwin; middle row, Samantha Berry, Crystal Bridges, Matthew Cervantes, and Bobby Lane; back row, Frank Smith, Georgianna Smith, Erica Torres and Dani Webb. Curtis Hosler is not pictured. Lori Williamson is their teacher. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-9-5 (nine, nine, five)

## Berry's World



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NEWTACKER

# Gamblers spend Christmas in casino in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — "Jingle Bell Rock" played in the background and a few blackjack 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 double-take."

She and her husband, Vern, planned to gamble \$2 or \$3 before 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 gambling people at all. But while we're in New Orleans, we want to

see and try everything." The Swartzes were among nearly 2,000 people who spent part of their Christmas at the 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 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," she said. "But most of the places are closed, so we have no place to

come but here. ... I would prefer to have the fun with my family instead of spending all the money. 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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## 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 and carried to recycling location free.

Please be sure all spikes, nails, stands, etc. have been removed. **NO flocked or artificial trees.**

After January 3rd, you must carry your tree out to the landfill.

Mulch may be picked up anytime after January 7th at no charge. Please bring your own container, shovel, etc.

City of Snyder



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

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

## Bridge By Phillip Alder

**NORTH** 12-27-94  
 ♠ A 5  
 ♥ A 4  
 ♦ A K Q 9 7 6 4 2  
 ♣ Q

**WEST**  
 ♠ K 8 7 3 2  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ 5 3  
 ♣ J 9 4 3 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ J 10 4  
 ♥ K 7 3 2  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ K 10 8 6 5

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ Q 9 6  
 ♥ Q 10 9 8 6 5  
 ♦ J 10  
 ♣ A 7

Vulnerable: North-South  
 Dealer: West

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

Opening lead: ♠3

**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

## 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 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.

North opened with a strong and artificial two clubs. South's two-diamond response was artificial, showing positive values. Five diamonds promised 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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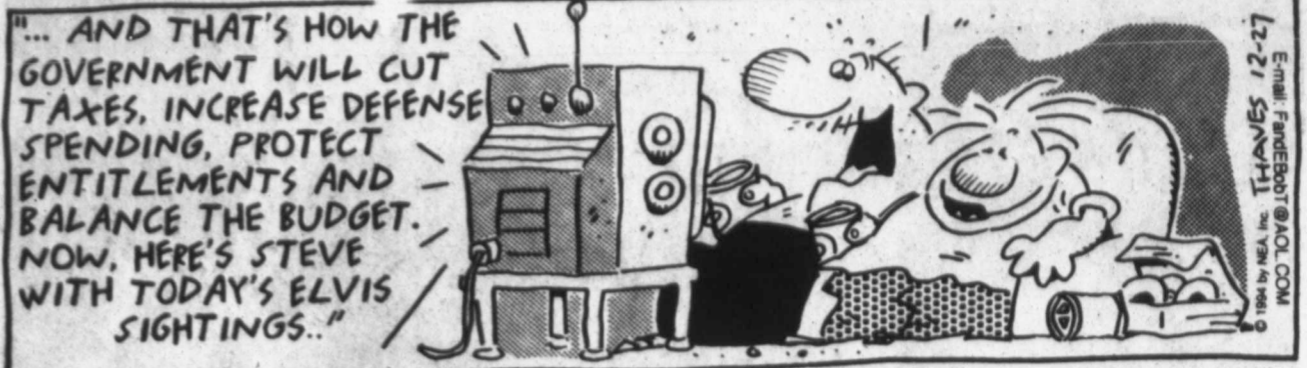
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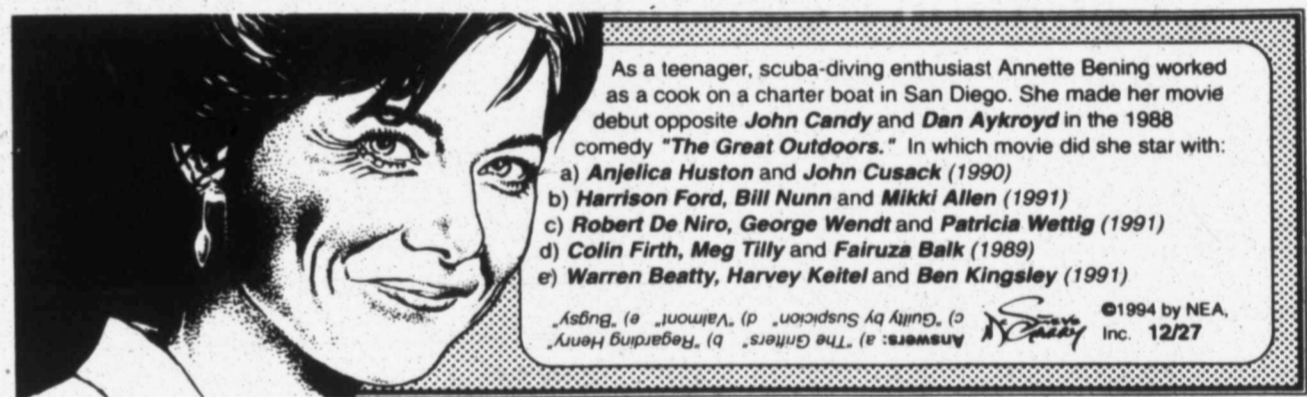
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- Wide shoe size
- Pistol (sl.)
- Workmen
- Disciple
- Diacritical mark
- Polar explorer
- Meanness
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- Jack — Jill
- Cast used in crime cases
- Attention-getting sound
- Mistreat

40 Containing fire

- River in Europe
- Newscaster
- Dan
- Roman 3
- Lhasa — (dog breed)
- Country of Europe
- Period
- Telephone service (abbr.)
- Secluded valley
- Aves.
- Zodiac sign
- Pollack fish

DOWN

- Actor — Novello
- Finnish first name
- Radiation measures
- Film technique
- Wedding words
- Correct
- Cooled
- Sorrows
- Prospector's find
- Place
- Shade of blue
- Semiprecious stone
- Bird's beak
- Foil
- Vases
- Mires
- Cheers
- Wrath
- Owing
- Headgear
- Dark sherry
- Hawaiian food fish
- after (desired)
- Uncle (Sp.)
- Chew on
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- Disturbance
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# Draft of senate panel report eyes conflicts in testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 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.

politically grueling investigation of Whitewater that they believe Democrats denied them last year.

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 became the focus of the hearings.

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.

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 way his own White House had handled Whitewater.

"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 states.

The committee set out to determine whether President Clinton's aides did anything improper when they gathered information about the ongoing S&L investigation that involved some of the first family's Arkansas business dealings.

The draft states that Clinton "had expressed concern generally about how the matter was being handled and wanted improvements."

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

But the 300-page draft of the report, dated Dec. 5 and reviewed by The Associated Press, did not draw any conclusions about the legality or propriety of the administration's conduct.

During the hearings, such answers occasionally caused senators, including outgoing Banking Chairman Donald Riegle, D-Mich., to lash out in irritation.

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

In their final days in the Senate majority, the Democrats who wrote the draft are working on a section that will make some recommendations about procedures for handling administration discussions about sensitive investigations in the future.

Republican members of the committee, who have denounced the actions of administration officials and the truth of their testimony, are preparing a draft of their own views — certain to draw harder-edged conclusions from their many public criticisms.

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

The report is expected to be released Jan. 3, the last day before Congress changes to Republican control.

If the draft stands, its content would not be unexpected given that Democrats, stung by their election losses, are reluctant to inflict further damage on their wounded president.

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

Republicans, on the other hand, are gearing up for the exhaustive

The testimonies of Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman and Treasury General Counsel Jean Hanson are most frequently cited. Both officials resigned in the aftermath of the hearings.

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.

Among other things, the referrals alleged that the first family's Whitewater real estate venture and Clinton's gubernatorial campaign may have benefited from illegal diversion of depositor funds from the failed Madison Guaranty Sav-

The draft noted that Hanson testified she did not believe she was told to keep confidential the information she received about nine criminal referrals from the RTC investigation that named the Clintons as potential witnesses to possible wrongdoing.

Republicans cited the incident in arguing that the administration may have tried to derail the investigation.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Confessed spy Aldrich Ames says there probably are other moles inside the CIA, but insists his own actions did not damage U.S. national security "in any significant way."

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 five-year 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."

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

CIA Director James Woolsey has called Ames a "warped, murdering traitor." Several of the Soviet and East European double-agents he unmasked were executed.

Ames said he 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

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

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.

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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."

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Asked if he had anything to say to

comforters. Unfortunately, the temperature, intransigent for 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.

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

WASHINGTON (AP) — Confessed spy Aldrich Ames says there probably are other moles inside the CIA, but insists his own actions did not damage U.S. national security "in any significant way."

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 "scam."

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



**SIXTH GRADE** — Hermleigh sixth graders in "A Christmas Tree For Kitty" include from left, front row, Lisa Sanchez, announcer; David Digby, Todd; Jennifer Brady, mother; Amber Harbin, Jannis; and Samantha Smith, Willa; middle row, Sheena Callaway, Martha; Lori

Eckert, Shannon Barnes and Janet Eckert, all carolers; back row, Ramon Granado, Billy Lambaren, Salvador Luna and Toni Martinez, all carolers. Mary Sprull, caroler, is not pictured. Beth McDaniel is the teacher. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Sometimes humanitarian aid goes to feed fighters instead

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Defying the danger of rebel attacks, the World Food Program recently sent much-needed food into Liberia's embattled countryside. It wasn't necessarily good news for hard-pressed civilians, though. Some — maybe most — of the food ended up feeding fighters who have torn the country apart in five years of war.

The result highlights the no-win situation aid agencies face in trying to save the innocent without helping the guilty. Do they continue distributing aid, knowing much of it will be taken by troops of Liberia's seven warring factions, or do they cut off all aid, knowing civilians will suffer?

"It's a dilemma. We don't go out and say we're going to feed the fighters, but they're the strong ones. They can fight and loot," said Rhexa Thapa of the United Nations Development Program. "If we don't do it, no one gets food. So where do you draw the line?"

Most aid agencies in Liberia drew the line last September, when fighting and looting outside Monrovia, the capital, made distribution virtually impossible.

A truce signed by all the factions last week, due to take effect Wednesday, won't make a difference immediately. Previous cease-fires have collapsed, so aid agencies are waiting to see if this one holds.

The World Food Program, the food-distribution arm of the United Nations, scaled back operations in recent months, but continued sporadic distribution. The organization's director in Liberia, Gerard Van Dijk, acknowledges some of the food — half, by some estimates — falls into the hands of combatants.

Displaced people living in camps in Monrovia tell of regular looting in the countryside.

"It happened very often," said Eugene Roberts, who lives at a

sprawling camp of 26,000 refugees on the sandy plain around the Voice of America's relay station. "Sometimes when I would be carrying food, they would attack with guns and take everything. Other times, they'd stick a gun at your head and ask you to give them some. If you didn't, they take it all."

Some aid workers have suggested the war has been prolonged by food distribution in rebel-infested areas. If food supplies were cut off, they argue, the rebels — mostly young men with hearty appetites — might lay down their arms.

"When you want the fighters to stop fighting, you have to offer them something," said Thys van Buuren, an administrator in Monrovia for the humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders. "When there's no food, they'll stop fighting."

All agree there is no easy answer.

"The rebels have to survive, too," said Brig. Gen. Azizul Haque, the deputy chief military observer for the United Nations in Liberia. "Whether such distributions contributed to prolonging the conflict is debatable, but everyone needs food."

The debate is not confined to Liberia.

In Somalia, most aid agencies hired gunmen to protect their supplies from armed thugs until a peacekeeping force arrived in December 1992 to safeguard aid.

In refugee camps along the Zaire-Rwanda border, many aid agencies have been forced to withdraw because of thuggery, leaving behind tens of thousands of civilian refugees from the civil war in Rwanda.

Next to peace, the best solution is to carefully monitor distribution, aid workers say. "That's why you have to make sure you have staff on the ground — you have to see who is actually bene-

fitting," said van Buuren.

But when fighting forces aid workers to leave isolated areas, as occurred in Liberia, close monitoring 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," he said.

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## Plan would withhold benefits until children receive shots

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal to withhold welfare benefits to families whose children are not immunized could hurt the children 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 "age-appropriate" 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 assistance.

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

in meetings with caseworkers, Geyer said.

He estimated it would take six months to get federal permission 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 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 that's just real scary," Fuller said.

## Road safety chief refocuses agency

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's highway safety chief wants to focus both government and private accident-prevention 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 long-term losses, both financially and in human terms, said NHTSA Administrator Ricardo Martinez.

Formerly an emergency-room physician, Martinez is bringing in vehicle and equipment manufacturers, professional societies, the insurance industry, state and local agencies and a host of others as what he calls partners in accident prevention.

His effort comes at a time of sharp government budget cuts, including a planned reduction in money and staff at the Transportation Department, which oversees NHTSA.

"It's silly to think there are going to be a lot more dollars," Martinez said in a recent interview. "If we measure our success in how many dollars and people we have, we are going to be very unhappy."

Instead, he said, through education, safety regulations and cooperation 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 changing driver behavior, making better vehicles and creating safer highways.

When accidents do occur, he said, improved acute care needs to be available for all patients — the second step.

The third step is to develop rehabilitation systems to help injured people return home and to work as soon as possible.

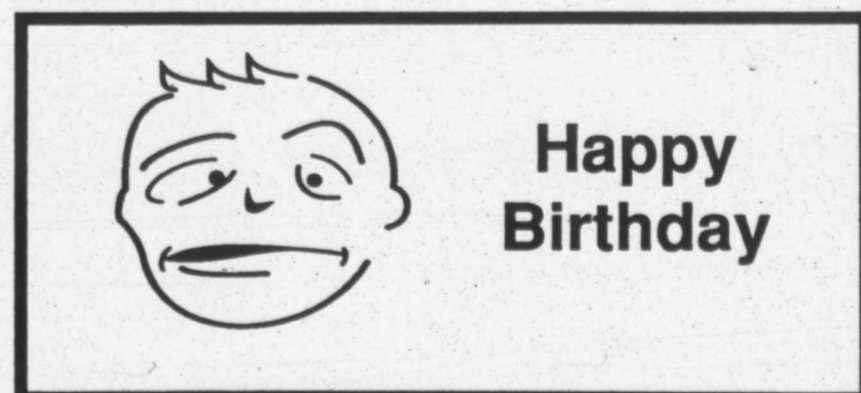
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**Loss of sex drive is treatable**

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'm 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 made.

**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, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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**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-

cans Ronald Reagan and George Bush) had control and they ran this country into the ditch.

"And before you listen to the siren songs that will be offered in the next year, you just remember

**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 years before we took over."

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 grow.

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

debt, bringing it to \$4 trillion. Another half-trillion dollars has been added in Clinton's first two years.

A Treasury Department analysis says Clinton's tax cuts 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 reducing taxes.

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-poll tax-cutting, 70 percent to 24 percent.

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.



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

by Abigail Van Buren

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**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 47½, 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.

NANCY J. ROBINSON,  
TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

**DEAR NANCY:** Congratulations! And on the chance that

you didn't save the letter that changed the course of your life — here it is:

**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 college?

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**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 present."

Grant replied, "Yes, but there are gentlemen present."

I rest my case.

A GENTLEMAN IN  
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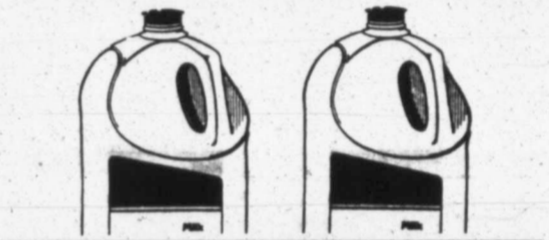


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