

Noriega in hiding...

U.S. troops attack bases in Panama military

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Waves of U.S. troops attacked Panamanian military bases early today in an all-out bid to capture Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega and break his tenacious hold on power.

Mortar, machine-gun and cannon fire crackled across the capital, and one hospital reported 50 dead and hundreds wounded. Noriega was not captured and his bodyguard said he was in hiding, directing his forces.

U.S. troops were backed by warplanes and armored personnel carriers and fighting raged into the mid-morning before Panamanian resistance was quelled.

By dawn, a pall of smoke lit by the flames of dying fires covered the capital. Only sporadic firing could be heard, but residents were warned to stay indoors and away from the fighting.

Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in Washington that nine Americans had been killed in action, 39 were wounded and one was missing.

Opposition leader Guillermo Endara, winner of May elections the Noriega-controlled government nullified, was sworn in as president and given immediate U.S. backing.

Washington's long battle with the cagey military leader, who had set up a succession of puppet presidents while running a military empire that purportedly trafficked in Colombian cocaine.



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Negotiations off...

Chevron decides to keep interest in SACROC unit

Months of uncertainty concerning the operation of Scurry County's largest oilfield have ended with the announcement that negotiations to sell Chevron's interest in the SACROC unit have ceased.

"Chevron has announced to its employees that it has decided not to sell its working interest in the SACROC unit and all negotiations with Oryx are off at this time,"

Former coach charged with harassment

Former Snyder High School varsity assistant coach and biology teacher Phillip L. Wester has been charged with harassment in an alleged obscene telephone call case involving a local couple.

The charge against Wester, 30, whose resignation was accepted this week by the Snyder school board, was filed by County Attorney Lealand "Pete" Greene as a Class B misdemeanor in Scurry County Court.

Wester, a second-year teacher and coach in Snyder, was identified as a suspect in the case on Nov. 9, when a telephone company "trap" on the woman's telephone was noted by city police at 10:12 a.m.

Greene said Tuesday that Wester, who has reportedly moved to Midland, has not been arrested and no bond has been set.

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by up to six months in jail and as much as a \$1,000 fine.

Wester's absence on the sideline was noted during the football team's Nov. 17 game here against Big Spring and his classes were assumed by a substitute teacher.

Information detailed in the charge says the woman reported on Oct. 24 that she had been receiving calls, "four to six an hour."

When the trap was completed, a city detective sergeant went to the teacher's 3606 44th St. home where the coach reportedly told (see COACH, page 8)

said H.J. Payne, SACROC superintendent.

The future of the Snyder-area field and employees of its operator, Chevron, has been clouded since last summer when Chevron announced that it was considering a buy-out offer from Oryx.

Payne said Tuesday that he could not elaborate on the announcement, which was made to employees last Friday.

Oryx Energy Company, formerly Sun Exploration and Production, began negotiations with Chevron in June.

Oryx became the largest working interest owner in the unitized field which comprises SACROC on Oct. 1, 1988. At that time, Oryx acquired holdings of Amoco Production to gain 24.8 percent of the total SACROC interest.

Chevron owns 20 percent interest and currently employs 115 staffers at SACROC.

The massive field prompted Scurry County's oil boom of the late 1940s and at peak production saw more than 200,000 barrels of oil produced per day. By 1980, this had declined to an average of 79,000 barrels per day and is now about 25,600 barrels a day.

The unit changed to a water flood method of secondary recovery in 1954 and began injecting CO2 as a third phase of recovery in the late 1960s.

Chevron assumed operations of the unit in 1962.

In Dutch treat luncheon...

County employees recognized

Frances Billingsley, Duaine Davis and Keith Collier were among 61 county employees recognized for their years of service during a Dutch treat Christmas supper held Monday evening.

Billingsley and Davis were recognized for 35 years of service to the county. Collier was recognized for 30 years.

Among other long-time employees recognized at the supper, held at Reta's Cake Shop and Texas Barbecue, were John Cline and Billie Stone, for 25 years; and



'TIS THE SEASON — Gail Rimer, left, Elida Garza and Becky Jordan of the Snyder Jaycees Tuesday picked up toys donated by American State Bank employees for the annual Toys for Tots drive. With them are ASB assistant cashier Mary Herring, second from right, and bank vice president Helen McLeod. (SDN Staff Photo)

Oryx contracts with Tri-State to operate former BHP plant

Oryx Energy Company, operator of the Snyder Gas Plant and majority owner of the Diamond M-Sharon Ridge gasoline plant, today announced that it had contracted for continued

operation of the plant. Larry McConkey, Oryx superintendent, said Tuesday that Tri-State Construction of Snyder has contracted with Oryx, beginning Jan. 1, to

operate the former BHP plant which was once known as the Monsanto plant southwest of Snyder.

McConkey said Tri-State will use the 18 remaining employees of BHP to operate the plant. Bob Burney, a long-time Oryx employee in Snyder, will become plant foreman. McConkey also said a technical operator from the Oryx organization is yet to be chosen.

Earlier this month, Oryx announced the purchase of BHP Petroleum's 20 percent interest in the Diamond M plant, making Oryx the larger owner of the plant with 35 percent. Exxon is the next largest shareholder with 30 percent.

McConkey said long-range plans for the plant are to achieve enhanced automation. Such a project, with a price tag in the range of \$500,000, may take six to eight months to complete. Automation would allow the gasoline plant to operate for 16 hours unattended, resulting in a reduced working force.

The possibility of moving all of the gas to the Sun Gas plant and (see CONTRACT, page 8)

Ronald Anderson and Harold Mason, for 20 years.

Recognized for 15 years with the county were Gary Bowen, Dan Callaway, Abelia Espinosa, Jerry Ann Everett, Jimmy Layne, Jenna Miller, Delfina Ramos and Belva Scott.

Jimmy Ward, superintendent of the parks department, was given special recognition. Ward has announced his retirement at the end of the year.

Francis Rios provided music for the supper.

Among those honored for 10 years service were Edna Marie Ball, Ted Billingsley, Joe Cheyne, Karen Goebel, Shirley Head, Laura Jones, John Layne, Jim Millhollon, Jenny Peveler, Elois Pruitt and Wanda Rushing. Others were Margie Sealy, Rona

Sikes, William Sikes, Rita Staton, Sharon Sumruld, Herman Terry, Pauline Underwood, William West, Diana Williamson and Ward.

Those honored for five years of service included Harlon Bell, Karla Beck, Lisa Blume, Eloisa Briseno, James Crowder, Djuan Doty, Marvin Ensor, Manuel Garcia, Bobby Goodwin and Donnie Goswick. Others were Lillie Green, Carolyn Harrington, Tommie Henry, Jamie Herrera, Mildred Hollis, Virginia Johnston and Neil Lee.

Others honored for five years were Janice Mitchell, Darrell Mize, Cindy Nix, Rufus Nixon, Kathryn Roberts, Linda Sellars, Vollie Shipp and Robert Stanfield.

Stenholm announces bid for seventh term

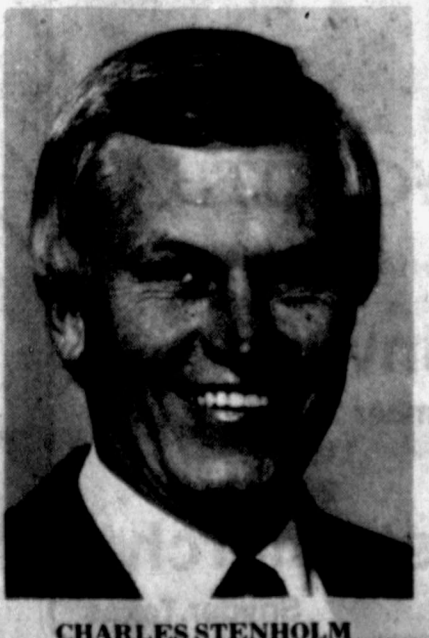
STAMFORD — Congressman Charles W. Stenholm today announced his plans to seek a seventh term as representative of the 17th District of Texas.

The Democrat from Jones County said he wants a two-year extension on his contract to serve the people of West Texas.

"The people of West Texas are the best in the country and being their representative is a serious responsibility for me," Stenholm said.

Congressman Stenholm was recently appointed one of 15 Deputy whips in the Democratic leadership. He serves as chairman of the Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Subcommittee of the Committee on Agriculture and is a member of the Veteran's Affairs Committee.

Stenholm and his wife Cindy have two sons, Chris and Cary, and a daughter, Courtney Ann.



CHARLES STENHOLM

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There's a good reason that talk is cheap—the supply is greater than the demand."

What do you get for the person who has everything? You could get him a tie, but your rich uncle only wears them to funerals. He's allergic to after-shave and he hates fruit cakes. Money would mean little to him.

You might try some of those speciality sales books—especially those which specialize in electronic gadgets. Thanks to the Japanese, high-tech electronics is a part of Santa's big gift bag.

Available is the electronic meditation machine. It consists of a plastic ball containing lights and a glowing Buddha. It promises to tell users if they have reached the desired meditative state. The device uses microchips that monitor the sweat on the fingertips. When sweating becomes even with relaxation, eight lights fade on the monitor. A three-dimensional Buddha figure lights up at the

ultimate state of relaxation. This nifty item is under \$500.

For just over \$400 there is a computer-programmed fishing reel which shows the exact depth of the hook at any given moment. After the fish is caught, a memory function returns the hook to the same depth.

There is also the electric (two-speed) fuzball remover for under \$50. If your difficult-to-buy-for relative has foul breath, you might consider the electronic bad breath detector. About the size of a cigarette package, the device measures the malodorous methyl-mercaptan gas in a person's mouth. We have to assume too much of that stuff results in bad breath. The price tag is just under \$150.

There's much more available to the electronic nuts, but most of us will have to settle for a cheap bottle of after-shave or a package of breath mints.

Q—In the recent order by Judge Dulaney for an outside audit check on Scurry County, were competitive bids solicited since the cost exceeds the \$10,000 price limit?

A—No, bids weren't solicited. According to a county spokesman, the law normally requires that bids be taken. An exception, however, is for professional services, particularly when a district judge orders those services to be performed.



Local

Scouts sing

The public is invited to hear an area-wide group of Girl Scouts sing Christmas music at the county courthouse from 3-4 p.m. Thursday.

Band on TV

A special program featuring area high school marching bands, including Snyder's "Pride of the West" will air from noon until 2:30 p.m. Saturday on KTAB-TV.

Stock show

Snyder High School Future Farmers of America is holding a stock show today at the Scurry County Coliseum annex.

The show was to begin about 9:30 a.m.

Holiday closing

The Scurry County Appraisal District office will be closed for the Christmas holidays Friday through Tuesday. The office will reopen Wednesday.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 35 degrees; low, 17 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 20 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, 11.59 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair this evening then turning windy and colder toward daybreak. Low in the upper teens. Wind west 5 to 15 mph, shifting to north 15 to 25 mph and gusty toward daybreak. Lake wind advisories will be required toward daybreak. Thursday, partly cloudy and much colder. Temperatures holding in the upper teens or slowly falling. North wind 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Lake wind advisories will be required.

Panama...

'We can kill you,' guests told

EDITOR'S NOTE — Candice Hughes, an AP correspondent based in Mexico City and former-

ly based at the AP bureau in Dallas, had just checked into the Marriott Hotel when the fighting began. Here is her account of how she and other foreigners were held hostage by armed Panamanians.

By Candice Hughes
Associated Press Writer

PANAMA CITY (AP) — The fighting had just broken out in Panama City when a group of men dressed in civilian clothes and armed with assault rifles surrounded the Marriott Hotel and began rounding up guests.

For the next 4½ hours, the men held us hostage, told us about their comrades who had already fallen in the battle and threatened to kill us.

"A lot of Panamanians have died, and we can kill you," one of them told New York Times correspondent Lindsey Gruson. "Don't think we won't."

I had just checked into the hotel and come down to the sunken terrace when I saw armed men run-

ning in a crouched position by the swimming pool. Right about the same time I heard gunfire.

It was about midnight, and the U.S. assault had started.

I made for the hotel's main building with several other reporters when a man with an assault rifle appeared and said, "Hit the floor."

He herded us over into the lobby, which was full of people.

The gunmen took peoples' passports, they searched my bag.

About a dozen of the men took charge of me and 11 other foreigners, including two other correspondents.

I never saw more than 20 armed men in the hotel.

They told us they had surrounded the building. "We're being invaded, so we're taking hostages," the man who appeared to be their leader said.

They did not threaten me personally, but they made it clear that they could kill us all. There were about eight Americans in our group.

Gruson and I tried to persuade the men to let us call our offices to tell the story of the invasion.

We saw them herding the guests and staff into the grand ballroom. A man in a silk bathrobe kept saying to the captors, "I'm Chilean! I'm Chilean!"

The armed men eventually let me retrieve my bag and notebook

— my money had been taken — and they let me remain in the lobby.

Gruson went upstairs where he said he was threatened by one of the gunmen, who kept pointing his assault rifle at him. At one point, the gunman put the muzzle of his weapon against Gruson's mouth, he told me later.

About 1:45 a.m., a few other hostages and I were herded into a red van at gunpoint and driven to a private home in the wealthy neighborhood where the Panamanian leader, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, lives. We were ordered into the service area off the kitchen and made to sit on the floor.

Our captors let us have water and smoke cigarettes.

We were there until 4 a.m. I kept hearing aircraft passing low overhead, sporadic gunfire from automatic weapons. Things were tapering off.

Between 3:30 a.m. and 4 a.m., the phone rang three times.

More hostage-takers showed up. Then a man who appeared to be their leader said, "We're going to let you go. We don't want to kill you. Tell the truth about Panama. We're not killers."

"There are hundreds of dead in the Central Barracks." The men seemed very sad. One was crying.

They put us back into a van and let us out in the street. I raced to a private home and called the AP office.

Sheriff to discipline about forty county jail employees

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bexar County Sheriff Harlon Copeland has some bad news and some good news for about 40 county jail employees.

The bad news is that they are going to be disciplined in connection with separate incidents in which inmates dug holes in their cells. In at least one case, an attempt was made to set up a method for getting drugs into the jail.

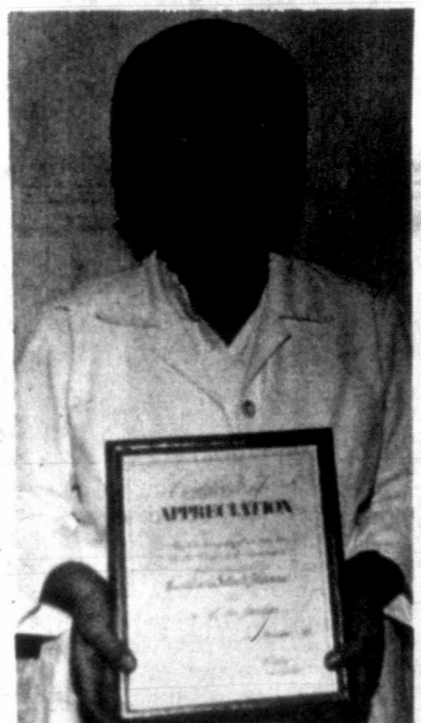
The good news was that officials said Tuesday the discipline, in the form of suspensions, will not take effect until after the Christmas season.

"It gets down to the basics," said Thomas Barry, director of the Adult Detention Center. "They weren't doing their jobs. The sheriff decided to wait until after the holidays."

The employees are expected to appeal the suspensions.

Barry said about 40 employees — including three captains, four or five lieutenants and several sergeants, corporals and officers

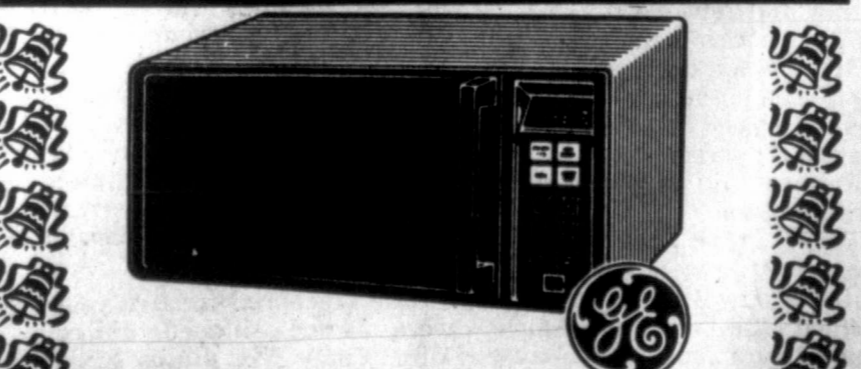
— will be suspended without pay. Supervisors face the harshest suspensions, he said, because they are held accountable for actions of their staff.



DECEMBER EMPLOYEE — Delia Herrera was named December's employee of the month by the Snyder Nursing Center Family Council. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; clogging; old Athletic Center building; 7-8 p.m.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; workshop; old Athletic Center building; 8-10 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8015 or 573-3956.

THURSDAY
Honey Do's Extension Homemakers; 9:30 a.m.
Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; Board Room; All members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.
Cogdell Memorial Ho Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting; SCS Office; 7 p.m.
Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall; 7:30 p.m.
Alateen; for children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

FRIDAY
Storytime for four and five year old children; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 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.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101 or 573-8626. (Until further notice, the meetings will be held at this location, instead of at the Park Club, Winston Park.)
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.

SATURDAY
Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.
Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

Berry's World



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"Oh, yeah, and one other thing — I'd like to have a GORBY DOLL."

Man arrested

HOUSTON (AP) — The old adage that says "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't" should have been applied by a Houston man before he bought a bargain Christmas tree and wound up in jail.

Nathaniel Martinez said Tuesday he thought the 8-foot tall Christmas tree, already decorated with four sets of lights, was a steal at \$35.

He said he didn't think it was unusual that the man who sold him the tree had three other similarly lighted trees in his pickup.

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CHRISTMAS RECITAL — Students of Judy Neill presented a Christmas recital Dec. 10 at First Baptist Church. Pictured from left are, front row, Reis Gladson and Ben Miller; middle row, Rachel Pena and Shanna Wade; back row, Laura Stutheit, Jami Brown, Brooke Gladson and Heather Brown. Not pictured is Amy Patterson. (SDN Staff Photo)



NEILL PUPILS FEATURED — Piano students of Judy Neill were featured in a Christmas recital Dec. 10 at First Baptist Church. Pictured from left are, front row, Hayley Brown, Allison Bowden, Aleesha Miller, Cara Best; middle row, Jessica Hodges and Cara Stansell; back row, Shauna Hudleston, Julie Doolittle, Kasey Neill and Robin Key. (SDN Staff Photo)



BEGINNER'S RECITAL — Beginner piano students of Judy Neill were featured in a recital Dec. 11 in the home of their instructor. Pictured from left are Susan Birkelbach, Emily Hardy and Callie Bane. (SDN Staff Photo)

Organic labels must represent 'real thing'

NEW CASTLE, Va. (AP) — A label that reads "organic" must be the real thing. This is the policy established for the organic foods industry by the Organic Foods Production Association of North America, which has more than 250 members in the United States and Canada.

"The organic food industry is intensifying efforts to police itself and uphold the highest standards of authenticity," says Bill Wolf, an executive board member. "As more and more conventional growers and processors offer organic products to meet consumer demand, this response by the organic industry trade group is critical to maintaining public

confidence in the integrity of the foodstuffs on the U.S. and Canadian market."

Certification groups have established strict production standards for methods and materials used to grow, process, store, transport and sell organic products. These groups inspect farms and food processors on an annual basis and grant certification if operations observe these standards.

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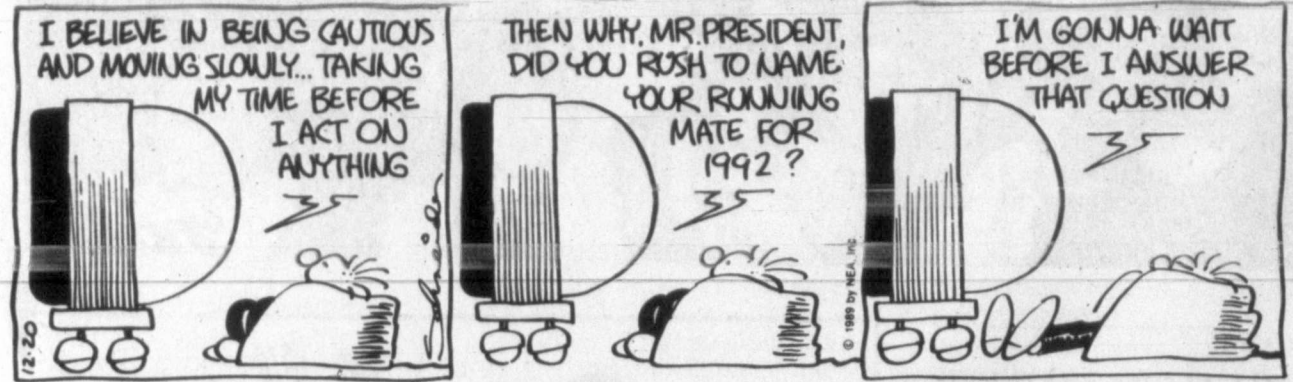
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- Musical instrument
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- Not new
- Fork prong
- Reproductive cell
- Food (sl.)

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- Unslightly
- Make cloudy
- An exercise
- Ben Cartwright's boy
- Cheats
- Japanese robe
- Weight
- Do — others
- Blessing
- Sea bird
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- Producer Joseph
- Betrayer (sl.)
- Partly fermented grape juice
- Ballet leap
- Corn lily
- Inclination
- Employs
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- Gulf between Africa and Arabia
- Tableland
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- The King —
- Army
- Quote from memory
- Commit perjury
- Egg parts
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- Order of whales
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- Piece of land

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Snyder claims win over AHS

Free-throws and defense aid Tigers in first loop outing

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

A pair of critical fourth quarter free throws by Snyder's Lee Hamilton put the game on ice with just :01 second left as the Tigers upset District 4-4A pre-season favorite Andrews Tuesday night in the first loop encounter for both teams.

Snyder, down by as much as 11 points in the third period, was sparked by a superb defensive effort that allowed Andrews just six points off only five shots in the fourth quarter.

The first quarter was a contest between the long-distance shooting of the Mustangs and the Tigers' inside game.

The first eight minutes ended with the score at 15-14 in favor of AHS.

Snyder's Tracy Braziel tossed in seven of his 21 points in the opening period.

Braziel began the second quarter scoring by laying in a steal.

He was fouled on the effort and the senior wing man added another point to take a slim 18-16 lead at the 7:00 mark in the second stanza.

Jason West nabbed the lead again for the Tigers with both ends of a one-and-one following a basket by Trey Humphrey of Andrews to give SHS a 20-18 advantage.

Robert Gray popped the net for a pair of Snyder points to give the Tigers a four point lead at 22-18.

Sam Beck of the Mustangs nailed a three-pointer to bring Andrews back to within a point at 22-21.

Marc Byerly banked in two and Beck added three more as the Mustangs began a run.

Hamilton hit a pair of free throws at 3:48 to narrow the Andrews lead to 30-26.

Byerly hit a three-point goal followed by a Hayward Clay bucket for the Tigers to set the tally at 28-33 with just over three minutes left in the half.

Jeffery Wortham hit Braziel in the lane with a slick bounce pass that Braziel converted into a basket.

Ara Baten, a 6-5 senior from Andrews, hit a pretty shot off the glass giving Andrews a 37-30 lead with 2:38 left in the second quarter.

The teams traded buckets from that point until intermission.

Andrews had opened an eight-point gap by halftime, 45-37.

The third period saw Snyder lose ground early falling behind, 55-44, before closing the gap to seven points, 64-57, at the end of the quarter.

Jason West stole the rock with just seconds left in the third and went coast-to-coast for the lay-up for SHS.

The fourth quarter was an exhibition by the Tigers of tenacious defense and patient, opportunistic offense as Snyder forced turnover after turnover and did not allow a single second shot in the final period.

West rebounded a missed AHS shot in the opening moments of the quarter and passed to Braziel who pulled up and snapped the cords from 12 feet.

Braziel also scored at 5:31 as Hamilton slid him the ball in the lane.

Snyder had eased to within three points at 64-61.

The Black and Gold defense forced a turnover and Hamilton, driving the lane hit a lay-in to make it a one-point game.

Hamilton was fouled on the defensive end of the floor making a rebound. He made both his free throws and SHS had claimed the lead for the first time since early in the second quarter.

Ed Rios snatched a rebound for the Snyder bunch and fed the ball to Braziel who punched it home for a 67-64 Tiger lead.

Baten hit a deuce for Andrews

to set the score at 67-66 with 2:20 remaining.

Braziel hit the front end of the one-and-one followed by another Byerly hoop and the score was knotted at 68 with just under two minutes left in the game.

Hamilton took an over and under route to the basket for a pair to give Snyder the lead for good with 1:18 left in the battle.

Clay made a well-timed block and rebound on Andrews' next down-court trip and Snyder's of-

fense went into the four corners stall with just a minute to go.

Andrews got the ball after an unsuccessful free-throw, by Hamilton and Humphrey tossed in two. With just 10 ticks left on the game clock it was Snyder 72, Andrews 68.

Beck made an uncontested lay-up for the Mustangs with just :02 seconds left.

Hamilton was swarmed and fouled on the ensuing inbounds pass from Clay to put him on the line for two more.

He hit both shots and put the game out of reach of Andrews.

Braziel led the Tigers in scoring with his 21 points on the night, followed by Hamilton and West with 14 each and Clay with 12.

The win over Andrews evens the Snyder record at 7-7 on the season and starts them off with a 1-0 slate in district play.

The Tigers will take a few days off for Christmas before travelling to Vernon for a cage battle next Wednesday.

SNYDER- Goodwin 0-0-10, Rios 2-0-4, West 3-8-14, Braziel 7-6-10-21, Hamilton 3-7-9-14, Clay 5-2-3-12, Wortham 3-1-2-7, Gray 1-0-2, TOTALS 24-24-33 74.

ANDREWS- Beck 6-0-16, R. Morris 0-1-2-1, M. Morris 1-0-2, Humphrey 1-0-3, Byerly 4-3-4-12, Johnson 4-0-8, Pipes 1-2-4, Baten 10-4-5-24, TOTALS 27-10-13-70.

3-point goals: SHS 2 (Braziel 1, Hamilton 1); AHS 6 (Beck 4, Humphrey 1, Byerly 1). Total fouls: SHS 10, AHS 25. Fouled out: SHS none; AHS: Beck, Collins, Pipes.

Snyder	14	23	20	17	-74
Andrews	15	30	19	6	-70

Snyder duo named to A-J elite squad

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal released its annual Class 4A All-South Plains football picks today and a pair of Snyder players, as well as 11 graders from District 4-4A, were on the roster.

Jody Iglehart and Tommy Lane were honorees from the 1989 Tiger squad.

Iglehart, a senior defensive tackle, holds the Snyder High School record for quarterback traps with 11 in the '89 campaign.

Lane, a senior linebacker, supplied some spark to a Snyder defensive unit that finished the year ranked second in the district, allowing just 234.6 yards per game.

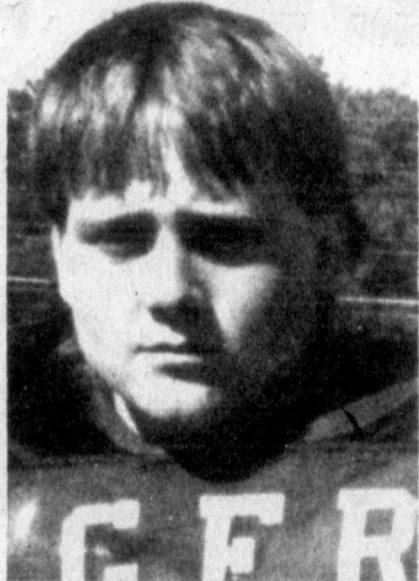
Lane and Iglehart were both recently named consensus All-District at their respective positions for their efforts during the football season.

Other on the squad from District 4-4A include quarterback Rance Thompson, running back Neal Mayfield, tackle Pete Buske, tight end Joe Downey, defensive tackle Pat Wilbert and linebacker Jermaine Miller from the loop champion Big Spring Steers, kicker Nile Martinez, defensive end Edward Ruiz, and defensive back Chris Montgomery of the Monahans Lobos and defensive back Robert Morris of Andrews' Mustangs.

Big Spring coach David Thompson was tabbed the Coach of the Year on the South Plains. His Steers finished the year with a 12-3 record, losing in the state semi-finals to Tyler Chapel Hill last week, 59-6.



TOMMY LANE



JODY IGLEHART

Snyder frosh edge AHS in circuit tilt

Stephen Bollinger scored 19 points, including a three-pointer, to lead Snyder's freshman squad past Andrews, 52-51, Tuesday night.

Bollinger scored six points in the final period to help nail down the win.

Charles Richardson scored eight for the frosh followed by Chris Stansell and Tory Garza with six apiece.

Snyder fell behind early as the Mustangs grabbed a 20-18 lead at the end of the first period and stretched the margin to 37-26 after the first half.

SHS came back and outscored Andrews, 18-8, in the third quarter to close the gap to 45-44.

Snyder scored eight in the final

Title contest has local ties

Justin Hood, son of Paula and Bruce Hood of Thorndale and formerly of Snyder, will take the field as the starting tight end for the Thorndale Bulldogs as they fight Sudan for the state 1A title in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Hood's grandparents are Joyce and Kenneth Smith and Bill J. Hood and his great-grandparents are Opal and Ray Smith, all of Snyder.

Hood was recently named Honorable Mention tight end on the All-Central Texas squad.

stanza while holding AHS to just six.

The freshmen Tigers are now 5-1 on the season. Their next action will be in the Andrews Tournament Jan. 4-6.

SNYDER- Bollinger 8-2-2-19, Stansell 3-0-0-6, Collins 2-1-3-5, Garza 3-0-6, Ware 2-0-2-4, Richardson 4-0-8, Alvarez 2-0-4, TOTALS 24-3-7-52.

ANDREWS- Villareal 1-0-2, McBeth 2-0-0-4, Briley 4-2-2-10, Sawyer 3-2-4-8, Trevino 1-0-2, Hernandez 8-1-3-17, Thompson 4-0-8, TOTALS 23-5-9-51.

3-point goals: SHS 1 (Bollinger). Total Fouls: SHS 8, AHS 8.

Snyder	18	8	18	8	-52
Andrews	20	17	8	6	-51

SHS girls overcome 14-point deficit; nab district victory

The Lady Tigers were behind in Tuesday's District 4-4A contest against the Fillies of Andrews 11-2 at the end of the opening quarter and 31-18 at the half, but came back to claim a 47-46 win on the strength of a team free-throw average of 65 percent.

"We had a bad score in the first quarter," said coach Kenneth Housden.

"We played 11 people in the second quarter and through the rest of the game and we got back into it. We played a really good second half," he stated.

"We got as far down as 14 points but the free throws made the difference. We had two girls shoot 100 percent from the line (Anne Osborn, 4-4, and Vinnie Clay, 4-4)."

Osborn paced the Lady Tigers in the come-from-behind effort with 12 points followed by Dessie Ware with 11 points including a

three-point basket.

The win ups the Lady Tigers record for the season to 8-6 and boosts them to 1-2 in loop competition.

The Fillies are 8-6 also and 0-3

within the district.

The Snyder girls' next action will be in the Abilene Tournament next weekend. Times and brackets will be announced later.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

New York	15	7	682	-
Boston	13	10	565	2 1/2
Philadelphia	13	10	524	3 1/2
Washington	12	11	522	3 1/2
New Jersey	7	15	318	-8
Miami	7	18	280	9 1/2

Central Division	15	7	682	-
Chicago	14	8	636	1
Atlanta	13	8	619	1 1/2
Detroit	14	10	583	2
Cleveland	10	11	476	4 1/2
Milwaukee	10	13	435	5 1/2
Orlando	8	15	348	7 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE Midwest Division	14	6	700	-
San Antonio	15	7	682	-
Utah	14	9	609	1 1/2
Denver	11	13	458	5
Houston	10	12	455	5
Dallas	5	18	217	10 1/2
Minnesota	4	18	182	11
Pacific Division	18	6	750	-
L.A. Lakers	18	7	720	1/2
Portland	11	11	500	6
Seattle	9	10	474	6 1/2
Phoenix				

L.A. Clippers	9	12	429	7 1/2
Golden State	8	14	364	9
Sacramento	6	15	286	10 1/2

Schoolboy glance

By The Associated Press
Here are pairings for the Texas high school football state championship games:

CLASS 5A
Odessa Permian (15-0) vs. Aldine (14-1), noon Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.

CLASS 4A
Chapel Hill (11-4) vs. A&M Consolidated (14-0), noon Saturday, Astrodome, Houston.

CLASS 3A
Vernon (12-2-1) vs. Mexia (12-2-1), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford.

CLASS 2A
Lorena (15-0) vs. Groveton (15-0), 7 p.m. Saturday, Kyle Field, College Station.

CLASS 1A
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ABANDONED VEHICLE. 1973 Ford Maverick; VIN. 3K91L143395. Owner: Beth Buttner, 520 Rosemary Lane, West Memphis, Arkansas 72301. Left: 12-7-89. Location of vehicle: Mason's Storage Lot, 1907 43rd, Snyder, Texas.

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Soviets condemn invasion; Britain hails U.S. 'courage'

LONDON (AP) — The Soviet Union today swiftly condemned the U.S. military assault to seize Panamanian leader Manuel Antonio Noriega, while British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher praised it as a "courageous

decision." "Someone has to uphold democracy," Mrs. Thatcher said.

Reactions contrasted sharply as news flashed around the world that President Bush had ordered troops to capture Gen. Noriega, who was indicted on cocaine trafficking charges in the United States in 1988.

Among other Western allies, Dutch Foreign Minister Han van den Broek said in a radio interview that he sympathized partly because U.S. troops had been endangered recently in the Panama Canal zone.

Tensions had been rising in Panama between U.S. and Panamanian forces after Panamanians killed a U.S. Marine lieutenant on Saturday in what American officials called an unprovoked attack.

Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordenez of Spain said he "deeply lamented" the U.S.

action. He said the Spanish government, "which always has been opposed to foreign-military intervention, expresses its hope that the Panamanian people can decide their future in freedom."

Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama of Japan said he hoped the confrontation would end soon.

"Japan has long been expressing its hope to see a democratic government established in Panama that reflects the will of the Panamanian people," the Kyodo news service quoted Nakayama as telling Japanese reporters. "We hope this takes place as soon as possible."

In Moscow, Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim P. Perfiliev said, "These actions, a violation of the U.N. Charter and generally recognized rules of state relations, should be condemned by the international community. The United States must immediately stop its armed intervention in Panama."

Perfiliev, quoted by the official Tass news agency, said the U.S. action, "whatever its motivation, has provoked a feeling of serious concern in the Soviet Union."

State-run Radio Moscow accused the United States of invading Panama in what it called "an act of aggression."

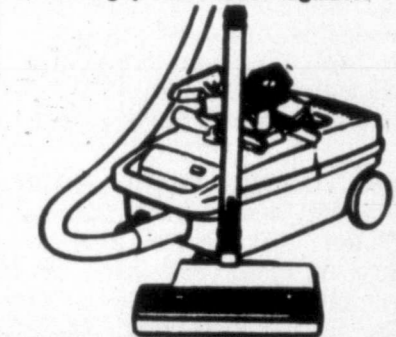
Yugoslavia also said the U.S. action was unacceptable.

"Yugoslavia has always considered as unacceptable any foreign — and especially a military — intervention under any excuse, as it represents a crude violation of sovereignty," a Yugoslav Foreign Ministry statement said.



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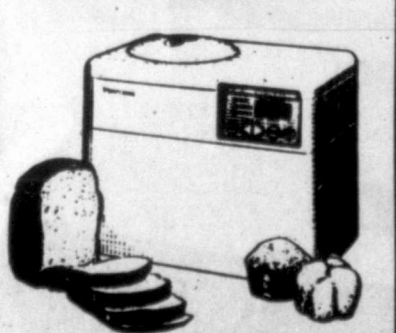


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Minor traffic wrecks worked

Police investigated three minor traffic accidents Tuesday, the first at 12:37 p.m. at 38th St. and Beaumont Ave., where a 1988 Nissan driven by Christopher Robbins of 2701 30th St. was in collision with a 1983 Chevrolet driven by Hank Earnest of 2801 25th St.

At 1:59 p.m. in the 4200 Block of College Ave., a 1978 Oldsmobile driven by James L. Collins of 1902 Coleman Ave. was in collision with a 1978 Mercury driven by Mary B. Spence of 3704 Muriel Dr.

And at 3 p.m. in the 500 Block of the East Hwy., a 1982 Oldsmobile driven by Kay Shifflett of Rt. 1 was in collision with a 1986 Ford pickup driven by Carl Guelker of Colorado City.

Burglary investigated

Sheriff's deputies are investigating a storeroom burglary at Kalko Oil Field Service on the Old Post Rd. in which three tires were stolen.

The break-in was reported this morning.

Keith Jordan told the sheriff's office at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday that someone had severely scratched the hood of a 1979 Chevrolet Corvette in the 1500 Block of 27th St., causing an estimated \$500 in damages.

Nancy Espinoza of 602 33rd St. at 8:35 p.m. Tuesday told police that she had been receiving harassment calls on her telephone.

Hospital Notes

-DISMISSALS: Dana Treat, Almedia O'Neal, Neal Brooks, Willie Newhouse, Rosa Martinez and baby.

17-year-old arrested

A 17-year-old boy was arrested on several charges following an 11:54 p.m. Tuesday report of a loud party in the 700 Block of the East Hwy.

Three officers responded to the report and took the youngster into custody for being a minor in possession of alcohol, misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

AMOS AND THE CHRISTMAS COUCH™ by Howie Schneider and Susan Seligson



More violence in Romania; hundreds are feared dead

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Bloody clashes that reportedly left hundreds dead in a Romanian city spread across the country, and security forces patrolled the capital and other major cities to crush dissent, according to reports emerging today from the isolated country.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug quoted unofficial sources in Bucharest as saying that "a state of full alert has been introduced across Romania as protests and unrest continue in Timisoara and other towns."

President Nicolae Ceausescu returned home today after a three-day visit to Iran. He has made no comment on the turmoil, and Romanian media have not reported disturbances.

Witnesses and news reports said about 300 to 400 were killed in rioting in the western city of Timisoara that began over the weekend.

However, on Tuesday night the Yugoslav state news agency Tanjug quoted one witness as saying there were reports of up to 2,000 killed, many of them children.

Because Romania's hard-line Communist leaders have virtually sealed off their borders, most reports of violence in Timisoara have come from people who had left the country.

Leaders in the East and West condemned the violence.

Coach

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The officer that he had called in sick on that day, a Thursday, and had unplugged his telephone.

He then said in a statement to investigators that he had been picking up his phone and hearing other people talking for about a month and that he always hung up without listening to them.

Wester, who is being represented by Midland attorney David Lindemood, has not formally entered a plea.

The charge accuses Wester of making a call on Oct. 24 "intentionally, with intent to alarm, abuse, torment and embarrass" the victim.

Romania's president, Nicolae Ceausescu, has run the country for 24 years and vowed to adhere to orthodox Communism, resisting the democratic reforms sweeping other Eastern bloc nations.

Today, he was to complete a three-day state visit to Iran.

Tanjug said students in Bucharest, Romania's capital, supported the protests and that security had been tightened in that city. There have also been unconfirmed reports of unrest in the Romanian cities of Arad and Brasov.

Tanjug said: "Some travelers say that in Timisoara, police are brutally fighting demonstrators, mostly young people. Unconfirmed reports speak of large numbers of victims, as many as 2,000 people — men, women and children." The news agency did not identify its sources.

Greek students who crossed into Yugoslavia from Timisoara said shots were fired indiscriminately, "killing dozens."

They said many children were killed or wounded "because people used them as shields," assuming security forces would hold their fire.

The Roman Catholic news agency Kathpress in Vienna said a doctor told them by telephone from Timisoara, 30 miles from the Yugoslav and Hungarian borders, that hundreds were wounded and deaths could surpass 400.

A Romanian doctor who arrived at Graz from Timisoara on Monday evening told the Austria Press Agency that thousands of people moved toward the center of the city Sunday afternoon, stoning armored vehicles.

He said one of the vehicles "drove into the crowd like crazy."

Contract

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shutting down the Diamond M plant has been discarded because of existing contracts for casing-head gas. The Diamond M plant gets its gas from the Sharon Ridge field operated by Exxon and from the SACROC field operated by Chevron.

... I saw a woman of about 40 driven over and crushed," but the protesters did not disperse.

Security forces opened fire without warning that evening and "the first three rows just collapsed, dead or wounded," he was quoted as saying.

Brady man hurt in accident

A 22-year-old Brady man was critically injured in a car-train collision at 6:10 p.m. Tuesday a mile south of Justiceburg off U.S. 84 in Garza County, near Post.

William D. Dumas was in surgical intensive care and was listed in critical condition today at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, a hospital spokesman said.

Dumas was reportedly driving a 1986 Pontiac Grand Am when the accident happened.

Panama

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sanctions while brazenly flouting Washington's futile attempts to break his grip on power.

The Panama Canal, where about 30 ships cross the isthmus daily, was closed at 1 a.m. because of the fighting, according to Panama Canal Commission spokesman Franklin Castellon. He said landslides had caused the only previous canal closings.

The capital's sky was bright with the light of gunfire for hours; blacked-out planes, and helicopters roared overhead under a full moon.

The U.S. assault began about midnight as forces dispatched from U.S. bases attacked Panamanian military headquarters, which witnesses in nearby apartments said was in flames at 12:40 a.m. and virtually destroyed by 2 a.m.

American troops from bases in the United States were airlifted in on Tuesday to augment the 12,000 soldiers based in Panama. Powell said another 9,500 troops from U.S. bases were sent to augment the force.

Bush said Noriega's "reckless" behavior had "created an imminent danger to the 35,000 American citizens living in Panama."

Santa Claus warned about promising kids too much

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — If your child tells you Santa promised something outrageous, I know the reason: Santa doesn't always hear so well.

I should know. I was Santa. For a few hours, anyway.

"Did she tell you what she wants for Christmas?" the mother asked, hurrying over after her youngest and shyest child had her turn with St. Nick.

"I didn't understand her," Santa replied.

"Oh, well. She won't tell us and we had hoped ..." The mother trailed away, smiling and accompanied by a laugh that wasn't a ho-ho-ho.

To help me catch the children's words, I kept a small tape recorder at my side. Playing back the tape, the only speaker always clear was the one on the mall intercom: "Will the owner of the blue Ford parked ..."

The little blond girl spoke softly, and Santa couldn't make out her name. Asked what she wanted for Christmas, she said, "A ball." Or was it, "a doll?"

Sunday was Santa's busiest day of the week at the Southridge Mall. Tracey Bruner Rayhons, the mall's marketing director, agreed to let me sit in for the regular Santa to hear children's dreams.

Ms. Rayhons had one condition. "Don't promise them anything. We had one Santa last year, we never did find out which one it was, who promised the kids anything they wanted. Boy did we have some parents angry," she said.

When I tried on a Santa suit, I found my doctor hadn't lied: No padding was needed. Mike Wiley,

one of four Santas working at Southridge, had some pointers before I left for Santa's seat.

The children will be well behaved, he said.

"I've had a couple who like to pull the beard, but I don't think any of us have been wet on yet. I think we've all been real lucky."

He said children "are a lot more mellow this year. They don't ask for a whole lot. ... What they're asking for is for one gift that's expensive, like a Nintendo, bicycle, VCR, television, like they're asking for one thing and that's all."

In my hour and a half as Santa, I found he was right.

But I also found out more.

Most children were eager to sit on Santa's knee. The only beard-pullers were a couple of toddlers looking for something to hang on to.

Some young ones liked the idea of seeing Santa from a distance. Up close was a different matter. It was just hang on to Mommy and ... maybe next year.

There were times when management's advice came in handy.

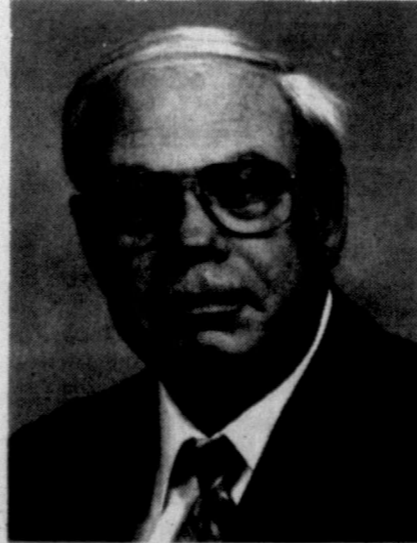
With Don on my left knee asking for "a real puppy" and sister Misty on my right knee asking for "a bicycle and a ... real kitty cat," it may have been best not to promise anything.

And there was Elizabeth, who also asked for a doll that cries, and a puppy. She also gave something back.

"Want to hear a secret?" she suddenly asked, looking at Santa. She whispered in Santa's ear: "I love you Santa Claus."

"Ohhh, Santa Claus loves you, too."

Obituaries



STEVE M. COX

Steve M. Cox

Services for Steve M. Cox were held Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale with Rev. J.D. Smith, pastor of Christian Fellowship officiating. Burial was in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Masonic rites were held at graveside with Jim Sterling assisting.

Born May 19, 1934, in Scurry County, he was a lifetime resident. He was a member of the Ira Masonic Lodge #934. He worked for Chevron USA for 22 years before retiring in May of 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Janice; one son, Don Sellars of Midland; one daughter, Crystal Sutter of Snyder; four grandchildren, Brandon, Ryan, Ashley and Terah; two sisters, Claudine Gunnels of Corpus Christi, and Adale Angle of Sandy, Ore.; a brother, Travis Cox of Ira; and several nieces and nephews.

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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: With reference to "Vondering in Victoria," who wondered why the Scandinavians switched their "v's" and "w's," it's the same with Germans. In the German language, there is the "v" sound, but not the "double u" (w) sound. When Germans speak English, their "v's" become "w's" and vice versa. Example: "Vy are you laughing?" "I had a very nice time in your willage."

Other nationalities have similar problems. My Hispanic friends have the "y" sound in Spanish, but no "j" sound. In speaking English, they make a mental switch. Example: "Jes, I like New York, but I can't find a job there."

ROBERT J. ALEXANDER,
PASADENA

DEAR ABBY: "Vondering in Victoria" was puzzled by Scandinavians' pronunciation. I would like to know why some eastern U.S. citizens "warsh" their cars and go to Cubar. They insert an "r" where it isn't, and leave it out where it is.

MIDWESTERNER IN TAMPA

DEAR ABBY: In studying the Scandinavian languages, I have noticed that the Scandinavians pronounce the "w" as "v" when the "w" comes at the beginning of a word — they say "volunteer" for volunteer. However, if the "v" comes in the middle of the word, such as carnivorous, it is pronounced as a "v."

Now, if you will excuse me, I want to go watch TV.

LIVING WITH A VIKING

DEAR ABBY: Speaking of foreigners with strange accents, my aunt's neighbor came from the East End of London and spoke in a Cockney dialect, dropping her "h's."

This neighbor once said to my aunt, "enry likes 'am, so 'e brought one 'ome for the 'olidays."

When my aunt finally got the courage to ask her if she couldn't pronounce her "h's," she replied, "Certainly. I can say 'bacon and

heggs."

ANOTHER FAN
IN HOLIDAY, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: I have noticed that the Filipinos, when speaking English, also switch a few letters. Tagalog, their native language, has no letter "f," nor the "f" sound, so when speaking English, the "f" becomes "p" — thus Filipino is pronounced "Pilipino," federal becomes "pederal" and February becomes "Pebruary."

JIM ROBINSON,
PONCHATOULA, LA.

DEAR ABBY: My German-born mother used to say she had to wash the dishes and wash the furniture. She also called my sister Firginia.

GUNTER IN MILWAUKEE

DEAR ABBY: Why do we Scandinavians have such a problem with the "v's" and "w's"? The answer is as simple as it is obvious: You, the Anglo-speaking people, have got it all wrong! You think of the letter "w" as a double "u." Actually, it is a double "v" and the "v's" and "w's" are both pronounced like a "v." The problem started with the Germans. They pronounce the "v" as "f" and the "w" as "v." The Volkswagen is pronounced Folksvagen. Not Volks. Not Wagon.

OLAF HULT, L.A.

DEAR ABBY: On my first flight to Hawaii, I asked my seat partner if that lovely state was pronounced Hawaii — or Havaii.

He said, "It's pronounced Havaii." I said, "Thank you." He replied, "You're welcome."

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Settlement deadline set for Jan. 10

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A federal judge says he will develop a plan to alleviate crowding at the Harris County Jail if parties to a civil lawsuit don't have one by Jan. 10.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice Tuesday said he would prefer a negotiated solution to a suit brought on behalf of

inmates that alleges the overcrowded conditions are unconstitutional.

But he warned the more than two dozen county and state parties to the case that a solution must not change his 1981 finding in a separate case that overcrowding is cruel and unusual punishment.



NEW DIRECTORS — Larry Schwarz and Susan Neves, new members of the chamber of commerce board of directors, attended a reception Monday afternoon honoring them and other new members, Terry Bowden and Paula Gilbert. Also pictured are Jack Smart, Joe Coronado and Joe Sentell. (SDN Staff Photo)

LeMond named SI Sportsman of Year

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Bicyclist Greg LeMond, who won the grueling Tour de France this year only two years after nearly dying in a hunting accident, was named Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year.

LeMond, 28, the only American to win the prestigious race around France, is the first cyclist to receive the magazine's honor in its 36-year history.

"It was really a very simple choice made by the individual himself on that Sunday in Paris, when, with 15.2 miles to go in a 2,025-mile race, he not only beat leader Laurent Fignon, he beat him by 8 seconds," Managing Editor Mark Mulvoy told reporters Tuesday. "Everybody said the man did the impossible. Indeed, he did."

Mulvoy said others considered for the award included San Francisco 49ers quarterback Joe Montana; Los Angeles Kings center Wayne Gretzky, who won it in 1982; Oakland Athletics pitcher Dave Stewart; and West German tennis stars Steffi Graf and Boris Becker.

"But after I saw what Greg LeMond did that day, I knew it represented the very essence of sport," Mulvoy said.

"This is definitely the highlight of my career," said LeMond, who parlayed his Tour de France victory into the richest contract in his sport's history — a three-year, \$5.5 million deal with a French cycling team.

In 1862, English clergyman Charles L. Dodgson, better known as Lewis Carroll, began inventing the story of "Alice in Wonderland" for his friend Alice Pleasance Liddell during a boating trip.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Odsol



Dec. 21, 1989

Your possibilities for success in your endeavors look good for the year ahead, provided you can suppress your impatience. Be content with steady progress instead of trying to get to the top of the heap in one jump.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Schedule your outside activities thoughtfully today or else they might turn out to be both time and money wasters. Try to establish an order of priority. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This can be a successful day for you, provided you don't do things in a piecemeal fashion. Coordinate your efforts so that your forces aren't spread too thin.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't say anything about a friend today that you wouldn't directly say to his/her face, because any unkind comments you make are likely to be reported to the target of your remarks.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Think twice before giving friends tips today that you feel could make or save them money. If your information is faulty, they might try to hold you accountable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The opinions of others are important, but your own views have merit as well. Don't attempt to please companions today at the cost of subduing your own better judgment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Assistants or co-workers will pull away from you today if you're overly critical of their efforts. Guard against making comments that could make them feel inferior or unappreciated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're likely to keep things under control today where your larger expenditures are

concerned, but it could be the small dollars and dime stuff that reeks havoc on your budget.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might be subjected to a series of minor frustrations and, instead of dealing with them and dismissing them from your mind, you might bring your troubles home and take them out on the family.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Double standards could cause others to lose respect for you today. Don't tell another not to do something a certain way and then go ahead and do it yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's an admirable attribute to be the first one who grabs for the check. Today, however, you might be saddled with a companion who doesn't practice this gesture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even though others will be trying, you might prove to be a difficult person to please today. If

your friends lose patience with you, they could take an opposite approach.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your sense of self-worth will not be very effective today if you're inclined to belabor your points. Don't beat about the bush, make your presentation simple, clear and concise.

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Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.



By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please give your latest information on narcolepsy. Our 19-year-old son has been diagnosed with it and is being treated with Ritalin. We want him to go to junior college this year, but first and foremost we want him to get well.

DEAR READER: Narcolepsy is a rare neurological disease of unknown cause, marked by recurrent attacks of sleep and/or sudden loss of muscle tone. The sleep attacks often occur without warning and at inappropriate times, such as while driving or carrying out everyday activities.

Loss of muscle tone can be equally unpredictable, although these episodes seem to be triggered by feelings of surprise in some patients. For instance, narcoleptic patients may experience momentary paralysis from spontaneous emotional reactions, such as anger, fear or joy.

The symptoms of narcolepsy usually begin in otherwise healthy adolescents and persist throughout life. The disease, which is four times more common in men than women and tends to run in families, does not cause ill-health or shortened life span. The diagnosis is made by the typical attacks.

Treatment is almost always successful and consists of stimulant drugs, such as amphetamines or methylphenidate (Ritalin). When taken regularly, these medicines block sleep attacks and lessen the muscular weakness.

If your son's symptoms are controlled with Ritalin and he is under medical supervision, he should be able to participate fully in college activities and lead a normal life. Although narcolepsy is not curable by present methods, the symptoms are controllable.

Because the unpredictability of narcolepsy seems to resemble the unprovoked outbursts of Tourette's syndrome, another neurological disease, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Tourette's Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been on Retin-A for a year. I noticed a peeling of the skin inside my mouth by the lower lip. My dermatologist said the biopsy was negative and prescribed a stronger Retin-A. Now I have headaches, and the sides of my tongue are very red and sore. An ENT man said I have tonsillitis. I think both doctors are wrong. What do you think?

DEAR READER: Retin-A, a deriva-

tive of vitamin A, is marketed as a cream or gel for the treatment of acne and, in some patients, to reduce wrinkling and skin-aging. Retin-A usually produces redness and peeling of the treated skin. The manufacturer warns against using Retin-A near the eyes and mucous membranes, including the mouth, because reactions from the compound in such sites can lead to eye damage and painful ulcerations. In addition, patients using Retin-A must be extremely cautious of sunlight, which can accentuate the peeling and blistering.

Retin-A occur in locations other than the site of application. Nor does Retin-A cause headaches.

However, you may be exhibiting an allergic reaction to the drug. Headache and sore tongue could be symptoms of this. Therefore, I advise you to discontinue Retin-A. If your symptoms disappear, you can assume the medicine is the culprit. If, after two or three weeks, you are still having mouth irritation and headaches, you'll have to work with your doctors to discover the reason. Please let me know what happens.

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♦ 10 9 8 7
♦ J 9 6 3 2
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WEST ♦ A K Q 9 8 5
♦ A
♦ 8 7 4
♦ 9 3 2

EAST ♦ 10 4
♦ J 10 9 8
♦ Q 10 5
♦ Q 8 6 5

SOUTH ♦ 7
♦ K Q 7 6 5 4 3 2
♦ A K
♦ A K

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South 1♥
West 2♠
North All pass
East Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

second spade and lay down the queen of hearts. West would win the ace. Later East would take two more tricks with the long hearts, and the contract would be set. Why would Careful Charlie make the contract?

Charlie would correctly reason that with any 3-2 heart division he would lose only two heart tricks. He would also see that on most of the 4-1 heart splits there would be no way to avoid losing three trump tricks. However, if the ace of hearts just happened to be singleton, he could win the day by first playing a low heart out of his hand. So he would do just that and score up his contract.

Playing a low heart first also wins with another combination. Suppose West holds A-9-8 of hearts and East holds J-10 doubleton. If declarer plays a high heart, West takes the ace and plays another spade, which East ruffs with a heart honor. But if South first leads a low heart, East must win with either the jack or the 10, and there is no trump promotion available.

Caution required

By James Jacoby

I know South's heart spots aren't very good, but he does have eight cards in the suit. For my money, it's worth opening a strong two-bid, just to make sure of eventually getting to game. The result would still be the same — West would bid spades and South would jump to four hearts, ending the auction.

Everyone knows how Willy Nilly would play the hand. He would ruff the

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books.

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