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Ask Us

Q.-Is it true that you can no longer deduct Kiwanis Club dues, or dues paid to other organizations, when filing your income tax?

A.-According to the IRS, previously deductible dues to civic, social, athletic and country clubs will not be allowed to be deducted after Jan. 1, 1994.

In Brief

-BULLETIN-

Most charges are dismissed

AUSTIN (AP) — Most of the ethics charges against U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison were dismissed today by a judge who said the indictments were too vague.

Visiting Judge John Onion Jr. dismissed charges of official misconduct, tampering with evidence and tampering with government records, all stemming from her stint as state treasurer.

The judge upheld one charge of misconduct and gave prosecutors 10 days to amend the indictments.

Mrs. Hutchison, a Republican, sought dismissal of the charges, claiming they were produced by a predominantly Democratic Travis County grand jury and a politically motivated county district attorney, Democrat Ronnie Earle.

The charges alleged she used state employees and state equipment for her personal benefit, then destroyed records as a coverup. The charges carry a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.

Mrs. Hutchison denied any wrongdoing.

Home alone

CHICAGO (AP) — The mother and stepfather of an 8-year-old boy who police say was shackled to a bedpost and left home alone on Christmas for opening a gift early lost custody of their children pending an investigation.

David Wasel, 28, and his wife, Madeline, 39, were charged Monday with child endangerment and reckless conduct and could get up to a year in prison and a $1,000 fine.

Despite pleas from Mrs. Wasel, Juvenile Court Judge Robert Anderson gave custody of the boy and his older brother to an unidentified relative.

Acting on an anonymous tip, police in suburban Addison went to the couple's apartment on Christmas and found the boy in a darkened room wearing only an undershirt; his ankle was shackled with handcuffs to a bunk bed, police said.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 73 degrees; low, 28 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 28 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 16.29 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, decreasing clouds. Low around 25. Variable wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High in the lower 40s. North wind 10-20 mph. Forecast for New Year's Day, fair. Lows 25-30. Highs 55-60.

Sunset today, 5:49. Sunrise Wednesday, 28 degrees; of 361 days in 1993, the sun has shone 354 days in Snyder.

Mideast talks enter 2nd day

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Mideast peace talks resumed here today with Israel's foreign minister optimistic about reaching agreement with the PLO but refusing to budge on security for Jewish settlements.

It's just one of the issues that have been holding up the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the Gaza Strip and Jericho in the West Bank since the Dec. 13 target date.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he believed both sides want to overcome their differences. But he said Israel could not compromise the safety of settlers.

"Otherwise we have full respect for the Palestinian side," he said after an hourlong meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Peres and his delegation then left to resume talks with a Palestinian team led by Mahmoud Abbas, a chief adviser to PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said he expected the peace talks to include two or three more meetings and could stretch into Wednesday. He said that without being "rosy," he believed there was a chance for agreement.

"The continuation of negotiations from yesterday to today and maybe tomorrow will give a chance for three or four points to be reconciled," he told reporters.

The negotiations that opened Monday night follow meetings last week in Paris and Oslo, Norway. Israel and the PLO also disagree on who should control the borders with Jordan and Egypt and the size of the Jericho district.

Asked about the chances for success, Peres replied, "The hopes are unlimited, but time I cannot mention."



SKILLS IN ACTION — Margaret Johnston, right, and Marie Walton make their addition to a puzzle being put together by members of the Senior Citizens Center. Dominoes, pool and quilting highlighted some of this morning's activity. (SDN Staff Photo)

RR installations now expected by end of 1st quarter

The target date for installation of railroad crossing gates at three locations in Scurry County — originally set for October — is now anticipated to be near the end of the first quarter of 1994, a Santa Fe Railway spokesman says.

Mike Martin, Santa Fe public relations spokesman in Schaumburg, Ill., said he isn't sure why the delay has been as long as it has, but noted that Santa Fe didn't get final approval from the state until Sept. 29 of this year.

Santa Fe is to install gates at the Avenue E and Avenue B intersections, and at County Road 1673, just off of U.S. Highway 84.

Some work has been initiated, said Martin.

"According to our records, about 10 percent of the circuitry work has been completed for the Avenue B site," he said. "There is a tremendous amount of circuitry work which has to be done on these things.

"We're anticipating that by the end of the first quarter, all the circuitry work and installation will be done at all three locations," he said.

Locally, Santa Fe said crossing arms have arrived in Snyder and will be installed as soon as special crews can be freed up to do the work. The crews cover a 12-state area.

Martin said the good news is that once the gates are installed, there should be no new problems.

"The path to get these things done is a long one but once they are in, they're there forever," he said.

Estimated costs are $165,000 for the Avenue E project, $118,000 for the Avenue B project and $121,600 for the project on County Road 1673.

Federal monies pay for 90 percent of each upgrade; state funds amount to 10 percent.

All three of the intersections will receive gates, bells and

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County opens insurance bids

Scurry County commissioners opened bids for county health insurance Monday afternoon but will wait until Thursday to take any action.

Commissioners received two bids from Steakley Insurance Agency, one administered by Boon-Chapman and another administered by Insurance Marketing Resources; a bid from Fowler & Associates, administered by Health Care Benefits, Inc.; and a bid from Stewart Insurance Services, administered by Ted Parker & Associates.

The court will consider the bids during at a 10 a.m. meeting Thursday. Also on that agenda will be year-end budget amendments and line-item transfers.

'94 will bring fastest industry growth in 6 years, source says

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. industry in 1994 should enjoy its fastest growth in six years, driven by sales of computers and machinery to businesses and of autos and homes to consumers, the government forecast today.

The Commerce Department, in its 35th annual forecast of winners and losers in American business, predicted that 121 of 136 manufacturing industries it surveyed would enjoy rising sales next year.

Overall, the department projected an inflation-adjusted median growth rate in manufacturers' shipments of 2.8 percent, meaning half would see faster growth and half slower.

That compares with a 2 percent gain this year. If realized, the 1994 advance would be the third consecutive and the largest since 1988.

"One of the fastest growing sectors ... is the U.S. automotive industry," said Jeffrey E. Garten, undersecretary for international trade. "The anticipated 6 percent rise ... in sales of U.S.-produced motor vehicles is extremely good news not just for the auto industry but for the entire economy."

The department's U.S. Industrial Outlook is projecting sales of 14.8 million cars and light trucks and construction of 1.3 million new homes, up 4 percent from this year. Both are being helped by low interest rates.

The projected advances in the two fastest-growing industries — metal-cutting machinery, 12.8 percent, and electronic components, 11.1 percent — are both benefiting from strong auto sales.

Other fast-growing industries are connected to computerization, health care and environmental improvements.

Despite the prospect for higher shipments, 60 of the 121 manufacturing industries projecting growth are expected to cut employment in 1994. They are achieving higher output by modernizing and computerizing their production.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's impossible to shake hands with a clinched fist."

The late Lyndon B. Johnson had plenty of admiring students. One thing that he taught any protege was the importance of never burning a bridge. A political opponent today might well become an important ally tomorrow.

Snyder didn't burn any bridges, and we're glad. In 1987 Snyder was selected as the site for the Price Daniel unit. The community celebrated and pledged to be a model host community, hoping for expansion somewhere down the road.

On at least four occasions, hopes have been raised about expansion and additional jobs. Many factors, including increased competition and political considerations, caused Snyder to be bypassed. In 1989, we wrote in this space: "Snyder was disappointed, but not defeated." One TDCJ board member called to express appreciation for that attitude. He quietly suggested not to give up.

Unlike some communities, Snyder chose to be appreciative of the 300 plus jobs and the $7 million payroll, even though we'd cheerfully accept more.

Since 1987 Snyder prison task force leaders have worked hard at maintaining positive relations with the TDCJ. Two recent announcements show that those long-haul relationships are important.

Snyder will become the location for a West Texas regional distribution center. We can expect some 50 or so new jobs.

Also, Price Daniel is one of 16 1,000-bed units in the system that will have 300 more dorm-type beds and perhaps another 45 jobs added. And on Monday, we learned the possibility that the 300-bed addition could in fact be a 600-bed addition and more employment opportunities.

Early on, Snyder leaders prepared a map promoting Snyder's central location in West Texas. That map has turned out to be extremely useful. And if you look carefully at the map — there are no burned bridges.

Year in review...

Courtroom drama, oil patch dominate in early '93

EDITOR'S NOTE — The following is the first in a four-part series which reviews key events in Scurry County during 1993. Today's article takes a look at the first four months.

The indictment of a Snyder school teacher, a murder trial and maneuvering in the oil patch highlighted the first four months of 1993.

Problems between the city and county began brewing early in the year, but they would later be resolved.

The first quarter of the year was also one of individual awards and achievement. The annual chamber awards were presented; schools selected outstanding students; and youngsters took home prizes from area stock shows.

The city and county were at odds over trash collection early in the year. After giving notice that it was ending the long-standing "shared-services" contract, the city began billing the county for trash collection at the precinct barns and community centers. This caused some bad feeling between the parties involved, but eventually the two groups got together and resolved not only that problem but mapped out an new agreement before the year's end.

132nd District Court was in the news throughout 1993, and prominently during March and April. A 44-year-old first grade teacher, Floyd Garcia, was formally charged with indecency with a child on March 3. Garcia, a Fisher County resident, had been on paid administrative leave from Stanfield Elementary since Feb. 16, when allegations surfaced.

The case drew extra attention when District Attorney Ernie Armstrong withdrew Garcia's case from the March grand jury. He said that Garcia's attorney, Mary Alice McLarty of Lubbock, sent members of the grand jury documents which may have represented "unauthorized communication."

McLarty responded that her actions were exceptional but within the law.

Garcia was subsequently indicted in April, but acquitted in September after a week-long trial.

The not-guilty verdict wasn't to be in another case which took place the first quarter of 1993. A five-woman, seven-man jury sentenced Rosario "Roy" Antonio Carreon to a life sentence on March 17 after he pleaded guilty to murder. He was being tried for the October 1992 shooting death of Delbert Dean Ostrander.

Carreon, 31, also pled guilty in April to a 1991 offense of delivery of marijuana and was sentenced by District Judge Gene Dulaney to a term of 40 years.

Another decision in March had a great impact on the citizens of Snyder, and in fact Scurry County, but it was in council chambers, not the courtroom. Snyder City Council, on March 1, unanimously decided to keep its landfill in operation. It was a difficult decision for the council, which had reviewed a number of options over several months. Although it would mean doubling sanitation rates, council members said the decision kept the city in control, instead of having fees regulated by a private waste hauler and a regional landfill.

Pennzoil was officially named SACROC unit operator in mid-January. The company had been serving as operator since it purchased Chevron's 20.84 percent interest in the unit on Sept. 30, 1992.

The status of the Snyder Gas Plant was more of a question mark. Oryx Energy announced on April 16 its intent to resign as operator of the plant. Texaco, a 15 percent owner, replaced Qryx as operator in late July. However, less than a month later, Texaco announced it would resign.

Finally, in November, it was announced that Torch Energy Advisors, a Houston-based firm, would become the operator.

In mid-January, Western Texas College trustees unanimously voted to discontinue men's basketball — a program that had at

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Task force sought

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A community-wide task force to study the county's growing trauma crisis has been initiated by the commander of Brooke Army Medical Center.

Col. David McFarling, BAMC commander, on Monday called for the study after a shortage of qualified nurses to staff the intensive care unit caused the hospital to divert trauma patients last week.

The Army center reopened its emergency center to trauma cases Monday.

"The true situation was we did have more than half of our ICU-trained nurses out with the flu," McFarling said.

A temporary service used by the hospital was unable to provide enough qualified substitutes, he said.

The center's actions came under fire from Dr. Donald Gordon, medical director of San Antonio Emergency Medical Services. Gordon criticized BAMC last week for closing its doors to trauma patients without providing adequate explanation.

McFarling said Gordon's response was due to frustration "that the whole thing is teetering on the brink of collapse. And it won't take too many more episodes when all three hospitals for one reason or another have to shut down to have a real catastrophe on our hands."

Gordon on Monday, however, said his criticisms stemmed from a lack of communication by BAMC officials over the closing.

"My frustration is that BAMC closed without giving any reason," Gordon said. "Usually when a trauma center closes, they tell everybody the reason. Nobody feels bad about taking up the slack."

"We're supposed to enforce their policy, yet we're given no explanation," he added.

McFarling said that San Antonio's escalating violence and increase in accidental injuries don't appear to be slowing. He said that community leaders and health professionals must band together to discuss some long-range solutions.

Lotto winner

AUSTIN (AP) — A lack of communication between a husband and wife might often cause strife in a marriage. But in the case of Randall and Rachel Robinson, it made them rich.

Robinson, 35, a shipping and merchandising company supervisor in the Dallas suburb of Flower Mound, bought the lone winning Lotto Texas ticket Christmas morning for Saturday's $3 million drawing.

If he would have known that his wife, Rachel, had already purchased a lotto ticket during their brief gasoline fill-up at their favorite convenience store, he said he probably wouldn't have gotten his.

Now, they have 3.1 million more reasons to enjoy the holiday season.

Her ticket didn't match any of the numbers, but his quick-pick ticket was right on, matching 6, 14, 16, 25, 33 and 45.

"It's been a heck of a Christmas," Robinson said Monday as he collected his first installment of $159,646.90 from the $3.1 million jackpot that will be paid off over the next 19 years.

Robinson said he plans to keep his job "for a few years." His winnings will purchase "a new Dodge truck" and perhaps a new home.

The Diamond Shamrock gas station-convenience store known as Big Diamond No. 1201 in Flower Mound will receive a bonus of $30,856.47 for selling the winning ticket.

In a related matter, two jackpot-winning tickets from the Dec. 22 lotto drawing remained unclaimed Monday, according to lotto officials. Each ticket is worth $6.4 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are results of Lotto Texas Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in this order:

6-4-9
(six, four, nine)

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

What's chronic fatigue syndrome?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A neighbor suffers from chronic fatigue syndrome. She's 35 and barely able to care for her two children. She cannot find any help and her condition appears to have worsened recently.

DEAR READER: Chronic fatigue syndrome is a terribly challenging problem. Customarily, it is considered when no other physical ailment (such as mononucleosis or Lyme disease) can be found to explain the patient's symptoms of periodic exhaustion, weakness, lassitude, depression, sore throat, swollen glands, and other symptoms.

The cause of chronic fatigue syndrome is unknown. The important issue in diagnosis is to discover any treatable physical condition, such as anemia or hypothyroidism, that may be present. Many people, especially women, suffer from the syndrome. Treatment is far from successful. This has led some researchers to conclude that chronic fatigue syndrome is merely the end result of multiple, diverse factors, including infection, immune dysfunction and depression that should be diagnosed by a specialist in internal medicine.

Your neighbor can obtain more information by writing the Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Association, P.O. Box 220398, Charlotte, N.C. 28272-0398.

For more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 51 and have fibroid tumors that my gynecologist says are growing. Can they become cancerous?

DEAR READER: Fibroid growths in the wall of the uterus are benign, will not progress to cancer and often shrink without therapy. You should consider having the fibroids removed only if they lead to excessive vaginal bleeding or cause painful intercourse.

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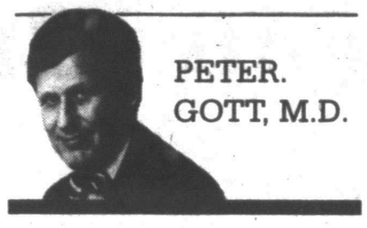
DR. GOTT



PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Voting records of some Texas congressmen aren't very good

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressman Craig Washington missed almost one-fourth of all roll call votes this year, giving him the worst attendance record among the Texas delegation.

But don't be misled by his absence, Washington says. He still was making his presence felt.

Congressional Quarterly, in its annual analysis of lawmakers' voting records, says only three others in the 435-member House missed more votes than the Houston Democrat.

The weekly magazine found that Washington missed 24 percent of 553 recorded votes cast by the House during the year.

Washington defends his attendance record, saying it's not a measure of his accomplishments on Capitol Hill.

"I'm more interested in the quality of the vote than the quantity," he said recently. "I don't recall missing any votes where my vote would have made a difference."

Washington said that if he's in committee hearings or in meetings with constituents, he makes a judgment call about the importance of the vote and whether his ballot might affect the outcome.

Only three other Texans in the 30-member House delegation had attendance ratings below 90 percent.

Republican Reps. Joe Barton of Ennis and Jack Fields of Humble, who campaigned extensively in Texas for the Senate special election in May, posted attendance records of 87 percent and 88 percent respectively. Democrat Charlie Wilson of Lufkin rated out at 83 percent.

No Texans were among the 19 House members nationwide who had perfect attendance records, but nine of them missed only 1 percent of the recorded votes.

Congressional Quarterly also examined how members' voting records compared to the positions of their party and the White House.

Newcomer Kay Bailey Hutchison, elected to the Senate in midyear, steered a middle-ground course in the Republican Party. Only five of the Senate's 44 Republicans voted more frequently with President Clinton than she did.

According to the analysis of 89 Senate votes on which the White House took a position, Mrs. Hutchison voted with the president 46 percent of the time. Texas' senior senator, Republican Phil Gramm, voted with Clinton in 22 percent of cases.

On party unity, Mrs. Hutchison voted with a majority of Republicans 88 percent of the time on 265 votes surveyed. Gramm was in agreement with the party in 98 percent of the votes.

The state's House Republicans were more likely to toe the party line than Democrats, with five of the nine GOP members voting the party position at least 96 percent of the time in 391 votes surveyed.

Washington and Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Dallas voted with their party more often than other Texas Democrats — a record that Washington calls a coincidence.

"I try to make my decision based upon something other than party politics," he said.

Conservative Democrats were least inclined toward party unity. Rep. Charles Stenholm of Stamford, a leader of boll-weevil Democrats, voted with the party only 52 percent of the time. Rep. Ralph Hall of Rockwall joined with Democrats 54 percent of the time, while Fort Worth's Pete Geren was in line with his party in 64 percent of votes.

The state's 21 House Democrats were more likely to side with Clinton, according to the analysis of 102 votes in which the White House took a position.

The Democrat least likely to vote with Clinton was Hall, who supported measures endorsed by the president only 54 percent of the time. The most notable votes where Hall broke with Clinton were his opposition to the president's budget, economic stimulus package and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Grain exports studied

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study by congressional auditors questions whether the United States should give Russia more credit to buy wheat and other farm goods.

In a report to the Senate Agriculture Committee and Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., the General Accounting Office said export credit guarantees may delay agricultural reform in the former Soviet republics.

That's because the imports generally go to state-owned enterprises rather than the upstart private ones. The cheaper imports may also keep prices artificially low, making it hard for the domestic food industry to get off the ground.

But the report also noted arguments of some officials in the newly independent states that credit-assisted food imports may prevent shortages that would lead to political unrest, blocking overall economic progress.

The Agriculture Department is considering whether to renew the credits after cutting them off little more than a year ago when Russia began defaulting on earlier loans granted to it and other former Soviet republics.

Russia has since rescheduled the $1.07 billion in debt and is due this week to pay a third and final installment of $149 million on the portion of the debt that had not been rescheduled.

The administration says it wants to encourage reform, but it has also stressed the importance of export markets to creating jobs in this country.

Once a major customer, the former Soviet Union as recently as 1989 accounted for 30 percent, or $2.1 billion worth, of U.S. corn exports. Total American farm exports to the republics, including corn, were valued at $3.6 billion.

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1993

In the year ahead there are strong indications you will play some type of leadership role, either in an endeavor you personally create or one you manage for others. It could be an exciting experience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Doing things on your own and functioning independently are two of your stronger traits, but today you might carry these inclinations to extremes and could arouse animosity in others. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Treat things that pertain to your health and well being sensibly today. If there is something you know you shouldn't eat or drink, don't.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're not a very good politician today, especially where your social involvements are concerned. If you try to play one friend against another, the results could be disastrous.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you are unable to achieve your objectives today, and there is a strong chance this may be so, it looks like you will try to place the blame on others. This tactic won't prove helpful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is one of those days when you might hear only that which you want to hear. Unfortunately, this means you could read negative meanings into the remarks of others where no ill will was intended.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If your commercial dealings today are too loosely structured, there's a chance someone with whom you'll be involved might harbor an interest in something to which he/she has no claim.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Both deliberately and accidentally you may do things today that puts you in a position where you'll oppose the will of the majority. This could turn out to be an unproductive course of action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you do not pace yourself properly today you might be likened to a runner who charges out of the starting blocks only to exhaust him/herself before reaching the finish line.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Instead of being proud of the fact that others admire someone you're very fond of, it could make you rather jealous and possessive today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In order to be successful today you'll need the support and cooperation of certain key people. Be careful you don't behave in a manner that might alienate them from your purpose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're a quick study whose bright, absorbent mind usually grasp ideas and concepts instantly. Today, however, you might pretend to understand things you really don't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In most situations today you'll conduct your affair effectively, but in business or money matters you might be too impulsive or careless for your own good.

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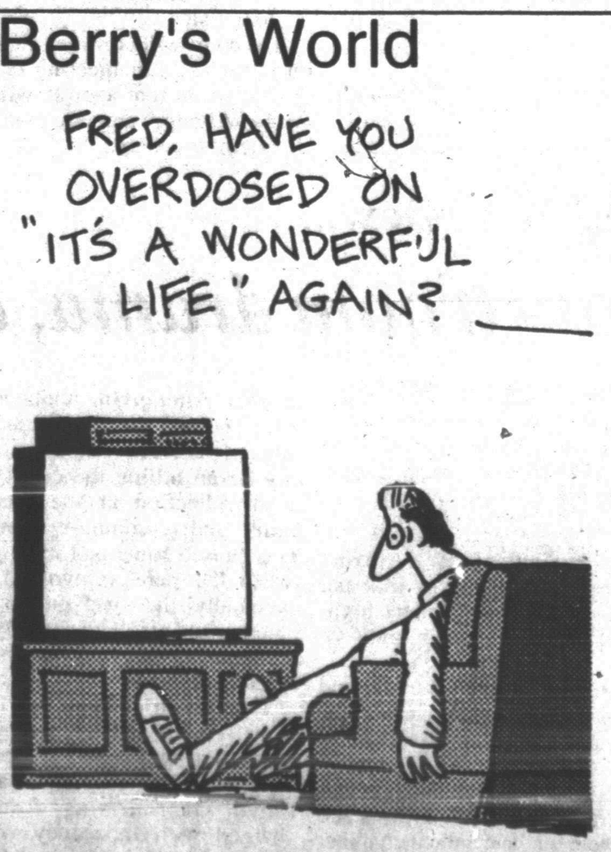

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PORTRAY CANDYLAND IN MUSIC — Pupils of Bethel Studio of Music presented "A Candyland Christmas" in the chapel of First Baptist Church at 6 pm. on Dec. 17. In the photo at left are, bottom row from left, Bailey Stoker, Sarah Ann Cox of Colorado City, Kelby Drum, Jacinda Judah, Shana Blackard; top row, Whitney Rogers, Casey Blackard, Jenny Chandler, Elizabeth Rollins, Stormy Clark and Rachael Brozovich. In the photo at right are, bottom row, Chelse Forbes, Ashley Sanders of Colorado City, Jami Thackerson of Colorado City; Katie Chandler, Jerica Tyler of Post, Jacki Thompson; top row, Zach Greenlee of Rotan, Ryan McKamie, Ashlee Grantham, Craig Bowen, Laci Hackfeld of Loraine, Bryony Martin of Post and Rachel Cave. (SDN Staff Photos)



MORE PERFORMERS — Other performers in "A Candyland Christmas" are shown from left, bottom row, Matthew Leininger of Post, Emily Atkins of Odessa; second row, Mandy Strain of Colorado City, Starling Shields, Karomy Drum, Anna Hanan, Cole Latimer of Odessa, Johnnie Riggs of Colorado City, Jennifer Petty of Colorado City, Faith Feaster of Colorado City, Temple Latimer of Odessa; back row, Angela Riggs of Colorado City, Maggie Flanigan of Post, Nicki Riggs of Colorado City, Sonda Leininger of Post, Amber Kelley of Colorado City and Cara Best.

Candyland theme for Bethel recital

The chapel of First Baptist Church was transformed into a candyland delight for children as pupils of Lynn Bethel presented a recital and program, "A Candyland Christmas." The event was held at 6 p.m., Dec. 17.

The Christmas Stars and Yuletide Singers sang "Super Special Christmas" and "It Must Be Christmas." A two-piano and-organ concert featured from two to five performers, playing favorite Christmas carols.

Parent participation included Mrs. Thomas Brozovich, Mrs. Larry Thompson, Mrs. Robert Cox, Mrs. Rex Thackerson, Mrs. Warren Sanders, Dr. Larry Leininger, Mrs. Robert Sayger, Mrs. Bob Greenlee and Mrs. Jim McKamie. Each group was named by performers favorite candy. Narrator was Jack Gorman Sr.

Following the recital, the performers and their families went across the street to a candlelight Christmas dinner in the multipurpose center. Master of ceremonies was Warren Sanders. Dinner music was provided by harpist Kim Gorman, and flutist Marie Clark and Jenise Judah. Entertainment was by the families of Thomas Brozovich, Jim Petty, Dwayne Riggs, Randy Feaster, Thomas Brozovich, Jim Petty, Rex Thackerson, Nathan Hoyle and Warren Sanders.

Lights and sound technicians for the event were Max Drum, Rick Hopper and Larry Thompson. ZTV Enterprise taped the program for airing during the holiday in Snyder and Colorado City.

Bridge · By Phillip Alder

NORTH 1-4-94
♠ A 10 8
♥ K 9
♦ J 8 6 3
♣ 9 7 6 2

WEST
♠ Q 7 5 3 2
♥ A J 10 8 5 2
♦ 5
♣ K

EAST
♠ J 9 6 4
♥ Q 3
♦ Q 10 9 7 4
♣ Q 4

SOUTH
♠ K
♥ 7 6 4
♦ A K 2
♣ A J 10 8 5 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
2 ♣	3 ♣	4 ♠	4 ♠
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♠ 3

Take today's deal, for example. South's opening bid showed long clubs and 12-16 high-card points. West's three-club cue-bid revealed a major two-suiter, but it is usually reserved for a stronger hand. South's five clubs was an each-way bet. It might make, or it might be a good sacrifice.

After West led a spade, declarer seemed to have no problems. He could discard his diamond loser on dummy's spade ace. And with the heart ace marked in the West hand, there appeared to be only two losers: one heart and one club.

However, South was worried, especially after the double, that East held all three trumps. So, the reporter explained, South wanted to play a trump from dummy toward his hand.

After winning with the spade king, South led a heart. West went in with the ace and switched to his singleton diamond. Declarer won in hand, led a heart to dummy's king and played a club to his jack. Disaster! West won with the king and led a heart. East overruffed the dummy to defeat the contract.

What was overlooked? At trick two, South should lead the club jack from his hand. If East has all the trumps, declarer can get into the dummy and pick up East's remaining honor before any risk of a heart overruff. If trumps are 2-1, South simply draws the last trump when he regains the lead.

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Shawls complement fashion, warm

By FRANCINE PARNES
For AP Special Features

Call it a stole or call it a shawl, a wrap is the simplest, most stylish few yards of fabric you'll ever snuggle up in.

Thrown around your shoulders with a hint of insouciance, it'll do more than keep you toasty.

A mink-trimmed cashmere shawl over a designer suit speaks big-city chic. A wool paisley atop a Shetland wool crewneck and tweed blazer looks classic, cozy and sweetly homespun. And a wrap oozes sexiness in filmy silk chiffon draped over a slip dress.

"Wraps are the one thing you just throw on and don't have to fuss with," says Adrienne Landau, a New York accessories designer. "They're becoming a very big market because women feel they're glamorous, easy to wear over all their clothing and easy to travel with. You put it on and you're out the door."

It's also the ultimate layering piece, welcome in most any climate. It will ward off a chill when a coat seems too cumbersome. And when a coat isn't enough, wear it on top as added insulation.

"You put it over your shoulders like a shawl, then fling one side over each opposite shoulder so you're really wrapped like a cocoon," says Nancy El Naggar, New York buyer for Burberry's stores.

Jessica Ruppert, Laura Ashley's director of public relations in Boston, says the shawl is appropriate in most social contexts.

"Typically you see women in wraps going to the theater, which is great because it adds a layer of warmth over your coat," she says. "But you can also wear one to a football game over your sweater or blazer if it's not a freezing cold day."

Laura Ashley's paisley wool wrap with delicate fringe, in plum or navy, is about $74 by mail or at some 200 stores nationwide.

The warmest, most luxurious wraps are cashmere. Scottish cashmere wraps from Ballantyne start at about $800; at Burberry's, cashmere wraps are at least $1,100.

Your investment will go further if you pick a reversible style, Jan Mehalick, vice president of Ballantyne in New York, says.

"When you twist it and throw it over your shoulder, your back is in one color, and you have the surprise of another color draping down in front," she says.

Ballantyne's styles, in dozens of colors, are trimmed with ruffles, ribbing or fringe. They're sold at Cashmere Cashmere stores in New York and Chicago, Saks Fifth Avenue, The Gazebo in Dallas and Harry B's in Nashville, Tenn.

Adrienne Landau says her top seller is silk velvet reversing to satin.

"People feel they're getting two pieces in one," she says. "And now that velvet is the hottest trend of the year, it's flying out of the store."

In black velvet and red satin, the wrap is about $300 at Neiman Marcus, Bergdorf Goodman, Saks Fifth Avenue and I. Magnin. Black cut velvet reversing to wool jersey with handknotted fringe is about $700.

Burburry's El Naggar says the velvet wrap works both day and night.

"As a daytime outfit, you put it over a Donnegal tweed riding jacket and jodhpurs," she says. "In the evening, that same wrap goes over your bare-shouldered velvet dress or tuxedo. It's a really chic European look."

Burberry's velvet wraps run $250 to $300 in black, burgundy or forest green.

In addition to the more traditional wraps, Adrienne Landau has styles for special occasions ranging from re-embroidered lace to crocheted mink, with prices from $130 to about $2,200.

"The idea," she says, "is to have fun and feel glamorous."

Laura Ashley: 1-800-367-2000.

Scourge of the seas

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. (AP) — America has produced few more colorful characters than privateer Otway Burns (1775-1850).

In the War of 1812, Burns outfitted a clipper ship, the Snap-Dragon, for privateering and began to prey on British ships from Greenland to Brazil.

Renowned for his reckless courage and skillful seamanship, Burns boldly challenged British men-of-war and would even seize ships from the midst of an armed convoy.

In a three-month cruise in 1813, his plunder exceeded $2.5 million, and the British government offered a $50,000 reward for his capture, which was never paid.

After the war, Burns became a shipbuilder, then served in the North Carolina General Assembly. He ended his days as a lighthouse keeper.

Sticking out like a sore thumb

It is curiously difficult to edit your own work. Stupidities sneak through unspotted. But when a good editor reads someone else's copy, errors are as conspicuous as a bikini-clad woman in Alaska.



BABY SHOWER — A shower was held recently in the Trinity United Methodist Church honoring Caleb, held by his mother, Mrs. Erick (Renae) Lewis. Caleb was born July 25. Also pictured is his grandmother, Nathalie Kelley. (Contributed Photo)

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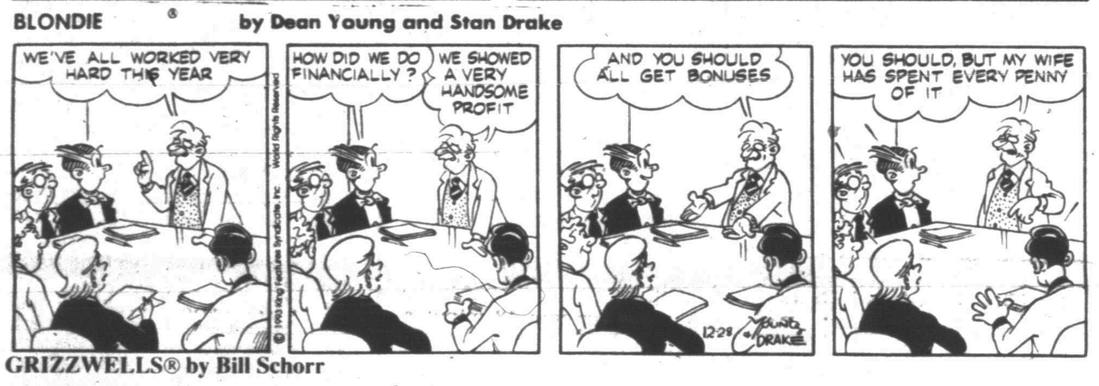

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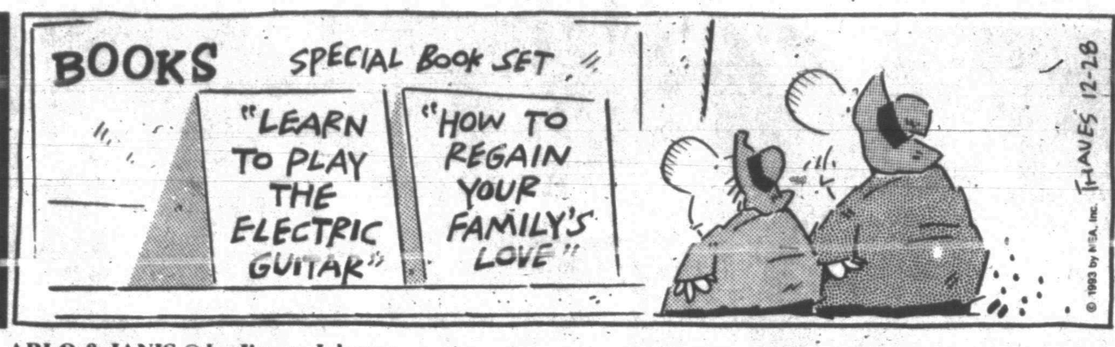

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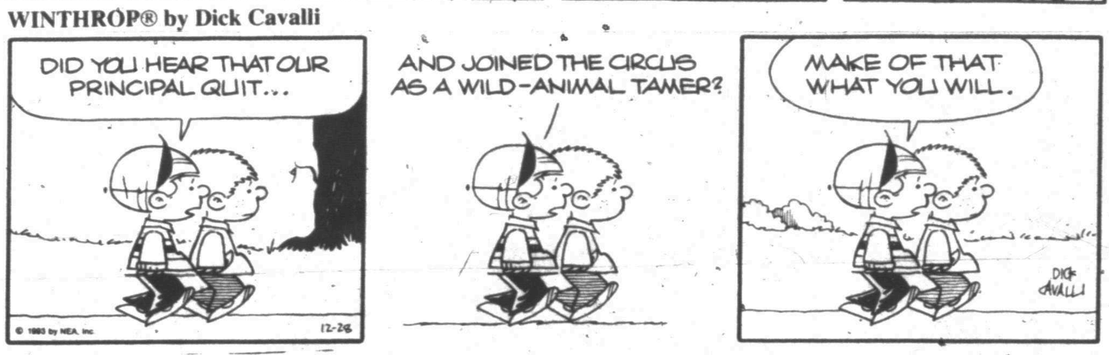

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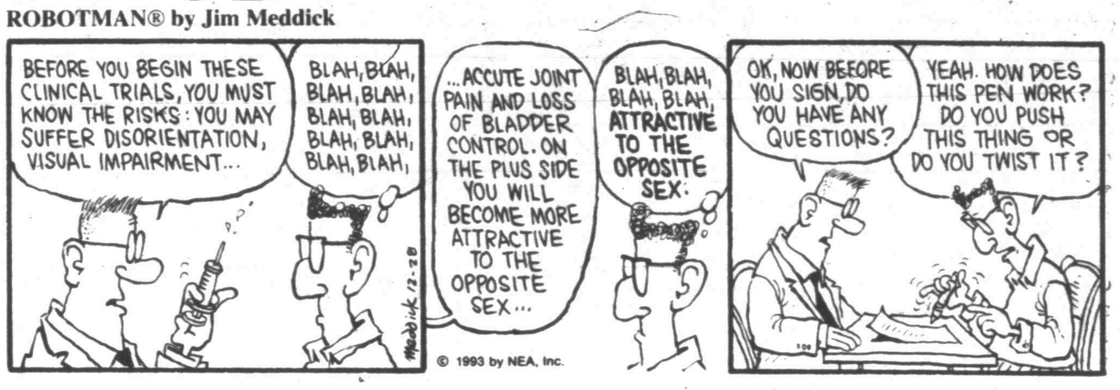

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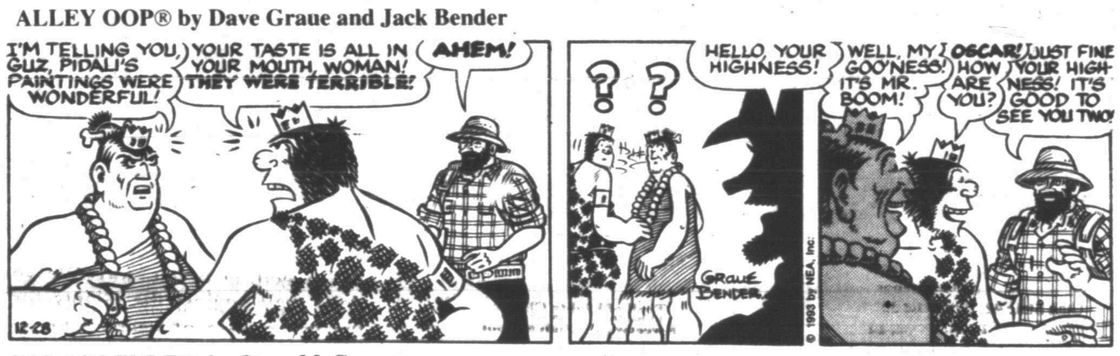

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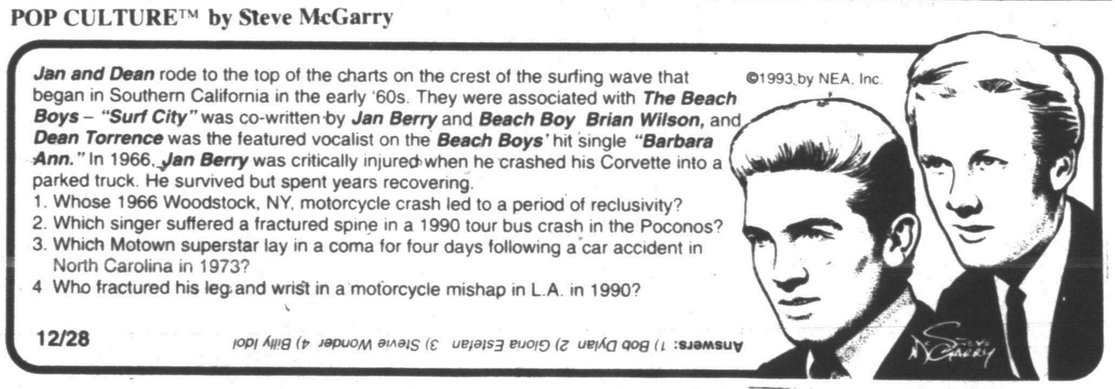

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Over there
4 — colada
8 Pope's name
12 Medical suffix
13 Brother of Jacob
14 British composer
15 Bark
16 Supposing (2 wds.)
17 ZIP —
18 Ancient sources of wisdom
20 Curtain fabric
21 Greek letter
22 Former VP — Quayle
23 Type of boat
26 New Testament book
30 — Kippur
31 — — ear and ...
33 — and me
34 — Tin Tin (movie dog)
35 Promised
36 Through
37 Omission of a sound
39 Harbor
40 Intense desire
41 Hoodlum
43 Tooth-cleaning aid
46 Day-care center
50 Island
51 Sneaker manufacturer
52 Sweet potato
53 Sea eagle
54 Wild ox
55 And others (abbr.)
56 Line of stitches
57 Await settlement
58 Ocean

DOWN

1 Child's toy
2 Actor — Sharif
3 California city
4 Chimes
5 Japanese-American
6 River nymph
7 — Wiedersehen
8 Actor Al —
9 Metal
10 Take apart
11 Looked at
19 Acct.
20 Called
22 Eat out
23 Funeral item
24 Irritate
25 Atlanta arena
26 Small city
27 Misspelled word
28 Cultivator
29 Circular tent
31 Climbing plants
32 Midday
38 Method
39 Non-profit TV
41 River in Alaska
42 Mountain nymph
43 Charges for service
44 Old musical instrument
45 Eugene O'Neill's daughter
46 Number
47 Organs of sight
48 Evaluate
49 Non-profit org.
51 Short sleep

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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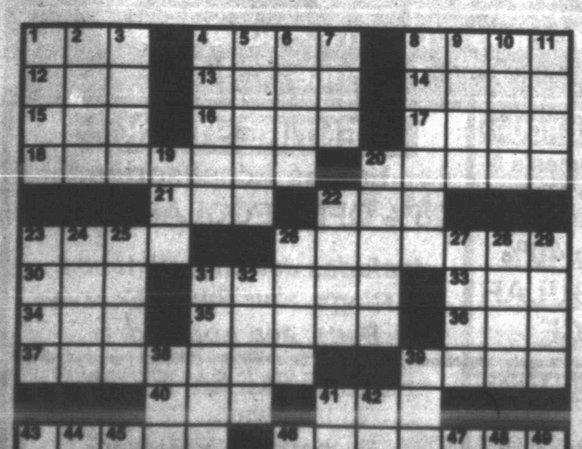

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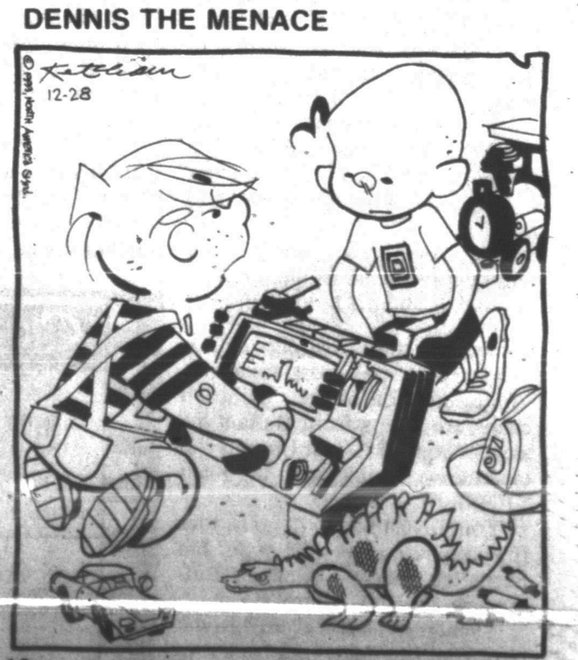

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Chargers blast Miami, 45-20

SAN DIEGO (AP) — While celebrating their 45-20 win over Miami, the San Diego Chargers wondered why they didn't play that well in their previous 14 games.

Stan Humphries threw three touchdown passes, including a 41-yard "Hail Mary" to Anthony Miller, and rookie Natrone Means had a 65-yard run among his three TDs as the Chargers kept Miami's playoff hopes on hold by handing the Dolphins their fourth straight loss Monday night.

"I hate to see it come to an end, but we had our chances and we didn't take advantage of them," Humphries said about the Chargers' frustrating season, which will end with no playoff appearance for the 10th time in 11 seasons.

But the Chargers did avenge a 31-0 loss at Miami in last season's divisional playoffs, in which Humphries threw four interceptions.

"This is not as sweet as if we would have won last year," said Humphries, who completed 19 of 29 passes for 248 yards and no interceptions.

Safety Darren Carrington had two of the Chargers' three interceptions of Scott Mitchell, and he, too, wondered about the blown chances.

"It does feel good for us to come back and play like this," Carrington said.

Last year the Chargers were AFC West champs. Monday's victory merely put them at 7-8, and they have to win at Tampa Bay Sunday to finish at .500.

The Dolphins (9-6) can still clinch a wild-card berth with a win at New England next week. They can get into the playoffs even with a loss to the Patriots, but would need help from several other teams.

"We hate to go to Foxboro and that cold weather," tight end Keith Jackson said. "That's why we wanted to win here."

"It's just a continuation of what's been happening to us," coach Don Shula said. "They had three interceptions and capitalized."

Mitchell, who was 24 of 40 for 260 yards and one touchdown, said he's mystified by the Dolphins' collapse.

"Things were going their way," he said.

Mitchell's three interceptions — cornerback Donald Frank had the other — led to 17 points for San Diego.

In a night of big plays, Means provided the first one on his 65-yard run for a 17-6 lead early in the second quarter. He paused for just a moment as the line opened a huge hole in the middle, then outraced a horde of Dolphins to the end zone.

"It's amazing what you can do with 11 guys chasing you," said Means, who rushed 18 times for a career-high 118 yards. He also had scoring runs of 1 and 2 yards.

Miami pulled to 17-13 when Keith Byars scored the first of his two touchdowns, on a 1-yard run.

Carrington's second interception led to San Diego's next big play. Facing second-and-10 from the Miami 41 with five seconds left, Humphries threw it up for grabs in the end zone. The ball bounced off safety Chris Green and into Miller's hands for a 24-13 lead.

Humphries hit Ronnie Harmon for a 21-yard score three plays into the second half.

Humphries then had his third TD pass in a span of 8:40 when he found Miller on a 14-yarder with 6:20 left in the quarter, increasing the lead to 38-13.

Miller finished with seven catches for 110 yards.

Miami's Pete Stoyanovich kicked field goals of 31 and 50 yards, and San Diego's John Carney had one of 32 yards. Byars also caught a 13-yard TD pass from Mitchell.

'Pokes get home field advantage with victory over New York Sunday

IRVING (AP) — Jimmy Johnson won a Super Bowl on the road, but he doesn't want to try it again.

The Dallas Cowboys will meet the New York Giants on Sunday in the Meadowlands with the winner getting the NFC East title and the homefield edge throughout the NFC playoffs.

"If you want to go all the way, your best shot is by winning this week," said Johnson. "Just look at history and see the percentage of teams who go on the road and make it to the Super Bowl. There aren't many."

The defending Super Bowl champions had to beat San Francisco in Candlestick Park to secure a Super Bowl berth last season.

The Cowboys and Giants are 11-4 and the loser will host a first round wild-card game the very next weekend.

Johnson said the bye week is important because of the rest it gives the players.

Dallas has won four consecutive games since it lost 16-14 to Miami on Thanksgiving Day, including a 38-3 rout of the Washington Redskins on Sunday.

"That was the game we were looking for," Johnson said. "We played excellent offense, were solid in the kicking game and played strong on defense."

The Dallas players say they feel a playoff atmosphere going against the Giants.

"We beat them earlier in the year (31-9) but they are a much better team now," said defensive end Russell Maryland. "I think we're getting better, too. We've done well against the Giants for the last couple of years. I know one thing, there will be a lot of hype this week. It's like a playoff game. It gets you pumped."

Safety James Washington said "we took care of business in December. Now our time of the year (January) is here."

Johnson said Giants coach Danny Reeves has done an amazing job getting New York turned around.

"Reeves is a leader and commands respect," Johnson said. "That value (in a coach) can never be underestimated. Reeves has the Giants playing significantly better."

Dallas might get pass rusher Charles Haley back for Sunday's game in the Meadowlands. Haley, who has back problems, didn't play against Washington and Johnson called him "doubtful" against New York.

Johnson said he was leaving it up to Haley to make the call whether he can play.

Tigers begin tourney play

The Snyder Tigers will put their 11-3 season record on the line today when they battle Vernon at 6 p.m. in the first round of play at the Sweetwater Trail of Lights Classic basketball tournament.

The Lions are 7-3 for the year, including a second-place finish at the Vernon Holiday Classic, just before the Christmas break.

Today's other opening-round game in pool play at Sweetwater will pit the host Mustangs against Stephenville at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Wylie will battle Vernon at 9 a.m., followed at 11 a.m. by the Greenwood-Stephenville matchup, Snyder vs. Wylie at 4 p.m. and Sweetwater vs. Greenwood at 6 p.m.

Thursday's championship-round seeding will be determined by teams' pool-play records and point differential against common opponents.

Trail of Lights Classic
Sweetwater High School
Tuesday, Dec. 28
Pool play
Snyder vs. Vernon, 6 p.m.
Stephenville vs. Sweetwater, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 29
Wylie vs. Vernon, 9 a.m.
Greenwood vs. Stephenville, 11 a.m.
Snyder vs. Wylie, 4 p.m.
Sweetwater vs. Greenwood, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 30
Consolation final 3 p.m.
Third place game 5 p.m.
Championship final 7 p.m.

Lady Tigers host girls from Cooper

Snyder girls' basketball coach Steve Qualls will see how much good his laying down the law did following the team's loss to Coahoma a week ago when the the Lady Tigers host Abilene Cooper in a 2 p.m. contest today.

Snyder's girls lost to the Lady Bulldogs, 43-42, in spite of having the ball three times in the last minute of the game, all the while trailing by a single point.

"We turned the ball over all three times without ever getting a shot," Qualls said.

"These girls are so close to being a good basketball team," the coach said. "I've gotten them to do things I've never been able to get some of my other teams to do. But we have to start performing.

"I'll tell you right now that I'm going to start pushing the girls a lot harder and I will expect them to perform well. If they don't, I'm going to be hard to live with."

Marissa Barrera, filling in for Meriah Worthen, who missed last week's game with the flu, led the SHS attack with 11 points. Senior Annie Ragland added 10 before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

Snyder brings a 4-9 record into today's battle. Cooper, taking a break from District 4-5A play, carries a 7-11 slate.

Snyder still has an appearance at the Dec. 30-Jan. 1 Jayton Tournament and a road game at San Angelo Lake View on Jan. 4 before beginning District 2-4A competition at home against Lamesa Jan. 7.



Bowl lineup

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All Times EST
Friday, Dec. 17
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Utah State 42, Ball State 33
Friday, Dec. 24
John Hancock Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Oklahoma 41, Texas Tech 10
Saturday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Gray 17, Blue 10
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Colorado 41, Fresno State 30
Tuesday, Dec. 28
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Michigan State (6-5) vs. Louisville (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Dec. 29
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Wyoming (8-3) vs. Kansas State (8-2-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Brigham Young (6-5) vs. Ohio State (9-1-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Southern Cal (7-5) vs. Utah (7-5), 9 p.m. (Raycom)
Friday, Dec. 31
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Virginia Tech (8-3) vs. Indiana (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Clemson (8-3) vs. Kentucky (6-5), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Alabama (8-3-1) vs. North Carolina (10-2), 7 p.m. (TBS)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Iowa (6-5) vs. California (8-4), 9:30 p.m. (ESPN)

College hoops

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EAST
Pittsburgh 76, Coppin St. 70
Seton Hall 74, Wagner 62
SOUTH
Jackson St. 79, Memphis St. 74
Murray St. 119, Pikeville 74
MIDWEST
Dayton 118, Cent. Connecticut St. 60
W. Michigan 88, Morehead St. 59
Wis.-Green Bay 97, Chicago St. 53
Wisconsin 80, Stanford 73
SOUTHWEST
Texas 87, Oklahoma 75
FAR WEST
Butler 60, Sacramento St. 58
TOURNAMENTS
Coors Light Classic
First Round
Fresno St. 89, Montana St. 71
Washington St. 93, CS Northridge 78
ECAC Holiday Festival
First Round
Georgia Tech 57, Temple 51
St. John's 83, Fairleigh Dickinson 59
Far West Classic
First Round
Oregon 75, Portland 72
Oregon St. 77, N.C.-Wilmington 57
Hoosier Classic
First Round
Indiana 81, Texas Christian 65
W. Kentucky 59, Princeton 45
Rainbow Classic
First Round
Evansville 81, Clemson 80
Hawaii 85, Army 69
Shootout Spokane
First Round
Gonzaga 84, New Hampshire 74
Samford 78, William & Mary 67
Sugar Bowl Tournament
First Round
George Washington 87, Coastal Carolina 68
New Orleans 79, Southern U. 72

NFL glance

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
x-Buffalo	11	4	0	.733	299	232
Miami	9	6	0	.600	322	318
N.Y. Jets	8	7	0	.533	270	223
Indianapolis	4	11	0	.267	179	348
New England	4	11	0	.267	205	259
Central						
x-Houston	11	4	0	.733	344	238
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	292	272
Cleveland	7	8	0	.467	295	291
Cincinnati	3	12	0	.200	174	299
West						
x-Kansas City	10	5	0	.667	294	267
y-Denver	9	6	0	.600	343	251
LA Raiders	9	6	0	.600	273	296
San Diego	7	8	0	.467	290	273
Seattle	6	9	0	.400	256	280
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
y-Dallas	11	4	0	.733	360	216
y-N.Y. Giants	11	4	0	.733	275	189
Philadelphia	7	8	0	.467	256	281
Phoenix	6	9	0	.400	299	259
Washington	4	11	0	.267	221	331
Central						
y-Green Bay	9	6	0	.600	320	252
y-Detroit	9	6	0	.600	268	272
Minnesota	8	7	0	.533	263	281
Chicago	7	8	0	.467	228	210
Tampa Bay	5	10	0	.333	220	344
West						
x-San Francisco	10	5	0	.667	439	258
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	297	330
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	306	358
LA Rams	4	11	0	.267	201	361

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Game
Houston 10, San Francisco 7
Sunday's Games
Cincinnati 21, Atlanta 17
Detroit 20, Chicago 14
New England 38, Indianapolis 0
Green Bay 28, Los Angeles Raiders 0
Philadelphia 37, New Orleans 26
Buffalo 16, New York Jets 14
Seattle 16, Pittsburgh 6
Cleveland 42, Los Angeles Rams 14
Phoenix 17, New York Giants 6
Tampa Bay 17, Denver 10
Dallas 38, Washington 3
Minnesota 30, Kansas City 10
Monday's Game
San Diego 45, Miami 20
Friday, Dec. 31
Minnesota at Washington, 3 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 2
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Dallas at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Denver at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.
Cincinnati at New Orleans, 4 p.m.
New York Jets at Houston, 8 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 3
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

NBA glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	17	6	.739	—
Orlando	15	11	.577	3½
Miami	12	11	.522	5
Boston	11	16	.407	8
New Jersey	10	15	.400	8
Philadelphia	9	16	.360	9
Washington	8	18	.308	10½
Central Division				
Atlanta	17	7	.708	—
Chicago	17	8	.680	½
Charlotte	15	11	.577	3
Cleveland	11	14	.440	6½
Indiana	10	15	.400	7½
Detroit	8	17	.320	9½
Milwaukee	7	20	.259	11½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	23	3	.885	—
Utah	19	8	.704	4½
San Antonio	16	11	.593	7½
Denver	12	13	.480	10½
Minnesota	8	19	.296	15½
Dallas	2	23	.080	20½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	20	3	.870	—
Phoenix	20	5	.800	1
Portland	16	11	.593	6
Golden State	14	11	.560	7
LA Clippers	11	14	.440	10
LA Lakers	9	18	.333	13
Sacramento	6	19	.240	15

Monday's Games
Orlando 122, Sacramento 110
Charlotte 109, Detroit 94
Washington 96, Milwaukee 87
Utah 97, Minnesota 93
Phoenix 118, Boston 102
LA Clippers 96, Philadelphia 86
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New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
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Charlotte at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Phoenix rallies past Boston

by The Associated Press

For one brief quarter, the Boston Celtics were the championship team of recent years.

It didn't last.

The Celtics made their first nine shots and led Phoenix 24-10 just 41/2 minutes into the game, then finished the quarter with a 39-31 advantage after 19-for-24 shooting. But Boston scored just 36 points in the next two periods, including 13 in the third, and lost to the Suns 118-102 Monday night.

"We regrouped," said Dan Majerle, who scored 20 of his 27 points in the first half to keep the Suns in the game. "I guess that's why they give you 48 minutes in basketball."

Dee Brown scored 14 of his 21 points in the first quarter for the Celtics, who shot 38 percent the last three quarters after hitting 79 percent in the first.

The loss was the sixth straight overall and the eighth in a row on the road for Boston, while Phoenix improved to 13-1 at home, best in the NBA.

"We had a great start, but when we substituted, we couldn't sustain it," coach Chris Ford said.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Orlando 122, Sacramento 110; Charlotte 109, Detroit 94; Washington 96, Milwaukee 87; Utah 97, Minnesota 93; and the Los Angeles Clippers 96, Philadelphia 86.

Oliver Miller scored nine of his 17 points in a 1:36 span late in the game, stifling a rally by Boston, which was outscored 29-13 in the third quarter.

A.C. Green finished with 25 points, and Kevin Johnson had 23 points and 14 assists for the Suns, who went into the fourth quarter with a 91-75 lead. The Celtics got as close as 100-91 with 6:10 left, but Miller's flurry sealed the outcome.

"Our defense self-destructed in the second half," Boston's Robert Parish said. "Our defense went south. We weren't able to contain Kevin Johnson. He created a lot of havoc on our defensive end."

Brown scored only seven more points after his 14-point first quarter as Phoenix coach Paul Westphal put Johnson on Brown.

Razorbacks still No. 1 in AP basketball poll

by The Associated Press

The top seven teams in the Associated Press college basketball poll remained the same, with No. 1 Arkansas' lead over North Carolina dropping just a bit.

The Razorbacks (7-0), who were extended to overtime at Tulsa in their only game, were on top of 46 ballots, four less than last week, and received 1,573 points from the national media panel Monday.

The Tar Heels (9-1), who won at Pittsburgh in their only game, had 11 first-place votes and 1,511 points, 43 more than Duke (6-0), which was taken to the final minutes at Iowa.

The Blue Devils received three first-place votes as did No. 4 Temple (4-0), which was idle. Kentucky (7-1), which won the Maui Invitational, was followed by Kansas (11-1), a winner over Furman and Indiana, and Michigan (6-1), which beat Central Michigan.

UCLA, an impressive winner at Houston, and Massachusetts (7-1), which had the week off, switched Nos. 8 and 9. The Bruins (6-0) again had one-first place vote. Purdue (9-0) closed the Top 10 for the second straight week.

Louisville was again No. 11 and was followed in the Top 20 by Arizona, Indiana, Connecticut, Georgia Tech, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Cincinnati, Syracuse and Oklahoma State.

Arizona and Indiana switched places after losses to ranked teams. The Wildcats were beaten by Kentucky on a tip-in at the buzzer in the championship game of the Maui Invitational, while Indiana lost in overtime at Kansas.

AP cage poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 26, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous rankings:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Arkansas (46)	7-0	1,573	1
2. North Carolina (11)	9-1	1,511	2
3. Duke (3)	6-0	1,468	3
4. Temple (3)	4-0	1,406	4
5. Kentucky	7-1	1,314	5
6. Kansas	11-1	1,268	6
7. Michigan	6-1	1,153	7
8. UCLA (1)	6-0	1,123	9
9. Massachusetts	7-1	1,115	8
10. Purdue	9-0	975	10
11. Louisville	5-1	916	11
12. Arizona	8-1	873	13
13. Indiana	5-2	795	12
14. Connecticut	7-0	773	15
15. Georgia Tech	7-1	703	14
16. Minnesota	7-2	650	16
17. Wisconsin	6-0	566	17
18. Cincinnati	8-2	389	20
19. Syracuse	7-1	361	21
20. Oklahoma St.	7-2	329	22
21. George Washington	5-1	280	23
22. Illinois	6-2	252	19
23. Boston College	7-2	201	18
24. Marquette	6-2	166	24
25. W. Kentucky	3-2	103	25

Others receiving votes: Vanderbilt 92, California 70, Missouri 42, Washington St. 41, LSU 32, Xavier, Ohio 31, Ohio St. 30, Florida St. 28, Ala.-Birmingham 27, Maryland 25, Oklahoma 13, New Mexico St. 12, Iowa St. 9, Georgia 7, Villanova 7, Georgetown 5, Florida 4, West Virginia 4, Kansas St. 3, Mississippi St. 3, Tulsa 2, Baylor 1, Montana 1, St. Louis 1, Tn.-Chattanooga 1, Virginia 1.

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Bystander killed in mall shootout

IRVING (AP) — An Irving electrician who stopped to eat in the food court of a suburban shopping mall was killed in front of his family when an altercation between two groups of young men erupted in gunfire.

Kevin Reuss Bacon, 37, was shot in the head and died Monday evening, officials said.

Bacon had been shopping in the Irving Mall with his wife, Cyndi Bacon, and their daughters, ages 2 and 4, when they went to the food court shortly after 6 p.m., said Dr. Paul Sanders of Dallas, Mrs. Bacon's employer.

Police said Bacon was a bystander. The intended victims also were shot and were taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital in nearby Dallas, said Sydney Gomez, a spokeswoman for the Irving Police Department.

Richard Damon Clark, 18, was listed in fair condition this morning with a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Christopher Deon Bagley, 19, was treated for a thigh wound and released today, hospital spokeswoman Yvonne Wilson said

The suspect, who used some type of automatic handgun, escaped from the mall. No one was in custody late Monday. "At this time, there's always a possibility that there could be more than one (suspect). It appears that there's one," Gomez said.

The three were shot after an altercation broke out between a group of young black men and another group of Hispanic youths.

"Apparently there wasn't an immediate indication ... that it was gang-related at all. But that's not to say it wasn't," Gomez said.

According to a statement police gave to mall store managers, the scuffle began on an escalator near the food court.

"The black males made it down the escalator and sat down to eat. The Hispanic males returned and one of them pulled a pistol and fired several shots," the statement said.

Sanders said Mrs. Bacon saw the suspect, but remembers little about the incident. "She saw the gun before it happened," he said, adding that the family was traumatized.

Obituaries

Marvin Hubbard

1918-1993

Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens for Marvin Eugene Hubbard, 75, of Snyder. He was pronounced dead Monday, due to natural causes, at his residence by Judge Tommie J. Mills.

Mr. Hubbard was born on July 19, 1918. He was preceded in death by one brother.

Survivors include one sister, Bertha Mae Botts of Snyder.

Wayne Clark

1913-1993

DAVENPORT, Okla. — Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Davenport Church of Christ for James Wayne Clark, 80, who died Dec. 20 in a Stroud hospital. Raymond Clark, Cleo Powell and Lee Cashat officiated.

Burial was at 3 p.m. in Paradise Valley Cemetery in Elgin, Okla.

Mr. Clark was the brother of Lorena May Burleson of Hermleigh.

Born on Jan. 11, 1913, in Jacksboro, Tex., to Charley Jackson Clark and Sarah Minnie McCoy, he married Clara Elizabeth Ahlwardt on Nov. 17, 1935, at Walters, Okla. Mr. Clark had retired from Turner Turnpike and Nichols Hardware and Grocery. He had served on the Davenport school board for 12 years and was a member of the Church of Little Flock, Comanche County. His parents, one brother and one sister preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons, Donald Wayne Clark of Yukon, Okla., Charles Harlan Clark of Albuquerque, N.M., and James Frederick Clark of Bethany, Okla.; two daughters, Sharon Elizabeth Cashat of Davenport and Shirley Joyce McGavock of El Reno, Okla.; one brother Charley Earl Clark of Fresno, Calif; and another sister, Minnie Pearl Whetzell of Las Vegas, Nev.

Arthur Millsap

1918-1993

COLORADO CITY — Military graveside services are set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Colorado City Cemetery for Arthur Harrison Millsap, 75, who died Sunday in Midland Memorial Hospital. Dr. Travis Monday will officiate.

Mr. Millsap was the father of Rusty Melton of Snyder.

Born in Rush Springs, Okla., Mr. Millsap married Alma Maxine McAnelly on Aug. 22, 1975 in San Angelo.

A U.S. Marine veteran of World War II, Mr. Millsap was retired from the Cosden Refinery. A member of the Baptist Church, Mr. Millsap was the widower of Anna Millsap who died in 1975.

Survivors include his wife, Alma Millsap of Colorado City; four other sons, Perry Millsap of Corona, Calif., Don Fite of Big Spring, Bob Fite of Anaheim, Calif., and Douglas Fite of Mississippi; a daughter, Janice Deshazer of Midland; 27 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Lonnie Crosby

1930-1993

CISCO — Services were held Monday at the Cisco First United Methodist Church for Lonnie Crosby, 63, who died Saturday in an Eastland Hospital. Burial followed in the Oakwood Cemetery.

Crosby was golf professional at the Snyder Country Club in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He had also been golf pro at Lake Cisco Country Club.

Born in Morton Valley, Mr. Crosby was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a board member of the Lake Cisco Country Club and an honorary member of the West Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Survivors include his wife, Dixie Crosby of Cisco; a son, Russell Crosby of Lubbock; two daughters, Brenda Crosby of Abilene and Cindy Tubb of Cisco; a brother, A.G. Crosby of Eastland; and two grandchildren.

Clonie Burk

1903-1993

ABILENE — Services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel for Clonie C. Burk, 90, who died Sunday in an Abilene hospital. Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

She was the mother of Martha Neeley of Snyder.

Born in McCauley, Mrs. Burk was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ. Her husband, James Burk, preceded her in death.

Other survivors include a brother, E.C. St. Clair of Smyer; a sister, Cavvie Holder of Lubbock; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Wife slain

NAPERVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Soon after Marsha Brewer-Stewart's husband was accused of trying to stab her to death seven months ago, authorities began pleading with her to leave him and get help.

Their advice went unheeded.

Not only did she stay with her husband, she posted his $10,000 bond and moved back in with him. On Sunday, Gregory Stewart again attacked his wife, and this time he killed her, police said.

"It's very, very tragic," said DuPage County State's Attorney James Ryan.

Stewart, 38, was charged Monday with murder and ordered held without bond.

His 44-year-old wife called police Sunday night from her home, saying she was being threatened with a knife, Ryan said. She hung up quickly and when they called back, Stewart answered, saying there was nothing wrong.

Squad cars were dispatched, but it was too late. Police found Brewer-Stewart's body with a knife in her chest, Ryan said. She was pronounced dead at the scene.



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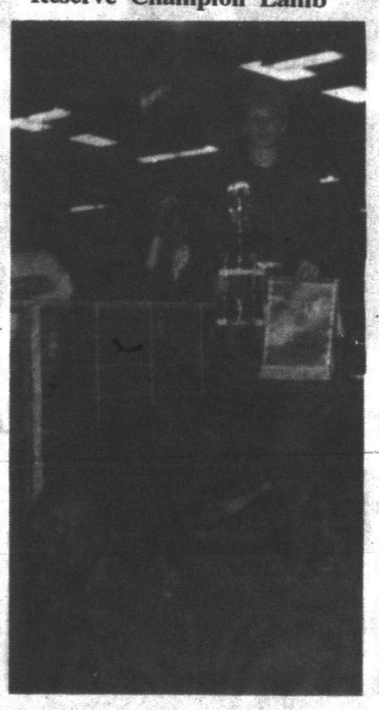

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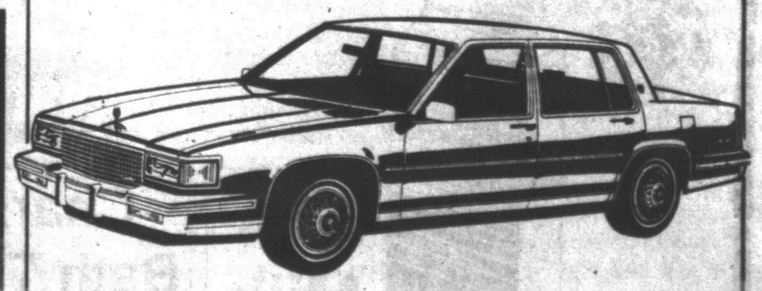

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First quarter of 1993 sees courtroom drama, oil patch manuevering

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one time been a national powerhouse.

The fate of the program had been on hold since July of 1992 when the coach, Kelly Green, announced he was leaving. In a 4-3 vote at that time, trustees elected not to fund a team for 1992-93. In January of 1993, citing a lack of funding, fan support and discipline problems, the board elected to discontinue the program altogether.

WTC began its men's basketball program in 1971 and won six conference and regional titles and made six trips to the NJCAA National Tournament. The Westerners were NJCAA National Champions in 1974-75 and 1979-80.

Among the deaths in the first quarter of 1993 was that of John Jarrell, president and general manager of Ezell-Key Grain Co. and a longtime civic leader. He died Jan. 13 at the age of 57. At his death, Jarrell was chairman of the board of Snyder National Bank and also chairman of the Development Corporation of Snyder.

Among other memorable events during the first four months of the year were:

JANUARY

—Marcus Belew entered the grand champion in the swine division of the 49th Annual Scurry County Livestock Show on Jan. 20. A day later, Jamie Beck took the grand champion trophy in the sheep division. On the third day, Elyse Merritt had the grand champion steer. Dell Blackwell took home championship honors in the commercial steer project.

—Local residents blindfolded the famous White Buffalo on the square and placed a sign on it proclaiming "Da Boyz Are Back" after the Dallas Cowboys defeated Buffalo 52-17 in the Super Bowl.

FEBRUARY

—Airport Manager Darrell Mize submitted his resignation on Feb. 9, bringing to a close a lengthy dispute between the court, airport board members and airport personnel.

—Scurry County Head Start was officially made a delegate agency under Central Texas Opportunities on Feb. 16. CTO also approved expanding the program from 20 to 40 children.

—Wayland Harrison and Kim Mitchell were named Mr. and Miss Snyder High School during coronation ceremonies on Feb. 22.

—Jason Withers of Snyder and Rita Moreno of Eola were named Mr. and Miss Trailhand during Mardi Gras festivities at Western Texas College on Feb. 24.

MARCH

—Mayor Troy Williamson announced that he was resigning in order to become director of regional services for the Concho Valley Council of Governments in San Angelo. His resignation was effective April 1.

—Steve Justice took over as Postmaster for the Snyder Post Office, replacing Charles Thornton who retired five months earlier.

—James Black, an eight-year veteran with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, was promoted March 3 to assistant warden at the Price Daniel Unit. He replaced Robert Parker, who was transferred to Palestine as assistant warden at the Michaels Unit.

—Seventh grader Chris Halbert repeated as the Scurry County Spelling Bee champion on March 5. Halbert advanced to regionals in Lubbock on April 4 where he withstood 59 rounds to place second.

—Mark Smith, a native of Fort Worth, was named chaplain at the Price Daniel Unit, replacing Stanley Wilson.

—Snyder was omitted as a site when the Texas Department of Criminal Justice board chose companies to build four 500-bed private prisons. The announcement was made March 19.

—Hermleigh's one-act play, "April Fish," was named co-winner at Zone competition along with Jayton on March 23. Although the play won individual honors at District on March 30, it did not advance.

—Ira's "The Crucible," also at Zone on March 23 and advanced to district competition in Hamlin. The play advanced again, entering the Area level on April 9.

—Rita Moreno of Eden and Fletcher Tigner of Magdalen, N.M., were named Mr. and Miss Western Texas College during the Spring Formal.

—Snyder High School's "Macbeth" was chosen to advance to area competition at the District 2-4A One-Act Play Contest held March 27. The play was then chosen to advance to Regional competition from the April 8 Area meet.

—Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh marked its 85th anniversary on March 28 with a special family celebration.

APRIL

—Snyder High School students won 10 individual and three team events on the way to capturing sweepstakes at the District 2-4A UIL Literary Contest April 2 in Lubbock.

—Hermleigh finished second overall in the District 15-A UIL Literary Contest on April 3 at Western Texas College. Hermleigh advanced four to regionals while Ira advanced two students.

—Snyder's C.A. "Mac" McCown was elected governor of Lions District 2-T2 at a conference held in Plainview on April 3.

—The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held April 6. Among those honored were R.C. Patton, the Sizemore Award; W.C. Hart, the Winston Award; Jack Greene Sr., the McLaughlin Award; and Theresa Vest, Educational Excellence Career Achievement Award. The Vestal Award was accepted by the wife and children of the late John Jarrell — wife Sammie, son Lee Allen and daughter Melanie.

—Snyder High School band took sweepstakes for the fourth consecutive year, competing April 7 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

—Western Texas College men accumulated 445 points to gallop away with the championship trophy in the WTC NIRA Rodeo. The team would go on to win the NIRA Southwest Regional title and compete in the CNFR in Bozeman, Mont. for the 12th time in 13 years.

—Recycling containers were placed in three locations in Snyder as the city began encouraging residents to recycle. The facilities were sponsored by the Extension Service Council executive board, the Environmental Concerns Committee and the City of Snyder.

—Longtime Borden County rancher Ralph Miller and T&K Farms producers Tim and Keith Collier were among those honored at the 1993 Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Banquet. Miller also received the Take Pride in America Award, sponsored by USDA, Goodyear and the National Association of State Conservation Agencies. Conservation Educator Awards went to Stanfield Elementary Principal Bob Travis and Borden County vocational ag teacher Buddy Wallace.

—Snyder High School took sweepstakes during the Region I 4A UIL academic and one-act play competition April 23 and 24 in San Angelo. "Macbeth" won the Region 1-4A One-Act Play Contest to advance to state. Eight of the 15 cast members were singled out by the judge for awards. Also advancing to state were six students in literary competition.

—Over 300 people worked on 17 homes Saturday, April 24 as the annual Snyder Neighbors Sharing project was held here.

—Two Snyderites, Fred Sawtell, a computer science major, and Anita Brown, a political science major, were named outstanding male and female students at Western Texas College's annual awards ceremony on April 27.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

On December the 18th, I was taking the family puppy outside to potty before I put her to bed. She was a small Palmoranean who had been with the family for 7 months. She was extremely smart, friendly and loveable. The kind of puppy that just cuddles up in your arms and gives you that deep brown-eyed pet me look.

We live on the corner of 30th St. and Ave. V — anyway — some people had caught her attention across 30th Street. I heard a car coming and turned to see the car. It was a good 4 blocks away. At that moment (Lacy) the puppy ran across to greet our neighbors. She didn't even get half way across the near lane till the car hit her. I was standing on the side of the road watching her little body being thrown up and under and around the car. The car was speeding very fast and just barely had time to pump the brakes. The car did not stop but kept right on going. I ran out in the street and picked her up and she was barely alive.

The neighbors across the street saw the whole mishap. I took her in the house lying in my arms. As my family and I tried to get a veterinarian, but couldn't find one; we could do nothing but watch our new little family member die before our eyes. She lasted about 30 minutes after the mishap.

My message is simple: My family spent this Christmas in sorrow. I hope the kids in the car that hit our little Lacy had a very merry Christmas!

P.S. Where are the police patroling now-a-days?

Mike Roberts
Snyder, TX

Santa Fe crossings due

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flashers. Martin said customarily the railway will make the modifications at each location in one time frame, unless an emergency pulls the crew away from the area temporarily.

Four train-vehicle accidents occurred in Snyder during a 12-month span in 1992 and 1993, including two at the Avenue E crossing and one at Avenue B. However, officials from Santa Fe and the Texas Department of Transportation have said they are not sure if the accidents prompted the go-aheaad on the projects. The intersections have been on the State of Texas priority list for funding since 1991.

Considered when placing an intersection on the priority list are the amount and speed of vehicle traffic, the amount and speed of train traffic and the number of accidents which have occurred.

A highway department railroad liason has said Snyder's Avenue I intersection was placed on the 1992 program to receive crossing gates. However, that project has not yet reached the funding stage, Martin said.

Police note two arrests

Snyder police made two arrests and began a burglary investigation Monday.

Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1000 block of 29th Street at 7:44 p.m. where they arrested a 56-year-old man for disorderly conduct.

At 8:33 p.m., a woman contacted police from Allsup's to report threats made to her by another subject. A report for family violence was submitted and police took a 31-year-old woman into custody for public intoxication.

A woman notified officers at 7:59 p.m. that her residence at 408 28th St. had been burglarized. An offense report for burglary of a residence has been filed and police are continuing the investigation.

A woman contacted police at 3:39 p.m. Monday in reference to problems she was having with a subject. A report for Class A criminal trespass was filed.

At 4:43 p.m., a woman reported that someone had damaged a residence in the 1100 block of 32nd Street. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Child charged

CHICAGO (AP) — A 10-year-old baby sitter kicked a 1-year-old girl to death to stop her crying, police said.

The boy was held at a juvenile detention center on murder charges Monday in the death of Lauren O'Neal. He was not identified because of his age.

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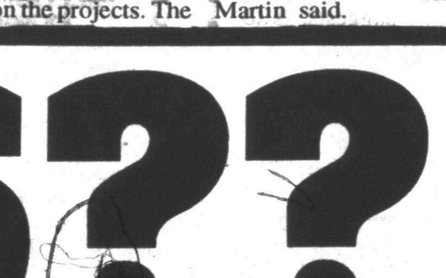

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Business Mirror

By John Cunniff
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Among approaches to lowering health-care costs are these: Government pricing restraints, cutbacks on unnecessary services and facilities, labor and cost-saving innovations — and just not paying bills on time, if ever.

So far as can be determined, no health-care official or financial adviser publicly recommended a slow-pay or no-pay procedure, but with the added restraints of insurers, doctors' collections fall far short of billings.

"Medical Economics," a management magazine for physicians, found that median collection revenues for office-based private practioners dropped nearly a nickel between 1987 and 1992, from 90.1 cents to 85.2 cents on the dollar.

The survey showed collection problems were widespread throughout the country and through almost all 12 medical disciplines studied, with thoracic surgeons faring the worst, down 12.7 points to just 71.4 percent.

Behavior of this sort, of course, is not limited to the medical areas. Lawyers and accountants generally report difficulties collecting bills in weak economies. Even the biggest corporations sometimes institute slow-pay policies, and from time to time Uncle Sam has been accused of being a laggard.

What may make the doctors' problem unique is that it is wrapped in issues that transcend economics, accompanied as it is by a government-led effort to restrain fees and a broad public sense of indignation at medical-care prices.

The greatest declines appeared among surgical specialists, and the smallest declines among those with whom the patient has more personal contact, such as general practioners, family physicians, pediatricians and psychiatrists.

After thoracic surgeons, the worst ratio was among cardiovascular surgeons, whose median fell from 80.8 percent for all surgical specialists in 1987 to 71.6 percent in 1992. In contrast, non-surgeons collected 85.6 percent of billings, down from 90.1 percent in the earlier year.

One indication that the decline in collections resulted from more than strictly economic reasons was the fact that New England, which had the worst payment ratio in 1987, had the highest in 1992, when it was still depressed.

Offsetting this thesis to some extent, however, was the appearance of the worst 1992 ratio in the Far West, were the big California economy has been notably weaker than most other areas.

Only 18 percent of respondents achieved the 95 percent collection rate that management consultants advise them to seek, down from 24 percent in the earlier survey, with surgical specialists trailing again at just 13 percent.

At the other extreme, the best ratios were achieved by physicians aged 65 to 69, in practice for more than 30 years, working in unincorporated solo practices in suburban communities. Nevertheless, their ratios also declined.

Financial pressures associated with weak economies inevitably cause changes in consumer behavior, such as fewer purchases, buying at discount stores, buying generically rather than by label and delaying purchases.

Such discretionary behavior cannot be applied to medical care, at least to the same extent. While frivolous visits to the doctor's office may be reduced, emergency purchases of medical care cannot be delayed

Moreover, such services may not easily be denied, as purchases may be in most consumer markets. Even among those able to pay, medical-care bills often disrupt regular monthly budgets.

One consequence of this, "Medical Economics" suggests, is to cause "many patients to shuffle doctors' bills further down in the pile." And, it reminds its physician readers, "insurers have been shaving your reimbursements."

But there may be more to it than that, such as the popular notion that medical-care prices are too high — why, patients rationalize, even insurers and government officials say so — and that, therefore, it is OK to cheat the doctor.

Foremost concern of 1968 remains same

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are on the case, President Clinton said, pressing for a crime control law to make their streets safer, their homes more secure.

Just as they were 25 years ago.

Then, as now, crime was a major political issue, ranked atop the list of domestic concerns in public opinion polls.

Now, as then, there are differences on where to put the emphasis and resources in dealing with it — punishment or prevention.

And the parallels don't end there.

"Violence scarred and lacerated American politics through 1968," Theodore S. White wrote in his "Making of the President" chronicle of that campaign. "Crime and killing, robbery and looting, perversion ... riot, sniping, assassination all pounded on Americans..."

Other concerns, even the Vietnam war, would pass, White said then, but not the issue of law and order, not the basic questions he saw in it:

"What kind of people were we, what kind of people did we seek to become, what kind of new communities did we need to create, what restraints were required on expressions or purpose of communication that nourished violence?"

"Lawlessness is crumbling the foundations of American society," the 1968 Republican platform said, pledging an all-out crusade against crime.

"My overriding concern ... is for safe streets in America," Democratic President Lyndon B. Johnson said as he signed a 1968 crime control bill he said would help lift the shadow of fear.

But a full generation later, fear persists over crime and violence that now seems more random, and so more menacing.

When the Senate passed its 1993 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, the Democrat who guided it through called the bill "a dramatic step in stemming the tide of violence that's overwhelming this nation." Sen. Joseph R. Biden of Delaware said crime was the single most pressing issue on the minds of Americans.

Polls indicate that it is now, but that's been a sometime thing, and so has the congressional effort to deal with it. Law enforcement is, after all, primarily a state and local responsibility. So federal aid for police, law enforcement and crime prevention is a major element in crime bills like the $22.3 billion measure the Senate approved this year.

Gun control is an exception. The first steps to regulate the commerce in handguns were in Johnson's 1968 crime bill; the Brady bill, with its five-day waiting period, was the last act of Congress in 1993.

In the unfinished crime bill, the Senate voted to ban 19 types of assault weapons. That remains to be settled with the House, which approved a series of separate anti-crime bills. Congress will have to fashion a final version this winter. Clinton wants it done quickly. And Sen. Bob Dole, the Republican leader, agreed that crime control should be top priority. "It's the number one priority of the American people," he said.

Clinton said Congress should be getting that message "big time" from the voters back home. "That's our sense ... that they're really hearing from the people that ... they just have to have more security on their streets, in their schools, in their communities," he said a week ago.

"The American people are still on it," he said.

The Senate bill authorizes $89 billion in federal aid for a five-year program to hire 100,000 more police officers, a Clinton campaign pledge. He said there now is bipartisan support in Congress for additional policemen and for other enforcement steps in the Senate crime bill. The president has just announced $50 million in grants under existing programs to add police in 74 cities. "Help is on the way," Clinton said.

It needs to be sent carefully; a rush to respond to heightened crime concerns can plant problems. A dozen Washington, D.C., police officers were arrested Dec. 14 for bribery and drug conspiracy; 10 of them had been hired during a hurried recruiting drive Congress forced in 1989-1990.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Garry Mauro has filed for re-election

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro has formally filed for re-election, vowing to create new jobs by developing more environmentally clean industries in the state.

Mauro, 45, a Democrat, filed his paperwork Monday in an attempt to win a fourth term to the office that oversees the leasing, trades, purchases and sales of state lands to help finance public education.

The land commissioner also oversees state oil spill and coastal management programs.

Mauro said his efforts to convince fleet operators to convert their vehicles to run on natural gas and to make recycling a consistently profitable business in Texas would be among his top priorities in a new four-year term.

Marta Greytok, a former member of the Public Utility Commission, has announced as a Republican candidate for land commissioner.

Venezuela's Angel Falls, the highest in the world, were not named for celestial beings, but for explorer Jimmy Angel, who brought word of their existence to the outside world.

Republicans chide treasurer over tobacco staff transfer

AUSTIN (AP) — In a strange case of musical chairs, some Republicans are questioning the legality of and motivation behind State Treasurer Martha Whitehead's decision to transfer the state tobacco tax collecting division back to the state comptroller.

The Legislature transferred the division four years ago to the Treasury from the state comptroller to increase efficiency. The latest transfer of the division back to the comptroller will start Jan. 11.

Democratic Gov. Ann Richards appointed Ms. Whitehead in June. Ms. Whitehead is campaigning on a promise to seek legislative and voter approval to abolish the Treasury in 1995.

The transfer of the tobacco tax collection transfer and her proposal to abolish the agency would generate millions of dollars, Ms. Whitehead contends.

Republican treasurer candidate Teresa Doggett and others are questioning whether such initiatives would provide the economic benefits Ms. Whitehead promises.

They also wonder whether shifting tobacco tax collection is legally sound, and whether it is motivated purely by politics.

"It is very odd that we transferred the (tobacco division) over there and now, all of a sudden, she is transferring it back just a few years later," said state Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland.

Craddick chairs the House Ways and Means Committee and was a ranking member of the panel when it reviewed the transfer bill in 1989 before sending it to the Legislature. The bill passed with bipartisan support.

Ms. Whitehead's plan should be reviewed by lawmakers to determine whether it would save taxpayers money or if it would hurt overall tax collections and enforcement, Craddick said.

"That office has been earning more and more money every year since that time (1989)," Craddick said. "If she is doing that (transferring the division), then those recommendations should be forwarded on to the Legislature."

Ms. Doggett and the other Republican candidates for treasurer, David Hartman, an Austin bank chairman, and Mike Wolf, a Houston high school student, also oppose abolishing the Treasury Department.

The Treasury, which has about 250 employees and an annual budget of $11 million, manages the state's investments and administers unclaimed property laws.

A 23-person staff enforces collection of tobacco taxes, which were raised from 26 cents a pack in 1989 to 41 cents this year.

There are no antelopes native to North America. The pronghorn, often referred to as an antelope, is actually a deer. The closest relative to the antelope on this continent is the Rocky Mountain goat.

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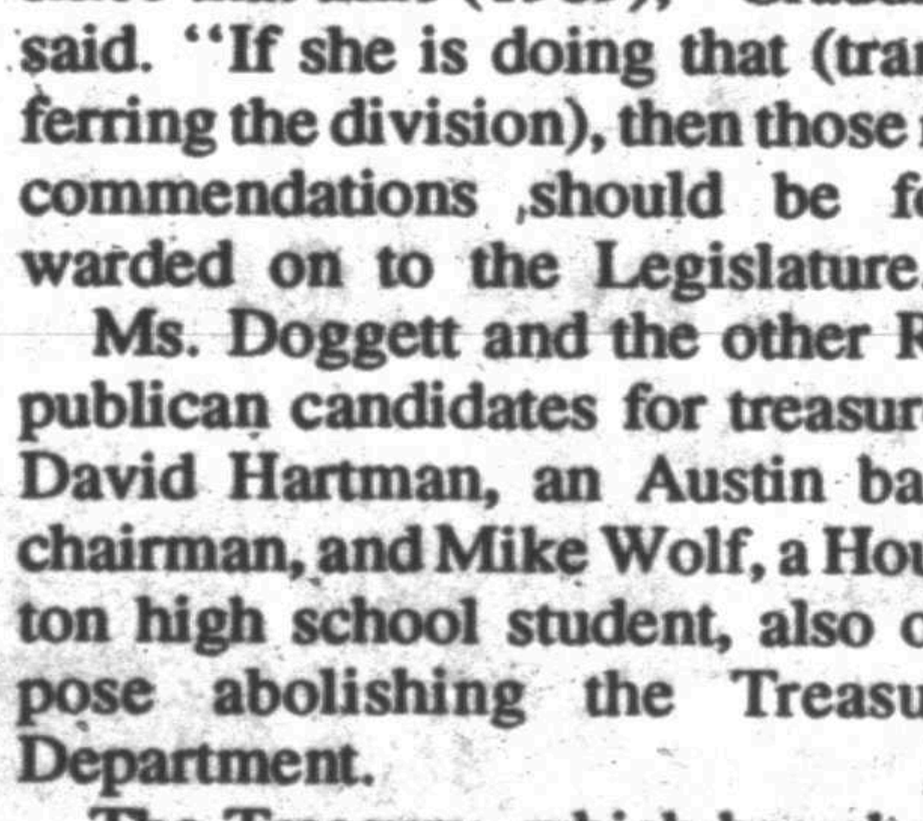

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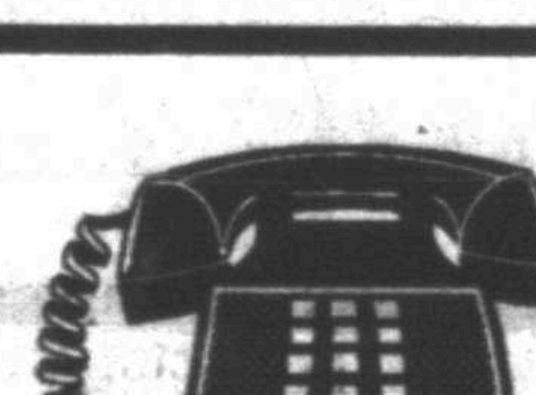

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A Tribute To Hollis Hubert Fields (1914 - 1993)



We have come here today with but one purpose: to turn our attention briefly upon the memory of Hollis Hubert Fields, for each of us either a friend, a business associate, a grandfather, uncle, father or husband. Here today we lay to rest his body, knowing that his soul lives on and carrying with us his living memory.

Not all of these memories will be ideal. What man could hope for that? But because we knew both his good and his bad. Because he, like we, was human and fallible; and more than anything, simply because we loved him, are the reasons we set aside his failings, and here today see only the glow from his better side.

Born in 1914 in what can only be described as grinding poverty, he lost his father when he was three. In those days, a widow and her children had little to hope for, and their poverty only deepened. By the time he was 10, he was doing a man's job working in the fields. He once told me that at that tender age, an age when your children and mine were playing carefree and secure, he picked 200 pounds of cotton in a day. Later at the height of his strength and vigor, he was never able to pick more than 300. He learned very early what hard work meant. And he determined to work agressively, thoroughly and ethically, and to escape the poverty that lay before him.

The years from youth into adolecence are often called the formative years, the time when the character and attitudes of a man take form. Certainly, these years could have infused in him a cruelty and a take-what-you-can ethic toward the world. But he knew the Great Depression was hard for everyone, and he was made of finer stuff than that. Where he might have learned jealousy and coveteousness, he learned instead diligence and thrift. Where he might have learned bitterness and cruelty, he learned instead humor and compassion. Where he might have learned to be hard and dishonest he learned instead to be caring and ethical.

As a businessman and employer, he knew that others were willing to work as hard as he if they could, by doing so, improve their lives. So he worked out an innovative pay-scale that increased the take-home pay of those who were willing to work. Productivity and profits rose as well. It was not enough that he should come out ahead. The better solution was, for him, let everyone win.

As a city councilman in the 1950s, he saw the vast inequity between the resources and the facilities made available to the black people in our town. Perhaps he looked back and remembered his own youth, when the society seemed to refuse him any opportunity but to labor and sweat. I make no attempt to paint him as a "do-gooder" or a "bleeding heart," for both God and we all know he was neither. But he did care. And he believed deep in his heart that children of all kinds deserved a chance to climb higher. If they failed to snatch that opportunity, if they felt it should be handed to them, they might pass it by. But at least he had done what he could to make it available.

As a father, as in every relationship in his life, he valued loyalty perhaps more than anything. During my own times of trial, he stood by me against any and all that would pull me down. To him, the question of whether I was right or wrong was secondary; loyalty to his own came first. He never knew how crucial to me that loyalty was.

As a man, he was decisive and uncomplicated, living by a few simple rules. For example, he told me once when I was faced with a hard decision, "First find out what your options are, then decide. And once you've made your decision, never look back." These were not just words; they were part of him. And he applied them to his own life. You could count on this: If he gave you advice, it was exactly what he believed and exactly how he would have handled the situation.

And he had fun. Whether playing games with one of the children who gravitated toward him, tempting a kitten to stalk his hand, hosting a "tacky party" or playing "forty-two," laughter was always just below the surface, ready to bubble up.

And finally, the children. What was it that drew them to him? I think it was that he let them come instead of trying to get them to. And he let them go their own way when they were ready. They felt safe with him and they had fun with him. He loved and accepted them without reservations. And as a result, hardly a child passed through his life that didn't fall for him--and he for them.

So today, while we know he had faults, we choose to remember how he overcame. A boy with nothing who became as a man an unqualified success. A boy forced to work away his childhood, who still recognized the necessity and value of hard work. A boy who had little to laugh about who became a man whose laughter warmed us all. A boy often rejected who grew to be the most loyal of men. A man who made his own way, who carefully weighed his options and stuck by his decisions. A father who loved, a friend who cared. A man who overcame. May God take him to his breast, stroking the brow of the boy and praising the strength of the man.

Tribute read at memorial service, written by his son, Rodger Hollis Fields

Paid Tribute

Dear Abby



Party Treats Can Be Toxic For Kids With Fatal Allergies

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: As a practicing allergist, I would like to make parents, hosts and hostesses for holiday and birthday parties aware that they should be extremely careful with children who are allergic to various foods.

I once had a young boy as a patient who was severely allergic to peanuts. He and his mother regarded this with extreme caution, but once, while attending a birthday party, his allergy proved fatal.

His mother had informed the hostess about "Billy's" allergy and strictly ordered that he not eat anything containing peanuts. The hostess agreed not to feed Billy any such food. Unfortunately, other ladies were helping with the party. One handed out homemade peanut-butter cookies and insisted Billy try one. He tried to refuse, but she insisted. Less than 30 minutes later, Billy was dead.

I want to use this horribly sad incident to warn anyone who is helping with children's activities to please be cautious with your own children as well as others'. Anyone who hands out treats to children, please be aware of the dangers involved. Make certain that the children you serve are not allergic to any foods so they don't end up like Billy.

CLAUDE A. FRAZIER, M.D.,
ASHEVILLE, N.C.

DEAR DR. FRAZIER: Thank you for a warning that applies all year around. I'm printing your letter in the hope that once alerted, other parents can prevent a similar tragedy.

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DEAR ABBY: I am in a bit of a dilemma and need your advice.

My husband and I have been happily married for 10 years. I am 30 and my husband is 38, and we have three beautiful, healthy children.

I have agreed to become a surrogate mother for a married woman who has unsuccessfully tried to have a baby for 10 years. I have discussed this with my husband, and he is agreeable. (The egg and sperm will be the other couple's — they are just using my body as an incubator.)

I will be paid $5,000 when my pregnancy is confirmed, and $5,000 after the baby is born. All my pregnancies and deliveries have been relatively easy.

When I told my mother about this, she said, "Have you lost your mind? If you go through with this, I don't want to see you in that condition."

I told her she could live her own life, and let me live mine.

Abby, your column isn't long enough to describe the emotional abuse my mother has put me through since all this started. What is your advice?

NO NAME OR TOWN, PLEASE

DEAR NO NAME: I think the advice you gave your mother — to live her own life and let you live yours — was sensible and to the point. Surrogate motherhood is not about renting one's womb; it's about helping a woman fulfill her dream of motherhood.

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DATE BOOK

Dec. 28, 1993

Today is the 362nd day of 1993 and the eighth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1895, the Lumiere brothers gave the first commercial showing of a movie.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924), U.S. president; Earl "Fatha" Hines (1905-1983), musician; Lew Ayres (1908-), actor, is 85; Terry Sawchuck (1929-1970), hockey great; Maggie Smith (1934-), actress, is 59; Edgar Winter (1946-), musician, is 47; Denzel Washington (1954-), actor, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1947, the Chicago Cardinals defeated the Philadelphia Eagles, 28-21, to win the only NFL championship in Cardinals history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "People will endure their tyrants for years, but they tear their deliverers to pieces if a millennium is not created immediately." — Woodrow Wilson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1897, Dayville, Ore., set the state's December high of 81 degrees.

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TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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400 cable channels coming in future

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tired of surfing all those channels on cable TV? Wait until you see what's just ahead: hundreds of new channels on a slew of wannabe networks, from TV Car Showroom to the Therapy Channel.

Plus the Baseball Network, Booknet, Arts and Antiques Network, Cable Health Club, Planet Central TV and Spice 2, just to name a few more.

The list goes on and on.

It's made possible by a bit of engineering legerdemain known as "digital compression." This new technology, which should roll out sometime in 1994, squeezes more information into a smaller amount of space on the cable. More information means more channels.

It could increase the number of available channels to 400 — and about 70 new networks are gearing up to join the more than 80 already out there.

"More than ever it is a niche game," said Rob Stoddard of the Cable Telecommunications Association. "People who have had programming ideas for years are saying, 'Whoa, there are a lot of holes out there, I'd better go out and start that network I was thinking about.'"

A list of channels just out or in the planning stages is heavy on shopping, health and movies. But instead of video department stores, the shopping channels are more like boutiques — offering just clothes, music or cars, for example.

Movies are being grouped to specific tastes and demographics. International programming rarely seen on American TV could soon be on several channels.

"There is tremendous opportunity for independent producers," said Colleen Harkins of Vision Group Inc., a subsidiary of Tele-Communications Inc., the giant cable company that helps new networks get going.

The New Culture Channel, for example, is being created by three Silver Spring, Md., entrepreneurs to give more exposure to independently produced movies.

"There is a huge pool of films out there that never make it into the theaters," said the network's vice president, David Thomas. "It is not that they are not good. It is that they don't have access to the distribution that the studio films do."

The channel will be offered to subscribers for an extra $2 or $3 per month, small change compared with the big premium networks such as HBO, says Thomas.

Like magazine publishers, the new cable channel creators are tapping special-interest markets and don't anticipate the 61 million subscribers of cable behemoths such as ESPN or CNN.

Programming on the New Culture Channel will be geared to 18- to 35-year-olds subscribing to urban cable systems, said Thomas. "We don't have to have access to 30 million subscribers to make a living."

"The game now is to get on enough systems so that you're making a little money and are teed up when things happen," said Bruce Goodman, president of FYI Network Inc., whose Consumer Channel will appear in 10 million homes early next year.

It takes $5 million to $50 million to start a cable network. The survival rate so far has been pretty good, says John Mansell of Paul Kagan Associates Inc., a cable TV analysis firm.

Jones to play Cobb

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Tommy Lee Jones, who got his man in "The Fugitive," will play rough-and-tumble baseball legend Ty Cobb in his next movie.

"Cobb" will also star Robert Wuhl as a reporter writing a biography of the ballplayer.

Film crews are expected in town in February, said Rob Harris, publicist for producer Ron Shelton.

Cobb, known as the Georgia Peach, held the mark for most career hits with 4,191 until Pete Rose broke the record.

Ft. Worth policeman dies after 5 days in coma

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Fort Worth policeman who was hit by an allegedly drunken driver with at least eight previous DWI convictions lost his fight for life after spending five days in a coma.

Officer Alan Chick, an 11-year veteran, died at 4:23 p.m. Monday at John Peter Smith Hospital after his life support was disconnected. Family members and Chief Thomas Windham were at his side, police officials said.

"Officer Chick was one of those Fort Worth police officers who gave it his all. ... It's very sad when one of these incidents ends this way," Windham said.

Chick suffered severe head injuries early Wednesday. He was helping a motorist start a stalled pickup on Loop 820 when a white Cadillac struck the back of the truck, then hit Chick. The motorist, Julie Ann Wright, and her brother-in-law suffered minor injuries.

Eugene Standerford, 55, of Dallas, was released from the Tarrant County Jail Thursday night on $10,000 bail. He was arrested at the accident site Wednesday on suspicion of driving while intoxicated.

Standerford had been charged with DWI 12 times previously and convicted eight times, state records show.

Paula Watson, president of the Tarrant County branch of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, blamed the judicial system for Chick's death.

"Even now, with a charge of involuntary manslaughter, the most Eugene Standerford stands to face is 10 years in prison," said Ms. Watson.

"It's just not fair," she said, adding that she had seen Chick's young son. "He was crying and screaming that he wanted his daddy. And his daddy's not here, all because Eugene Standerford chose to drink and drive."

Test results showed Standerford's blood alcohol level was 0.15 percent at the time of the accident, police said. A level of 0.10 percent is the legal definition of drunkenness in Texas.

Lt. Pat Kneblick, a police spokeswoman, said a warrant charging Standerford with involuntary manslaughter was issued for his arrest Monday evening. Bond was set at $110,000 but he had not been booked on the new charges late Monday.

Chick was a midnight watch patrol officer who received 14 commendations during his tenure. He was nominated for Officer of the Year from the south division in 1991.

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