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Effort to stave off impeachment vote dims

WASHINGTON (AP) — With their chances to stave off an impeachment vote in the House dimming, President Clinton and his defenders got more bad news today as a moderate New York Republican who previously opposed removing Clinton from office abruptly reversed course.

"The issue is about principle, not politics," Rep. Jack Quinn said in announcing he will now vote for impeachment. "My decision is based on the clear evidence of perjury and obstruction of justice as presented by the House Judiciary Committee in the last week."

Joining Quinn was fellow New York Rep. John McHugh, who announced today he will vote to approve at least two of the four articles of impeachment sent to the House by the Judiciary Committee last week.

The White House has been counting on some 20 moderate Republicans, mostly in the Northeast, to buck their party and provide enough votes to block impeachment. But as Clinton returned home from a Middle East peace mission, the number of potential GOP defectors was quickly dwindling.

More than a half dozen on the target list came out for impeachment on Monday alone, including Republican Reps. Frank LoBiondo of New Jersey, Jim Walsh of New York, and Fred Upton of Michigan.

Clinton could take some small comfort in the advice of the man he defeated for re-election in 1996. Former Sen. Bob Dole proposed in an op-ed article in The New York Times today that Congress end the impeachment battle this year by passing a joint resolution of Congress to censure Clinton. "It is time for a tough but responsible conclusion," he wrote.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., urged the president to "follow his own instincts and his own conscience" in facing GOP demands he admit to lying under oath. And he said while most believe there isn't enough votes in the Senate to convict Clinton if his case was sent there, "as far as I know hardly any of my colleagues in the Senate have said how they would vote."

The White House still, hoped to reverse one or more of the small number of Democrats who leaning toward impeachment. Rep. Virgil Goode Jr., a Virginia Democrat who was widely assumed to be pro-impeachment declined in an interview Monday to say how he would vote but said he continues to believe "that false statements under oath after one has been warned that such statements are subject to perjury is an impeachable offense."

An Associated Press telephone survey of House members demonstrated that it was impossible to make a prediction. The results: 124 lawmakers said they would support impeachment, 151 said they would oppose it, 104 remained undecided, and 58 wouldn't answer or didn't return phone calls. The totals include members who said they were leaning toward a position.

White House advisers said Monday they were increasingly pessimistic about Clinton's prospects. "It's like a tidal wave moving against him," said Democratic consultant Harold Ickes. Nevertheless, the former White House aide held out hope that the trend could be reversed.

In the Gaza Strip, Clinton was asked today whether he can separate his impeachment problems from other work like the Mideast peace agreement that took him to Israel and Palestinian territory this week. "Absolutely," the president replied. How? "Show up for work every day," he said. "It isn't a complicated thing."

Several advisers inside and outside the White House complained that the president has made matters worse with ill-advised statements, saying he is surprisingly tone deaf to his GOP critics and unusually reluctant to turn advice into action.

Top White House officials and leading Democrats put Clinton's chances in the House at 50-50. White House chief of staff John Podesta reminded worried aides at one meeting that their boss has prevailed in tough fights before. And House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt's aides told the White House there were still enough undecided moderate Republicans to give the president hope.

Clinton, on a trip to the Middle East, said he was open to "any reasonable compromise" with Congress short of impeachment — but Republican leaders have united in opposing a censure resolution in the House.

The president will get extra help from Vice President Al Gore, who on Monday night canceled a trip to New Hampshire.



GIFT WRAPPING — Charlotte Greene, manager of Nathalie's, adds the finishing touches on a gift she is wrapping. There are 10 days remaining until Christmas. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Santa must be a liberal. He knows who's been naughty and nice — and still brings gifts."

Santa has a good sense of humor. Consider this letter:
Dear Santa,

Thank you for replacing my broken doll last year. I didn't mean to pull her head off. Her legs were another accident. Well, her arms, that's another story. Her hair got caught in the scissors, it just wasn't her day. Thank you for understanding and I will try to be better this year. I promise. I am also 5 now and know not to use the scissors without Mom's help.
Love, Janet and Mom.

Dear Janet and Mom,

Thank you for making Santa laugh. I am sure you have learned your lesson. Remember the elves work very hard to make your dolls, and there just might not be any extra this year, so take care of them.
Love, Santa.
See you soon, Santa

Here were some local Santa letters, published in the Snyder Daily News in 1948.
Dear Santa,

We are three brothers. I want a bicycle, two Red River guns. Charles Thomas wants a gun and truck, and Craig wants a tractor and building blocks. Also some candy and nuts for all of us. Be good to other boys and girls, too.
Dwain, Charles and Craig Merritt

Dear Santa,

Please let me win the new Chevy to be given away Dec. 24. This is all I'm going to ask for, so don't forget me Santa. I've been good ever since they started selling tickets.
Betty Greer.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. Please bring me a rubber doll. Bring Max a filling station.
Beverly Jane Shaw.

Santa,

I am 6 years old. I have been a pretty good boy at home and at school also. I would like a twin scabbard set, a pair of boots (size 11½), a doctor set and a train. Don't forget my little brother, Danny Ray, and the other boys and girls.
David Gipson Lunsford

Dear Santa,

You are kind. I have been good. Please bring me some boots. I wear size 3. Bring me some sparklers, too.
Jack Darby

Dear Santa,

I am 8 years old. I want a truck, a tractor, BB pistol. Your little friend.
Jerry Mack Scrivner

Santa,

I want a bicyle and some fireworks and some fruit.
Love, Dwaine Williams

Santa,

I want a child movie projector with some cowboy and comedy film. Bring my little brother Jimmy a pair of Texas guns and a scabbard. Bring my baby sister Ann a gym set. She will be 4 months old.
Fred McFarland



days until Christmas

Lockdown continues at Price Daniel

Inmates at the Price Daniel Unit remained in a lockdown status this morning following a directive Monday that all Texas prisons be searched for weapons and other contraband.

The lockdown at Price Daniel is expected to be lifted this evening, or Wednesday morning at the latest, as correctional officers conclude searching all cells at the local unit.

Warden T.J. Medart said the unit is in complete lockdown, whereby prisoners are not allowed to leave their cells for any reason, including meals.

Inmates are being given sandwiches to eat in their cells during this time.

Larry Todd, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said the lockdown could last as long as a week in the larger units.

Todd added that lockdowns are a management tool for maintaining control of items inside the prison units.

"It is also a matter of security," said Todd.

Todd said there has been an increase in contraband in most prison units, including banned magazines and weapons.

The TDCJ also ordered lockdowns at state jail and substance abuse units.

Almost 30 percent...

Sales tax rebate drops sharply

Snyder took a hit on its local sales tax rebate check from the state this month — $42,000 less than the same period last year.

In Dec., 1997, the city received $140,597.99. The check this year was $98,500.26 — a 29.94 percent decrease.

The refund reflects local sales taxes collected by monthly filers on October sales, and reported to the state comptroller's office in November.

For the year, Snyder's rebates are running 7.47 percent behind 1997.

So far this year, the city has received $1,436,889.33 in rebates. This compares to $1,552,979.50 last year, a drop of 7.47 percent.

For this period, the county received $59,263.37, down 29 percent from $84,565.65 in 1997.

Scurry County's refunds for the year, however, are up 31.49 percent, from $879,297.18 to $1,156,204.10.

Most cities in the area also had drops in their rebates, with the exception of Colorado City.

Colorado City received $32,376.25 — up from the 1997 total of $29,242.66.

For the year, sales tax rebates to Colorado City are up 9.03 percent.

Lamesa's sales tax rebate was over 32 percent lower than the same period last year.

In 1997, Lamesa received $91,681.48 as compared to $61,935.02 this year.

For the year, Lamesa's sales tax receipts are almost identical to last year — $906,212.74 as compared to 1997's $906,235.25.

Sweetwater's rebate was 33.65 percent less than it was in 1997 — down from $171,252.76 to $113,616.97.

Big Spring saw a 15.19 percent drop in its sales tax rebate, from $294,791.14 to $250,004.82.

State-wide, the sales tax rebate was 9.7 percent higher this year than in 1997.

Total allocation to all taxing entities have exceeded $3.3 billion for the year.

Schools to dismiss for holiday break

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh schools will all dismiss Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays.

Ira and Hermleigh students will get out at 1:30 p.m., while Snyder will dismiss classes at 2 p.m.

Students will return to classes in all three schools on Jan. 4.

Western Texas College has already closed for the holidays.

The Texas Workforce Commission, located on the college campus, however, will remain open.

WTC offices will reopen at 8 a.m. Jan. 4. Faculty will return Jan. 13.

Spring registration begins Jan. 18 with sophomores scheduled to register from 1-4 p.m. and evening students from 6:30-8 p.m.

Freshman students will register on Jan. 19 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Area sales tax rebates

City	December'98	December'97	+/-	Year'98	Year'97	+/-
Abilene	$1,576,445.86	$1,664,063.25	-5.26%	$23,287,066.73	$22,119,578.63	5.27%
Big Spring	$250,004.82	294,791.14	-15.19%	$3,620,582.20	3,558,025.16	1.75%
Colorado City	$32,376.25	$29,242.66	10.71%	$438,781.46	$402,439.92	9.03%
Lamesa	$61,935.02	$91,681.48	-32.44%	$906,212.74	$906,235.25	0.00%
Lubbock	$1,748,849.25	$1,836,052.98	-4.74%	$24,915,553.51	$24,328,525.15	2.41%
Post	$16,925.77	$17,722.73	-4.49%	$228,585.79	$237,978.81	-3.94%
Roby	$1,578.57	$1,460.26	8.10%	$23,142.87	$23,475.93	-1.41%
Rotan	$8,614.60	$8,334.71	3.35%	$124,557.48	$121,431.89	2.57%
Snyder	$98,500.26	$140,597.99	-29.94%	$1,436,889.33	$1,552,979.50	-7.47%
Sweetwater	$113,616.97	171,252.76	-33.65%	$1,873,515.62	$1,841,408.02	1.74%

ASK US

Q—What is the e-mail address for Congressman Charles Stenholm?

A—Rep. Stenholm's e-mail address is: texas17@mail.house.gov.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 66 degrees; low, 29; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 31 degrees; no precipitation; total for 1998, 10.40 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low, lower 30s. Light wind. Wednesday, sunny. High, mid 60s. Light and variable wind.



Devin Brown
Sunny

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:36 a.m.
Of 348 days in 1998, the sun has shone 344 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"To succeed, jump as quickly at opportunities as you do at conclusions."

Benjamin Franklin

DEC 15 1998

Actor Norman Fell, 'Mr. Roper' on Three's Company,' dies at 74

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Norman Fell, who had a 50-year acting career but was best known as the irritable landlord Stanley Roper on the television sitcom "Three's Company," has died of cancer. He was 74.

Fell died Monday at the Motion Picture and Television Fund's retirement home in Woodland Hills, said Stan Schneider, his business manager.

Fell appeared in 35 movies, including "The Graduate" and "Catch-22" and TV series including Burt Reynolds' 1970-75 detective drama "Dan August."

But with his exasperated expression and droopy eyes, Fell was most easily identified for his supporting part as Stanley Roper, like it or not, Schneider said.

"I think he felt toward the end ... it typecast him. But it was the one everyone knew him as. Everyone called him Mr. Roper, on the street, wherever he went," Schneider said.

Fell and Audra Lindley played Stanley and Helen Roper on ABC's "Three's Company," which debuted in 1977 and starred John Ritter, Joyce DeWitt and Suzanne Somers as their tenants.

The Ropers spent a fair amount of time poking into the unusual living arrangements of their young neighbors and the rest sparring among themselves. Fell and Ms. Lindley left the sitcom in 1979 to star in "The Ropers," a spinoff that aired until 1980.

Ms. Lindley, 79, died in 1997 of complications from leukemia.

"Three's Company" continued until 1984 with Don Knotts as the new landlord and other cast changes.

A native of Philadelphia, Fell served as a tail gunner in the Pacific during World War II and earned his bachelor's degree in drama from Temple University.

He studied acting after his return from the war and struggled to win small parts in New York stage and TV productions, including 1954's "Twelve Angry Men."

A Very Drabble Christmas by Kevin Fagan



Promises to be good citizen...

Campaign finance scandal figure gets 5 years probation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Johnny Chung, who hobnobbed at the White House but was ensnared in a campaign finance scandal, stood outside a federal courthouse after being sentenced to five years probation and declared he deserved a second chance.

"I promise I will be a good citizen the rest of my life," Chung said Monday, after being sentenced to the probation and 3,000 hours of community service as part of a plea bargain. He admitted making nearly $30,000 in illegal contributions to Democrats, including $20,000 to the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign.

Chung, a businessman born in Taiwan, donated nearly $400,000 to Democratic candidates and causes between 1994 and 1996, but the money was returned after questions arose about its legality. Chung admitted to using "straw donors" to funnel money to the Clinton-Gore campaign and then reimbursing them.

His decision to plead guilty and cooperate with the government was a boon to prosecutors investigating Democratic campaign finance abuses.

"His cooperation was exceptional," said Chung's lawyer, Brian Sun. "Mr. Chung more than met his obligations under the plea agreement."

Chung could have been imprisoned for 37 years and fined $1.45 million.

Details of his cooperation remain secret as part of grand jury transcripts, but Justice Department lawyer Michael McCaul suggested that others had been implicated and pleas had been obtained through Chung's testimony.

U.S. District Judge Manuel Real, who had postponed the sentencing after receiving an unsolicited letter from the Democratic National Committee, again expressed his surprise at the committee's claim that it was victimized by Chung.

Chung, who came to court with a crowd of supporters from his church, stood before the judge and pleaded for leniency.

Date Book

Dec. 15, 1998

Today is the 349th day of 1998 and the 84th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1874, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was founded in New York.

On this day in 1939, "Gone With the Wind," starring Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh, premiered in Atlanta, Ga.

On this day in 1989, President Bush ordered U.S. troops to invade Panama.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexandre Gustave Eiffel (1832-1923), engineer; Maxwell Anderson (1888-1959), dramatist; John Paul Getty (1892-1976), oil developer; Alan Freed (1922-1965), entertainer; Tim Conway (1933-), comedian, is 63; Don Johnson (1949-), actor, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, quarterback Bert Jones of the Baltimore Colts completed 17 consecutive passes in a game against the New York Jets.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land." — Aldo Leopold

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 10) and new moon (Dec. 18).

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Soldiers killed in traffic mishap

COUNCIL GROVE, Kan. (AP) — Two soldiers stationed at Fort Riley were killed in a weekend traffic accident in Morris County in east-central Kansas.

Aaron J. Biederman, 19, and Justin L. Brown, 21, died early Saturday when the car Biederman was driving left Kansas 57 just south of Council Grove, crashing into an embankment and bursting into flames, the Kansas Highway Patrol said. Both men were dead when rescue officials arrived at the scene.

The two soldiers were with the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, an Army spokesman said. Biederman was from Fort Wayne, Ind., Brown from Grand Prairie, Texas.

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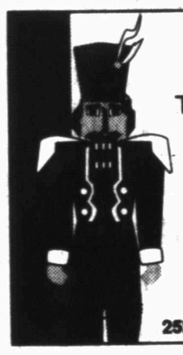
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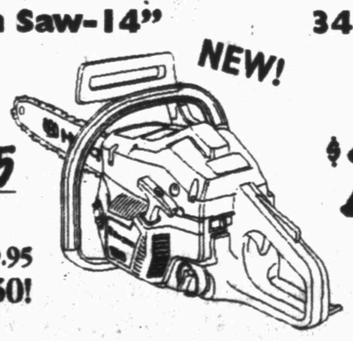
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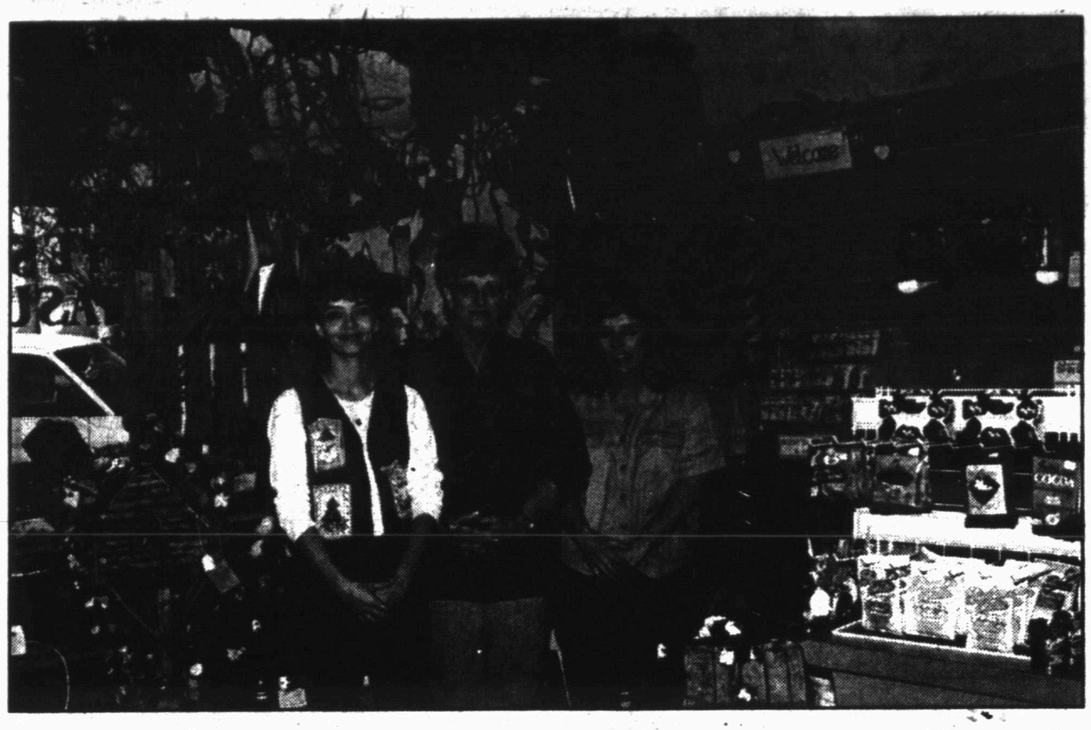
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SQUARE BUSINESS OF MONTH — Tommye's Treasures is owned by Charles and Tommye Sue Crain of Midland. They have been active in antiques, crafts and gifts for a number of years with businesses in Midland, Odessa and Post - and now Snyder. Charles and Tommye heard about the former Thompson's Shoe Store at 2526 Ave. R being for lease, "One thing led to another and now here we are. "We're excited about our new store and so overwhelmed by the warmth we have received from the people here in the Snyder area. We hope to have a bigger and better and more affordable line of gifts and other merchandise as time goes by," Tommye said. She said prices are competitive because they wanted people to be able to buy or just to come in and look. "If we are out of something, just let us know and we will try to get it as soon as possible," she added. The store is managed by Becky Crain. The Snyder Beautification Committee and the Snyder Garden Club chooses a business for its appearance not only during the day, but at night also. Pictured from left are Melissa Calvert, Tommye and Becky. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Treatment available for Lupus

If you or someone you know shows symptoms of lupus, see your doctor.

Lupus is a chronic disease where the immune system, for unknown reasons, becomes hyperactive and attacks normal tissue. More than 1.4 million Americans have been diagnosed with the disease, which is often misunderstood — or not taken seriously — because of its vague symptoms which often mirror those associated with other conditions. These symptoms include skin rashes, archy or swollen joints, fatigue, fever, pleurisy and anemia.

Understanding these facts about lupus can help many people recognize the symptoms, get treatment and keep the disease under control:

•About 90 percent of the people diagnosed with lupus are women. African Americans, Asians and Hispanics are diagnosed at twice the rate of Caucasians.

•Lupus is not contagious.

•Although lupus is known to occur in families, there is no known gene or genes which are thought to cause the illness.

•Fad diets, an excess or an exclusion of certain types of foods are much more likely to be detrimental then beneficial.

•Many people with lupus are able to work full-time; others find they have to cut back to part-time.

•Lupus is generally treated with a drug regimen geared toward reducing the inflammation associated with disease.

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen (Advil and Motrin), Naprozen, Naproxen, Naprosyn (Aleve) and Clinoril, and corticosteroids such as prednisone, deltasone and cortisone, are used to reduce pain and inflammation. Anti-malarials such as Plaquenil have been found to be effective in treating the joint pain, skin rashes and ulcers that some people develop on the nose or mouth.

Immunosuppressants and chemotherapy are generally reserved for those individuals who have the most severe flares of lupus.

For more information, call the Lupus Foundation of America at 1-888-38-LUPUS.

L. Hamilton seeks custody of daughter

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The marriage of Linda Hamilton and James Cameron appears to have sunk.

The actress cited irreconcilable differences in her divorce petition filed Monday. She is seeking custody of their 5-year-old daughter, Josephine, although she is willing to allow visits with the Oscar-winning director of "Titanic."

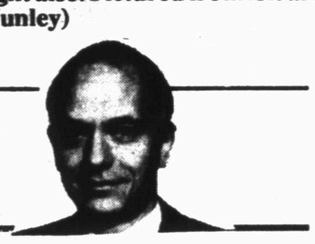
The Los Angeles County Superior Court filing also seeks spousal and child support, and requests their assets be divided.

The couple married June 24, 1997.

Hamilton starred in Cameron's 1984 "The Terminator" and the 1991 sequel "Terminator 2: Judgment Day," as well as the "Beauty and the Beast" television series.

Nathalie's
Christmas Hours
Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
On The Square

Bridge By Phillip Alder



	North	12-15-98
	♠ Q J 9	
	♥ A 3	
	♦ K 9 6 2	
	♣ 7 5 4 2	
West		East
♠ 10 4 3		♠ K 8 5
♥ Q J 10 8 7		♥ K 6 5 2
♦ 10		♦ Q J 7 3
♣ J 9 8 6		♣ 10 3
	South	
	♠ A 7 6 2	
	♥ 9 4	
	♦ A 8 5 4	
	♣ A K Q	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Covering the problem

By Phillip Alder

All beginners learn the expression "cover an honor with an honor." Yet this is bad advice. The first variation comes if the honor led has a touching honor behind it. If declarer is taking a finesse by leading the top of touching honors, do *not* cover the first honor — as highlighted in this deal.

Declarer had seven top tricks: one spade, one heart, two diamonds and three clubs. There were several chances for an extra trick: the spade finesse could work; the missing clubs might split 3-3; the diamonds could divide 3-2. However, there was a problem. If South lost a trick, presumably the opponents would cash a fatal number of heart tricks.

More in hope than expectation, declarer won the second trick with dummy's heart ace, then cashed his top clubs. No luck there — East discarded a diamond.

Had East made an error, throwing a diamond from three? To find out, declarer took his diamond ace, then played a diamond to dummy's king. Again luck was out to lunch — West threw a heart.

It was time for spades. Declarer called for dummy's queen. Note that if East covers with the king, South wins with his ace, then leads a low spade to dummy's nine. That finesse works too, and declarer makes his contract. Yet East knew not to cover the first of touching honors; he played low.

Declarer might have exited with a diamond, but the defenders would have taken five tricks via one club, one diamond and two more hearts to go with trick one. Instead, declarer called for the spade jack, hoping to pin the 10 in the West hand. East covered the last of touching honors — strike three!

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 5 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.



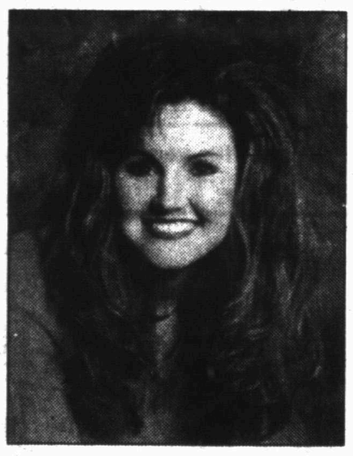
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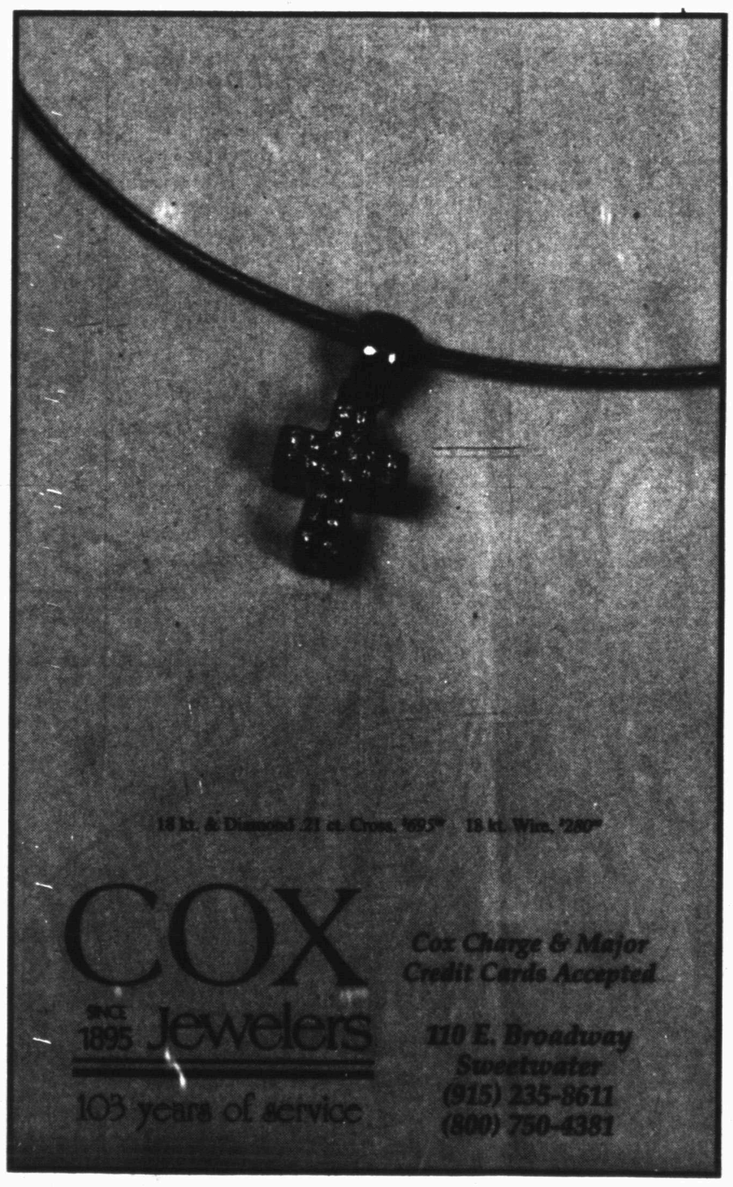
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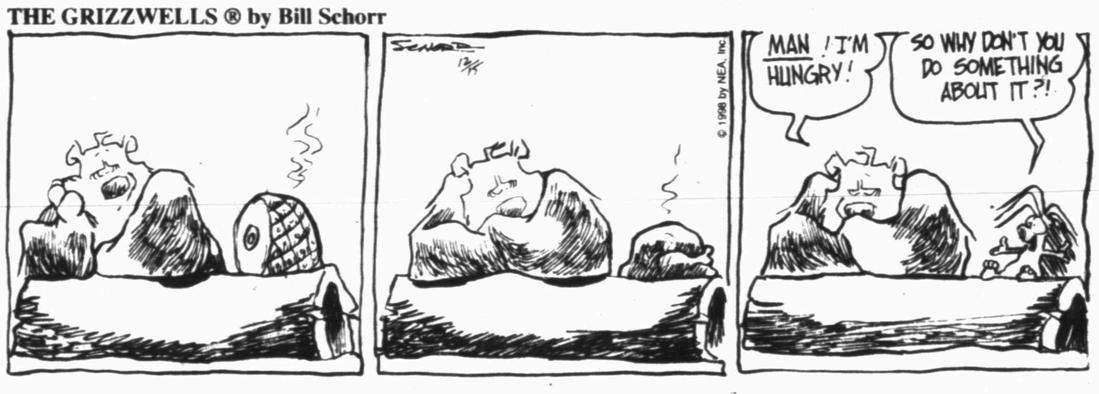
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12 President Ford
14 Garland
15 Introductory matter
16 Draft agcy.
17 Luau strings
19 Writer Janowitz
20 Glut
23 Groom's attendant
26 Compass pt.
27 Judge Lance —
30 — up (got ready)
32 Wore away
34 In a smooth style (mus.)
35 Do a shoe-repair job
36 Tax agcy.
37 That girl
39 Fables
40 More delicious
42 Got up
45 Barbie's beau
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49 Oahu's state
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55 Sign up (for classes)
56 British machine gun
57 Late

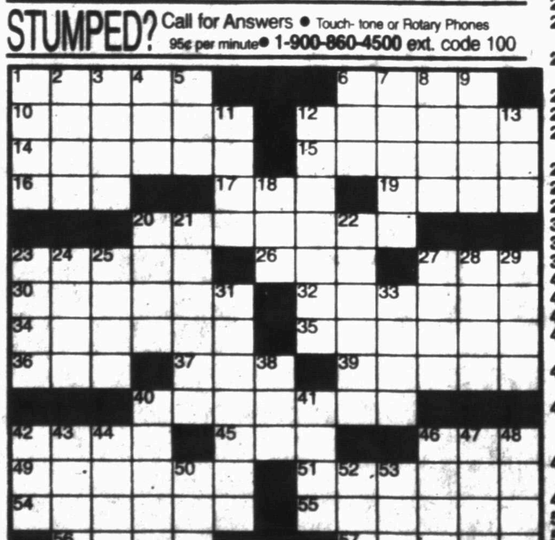
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8 Arp's art movement
9 Like a model
11 Porn
12 One who collects piece by piece
13 Genetic material (abbr.)
18 Family
20 Antitoxins
21 Singer Franklin
22 Shaped like a cigar
23 Citrus fruit
24 Fortuneteller
25 Ugly old women
27 Matinee man
28 T of TV
29 Some poems
31 Deer hide
33 Gravel ridges
38 Map abbr.
40 Make fun of
41 Picnic author
42 Greek letter
43 Rowers' needs
44 TV actress Loretta —
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53 Writer Levin

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SPORTS

Dallas feeling the holiday blues...

Perplexed Cowboys laboring amidst their December dive

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys aren't playing offense, defense or special teams. It's a December dive with the ground coming up fast.

When Dallas lost its last five games last season, Barry Switzer was swept out of Valley Ranch. Now new coach Chan Gailey is trying to find a way to revive a team that was coasting to the NFC East title before losing three straight.

"We're not playing well right now," Gailey said Monday. "But there is no doubt in my mind we can turn it around."

Dallas, fresh off a 20-17 loss to Kansas City, finishes the season with back-to-back games against Philadelphia and Washington. A victory in either game or an Arizona loss to either New Orleans or San Diego would clinch the sixth NFC East title in seven years for the Cowboys.

After studying the tapes of the loss to the Chiefs, Gailey said he was pleased with the effort.

"We did play hard, although we didn't exactly get things done," Gailey said. "That was a positive to me"

Last December, the team wasn't playing all-out for Switzer.

The Cowboys' problems are many, including injuries. Cornerbacks Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith, tight end David LaFleur and backup running back Chris Warren missed the Kansas City game with injuries.

Dallas hasn't been able to run the ball for three weeks. The defense can't tackle. And, on Sunday, the special teams joined the bad play department by allowing a blocked punt for the first time since 1989 and by losing a fumble on a punt return.

"The blocked punt was caused by a miscommunication," Gailey said.

Gailey said another problem is that the Cowboys can't run or stop the run.

"We had a bout earlier in the year where we couldn't tackle, but we got out of it," Gailey said. "Now, we're back to it again."

Dallas only has 117 yards rushing in its last three games.

"We're not getting the yards we got earlier in the year," Gailey said. "We have to do some things differently."

Quarterback Troy Aikman said the Cowboys need to do a lot of things differently.

"If ever we're going to have a sense of urgency it should be in the next two weeks," Aikman said. "This December is different than last year because this time we have a different attitude and atmosphere. It's painful the way we've been playing and we've got to battle through the tough times."

Dallas got some good medical news regarding wide receiver Michael Irvin, who suffered a back injury during the Kansas City game.

An MRI showed Irvin had just a deep bruise. He was expected to play Sunday against the Eagles.



GETTING THEIR KICKS — The Snyder Bulls soccer team advanced to the second round recently at the Midland Turkey Shootout. The team has also competed in the Big Country Soccer tournament this fall. Members of the Bulls are, front row from left, J.W. Wesson, Jesse Conner, Colton Brewster and Quentin Shafer. On the back row are Steven Alaniz, Lance Day, coach Jody Day, Jacob Scifres and Brent Bollinger. (Contributed Photo)

7th grade boys nab third place

LAMESA — After an opening round loss, Snyder Gold responded with consecutive victories to claim third place at the Lamesa seventh grade boys basketball tournament.

The Tigers fell to an athletic Lubbock Dunbar team, 66-38, in the first game of the tourney.

Blake Grimmett led the Snyder effort with seven points, while Lee Scott, Jed Martin and Marcus Villarreal dropped in six apiece.

The Tigers answered in the second round with a 42-23 win over the host Tors.

Grimmett poured in eight points to once again pace Snyder, with Kris Hatley and Peter Perez posting seven points each.

In the Tigers' next tilt, Grimmett rattled home nine points and Perez added six as Snyder knocked off Seminole, 36-22, to claim third place.

Lubbock Dunbar 66, Snyder 38
Snyder: Blake Grimmett, 7; Lee Scott, Jed Martin and Marcus Villarreal, 6; Kris Hatley, 3; Justin Boyd, Israel Sosa, Andrew Bane, Isaac Ramon and Peter Perez, 2.

Snyder 42, Lamesa 23
Snyder: Grimmett, 8; Hatley and Perez, 7; Scott, 6; Boyd and Martin, 4; Sosa, Ramon and Tye Collier, 2.

Snyder 36, Seminole 22
Snyder: Grimmett, 9; Perez, 6; Martin, Ramon and Villarreal, 5; Scott, 4; Hatley, 2.

8th grade boys fall at tourney

LAMESA — Snyder Gold ran into some stiff competition at the Lamesa tournament, dropping all three games in boys eighth grade action.

The Tigers got eight points apiece from T.J. Jones and Colby Driggers in the opener, but couldn't overcome a speedy Lubbock Dunbar squad, falling 59-34.

Logan Hill added seven points for Snyder, with five players adding two each.

Against Lamesa in the second round, the Tigers came out on the short end of a 51-38 decision, despite 12 points from Clay Williams.

Zach Starnes and Stafford Gray also had productive outings in the second round, pouring in eight points apiece.

In the final contest of the tourney, Snyder held Frenship under 50 points, but the Tiger offense never got on track in a 48-32 setback.

Gray paced Snyder's output against Frenship with eight points.

The Tigers take the rest of the month off, before returning to action Jan. 7 when they host Sweetwater.

Lubbock Dunbar 59, Snyder 34
Snyder: T.J. Jones and Colby Driggers, 8; Logan Hill, 7; Stafford Gray, Will Davis, Zach Starnes, Chris Sorrells and Tanner Beard, 2; Clay Williams, 1.

Lamesa 51, Snyder 38
Snyder: Williams, 12; Starnes and Gray, 8; Hill, 6; Jones, Driggers and Chance Greenwood, 1.

Frenship 48, Snyder 32
Snyder: Gray, 8; Jones, Beard, Brady Reed and Trey Roland, 4; Greenwood, Hill, Driggers and Starnes, 2.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY
Basketball: Southland at Ira, 6:30.
Basketball: Stamford at Hermleigh, 6:30.

FRIDAY
Basketball: Abilene Wylie at Snyder 9th, JV & varsity girls, 5 p.m., 6:30.
Basketball: Snyder 9th & varsity boys at Abilene Wylie, 6 p.m., 7:30.
Basketball: Hermleigh at Southland, 6:30.
Basketball: Roby at Ira, 6:30.
Basketball: Snyder JV boys at Sweetwater tourney.

Astros are back in chase for Clemens

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — All the movement in the Roger Clemens trade talks is in one direction — sideways.

Houston was still involved Monday, and so were the New York Yankees. The only sure thing was that the Blue Jays' delegation are going home to Toronto with the five-time Cy Young Award winner still on their roster.

"Clubs are still formulating their offers, adding and subtracting players," Toronto general manager Gord Ash said. "We're not satisfied with any proposals from any clubs. The clubs are not satisfied with our proposals."

Clemens asked Toronto to trade him to a contender or closer to his Houston home, and the Blue Jays said they will comply.

A day after Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker pulled out of talks, complaining Clemens' request for a $24.7 million, one-year extension was "mind-boggling," Houston owner Drayton McLane was still in negotiations with the pitcher's agents, Randy and Alan Hendricks.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner was also said to be talking to them, still unsure of his interest. His baseball advisers seem to be against a deal.

"In the end, when decisions have to be made, we'll make a recommendation and he'll decide one way or another," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said "Sometimes he listens, sometimes he doesn't."

It appeared the Astros, Yankees and Indians were in the first tier of suitors, followed by the Rangers, Rockies and Mets.

Ash, in his most in-depth public discussion of teams, said a deal with the Texas Rangers was unlikely.

"It's difficult for Texas to give up the players we need, because they need those players to remain competitive to entice Roger to go there," Ash said.

At least nine teams were interested, including Anaheim and Baltimore. But Ash was dismissive of many of them.

When Seattle called, Ash told the Mariners: "I don't need to talk to you."

Of the Angels: "They have a good outfielder and a lesser pitcher; that's not going to get it done."

Even the Chicago Cubs called Tuesday: "They have passing interest," Ash said.

Mets general manager Steve Phillips continued to say he thought his team was on the "periphery."

Both the Hendricks' and Ash said the process wouldn't be completed in Nashville. The Blue Jays' delegation was scheduled to head home late today, and Steinbrenner's decision isn't likely until the end of the week at the earliest.

Sports Briefs

Hearst, 49ers rout Lions

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Garrison Hearst was the rushing star instead of Barry Sanders, who was shut down by the injury-depleted San Francisco defensive line.

Hearst ran for a team-record 198 yards and Steve Young threw for one score and ran for another as the San Francisco 49ers beat the Detroit Lions 35-13 Monday night.

Sanders, who rushed for 175 yards in his last meeting against San Francisco two years ago, was held to 28 yards on 14 carries. He had averaged 102 yards coming into the game.

Greene suspended for altercation

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Carolina Panthers suspended linebacker Kevin Greene for one game without pay, a day after he attacked assistant coach Kevin Steele during the team's loss to Washington.

Greene got into a heated discussion with Steele, the inside linebackers' coach, after the Redskins had long touchdown drives on their first three possessions. Greene jumped up from the bench, lunged at Steele, grabbed him by the jacket just below the neck with both hands and began shoving him backward before coaches and players separated the two.

Williams drafted by Expos

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — While losing three players, including Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams, in Monday's major league draft, the Philadelphia Phillies agreed to a $475,000, one-year contract with pitcher Yorkis Perez.

Perez, a 31-year-old left-hander, was 0-2 with a 3.81 ERA in 57 games last season and made $260,000. He had been eligible for salary arbitration.

Williams, taken by the Expos after he was left off the Phillies' 40-man roster, hit .283 in Class A for Philadelphia as an outfielder last season and is likely to be dealt from the Expos to the Texas Rangers.

Penguins borrow $20 million

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Over the objection of some creditors, the Pittsburgh Penguins were given permission by a federal bankruptcy judge to borrow $20 million from the French bank Societe Generale.

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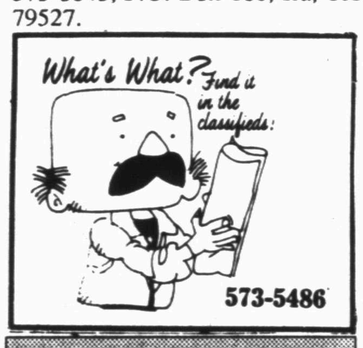
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	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp s	56 5-16	55⅛	56¼+ 1⅛
AT&T Corp	70	68 11-16	69 3-16+ ⅛
AirTouch	57 15-16	57 7-16	57 11-16+ ⅛
Albertsons	63	62¼	62¼—1 3-16
AlldSignal	41 1-16	40 9-16	40⅝+ 5-16
Alltel	54 3-16	53⅜	54⅛+ ⅛
AmOnline s	92¼	90½	92 + 2¾
AmStores	36 9-16	36 3-16	36⅛—141-256
Ameritech s	56 9-16	56¼	56⅜— ¼
Amoco s	55⅜	55⅛	55 9-16+ 1
AndarkPtr s	29 9-16	28 15-16	29 1-16— ¼
ArmcoInc	4 5-16	4 3-16	4 3-16
AtlRichfld	65⅜	64¾	65 1-16
ATMOS Egy	29 15-16	29⅜	29 15-16+11-16
Aviall	11 1-16	11	11 1-16+ 1-16
BakerHughes	16 13-16	16⅛	16⅝— 7-16
BankAmerica	57⅛	56	56 9-16+ 3-16
BellAtl s	53 15-16	53⅜	53¾+ ⅛
BellSouth	88 7-16	87⅞	88⅛— 1⅛
BellSouth wi	44½	44 3-16	44 3-16— 9-16
BethSteel	7⅜	7 9-16	7⅜— ⅛
BritPet	86⅞	85⅞	86¼+ ⅛
BurlNoSFe s	32 13-16	32	32⅜— 7-16
CBS Corp	28	27 5-16	27 9-16— 3-16
Caterpillar	44 15-16	43 13-16	44⅛— 1⅛
CenSoWst	27 11-16	27½	27 9-16— 1-16
Chevron	84½	83 1-16	83⅜—2 1-16
Citigroup	46 13-16	45⅜	46⅜+ 9-16
Coastal s	32¼	31½	32 + ½
CocaCola	65 1-16	63¾	65 1-16+ 1⅜
ColgatePalm	84½	83¼	83⅜+ 1
ComclMetals	26	25¾	26 + 1
CooperIn	50 1-16	49 7-16	49 15-16+ 5-16
CyprusAmax	10	9 9-16	9 9-16— 3-16
DaimlrChry n	90 7-16	89 15-16	90 3-16+1 13-16
DallSemicn	37	36 9-16	36 13-16+ ¼
DeltaAirl s	46 15-16	45 13-16	46⅜+ 1
Dillards Inc	29 7-16	28 11-16	29 7-16+13-16
DowChem	93 7-16	91 5-16	91¾— 1⅜
DuPont	55¾	53 3-16	53½— ½
EastmanChem	56¾	49	49 11-16—7 3-16
EstKodak	72	71½	72 + 1⅜
EDS Corp	44 3-16	43¼	43 15-16+13-16
Entergy	31¾	31¼	31 13-16+ 1-16
Exxon	74 13-16	74	74¼— 3-16
Flowers	22 1-16	21¾	21⅞+ ⅛
FordMotor s	54	52¾	53 13-16+1 7-16
GTE Cp	64 3-16	63¾	64 1-16+ ⅛
GenDynam s	53¾	52¼	53⅜— ⅜
GenElec	90 3-16	88 1-16	89 15-16+ 3⅛
GenMills	74 9-16	73 5-16	74 5-16— 3-16
GenMotors	66¾	65½	66⅜+ 1
GaPacGP	56 7-16	55¼	56⅛— 1-16
GlobalMar	9 7-16	9¾	9¾+ ⅛
Goodrich	35 33		33 5-16+ 5-16
Goodyear s	54⅜	54¼	54⅜— 3-16
GtAtlPac	29 9-16	29¼	29⅜+ 1-16
Halliburtn	32¾	31¾	31½— ⅜
Hanson ADS	38¾	38⅛	38⅜+ 7-16
HarteHanks s	24½	24¼	24 7-16+ ⅛
HomeDepot	52¼	51	52¼+1 5-16
HoustonInds	32 15-16	32 9-16	32⅞— 1-16
IBM	163 15-16	162⅛	163⅜+ 1
IntlPaper	41 9-16	41 1-16	41 5-16— ¼
JohnsonJn	79¾	78⅛	79¼+ ⅜
K mart	14¼	13 15-16	14⅛+ ⅛
Kroger Co	53⅛	52¾	52¾— 5-16
Litton	59 7-16	58 1-16	58⅛— 1⅛
LockhdMart	97	94¾	95⅛—1 7-16
Lowes Cos s	42 7-16	41¾	42 5-16— 1-16
Lubys	14 3-16	13⅞	14⅛+ ⅛
LucentTech s	95⅛	94¼	95 7-16+ 1⅜
MayDeptStrs	59¼	58 11-16	59 3-16+11-16
MediaOne	39	38⅜	38 15-16+13-16
Medtronic	68⅛	67⅜	68⅛+ ⅛
Mobil	89⅛	88 7-16	88⅜— ⅛
Monsanto	41 7-16	40⅝	40 13-16— 7-16
MorganJP	99⅜	96⅞	98⅝+1 11-16
Motorola	56⅛	55⅜	56 3-16+ 9-16
NCR Corp	38¾	37 9-16	38 5-16+ ⅛
Navistar	26⅜	25½	26 3-16+ ⅛
OryxEngy	13	12⅜	13 + ⅛
Penney JC	55⅜	54 7-16	55⅜+1 3-16
Pennzoil	35¼	34½	34 9-16— 7-16
PepBoys	13⅜	13⅜	13⅜— 3-16
PepsiCo	37⅜	37 3-16	37⅜+ 9-16
PhelpDodge	52⅛	51 11-16	52⅛— 1-16
PhilipPet	41 3-16		40⅞ 41¼+ ⅛
PilgrmPrd B	22⅛	21⅛	22⅛+ 1
Polaroid	19 9-16	18¼	18⅜— ⅛
Praxair	35 5-16	34¼	34⅜— ⅛
ProctGamb	88⅛	87 3-16	88 7-16+1 13-16
PubSNwMx	18 3-16	17 15-16	18 3-16+ ⅛
RoyalDut	46 15-16	46 3-16	46 13-16+ ⅛
SBC Comm s	48⅛	48⅜	48⅜
SaraLee	56⅛	55⅛	55 9-16— 9-16
Scripps EW	49⅛	48 11-16	48⅜— ⅛
SearsRoeb	41⅞	40⅝	41 3-16+ ⅛
SherwinW	28⅛	27½	27½— ⅛
SmithklBchm	66⅞	65½	65¼+1 7-16
SouthernCo	29¼	28⅛	29⅛+ 3-16
SwstAirl s	21 5-16	21⅛	21½— ⅛
Sunoco Inc	31½	30 15-16	31½+ ½
TNP Ent	37¼	36¾	37¼+ ¼
Tandy	38⅛	37 11-16	38
TempleInland	52⅛	52 5-16	52 9-16
Tenneco	34⅛	33¾	34 1-16— 5-16
Texaco	55⅛	55⅛	55 5-16+ ⅛
TexInd	24⅜	24	24 — ⅜
TexasInst	79 15-16	78½	79⅝+1 1-16
TexUtil	47	46 13-16	46⅞— ⅛
Textron	71 1-16		70 7/16— ⅛
TriconGlbR	46 11-16	46⅛	46 11-16+ 5-16
TrinityInds	37 9-16	36⅜	37⅛— 9-16
TritonEngy	8⅛	8 5-16	8 5-16+ 1-16
Tyler	6¾	5⅞	6⅛+ 7-16
US West Inc	59⅝	58⅜	59 1-16— ½
USX-Marathn	28 1-16	27 11-16	27½+ 1-16
USX-USS	22 13-16	22 7-16	22⅝+ ⅜
UnCarbde	40 11-16		40 40⅛— 7-16
UnionPacif	45 9-16	44¼	44⅜— ⅜
UnitedTech	100	98 11-16	99 7-16—1 1-16
Unocal	30⅜	30⅛	30⅛— ⅜
Venator Grp	7⅛	7	7 1-16+ ⅛
WalMart	75 11-16	74 9-16	75 9-16+ ¼
WellsFargo	34⅛	33⅞	34⅛— ⅜
WstnGasRs	6⅛	6 5-16	6 5-16— ⅛
WinnDixie	41 11-16	41 5-16	41 9-16+ 3-16
Xerox Corp	105¼	103¾	105 + 1

Births

Tera Williams announces the birth of her daughter at 4:40 p.m. on Dec. 14 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed five pounds, two ounces.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dec. 14: Tera Williams of Loraine, Shari Cotton, Alton Davis, Deanna Wagner.

DISMISSALS: Beatrice Bilberry, Dorris Martin, Deanna Wagner, Martin Zuniga, Benito Ortegon, Chad Holder.

CENSUS: 37 (Med., Surg.-9, Long-term Care-25, OB-2, Nursery-1).

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Child #1
NAME _____ AGE ____ SEX __
1 _____
2 _____ 3 _____

Child #2
NAME _____ AGE ____ SEX __
1 _____
2 _____ 3 _____

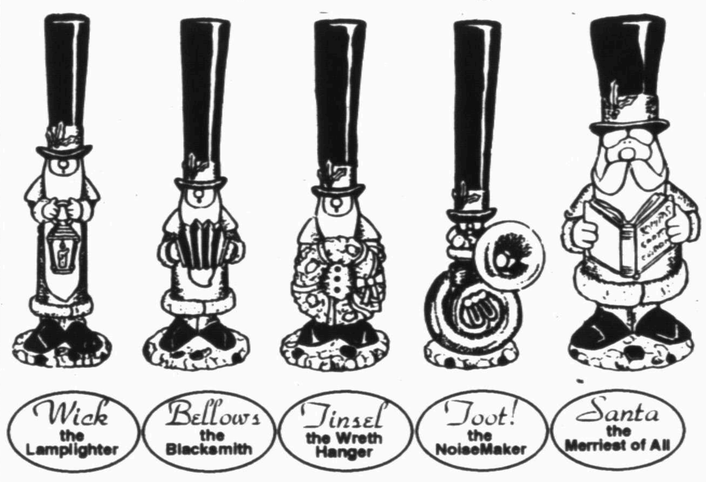
Child #3
NAME _____ AGE ____ SEX __
1 _____
2 _____ 3 _____

Child #4
NAME _____ AGE ____ SEX __
1 _____
2 _____ 3 _____

Child #5
NAME _____ AGE ____ SEX __
1 _____
2 _____ 3 _____

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Tennessee construction worker...

Man rescued after being buried alive

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — A construction worker buried in a sewer ditch for more than 15 hours was pulled out this morning after a grueling rescue but the outlook for him was grim, doctors said.

Darby Wayne Patrick, 26, of Kingsport talked and joked with cheering emergency workers as he was lifted by crane from the 15-foot ditch where rescuers feared he would die.

He was airlifted to nearby Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, where the euphoria surrounding his rescue dissipated when the extent of his injuries was established.

Dr. David Wharton, an emergency physician who spent more than eight hours inside the trench with Patrick, said the construction worker suffered "crushing injuries" that threatened his life.

Patrick was listed in critical condition after undergoing surgery this morning.

The five feet of soil that trapped Patrick damaged his muscles, causing them to swell and possibly cutting off the blood supply to them, Wharton said. A potentially fatal acid buildup also occurred in the muscles, Wharton said.

Only about one-fourth of people who suffer such injuries survive, he said.

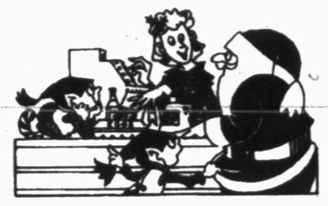
"The prognosis is poor," Wharton said. "He's not out of the woods yet."

Earlier, Wharton had described how Patrick joked with rescuers. "We asked him, 'How are you doing?' and he asked us how we were doing," Wharton said. "He told someone, 'Just get my arms free and I'll dig myself out.'"

He had spent four hours completely buried, his moans the only sign to the first crews on the scene that he had survived. His face was then cleared of dirt, but more than 10 hours would pass before he could be completely freed without risking another cave-in.

"If this man wasn't spiritual before, he probably will be now," said Dennis Curry of the Hamilton County Cave and Rescue Team.

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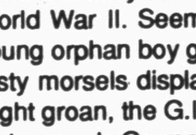
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GOOD NEWS

By Wayne Horton

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Startled, the boy blurted out, "Oh, Yes! I would!"

The American stepped inside, bought a dozen assorted pastries, walked back out to the boy, handed him the bag and said simply, "Here you are."

As he turned to walk away, he felt a tug on his coat. He looked back and heard the child ask quietly, "Mister, are you God?"

Pretty neat story, isn't it? I have no idea whether it's true or not, but I like it. And I'll tell you this, PEOPLE ARE NEVER MORE LIKE GOD THAN WHEN THEY GIVE!

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Lloyd Webber says he avoids listening to others' music

NEW YORK (AP) — On trial for allegedly stealing another songwriter's tune, Andrew Lloyd Webber testified Monday he goes out of his way to avoid hearing other people's music.

"I hate it when it's in a restaurant or in a car or a taxi," Lloyd Webber said. "My driver has instructions never to have the radio on."

The testimony came in a federal civil trial to determine whether Lloyd Webber based a melody from "The Phantom of the Opera" on one written by Ray Repp, a Baltimore clothing salesman and a composer of religious songs. Repp is seeking unspecified damages.

Lloyd Webber had previously gone all the way to the Supreme Court trying to get the lawsuit dismissed, maintaining Repp couldn't prove Lloyd Webber ever heard his 1978 song, "Till You" before writing the "Phantom Song."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998

Although they might be rather small in scope, you might become involved in two or more new enterprises in the year ahead. Their collective returns could be impressive, so don't discount them merely based on size.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It's important that you establish your own agenda instead of letting associates lay out a schedule for you today. You'll be the one who'll know what's best for you. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state the zodiac signs you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It won't advance your cause today if you don't effectively utilize the information in your possession that could give you the edge in a competitive career development. Plan your strategy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You'll need to be around people who talk about nonserious topics of mutual interests to relax today. Seek out some of these types wherever the social gathering may be.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Put your positive imagination to work today. First visualize yourself successfully achieving what you want, and you'll discover goals will be a lot easier to attain.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even though you may not say much today, when you do speak, your listeners' ears will perk up to hear what you have to say. This is because your words will carry more weight than usual.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your gift of anticipating changes and gauging the course of events that aren't evident to others will be the reason for your success today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Analyze the fine print before signing any agreements today. What will turn out to be of real significance in the long run will be in the obscure details.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to anticipate the motives of your competitors today, so that you're not caught off guard. If you're smarter than them by being on your toes, you'll turn out the winner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When engaged in a conversation today with someone who is young at heart, be an attentive listener. Something this person tells you could brighten your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not talk about your intentions prematurely to others if there is something critical you hope to accomplish today. The time to speak out is after the task is completed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even though those who labor at your side aren't very supportive, if you feel you have a good idea that could benefit them as well as yourself, try to do something about it today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your attitude today could help you find little bargains you'd ordinarily overlook. Just think in terms of small profits. It's the minute gains that could add up to a tidy sum.

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Religious Briefs

FUMC Christmas celebrations

First United Methodist Church invites the Snyder area community to its Christmas celebrations. The Chancel Choir's presentation of "A Time of Joy," is set for 10:50 a.m. Sunday. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24. A nursery will be provided for each service.

Calvary Baptist Church musical

The Calvary Baptist Church choir will present the musical, "The Best Gift of All," during the 10:50 a.m. worship service Sunday. The youth will choreograph a drama along with the musical. The 6 p.m. service will feature the children in a special Christmas program. Calvary Baptist is located at 2405 35th St. Call 573-2191 for more information.

Candlelight Service

Ira First Baptist Church will have a candlelight service at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "God Hates Divorce," followed by "Hope for the Single Parent."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Acupuncture Technique for Leg Cramps Helps Out in a Pinch

DEAR ABBY: I learned something in the '70s that I would like to pass on to your readers. Your column is the best way I know to reach the most people.

I was watching a college football game on television. The sportscasters were Keith Jackson and Frank Broyles. A player was lying on the field with what appeared to the sportscasters to be a leg cramp. Frank Broyles commented that they should pinch his upper lip just under his nose to stop the cramp. Keith Jackson, and probably millions of other viewers like me, laughed at the idea.

However, the next time I got a leg cramp in the middle of the night, I pinched my upper lip. Sure enough, I quickly felt relief! This method has saved me many moments of excruciating pain.

I don't know if it will help everyone, but it wouldn't hurt to try it. Abby, every time I have a leg cramp, I thank Frank Broyles for his simple, quick remedy.

DON SHNELL, HOBART, OKLA.

DEAR DON: Thank you for sharing this acupuncture technique. However, if leg cramps persist, it would be a good idea to consult your family doctor to be sure they aren't symptoms of a potentially serious medical problem.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 43-year-old mother, married for 25 years, with three wonderful children. My 20-year-old son recently moved out of state to become a law enforcement officer.

Abby, I'm not handling the loss very well. There are thousands of books on raising children, but very few on letting go. I asked at my local bookstore for a book on "the empty-nest syndrome," but the clerk couldn't help me — and told me to enjoy my free time and, in effect, get over it. I was at a loss as to what to say to her, so I smiled, left the store, and then broke down and cried.

I understand this is a great opportunity for my son, and I wish him all the success in the world, but the fact remains, I must adjust to his absence.

How do I express this to others who think it's silly to grieve for a child who has moved?

EMPTY IN ARIZONA

DEAR EMPTY: Empty-nest syndrome is a very real set of emotions. When children start to leave home — even for positive reasons — the family unit is changed forever. Traditions are altered, and even the sight of an empty bedroom can trigger depression. Add to that the knowledge that your son is entering law enforcement — a dangerous profession — and it's no wonder your outlook is affected.

One way to lose the blues is to remind yourself that your son's departure is a symbol of your success as a parent. It is also an opportunity for growth for both of you. Write your son often and tell him all the hometown and family news. Send him "I care" packages. Learn about his new life, and continue familiar activities with the children who remain at home. Stay busy and try to be positive; don't give yourself time to brood.

And finally, don't allow anyone to make you feel you must apologize for your feelings. They are normal and part of life.

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Mother pleads for more research

WASHINGTON (AP) — Her child in a coma because of a type of meningitis that antibiotics couldn't fight, a mother pleaded with lawmakers Monday to increase research into ways to stop the growing problem of antibiotic-resistant germs.

"This nightmare still haunts me every day of my life," said Angela, who traveled from Horn Lake, Miss., to tell senators that nine years after her daughter, Shaunna, suffered one of the first cases of multidrug-resistant meningitis, the girl, now 10, remains in a vegetative state kept alive by machines.

"Please take this warning to heart and do something," said Angela, who asked that her last name not be used.

Doctors once predicted that antibiotics would vanquish infectious diseases. But germs instead are increasingly evolving ways to overpower antibiotics, a danger fast reaching crisis proportions.

Now some U.S. lawmakers are devising legislation to help scientists fight back, and asked top infectious disease experts for advice.

Angela's tragedy "crystallizes the challenge we all have to prevent this ... from occurring in the future," said Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., a surgeon. Antibiotic resistance "is developing at an almost skyrocketing rate."

More money for new antibiotics and ways to tell local doctors what drug-resistant germs are in their towns are part of the answer, said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who hopes to introduce legislation by spring.

Gene therapy builds strong muscles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Old mice injected with new genes developed youthful muscles in a laboratory experiment, but researchers cautioned that more study is needed before the technique could be used safely on humans.

The experiment, by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, showed that old mice gained 27 percent of the muscle lost to age when they were injected with a gene that prompts muscle cell growth.

For younger mice, the gain was about 15 percent, Dr. H. Lee Sweeney, the study's senior author, said Monday.

Before the technique is ready for humans, however, there are both ethical and safety questions to be resolved, Sweeney said. For athletes, he said, the injections could be the "perfect performance enhancer."

"You build muscle mass and strength even without exercise," said Sweeney. "And it is not detectable in the blood."

Olympic athletes are routinely tested for drugs that artificially improve strength and performance. Most such drugs are now outlawed.

The safety issue arises because the same gene that causes muscles to grow can also cause the overgrowth of unwanted cells.

"Abnormal growth could be a health risk," said Sweeney. "For instance, you wouldn't want your heart to grow larger."

Nonetheless, the experimental gene therapy offers the promise of correcting one of the major problems of aging — muscle feebleness, the researcher said.

Some experts estimate that humans lose 10 percent of their muscle strength and mass each decade after the age of 50. Weakness from old age can cause falls, broken bones and loss of the ability to walk or care for oneself.

This feebleness may be caused because the muscles stop making a protein called insulin-like growth factor-1, or IGF-1, which causes new cells to grow.

In muscle tissue, that protein sends a signal to satellite cells, which are immature cells within the muscle tissue. The signal turns the satellite cells into functional muscle cells, which then replace damaged or weaken tissue.

Without the IGF-1 signal, muscle cells that wear out or become injured are not replaced and a person becomes weaker.

To deliver the growth factor gene, the researchers used what is called an adeno-associated virus.

Bill would help poor counties pay for capital murder trials

AUSTIN (AP) — The state would provide funding to help counties with "extraordinary costs" of trying capital murder cases under legislation proposed Monday.

Capital murder cases — which can result in the death penalty and run about $300,000 — can wipe out a rural county's budget, said the bill's author, Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss.

The bill would require convicted criminals to pay a court fee of $5 for felonies and $1 for misdemeanors. The state would use that money to help rural counties with murder trial costs. The comptroller's office estimated that the legislation would raise about $3.3 million a year.

Counties with fewer than 50,000 residents would qualify.

Randy Sims, Brazos County commissioner, said his county faced four capital murder cases in one year in the 1980s, and two cases came back on appeal.

"That really hurts rural counties, where finances aren't as plush," Sims said. "We had to go searching for money all over the county to make ends meet."

Turner also introduced a bill Monday to give counties the authority to require and approve subdivision plats.

This, he said, would prevent landowners from building subdivisions without providing basic infrastructure.

"I hear of problems with EMS vehicles getting stuck out on those roads, and those are emergency situations," said Sue Wiseman, spokeswoman for the Hill County Roundtable Steering Committee. "These are major problems for the health and well-being of the state."

Plats currently are only filed with the county if the owner has subdivided the land and dedicated it to public use for parks or roads, Turner said. His bill would require plats to be filed when any piece of land over 10 acres is subdivided.

The 1999 Legislature convenes Jan. 12. Lawmakers have been pre-filing legislation since last month.

In the Senate, Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, filed a bill to strengthen immunity laws for employers.

The "Truth-In-Hiring Bill" would protect companies from being sued for negligent hiring, Mrs. Nelson said.

Texas is one of 30 states where businesses can be sued for hiring or retaining an employee deemed dangerous to others.

While the bill would not require employers to disclose any information, it would stipulate that employers cannot be subject to a civil lawsuit for disclosing job performance information unless it is untruthful.

Dr. Gott



By Peter Gott, M.D.

What caused pre-coronary mood swing?

DEAR DR GOTT: In the year before his heart attack, my husband became difficult to live with. It was almost as though he was a different person: short-tempered, depressed and self-centered. A woman whose husband was in the coronary-care unit at the same time as mine told me that he also went through a personality change before his coronary. Does this make any sense?

DEAR READER: In the months before a heart attack, patients with coronary atherosclerosis (blocked arteries), may experience a variety of warning symptoms, such as shortness of breath, recurring chest pressure, occasional chest pain and feeling unwell. Such patients may worry — quite rightly — that these early symptoms could reflect heart disease; therefore, they become fearful, grouchy and impatient.

As far as I know, striking personality changes are not common in pre-coronary patients. It's more likely that your husband's personality alteration was caused by factors other than clogged arteries.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've read about new drugs that undermine the immune system's normal defense mechanism. Isn't this dangerous?

DEAR READER: Yes and no. Drugs that are used to alter the immune system are usually given because the system is overreacting or out of control — a case of too much of a good thing. Obviously, complete neutralization of the immune system would be catastrophic. The patient would be a setup for any of thousands of infections. Therefore, these medicines are usually administered for specific reasons and under close medical supervision.

The drugs work in different ways. Fundamentally, they act by suppressing parts of the body's incredibly complex defense responses. This effect can be lifesaving, but, as you suggest, it can also be life-threatening unless the medications are meticulously monitored.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband was recently diagnosed with cryptitis. Suppositories don't help, and sometimes he has rectal bleeding. Is this condition cancerous?

DEAR READER: Crypts, or crevices, often form in the lining of the anus. When these become inflamed or infected, cryptitis results. Symptoms include pain, swelling and occasional bleeding. Antibiotics will often cure the ailment, although surgery is sometimes necessary to remove infected tissue. To my knowledge, the affliction does not lead to malignancy.

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Lottery pulls ad with bungee-jumping pig

DALLAS (AP) — Connie the pig has taken her last leap for the Texas Lottery.

Amid complaints from the public, lottery commission officials have pulled a television commercial that showed a pig bungee-jumping from a bridge.

Thirteen people have complained by telephone or mail since the commercial began airing Dec. 2 in 24 markets.

"We were going to end it this week anyway," lottery spokeswoman Leticia Vasquez told The Dallas Morning News. "So we decided to just pull it early."

Although a live pig is featured in the commercials, the animal seen jumping from the bridge is computer animated. The spot was designed to promote the lottery's newest online game, Texas Million, which some people have complained is too complicated.

The ad's message: The game is so simple that a pig can play.

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If we believe in the power that raised Lazarus from the dead, let us tell others daily of hope and faith. Let us be aware, sensitive, unafraid to "bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2).

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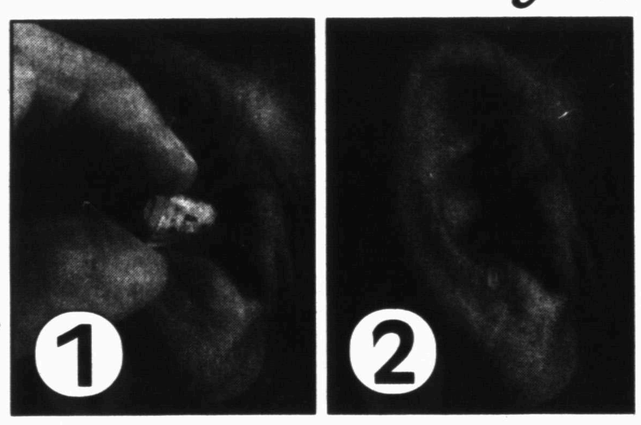


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From West Bank...

Israel won't resume troop withdrawals

EREZ CROSSING, Gaza Strip (AP) — President Clinton today failed to persuade Israel to resume the West Bank troop withdrawals called for under the Wye River peace accord, but he held out hope the pullback would take place soon. "We will have fits and starts but we will get through this just fine," he said.

Speaking to American reporters after a 90-minute meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat at this border outpost, Clinton called his three-day Mideast trip a success.

"I have achieved what I came here to achieve," the president said. He was winding up a three-day Mideast tour with the future of the historic Wye River accord still in doubt. "I do think we are back on track again. I am quite hopeful."

In remarks to reporters later, Sandy Berger, the president's national security adviser, qualified Clinton's remark about the peace process being back on track. "It's a bumpy track," he said with a smile.

Clinton said he would send Secretary of State Madeleine Albright back to the region soon for further talks. Albright made a quick trip to Amman, Jordan, to brief Crown Prince Hassan on Clinton's talks. Hassan is acting as regent while King Hussein is in the United States receiving cancer treatment.

After today's 90-minute meeting, Clinton flew by helicopter to Bethlehem to join first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and their daughter, Chelsea, in a visit to the Church of the Nativity in Manger Square. The first family, accompanied by Arafat and his wife, Soha, emerged from the church to listen to traditional Christmas carols and place ornaments on a tall Christmas tree in the courtyard.

The Clintons, accompanied by Netanyahu and his wife, Sarah, also toured Masada in Israel, where the remnants of a Jewish rebel force in the first century took their own lives rather than surrender to conquering Romans. There were no signs of any strain between the president and prime minister. They laughed, smiled and conversed.

After the sightseeing trips, Clinton was flying back to Washington to resume his impeachment fight.

In today's meeting, the three leaders discussed the work of committees set up under the Wye River accords.

Butler finishing report on Iraqi cooperation

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The chief U.N. weapons inspector was finishing a crucial report to Secretary-General Kofi Annan today on whether Iraq has cooperated fully with weapons experts in the past month.

Richard Butler, who heads the U.N. Special Commission, has already said Iraq's compliance has been far from perfect: Baghdad denied the inspectors access to two sites, refused to hand over some key documents and imposed unacceptable conditions during several inspections.

Most inspections occurred without incident and Baghdad-based monitoring teams went into the field again today. The last three visiting teams, who carried out surprise inspections over the past week, left Monday.

The Security Council says a comprehensive review of Iraq's compliance with U.N. resolutions will occur only if Butler reports that Iraq has resumed full cooperation with inspectors.

He was expected to deliver his report to Annan today, although it was unclear when Annan would give it to the Security Council.

Under threat of U.S. and British airstrikes, Iraq promised Nov. 14 to resume full cooperation with inspectors and allow unfettered access to sites and documents. Washington and London have said military strikes remain an option to compel Baghdad to cooperate.

Annan noted at a news conference Monday that there are differences between the United Nations and the United States over Iraq.

The Security Council has made it clear that once Butler declares that Iraq has been disarmed, sanctions will be lifted, he said.

Six subjects arrested; reports filed Monday

Six people were taken into custody Monday including one subject on felony charges.

At 11:20 a.m., 25-year-old Ruben Garza of 905 27th Street was booked into the county jail on a warrant for parole violation.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old male at 4:04 p.m. in the 3000 block of Avenue T on an outstanding warrant for making a false report to an officer.

A second 17-year-old male was taken into custody by officers at 7:19 p.m. in the 1900 block of 35th Street on an outstanding warrant for making a false report to an officer.

At 9:04 p.m., officers arrested a 21-year-old male in the 4300 block of Avenue U on misdemeanor charges for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Deputies arrested a 27-year-old male at 11:30 p.m. at the Huffman Avenue and CR 227 intersection for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers took a 19-year-old male into custody at 11:58 p.m. in the 1700 block of 40th Street on a misdemeanor warrant for motion to revoke probation.

In other activity, deputies were requested at Bulldog Corner in Ira at 8 a.m. in reference to the front window being broken out. An offense report for criminal mischief was filed.

At 8:46 a.m., a man came to the sheriff's office to request an attempt to locate on his 14-year-old son. An offense report for runaway was filed.

An offense report for burglary of a building was filed at 9:14 a.m. at Ken's Fried Chicken following a report of a window being broken out of the business.

At 4 p.m., deputies filed an incident report at 449 Bonham in reference to the theft of food from a freezer and canned goods from the cabinet.

Snyder Fire Department responded to two reports of grass fires.

The first call was received at 10:26 a.m. reporting a grass fire three miles south of Union.

The second report was at 2:24 p.m. reporting a grass fire one mile north on Polar Road.

In both cases, damage was limited to grass.

Officers also worked a two-vehicle accident at 11:30 a.m. in the 3700 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1992 Cadillac driven by Billie Gray and a 1987 Ford Bronco driven by Whitney Owen.

Obituaries

Clemey Andress

1900-1998

RUIDOSO, N.M. — Clemey S. Andress, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, Dec. 13, in Ruidoso. She was 98.

Funeral service for Mrs. Andress is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Tim Gilliland will officiate.

Graveside service is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Ted Spear officiating. LaGrone Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born on June 26, 1900 in Comanche County, she married M.L. "Mel" Andress on Sept. 7, 1918 in Roby, and he preceded her in death on May 18, 1972.

As a young child, she moved with her family to New Mexico and attended the Lone Star School. They later moved to Fisher County and then to Scurry County to farm. Mrs. Andress was active in Snyder's First Baptist Church and Order of the Eastern Star where she was secretary for 22 years. She was also a member of the Daughters of the Nile, B&PW and ABWA. She moved from Snyder to Ruidoso in 1988.

Survivors include one daughter, Helen Chambers of Ruidoso; seven grandchildren, including Randy Chambers and Richard Chambers of Colorado City; 25 great-grandchildren; and 29 great-great-grandchildren.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Open house

Expert Hair and Nail Design is hosting a holiday open house today and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Holiday open house

Tim Riggan will host a holiday open house from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Edward Jones office at 4204 College Ave.

Christmas open house

Snyder Multi-Speciality Clinic will host a Christmas Open House from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the clinic, located at 1805 27th Street.

Ira booster club

The Ira booster club will meet at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria. Everyone is invited.

Open house

Dr. Gloria Gerstner and staff will host an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at 5303 Trinity Blvd., Suite A. The community is invited.

Beanie Babies chances

Snyder High varsity cheerleaders are selling $1 chances to win Beanie Babies. Drawing for a set of the 10 newest beanies or a set of seven different bear beanies will be held Friday at the girls basketball game. To purchase tickets, see a varsity cheerleader, Kaye Carter at the high school or Neika Porter at Star-R-Us. Proceeds are for National Competition expenses.

Ira junior class selling spice

Ira's junior class is selling "Watkins 130th Anniversary" spice packages containing black pepper, cinnamon and double strength vanilla in a glass collector's bottle. These gift packages cost $22.99. To purchase, contact any junior class member or call the school at 573-2628.

SHS choir sells poinsettias

SHS Choir members still have about 20 Jingle Bell Poinsettias available for sale. Poinsettias are $10 and can be purchased by calling the high school. If you prefer, you may come by the choir room and select your own or delivery is available. The choir is raising money to help support the choir trip to Disney World next spring.

Spanish Club fundraiser

SHS Spanish Club members are selling $2 chances to win a $100 gift certificate from Bealls or a Brighton watch from Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters. Proceeds will be used to send club members to the state convention in April.

Christmas lighting contest

Friday noon is the deadline to enter the residential outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Call 573-3558 to enter. Judging will begin at 6 p.m. that evening.

Christmas open house

American State Bank invites citizens to a Holiday Open House all day next Tuesday.

Christmas open house

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas open house will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is selling windbreak trees. Both evergreens and hardwoods are available. Call 573-6317, or come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
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Pick 3

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