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FRIDAY

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Ask Us

Q—What are someone's chances of getting audited by the IRS?

A—According to IRS statistics, about one in every 100 returns is audited.



DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Local

VFW Post

VRW Post 8231 and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the post home.

DC ABWA

The Deep Creek chapter of ABWA is having a bake and cookbook sale from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart.

Post Office

Snyder Post Office will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon for the convenience of those mailing holiday gifts and letters.

Hermleigh

The Hermleigh Stock Show will be held at noon Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum annex. Judging will be by J.W. Schlee of Westbook.

Lambs will be shown first, followed by barrows.

Toy pick-up

The annual Toys for Tots distribution will be held from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday at the TU Electric building, across from the chamber office.

Toys for Tots recipients have been mailed a card which must be brought to the pick-up location Saturday.

'Toy Bowl'

The local Law Enforcement Explorer Post will take on Snyder Police Department & Friends in the first annual "Toy Bowl" at 6 this evening at Travis Field.

There is no admission. Local police department officials ask that fans bring a new or good used toy, or sack of canned food, which will be distributed to the needy.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 58 degrees; low, 25 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 25 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 16.19 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, becoming partly cloudy. Low in the mid 30s. Variable wind 10 mph or less. Saturday, becoming mostly cloudy. High 55-60. East wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:42. Sunrise Saturday, 7:37. Of 350 days in 1993, the sun has shone 343 days in Snyder.



WORLD WAR I VET RECOGNIZED — Tollie Faver, center, the only surviving veteran of WWI living in Scurry County, was presented a special commemorative medal Thursday at the Senior Center. Judge Bob Doolittle pinned the medal on Faver while Faver's son, Arel "Red" Faver, looked on. The medal, a gift of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation, was presented to all WWI vets in the U.S. in recognition of their contribution as well as to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the war. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tollie Favor...

Local WWI veteran honored

Tollie Faver, 98, received a special award Thursday in honor of his being the only living veteran of World War I living in Scurry County.

The special commemorative medal — a gift of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation — was presented to Faver at the Senior Citizens Center. Bob Doolittle, county judge, made the presentation.

Special guests attending were Faver's son, Arel "Red" Faver, and daughter, Wernette Smith. Dan Dever, Scurry County veterans service officer, also attended.

The medal was commissioned and designed by the McCormick Foundation with technical assistance from the U.S. Army's Institute of Heraldry. Similar medals are being presented to all living World War I veterans.

The face of the medal is surrounded by a laurel wreath signifying honor. It is encircled by a blue band bearing the inscription "75th anniversary" at the top and "World War I" at the bottom.

The band indicates loyalty and devotion to duty. The reverse side of the medal features an oak branch which is symbolic of strength.

The medal acknowledges the sacrifices and contributions of those who fought in World War I. The inscription, "They came on the wings of eagles," running along the bottom edge, comes from the World War I American Memorial at Saint-Nazaire, France.

The medal's dates, 1918-1993, mark the 75 year anniversary of the end of the First World War. The attached ribbon is an adaption of the rainbow design used for World War I victory medals.

Faver enlisted in the U.S. Army in Snyder on July 22, 1918. Following enlistment, he was stationed at Camp Travis and later Camp Sheridan. He was discharged at Camp Bowie on Feb. 17, 1919.

He was 23 years old and a farmer when he enlisted.

He was born on Feb. 17, 1895.

Somalia...

UN trys to patch together coalition before U.S. leaves

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Fifteen weeks before the last American combat soldier leaves Somalia, the United Nations is scrambling to patch together a military coalition to make up for the Americans' loss.

Prospects for the future U.N. presence, its size and mandate, are as uncertain as the prospects for stability and political reconciliation in Somalia.

African and Arab nations are expected to take up some of the slack, but they have little stomach for combat in a fellow Muslim nation. They want to focus on humanitarian efforts and political and economic rehabilitation.

Therefore, troop commitments may depend heavily upon reconciliation among Somali factions. But one round of peace talks collapsed last weekend in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. There are fears that Somalia again could sink into anarchy.

The U.N. mission currently includes more than 30,000 troops from 28 countries, including 2,900 U.S. soldiers. Another 8,800 Americans are under a separate U.S. command. Pakistan's 5,000 soldiers make up the largest contingent, followed by India with 4,900 troops and Italy with about 2,400.

The estimated size by March 31 is 24,500, including only a few hundred Americans in logistics jobs.

Troop contributions also depend in part on whether the Security Council decides to change the mandate, which expires May 31, from a wide-ranging mission with combat tasks to a more limited noncombat mission.

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RESULTS THIS WEEKEND

Hutchinson pre-trial motions include one for venue change

AUSTIN (AP) — Nasty partisan politics and news coverage that lumped Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in with convicted killer Kenneth McDuff will prevent her from getting a fair trial on ethics charges in Travis County, several defense witnesses said.

Mrs. Hutchison returned to court today for a pre-trial hearing on several key motions in her criminal case, including a request to move her trial out of Austin.

The Republican from Dallas is accused of using state employees and equipment during her tenure as state treasurer to further her personal and political ambitions. She also is accused of destroying computer records containing employee work schedules to cover up any wrongdoing.

On Thursday, Mrs. Hutchison, 50, waived arraignment before Judge John Onion Jr., meaning a plea of innocent was formally entered on four felony and one misdemeanor charges.

She contends the case is a conspiracy by Democrats to topple her re-election bid next year. She faces 51 years in prison and fines up to $43,000 if convicted on all charges.

Two former Treasury aides also were indicted, although their cases are being heard separately.

Thursday marked Mrs. Hutchison's first court appearance since being re-indicted by a Travis County grand jury Dec. 8. Indictments returned against her by a grand jury in September were thrown out on a technicality.

Eight defense witnesses, including an Austin television news director and several attorneys familiar with state politics, took the stand Thursday during arguments on a possible change of venue.

Carole Kneeland, news director for the ABC-TV affiliate in Austin, testified that her station has aired more than 150 stories on Mrs. Hutchison since an investigation was announced June 10.

Several attorneys said the news coverage has caused many in Travis County to form an opinion about the case.

"I am not saying it's impossible (to find an impartial jury), but from the publicity and the partisanship in Travis County, I would be concerned," said former Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr.

One in eight people in region have had cancer, survey shows

Just over one in eight people in the Big Country report having had cancer, according to a recent survey by the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

The survey found that 12.9 percent of the people within the 19 county region, which includes Scurry, reported having had some form of cancer. However, the survey also found that there was no statistical difference in the rate of cancer incidence between the counties.

The survey was conducted to assess the primary needs of cancer patients within the region. The West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTOG) and the Big Country Cancer Coalition plan to bring together county and city officials, community resources and concerned citizens to discuss solutions that address the needs of cancer patients.

According to the survey, the most commonly occurring cancer for both males and females in the region is skin cancer, with 53.3 percent of those having cancer reporting this form. The next most common was breast cancer, reported by 13.3 percent of the respondents. Cervical cancer was reported by 8.9 percent of the respondents, while 8.9 percent also reported having been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

The survey analyzed screening

(See CANCER, Page 8)

Goodfellows distribution set

With help from the citizens of Scurry County, Goodfellows is planning to feed almost 1,000 people this holiday.

"We'll be distributing food for 266 familes, that's 946 people, on Saturday," said Laurie Graves, Goodfellows public relations committee chairperson.

Families who are eligible to receive the food gift boxes have been notified by mail, and must bring their notification card with them Saturday to the county coliseum annex building. Food will be distributed at 8:30 a.m.

Meanwhile, Goodfellows has reached just half of its goal of $6,000 for 1993.

"We have $3,000 right now and we'll keep accepting donations at the local banks through next week," said Graves. Citizens may make contributions at anytime during the year by sending their donation to Goodfellows, Box 209 in Snyder.

Goodfellows Collections

$6,000 Goal
$5,500
$5,000
$4,500
$4,000
$3,500
$3,000
$2,500
$2,000
$1,500
$1,000
$500

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The trouble with forgiving and forgetting is trying to forget what was forgave."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

The Sweetwater Reporter carried a letter written by Mayor Jay Lawrence to U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm protesting unfunded mandates.

Lawrence complained that the federal government has set standards for the city's lakes and dams for a flood that "actually never occurred (except for perhaps Noah's flood)."

We wonder if the Sweetwater mayor got a recorded reply?

From the Brownfield News:

The Brownfield city council approved a tax abatement for a new grocery store, Holt and Holt, Inc. The new firm will spend about a half million dollars renovating an empty building which will be home of a new Thriftway Store. The Holts formerly owned Thriftway in Snyder.

The Hood County News in Granbury reports that 19-year-old Walt Hardin, a Stephen F. Austin University sophomore, is collecting signatures to run for county judge in the March 1994 Democratic primary.

He is trying to collect 240 voters' signatures, some 40 over the minimum, to become a candidate rather than having to pay the $600 filing fee.

The Lamesa Press-Reporter carried an item informing residents of an agreement between the city and the Lamesa school district to place a police officer in the school system.

The move is called "a cooperative effort by both police and school officials to make local schools a safe environment."

The Andrews County News reported that Mustang basketball coach George Byerly was subject of a complaint given to the Andrews school board.

Byerly, former Snyder High School coach, was said to be too strict. The citizen complained that the AHS basketball program under Byerly was "nothing short of a boot camp."

Members of the varsity basketball team submitted a hand-written letter in support of their coach. No action was taken and Byerly remains the AHS coach.

Smokey Bear's 50th birthday bash will be 11 months long

WASHINGTON (AP) — A portly Smokey Bear can be seen on television these days gyrating to a rap beat and wearing a gold chain, a baseball cap and sunglasses while belting out his fire prevention message.

Smokey's 50th birthday is approaching, but don't worry — he's not suffering a mid-life crisis.

Public service advertising experts say keeping up with the times is what made Smokey one of America's best-loved cartoon characters and one of advertising's longest running and most successful campaigns.

"Smokey has gotten more sophisticated," said Eva Kasten, executive vice president of the Advertising Council, the nonprofit public service campaign group that created Smokey a half-century ago.

"Smokey is adapting his message in a way that will still be appropriate to his target audience — kids."

For those more comfortable with the old Smokey, public service ads also still feature him in the traditional jeans and broad-brimmed park ranger's campaign hat.

The Agriculture Department's Forest Service is sponsoring an 11-month birthday celebration that will end in August.

Children are more sophisticated these days, but they're not too advanced for Smokey and his trademark slogan, "Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires," said Kasten and Lynn Pisano-Pedigo, the Forest Service spokeswoman in charge of the celebration.

World War II and the fear of fires from enemy bombing led to the creation of Smokey in August 1944. Wood was needed for the war for everything from ships to gun stocks.

Federal officials also had become alarmed over the number of avoidable fires.

Artist Albert Staehle drew the first Smokey poster — a bear pouring a bucket of water over a campfire — for the Wartime Advertising Council, which was renamed the Advertising Council after the war.

Smokey was named after "Smokey Joe" Martin, a popular New York City assistant fire chief from 1919 to 1930. Smokey's slogan was coined by Foote, Cone & Belding, which still serves as Smokey's volunteer advertising agency.

Even though millions of Americans grew up calling him Smokey the Bear, the Forest Service insists there's no "the."

A bear cub saved from a forest fire in the Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico's Capitan Mountains was named Smokey, becoming the living symbol of Smokey Bear in 1950.

"There was a fire — really a wildfire — that took everything except one little bear cub whose paws were really badly burned," Pisano-Pedigo said.

Smokey lived at the National Zoo in Washington until his death in 1976.

An orphaned cub named Little Smokey carried on the tradition. Little Smokey also was found in the Lincoln National Forest and sent to live with Smokey and his lifetime companion, Goldie, in 1971. More than 3 million people visited Little Smokey at the National Zoo each year until his death in 1990.

Pick 3

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

1-5-7

(one, five, seven)

Christmas services set at Calvary

On Sunday, Calvary Baptist Church, will have two special Christmas services.

The morning service which begins at 10:50 a.m. will feature the adult choir in a Christmas program entitled *Christmas! I Love To Tell The Story*. Arrangement is credited to Russell Mauldin.

The 6 p.m. evening service will include a Christmas musical and play performed by the children of the church.

A nursery will be provided for each service. The public is invited.

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 2405 35th St. For more information or transportation call 573-2191.

Our favorite politician says that when things seem darkest he always has a loyal following of one — his old, faithful dog.

'Magi' due on Sunday

Union United Methodist Church will present *The Magi's Story* at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary of the church. Dean Guest, pastor, will direct. She also wrote the 14 character play which will be peformed by members of the church.

The play is written from the Magi's viewpoint and will be performed without costumes or props.

The emphasis will be on the fact that the Magi traveled over 1,500 miles to see Baby Jesus.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served after the play.

THE GRIZZWELLS CHRISTMAS by Bill Schorr



Texas lawmakers pleased by Clinton's new defense pick

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's selection of Bobby Ray Inman as the newest civilian overseer of the U.S. military is drawing kudos from Texas Democrats and Republicans alike.

It doesn't hurt that the retired Navy admiral, who is an East Texas native, has ties to both past Republican and Democratic administrations.

Inman was tapped Thursday by Clinton for the top Pentagon job, the day after Defense Secretary Les Aspin announced his departure following a turbulent year marked by frequent tension with Capitol Hill.

"He appears to be precisely the man needed to guide the department as we attempt to maintain our military superiority despite budget cutbacks," said Texas GOP Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who sits on the Senate Armed Services Committee and considers Inman a personal friend.

Fellow Texas Republican Sen. Phil Gramm, who has been critical of Aspin and many other Clinton nominees, offered swift praise for Inman's selection.

"I expect Admiral Inman to be confirmed rapidly by the Senate," said Gramm, a member of the defense appropriations subcommittee. "His long and distinguished career clearly gives him the credentials necessary to take on the difficult job of running the Defense Department."

In a jab at the administration, Gramm said Inman would have to be a "miracle worker" to reconcile the Pentagon's needs with Clinton's "hollow defense policy."

Perhaps still reminded of this year's fight to save several South Texas military installations from the base-closings process, House Armed Services Committee member Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi, said: "As a retired admiral from Texas, I'm sure (Inman) will come to have a sincere appreciation for the value of the Coastal Bend military installations to our national defense, if he is not already aware of them."

Rep. Larry Combest, ranking Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, also praised the nomination of Inman, who is a former National Security Agency director and ex-CIA deputy director.

"Bobby Inman is one of those we on the Intelligence Committee refer to as the 'Wise Men' of those formerly involved in intelligence matters," said Combest, of Lubbock. "He can be relied on for his honest opinions in both open and closed hearings."

Added Combest: "I have total confidence in Bobby and I cannot think of any better selection for this important job directing the nation's defense."

The son of a small-town gas station operator, Inman was born in Rhonesboro on April 4, 1931. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1950 and was commissioned an ensign in the Navy two years later, rising to admiral by 1981 despite not attending the Naval Academy.

When he quit the government in 1982, Inman became the first president and chief executive of Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corp., an Austin-based research consortium.

In 1986 he quit and became chairman of the defense electronics firm Westmark Systems Inc., of Austin. He resigned that position on Dec. 31, 1989, and most recently has been doing consulting work from Austin, teaching at his alma mater, the University of Texas, and serving on corporate boards.

Berry's World



"Peace is hell."

HUD secretary outlines new U.S. housing goals

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros says he remains committed to his Cabinet post and won't make a run for the U.S. Senate next year.

Cisneros testified Thursday before a field hearing held by the House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development and reviewed his strategies for improving the federal government's housing programs.

Before testifying, Cisneros again told reporters he has decided not to run for the U.S. Senate seat held by Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison. Cisneros said he wants to continue at the helm of HUD.

He also indicated earlier this week he would not make the Senate run.

"I've brought people aboard, I've gone around the country and raised people's hopes, told them that this is possible, and frequently they said, 'Yes, but are you going to stay?' And I said, 'Yes, I'm going to stay,' " Cisneros said.

"So, I feel like I'm going to be a person of my word and stay and work and do the job," said Cisneros, the former mayor of San Antonio.

The government has a definite role in providing low-income housing, Cisneros testified, though he stressed that some policies need changing so that federal aid recipients can work toward self-sufficiency.

"No matter what the opponents of public housing may say, it is a critical resource and must be maintained as such," Cisneros said. Currently there are 1.4 million public housing units nationwide.

Cisneros praised subcommittee chairman U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, for his housing efforts and for "a lifetime of staying very close to the people."

In the past, Cisneros said, HUD and its bureaucracy and regulations have contributed to housing problems.

Among the proposals now under consideration is disassociating a family's income from public housing rent so that there is no disincentive to work, Cisneros said.

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After Aspin, Clinton will have other trouble spots to handle

By Jill Lawrence
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton didn't let much of his term go by before moving to fix a problem department. But the Pentagon is not the only trouble spot in his administration as he ends his first year.

Clinton's national security team has been under siege almost nonstop from critics who contend it is uninspired at best, inept at worst.

Defense Secretary Les Aspin is leaving. But it's unlikely that Secretary of State Warren Christopher, whom some consider even weaker than Aspin, will be doing the same.

After the pair gave a disastrous Somalia presentation to a congressional panel, dissatisfaction with Christopher was so great that Rep. Frank McCloskey, a member of the House Foreign Affairs and Armed Services committees, called for his resignation in The New York Times.

Clinton "went after the wrong guy," McCloskey, D-Ind., said Thursday. "If he's serious about improving foreign policy, he has to move on to the State Department."

McCloskey said he and many less public colleagues believe the country needs an articulate, persuasive, "take-charge, can-do person" at the helm of its foreign policy, and Christopher is not that man.

Sen. James Exon, D-Neb., a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Christopher and national security adviser Anthony Lake should view themselves as on probation.

The pair "had better see the handwriting on the wall and become a more effective part of the team than they have in the past or changes would have to be made there too," Exon said Thursday.

The announcement of retired Adm. Bobby Inman as Aspin's successor seemed if anything to reinforce Christopher's standing in the administration. He has worked with Inman for years and had input into his selection for the Pentagon job.

"My plans are to stay right here," Christopher said Thursday during a State Department photo session.

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown is feeling a different kind of heat. The Justice Department is investigating a charge that he accepted $700,000 from a Vietnamese-American businessman to help lift the U.S. trade embargo against Vietnam. Brown has adamantly denied the allegation.

Clinton is standing behind Brown, who was chairman of the Democratic National Committee last year and helped smooth Clinton's path to the White House. But in the meantime the secretary has had to lower his profile, not an asset in his job.

One high-level official who ended up with a secondary role is Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave M, 8 p.m. For more information call 573-1141, 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-1141. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Dec. 18, 1993

Your chart indicates you could have greater order and stability in your life in the year ahead than you have had for some time. Difficult developments will seem to sort themselves out with little help from you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In situations where you put your destiny in the hands of your faith, desirable end results are likely today. Trust in what you believe and not in what circumstances appear to be. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Two friends could play enormously important roles in your affairs over the next few days. One of these individuals helped you make a dynamic, positive change in the past.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your desires for material accumulation could be rather strong today, but you won't be looking for something for nothing. You'll be truly entitled to what you get.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In addition to your aptitude for detail today, you'll also have another dimension that should serve you well. It's your ability to see something in its entirety.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't be overly anxious today regarding matters that affect your material well being. What's presently stirring will make you feel pretty secure when revealed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might be required to make a decision that affect others as well as yourself and could have far reaching effects. Fortunately, your judgment should be more astute than usual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Go all out today, because your efforts will not go unacknowledged by persons who are pertinent to your present plans. Once you gain their respect, they will become allies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery and today you might be a bit surprised when someone you thought disliked you starts doing everything your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Something in which you're presently involved could produce a much larger payoff than you anticipate. Start examining this endeavor from a more optimistic base.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Generally speaking, you should be able to get along rather well with just about everyone today. However, you are likely to be more dynamic dealing with people on a one-to-one basis.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Materially and financially your prospects continue to look encouraging. Today, however, your rewards may come only from special work or service you perform.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Persons you know socially could prove to be rather lucky for you today, especially in situations where you need their help to open doors you can't on your own.



Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-17-93
♠K Q 8
♥8
♦9 7 5 2
♣Q 8 6 5 4

WEST
♠9 5 2
♥J 5 2
♦A K 8 3
♣K J 7

EAST
♠10
♥Q 7 6 4 3
♦J 10 6
♣A 10 9 2

SOUTH
♠A J 7 6 4 3
♥A K 10 9
♦Q 4
♣3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

A candle in the dark

Despite Ambrose Bierce's claim that opportunity is a favorable occasion for grasping a disappointment, we must, at the bridge table, search for every opportunity to bring home our contract. Even when things look grim, there might be one faint chance to snatch success from the vise of vanquish.

Today's deal occurred during the Australian National Women's Team Championship. At both tables, West led the diamond ace against four spades. Leading the ace from A-K is standard in Australia, and it is moving into the ascendancy in North America too. Seeing dummy's singleton, West switched to a trump at trick two.

The first declarer won in the dummy, played off her A-K of hearts and ruffed a heart in the dummy, hoping to drop Q-J-x. Now, though, South had no immediate side-suit hand entry. She led the club queen from the dummy, hoping whoever won the trick wouldn't have a trump left. However, East played low, allowing West to win with the king and return another spade. Declarer had to lose four tricks: one heart, two diamonds and one club.

The second declarer, Barbara Travis, saw that the heart possibility could wait. There was another prospect to try first. At trick three, Travis led a diamond to her queen. West won with the king and returned another trump. Winning in the dummy, declarer ruffed a diamond. Suddenly dummy's diamond nine was a winner. Travis cashed the A-K of hearts, ruffed a heart in the dummy and discarded her last heart on the diamond nine.

Beautifully spotted!

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Dr. Gott

by Peter Gott, M.D.

How to detect hypothyroidism

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss hypothyroidism.

DEAR READER: The thyroid, a dumbbell-shaped gland in the neck, regulates metabolism. When the gland over-produces thyroid hormone, metabolism accelerates, leading to nervousness, sweating, rapid pulse, weight loss and a host of other symptoms.

Conversely, when the gland fails to produce enough hormone, patients suffer from lassitude, intolerance to cold, slow pulse, heart afflictions, constipation, depression, dry skin, slowed thinking and many other metabolic derangements.

Such hypothyroidism can result from a deficiency in the pituitary gland (which regulates the thyroid), inflammation (from auto-immune diseases), thyroid surgery, and dietary iodine deficiency.

The diagnosis is made by blood tests that measure both the pituitary thyroid-stimulating hormone and the thyroid hormone itself.

Fortunately, treatment with supplemental thyroid-hormone pills is almost always curative — and inexpensive. Patients are initially given low doses of the drug. Once their bodies have adjusted to the metabolic changes, the doses are slowly increased until blood tests show that a normal metabolic balance has been achieved.

Advanced cases of hypothyroidism are easy for even a layman to diagnose. But mild forms may be tricky because common symptoms (such as depression and constipation) may be the only manifestation of thyroid deficiency — and can exist for years without progressing.

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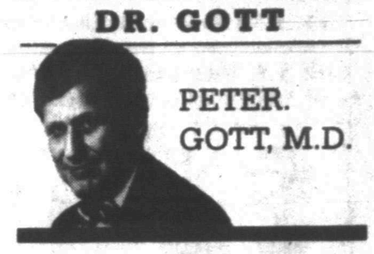
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Deputy indicted for five-year-old rape incident

BAY CITY (AP) — A 16-year-old girl's claims that a Matagorda County sheriff's deputy raped her were ignored for five years because the deputy's supervisors refused to investigate, officials said.

The investigation was reopened in March, leading to the indictment last week of Trinidad Constancio on three felony charges of forcible sexual assault.

Constancio, 47, is in the Matagorda County Jail on $300,000 bond. Since his arrest, Constancio has admitted to having sex with the 16-year-old girl, but he says it was consensual, Kilgore said. The girl has denied consenting to sex.

Sheriff Keith Kilgore says no criminal investigation was conducted for years "because a deputy sheriff was involved."

"There was never a report filed. Never a report taken. Nothing was done," said Kilgore, a deputy in 1989 who defeated former Sheriff Sam Hurta in a 1992 election.

"It was handled internally. His (Constancio's) discipline was 30 days loss of pay. He was allowed to return to duty," Kilgore told The Victoria Advocate.

Kilgore said the girl claims she was attacked by Constancio three times in 1989, twice while Constancio was on duty. Other officers knew of the allegations, but couldn't do anything about the lack of an investigation, Kilgore said.

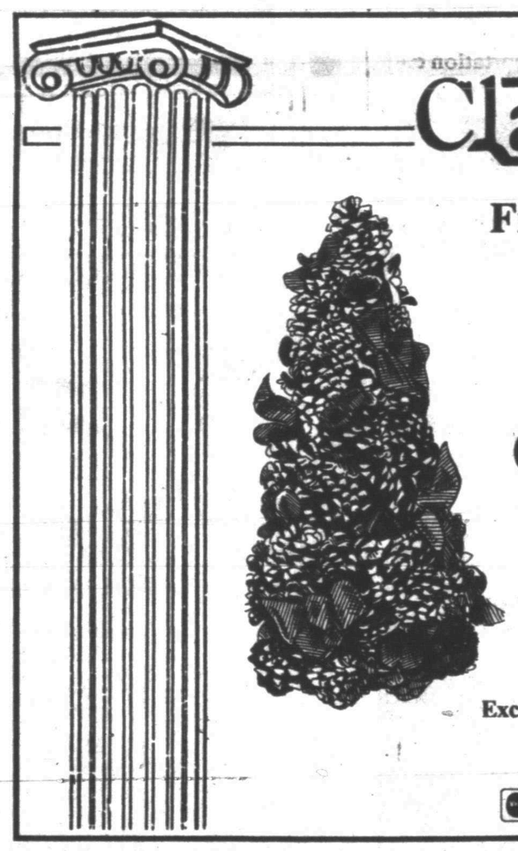
"There was general anger throughout the department ... and embarrassment," he said.

Hurta said Thursday that he didn't want to discuss the case because he couldn't remember everything that happened.

Kilgore reopened the case in March, but the girl's grandparents, who had come to the sheriff's department with the complaints in 1989, weren't too receptive.

"They were angry and felt like they had not received justice," Sgt. James Mitchell said. "The grandparents and even the young victim did not trust law enforcement. They came in 1989 for help and didn't get it."

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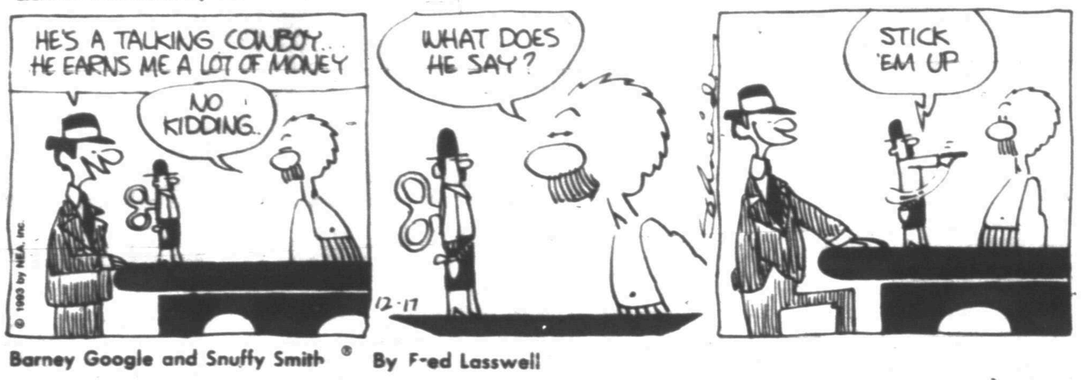
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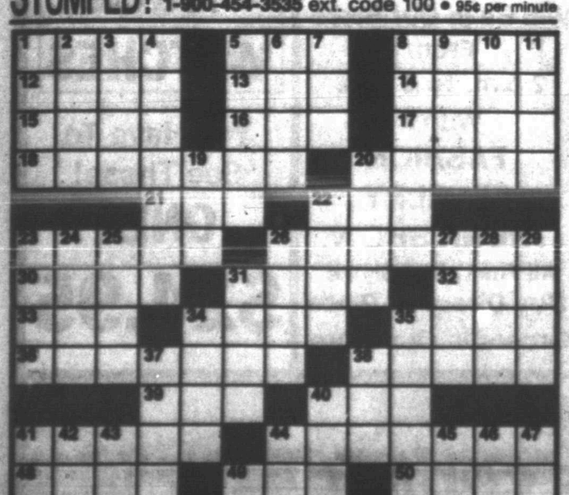
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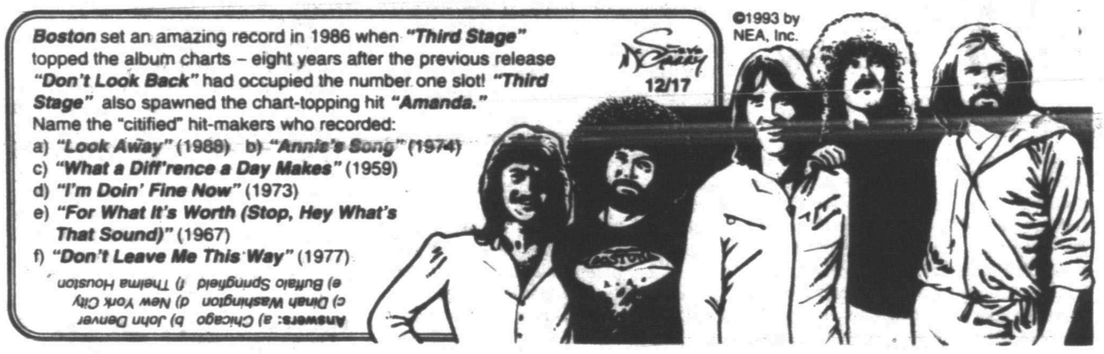
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Slaton entertains SHS Lady Tigers

Snyder's Lady Tigers hope to be at full strength when they visit Slaton for tonight's 7 o'clock non-district basketball meeting.

Snyder was without starters Vanessa Williams, a post, and forward Jamie Brown, both of whom had twisted ankles, in Saturday's 57-40 loss to Class 5A Midland Lee. In addition, senior guard Meriah Worthen was slowed with an ankle injury.

Snyder coach Steve Qualls hopes all three will be back, at least for limited duty tonight.

"It was hard on us," Qualls said following the Lee game, "but we got a lot of playing time for the girls on the bench, and that's important, too."

"It was a learning experience," he added. "It is really important that the girls don't repeat the mistakes we make. The girls know that and they really responded in the second half of the game. I thought the girls did a great job in the second half. They played the kind of basketball we need to play in the second half."

Snyder's leading scorer is senior Annie Ragland, who canned a team-best 17 points versus Lee.

Snyder carries a 4-7 mark into tonight's contest. Slaton is 12-1, including a 73-32 hammering of Tulia in the championship of last week's Abernathy-New Deal Invitational.

Tonight's action begins at 5:30 with the JV contest.

The Lady Tigers will travel to Coahoma Dec. 20 before taking a break for the holidays.

Class 4A All-State...

Stephenville dominates team

DALLAS (AP) — Stephenville dominated The Associated Press Sports Editors' Class 4A All-State teams released Thursday, placing three players on the first team and six more on the second squad.

The Yellowjackets (15-0) impressed voters with 4A's best offense and one of the stingiest defenses during the regular season. They've continued their success in the playoffs, advancing to Saturday's title game against La Marque (14-0).

Quarterback Branndon Stewart earned an extra honor as he was named offensive Player of the Year. He completed 101 of 187 passes for 1,943 yards and 18 touchdowns, and he ran for 862 yards and 12 TDs.

"He's done a good job for us all year and he's done it because of the people surrounding him," said Stephenville coach Art Briles. "We have a lot of run-pass options and he does a good job of picking up the right key and making good things happen."

Some of the best members of Stewart's supporting cast are fellow first-teamers Jason Bragg, a defensive back honoree who also played receiver, and Kris Terrill, an offensive lineman making the squad for the second straight year.

Trying to stop the Yellowjackets' menacing attack will be La Marque and its first-team selections, offensive lineman Grant Hawthorne and defensive lineman Earl Ricicar.

Cougars running back Byron Evans, who scored the winning touchdown in the final minute of La Marque's last two playoff victories, made the second team.

"They're the leaders of our team," said La Marque coach Alan Weddell. "They're the kids we look to to make the big play. Earl leading tackler on defense ... and behind every great run by Evans, there's a great block by Hawthorne."

Four other teams had three first-teamers, including defending champion Waxahachie, on the squads chosen by sports writers and editors from across the state on the basis of regular-season statistics.

The Indians, who were knocked out last weekend by Stephenville, are represented by offensive lineman Edward Bullard and linebacker Robert Jones, the defensive player of the year.

A&M Consolidated, one of the teams victimized by Evans' last-minute scores, placed center Mike Vietor and defensive back Duane Price on the first team.

Edcouch-Elsa had two first-team defenders in linebacker Julian Lara and defensive back Narciso Martinez.

Brownwood, one of Stephenville's top district rivals, had first-teamers in place-kicker Chad Walker and running back Hut Allred, who smashed most school records in his career and had 1,565 yards rushing this year.

The other two running backs are New Braunfels Canyon's Todd Mitchell, who led 4A with 2,068 yards, and Silsbee's Jay McGuire, best known for his 424-yard game against Bridge City.

Rounding out the first-team offense are lineman Kinshara Houston of Sweetwater and ends Darren Brinkley of Belton and Bobby Losoya of Sharyland.

On defense, lineman Taurus Rucker of Denison made the jump from being a second-teamer as junior to first-team as a senior.

He's joined at the position by Page Baldwin of Canyon Randall and Tyrone Williams of Borger.

Other defensive first-team selections are linebacker James Driver of Cleveland and defensive back Shun Horn of Jasper.

The punter is James Charles of Dumas.

Stephenville's six second-teamers are: offensive linemen Matt Lowery and Shaylor Pryor, center Wayne Beyer, defensive lineman Mitch Copeland, linebacker Trenton Chaplin and defensive back Jeff Thompson.

Playoff pairings

Class 5A Division I
Championship
Converse Judson 36, Plano 13
Class 5A Division II
State semifinals
Lewisville 40, Temple 16
Aldine MacArthur 20, Victoria 7
State championship
Lewisville (14-0-1) vs. Aldine MacArthur (12-3), Saturday, noon, Astrodome.
Class 4A
State semifinals
Stephenville 22, Waxahachie 21
La Marque 33, Corpus Christi Calallen 31
State championship
Stephenville (15-0) vs. La Marque (14-0), Saturday, 4 p.m., Austin Memorial Stadium.
Class 3A
State semifinals
Southlake Carroll 28, Tatum 14
Cuero 32, Columbus 0
State championship
Southlake Carroll (15-0) vs. Cuero (12-2-1), Saturday, 7 p.m., Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco.
Class 2A
State semifinals
Goldthwaite 47, Pilot Point 7
Omaha Paul Prewitt 37, Wimberley 35
State championship
Goldthwaite (13-2) vs. Omaha Paul Prewitt (14-1), Saturday, 5 p.m. Fort Worth Clark Stadium.
Class A
State semifinals
Sudan 34, Crawford 8
Bremond 47, Teneha 26
State championship
Sudan (13-2) vs. Bremond (14-0-1), Saturday, 7:30 p.m., San Angelo Stadium.
Six man
State championship
Panther Creek 56, Dell City 28

Bowl lineup

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Friday, Dec. 17
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Ball State (8-2-1) vs. Utah State (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 24
John Hancock Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Texas Tech (6-5) vs. Oklahoma (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (CBS)

Saturday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, noon (ABC)
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Fresno State (8-3) vs. Colorado (7-3-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

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)

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Dallas not taking Jets lightly

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Jimmy Johnson knows that the Dallas Cowboys' visit to Giants Stadium Saturday to play the New York Jets is more than a dress rehearsal for the Jan. 2 showdown for the NFC East title with the Giants.

"I don't know what they have to be worried about as far as their credibility is concerned," Johnson says of the New York area's No. 2 team. "Around the league, people know they are good. An opportunity to play for the playoffs is motivation enough."

Yes, when the Cowboys arrive they will find a playoff contender with an 8-5 record — one of eight AFC teams at 9-4 or 8-5.

But they will also find a team that has raised doubts despite six wins in their last seven games, in large part because they've gone 13 quarters without a touchdown against the New England Patriots, Indianapolis Colts and Washington Redskins, who have a combined record of 9-30.

Moreover, last week's 3-0 win over the Redskins was not one for the ages. The highlight clip from the game is a snap on an attempted field goal bouncing off the head of holder Louie Aguiar.

But none of that counts for Saturday, a must game for both teams.

The Cowboys (9-4) find themselves a game behind the Giants in the NFC East with the division title and home-field advantage for the playoffs likely to come down to their meeting in two weeks. To ensure that game means something, the Cowboys have to keep winning.

The Jets, meanwhile, have finished the soft part of their schedule. After Dallas, they go to Buffalo and Houston, not the easiest of trips under any circumstances and certainly not when both those teams are chasing playoff berths.

Saturday's game presents a contrast in abilities.

The Jets have stayed in the race with defense — the 179 points they've allowed is the third fewest in the NFL. Dallas, by contrast, is having more problems on defense than offense — coming off its Super Bowl season it ranks 14th in the league, exactly in the middle.

Dallas, having typical post-Super Bowl complications this season, got a new one this week when Mark Stepnoski, its Pro Bowl center, injured a knee that might require surgery.

"It puts a damper on our offense," says Emmitt Smith, who is going for his third straight NFL rushing title. "That's the way our season's been going. Once we get to rolling, we have to take two or three steps back because somebody gets hurt."

Spurs hand Mavericks 17th consecutive loss

DALLAS (AP) — San Antonio Spurs center David Robinson knows that a team involved in a losing streak can sometimes sneak up and win against a good team.

But Robinson made sure that didn't happen Thursday night as he scored 30 points to lead the Spurs to an easy 103-89 NBA victory over the Dallas Mavericks, who suffered their 17th consecutive defeat.

Robinson, the league's leading scorer helped the Spurs overcome a slow start by scoring 13 points in both the first and third quarters.

"Right from the start we tried to establish something inside," said Robinson, who hit 11 of 17 from the field and pulled down 14 rebounds in 33 minutes. "We wanted to get off to a good start.

"A losing streak is scary because you never know when the team is going to get out of it. Sometimes a team on a losing streak is real loose and can sneak up on you. We didn't want them to be loose tonight."

Dallas fell to 1-20, the worst record in the league, and is two short of the club record losing streak of 19 established last season.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	15	4	.789	—
Orlando	11	9	.550	4½
Boston	11	11	.500	5½
Miami	8	11	.421	7
New Jersey	8	13	.381	8
Philadelphia	7	13	.350	8½
Washington	6	15	.286	10
Central Division				
Atlanta	15	5	.750	—
Chicago	11	8	.579	3½
Charlotte	11	10	.524	4½
Indiana	9	11	.450	6
Cleveland	7	13	.350	8
Detroit	7	13	.350	8
Milwaukee	5	16	.238	10½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	20	1	.952	—
Utah	15	7	.682	5½
San Antonio	15	8	.652	6
Denver	9	11	.450	10½
Minnesota	7	13	.350	12½
Dallas	1	20	.048	19
Pacific Division				
Seattle	17	2	.895	—
Phoenix	15	3	.833	1½
Golden State	11	9	.550	6½
Portland	12	10	.545	6½
LA Clippers	9	10	.474	8
LA Lakers	8	14	.364	10½
Sacramento	5	15	.250	12½

Thursday's Games
New York 108, LA Lakers 85
New Jersey 111, Charlotte 95
Detroit 97, Washington 95
Miami 90, Cleveland 89
Indiana 99, Atlanta 81
San Antonio 103, Dallas 89
Friday's Games
Utah at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Orlando at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Rotan set to entertain Cardinals

Hermleigh will visit Rotan for non-district boys and girls basketball games today, the Cardinals' last outing before the holiday break.

The Cardinals are 2-7 on the season, including an 83-28 loss to Roscoe on Tuesday. Hermleigh's leading scorer against the Plowboys was Joey Sanchez, who canned seven. Chris Lambaren chipped in six and John Hardy finished with five.

Hermleigh's girls, coming off a 29-25 loss to Roscoe on Tuesday, carry a 6-4 slate.

Leaders for the Lady Cards include Connie Payne, who scored 12 points against RHS, Michelle Roemisch, who added nine, and Brandi Bates, who was good for four.

Rotan's girls bring a 6-6 record into todays' fray.

The girls' game will tip off at 6:30 p.m., followed at 8 p.m. by the boys' game.

Ira cagers slated to visit Dawson

After a week's rest, Ira's basketball teams will return to the court today when they face Dawson in non-district action.

The IHS Lady Bulldogs are coming off a runner-up finish in the Highland Hilltop Classic a week ago.

Ira has played in three girls' championship games in as many tournament appearances this season.

The Lady 'Dogs fell to Trent, 46-33, in the title game at Highland in spite of a 10-point effort by Angie Robinson and nine from Jennifer Rankin.

Coach Tim Mebane hopes to have starters Jody Rankin and Jennifer Northcott back at full strength after both were limited by illness at Highland.

The Ira girls will try to improve on a 6-7 season record.

Ira's boys are 3-8 on the year and are led by Coy Henderson, who scored 24 and Cory Beltz, who added 13 in the Bulldogs' 103-81 loss to Westbrook at the Hilltop Classic a week ago.

Today's games begin with the girls' 6:30 p.m. contest, followed by the boys' tilt at 8 p.m.

Goldsmith accepts post at Duke

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Fred Goldsmith is well aware of the coaching complexities of Duke football.

But the new Blue Devil coach is also conscious that the program, many say strapped by academic standards too tough to be successful, yearns to become a winner.

"I did not come here to be an Ivy League coach or an academic league coach," said Goldsmith, who left Rice on Thursday to become Duke's 18th head football coach.

"We are not going to compromise our values and standards, but by gosh I want good football players that happen to be smart enough to be here. And we're going to try to go and recruit against the best. We will go to Florida and try to recruit against Florida and Florida State."

Goldsmith, 49, replaces Barry Wilson, who resigned after posting a four-year record of 13-31-1 at the Atlantic Coast Conference school. Wilson won four conference games during his tenure and finished no better than seventh in any of his seasons.

SHS begins tourney play

BROWNFIELD — The Snyder Tigers begin their appearance at the Brownfield Rotary Invitational Basketball Tournament today when they face Dimmitt in a 3:30 p.m. first-round contest.

The Tigers were originally slated to open the event Thursday, but semester tests at SHS precluded the Tigers from making games before today.

First-round results from Thursday include Andrews' 71-68 win over Slaton, and a 65-30 thrashing of Muleshoe by the host Cubs.

Pecos drew an opening round bye.

Snyder, led by top scorers Adrian Sneed and Jon Patrick, both seniors, brings a 7-3 mark into the tournament, including a 58-55 loss to Andrews a week ago.

A win over Dimmitt would have the Tigers facing Andrews for the third time this season at 11 a.m. Saturday in the championship semifinals.

Other games scheduled today will pit Muleshoe vs. Slaton in the consolation bracket and the Pecos-Brownfield semifinal battle.

The semifinal winners will square off at 8 p.m. Saturday for the tourney title. The losers will play for third place at 6:30 p.m.

The consolation game between the Slaton-Muleshoe winner at the Snyder-Dimmitt loser will be played at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Brownfield Rotary Invitational Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 16
Andrews 71, Slaton 68
Brownfield 65, Muleshoe 30
Pecos, bye
Friday, Dec. 17
Snyder vs. Dimmitt, 3:30 p.m.
Muleshoe vs. Slaton, 5 p.m.
Pecos vs. Brownfield, 7 p.m.

NFL glance

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Miami	9	4	0	.692	268	226
Buffalo	9	4	0	.692	236	184
N.Y. Jets	8	5	0	.615	249	179
Indianapolis	4	9	0	.308	169	290
New England	2	11	0	.154	147	242
Central						
Houston	9	4	0	.692	308	214
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	269	230
Cleveland	6	7	0	.462	236	257
Cincinnati	1	12	0	.077	138	279
West						
Kansas City	9	4	0	.692	256	213
LA Raiders	8	5	0	.615	246	248
Denver	8	5	0	.615	320	231
San Diego	6	7	0	.462	221	225
Seattle	5	8	0	.385	213	244
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
y-N.Y. Giants	10	3	0	.769	245	158
Dallas	9	4	0	.692	294	206
Philadelphia	5	8	0	.385	199	245
Phoenix	4	9	0	.308	252	226
Washington	3	10	0	.231	188	276
Central						
Green Bay	8	5	0	.615	275	231
Detroit	8	5	0	.615	231	203
Chicago	7	6	0	.538	211	177
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	212	254
Tampa Bay	4	9	0	.308	183	307
West						
San Francisco	9	4	0	.692	377	231
New Orleans	7	6	0	.538	257	269
Atlanta	6	7	0	.462	272	307
LA Rams	4	9	0	.308	184	304

y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday, Dec. 18
Denver at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
Dallas at New York Jets, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 19
Atlanta at Washington, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles Rams at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.
New England at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
San Francisco at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 20
New York Giants at New Orleans, 9 p.m.

Saturday Night
9:00-1:00
"Little Rock"
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Members & Guests

Cinema I & II
1907 College 573-7519
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7:00 & 9:20
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WANTED: Experienced truck driver at least 25 yrs. of age with crude oil hauling experience. Reputable Company of 15 yrs. 40 hrs./week & benifits. Call 1-800-580-3200 ask for Robert or Jim.

News writer/photographer needed. Experience helpful, but will train. Qualified person must have typing, English language skills. Send resume to P.O. Box 949W, Snyder, Tx. 79550.

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WANTED: Must be able to perform manual, unskilled and limited semi-skilled duties. Must be able to meet and work with the public. A valid drivers license required. Apply in person at TEC, 1902 37th Street, Snyder, Texas. EOE, employer paid ad.

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Edelman Brothers saddle, $450; 8N Ford tractor, $4500. Pasture Pleaser grain drill, $800. Call 573-1262.

240 SPORTING GOODS

Youth Bows & Archery supplies for Christmas. The Bow Shop at Scurry Co. Vet Clinic. 573-1717.

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1982 Kawasaki 440 Jet Ski. Please call 573-1679 weekdays after 5:30 p.m., all day weekends, leave message.

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Brown swivel rocker, excellent condition, earth tone couch with wood frame, box & coffee table with storage, end tables. All for $250. 573-9969.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL: Metal Detectors by Whites Electronics. 915-728-2494 Colorado City.

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Extra large chest type deep freeze, excellent condition, $175. 573-5508 , 573-8735 or 573-1634.

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MESQUITE FIREWOOD for sale: $80 a cord. We Deliver. 573-7321.

Nat. Gas and LP wall furnaces, $129.90; ¾ "-8" Grove Siding, $13.99; 3x12 Metal Sheets, $8.99; 32" and 36" Storm Doors and full views; 32" and 36" Metal Door $49.95; Roll Roofing $10.99. Builders Surplus, 915-235-9966, Sweetwater, Texas.

New Singer sewing machine, beauty shop electric hair dryer w/ chair. Call 573-9005 or 573-6975.

OAK FIREWOOD, 60% split, 4 months cured, $130 a cord (4x4x8), delivered. Stacey Browning 573-0543.

On Sale Saturday: Flags, windsocks and Antiques. **Bannerstaff,** north side of square.

Shape up with ~~a Body-by-Jake~~ Firm Flex, like new w/ video instruction, $100. 573-7381.

Shelled pecans, 3 lbs./$12, shelled peanuts, 3 lbs./$5. Will deliver. 1-235-8349 (Sweetwater) P & P Shelling Co.

FOR SALE: Sofa, love seat, Tappen gas range, 2 Singer sewing machines (1 modern & 1 antique). 573-6983.

FRESH shelled pecans $4 per lb., unshelled $1 per lb. 573-9853.

King size waterbed w/ 6 drawers, flotation mattress & high bookcase headboard, $250. 573-0985.

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310 GARAGE SALES

ESTATE SALE
2211 32nd St.
Saturday 9-1
Furniture, clothes, lots of misc. Everything must go!

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ESTATE SALE
Pioneer Furniture
2310 College Ave.
Began Thursday thru ?
Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5:30
Saturday 8:30-5:00
Household items too many to name.

4-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
3111 Ave. X
Sat. 8-12
Baby bed, twin bed, desk, apt. size freezer, bedspread & curtains & misc.

GARAGE SALE
2700 Denison
Saturday 8-12
Portable dishwasher, tools, waterbeds, old cars, misc. household items.

INSIDE GARAGE SALE
Sat. & Sun. 9-?
Dunn, Tx., green bldg. across from Post Office.
Glassware, antiques, sheets, lamps, nick nacks, lots of misc.

MULT-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
3709 Ave. U
Saturday 10-2
Men's suits, formal, girls clothes (12-14), and lots of misc.

½ PRICE SALE
1607 25th St.
Fri. & Sat. 8-12
573-5172 or 573-9302
Couch, love seat, end tables, dresser & mirror, fish tank (complete), 2 Beautishop chairs, microwave, all kinds exercise equipment, 2 desk, X-mas tree, 2 IBM Selectric II, free clothes, reg. price new jewelry, Dooney Burke purses. Make offer. Everything has to go!

GARAGE SALE
201 N. Lubbock Hwy.
(next to Eddins-Walcher)
Saturday 9-2
Wooden Christmas ornaments, 19" color TV, childs school desk, southwest lamps, bicycles, and good ole junk.

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320 RENT OR LEASE

KEY MOBILE HOME PARK on West 37th, Large Lots. Now locally owned. 573-2149.

LARGE Mobile Home space: Water furnished, $75 per month, first month free. Room for horse if needed. 573-0548.

1500 SF Shop-Office with upstairs 1 bedroom apartment, $325/month. 573-1956, 573-2442 or 573-5627.

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325 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Apartment for rent: 3 rooms & bath, well-furnished. No pets. References required. 3108½ Ave. V. 573-3974.

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom furnished apartment, no pets or children, no utilities paid, deposit required. 573-9047 or 573-1101.

Furnished 2 bedroom apartment, electric paid, $225/mo. + deposit. Also tiny 1 bedroom house, fenced yard, $125/mo. + deposit. 573-0502 or 573-5525.

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Balloon Burst Special
DECEMBER SPECIAL
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5400 College Ave. 573-0879

330 HOUSES FOR RENT

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, fenced yard, carport. 1904 Scott St. Call 573-0313 after 5 p.m.

FOR RENT: Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, fireplace, built-ins, fenced yard. 573-3606.

FOR RENT: Large 4 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2700 Ave. J. 573-5117 weekdays, 573-4728 nights & weekends.

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 3102 40th St., $300/month, $100 deposit. 573-1640 after 6 p.m.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, carport, $150/month. No children. Call 573-7159.

SUNRISE DUPLEXES, 2-1-1, fenced-in yard, washer-dryer hookups, CH/A, $300/month, $200/deposit. Call 573-1386.

340 MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

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Lot plumbed for trailer 75x125, $700 or trade for boat. 573-7353.

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WEEKDAYS
573-5612 or 573-1755

2972 sq. ft., 4-3½, playrm, pool.
3711 Noble, 3-2, CH/A.28.250T
3600 Irving, 3-1, CH/A. 36T
3717 Avondale, 3b, n/cpet. 35T
3702 Muriel, 2-2, CH/A. 33T
2225 Sunset, 3-1, sunrm. 35T
N of Union, 3-1-2, 10A. 51.5T
4200 Lubbock, 3-2-2, shop.66T
3007 El Paso, 3-2, pl/pl.hs.89.5T
1800 37th, lrg. 3 bd., 3 bth, lrg. den, w/guest house. 85T
3112 Ave. C, 4-1-1, w/w. 39T
Cedar Creek, 3-2-2, 2 lv/a.85T
2200 40th, 3-1, ch/a. 30T
3-2, den, shop, CH/A, red. 32T
New List, Col. Hill 3-2 69.9T
Lg. Country Home, 5 ac.110T
2202 43rd, 3-2, den. 48.5T
209 37th, 3-2, CH/A. 62T
3505 Irving 3-1, CH/A. 49.5T
Aprox. 320 A, lg. shop 8 mi. W.
North side of square. 46T
10 Unit Apt. Complex 35T
3012 Ave. W 39.5T
3733 Avondale 3-2 + apt. 45T
3505 44th. 3-2-2. 53T
Polar 360A, some min. 108T
Claudia Sanchez 573-9615
Bill Dryden 573-9739
Frances Stevenson 573-2528

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573-8505
1707 30th Street

4500 Galveston, 3-2-2, $89,500.
Exxon Comm. Bldg., $59T.
Country with acreage.
Westridge, 4-3½ -CP.
2215 42nd, 3-2-1, $34,900.
2202 43rd, 3-2, 48,500.
2207 43rd, 3-1-CP, 48T.
3600 Irving, 3-1-1, $30's.
4200 Lubbock, 3-2-2, plus shop.
4301 Lubbock, 3-2-2, 56T.
C-City Lake, 3-2-2, 70's.
3001 Crockett, 4-2½ -2cp.
Cedar Creek, 3-3-2, $85T.
2605 28th, SOLD70's.
3301 Houston 3-2-2 $59T.
3901 Muriel, 3-2-2, $35T.
3725 Sunset, 2-1-1, 24T.
IRA, 2 nice homes, 3-2½ .
Jackie Buckland 573-8193
Annette Waller 573-9467
Margaret Birdwell 573-6674
Elizabeth Potts 573-4245

City REALTORS
4610 College Ave.
573-7100 573-7177

NEW Listing, 3-2-2, 4103 Midland.
Cedar Creek area, near golf course, 3-2-2, lg. den, $82.5.
Cedar Creek, 3-2½ -2, fpl., $85T.
2411 26th St., 2-1-2, cp, shop, $15.9.
Ira, 3-2-2, carport. $29.5.
101 Birch, 2-1-1cp, 20T.
211 Birch, 3-1-1cp, $15T.
3-2, w/det. gar. Reduced $20's.
3733 Avondale, 3-2, w/apt., $45T.
3505 Irving, Nice, 3-1, shop, $40's.
3700 Austin, 3-2, red., $40.
1503 Ave. R 3-1-1-1cp; 500 30th, 20's.
Lots, Midland, 47th St., Cedar Creek.
Established business, call for details.
RENTALS- 3 bd. and Townhouse.
2711 Ave. U, 4-2, w/apt., 12T.
Wenona Evans 573-8165
Doris Beard 573-8480
Clarence Payne 573-8927
573-NEWS #209

611 East Highway
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573-8571 573-3452

Picture Perfect, 2 bd. w/living & den, wet bar, kitchen isle, 3702 Muriel, $33,000.
4-3-2, pool, in the $90's.
4115 Eastridge, 3-2-2, $32T.
El Paso St., 3-2-2, $60's.
Country, 2-1½, 14 acres.
West 30th, 3-2-2, $80's.
3505 44th, 3-2-2, covered patio.
2601 Ave. A, 3-2, 5 acres.
209 37th, 3-2-2, brick, $62,000.
Cedar Creek, 3-3-3, $85,000.
40 acres, near Dunn, $20,000.
2212 41st St., 3-1½, CH/A.
2202 43rd St., 3-2, den.
2215 42nd, 3-2-1, $34,900.
3406 44th, $32,000.
2211 27th ST., 4-2-2, $45,000.
4501 Denison, corner lot, brick.
Louise Ball 573-2969
Faye Blackledge 573-1223
Lenora Boydstun 573-6876
Pat Cornett 573-1818
Dolores Jones 573-3452

Lubbock Zoo Needs Snyder Home
Looking for quiet, 3B/2B country home located on 5-25 acres of land within 15 miles of Snyder for: 2 Tennessee Walkers; 1 Paso; 2 Standard Poodles; 1 Donkey; 1 Squirrel Monkey; 2 Jack Dempseys'; 1 Algae Eater; and keepers, Kristin, Te-Auna, [illegible] Fenced, barns, stable would be a plus. Interested in lease/purchase. Call 915.573.8578 or 915.573.0803.

NEW EXCLUSIVE,
4103 Midland Ave., Extra Nice, 3-2-2, Dining, Fpl., Lg., Mastr. Bd., Sep. Hobby Rm. or Office. Price In $70's
Wenona Evans
City Realtors
573-7100 or 573-8165

25 years later, investigators stymied in massacre probe

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Investigators of a massacre that crushed a student movement in 1968 said Thursday they have been stymied by government refusal to open official archives on the bloody chapter.

But the 21 historians and human rights activists, in releasing a report of their independent Truth Commission, vowed to press for records that could clarify the murky events surrounding the killing.

On the night of Oct. 2, 1968, just days before the Olympic Games opened here, some 10,000 leftist students and sympathizers massed on Mexico City's Plaza of the Three Cultures in Tlatelolco.

Hundreds died in subsequent weapons fire by troops, shocking this nation much as the killing of President Kennedy did in the United States.

But unlike the Kennedy assassination, there has never been a broad public examination of the 1968 massacre. And the commission's report said official silence lingering to this day has hampered their best efforts.

Still unknown are answers to such key questions as who ordered the killings and exactly how many died. No one has ever been prosecuted.

"Authoritarian government continues today," said Mariclaire Acosta, a human rights activist, who released the commission report at a news conference.

The six-month investigation was seen as a test of resolve by the one-party state, which has governed six decades, to tolerate free discussion of politically sensitive issues.

More than 30,000 Mexicans marched this Oct. 2 to mourn the 25th anniversary of the killing, their leaders demanding an inquiry that would lay to rest the events of 1968.

The students who were killed were demanding more freedoms from then-President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz. One former student leader, Heberto Castillo, recalled on the anniversary that the shooting "seemed like war."

At least 300 people died by most estimates, perhaps more. The government confirmed just 32 dead after removing the bodies during the night, declaring it had suppressed armed communist agitators.

"The violent dissolution of the student gathering ... produced many injuries and deaths, but the commission is unable to give an approximate figure because it did not have access to official archives," the report said.

Commission member Lorenzo Meyer, an historian, said more than a dozen government agencies and officials failed to respond to requests for documents and testimony.

The public figures included Luis Echeverria, the interior minister in 1968 and a key government figure who subsequently became president.

Meyer said the commission would ask Congress to amend the constitution to require release of public records that many government officials seem to consider "private property."

The report, meanwhile, discounted charges that the student demonstrations were part of an international communist plot to topple Diaz Ordaz's authoritarian government.

It also declared that the students had assembled peacefully and were unarmed when a ferocious army assault involving machine guns and other military weapons was launched. Authorities at the time accused the students of being armed and firing first.

Students fell, torn by bullets. Shoes lay in blood-spattered clumps as the crowd stampeded, unable to escape the troops and tanks ringing the plaza.

"The first big volleyllsted more than a half-hour: machine guns, cannon shot, large-caliber fire. The firing went on sporadically for hours," Castillo, now a 65-year-old opposition politician, recalled.

The commission said as many as 15,000 troops and police participated in the effort to repress students but the operation "had gotten out of control" as three soldiers were killed in chaotic shooting.

"Without a doubt, elements of the various public security forces exchanged fire between themselves," the report concluded.

The students were protesting the money lavished on the Olympics when most Mexicans were going hungry and there had been army crackdowns on earlier student demonstrations. They also demanded greater freedom of speech and the disbanding of some police units.

The killing created worldwide headlines. But by the time the Olympics opened, the square was cleaned. Most Americans to this day remember 1968 Mexico for the protests by black U.S. athletes.



WINS TIRES — Marion Dabbs, left, recently won a set of Cooper tires from West Texas Tire Service, 1001 College. Owner Manny Gutierrez makes the presentation. (SDN Staff Photo)

United EC bests U.S.

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — In besting the United States in some crucial areas of world trade talks, the European Community did what it rarely can do — stand united.

The often-fractious community overcame deep divisions during the lengthy bargaining to demonstrate it can, when it wants to, wield considerable influence in the global arena.

The show of unity goes against warnings by some that the dozen nations would never be able to implement their Treaty on European Union, which calls for a common foreign policy and single currency by 1999.

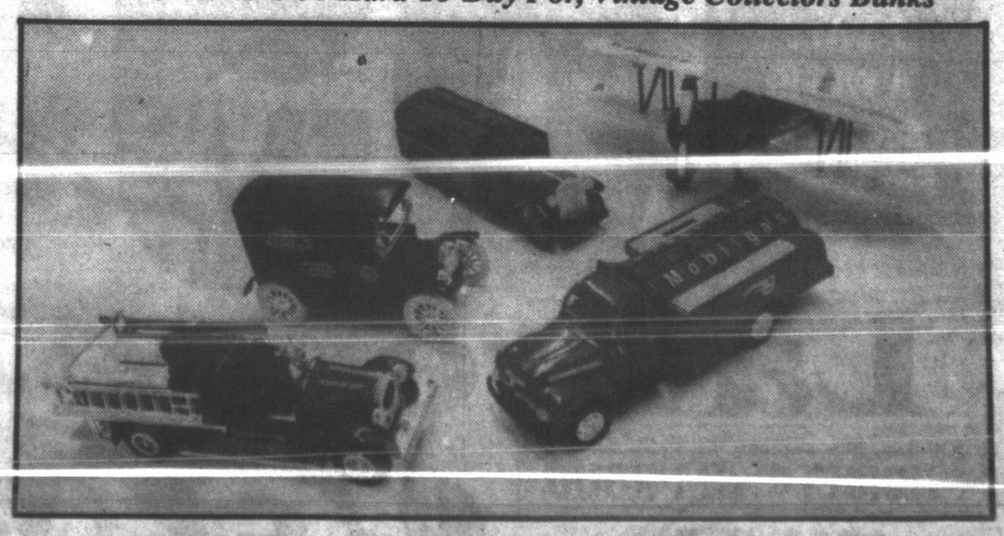
"There's no doubt at all that this was the coming of age of the European Union in its negotiations," said Stanley Crossick, a veteran EC consultant in Brussels. The EC in some cases uses the new term "European Union."

"What several years ago was a political dwarf is now becoming an adult," said French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe, who threw up many roadblocks on the way to Wednesday's agreement in the 117-nation negotiations by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

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Xerox Cp	891/4	883/8	883/8	-3/8
ZenithE	71/4	71/8	71/8	

Five shot at Wal-Mart

HUGO, Okla. (AP) — Five people were shot today on a Wal-Mart store parking lot in Hugo by a gunman who then killed himself, a dispatcher for the Hugo Police Department said.

Dispatcher Sheila McCarty said she didn't know the condition of the five. She said they were rushed to the Choctaw Memorial Hospital.

No other details were immediately available.

An Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper answering the telephone at district headquarters in Durant said everything was under control and the gun used in the shooting had been recovered.

Hugo is in far southeastern Oklahoma about 180 miles southeast of Oklahoma City.

Perot gets 'Bum Steer' recognition

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Monthly magazine says billionaire H. Ross Perot, who helped lead an unsuccessful fight against the North American Free Trade Agreement, deserves something for his efforts — its title of Bum Steer of the Year.

"Last year he shared the title with George Bush. This year, he has it all to himself. Welcome back, H. Ross Perot. Or, as 'Sesame Street' called its new character, H. Ross Parrot," the magazine said it its annual Bum Steer roundup of dubious Texas achievements.

In the issue released Thursday, Texas Monthly also cited dozens of others, including:

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Ethics Panel...

Packwood probe expanded

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Ethics Committee is expanding its investigation of Sen. Bob Packwood to determine whether he obstructed its yearlong inquiry by altering tape recordings of his diaries.

Senate lawyers told U.S. District Judge Thomas P. Jackson on Thursday that the Oregon Republican, a senator for 25 years, altered the diary tapes as he anticipated an Ethics Committee subpoena for the material.

Jackson ordered the diary materials taken into protective custody, and they arrived Thursday afternoon at the federal courthouse.

Senate Legal Counsel Michael Davidson said in court that the Ethics Committee now is examining "whether there was any perjury or obstruction" as a result of Packwood's alleged alterations.

Jackson heard arguments on the Senate's request to enforce its subpoena for the diaries.

The Ethics Committee has been investigating Packwood for alleged sexual misconduct and intimidation of witnesses. The panel subpoenaed the diaries to consider extending the inquiry to include a lobbyist's job offer to the senator's wife.

Jackson is unlikely to rule this month because Packwood lawyer Jacob Stein has asked for time to file additional arguments opposing the subpoena.

Inman eyes easy confirmation, but hard problems in Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Adm. Bobby Inman is winning waves of eager support on Capitol Hill as President Clinton's choice to be his new defense secretary. He would be the first civilian Pentagon chief in more than 40 years who previously had a full career in uniform.

In announcing his selection to replace Les Aspin, who is leaving in January, Clinton said Thursday he believed Inman was the right leader to help the administration forge a consensus in Congress on national security priorities.

"He brings to this job the kind of character all Americans respect," Clinton said, noting Inman's upbringing as the son of a gas station owner in the tiny east Texas town of Rhonesboro. He graduated from high school at age 15.

"He rose to distinction and success on the basis of his brains, his talent and his hard work," Clinton said in a Rose Garden appearance with an unsmiling Aspin at his side.

Inman, 62, said the job — which he neither sought nor initially wanted — "won't be easy" in a time when many Americans think defense spending is a poor investment.

One of his first problems, if confirmed, will be reconciling an estimated $50 billion gap between what the White House says the Pentagon can spend over the next five years and what Aspin had said was needed for the nation's defense.

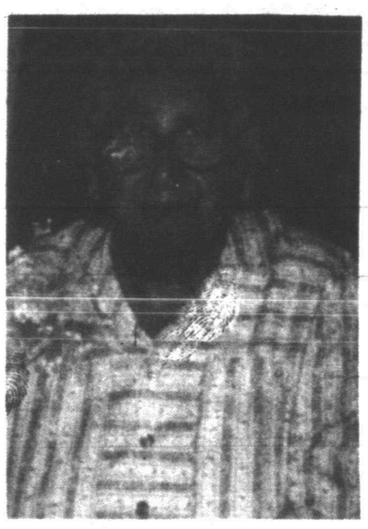
The budget problem is believed to be one reason Aspin resigned.

Jeff Eller, a White House spokesman, said today Inman had returned to his home in Austin, Texas, and planned to take time off over the holidays before beginning preparations for his Senate confirmation hearing, expected soon after Congress returns Jan. 25. Eller said Inman would work out of the White House until the hearing concluded.

Key members of Congress from both parties lavished praise on Inman, who has held-level high positions in defense and intelligence under Republican and Democratic presidents.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, welcomed the nomination and said he intended to hold hearings as soon as Congress reconvenes on Jan. 25.

Obituaries



EDUVIGEN GONZALES

Mrs. Gonzales

1908-1993

Services are set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church for Eduvigen Gonzales, 85, of Snyder who died at 5:08 p.m. Thursday. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Father Liam Sweeney will officiate.

Rosary will be said at 7:30 today at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Gonzales was born Oct. 17, 1908, in Hondo. She married Wenselado Chirino Gonzales in 1925 in Fredericksburg. He died on Feb. 10, 1984. A housewife, Mrs. Gonzales had lived in Snyder for 20 years and was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Survivors include one son, Abel Gonzales of Snyder; two daughters, Della Rodriquez and Josie Martinez, both of Snyder; one brother, Selestino Trevino of Levelland; one sister, Josepha Reyna of Levelland; nine grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Tankersley

1910-1993

Services are set for 10 a.m. Saturday at 37th St. Church of Christ for longtime Snyder resident Clifton B. Tankersley, 83, who died at 7:45 Thursday morning in Big Spring's Scenic Mountain Hospital after a lengthy illness. Bill Looney and Homer Anderson will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

A resident of Snyder since 1951, Mr. Tankersley was a retired pumper and gauger for Chevron. He was a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ and had served the congregation as an elder.

Born on June 16, 1910, in Eastland, Mr. Tankersley married Winnie Hamilton on May 10, 1935, in Eastland.

Survivors include his wife, Winnie of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Sovella Tankersley of El Paso; a granddaughter, Laura Tankersley of Lubbock; three brothers, Burton Tankersley of Snyder, Velton Tankersley of Van and G.W. Tankersley of Ranger.

Roland Reed

1969-1993

BOWIE — Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m Saturday in the Oakland Cemetery for Ronald Wayne Reed, who died Monday at his Bowie home. Cotten-Bratton Funeral Chapel in Weatherford is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Reed, 24, was born in Tulsa, Okla., and moved to Bowie from Weatherford three years ago. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include a brother, Glenn Smith of Snyder; and two sisters, Mary Rudolph and Mary Reed, both of Weatherford.

Police note one arrest

Snyder police arrested a 31-year-old man in the 2700 block of Avenue I at 10:03 p.m. for public intoxication.

Officers also worked a hit-and-run, an assault and a case of criminal mischief.

At 3:05 p.m., police were notified that a parked, unoccupied 1993 Toyota owned by Aubrey Ingram of 4200 Lubbock had been struck by an unknown vehicle. The hit-and-run took place in the 4200 block of Lubbock.

At 10:37 a.m., police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 3900 block of Eastridge. A report for Class C assault/family violence was filed.

At 3:16 p.m., Dora Alvarez notified police of a broken window at 2012 Ave. O. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

DPS troopers worked an accident at 5:10 a.m. Thursday four miles south of Snyder on Highway 350. A 1990 Chevrolet pickup driven by Clyde Darrell Mize of Box 570 struck and killed a horse owned by Becky Roby of CR 395.

Cancer

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practices of those who responded to the questionnaire. Almost all women surveyed (94 percent) reported they have had a pap smear test. However, only 37.5 percent reported having had a mammogram.

The most commonly reported reason for not having had a mammogram was that it had not been recommended. Cost was cited by nearly one in five people as a factor.

Women were also asked if they practice regular breast self-examinations; only 27.7 percent indicated they do so on a regular basis.

Male screening practices measured were prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test, testicular self-exams and digital rectal exams. Of the men surveyed, 72 percent reported never having had a PSA blood test. The most commonly cited reason was the absence of problems.

According to the survey, 51.5 percent of the men said they never practice regular testicular self examination, and 70 percent said they have never had a digital rectal exam.

Of the individuals diagnosed with cancer, 52.8 percent indicated that they had problems with their insurance companies. Financial difficulties were cited as a major burden by 61.8 percent.

Fewer than one in five experienced difficulties with health care agencies. Over a fourth of those who have had cancer had difficulties with lodging related to their treatment; 35.3 percent experienced transportation difficulties related to getting treatment.

Family and friends were listed by respondents as their greatest source of support (72.7 percent.) Some 16.4 percent indicated that a physician provided effective support. Churches were cited as a source of support for 3.9 percent of the individuals and 2.3 percent indicated nurses provided them with this support.

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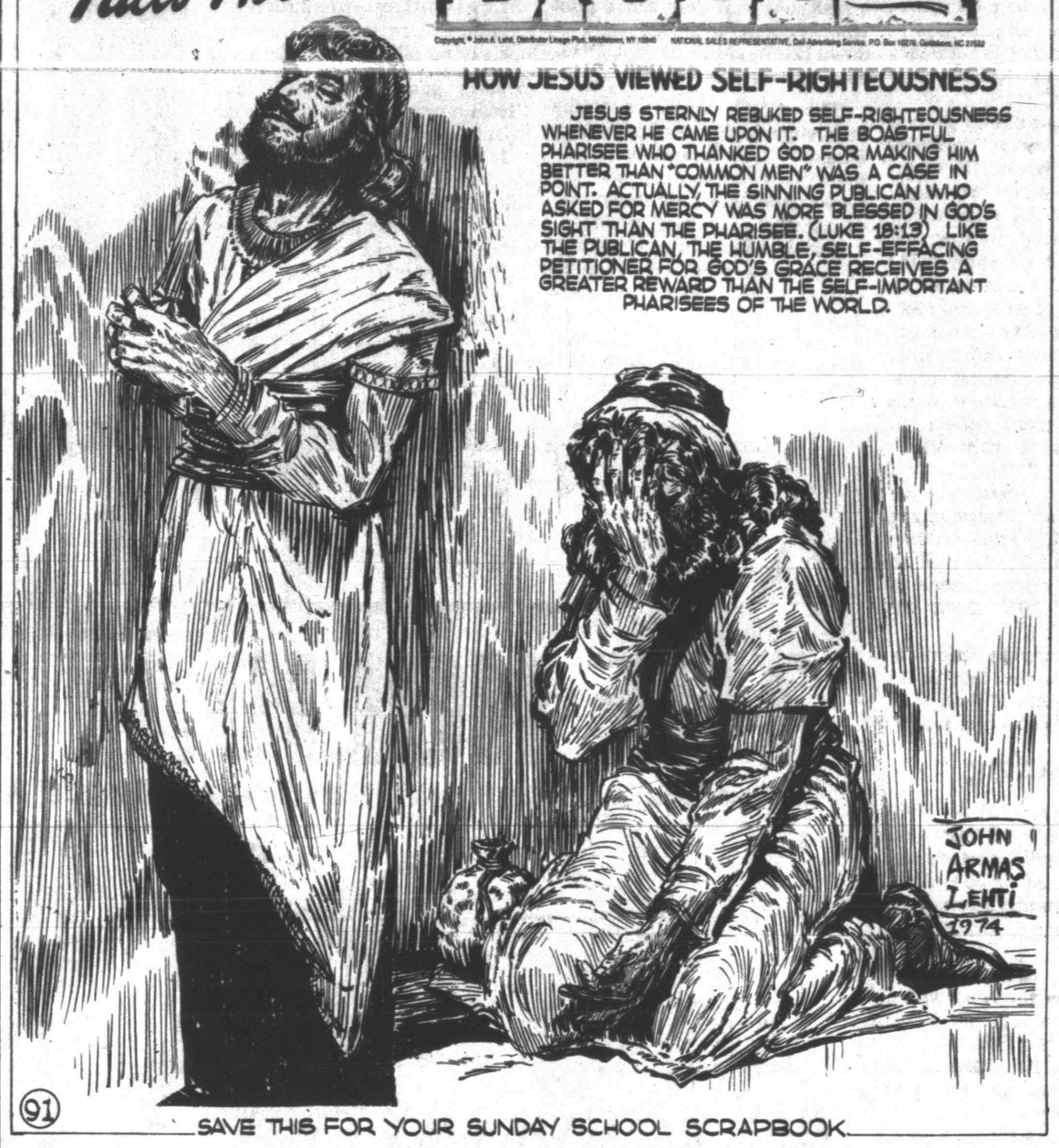
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Four contract AIDS at doctor's office

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists are warning against overreaction to the first discovered case of an AIDS sufferer infecting other patients in a doctor's office.

But even as they seek to reassure the public, they're frustrated that a doctor, whose poor sanitation is suspected of causing the case in Australia, wouldn't heed the basic rules of AIDS prevention.

"It's not complicated; they're just elementary guidelines any physician should know," said Dr. Harold Jaffe of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "These things just shouldn't happen."

Australian officials announced Thursday that four women caught HIV, the AIDS virus, four years ago when they had skin lesions removed the same day their doctor treated an HIV-infected man. They said the doctor apparently spread the virus between the patients by not following basic infection-control procedures.

Experts say the doctor probably didn't sterilize surgical equipment or reinserted a syringe into the same bottle of anesthetic used on all the patients.

It was the first such transmission detected in a doctor's office, although reused surgical equipment has caused AIDS outbreaks in hospitals in Russia and Romania.

It was the third time in two weeks that U.S. researchers urged calm over rare types of HIV transmission. In the other two cases, brothers spread the virus to siblings. One shared a razor; the other either had bleeding gums when he shared a toothbrush or bled onto his brother's skin rash.

Some people have feared getting HIV in doctors' offices since an infected Florida dentist spread the virus to six patients in the 1980s. Some experts believe the dentist spread the virus deliberately.

The chance is extremely remote, scientists emphasized Thursday. The CDC this week released a study of 22,000 patients of 63 infected doctors, none of whom caught HIV from the physician.

Also, the Australian patient-to-patient case "is the first in 13 years of the epidemic," Jaffe said. "When proper procedures are followed, this kind of case is entirely preventable."

But the Australian case is disturbing because it shows a doctor's human frailty, said Dr. Robert Schooley of the University of Colorado.

"A lot of things that make common sense you can forget about in a rush, like that Continental pilot who forgot to put the landing gear down last month," he said. "Human systems aren't perfect."

The CDC says preventing HIV's spread between patients is simple: Use disposable instruments or heat sterilize them between patients and use single vials of anesthetic or medication.

But no law requires doctors to follow those recommendations, and nobody knows how many don't.

Last month, a prominent Washington physician reused needles on 19 Time Inc. employees getting their flu shots. The employees noticed but didn't say anything. The doctor said later that he had run out of disposable needles and thought that wiping them with alcohol between uses — a once-common practice now widely condemned — would be OK.

Legislating precautions wouldn't help "any more than a law saying pilots had to use their landing gear," Schooley said. "Health care workers don't want to infect people."

In the event patients see something they suspect isn't safe, they should question the doctor and call their local medical licensing board, Jaffe said.

But the Australian case should do enough to raise doctors' own awareness, he said. "The scare effect ... we hope, will make them realize the importance of these things," he added.



OUTGOING DIRECTORS — Scurry County Appraisal District directors Carl Smith and Bill Voss, from left, and outgoing Appraisal Review Board member Donald Tate received plaques from Chief Appraiser Ray Peveler at Monday's meeting. (SDN Staff Photo)

DATE BOOK

Dec. 17, 1993

Today is the 351st day of 1993 and the 87th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright successfully tested their airplane at Kitty Hawk, N.C.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), poet; Ford Madox Ford (1873-1939), writer; Erskine Caldwell (1903-1987), novelist; Willard F. Libby (1908-1980), chemist; William Safire (1929-), journalist, is 64; Bob Guccione (1930-), publisher, is 63.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1933, the Chicago Bears defeated the New York Giants, 23-21, in the first NFL championship game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Is sloppiness in speech caused by ignorance or apathy? I don't know and I don't care." — William Safire

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1967, a probable tornado cut a swath 200 feet wide and 2.5 miles long through Kaumakani, Hawaii, and adjacent sugar fields. Thirty-eight homes were damaged, and three coconut palm trees were broken off 3 to 10 feet above ground; their tops were never found.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 13) and first quarter (Dec. 20).

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Fatal beating

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Two teen-age boys and a 34-year-old woman were in police custody late Thursday, accused of conspiring to assault the woman's estranged husband, who later died from head injuries.

Witnesses say two boys struck Raul Lopez over the head with a board or club as he argued with his wife outside her San Angelo home. He was hospitalized for with a skull fracture, and died early Wednesday.

Police say Elvia Florez Lopez, Raul Lopez' wife, hired a pair of boys, aged 14 and 16, to conduct the beating. She knew the boys and told them she "wished someone would do a job on her husband," according to a criminal complaint.

Dear Abby



Learning of Adoption at 61 Is Better Late Than Never

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I was 61 when I learned that I had been adopted as an infant by a couple who gave me a wonderful home.

When I contacted my birth mother, who was 86 at the time, her first response was, "I am not the person you are looking for!" Her family had never known that she had given up a baby for adoption. I had been taken from her as an infant because she was unmarried and, in those days, her parents would not have allowed her to bring her baby to their home because it would have "besmirched the family name."

Shortly after she was contacted, she said she wanted to see me. That first meeting was traumatic for both of us. You see, I was born on her birthday — so yes, she thought of me often. The end result is that I consider myself a very fortunate person, and this very dear birth mother has taken nothing away from my loving adopted family.

My advice to "Just Another Adopted Kid" is to make an effort to locate your birth family. Consult a lawyer and be prepared for a long search, and also be prepared to find out that the birth family may not be all that you had hoped for.

And to all those birth mothers who have decided that they want no contact, please reconsider. You were wonderful to have made the decision to give us a better life than you could provide at the time. Now, please give us the rest of the story.

You may use my name.

BETTY BERGSTROM, PORTLAND, ORE.

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DEAR ABBY: To the birth mother who stated that she had no desire to be found: Please write an open letter to your birth child to let [illegible] to be found, and have it placed on file at the adoption agency or with the lawyer's office who handled the adoption.

I'd rather find such a letter than to forever wonder if a reunion is possible. You don't *owe* it to your child, but it's the kind thing to do.

DEBORAH A., SAN DIEGO

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old girl. Last summer, during a heat spell, I decided to sleep in the nude. That was the first time I was able to sleep soundly and comfortably on a hot summer night. Sleeping in the nude proved so comfortable that as the weather got colder, I just added an extra blanket or two and I was plenty warm.

My problem is my mom. She found out I was sleeping in the nude by asking why there were no nightgowns in the laundry. When I told her, she went ballistic! She insists that sleeping in the nude is immoral and immodest.

Maybe I'm wrong, but I cannot fathom how sleeping in the nude is immoral or immodest. Using my mom's logic, taking a bath or a shower in the nude is indecent. Please help me. Maybe she will listen to you.

NUDE SLEEPER IN SAN FRANCISCO

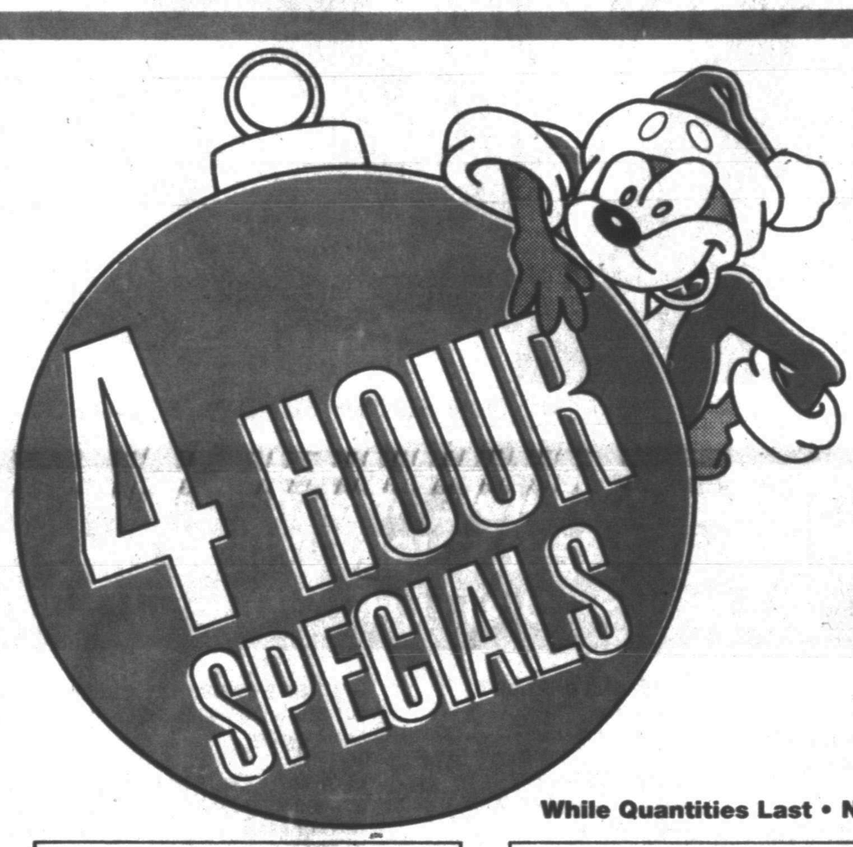
DEAR NUDE SLEEPER: Tell your mom that Abby said sleeping in the nude is neither immoral nor indecent. (I suggest you keep a robe handy in case of fire, earthquake or a quick trip to the bathroom.)

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