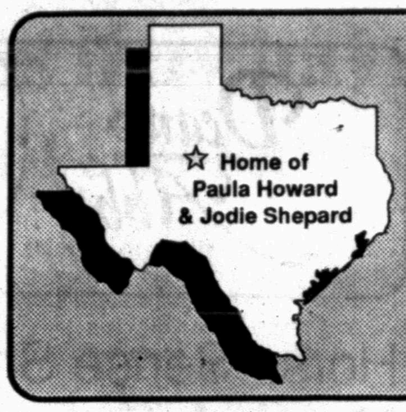
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Ask Us

Q—Can the Dallas Cowboys clinch a playoff berth this weekend?

A—Yes. The Cowboys will take the NFC East title by beating Denver if Philadelphia loses to Minnesota. The Cowboys can clinch a NFC wild card with a victory over Denver, or if Philadelphia, Washington or Green Bay lose.



Local

Reception

A reception will be held from 4-6 p.m. Thursday at Reta's Cake Shop for retiring school administrator Jim Erwin.

Tourism

Snyder Chamber of Commerce's tourism and retirement committee will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday in the chamber board room.

Choir concert

Snyder Junior High choir will perform a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Worsham Auditorium.

There is no admission fee.

Model planes

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the TU Electric Crew Room at 32nd Street and Avenue M.

Visitors and guests are welcome.

Student aid

A college financial aid workshop is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school student center.

Corky Swanson from McMurry University will make the presentation and answer questions from students and parents.

Help needed

Toys for Tots needs some help repairing electronic items, such as keyboards and stereos, which will be given to needy children this Christmas.

Anyone interested in donating their time and expertise to help repair these items is ask to contact Toys for Tots Chairman James Fields at 573-6253 after 5 p.m.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 64 degrees; low, 26 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 26 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 25.92 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the upper 30s. South wind 5 to 15 mph. Thursday, increasing cloudiness. High in the mid 60s. South to southwest wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:40. Sunrise Thursday, 7:27. Of 336 days in 1992, the sun has shone 313 days in Snyder.

All feared dead...

Search for bomber crew continues

VALENTINE, Texas (AP) — Rescuers resumed their search today for members of the B-1B bomber crew who have been missing since their plane slammed into a mountainside, but there was little hope of finding survivors.

"We are going to confirm that there are dead bodies out there," said County Judge Monroe Elms, who was called to the crash site this morning. County judges fill the role of coroners in many small Texas counties.

Rescuers had scoured the countryside since midnight Tuesday, but officials remained unsure whether the four crew members ejected before the crash.

"The crash site is in a very difficult area to get to, so we are not able to determine what we've got parts-wise," said Air Force Col. Ralph Pasini, of Dyess Air Force Base, the bomber's homebase in Abilene, 270 miles northeast of the crash site.

"We have sampled maybe one percent of the debris on the ground," Pansini said.

The search resumed at 7 a.m. as the Air Force starts trying to identify and collect the scattered pieces of the bomber. A busload of military personnel left Van Horn, along with various heavy equipment, for the mountainous crash area.

The B-1B from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene crashed Monday night shortly after 11 p.m. CST Monday while on a low-flying training mission. It slammed into a summit in the Sierra Vieja mountain range bordering Mexico. Planes are allowed to go as low as 200 feet and as high as 1,000 feet on such missions.

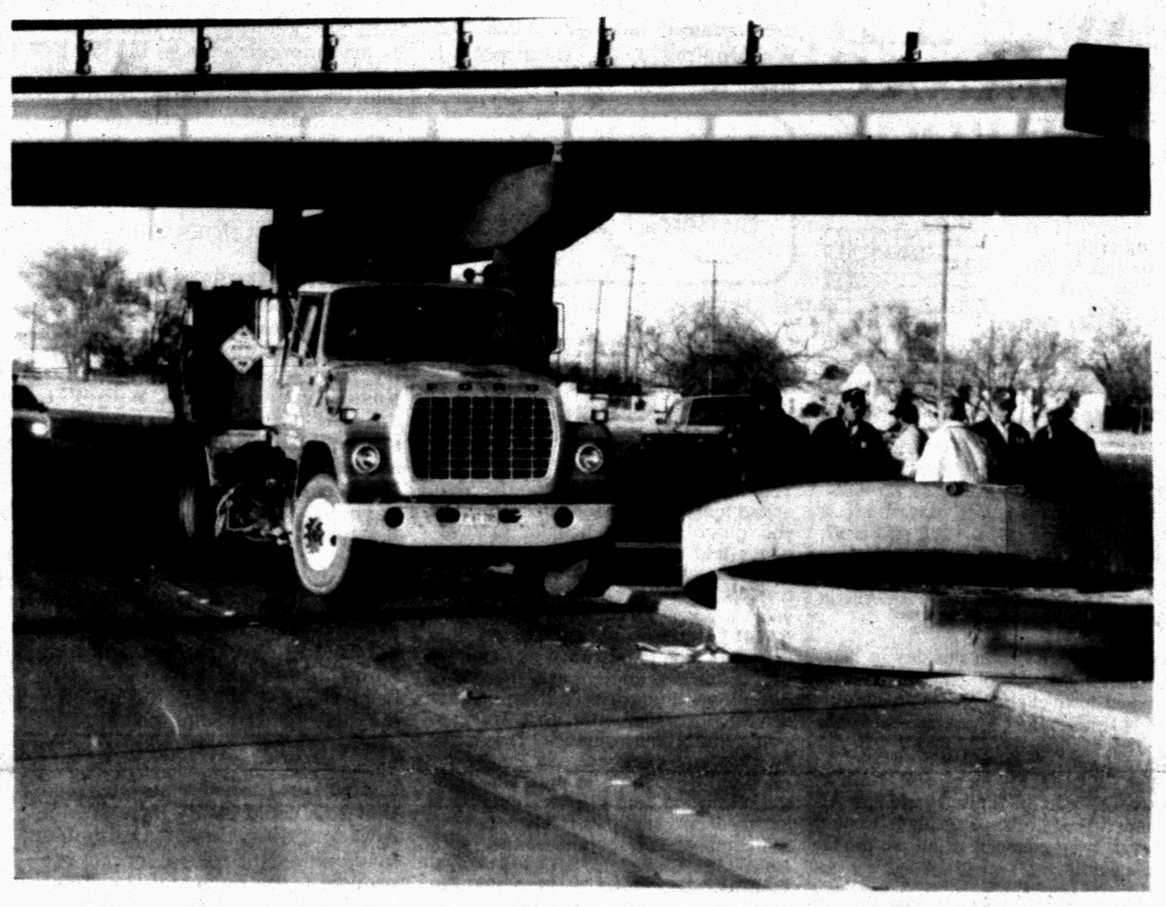
A cloud of white smoke drifted from the canyon where the bomber's pieces were scattered.

"There were pieces of the aircraft all over," said 2nd Lt. Micah Morgan. "It looked like it hit the cliff pretty hard."

The four if they ejected, have only their flightsuits and parachutes to protect them from snow and cold in the mountain range.

"But I'd like to say we're optimistic," said Dyess spokeswoman Sgt. Lynn Gasaway. About a third of the nation's 97-plane B-1B fleet is housed at Dyess.

The crash is the fourth of the B-1B, which has been criticized for its $280 million pricetag. The fleet has been grounded several times, the last coming this summer.



TUESDAY ACCIDENT — Traffic at College Avenue and U.S. Highway 84 was held up temporarily Tuesday as this truck, owned by Nalco Chemical Company of Odessa, struck the overpass, dropping two storage tanks on the road. No injuries were reported and there was no damage to the vehicle. (SDN Staff Photo)

College Avenue...

Council okays speed changes

Snyder City Council approved on second reading Tuesday an ordinance changing speed limits on south College Avenue.

The council was also reminded of an upcoming rate increase from the Colorado River Municipal Water District and was updated on the wastewater treatment plant project.

City Code Enforcement Officer Vick Chambers presented the proposed speed limit change to the council, comparing the speeds set under the existing ordinance, the actual posted speeds, the recommendations of the Texas Highway Department and recommendations made by the city staff with input from the police department.

The council voted four-to-one to approve the city staff's recommendations, which will set speed limits on south College at 30 miles per hour from the square to 30th Street, increasing to 35 miles per hour from 30th Street to 37th Street, 40 from 37th Street to the south side of Towle Park and 45 from Towle Park to the city limits.

Speeds on north College will be 30 miles per hour from the square to 23rd Street, 40 miles per hour from 23rd Street to 8th Street and 50 miles per hour from 8th Street to the city limits.

Council member J.D. Smith voted against the ordinance. He said he would like to see the speed set at 40 miles per hour from 37th Street all the way to the city limits for safety purposes.

According to Police Chief Lannie Lee, a main concern for lowering the speed limits is to slow vehicles down in the area around Wal-Mart, where numerous accidents have occurred in the past.

Lee said that he would prefer the 40 mile speed zone, which was recommended by the highway department, but he was satisfied with slowing the vehicles down to 45.

According to THD area engineer Mike Taylor, the speed limits will go into effect when new signs are posted.

Owen Ivie, general manager for the Colorado River Municipal Water District, told council members that the pipeline construction project from Lake Ivie to the Midland-Odessa area is going well, with water expected to be supplied to the area in February of 1995.

According to Ivie, once the supply line is finished, Big Spring will begin receiving more water from Lake Thomas which will improve the quality of the city's water supply. Lake Thomas has twice

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'Fish or cut bait'

School finance at a standstill

AUSTIN (AP) — Speaker Gib Lewis today said the House will vote again Thursday on a proposed constitutional amendment on school finance. But Lewis acknowledged he doesn't know whether there are enough votes to approve it.

Lewis spoke after meeting with Gov. Ann Richards, who said the time had come to tally the votes.

"We think it's time to fish or cut bait," said Richards, who convened the current lame duck special legislative session on Nov. 10.

Richards said Democrats have tried to negotiate with House Republicans, who so far have blocked the constitutional amendment. But the Democratic governor said every time there seemed to be an agreement it had been reversed the next day.

The constitutional amendment is being pushed by Richards, Lewis and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, all Democrats.

But the 58-member House Republican Caucus so far has prevented the amendment from getting the required 100 votes in the 150-member chamber. GOP lawmakers say they don't want to ratify an amendment without first seeing a specific plan on how school funds will be spent.

On Tuesday, state leaders were looking at a funding plan that could allow voters to ratify the current "Robin Hood" school funding system, which transfers

(see FINANCE, page 8)

For 'Best Ever'

Play reservations due

Ritz Community Theatre season ticket holders have until Friday to get their reservations in for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

The play is scheduled for evening performances Dec. 17-19 and a Sunday matinee Dec. 20. All performances will be held in the North Elementary auditorium.

Reservations should be made by calling the Senior Citizens Center at 573-4035 from 1-4 p.m.

Reservations for season ticket holders opened Monday and will continue through Friday. Reservations for the general public will open next Monday, Dec. 7, and remain open as long as seating is available.

Tickets for non-season ticket holders will be $5 for adults and $3 for public school students.

Season memberships are still available at the chamber of commerce or the Senior Center. Memberships are $30 for six tickets, $60 for 12 tickets and $100 for 24 tickets. The tickets are good for the Christmas play and a third Ritz production to be held in 1993.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" is a popular story by Barbara Robinson about the efforts of a woman and her husband to put on the annual church Christmas pageant in spite of being forced to cast the six Herdman kids — probably the nastiest, most inventively awful kids in the history of the world.

The cast includes 20 children ranging in age from 5 to 14, plus 10 adults.

Cast members are Rick Freeman as the father, Jana Pool as the mother, Robin Hornsberger as Beth, Casey Doyle as Charlie, Chris Thomas as Ralph Herdman, Jennifer Newman as Imogene Herdman, Billy Box as Leroy Herdman, Cory Chesser as Claude Herdman, Kade Kubena as Ollie Herdman and Crissida Tyler as Gladys Herdman.

Others are Leslye Starnes as Alice, Teresa Phillips as Mrs.

(see PLAY, page 8)

Bridge construction to begin in January

Texas Highway Department officials announced Tuesday that a section of Farm Road 1610 will be closed in early January as construction begins on a new bridge at the Bull Creek diversion channel near Lake Thomas.

Representatives of the highway department, Texas Department of Transportation, Colorado River Municipal Water District, U.S. Postal Service, Snyder Schools and Abilene contractor Stephens Martin Paving Inc., met to outline plans for the upcoming project.

According to Mike Taylor, area engineer for the department of transportation, the project is expected to take 160 working days from the Jan. 4 start date, and should be complete in late July or early August.

Baracades will be put up and a quarter-mile section of F.M. 1610 closed down, forcing traffic that normally travels across the bridge to take an alternate route.

Taylor said that he has tried to inform all emergency personnel about the closing of the road, and has informed the postal service and schools that they will have to use an alternate road on their routes.

According to Taylor, the project will be complete by the beginning of the 1993-94 school year, causing no inconvenience on the bus routes next fall.

Roy Granton will serve as job supervisor for Stephens Martin Paving and will oversee much of the project.

Granton asked permission to begin setting poles for the baracades prior to the Jan. 4 start date, and to move equipment in and park it near the construction site. Taylor agreed that there would be no problem in doing so.

Letting of the bid for the project was Oct. 15. The contract was awarded to the Abilene company on Oct. 29 for a total bid of $568,269.06.

Present at Tuesday's meeting were Taylor, Granton, department of transportation representatives Donald Crowder, Glenn Bohannon, Ben Streiff and Patsy Weems; Stephens Martin representatives Gerald Stephens and Tim Martin; Lawton Taylor and Bill Denson of Snyder ISD and Malcolm Price of the U.S. Postal Service.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Hollywood and Washington are two places where they take you at face-lift value."

It can be Christmas all year — if you happen to be a member of Congress, especially a former Speaker of the House.

Three living former House speakers can attest that there is life after congress — and a good one.

Carl Albert, Tip O'Neill and Jim Wright all have official offices in their hometowns. Albert, 84, maintains an office in McAlester, Okla. O'Neill, 79, goes to the office in Boston while Wright. 69, is from Fort Worth.

Last year, the federal government budgeted $600,000 to hire nine staffers and to run the offices of the retired speakers. Also, ex-speakers get free rent in a federal office building, and they continue to enjoy free postal service.

The Office of Former Speakers was created in 1970 so speakers could "wrap up business after leaving Cogress." It is up to an individual former speaker to decided when their business is concluded. Albert left Congress in 1977.

Last year, Albert's total expenses were $154,634. The total for O'Neill was $184,857. Not everything in Texas is bigger, as Wright's expense total was $170,054.

Old habits — like spending — are hard to break.

We heard about the ultimate career for the '90s.

A woman is a new public relations and marketing consultant to an environmental consultant who often provides expertise to engineering consultants.

In other words, a consultant to a consultant to a consultant...

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EPA wants to make sludge respectable

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forget the smell and where it comes from. The government is trying to end the stigma surrounding sewage. It wants to bring respectability to sludge.

That stuff that goes down the toilet already is being used on the White House lawn, on the National Mall and in federal parks. It is sold in bags in garden shops and used on golf courses and to reclaim land damaged by the cleanup of toxic wastes or strip mining.

But if you fear your neighbors will turn up their noses as you sing the praises of sewage sludge, just tell them you're fertilizing with "biosolids."

"Properly treated sewage sludge is safe and beneficial ... and can be put to good use," said Martha Prothro, a deputy assistant administrator at the Environmental Protection Agency, which on Tuesday announced new rules on how sludge should be handled.

The EPA's new rules require that sludge be treated to control not only 10 specific toxic metals as well as disease causing viruses, bacteria and parasites, but also reduce its smell. After processing, the dry sludge product should have "a pleasant earthy smell not much different from mulch," said Ms. Prothro.

She conceded that people may not yet be all that ready to embrace sewage, but that, nevertheless, it should be viewed as "a valuable resource" and not simply toilet waste.

"Almost all sewage sludge can be used safely on our farms, gardens, golf courses, lawns and forests," Ms. Prothro said. Once it's treated to remove toxic chemicals, the water is squeezed out and disease-causing pollutants are disposed of, sludge makes a perfect and safe fertilizer, the EPA insists.

And the benefits are considerable, officials maintain.

The common waste in city sewers — once processed to remove impurities and contaminants — typically contains $30 to $60 worth of nitrogen per ton, promotes necessary bacterial activity, makes for better soil, reduces environmentally harmful runoffs and is far cheaper than chemical fertilizer, the EPA says.

But reusing sewage — even treated sewage — hasn't caught on as much as the agency would like.

According to the EPA, municipal and private treatment facilities produce nearly 8 million metric tons of processed, dry sewer sludge each year and that amount could grow to more than 11 million tons by the end of the decade. But today two of every three tons is dumped into landfills or burned.

"Unless we stop throwing away this valuable resource, the volume of sewage sludge will rapidly overwhelm available landfill space," said Ms. Prothro, the No. 2 official at the EPA's office on water pollution.

Until relatively recently, much of the nation's sewage, especially from large cities such as Los Angeles or New York, was dumped into the ocean, but Congress stopped that practice. Now many local officials, faced by shrinking landfill space, are beginning to see sludge as a usable product, not a waste.

According to the EPA, Los Angeles now recycles all of its sewage for a variety of beneficial purposes. Half of New York City's sludge now is recycled, as is the treated sewage from the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.



SPECIAL DECORATION — Sid West, who made the wreath, and Chamber Manager Ricky Fritz place the Christmas wreath around the neck of Scurry County's historic white buffalo as part of the decorations placed on the square for the Christmas season. (SDN Staff Photo)

Couples' wife sues him for divorce

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The wife of professional golfer Fred Couples is seeking a divorce, saying he has refused all attempts to repair their 11-year marriage.

Deborah Couples filed for divorce Monday in Palm Beach County Circuit Court. Her lawyer, John T. Christiansen, refused to say why she was seeking a divorce but said, "He made it plain to her that he doesn't want to stay."



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Today is the 337th day of 1992 and the 72nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1859, John Brown was hanged at Charlestown for treason against the state of Virginia.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Georges Seurat (1859-1891), painter; Adolph Green 1915-), playwright-lyricist, is 77; Alexander Haig (1924-), U.S. statesman, is 8; Julie Harris (1925-), actress, is 67; Edwin Meese, III (1931-), former U.S. attorney general, is 61; Harry M. Reid (1922-), U.S. Senator, is 70; Tracy Austin (1962-), tennis player, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, bantamweight champion Vic Toweel knocked down challenger Danny O'Sullivan 14 times before knocking him out in the 10th round.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "As of now, I am in control here in the White House." — Alexander Haig, after President Ronald Reagan was wounded in an assassination attempt.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1978, Singapore received a particularly violent downpour of rain (20.24 inches in 24 hours) as the result of the northeast monsoon; at least seven died. This became Singapore's greatest 24-hour rainfall since records began in 1869.

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TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET

There is the traditional Thanksgiving — and then there's the one we celebrate when all the leftovers are finally used up.

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Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 3, 1992

Your financial prospects for the year ahead look better than usual, provided you guard yourself against extravagance and unwise investments. If you handle things competently, your bank balance will reflect it by this time next year.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is a good time to move things around a bit, so don't be content with the status quo today. If you feel you can change something for the better, do it. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Because you live up to your agreements today, even when you feel they might benefit another more than yourself, you will win the respect of your contemporaries.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you could be rather fortunate where money is concerned, provided you're prepared to work hard for what you hope to gain. Fortunately, you should be of an industrious frame of mind.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Companions might make a muddle of things today, then leave the mess up to you to straighten out. You'll welcome the challenge and do a good job because it is a challenge.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can get a lot done today if you operate in an atmosphere free from outside influences. If you're working on something extremely important, keep it to yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You tend to imitate the behavior of persons whom you're involved with today. If you want your efforts to be meaningful, try to associate with doers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Endeavors where you can demonstrate your ambitious aspirations should turn out to your liking today, especially if they pertain to your work or career.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Whether teaching, selling, promoting or merely conveying information to others, you're apt to be extremely skillful in getting your points across today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you might have to contend with some unexpected changes authored by others or outside influences. Instead of being disturbing factors, they're likely to be positive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A social involvement might turn out to be far more important than you initially anticipated today, so do not treat it in a casual manner. Something big could come from meeting a new contact.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Major accomplishments are possible at this time because you're in a favorable achievement cycle and amply equipped to deal with opposition or obstacles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Personal ambitions are aroused today, but more importantly, you'll know how to have fun while making your mark in the world. Others will find your methods inspirational.

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Dear Abby



Horse Sense Should Be Met With Common Sense

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: With reference to the letter in your column about the child who was killed instantly when a horse kicked her in the head:

Abby, you have no idea how incredibly stupid some people are when it comes to horses. I know; my family owns a horse farm.

Once, some people asked permission to take some pictures of our colts — a pair of totally untrained yearlings. I said "Yes," thinking they would simply point the camera at the colts, quickly take a picture or two, and leave.

The next thing I knew, each of these idiots had set a small child on the colts — and then stepped back to take pictures. I was paralyzed with fear, knowing that young horses are unpredictable — but fortunately, the colts were so surprised that they just stood there until the people finished and took the kids off.

Since then, I manage to stand between the visitors and the horses. Sign me ...

ARIZONA HORSE BREEDER

DEAR HORSE BREEDER: Unfortunately, most people consider all horses to be friendly, obedient, trained "pets." In reality, they are unpredictable and possibly dangerous. Whoever coined that phrase "horse sense" did not know much about horses. Horses have been known to run *into* a burning barn.

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DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing the tragic letter about the 2-year-old child who was killed when a horse kicked her in the head. (Her mother was driving by a pasture, spotted some horses, and stopped so her child could "pet" the horse.)

I was heartened that you noted that this could easily have been a cow, and even though the young mother was trespassing on private property, the owner of the horse was liable for injury (in this case, the death) of the child.

I, too, have horses, and live near a public bike trail. Since this trail opened, we have had people park in our yard, climb the fence, pet the horses, feed them candy, jump up and down on the fence, break branches off our trees and shake them at the horses!

I came home one day to find a stranger pitching hay over my fence. He said he thought the horses "looked hungry"! Have you ever heard anything so ridiculous?

Another day, a young mother sat her 15-month-old child on the fence (with the child's legs inside) and both were patting my horse on the head!

Abby, my horses are gentle. However, an animal is an animal, and by nature very unpredictable. One of my horses is more than 17 hands high, but nothing deters some people from petting him.

A prominent Lexington horse breeder lost a court case when a man climbed his fence to pet some thoroughbred stallions. The man was severely injured and sued the breeder. Despite the signs posted — "PLEASE DO NOT PET THE HORSES" — the breeder lost the case.

NO NAME, PLEASE

* * *

DEAR ABBY: We will soon have a new president. This reminds me of the wonderful story told about Harry Truman when he became president in 1945.

It seems that Mr. Truman asked Eleanor Roosevelt, the widow of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, if she had any words of wisdom that might help him during his presidency.

Mrs. Roosevelt replied, "Mr. President, I can't tell you how to succeed, but I can tell you how to fail: Try to please everybody."

OTTO KERSTNER,
LONG BEACH, CALIF.

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New child care facility opens for NSA workers

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP) — To Justin and Matthew, Johnny and Christine, the satellite dishes look like giant ears turned to the sky. The children play in their shadows, oblivious to the antennas' spy mission.

These children are enrolled at a newly opened child care center for employees of the National Security Agency, the globe-spanning eavesdropping network so secret that its acronym is known jokingly as No Such Agency.

The child care facility, the largest in Maryland and one of the biggest in the country, lies just outside NSA's vast fenced compound about 35 miles northeast of Washington.

"My daddy shot a turkey," boasted 4-year-old Matthew (no last names, please). His daddy is also likely to be a whiz at computer code-breaking, at exotic languages or satellite communications. As part of its mission, the NSA combs the airwaves for words, computer bytes, rocket launch data — any communication or signal that might reveal to the United States the secrets of friends and foes alike.

Notwithstanding the surveillance cameras mounted on the surrounding fence, the center tries to give children a normal environment.

"The parents may have unique jobs, but we don't want the kids to feel they're somehow different," said Judith Emmel, an NSA spokeswoman.

"It's no different than if Daddy was a lawyer downtown," she said. "All the kids know is that Mommy or Daddy are going to the office."

The kids get the same care and learning that the center's Denver-based operating company, Children's World, offers at its other facilities around the country.

Like other in-house day care centers, parents are heavily involved here. Fathers walk over to join their kids for lunch around knee-high tables. Mothers come by to nurse and diaper.

Since it opened in August, 175 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years have enrolled, and the center's remaining 125 slots are expected to fill rapidly.

"We had a great need for this within the agency," said Emmel, adding that parents had been asking for such a facility for 10 years. "Management feels it's important for morale, productivity and the retention of skilled employees."

The NSA has a heavy investment in its employees — their number is estimated at 25,000, although the exact figure is classified — because of the expensive training and security clearances they must undergo, she said.

It also must offer good working conditions to keep the talented mathematicians, cryptographers and engineers who otherwise might be lured by higher paying jobs in the private sector.

The child development center is in great demand because of the NSA's relatively young work force, the agency's out-of-the-way location that limits child care options and the employees' often-long commutes to work.

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If you search for a couple with a positive outlook, the search is easily ended when you encounter Delbert and Dorothy Downing.

Married since 1973, Delbert and Dorothy Downing not only run one of Snyder's most successful businesses, the two continue to impact local civic affairs.

Dorothy moved to Snyder in 1943 with her young son, John Jarrell. At the time, Dorothy was employed by the State Department of Public Welfare.

Although the move was meant to be temporary, she met and married J. Com Ezell in 1945. Together they operated Ezell Motor Company, a Dodge and Plymouth agency, during the late 1940s and early 1950s.

In the late 1950s, Mr. Ezell teamed up with Marvin Key to build a grain storage business for government-stored grain. Dorothy was elected secretary of the corporation, a position she still holds.

When John Jarrell finished college, he returned to work in the family business, and today John serves as president and general manager. Mr. Ezell died in 1967. The company, Ezell-Key Grain, continues to prosper and serves ranchers throughout Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

In 1973, Dorothy married Delbert Downing from Midland. He was an after-dinner speaker, writer and radio commentator. He had served as manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce for 15 years.

Downing then joined his new wife, Dorothy, in making Snyder and Scurry County an even better place. Downing has received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts and he is an honorary life member of the Future Homemakers of America and the Jaycees.

Mr. Downing is an honorary Lion and active Rotarian with more than 40 years perfect attendance. He is an elder in the First Christian Church and has served as a Sunday School teacher. He has also served as the state president of the Christian Men's Fellowship of the Christian Church.

Dorothy's civic accomplishments are numerous. She has served on the Scurry County Library board, the board of the American Cancer Society and the board of Martha Ann Woman's Club. She has also served as a director of the Scurry County Museum.

She was the first woman to serve on the board of directors of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and she has served as a deaconess of the First Christian Church. Mrs. Downing also serves on the board of the Noah Project.

In addition to John Jarrell, their children include Mrs. Jo Dean Paden of Houston and Carlton Downing of Arizona.

CIVIC PRIDE is evident when visiting with Dorothy and Delbert Downing, Snyder National Bank's selection for the Community Service Award. Each month, SNB recognizes individuals who have contributed to the advancement of their hometown.

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U.S. troops may have starring role in effort to save Somalia

By Charles J. Hanley
AP Special Correspondent

Hundreds of young Marines plowing through the waves east of Africa may soon get a good look at a "new world order" over the horizon — the lonely life of the solitary superpower.

While diplomats in New York put final touches on a U.N. plan to save Somalia, American troops seem headed for the starring role in a campaign to restore order and deliver food in the starving African nation.

Why always the Americans?

"You're the only real global power," says Hungary's U.N. ambassador. "You're No. 1. But with that you have certain responsibilities. You cannot have it both ways."

Besides, to be practical, says Ambassador Andre Erdos, "if you want a good chance of success, you have to rely on U.S. military forces."

It's not just the superpower's super military. It's also Washington's political and economic clout, which helps insure any project against failure. And it's the American mentality itself — product of a half-century of global reach and readiness to sacrifice lives for distant causes.

When the Bush administration last week finally offered to send up to 20,000 U.S. troops to Somalia, the U.N. leadership seized on the offer after months of indecision about cracking down on the country's warring clan leaders.

Soldiers from other nations may have cameo roles in the U.N.-sponsored force. But the Americans clearly will dominate, not because the Marines happened to be in the neighborhood, but because the Marines, in a sense, are always in the neighborhood.

The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit — 1,800 Marines aboard three ships in the Indian Ocean — is one of two floating U.S. strike forces constantly at sea, self-contained units that can support themselves through a 60-day deployment. No one else has a weapon like them.

AP analysis

Once the Marines have secured an airfield ashore in Somalia, they may be followed by paratroopers of the 18th Airborne Corps, from Fort Bragg, N.C.

These rapid-deployment forces are supported by an unmatchable logistics, communications and intelligence machine.

Fleets of giant transport planes — C-5A Galaxies and C-141 Starlifters — and flotillas of 30-knot, globe-girdling "fast sealift" ships can keep the troops equipped and supplied. The U.S. military's worldwide communications web will keep them in touch. A flood of intelligence from reconnaissance flights, satellite photos and pilotless drones will keep them informed.

Probably only the French, British and Russian defense forces could come close to equaling that power — and then only by badly neglecting other commitments. As for Third World armies, the current plight of an African multinational force in Liberia, pinned down by a ragtag rebel army, is telling.

A true U.N. multinational force, collected from several nations, would face a world of problems.

For one, it would literally have to rent equipment to fulfill its mission, making the "rapid" deployment less rapid.

"It takes a long time for the U.N. to generate support," said Maj. Gen. Lewis MacKenzie, a Canadian who commanded the U.N. peacekeeping force in disintegrating Yugoslavia. "That is, the support is available, but it takes a long time to get it into the area."

Such peacekeeping burden-sharing invites other troubles as well. The various forces may have incompatible weapons; their radios may not talk to each other; their soldiers may not understand each other; their aircraft and armor may not recognize each other — all potentially fatal flaws in a danger zone.

A still more basic concern: The United Nations is not yet capable of organizing and commanding a major military operation. The U.N. secretary-general, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, has laid out an ambitious plan for building the U.N. military arm, but it faces months, possibly years of debate.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

The pill is linked to weight gain

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My teen-age daughter has been on birth control pills for two years because of irregular menses. She's gained 20 pounds, has had the pill changed three times and is on a 1200-calorie diet. She's very active physically and is becoming increasingly discouraged at the weight gain. Is there anything besides the pill that could control her irregularity?

DEAR READER: Some women on birth control pills gain weight because of fluid retention. In such cases, the drawbacks of taking the pill must be weighed against the advantages.

For example, irregular menstruation is an annoying nuisance. It is, however, far from being a health hazard or a condition needing treatment. Unless there were additional reasons to do so, do you really want your young daughter taking pills, which modify her hormone-system merely to overcome the inconvenience of unpredictable periods? I wouldn't.

Of course, by progressively reducing the dose of the pills, the gynecologist might hit on an amount that will cause minimal weight change. However, it makes more sense to me to stop the pills, let your daughter's hormone balance and weight return to normal, and be patient about her menstrual irregularity, which should straighten out as she gets older. What do you think?

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my revised Health Report "Contraception: An Update." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the significance of urine that has the odor of disinfectant? I've noticed this for more than a year yet I am a healthy 57-year-old female who doesn't take any medication.

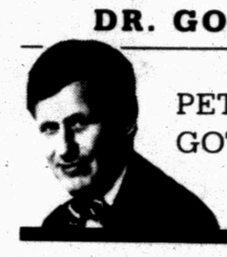
DEAR READER: Your urine probably smells peculiar because of something you're eating. For instance, I'm certain you've experienced the characteristic urinary odor of asparagus, after having eaten the vegetable.

Although I cannot give you a specific indication of what could be causing your problem, perform a little detective work to see if you can identify the source.

If you're unsuccessful at this, check with your doctor for a urinalysis and appropriate further testing. Perhaps you have an infection that needs drug therapy.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-2-92
♠ 10 8 7
♥ Q 10 9
♦ A J 10 8 7
♣ 4 3

WEST
♠ K J 9
♥ K 5
♦ 6 5 2
♣ J 10 9 7 6

EAST
♠ A 6 5 2
♥ 6 4 2
♦ 9 3
♣ K 8 5 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 4 3
♥ A J 8 7 3
♦ K Q 4
♣ A Q

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♣ J

Look, infer and analyze

By Phillip Alder

A good way to improve your memory for bridge is to take, say, eight cards, shuffle them and lay them out in a line. Look at them for 20 seconds, pick up the cards, shuffle them, and try to put them back in the same order. Shuffle up the cards again. Do something else for 20 minutes; then take the cards and try to put them back in the same order.

Increase the number of cards until you have 13. Then repeat the procedure but with the cards sorted into suits. You should find this last task much easier.

However, it isn't enough just to watch all the cards. You must draw inferences too. (Isn't this game aggravating!)

As West in today's deal, defending against four hearts, you lead the club jack: three, two, queen. Declarer plays the diamond four: two, 10, nine. Next comes the heart queen: two, three, king. What should you lead at trick four — and why?

From the play at trick one, with East dropping his lowest club, you know that you can't win a club trick. The diamond play strongly suggests that declarer started with K-Q-4 of diamonds. Partner's diamond nine looks like the top card from a doubleton. This is emphasized when East plays the heart two on the first round of trumps. With a singleton diamond, East would play high-low in trumps, the accepted way to ask for a ruff.

To defeat the contract, you have to cash three spade tricks now. You must switch to the spade nine, hoping partner has ace-third or -fourth.

As someone once wrote, every card tells a story.

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Expanded rules implemented for shrimpers throughout U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservationists are hailing the implementation of expanded federal regulations designed to prevent sea turtles from being snared by shrimpers' nets in the Gulf of Mexico and the southeastern Atlantic Ocean.

But the Texas Shrimp Association isn't pleased by the tougher guidelines enacted Tuesday by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The rules govern use of turtle excluder devices on shrimping vessels — equipment that has been hotly contested by shrimpers.

"I feel this is going to be an absolutely critical step toward recovery of U.S. sea turtle populations," said Deborah Crouse, director of the Center for Marine Conservation's species recovery program. The group has worked for over a decade for use of the devices, citing the presence of five threatened and endangered turtle species in southern U.S. waters, including the endangered Kemp's ridley.

The TEDs are escape hatches to keep air-breathing turtles from drowning in trawler nets, which can be dragged for hours at a time.

While the devices allow turtles to escape, shrimpers contend they also give shrimp a way out.

"No one can argue that TEDs don't cause a loss of catch," said Jim Sagnes, legislative director for the Texas Shrimp Association.

"National Marine and Fisheries Service figures say it's less than 5 percent. We say it's over 20 percent. Whatever percent, it's a loss of profit."

Shrimping is a $600 million industry in Texas, and Sagnes said the catch this year could be half of what was projected.

"In a year like this year in Texas, where shrimp production is very low, it may make or break a lot of shrimpers," Sagnes said of the expanded TEDs regulations.

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One library to limit access to Madonna's book, 'Sex'

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials at the Houston Public Library have decided to restrict access to "Sex," the controversial Madonna book, to adults only.

The announcement by library officials Tuesday drew immediate criticism from anti-pornography crusaders who wanted the library to totally ban the book about the pop star's sexual fantasies.

Under the policy, which is similar to rules adopted by library officials in Austin, those who wish to peruse the pictorial must prove they are 18 or older.

Library Director David Hennington said the decision was based on recommendations from a specially appointed committee and was supported by Mayor Bob Lanier.



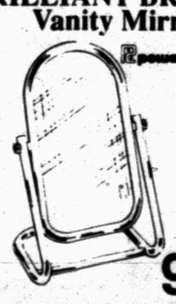
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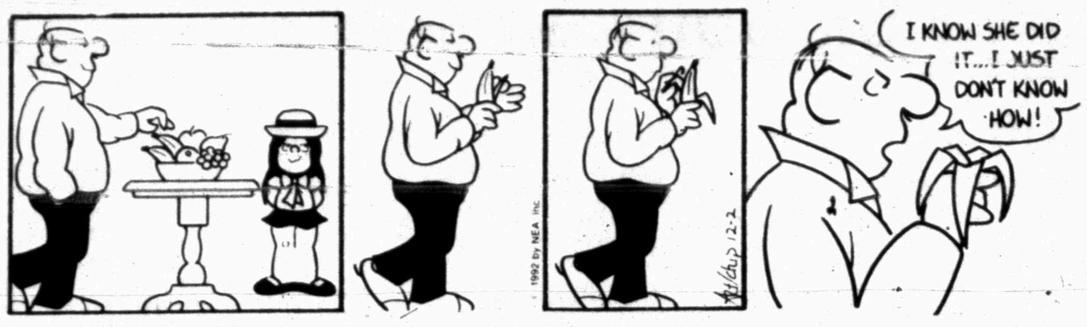


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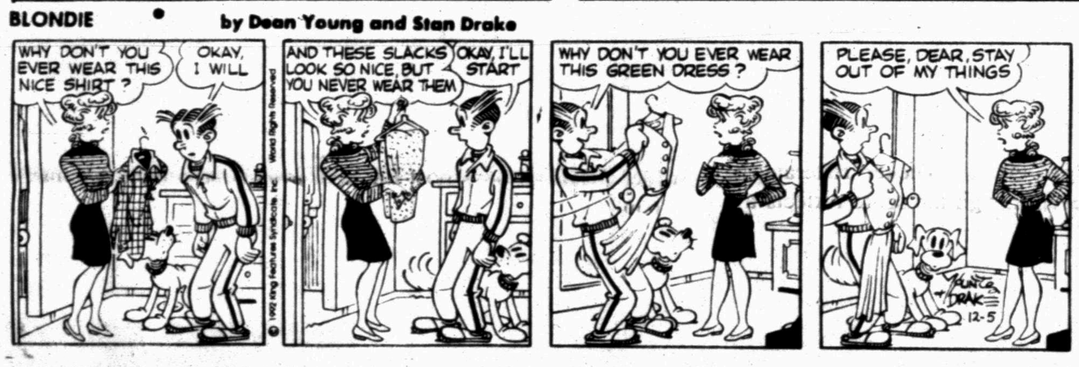
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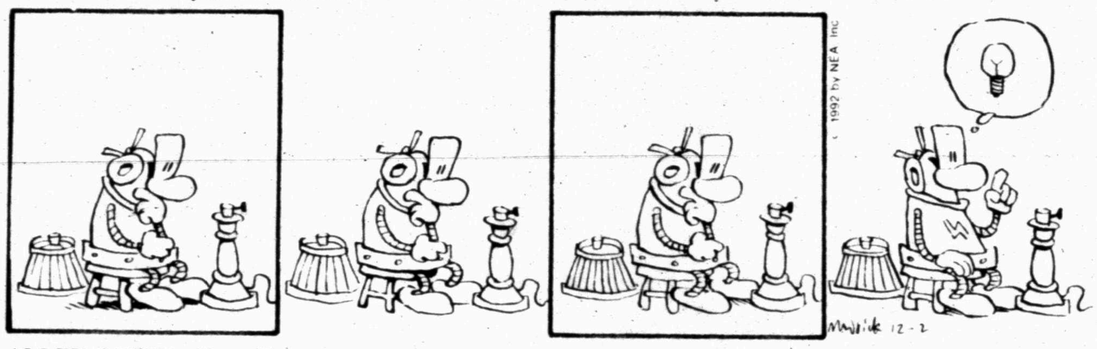
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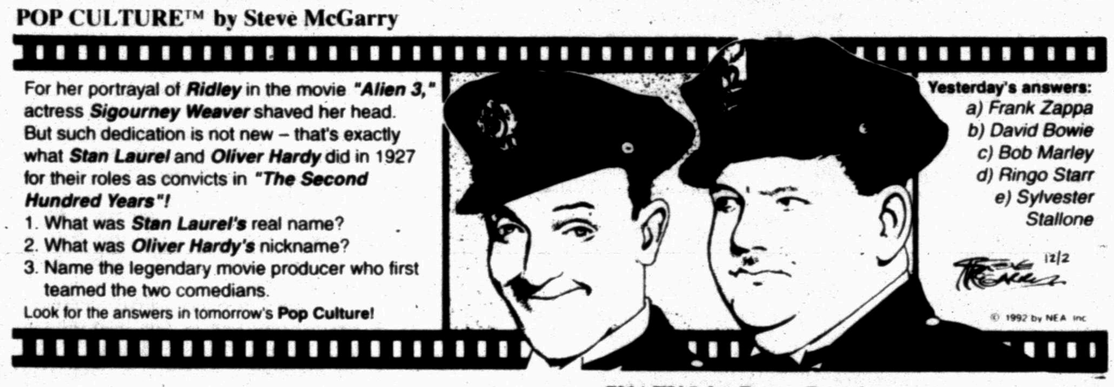
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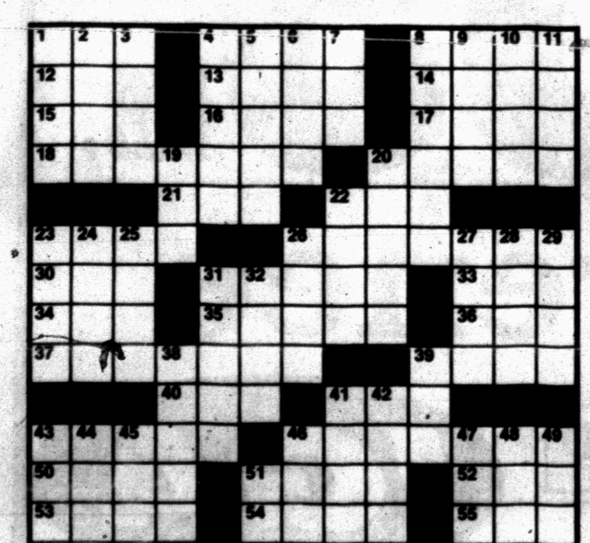
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13 Flexible tube
14 Leave — — Beaver
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18 Occasionally (2 wds.)
20 Confusion
21 Dolores — Rio
22 Actress — Caldwell
23 Ostrich
26 Available to buyers (2 wds.)
30 Dry, as wine
31 Resembling sheep
33 Layer of soil
34 Experienced person
35 Quick lunch place
36 Chic, in the 60s
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39 Roster
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41 2,001, Roman
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50 Harness part
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55 Encountered
56 Musical work
57 Neat
58 Affirmative reply

DOWN

1 Papa's wife
2 Verb following "thou"
3 Heating apparatus
4 Poem
5 Shack
6 Employs
7 Intermediate (pref.)
8 Wealth
9 Willow
10 Actor Kruger
11 Foot parts
19 — Lupino
20 Kitchen gadget
22 Region
23 Please reply
24 Shoe part
25 Opp. of endo
26 Come across
27 Bullets (sl.)
28 Plunder
29 Opera role
31 More unusual
32 Enters the contest
38 Beverages
39 — Tin Tin
41 Acted silently
42 Covered with velvety growth
43 Approximately (2 wds.)
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45 Japanese aborigine
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47 Type of playing marble
48 Diving duck
49 New York ball club
51 Traitor (sl.)

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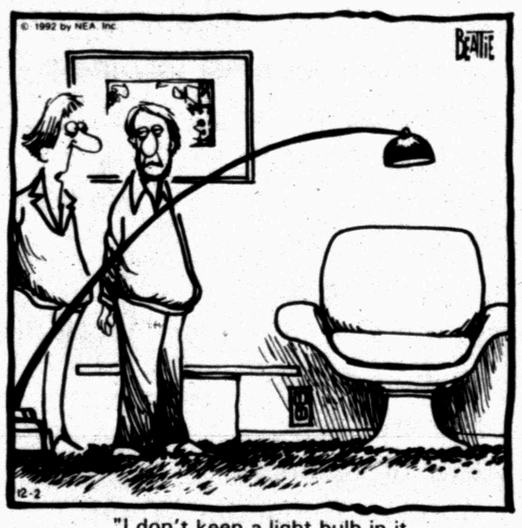


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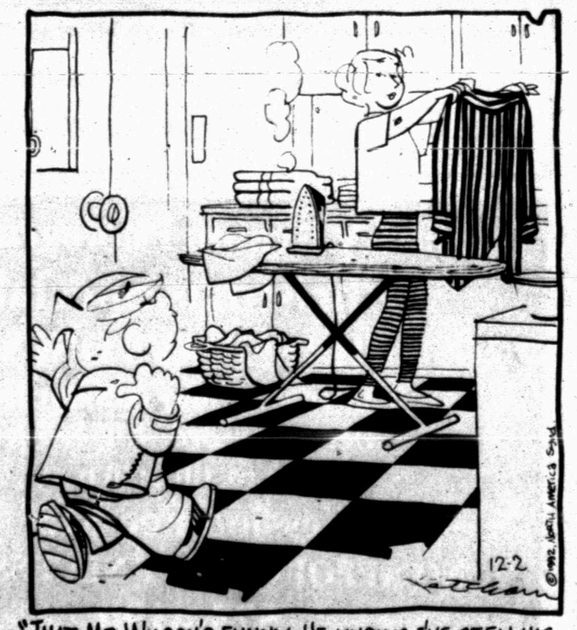
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Non-district basketball...

Tigers drop Seminole in OT

SEMINOLE — The Snyder Tigers scored six points in overtime Tuesday, while blanking Seminole in the extra period, to claim a 37-31 non-district basketball victory.

The win keeps the Tigers' record clean at 5-0. Tuesday's loss, the Indians' first of the campaign, drops Seminole to 3-1.

"It was a very tactical sort of game," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "We didn't have a particularly good night shooting, but we played smart, especially in the fourth quarter and overtime.

"It was a team effort. We played hard, we were smart and that'll win you the close ones lots of times."

The Tigers took the early lead in the defensive struggle, taking a slim 10-9 margin after one quarter.

Seminole answered with a 10-point second period, grabbing a 19-17 halftime advantage.

Snyder evened the tally in the third quarter scoring nine and giving up just seven. Each team was limited to just five points in the fourth.

No player from either team scored in double figures Tuesday. Barretta Collins led the Tiger charge with nine points. Adrian Sneed had seven.

Larry Duncan hit nine to pace the Indians.

In junior varsity action Tuesday, Seminole avoided the sweep by dishing out a 45-36 loss to the Tigers.

David Krenek scored eight to pace the Snyder junior varsity. Cody Walker and Eddie Martinez each added seven.

Snyder's varsity returns to action Thursday in the 3-day Denver City Tournament, facing Big Spring at 5:30 p.m. in a first-round matchup.

The Tiger JV is entered in the Coahoma Tournament, also scheduled to run Thursday through Saturday.

Varsity

Snyder	10	7	9	5	6	-37
Seminole	9	10	7	5	0	-31

SNYDER — Alvarez 0 2-2 2; Griffin 1 0-0 2; Collins 3 2-2 9; Sneed 3 0-1 7; Garza 2 0-1 4; Patrick 2 0-0 5; Bollinger 2 0-0 5; Stansell 1 1-2 3; TOTALS 14 5-8 37.

SEMINOLE — Shain 1 3-3 5; Pickell 1 0-0 2; Soto 4 1-2 9; Gomez 1 4-4 6; Duncan 4 0-0 9; TOTALS 11 8-9 31.

3-point goals: Snyder 4 (Collins 1, Sneed 1, Patrick 1, Bollinger 1); Seminole 1 (Duncan 1); **Total fouls:** Snyder 10, Seminole 12. **Fouled out:** Seminole — Duncan. **Records:** Snyder 5-0, Seminole 3-1.

Junior varsity

Snyder	6	8	8	14	-36
Seminole	15	6	12	12	-45

Leading scorers: Snyder — Krenek 8, Martinez 7, Walker 7, Post 6, Key 4, Gober 4. Seminole — Hall 17, Cherry 16.



LIGHTNINGS — Snyder Soccer Association's Under-8 Lightnings captured second place in the regular season with an 8-1-3 record, then went 4-0 in the post-season tournament for first place. Team members are, back row from left, coach Jerald Garner, Joshua Key, Tyler Pollard, Brady Reed and coach Sheryll Reed. Front row from left, Michael Campbell, Jeffrey Garner, Adam McCall, Brandon Graves and Hailey Putnam. (Contributed Photo)

71-70 at RJC...

Ranger upsets Lady Dusters

RANGER — The Ranger Junior College Lady Rangers got revenge for an early season loss to Western Texas College by handing the Lady Dusters a 71-70 upset defeat in a non-conference cage clash Tuesday night.

Western Texas had crushed RJC, 101-74, in the WTC-McDonald's Classic in Snyder in mid November.

Tuesday's rematch came just two days before the start of the Dusters' Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener against Howard College, but coach Ron Jones didn't feel like his squad looked past RJC.

"I don't think we did," he said. "More than anything else, little things, as far as execution, have been killing us. We'll play well for several minutes, then won't execute for two minutes."

Jones also felt like the Dusters were lax on the boards Tuesday. "We have to get more rebounds," he said. "I think they got 25 points off offensive rebounds."

The Lady Dusters were led by freshman Ayesha Howard, who canned a game-high 22 points, including two of Western Texas' eight 3-point buckets.

The only other Duster to break into double figures was freshman post Paulita Murrell, who canned 10.

The Lady Rangers' top producer was Dina Ancrum, who poured in 21 points in the winning effort.

Marcelene Hogg added 12 for RJC.

The loss drops WTC to 12-3 on the season. Ranger improves to 4-6 overall.

The Dusters host defending WJCAC champion Howard College in Thursday's league opener at 7:30 p.m. at the county coliseum.

Ranger JC 71, WTC 70

WESTERN TEXAS — Garcia 7, Howard 22, Isom 8, Huseman 6, Roland 3, Decker 2, Kearney 6, Crowell 6, Murrell 10.

RANGER — Wall 6, Gonzales 2, Alexander 6, Guay 7, McNally 6, Shepard 6, Hogg 12, Anthony 5, Ancrum 21.

Halftime score: RJC 40, WTC 36. **3-point goals:** WTC 8 (Garcia 1, Howard 2, Isom 2, Roland 1, Crowell 2; RJC 3 (Wall 1, Guay 1, Anthony 1). **Team fouls:** WTC 9, RJC 13. **Fouled out:** none. **Records:** WTC 12-3, Ranger 4-6.

Cards hold off ACHS for basketball victories

HERMLEIGH — The Hermleigh Lady Cardinals carried a 34-24 advantage into the fourth quarter Tuesday, and held off a late rally by Abilene Christian High School for a 36-35 non-district basketball win.

Hermleigh also won the boys' game, taking an 87-85 victory over ACHS.

Connie Payne sparked the Hermleigh girls Tuesday, scoring 16 points and adding seven rebounds, four steals and an assist.

Sherry Sandefur, in her first game back from a back injury, scored two points and contributed five boards.

Defensive standout Brandy Atkinson snatched four steals for the Lady Cardinals.

The Lady Cards scored nine in the first period and 11 in the second to stake a 20-13 halftime lead.

The third saw Hermleigh's margin build to 34-24 before the 11-2 fourth-quarter comeback attempt by ACHS.

Britni Huckabay led the ACHS offense with 15 points.

The Hermleigh boys, 1-2, won for the first time Tuesday behind post Chris Lambaren's 32 points. Chris Velasco added 28, Bill Breitweiser poured in 12 and Daniel Hermosillo chipped in 11.

David Rios topped all ACHS scorers with 22 points in the losing effort. Aaron Chowning contributed 19.

Both Hermleigh teams will open the weekend Ira Dog Pound Classic on Thursday. The HHS girls battle Ira's B team while the Hermleigh boys take on Hobbs in opening-round action in Ira.

Boys

ACHS	4	9	11	11	-35
Hermleigh	9	11	14	2	-36

Leading scorers: Hermleigh — Payne 16, Buchanan 7, Anderson 5, Gannaway 4, Sandefur 2, Moore 2; ACHS — Huckabay 15, Wright 8, Smith 5. **Record:** Hermleigh 2-1.

Boys

Hermleigh 87, ACHS 85

Leading scorers: Hermleigh — Lambaren 32, Velasco 28, Breitweiser 12, Hermosillo 11; ACHS — Rios 22, Chowning 19. **Record:** Hermleigh 1-2.

Union falls to Bulldogs

BROWNFIELD — Ira's Lady Bulldogs exploded for 24 third-quarter points in a 53-33 rout of Union Tuesday in non-district basketball action.

Juston Box scored 22 points for the Ira boys to pace the Bulldogs to a 70-33 victory in Tuesday's late game.

Ira and Union were knotted, 19-all, at halftime of the girls' game, before the Lady 'Dogs went on a 34-14 second half spurt.

Sophomores Kristy Sorrells and Jennifer Northcott led the IHS attack with 10 and eight points respectively.

Ira's boys took charge from the beginning, getting off to a 15-3 first-quarter lead, then stretching the margin to 37-16 by halftime.

Cory Beltz and Cole Sterling each contributed eight points for Ira. All told, 11 IHS players scored in the boys' contest, including freshmen Jeremy Howard and Heath Mathis, who hit four each.

Ira's girls are now 1-2 and the Bulldogs' record is even at 2-2.

The IHS squads will host the Ira Dog Pound Classic Thursday through Saturday. The 'Dogs face the same Union team in Thursday first-rounders. The girls' game tips off at 6:30 p.m. and the boys play at 8 p.m.

Boys

Ira	15	22	16	17	-53
Union	3	13	8	9	-33

Leading scorers: Ira — Box 22, Beltz 8, Sterling 8; Union — Corea 10. **Record:** Ira 2-2.

Girls

Ira	9	10	24	10	-53
Union	13	6	6	8	-33

Leading scorers: Ira — Sorrells 10, Northcutt 8; Union — Munoz 12. **Record:** Ira 1-2.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Orlando	8	4	.667	—
New York	9	5	.643	—
New Jersey	7	7	.500	2
Boston	5	9	.357	4
Washington	5	9	.357	4
Miami	4	8	.333	4
Philadelphia	3	8	.273	4½
Central Division				
Chicago	9	3	.750	—
Milwaukee	9	3	.750	—
Atlanta	7	6	.538	2½
Charlotte	7	7	.500	3
Cleveland	7	7	.500	3
Indiana	6	7	.462	3½
Detroit	3	9	.250	6
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	8	5	.615	—
Houston	7	5	.583	½
Denver	6	7	.462	2
San Antonio	5	7	.417	2½
Minnesota	4	7	.364	3
Dallas	1	10	.091	6
Pacific Division				
Portland	9	3	.750	—
Seattle	9	4	.692	½
Phoenix	8	4	.667	1
LA Lakers	7	5	.583	2
LA Clippers	7	6	.538	2½
Sacramento	6	8	.429	4
Golden State	5	8	.385	4½

Tuesday's Games

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Washington 119, San Antonio 106
Atlanta 119, Indiana 107
Cleveland 111, Boston 101
Denver 112, Houston 105
Utah 116, Dallas 101
Phoenix 109, Charlotte 90
Seattle 116, Orlando 102
Sacramento 117, LA Lakers 110

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 8 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Astros sign Doug Drabek

HOUSTON (AP) — Doug Drabek has turned over a new leaf and the Houston Astros have new life.

Drabek, yearning to play closer to home, signed a $19.5 million, four-year contract with the Astros on Tuesday, with an option that could keep him in an Astros uniform for a fifth season.

"You've got to turn the leaf and make new teammates and new friends," said Drabek, a key member of Pittsburgh's three-time NL Eastern Division titlist. "It really hasn't sunk in yet."

Drabek, the 1990 NL Cy Young Award winner, was born in Victoria, Texas, and played at the University of Houston. He lives in the Houston suburb of The Woodlands.

Drabek will receive a $1 million signing bonus, $4 million in each of the next two seasons and $4.75 million each in 1995 and 1996. The Astros have a $5 million option for 1997 and must pay a $1 million buyout if they don't exercise it.

Drabek has won at least 14 games in each of the past five seasons.

Girls' cage action...

Maidens hand SHS 55-30 loss

SEMINOLE — The Seminole Maidens went on a 28-16 run in the second and third quarters, then scored 20 in the fourth stanza Tuesday to down Snyder's Lady Tigers, 55-30, in a non-district basketball game.

The Lady Tigers, playing shorthanded, drew praise from first-year coach Jerry Tucker, in spite of the lop-sided loss.

"I've never seen seven varsity girls play with more effort than our ladies did," he said. "They played extremely well the first half, but we couldn't put the ball through the hoop.

Snyder's girls shot just 22 percent Tuesday, hitting only 13 of 59 shots.

"The second half we just ran out of gas," Tucker reported. "But we played tough to the end."

"I was really pleased with the girls' effort," Tucker reiterated, "even though the score reflects a big gap."

The Lady Tigers trailed 7-4 after one period, then got only six in the second, while the Maidens rolled off 14.

Snyder trailed 35-20 after three quarters.

Meriah Worthen's 10 points were tops for the Lady Tigers. Worthen also added three rebounds and two steals.

Shayna Crow hit six points and swept three boards for Snyder.

Amy White canned a game-high 12 for Seminole. Maidens Angie Hill and Keshia Jones each poured in 11.

Seminole handed Snyder's junior varsity a 33-25 loss in Tuesday's early game.

The SHS varsity will compete in the Thursday through Saturday San Angelo Tournament.

Coach Matt Garrett's JV girls will be at the Sweetwater Tournament on the same days.

Snyder	4	6	10	10	-30
Seminole	7	14	14	20	-55

Leading scorers: Snyder — Worthen 10, Crow 6, Ragland 4, Huff 4, Patterson 2; Seminole — White 12, Jones 11, Hill 11. **Records:** Snyder 2-3; Seminole 3-1. **JV score:** Seminole 33, Snyder 25.

SDN sports week

Thursday, Dec. 3

Basketball

WTC Lady Dusters host Howard College at Scurry County Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.
Snyder varsity boys at Denver City Tournament.
Snyder JV boys at Coahoma Tournament.
Snyder varsity girls at San Angelo Tournament.
Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater Tournament.
Snyder freshmen boys host Lamesa. B game at 5 p.m. A game at 6:15 p.m.
Ira hosts Ira Tournament.
Hermleigh at Ira Tournament.

Friday, Dec. 4

Basketball

Snyder varsity boys at Denver City Tournament.
Snyder JV boys at Coahoma Tournament.
Snyder varsity girls at San Angelo Tournament.
Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater Tournament.
Ira hosts Ira Tournament.
Hermleigh at Ira Tournament.

Saturday, Dec. 5

WTC women at Frank Phillips College at 6 p.m.
Snyder varsity boys at Denver City Tournament.
Snyder JV boys at Coahoma Tournament.
Snyder varsity girls at San Angelo Tournament.
Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater Tournament.
Ira hosts Ira Tournament.
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Supersonics knock off O'Neal, Magic, 116-102

by The Associated Press

There was no magic for Shaquille O'Neal in Seattle.

The sensational rookie for the Orlando Magic, starting his first West Coast trip as an NBA player, scored a season-low nine points on 4-for-11 shooting from the field and six misses in seven free-throw attempts Tuesday night. As a result, Seattle beat the Magic 116-102.

Ricky Pierce scored 27 points for the SuperSonics, who used mostly a small lineup to thwart the rookie.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was New York 101, Portland 85; Washington 119, San Antonio 106; Atlanta 119, Indiana 107; Cleveland 111, Boston 101; Denver 112, Houston 105; Utah 116, Dallas 101; Phoenix 109, Charlotte 90; and Sacramento 117, the Los Angeles Lakers 110.

Nick Anderson scored 28 points and Scott Skiles had 25 points and 13 assists for the Magic, who still have a slim first-place lead over the New York Knicks in the Atlantic Division.

Jazz 116, Mavericks 101

Karl Malone had 27 points and 13 rebounds as Utah broke out of a rare home slump by defeating hapless Dallas.

Jeff Malone scored 22 points and John Stockton had 21 points and 10 assists for the Jazz, which lost four of its first five games at the Delta Center after going 37-4 there last season.

Nuggets 112, Rockets 105

Reggie Williams hit his first nine shots and finished with a career-high 35 points, leading Denver over visiting Houston.

Williams was 8-for-8 in the first period, including a pair of 3-pointers, and scored 18 points, lifting the Nuggets to a 39-28 lead behind 63 percent shooting.

Bullets 119, Spurs 106

At Landover, Md., Harvey Grant keyed a 19-0 run in the first quarter with 10 of his 27 points, and Michael Adams set a pro record for career 3-point baskets.

Adams connected for the 795th 3-pointer of his seven-year career, moving him past former ABA star Louie Dampier into first place. The shot started the 19-point spurt that gave the Bullets a 31-9 lead with 3:25 to play in the quarter. Adams scored 23 points.

Guzman inks with Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Cubs general manager Larry Himes got the pitcher he wanted to replace National League Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux. Still, he isn't sure why he had to.

"I find it hard to understand how Greg could turn down an offer to become the game's highest-paid pitcher," Himes said Tuesday after the Cubs signed pitcher Jose Guzman to a $14.35 million, four-year contract. "I've got the starter I wanted to replace him with. It's time to get on with other things."

Guzman, who has spent his entire career with the Rangers, had two strong years after missing the 1989 season with a torn rotator cuff and spending 1990 in the minors on injury rehabilitation assignments. He made his major league debut with the Rangers in September 1985.

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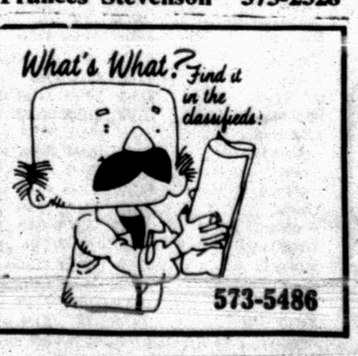
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Defense experts minimize effect of B-1B incident

WASHINGTON (AP) — The future of the problem-plagued B-1B bomber shouldn't be harmed by the latest crash of one of the supersonic aircraft, defense experts say.

The crash of a B-1B bomber Monday night in the mountains of West Texas was the fourth since the 100-plane fleet entered service in 1986. The fate of the four crewmen remained unknown Tuesday night.

The bombers have been plagued by a series of problems over the years, including engine and radar malfunctions and fuel leaks.

Defense experts on Capitol Hill said Tuesday that the B-1B is helped by the fact that Congress won't be asked for money to build any more of the bombers, which cost $280 million each. All 100 of the bombers already have been paid for and produced.

And, they added, the B-1B also is well positioned because it will assume a greater role as the Air Force adjusts to post-Cold War realities. Once envisioned mainly as a nuclear weapons program, the bomber will take on more conventional warfare missions.

The aircraft, manufactured by Rockwell International Corp., is designed to fill the gap between the aging B-52 and the costly B-2 Stealth bomber, which will be limited to 20 planes instead of the planned 75.

The B-1B has withstood years of questioning from Congress and likely will face another barrage, said one House defense aide.

"There will be some tough questions and some skepticism, but I think we are pretty much wedded to this program whether we like it or not," the staffer said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The bottom line, he and other Hill staffers said, is that Congress likely will continue to spend money every year to fix the trouble-plagued aircraft.

"I really think they'll just keep plugging money in every year to fix what they can fix," said Kathryn Schultz, an analyst with the independent Center for Defense Information.

Last June, Air Force Secretary Donald Rice told the Senate Armed Services Committee that it would cost $2.5 billion over 11 years to upgrade the aircraft and fix its flaws.

Rep. John Kasich, a House Armed Services Committee member who has been critical of the B-1B, said it's too early to predict whether the crash will have an effect on congressional funding for the program.

"We don't know why the plane went down," said Kasich, R-Ohio. "We've just got to see what the facts are."

"Obviously this thing doesn't help the B-1," he said. But, he added, when lawmakers meet to allocate funds for the project "hype isn't the determining factor. It's the facts."

Several of the Hill defense experts interviewed Tuesday said it would be prudent for the Air Force to ground the fleet pending investigation of the crash.

The Air Force was not ready to answer the grounding question Tuesday.

"They are just now getting to the site of the crash. They are not going to make a determination (on whether to ground the fleet) until they know what's going on," said Maj. Bob Perry, a spokesman for the Air Force's Air Combat Command based at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

The fleet was grounded earlier this year after a bomber experienced engine trouble. Three months earlier, some B-1Bs were grounded after cracks were found in the landing gear assemblies of more than half the fleet.

"Part of me says they're going to ground it because it's a pretty good safety precaution to take," Ms. Schultz said. "But part of me says if they ground it, they're giving credence to everybody who says it's a dog."

Dyess community deals with crash

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — While the nation has absorbed the B-1B bomber's billion-dollar price tag, the Dyess Air Force Base community has taken on the burden of shattered families and lost friends.

Dyess, which houses a third of the original 100-plane fleet amid the West Texas oil patch about 200 miles west of Dallas, has seen its share of tragedy since the B-1B program was launched in 1986.

Three Dyess-based B-1Bs have crashed and three airmen killed since 1987. That includes Monday's crash in which a bomber slammed into a mountain near Valentine, Texas. The fates of four crew members were not immediately certain.

But members of the community on Tuesday prepared to deal with the effects of the crash.

St. James United Methodist Church Pastor David Black, whose congregation includes many Air Force workers attached to the B-1B program, said the entire area is affected by such incidents.

"Dyess is such an integral part of the community," Black said. "Any time something like this happens, it affects all the people, especially the B-1 people in our congregation."

Black said that although nobody from his church has been killed in B-1B crashes, he works to console those who have lost friends or colleagues.

"I call them, and if need be we go over to the homes," he said. "It's just a lot of caring and praying."

Of the approximately 5,100 airmen based at Dyess, about 4,000 work in the B-1B program. On Tuesday, many assumed the wait-and-see posture that is becoming all too familiar.

"I've already shed many a tear this morning for the potential loss that's there," said Elaine Whitlock, whose husband, Maj. Wayne D. Whitlock, was one of three killed in the Sept. 28, 1987 crash of a B-1B near La Junta, Colo.

"My heart goes out to these people."

Mrs. Whitlock, 38, said the latest tragedy dredged up memories of the ordeal she and her children, Scott, 12, and Amy, 17, underwent five years ago.

"I think when you're young and your children are young, maybe you have a different perspective than you do if you're older," she said, breaking into tears. "You miss things ... your 25th wedding anniversary, your grandchildren.

"... I do have to say that after five years, it gets easier, but the pain is still there. Maybe not as often, but it's still there."

Rose Acklin, 41, whose husband, Maj. James T. Acklin, also was killed in the 1987 crash along with Capt. Ricky M. Bean, said she relived her experience after hearing about the crash Tuesday.

"It is very vivid in my imagination what they (families) are going to be going through," Mrs. Acklin said by telephone from her home in Granger, Ind.

"... When he was killed it was sad and when it happens to someone else the pain is just as great."

Neither woman blamed the Air Force for their husbands' deaths or for problems with the $280 million aircraft.

In addition to Monday's crash and the 1987 accident, there were two B-1B crashes in November 1988. There were no injuries in either incident.

The plane also has been beset with radar problems, fuel leaks, icing and engine malfunctions. The fleet was grounded for a month last summer when an engine malfunctioned on one of the bombers shortly after taking off from Dyess in June.

When the program is criticized, Air Force officials contend that its successes far outweigh problems and that glitches have been worked out.

Mrs. Whitlock said such talk about success ratios is little consolation.

Semi-synthetic drug aids cancer patients

HOUSTON (AP) — The first phase of clinical trials of the semi-synthetic drug taxotere shows the drug may be helpful in treating ovarian and breast cancer, a University of Texas researcher reported today.

Results of the study by Dr. Richard Pazdur, associate professor of medicine at UT's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, were published in today's issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

Pazdur reports that taxotere, which is derived from the needles of the European yew tree and is related to taxol, stalled tumor growth in six of 10 ovarian cancer patients and produced a partial remission of breast cancer in another patient in the first phase of his two-year study.

"It is highly unusual to have this level of activity in a Phase I study since most of these patients had been heavily treated and their cancer was still progressing," Pazdur said. "We are very encouraged by these results."

The drug, manufactured by Rhone-Poulence Rorer which has its U.S. headquarters in Collegeville, Pa., is being tested at several cancer centers nationwide. The clinical human tests are funded through the Cooperative Research and Development Agreement established by the National Cancer Institute and pharmaceutical companies, M.D. Anderson spokeswoman Catherine Burch Graham said.

Daniel Von Hoff, a researcher at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio where other trials are being conducted, said he believed taxotere will be "an excellent cancer drug."

"It's encouraging," said Dr. Robert C. Young, president of Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia and an expert on ovarian cancer. "In a Phase I trial, it's unusual to have a significant number of responders. Occasionally, you have a few, but usually you're just looking for a dose."

The first phase of the study was designed to determine the maximum dose of taxotere that can be administered safely to patients.

Thirty-nine patients enrolled in the clinical study were treated with different levels of taxotere for up to 12 months. All had advanced cancers including ovarian, colon, breast and uterine and previous treatments for all of the patients had failed.

Successive groups of three patients received escalating doses of taxotere in one-hour infusion sessions for five consecutive days. The five-day treatment courses were repeated every 21 days.

Pazdur and his colleagues determined that the dosage of taxotere should not exceed 14 milligrams per square meter of body surface for each daily treatment. Side effects for higher doses included low white blood cell counts, mouth sores and hair loss.

"This study seems to back up pre-clinical evidence suggesting taxotere, like taxol, may be an effective anti-cancer drug," Pazdur said.

Young said while Fox Chase researchers are "not involved in the clinical studies of taxotere at this time, we have done previous studies with taxol."

Eric Rosenthal of Fox Chase said the Philadelphia center is one of only two in the nation to have conducted three clinical trials of taxol on ovarian cancer.

Taxol is a promising, yet controversial anti-cancer drug derived from the bark of the rare western Pacific yew tree. Taxotere is derived from the needles of the European yew tree, providing a more abundant and renewable source for the drug.

"Obviously, the drug was derived from leaves, rather than extracting the bark and will be more readily available," Young said. But he added, the two drugs are different. "There are different patterns of response and different tumor patterns" that only will be discernible through more testing.

"It's always encouraging whenever you find a new drug that is active against cancer and common cancers like ovarian and breast cancer," Young said. "But much more studies will have to be done."

Pazdur and other researcher at M.D. Anderson already have begun the second phase of the study which tests the effectiveness of taxotere in fighting specific cancers including colon, breast, lung and melanoma.

Roommate: friend planned family's slaying for months

HOUSTON (AP) — A man accused of killing his family and burning their bodies in his parent's home had talked about it for years and had been preparing for it for three months, his roommate said in a confession to police.

A 31/2-page typed confession to the Nov. 13 slayings from Jared Lee Althaus was admitted into evidence in a pre-trial hearing Tuesday before State District Judge John Ackerman.

Althaus, 23, and Robert Otis Coulson, 24, each are charged with capital murder. Both remain in the Harris County Jail without bond.

Althaus, Coulson's roommate for the past eight months, gave police the statement four days after five members of Coulson's family were found smothered and burned in his parents' west Houston home.

He said he agreed to help Coulson kill his family because he expected to share Coulson's inheritance.

Those killed included Coulson's parents, Otis Bullard Coulson, 66, and Mary Coulson, 54; his sisters Sarah Lucinda Coulson, 21, and Robin Wentworth, 25; and his brother-in-law, Richard Robert Wentworth, 27.

In his statement, Althaus said Robert Coulson had brought tools for the murders to his parents' house, hiding them in the attic in advance. Among the items were a pistol, a stun gun, plastic zip cords, clippers and trash compactor bags.

Althaus said he bought a can of gasoline to start the fires and Robert Coulson persuaded his parents to keep the can in their garage.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; Christmas luncheon at MAWC; Sue Travis, program; 11:30 a.m.

Rotary Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; noon.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

Volleyball for singles, divorced or widowed people; multipurpose building of First Baptist Church; 7 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

Al-Anon; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information call 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 573-9924. (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.

"Christmas Memories" Recital presented by piano students of Mrs. Billy Tune; MAWC; Recital No. 1, 7 p.m. — Recital No. 2, 8 p.m. Public invited.

SUNDAY

Christmas Happening; Scurry County Museum at Western Texas College; 1-4 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-2349, 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

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

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

Obituaries

Blanche Baldwin

1904-1992

HEREFORD — Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Frio Baptist Church for Blance K. Baldwin, 88, who died Monday in Denton Community Hospital. Burial will follow in the West Park Cemetery in Hereford.

Officiating will be the Rev. Johnny Timms of Wellington and a son, the Rev. Darold Baldwin of Snyder.

Born in Wier, Miss., she married B.H. Baldwin in 1929 in Levelland. He died in 1962.

Mrs. Baldwin was a pastor's wife and was a pre-school Sunday Schoolteacher for 30 years.

She moved to Deaf Smith County in 1955 from Wellman. She lived in the Frio community from 1955-62 and lived in Hereford from 1962-86 when she moved to Dallas. While in Hereford, she operated a licensed child care center in her home.

Survivors include three other sons, Robert Baldwin of Kerrville, Godfrey Baldwin of Temple Hills, Maryland, and Eugene Baldwin of Hurst; three daughters, Mary Dean of Coppell, Wynell Earp of Denton and Olagene Crum of Houston; a sister, Viola Keene of Levelland; two brothers, Draper Keene of Levelland and George Keene of Belton; 15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Thursday services

Services are set for 10 a.m. Thursday at Snyder Cemetery for Roy Torres, infant son of Diana Martinez and Leon Torres.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Fluvanna Cemetery for David McKnight, 76, of San Antonio.

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Albtsn	49	481/2	485/8	-1/8
AlliedSignal	58	573/4	58	+1/4
ALLTEL Cp	475/8	471/2	471/2	-3/8
AmStores	441/4	433/8	433/8	—1
Amer T&T	473/8	471/8	471/4	
Ameritech	675/8	671/4	671/4	-3/8
Amoco	48	471/8	471/4	-3/4
AndarkPtr	281/4	28	28	-1/8
Arkla	81/2	81/4	81/4	-1/8
ArmcoInc	63/8	61/8	61/8	-1/8
AtlRichfld	1081/8	1071/4	1075/8	+3/8
BakerHugh	185/8	181/4	181/4	-1/8
BancTexas	11/4	11/4	11/4	
BellAtl	473/8	471/8	471/4	-1/8
BellSouth	481/2	481/8	481/4	-1/4
Beth Steel	151/8	141/2	143/4	-1/8
Borden	281/4	273/4	277/8	+1/8
Caterplr	555/8	545/8	545/8	—2
Centel	34	335/8	337/8	
CenSoWst s	281/8	277/8	28	-1/8
Chevron	68	675/8	673/4	-1/2
Chrysler	303/8	30	303/8	+1/4
Coastal	245/8	241/8	241/2	-1/4
CocaCola s	40	383/4	393/4	+1/8
ColgP	593/4	59	591/4	-1/4
ComlMetl	241/2	241/2	241/2	
CooperIn	511/8	505/8	505/8	-1/2
CyprusMn	30	297/8	30	+1/8
DallSemicn	137/8	133/4	137/8	+1/8
DeltaAirl	545/8	541/4	543/8	+5/8
DigitalEq	335/8	327/8	333/8	+3/8
Dillard s	491/2	483/4	491/4	
DowChem	551/2	543/4	543/4	-1/8
DresserInd	175/8	171/2	171/2	
DuPont	49	483/8	485/8	-5/8
EstKodak	413/4	411/2	411/2	-1/4
EljerInd	97/8	95/8	97/8	+1/8
Enserch	15	143/4	143/4	-1/8
Exxon	59	54	583/4	-1/4
FlowerInd	21	21	21	
FordMotor	421/8	415/8	415/8	—1
GTE Cp	34	337/8	337/8	-1/8
GnDynam	985/8	97	97	—2
GenElct	821/2	821/8	823/8	+1/4
GnMill	685/8	671/8	671/4	—13/4
GenMotors	321/2	321/8	323/8	
GenMotrE s	33	325/8	327/8	
GaPacif	613/8	605/8	605/8	
GlobalMar	21/4	21/8	21/4	+1/8
Goodrich	471/4	455/8	467/8	+11/4
Goodyear	731/4	725/8	725/8	-5/8
GtAtlPac	281/4	28	28	
Gulf StaUt	157/8	153/4	157/8	
Haliburtn	301/4	293/4	297/8	-1/4
Hanson	185/8	181/2	185/8	+1/8
HoustInd	441/8	44	44	-1/8
IBM	681/4	675/8	68	+1/4
IntlPaper	651/2	645/8	65	+11/4
JohnsnJns s	503/4	50	501/4	-1/8
K mart s	263/8	253/8	26	-1/2
Kroger	151/8	143/4	151/8	+3/8
vjLTV Cp	9-16	1/2	1/2	
Litton s	431/2	431/8	431/4	-3/8
vjLoneStar	3	3	3	
Lowes s	221/2	221/8	221/8	-1/8
Lubys	191/2	19	19	-1/2
Maxus	65/8	63/8	63/8	-1/4
MayDSt	711/4	71	711/8	-1/2
Medtronic	971/4	961/2	961/2	-3/4
Mobil	60	59	591/8	-5/8
Monsanto	561/2	561/8	561/8	
Motorola	1035/8	1021/2	1021/2	—15/8
Nationsbk	503/4	503/8	503/8	-1/4
Navistar	2	17/8	17/8	
Nynex	825/8	813/4	813/4	-3/4
OryxEngy	203/4	201/2	201/2	-1/8
PacTelesis	427/8	423/4	423/4	
PanhECp	173/8	17	17	-1/4
PenneyJC	785/8	773/4	773/4	—11/8
Pennzoil	501/8	495/8	495/8	-1/2
PepBoys	237/8	235/8	237/8	+1/8
PhelpD s	471/8	465/8	47	+1/4
PhilipPet	233/4	231/4	233/8	-1/2
PilgrmPrd	63/8	61/8	61/8	-1/8
Polaroid s	32	315/8	32	
Praxair n	165/8	163/8	163/8	
Primerica	485/8	483/8	481/2	+1/8
ProctGamb s	541/8	531/2	531/2	-1/4
PubS NwMx	123/4	125/8	123/4	
SFePacCp	135/8	133/8	131/2	-1/8
SaraLee	601/2	601/8	601/8	-3/8
SaraL wi	301/2	303/8	303/8	
SearsRoeb	435/8	433/8	435/8	+1/2
SherwinW	313/4	311/4	311/4	-1/8
SmthBck s	411/4	403/4	403/4	-1/4
SmthBc eqt s	36	355/8	355/8	-1/4
Southern Co	361/4	357/8	357/8	-1/4
SwAirl s	273/4	275/8	273/4	+1/4
SwstBell	693/8	683/4	693/8	
Sprint	26	253/4	253/4	-1/4
SterlingChm	37/8	37/8	37/8	-1/8
SunCo	263/8	261/8	261/8	-1/4
Tandy	295/8	291/8	291/2	+1/8
TempInl	533/4	527/8	533/8	+17/8
Tenneco	351/2	351/8	351/4	
Texaco	591/2	587/8	59	-3/8
TexasInd	211/4	21	211/4	
TexasInst	493/4	49	49	-3/8
Tex Utii	413/4	415/8	413/4	
Textron	431/4	43	43	-1/4
Tyler	45/8	43/8	43/8	
US West	375/8	371/4	371/4	-3/8
USX-Marathn	165/8	163/8	161/2	-1/8
USX-USS	31	301/2	305/8	+1/4
UnCarbde	161/2	161/4	163/8	+1/8
UnPac	591/4	591/8	591/8	
UnitTech	441/2	441/4	443/8	-1/8
Unocal	241/8	231/2	233/4	-1/2
WalMart	641/2	637/8	64	-1/8
WstnGasRs	26	257/8	26	+1/4
WestghEl	123/4	121/2	125/8	
WienDixie	241/2	235/8	237/8	-1/2
Woolwth	323/4	32	323/8	-7/8
Xerox Cp	783/8	78	781/4	+1/4
ZenithE	67/8	65/8	65/8	+1/8

Police work three wrecks

Snyder police worked three traffic accidents and investigated a burglary report Tuesday.

Jonathan Garrett contacted police at 12:50 p.m. in reference to someone taking a stereo and speakers from his vehicle. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

At 3:06 p.m., employees for Skinny's on 37th Street advised police of a gas drive-off of $10.

The first of three traffic mishaps occurred at 3:31 p.m. in the 2900 block of Avenue Z. Involved were a 1987 Buick driven by James Earl Shew of Box 236 in Ira and a 1987 Pontiac driven by Sylvia Jo Fletcher of 2311 26th St.

Officers worked a one-vehicle accident at 4:47 p.m. in the 400 block of College Avenue. A 1981 Ford truck driven by Monte Dale Wright of Midland was pulling a 1982 Aztec trailer which struck the Highway 84 overpass. The trailer, which was not damaged, was owned by Nalco Chemical Co. of Odessa.

At 5:15 p.m., police investigated an accident in the 3700 block of 25th Street. Involved was a 1988 Ford pickup driven by William Henry Wimmer of Rt. 2 Hermleigh which was pulling a shopmade trailer owned by Arthur Pieper of Loraine. The vehicle was in collision with a 1979 Kenworth truck-tractor driven by Ernest Garcia of 2205 Ave. Z which was pulling a 1991 Witzco RG-50 semi-trailer owned by Jack's Roadboring of Snyder.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Diana Martinez, 2008 Ave. O.

Census: 44 (Med.-10, Long-Term Care-34).

This morning...

Discovery blasts off

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery blasted off with five astronauts today on a semi-secret military mission after the sun melted dangerous patches of ice on the external fuel tank.

Discovery rose from its seaside pad at 8:24 a.m. EST on a column of flame, nearly 11/2 hours late because of the ice accumulation, a result of uncommonly cold weather.

The 100-ton shuttle, carrying a spy satellite for the Pentagon, arced out over the Atlantic Ocean and headed toward the north, skirting the East Coast on its way to space.

Discovery's two solid rocket boosters dropped off as planned two minutes into the flight, and the shuttle quickly reached orbit on the thrust of three liquid-fueled engines.

The astronauts were eager to be on their way.

"Let's get this thing going today," shuttle pilot Robert Cabana pleaded as he waited for Discovery to lift off.

It was NASA's eighth and final shuttle launch of the year, the most since 1985. Only one of those flights required more than one launch attempt, and that was just a one-day delay.

"It's hard to feel bad about that," said a jubilant Brewster Shaw, shuttle deputy director and a former astronaut.

Temperatures in the low 30s and 40s early this morning, combined with low winds, caused patches of ice and frost to form on the 15-story tank. NASA held the countdown at the nine-minute mark and anxiously waited for the sun to melt the ice, which was up to one-eighth of an inch thick, double the allowable thickness.

Inspectors were sent to the pad just after sunrise to see how well the ice was melting. After checking the top of the tank, they gave a thumbs-up.

Ice on the tank could fall off during ascent and damage the protective thermal tiles covering Discovery. Frost posed no danger.

NASA rules resulting from the 1986 Challenger disaster require the countdown to be halted if the temperature dips below 47 degrees with winds below 53/4 mph for more than 30 minutes once fueling begins.

The countdown also must stop if it gets colder than 37 degrees for more than a half-hour, regardless of the winds.

The temperature briefly dropped as low as 38 degrees early this morning, and the winds were barely above the minimum. But the temperature was around 50 by launch time. Launch officials feared low clouds approaching the area might cause a further delay, but the clouds were scattered at launch time and posed no problem.

Mission managers decided Tuesday against easing the cold-weather launch rules, at least for now, even though data collected by a special engineering team suggested the guidelines were "extremely conservative."

It was 36 degrees at liftoff the morning Challenger exploded.

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Armstrong, Paula Brzozowski as Mrs. Slocum, Danna Chesser as Mrs. Clark, Keri Ferris as Mrs. Clausing, Elaine Byrd as Mrs. McCarthy, Janette Allen as Maxine, Trevor Thompson as Elmer and Isaac Spoor as Hobie.

Still others are Caleb Wilson as David, Jessica Dea as Beverly, Leslie Mitchell as Janet, Audra Garcia as Roberta, Steve Tyler as Reverend Hopkins, Malcolm Crawford as a fireman, and Erin Cooley, Lori Chesser and Paula Fritz as baby angels.

Ellie Dryden is the director.

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some local property tax money from wealthier to poorer school districts.

"I'd say it's a last-ditch effort," Bullock said.

The current school funding system has been ruled unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court.

In the system, some local property tax money is redistributed from richer to poorer school districts within counties or groups of counties.

The Supreme Court said the tax violated the state constitution by imposing a statewide property tax, and by levying a property tax without voter approval.

The plan being developed in the House and Senate would allow a local vote on the tax.

However, that vote only would occur if the proposed constitutional amendment favored by Democratic state leaders failed. The proposed amendment would allow statewide redistribution of local property tax money.

The Texas Supreme Court gave lawmakers until June 1, 1993, to find a constitutional plan to equalize funding among property-rich and poor school districts. Public schools are financed mainly by local property taxes and state aid.

Meanwhile Tuesday, one lawmaker filed a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow Texans to create an income tax for education and abolish the bulk of school property taxes.

But the measure by Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, appeared dead on arrival.

Council

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the amount of water it had this time last year, said Ivie, who reported that the lake currently stands at 67,000 acre feet.

Increases in CRMWD rates which were proposed and accepted by the council last year will soon go into effect, according to Ivie. Last year's request included a nine-cent increase per customer in 1993 and another six-cent increase in 1994.

Ivie told the council that it appears the 1993 increase will only be around six cents rather than nine, and expressed hope that the 1994 increase will not be as much as anticipated.

Ivie said that the increases were requested as a guarantee that Snyder will receive Lake Thomas water. "Snyder will never receive a drop of water out of Lake Ivie, and has never received water from Lake Spence," he said. "But if we didn't build these reservoirs at a cost to everyone, we would be rationing water."

The rate increase is expected to take effect in January.

Terry Bilderback and Randy West of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper in Lubbock gave an update on construction at the city's new $4.375 million wastewater treatment facility, which is expected to be completed in August of 1993.

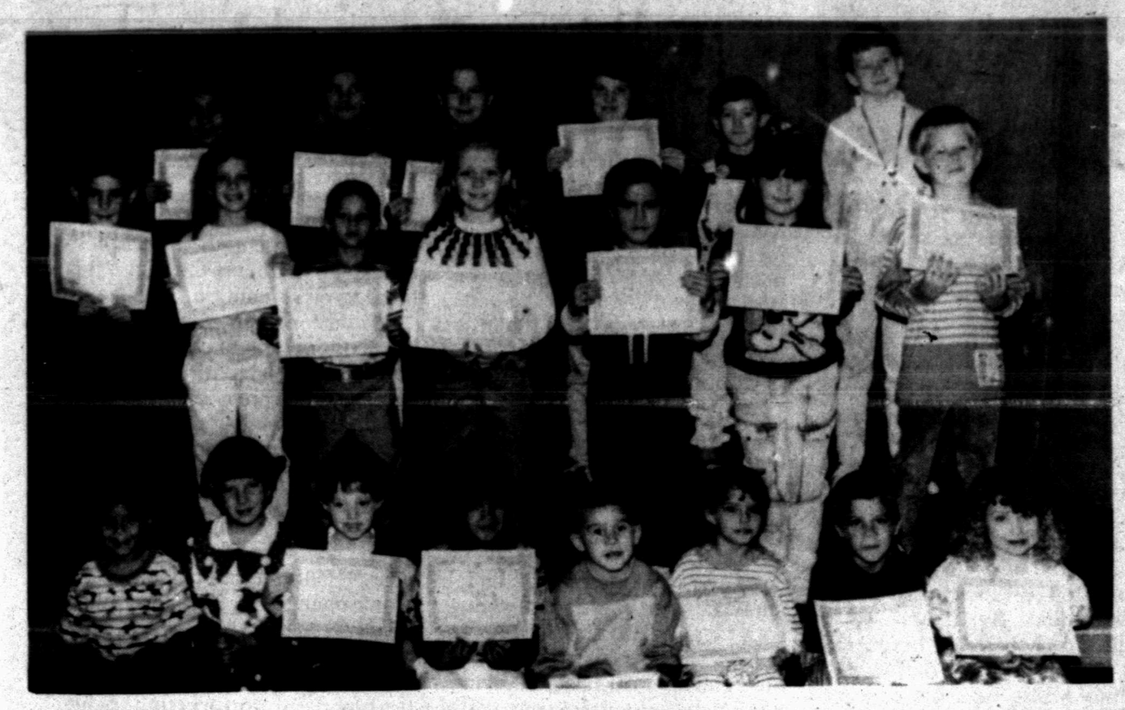
Bilderback told the council that the project is slightly ahead of schedule and has been slightly below the projected cost.

West said that crews have completed 85 to 90 percent of the concrete work on the deeper excavations that must be made for the plant. "I feel we are beyond all the problems and concerns that are associated with concrete work," said West.

Bilderback said that he is pleased with the quality of work he has seen at the plant in the first four months of construction.

Approval of minutes from the Nov. 10 council meeting was the only other item on the agenda.

Mayor Troy Williamson presided at the meeting. Present were council members Jack Denman, Mike Post, Dayton Robertson, Vernest Tippens and Smith. Also present were City Manager John Gayle and attorney Dana Cooley.





POSITIVE ACTION AWARDS — Receiving positive action awards at Stanfield Elementary recently were from left, first row, (in picture 1) Abel Aguilar, Karen Taylor, Matthew Morris, Amanda Alaniz, Logan Loyd, Krysta Atwood, Harding Cloudt, all kindergarten students, and Brooke Peterson, first grade. On the second row are Ty Collier, Kerri McKinzie, Tanner Reed, Erin Burleson, all first grade; Duran Lopez, Tammy Bailey and Josh Cornelson, all second graders. On the third row are Alberto Perez, Lina Olvera, T.J. Jones, Lilli Valdez, Adam Rodgers and Wendy Proffitt, all second grade. In picture 2 are Brady Reed, Harley Putman, Bobby Sands, Lauren Day, Anthony Vasquez, Alicia Hall, Trey Decker and Kira Diaz. On the second row, Isaac Sanchez, Manuel Tarango, Amanda Hartzog, Chris Lancaster, Kamie Drain, Taylor Cotton, Zipporah Peoples. On the third row are Marcelo Hernandez, Katie Kerley, Isaac Hernandez, Afton Schwerther, David Arizmendi and Mallory McCall. Not pictured are Patty Vargas and Oralia Galicia. (SDN Staff Photo)

After year in spotlight, Smith tries to blend in with crowd

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A year after his celebrated rape trial, Dr. William Kennedy Smith has immersed himself in the grueling routine of a medical resident. He keeps a low profile — most of the time.

His acquittal last Dec. 11 hasn't persuaded everyone of his innocence. A women's bookstore here sells T-shirts and buttons bearing the slogan: "William Kennedy Smith, Meet Thelma and Louise," a reference to the film in which a man is shot and killed by one woman after assaulting the other.

Smith, 32, the nephew of Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., enjoyed as much anonymity as a member of the Kennedy clan could expect until Easter weekend 1991. That's when Patricia Bowman alleged Smith raped her on the grounds of the Kennedy estate in Palm Beach, Fla.

Smith said he and Ms. Bowman had consensual sex.

The Georgetown University Medical School graduate postponed the start of his medical residency at the University of New Mexico until last June 24. Since then, Smith has steadfastly avoided the press.

Smith did not respond to a written request for an interview. Gail Sutton, a spokesman for the University of New Mexico Medical Center, said Smith did not want to give interviews during his residency.

He has not, however, been a recluse.

A picture of Smith running in a marathon appeared in a local newspaper, and students say they've seen him at night clubs, movie theaters and coffee houses.

He lives in a pink and blue Victorian-style townhouse in one of the city's oldest neighborhoods.

"He's a great neighbor. I really like Willie. I respect his privacy," said one neighbor who spoke only on condition of anonymity. Of the rape case, this neighbor said, "I won't bring it up. It's like asking someone what color their underwear is."

The neighbor said Smith, who lives alone with a black Labrador dog, works marathon shifts and doesn't have much spare time.

Smith frequents the Artichoke Cafe, a popular restaurant not far from his home. "He seems to fit in. He seems like a very sweet, gentle man," said co-owner and chef Pat King.

Smith has said he is interested in fetal alcohol syndrome.

Federal agents seize almost 1½ tons of cocaine in 1992

ROMA, Texas (AP) — A nearly 11/2-ton cocaine bust has put U.S. Border Patrol agents in South Texas on a potentially record-setting pace for seizures this fiscal year, according to agency figures.

Agents patrolling an area near Roma known as a smuggling corridor found 57 plastic-wrapped bundles containing 2,905 pounds of cocaine following an encounter with suspected smugglers Monday night.

The shipment, with an estimated street value of about $93 million, brought the total amount of drugs seized in fiscal year 1993 to more than $194 million, according to the Border Patrol. The fiscal year began Oct. 1.

By comparison, agents in the same sector seized nearly $215 million worth of drugs during all of fiscal 1992.

Mario Garcia Jr., supervisory intelligence agent for the Border Patrol in McAllen, said Tuesday the shipment is further evidence of a resurgence in cocaine use and the cocaine trade.

South Texas law enforcement agencies have also seen an upswing in other types of trafficking. Marijuana busts have increased recently, due mostly to a good growing season in Mexico, as have cases involving black tar heroin, according to officials.

"It's almost a daily occurrence that seizures of one type or another are going to be made," said Garcia.

He noted, however, that the dramatic increase in the value of the seizures this year does not mean there have been more cases than last year. Rather, authorities have seized larger shipments and more valuable drugs, he said.

"This one (cocaine) seizure has skyrocketed our value," said Garcia.

The shipment was the largest load of cocaine ever seized on the river in Border Patrol history, he said.

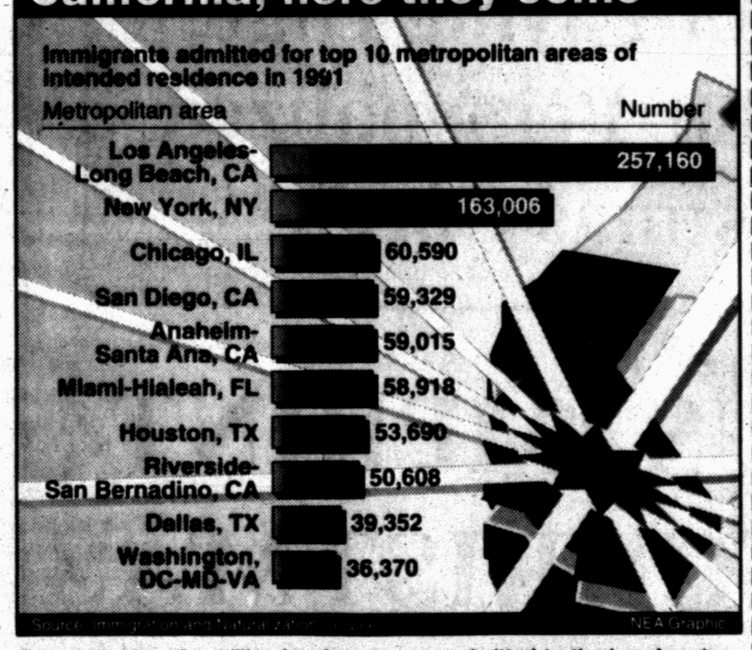
The case has been turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration, which is continuing to investigate.

A suspect arrested during the bust, identified as Carmelo Martinez Morales, 40, a Mexican national, was being held without bond Tuesday pending a detention hearing, Garcia said.

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SUPERIOR STUDENTS — Awards were given by West Elementary teachers to students excelling in various categories. From left are kindergarten students, top row, Alan Gray, outstanding; Leslie Jackson, outstanding; Phil Rice, outstanding; Jordan Lollar, improved; Samantha Peterson, citizenship; Cindy Morin, citizenship; and Logan West, citizenship. On the middle row are first graders, Zack Cain, outstanding; Alexis Dupree, outstanding; Brad English, outstanding; Pamela Garcia, outstanding; Ruben Flores, improved; and K.J. French, improved. On the bottom row are Chance Tatum, improved; and citizenship, Tass Baze, Whittney Criswell, Clayton Floyd and Andrea Valdez. Not pictured are kindergarten students, Kalli Wesson, outstanding; Jayde Martin, improved; and Damian Ruiz, citizenship. (SDN Staff Photo)

Clinton staff members shun bright economic indicators

By Tom Raum
Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Signs of an upturn should give President-elect Clinton more maneuvering room in developing a plan to spur the economy. But he and his top aides are studiously avoiding sounding too optimistic.

Call it caution. Or perhaps call it a reluctance to admit the economy may be starting to right itself without his help.

After all, Clinton did campaign on a theme of going to Washington and fixing the economy.

President Bush was widely faulted on being slow in recognizing the depth of the nation's economic woes. And the sour economy clearly contributed to his defeat.

New reports showing stronger-than-expected growth in the gross domestic product and a surge in the Index of Leading Indicators are getting tepid reviews from the Clinton team.

"It's encouraging that things are getting better. But the real question is, are things good enough?" said Gene Sperling, a senior Clinton economic adviser.

"We're not looking to spin numbers one way or the other," Sperling said in an interview. "After four years of no job growth, this is serious business."

No one is going to accuse Clinton of painting a "rosy scenario" on the economy, a common criticism of his predecessors of both parties.

The Clinton camp's low-voltage reaction to the past week's good economic news "is interesting. It's backwards," said economic forecaster David Wyss of DRI-McGraw Hill in Lexington, Mass.

"I don't know whether they're trying to justify a large deficit-increasing package or to lower expectations before coming in," Wyss added.

Clinton has a still-undefined short-term plan to pump $20 billion or more into building transportation, communications and environmental projects to boost the economy.

AP analysis

Many economists and budget analysts have questioned whether such a spurt of deficit-widening public works projects will have much short-term benefit, particularly if the economy is recovering on its own.

This is clearly one of the areas to be plumbed when Clinton hears from some of the nation's top economists and business leaders at a conference he has scheduled here for Dec. 14-15.

Last week, when the government revised its figures for growth in the July-September quarter from 2.7 percent to a relatively robust 3.9 percent, Clinton exhibited typical caution.

While conceding that a recovering economy might compel him to rethink his plans for a stimulus package, the president-elect said he needed to study the data further.

"It could have some impact on short-term judgment, but we're going to have to see if these figures tell us anything about what is likely to happen for the next year," Clinton said, adding: "It won't change my long-term plans at all."

Still, the new figures — and another Tuesday report showing a healthy rise in construction spending — clearly offered Clinton some breathing space in fleshing out his short-term stimulus plan.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Tom Raum has covered government, economics and politics for The Associated Press since 1973.

State officials hope Hope will attract some tourists

AUSTIN (AP) — The state Republican Party has criticized the use of state money and Gov. Ann Richards' appearance on entertainer Bob Hope's Christmas special being filmed in San Antonio.

Richards' commerce department paid $150,000 to Hope, officials said Tuesday.

Karen Hughes, executive director of the state GOP, said state money should not have been used when other needs go unmet. She said Richards will "showcase herself."

Richards' office defended her appearance, saying it was nonpolitical and gave the governor a chance to tout Texas. In addition, her office said Hope's producers asked her to be on the show.

"She is the state's premiere pitch person. That's what she is supposed to do," said Richards' press secretary Bill Cryer.

Commerce Department officials defended the expense, saying the program will generate tourist dollars by showing off Texas to an audience of some 14 million viewers.

"It's an excellent value for the state," Commerce Department executive director Cathy Bonner said. "It's going to be incredible coverage for the state and San Antonio."

The San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau, and theme parks Sea World of Texas and Fiesta Texas, also paid $150,000 each for a total of $600,000 to Hope's production company, state officials said.

Ms. Hughes of the state GOP said that this expense should have been paid for entirely by the private sector because the state is strapped for funds as lawmakers fight over a school financing system.

But Cryer said the money, taken from hotel-motel room taxes, is designed to be spent on this type of economic development deal.

The program, titled "Bob Hope's 4-Star Christmas Fiesta from San Antonio," will be filmed in San Antonio this week.

The hour-long show will feature the San Antonio River Walk, the Alamo, Sea World of Texas, Fiesta Texas, Alamo Dome and military bases. It is scheduled to air Dec. 20.

Richards will be one of the guests, along with Clint Black, Rita Rudner and Les Brown.

A segment featuring Richards and Hope is scheduled to be taped Thursday in front of the Alamo, the governor's office said.

Cryer said it was appropriate for Richards to appear on the show. "The single most recognized person in Texas will be out there pitching Texas for Texas," he said.

Olmos would run

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Edward James Olmos says he would run for mayor if he were drafted.

Olmos, the star of "Stand and Deliver" and "American Me," is known for his community activism.



OUTSTANDING STUDENTS — Chosen outstanding students in the Early Childhood classes at Humble Smith School are, from left, Kim Dupuy and Vicki Resendiz. (SDN Staff Photo)

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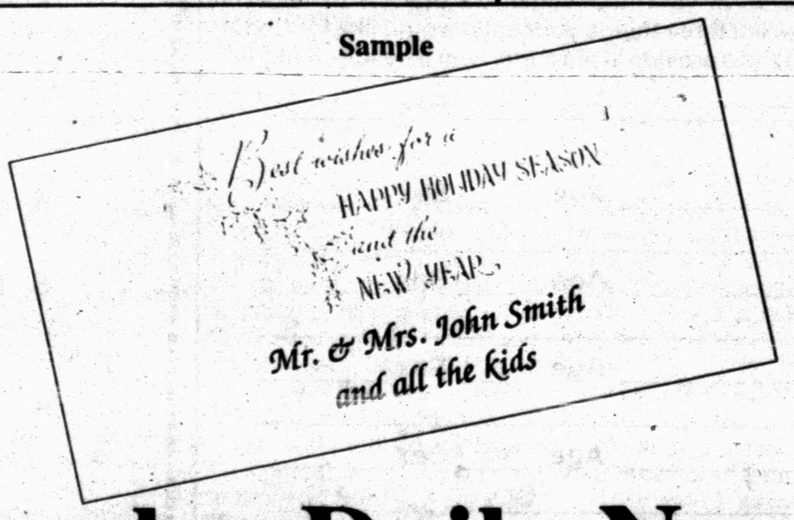
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