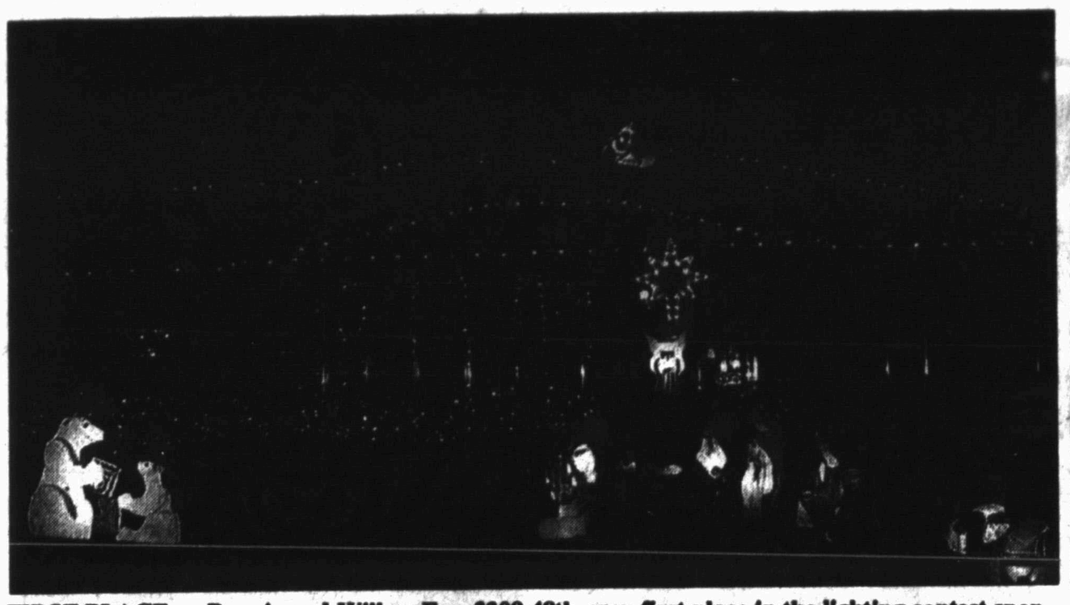


FIRST PLACE — Bonnie and Wilbur Fry, 3309 48th, won first place in the lighting contest sponsored by the Snyder Gold Coats. Committee chairpersons Kent Wright and Joan Bunch said that out of 27 entries, the job of picking winners was difficult and they appreciate all who entered.



SECOND PLACE — Dwain and Sue McGuire's decorated yard at 3096 Highway 180 West won second place in the Gold Coat lighting contest. Other winners include Rod and Charlotte Clifton at 5508 Cedar Creek, third place, and Sheri Williams, at 3741 Avenue V, honorable mention. (Staff

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Home Of Ashley Swigert

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Anybody who knows the second verse of Jingle Bells should have to store all the Christmas bows and wrapping paper that aunt Martha will insist on saving this year."

Every family has one — the after gift-opening director who makes sure that all that brightly-colored paper and bows are not thrown out with the unwanted clutter.

For her, it's not the gift — it's the giftwrap paper that counts.

While most paper is generally stuffed in the top of a closet or crammed under a bed, experts says there are actually folks who neatly store the stuff according to occasion, size and color.

Now that's organization.

Bows and ribbons have their assigned place, as do old greeting cards which can be cut up and fashioned into tags.

Most people, experts say, hold on to wrapping paper because of habit. Annual sales of wrapping paper continues to grow — indicating that there is more saved than is reused. Wrapping paper sales exceed $1.5 billion annually.

An etiquette expert says it's fine to reuse paper, so long as the saved pieces don't appear too used.

Our advice: just rip 'em open and enjoy.

Ole what's-her-name may have set a record for reuse this holiday season.

We had pumpkins for Halloween. The same pumpkins, brighten and preserved with lacquer, were used for Thanksgiving.

And, yep, she enlisted the same pumpkins for Christmas. They were spray painted gold and silver and adorned with a bright red bow.

This time, we might be in favor of saving the bow — but it's time for the pumpkins to go.

In the city...

Saw a kid, about 7, waiting to visit with Santa. He was all smiles, obviously a young man with a mission as he waited patiently.

We noticed he even patted his foot to the songs that were being played throughout the shopping area.

Then there was this odd sound. The kid heard it too.

So much for youthful innocence. He jumped up and fished something out of his pocket.

"Hello?" he answered.

DPS urges caution...

Ice storm grips much of Texas

The Department of Public Safety is estimating that as many as 36 people could be fatally injured in motor vehicle crashes during the 78-hour Christmas holiday weekend, and icy conditions across the state could push that forecast even higher.

The DPS count begins at 6 p.m. Thursday and ends midnight Sunday.

Last year, 47 people lost their lives over a 102-hour holiday period.

Area highways have already become deadly, as three people were killed in a two-vehicle accident in Fisher County on Monday, and one person was killed in a one-vehicle accident near Stanton.

Early Tuesday morning, one person was killed in a one-vehicle accident west of Clyde on I-20, but a DPS spokesman said the accident was not weather-related.

The weather will be a contributing factor to holiday accidents as a sheet of ice covered most of the state from around the Metroplex into the Austin area and farther south this morning.

However, travelers throughout the Snyder area were blessed with clear highways today.

At 9 a.m., DPS trooper Bill Blackley reported U.S. Highway 84 was clear in the county, with only a light mix of snow and sleet falling.

Forecasters are calling for temperatures in the 30s on Thursday, with a chance of light or freezing rain on Christmas Day.

At 10 a.m. in the Abilene area, a DPS spokesman said the highways were extremely slick, with troopers working numerous accidents on the Interstate.

The troopers said motorists should anticipate several road delays due to the volume of traffic snarls and congestion around the collisions which have already occurred.

Ranger hill was reported to be ice covered and littered with stalled vehicles.

Troopers said traffic was backed up in both directions.

Icy highways in Austin were blamed for two deaths on Interstate 35 in Austin this morning.

An Austin police spokesman said icy conditions on an elevated portion of I-35 near U.S. 290, caused a 24-vehicle accident shortly after 1 a.m. today.

A 19-year-old female died in the accident.

Three minutes later, ice covering the southbound lanes caused a 35-vehicle accident.

A 30-year-old man was killed in this pileup.

Authorities said at least 15 people who were injured in the chain collisions were taken to area hospitals.

Numerous accidents were reported in the Dallas-Fort Worth area this morning, as overpasses began to ice up around 3 a.m.

The cold weather also delayed some flights at DFW Airport because of de-icing operations.



FINISHING TOUCHES — Theresa Dupree puts the finishing touches on a Christmas arrangement at Friendly Flower Shop. Folks are plentiful around town doing last minute decorating and shopping as two days are left until Christmas. (SDN Staff Photo)



Impeachment role will move chief justice into spotlight

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a short walk across the street from the Supreme Court to the Capitol, where Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist would preside over President Clinton's impeachment trial. But the trip will take him from the relative anonymity of the television-free court into millions of American living rooms.

Rehnquist would be only the second chief justice to preside over a presidential impeachment trial, but the first to conduct at least some of the proceedings on TV.

While the high-profile trial might mean he would no longer go virtually unnoticed on his daily strolls outside the Supreme Court building, many court watchers say he is a good fit for the role.

"He will run a very fair, efficient proceeding and he will not allow it to get out of control," said Washington lawyer Theodore Olson, who has often argued before the highest court.

Rehnquist is keeping his thoughts about an impeachment trial to himself. But at the court, he is known for his calm, gentlemanly manner and ability to run a tight ship.

Banks, offices to close for Christmas holiday

Most financial institutions will close at noon Thursday for the Christmas holiday and will not reopen until Monday.

American State Bank, Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank and Snyder Savings and Loan all close at noon on Christmas Eve.

First American Bank, however, will close at 3 p.m.

County and city offices will be closed Thursday and Friday with one exception being the City Landfill. It will be open Thursday and closed Friday and Saturday.

Scurry County Library will be closed Christmas Eve through the weekend, reopening on Monday.

The post office will be closed all day Friday. There will be no deliveries and no mail placed in boxes.

The Snyder Daily News' Christmas Eve edition, containing holiday greetings from area merchants and Santa Letters from the kids, will be delivered early Thursday morning.

The SDN office will be closed Thursday and Friday. There will be no publication Christmas Day, and publication will resume with the weekend edition.

U.S. takes tough line on sanctions on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the future of U.N. weapons inspections clouded, the Clinton administration is standing firm on keeping economic pressure on Iraq unless it gets rid of its remaining chemical and biological weapons.

Iraq must be prepared "to move toward disarmament" and must not threaten its neighbors or the Kurds to get the sanctions lifted that were imposed by the U.N. Security Council after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering said Tuesday.

A U.S.-led military force pushed the Iraqis out of Kuwait in 1991. U.N. weapons inspections began after the war. Iraq's latest refusal to cooperate prompted the United States and Britain to bomb it last week.

Battling to save the inspection system, the administration said it was up to Chairman Richard Butler and his U.N. Special Commission on Iraq to decide how to operate in Iraq.

"It is up to UNSCOM to decide how it can be most effective in the pursuit of the mission," Pickering said.

With oil prices in decline, more oil may have to be sold to purchase food, although Iraq is deliberately limiting its production, the senior American diplomat said.

And, Pickering said, the United States would take "a careful look" at a Russian proposal to convene the 22 political commissioners next month for an "updated assessment" of UNSCOM's operations.

ASK US

Q—I know the Christmas holiday has just begun, but when is spring break for the Snyder schools?

A—March 15-19.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 18 degrees; low, 10; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 16; no precipitation; total for 1998, 10.50 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low, lower 20s. Thursday, mostly cloudy. High, mid 30s. Christmas Day: Slight chance of light or freezing rain. Lows mid 20s-lower 30s. Highs 35-45.



Liza Fonseca
Cloudy & cold

Sunset:
5:46 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:40 a.m.
Of 356 days in 1998, the sun has shone 350 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Character is the ability to carry out a good resolution long after the excitement of the moment has passed."

Cavett Robert

DEC 23 1998

New York strikes down one part of death penalty law

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The state's highest court has struck down a portion of New York's three-year-old death penalty law because it may unfairly encourage guilty pleas from defendants hoping to avoid lethal injection.

The Court of Appeals unanimously ruled unconstitutional the provision in the law which allowed defendants to plea bargain for life-in-prison sentences in exchange for not having to face a death penalty prosecution.

Chief Judge Judith Kaye said Tuesday that the U.S. Supreme Court decided 30 years ago that such a choice could tend to unfairly encourage guilty pleas, violating a citizen's rights to a jury trial and against self incrimination.

A defendant can be executed in New York only after being found guilty at trial and then sentenced to death by a jury. Defendants who plead guilty to capital murder cannot be executed.

Thus, "the death penalty hangs over only those who exercise their constitutional rights to maintain innocence and demand a jury trial," the Court of Appeals said.

The Court of Appeals threw out the sentencing provision, but said the rest of the capital punishment statute which went into effect on Sept. 1, 1995, stands.

The decision sent those on both sides of the death penalty debate combing through Judge Kaye's 19-page ruling to determine its effect on future capital cases and on the 38 people who have faced life-without-parole sentences since 1995.

The head of the state Capital Defender Office, Kevin Doyle, said it was unclear how many inmates serving life without parole can seek to have those sentences vacated in light of Tuesday's ruling.

Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes, meantime, said he would appeal the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court. Gov. George Pataki applauded that announcement Tuesday.

Woman kills husband, self

DONNA (AP) — A woman shot and killed her husband and wounded her son and daughter before killing herself early Tuesday morning, authorities say.

Hidalgo County sheriff's deputies found the bodies of Graciela Perez and Candelario Perez, 51, at their Donna home around 6:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The couple's children, Judith, 23, and Alexis, 22, told police that Mrs. Perez killed their father and then shot at them.

The siblings were hospitalized Tuesday in critical condition from gunshot injuries. The Hidalgo County sheriff's office said no motive for the shootings had been determined.

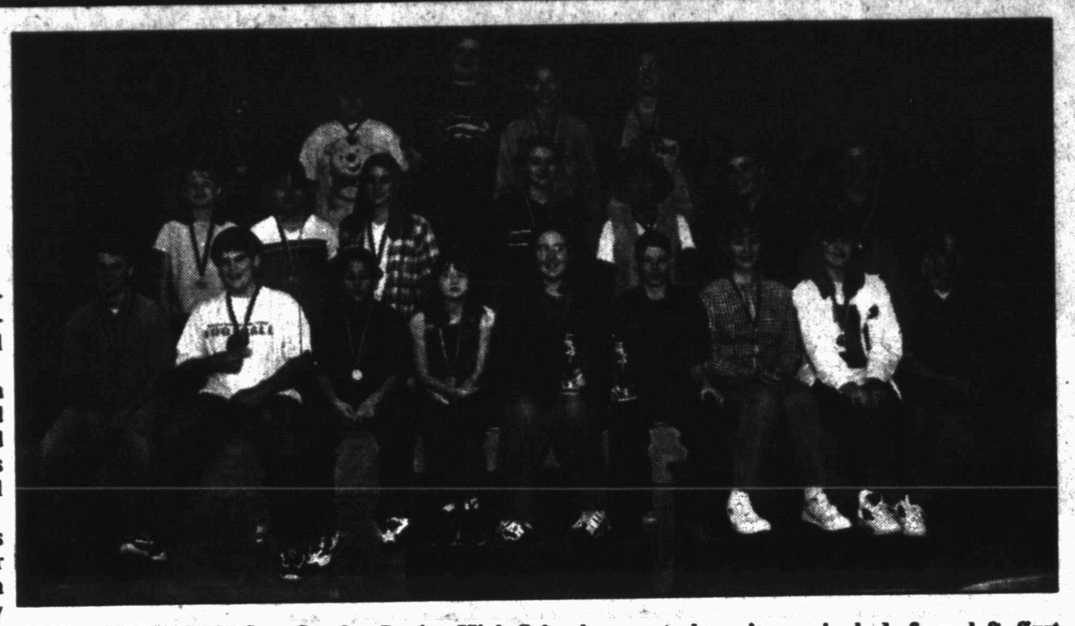
Part of Dec. 12 jackpot claimed

AUSTIN (AP) — A Rio Grande Valley family has claimed $6.7 million in winnings from the Texas Lottery, one of two winners of a Dec. 12 drawing.

H.E. Wolcott purchased the winning ticket at Tony's Exxon in Los Fresnos. The W.W. B. Family Partnership was presented with a check Tuesday.

A second winning ticket for the jackpot was purchased in Katy but has not been claimed.

The winning numbers in that drawing were 5-7-10-16-20-23.



ONE-ACT WINNERS — Snyder Junior High School one-act play winners include from left, first row, Caleb Durham, Josh Knox, Brandon Carnes, Kristina Mayer, Christan Curry, Chance Greenwood, Whitney Jones, Lilli Valdez, Trey Roland; second row, Kasey Wemken, Cassi Guerrero, Shell Hembree, Cozy Jones, Zina Guidos, Bobby D. Sands, Jacob Pechacek; third row, Frances Parrish, Stephanie Martinez, Casandra Darlin, Chaelyn Robinson, Wendi Whittenburg. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Displaced steel workers put pressure on administration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Displaced steel mill worker Ken Houser and others like him are behind the growing pressure on President Clinton to take more aggressive steps to block steel imports.

They are also placing the administration in a quandary as it searches for ways to fight the recent surge in imports, blamed for thousands of layoffs and other cutbacks across the country. Congress has given the administration until Jan. 5 to come up with a plan.

Houser, who lost his job at USX Corp.'s Fairless Works plant near Philadelphia the day before Thanksgiving, understands the administration's desire to promote free trade globally. Houser simply disagrees with Clinton's priorities.

"Clinton is stuck in the middle," said Houser, 44, who has worked in steel mills for a quarter century. "I agree with the world economy and everything, but when it comes down to the American workers, he's got to stand up for us. I don't feel they are doing it."

Although the steel industry has already filed federal trade complaints against Japan, Russia and Brazil, accusing them of flooding the U.S. market with steel at cut-rate prices, rulings are not expected until next summer.

Fearing more jobs could be lost by then, steel producers and the steel workers union are seeking more immediate action, including a broad investigation that could lead to quotas.

Steel is not the only U.S. industry complaining about imports. Apple growers warn that thousands of jobs are threatened by a surge of low-cost foreign imports into the country. And computer chip makers, machine tool companies, textile manufacturers and automakers all could join in filing "dumping" complaints and seeking protective tariffs.

Administration officials are walking a tightrope as they try to balance the needs of their traditional labor constituencies and the ideals of free trade. If markets abroad close, there would be fewer outlets for U.S. exports, which drive about a third of the nation's economic growth.

"We are running around the world telling people to open the markets," said David Phelps, executive director for the American Institute for International Steel, which represents steel importers and exporters. "Clearly you have a problem if you start to close yours."

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SJHS students win in One-Act

Students in Janeen Patterson's Drama II class at Snyder Junior High School recently competed in a One-Act Play Contest sponsored by the school.

The judge was Elaine Bragg, English/ESL teacher.

The students performed "Aladdin" on Dec. 8. Janeen Patterson, drama instructor, directed.

"These students are very talented and have performed in several junior high school productions this year," she said.

Students named to the all-star cast include Caleb Durham, John Knox, Brandon Carnes, Kristina Mayer, Whitney Jones, Lilli Valdez, Trey Roland.

Christan Curry was named best actress and best actor honors were presented to Chance Greenwood.

Honorable mention all-star cast members include Kasey Wemken, Cassi Guerrero, Shell Hembree, Cozy Jones, Zina Guidos, Bobby D. Sands, Jacob Pechacek.

Students receiving best technical awards include Frances Parrish, Stephanie Martinez, Casandra Darlin, Chaelyn Robinson and Wendi Whittenburg.

The basic monetary unit of Kiribati is the dollar, and its chief fractional unit is the cent.

Minnesota is the 32nd state.

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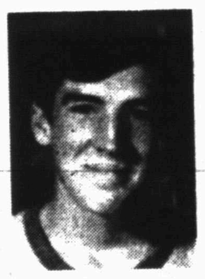
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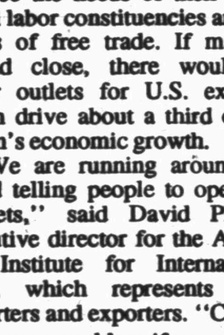
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Laura Thomas was last week's winner.

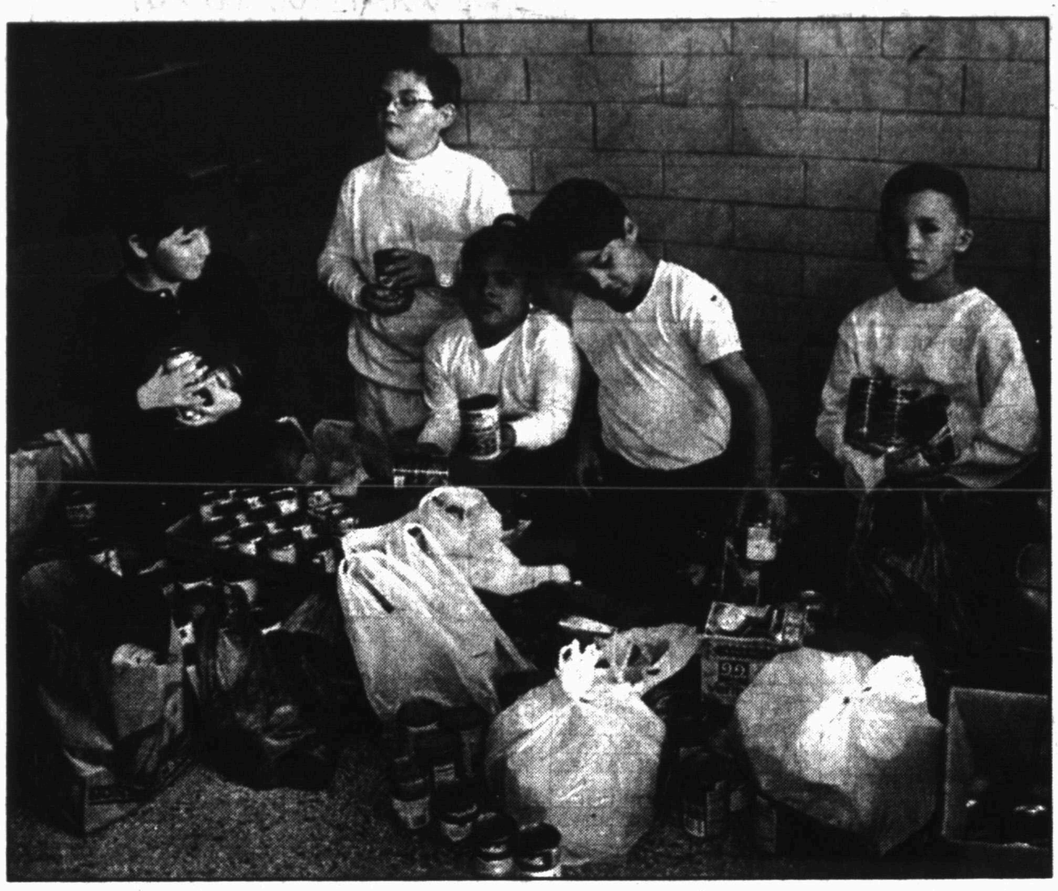
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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949. The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN and their families are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Kathy Holdren 2. Jack Fulford 3. Sandra Fulford 4. Randy Lewis 5. Tracy Lewis 6. Betsey Robertson 7. Dayton Robertson 8. Dave Brown 9. Laura Thomas 10. Denise Brown



EAST CANNED GOODS — East Elementary students collected 1,487 cans of food for the annual Goodfellows Food Drive. Judy Brown's class collected the most cans, 276. The students won a pizza party for their efforts. Students shown with some of the food are from left, Malcom Deavers, Jordan Lester, Norma Aguilar, Adrian Padron and Dillon Matthies. Debra McNair's class was second with 227 cans and Janie Carroll's class was third with 200. Most of the canned goods had already been picked up before this picture was taken. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Many more shopping online, but some still have concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) — While last-minute shoppers frantically crowd the malls, Marguerite Smalls sits at her office desk and with a click of the mouse ticks off the gifts on her list.

Videos for her daughter from The Disney Store. Clothes for others from Spiegel. Maybe some shoes for herself.

"I just don't like standing in line," said Smalls of Greenbelt, Md.

This holiday season, more and more shoppers are heading to the Internet: They're expected to spend $2:3 billion online or more than double last year's $1.1 billion, according to the research firm Jupiter Communications.

Although that remains just a fraction of total holiday spending, the desire to avoid crowds and dissatisfaction with customer service is leading to more Internet shopping just as it previously boosted catalog shopping, consumer experts believe.

"People are always talking about shopping in that tone of voice, like, 'How do I beat the system?,'" said Mona Doyle, author of the Shopper Report, which surveys consumers about the retail industry.

Not all shoppers are comfortable with the idea, however.

"I'll never buy online again," said Daniel Ho, a student in Los Angeles who purchased a product for his computer on the Internet and eagerly awaited its promised two-day delivery.

Two weeks later, the item arrived, looking far different from what was touted on the Web. And it came with a notice that the company did not issue full refunds.

"The company told me you have to read what's in the manual — not the specifications on the Web," Ho said.

After much prodding by Ho and the Better Business Bureau, the company finally agreed to take the item back. But Ho still wasted $20 on shipping. Now he figures it's just as easy to go to the store.

"Then I can return it," he said.

To avoid such problems, experts recommend that consumers stick with stores they already know or look for signs that they can trust the business.

Among those signs are a site's privacy statement, which explains how the company will use any information it gathers, such as the customer's address.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 684 head of cattle for the Thursday, Dec. 17 sale. Cows were steady. Calves and yearlings were $2 cheaper. Trading was active and demand good.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing - cutters - utility) 30.50 to 36.50.
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Slaughter bulls: 38 to 45.
Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 85-103
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500-600: 65-72
600-700: 62-69
700-800: 60-65
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300-400: 68-75
400-500: 63-73
500-600: 60-66.50
600-700: 58-62.50
700-800: 55-60
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 62 to 70; 700-800, 55 to 63.
Cow and calf pairs: Good 475 to 610; Grade 450 to 525.
Springers: 300 to 550.
Baby calves: 50 to 125.
Doodlers 125 to 183.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 936 head of cattle for the Saturday, Dec. 19 sale. Feeder steers and heifers were steady. Slaughter cows were $1 to $2 higher, bulls were steady. Bred cows were $50 higher. Pairs werer higher.Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder Steers:
200 to 300: 94 to 105
300 to 400: 92 to 102
400 to 500: 81 to 91
500 to 600: 70 to 76
600 to 700: 62.50 to 70
Feeder Heifers:
200 to 300: 62.50 to 73
300 to 400: 61 to 70.50
400 to 500: 60 to 67.50
500 to 600: 55.50 to 60.50
600 to 700: 53 to 59.
Young bred cows: 430 to 570
Medium age to older cows and calves: 310 to 410
Slaughter cows: high yielding 34 to 36.50.
Slaughter bulls: high dressing 45 to 46.
Cow and calf pairs: 510 to 650.

Energy Department to begin making tritium in Tennessee

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department announced today it will make tritium, a form of hydrogen that boosts the power of nuclear warheads, at a Tennessee reactor that generates electricity for homes and businesses.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson awarded a multibillion dollar contract to the Tennessee Valley Authority's Watts Bar Nuclear Plant near Knoxville. TVA's Sequoyah nuclear plant outside Chattanooga, Tenn., will serve as a backup source.

"Watts Bar-Sequoyah is our best option for our national security. It is a proven technology. It's the best deal by far for the taxpayer," Richardson said. "It has the flexibility to meet our present and future tritium needs."

Richardson refused to give details about the cost but said they would be released in the next few weeks. The department's decision, he assured, "is by far, the least expensive option."

He added: "It gives us this maximum arms control flexibility. It allows us to produce tritium when we need it. It saves the taxpayer money and, most importantly, it's consistent with our national security and proliferation goals."

A report leased last August by the Congressional Budget Office found that using an existing reactor such as Watts Bar would cost $1.1 billion over 40 years.

Tritium has not been produced in the United States since 1988, when the government shut down its last weapons reactor at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, S.C.

Among other options that had been considered by the Energy Department was the TVA's unfinished Bellefonte nuclear plant outside Scottsboro, Ala.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742.

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to the residential and commercial customers in Snyder effective January 25, 1999 and to eliminate the Rate Schedule for Public Schools and Commercial Contract Public School Rate. The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 4.63 percent increase in the Company's revenues from residential and commercial customers in Snyder. A Statement of Intent has been filed with the city. If you desire to comment concerning this change of rates, you may contact the City Secretary.



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12 Overly decorative
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18 Fishing pole
21 Take part (2 wds.)
23 Source of light
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28 Garden tool
29 Chemical suffix
30 Author Ferber
31 Emit rays
33 Light as a —
36 Having an offensive odor
37 Superlative ending
38 Furze genus
40 Close a falcon's eyes
41 Map abbr.
42 Female title
44 Ike
45 — Tin Tin
46 Poodle doc
48 Hair ointment
51 Increase abruptly, in population
55 Large cat
56 Suppresses speech sounds
57 Actor Ed —
58 Rest

DOWN

1 Menagerie
2 Timetable abbr.
3 Compass pt.
4 Villain in Othello
5 Short jackets
6 Impressionist painter
7 Longed (for)
8 Poker stake
9 It follows Fri.
10 Wintry glaze
11 Crimson
13 Team of three
18 Short, close-fitting jacket
19 Most peculiar
20 Contribute
22 Coated with pitch
23 Closed up
24 Opened up
25 Tailor's tool
27 Porch item
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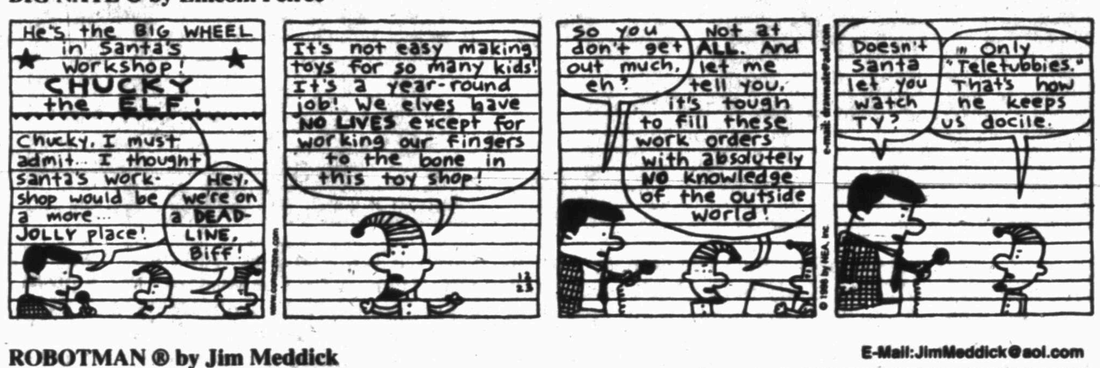
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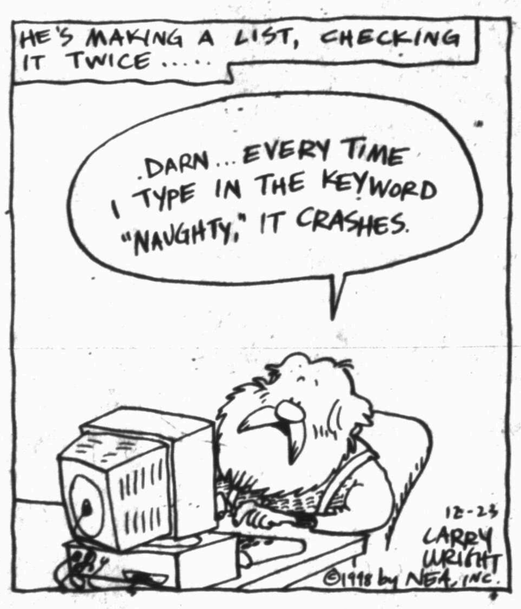
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SPORTS

Tiger turned Cowboy...

Clay looks to prolong days in Dallas

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

As a kid he never envisioned it and as a high school player he never thought it would be possible, but now Hayward Clay is living out the dream of many youngsters — he's playing for the Dallas Cowboys.

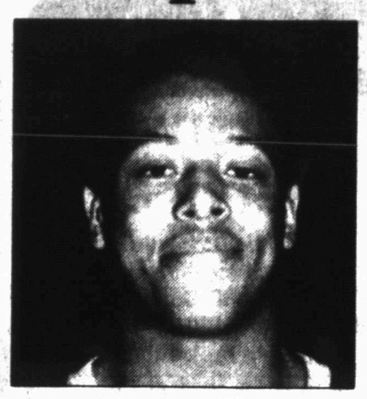
Clay, a 1992 Snyder graduate and Texas A&M product, has drawn the starting role at tight end for the Cowboys the past two Sundays. While he's enjoying every minute of it, Clay admits he never dreamed he would be playing for the Cowboys.

"Growing up I never dreamed or imagined that I would be playing in the NFL," the ex-Tiger said from his Dallas apartment. "The first time I thought it might be a possibility was after my junior year in college."

The possibility of a pro career has grown into a reality for Clay, but not without some hard work and setbacks along the way.

After his final season as the Aggies' tight end, Clay spent one year with the St. Louis Rams, sat out the '97 season, then played last year with the World League champion Rhine Fire.

Clay was waived by the Chicago Bears earlier this season, before being claimed by the Cowboys.



Hayward Clay

Through all of his travels, Clay has managed to learn a little something each place he's been.

"Obviously you grow everywhere you go," he said. "At A&M I developed my skills and in Europe I really got to work on the fundamentals of the game. Each place I played is a step in the whole process.

"Over in Europe, it was good to get the experience of the different cultures. The people are pretty much the same though. They have different cultures and live in different ways, but they have pretty much the same dreams and ideas that we all do."

Clay's hard work payed off this past Sunday against the Eagles when he hauled in a key Troy Aikman pass on second-and-22 to keep a drive alive. It was his first reception as a Cowboy and first in the NFL in two years.

While making the catch was a thrill, Clay isn't getting greedy from his tight end position.

"I just try to catch everything they throw to me," he remarked. "I'm the new guy so I'm not going to tell them to throw the ball to me. I'm just doing what they tell me and keeping my mouth shut."

So far, Clay is doing what his coaches tell him and doing it well. Clay has been praised by NFL analysts the past two weeks and is pleased with his performances.

"I think I've played well," he admits. "I didn't do anything really spectacular, but I didn't mess anything up either. I just try to do my best at what they tell me to do and hopefully the coaches are pleased with it.

"I'd love to stay here in Dallas. This is home to me. The Lord has blessed me to be here and I want to stay."

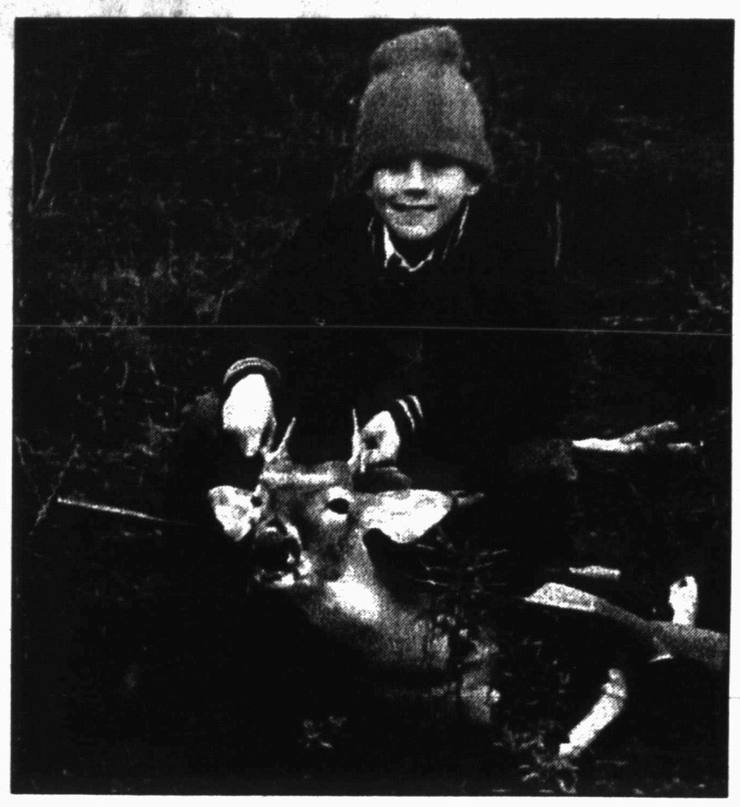
Certainly Clay's teammates have no problems with him remaining a Cowboy. Leon Lett made that point the other day, Clay says.

"We were in the weight room a few days ago," Clay remembers, "and the Big Cat came up to me and said 'Big Clay, it ain't no way but up now, baby.'

"It was his way of saying that once you're here and actually playing, then you just have to keep working hard to improve and become even better. It was his way of encouraging me. It was kind of nice."

Clay has already ascended from Tiger Stadium and the black and gold of Snyder High to Texas Stadium and the silver star of America's Team.

So if in the words of Leon Lett "there ain't no way but up," then based on Clay's track record, he's on his way to the top.



FIRST DEER — Nine-year-old Kyle Long shot his first deer last month, a seven-point buck. Kyle is the son of former Snyder residents Tracy and Tina Long and the grandson of Snyder's Mary Hall and McCamey's Martha Long. (Contributed Photo)

Trade talks halted...

Clemens not happy with Astros

SPRING (AP) — Roger Clemens reversed course Tuesday, saying he no longer was demanding that Toronto trade him and he would not play for the Houston Astros under their current management.

Clemens, the only five-time Cy Young Award winner, said he had no desire to play for Astros team president Tal Smith and general manager Gerry Hunsicker, who called a news conference during the winter meetings to blast Clemens' proposal for a $27.4 million, one-year extension.

"I'm very upset about what Mr. Smith and Mr. Hunsicker said and how they directed things toward me as a person," Clemens said during a news conference at the offices of his agents.

"I don't know them personally and they don't know me as a person," Clemens said of Smith and Hunsicker. "The disappointment I feel is that I have no interest in playing for two individuals like that who would make a statement like that and don't know me."

Clemens, who would have gotten $43.5 million over the next three years if Houston had accepted his offer, confirmed for the first time he had a written agreement with the Blue Jays allowing him to both demand and veto a trade.

He is guaranteed $16.1 million in the final two years of his contract with Toronto and said he wouldn't ask for a renegotiation as part of a trade. He said he was walking away from an additional $44 million in guaranteed money by staying with the Blue Jays — citing offers made by other teams willing to trade for him.

Clemens and his agents said that before Hunsicker's news conference, the Blue Jays and the pitcher were closing on a deal with Astros owner Drayton McLane.

"This is my community. My foundation is here," Clemens said. "I know at one point we were very close to getting something done. You are disappointed, but you move on."

Clemens notified the Blue Jays in a Nov. 27 letter that he was demanding a trade to a team closer to home or to a contender, citing an agreement he made with then-team president Paul Beeston in December 1996. The Blue Jays made his demand public Dec. 2.

Houston, Cleveland and Texas were the chief contenders for Clemens, with the New York Yankees on the outskirts of talks, but Toronto couldn't find a deal to its liking.

"I still have the right to refuse a trade, but I'm just not demanding it," Clemens said.

Agents Randy and Alan Hendricks added that they wouldn't completely rule out the possibility of dealing with the Astros in the future.

Buzzer shot gives Red Raiders double overtime victory, 78-76

LAIE, Hawaii (AP) — Jayson Mitchell scored only two points for Texas Tech, but they came at the buzzer of the second overtime to give Texas Tech a 78-76 victory Tuesday over Pepperdine in the consolation round of the Pearl Harbor Classic.

Mitchell, who made only 1-of-10 shots, took a missed shot by Mario Layne and hit the game-winner, a 15-foot baseline effort.

With the exception of a good start by Pepperdine (6-5), the game was close all the way with neither team able to break away. A 16-6 run, with backup guards Jevon Banks and Mario Layne leading the way, put the Red Raiders (7-4) back in the game in the first half.

Cliff Owens put together 11 straight points during a 6-minute stretch of the second half to put the Red Raiders in position to tie it at 66 at the end of regulation.

Jelani Gardner scored seven of Pepperdine's points in the first extra period, but Andy Ellis countered with four for the Red Raiders to make it 74-74 and send the game into the second extra period.

A steal by Mitchell led to a layup by Layne, but Kelvin Gibbs countered with 2-of-4 free throws to tie the game and set the stage for Mitchell's game-winner.

Owens was the top scorer with 18 points to go with a career-high 18 rebounds, while Ellis and Banks each added 11 points.

The Waves got 17 points from David Lalazarian, but their inability to convert free throws hurt them. They made only 19-of-36, while outscoring Texas Tech from the floor, 28-26.

PEPPERDINE(6-5)
Lalazarian 5-8 6-11 17, Gibbs 5-12 6-10 16, Sheppard 5-8 0-2 10, Prince 0-4 2-3 2, Gardner 6-15 4-6 16, Formby 2-2 1-2 5, Archie 1-2 0-0 2, Minahan 0-1 0-0 0, Varner 1-4 0-0 2, McDowell 2-9 0-2 4, Suitt 1-1 0-0 2. Totals: 28-66 19-36 76

TEXASTECH(7-4)
Owens 8-17 2-3 18, Layne 5-11 4-9 14, Mitchell 1-10 0-0 2, Phillips 2-5 2-3 6, Bonewitz 1-10 5-7 8, Ware 3-5 1-2 8, Banks 4-8 3-4 11, Kennard 0-2 0-0 0, Ellis 2-3 7-10 11. Totals: 26-71 24-38 78

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At the Jimmy V Classic...

Blue Devils roll past Wildcats

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — When March rolls around and the NCAA tournament is under way, the Duke-Kentucky game played three days before Christmas could be a big factor.

The second-ranked Blue Devils beat No. 3 Kentucky 71-60 Tuesday night in the featured game of the Jimmy V Classic.

It wasn't a win that will make a season, nor was it a loss that ruins one. It was just the programs of the '90s going at it in front of a sellout crowd at Continental Airlines Arena.

"This game will help us in our maturing process," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "A hard-fought game in this atmosphere against a team like Kentucky can only help you because you know they're good and they're going to fight you the whole way."

No matter what Kentucky did, Duke had an answer. Whether it was tough defense or big baskets, the Blue Devils made sure the nightmare of last March didn't happen again.

In the opening game of the doubleheader, No. 9 Purdue beat South Carolina 80-64.

Duke (11-1) scored the first 11 points of the second half to take a 50-34 lead with 15:53 to play. Last March, in the South Regional final, the Blue Devils had a 17-point lead with 9½ minutes to play, but the Wildcats rallied to win 86-84 and went on to their second national championship in three years.

"We did remind them of last year with the 16-point lead because I knew they were reminding their team, saying we've been here before and let's get in transition and we're going to get 3s," Krzyzewski said. "Also, you can talk about it, but there's an emotional and psychological barrier you have to get by and I didn't think we handled it well for those four minutes, then the last 10 or 11 minutes we fought hard."

So hard that the Wildcats (10-2) never got closer than eight points.

"Every time we made a run they came back with a couple of big baskets," Kentucky guard Heshimu Evans said. "Duke is a great team and you always want to test yourself against great teams. I think this was a good learning experience for us. ... They played hard and outhustled us. I can't explain why but I thought we played kind of timid."

Evans had 13 points and seven rebounds for Kentucky, while Michael Bradley had 12 points.

No. 9 Purdue 80, South Carolina 64

The Boilermakers (12-1) won their eighth straight game as Jaraan Cornell had 20 points and was 5-for-9 from 3-point range as both teams shot 52 percent from the field.

"We're happy with the results of our offense. We've been struggling somewhat," Purdue coach Gene Keady said. "It was a good team victory against a good program."

Purdue led by at least 10 points for the final 12 minutes, controlling the boards (37-24) and forcing 17 turnovers.

"We're still struggling," Purdue forward Mike Robinson said. "I think the players feel we still haven't shown what we can do on offense. So we have to keep playing. Jaraan shot well and played well, but everybody can still play a lot better."

Brian Cardinal added 16 points for the Boilermakers, while Greg McQuay had 14.

The Gamecocks (4-6) lost their fourth straight despite shooting well.

"We played a little better than we have been playing," South Carolina coach Eddie Fogler said. "We got better shots, we did some nice things. We gave up way too many easy baskets. We can't seem to grab a rebound. They're better than we are and deserved to win."

BJ McKie had 14 points for South Carolina, while Herbert Lee Davis and Leron Williams added 12 each.

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EAST
Boston U. 66, Manhattan 46
Canisius 88, Duquesne 71
Cent. Connecticut St. 72, Northeastern 67
Duke 71, Kentucky 60
Georgetown 94, Md.-Eastern Shore 66
Lafayette 79, Towson 76
Pittsburgh 78, Howard 42
Purdue 80, South Carolina 64
Rutgers 60, Princeton 49
St. John's 81, Fairleigh Dickinson 54
Villanova 86, Rider 73
West Virginia 82, Robert Morris 67

SOUTH
E. Tennessee St. 98, Ferrum 56
Fla. International 74, South Alabama 43
Florida 117, Morehead St. 70
Georgia 82, East Carolina 65
Georgia St. 99, Va. Commonwealth 80
Georgia Tech 66, North Carolina 64
LSU 74, Troy St. 56
Miami 80, Memphis 64
South Florida 85, Long Island U. 54
Tennessee 92, UNC-Greensboro 60
Virginia 82, VMI 64

MIDWEST
Bradley 72, Indiana St. 62
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Minnesota 78, Montana St. 64
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SOUTHWEST
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Coll. of Charleston 80, Delaware 55
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Charleston Southern 66, Stony Brook 65
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Golden Bear Classic
Championship
California 94, SW Louisiana 65
Third Place
Mississippi St. 75, E. Kentucky 62
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Semifinals
Alabama 59, Oregon St. 49
Michigan St. 68, Tulsa 58
Consolation Bracket
Texas Tech 78, Pepperdine 76, 2OT
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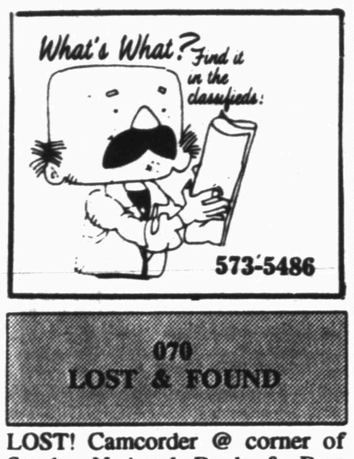
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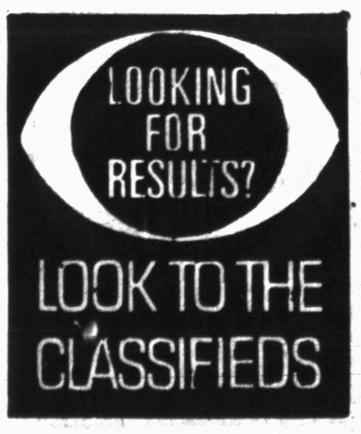
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NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp s	59 7-16	58 3-16	58 13-16— 3-16
AT&T Corp	74 7-16	73¼	73 9-16+ ¼
AirTouch	66¼	65	65 9-16+ ⅛
Albertsons	66¾	65 3-16	66⅛+ 1⅛
AlldSignal	43	42 9-16	42 15-16+ ⅛
Alltel	58¼	57⅛	57 3-16— ⅛
AmOnline s	141	134	137⅛— ⅛
AmStores	38 15-16	37 15-16	38 15-16+15-16
Ameritech s	60⅜	59 13-16	60 + 1-16
Amoco s	58¼	57 11-16	58⅛+ 2⅛
AndarkPtr s	28 9-16	27 15-16	28 5-16+ ⅛
ArmcoInc	4⅛	3 15-16	4
AtlRichfld	65 11-16	65¼	65 7-16— 1-16
ATMOS Egy	31⅛	31¼	31⅛— 1-16
Aviall	11	10 15-16	11 + 1-16
BakerHughes	16 11-16	16 1-16	16 9-16+ 3-16
BankAmerica	61⅛	60¾	61⅛+1 5-16
BellAtl s	57⅜	56 9-16	56⅝— ⅛
BellSouth	89 5-16	87 13-16	89 1-16+1 3-16
BellSouth wi	44⅞	44	44 7-16+ ⅛
BethSteel	8⅛	7 15-16	7 15-16— 1-16
BritPet	90 11-16	89 11-16	90 9-16+2 5-16
BurlNoSFe s	33⅝	33¼	33¼— ⅛
CBS Corp	30 3-16	29 5-16	30⅛+15-16
Caterpillar	42 7-16	41 15-16	42⅛— 3-16
CenSoWst	27 13-16	27¾	27 13-16+ 7-16
Chevron	84 3-16	83¼	83¾
Citigroup	51 5-16	50⅝	51⅛+11-16
Coastal s	35 7-16	34¼	35 5-16+ ⅛
CocaCola	68 15-16	67⅞	68⅛+1 7-16
ColgatePalm	90⅝	89¾	90 + ⅛
ComclMetals	27 3-16	27	27 — 3-16
CooperIn	47⅞	47¼	47⅛+ ⅛
CyprusAmax	9¾	99	— 1-16
DaimlrChry n	94 11-16	93¾	93⅛+ 1⅛
DallSemicn	39 3-16	38 5-16	38⅛
DeltaAirl s	50¾	50¼	50⅛+ ⅛
Dillards Inc	27 13-16	27¼	27½— ⅜
DowChem	88 7-16	87⅛	88 5-16+1 5-16
DuPont	54⅛	53⅜	53⅝— 7-16
EastmanChem	45⅛	44	44⅛—1 1-16
EstKodak	73⅛	72 11-16	72 15-16— ½
EDS Corp	47 3-16	46 5-16	46⅝— ⅛
Entergy	31¼	31 13-16	31⅛+ ⅛
Exxon	75⅛	74 11-16	74 13-16— ⅛
Flowers	23⅜	23¼	23 3-16— 7-16
FordMotor s	57⅞	56	57⅜+ 1⅛
GTE Cp	68 1-16	67¾	67½— ⅛
GenDynam s	56¾	55 27-32	56⅛+ ⅛
GenElec	99¾	99 1-16	99¼+13-16
GenMills	77	76⅛	76 15-16— ⅛
GenMotors	74 3-16	73¾	74 + ⅛
GaPacGP	57⅛	55 13-16	56 3-16+ ⅛
GlobalMar	9⅛	8 11-16	9 1-16+ ⅛
Goodrich	32 13-16	32 5-16	32⅝— 3-16
Goodyear s	52 7-16	51¼	52⅜+ ⅛
GtAtlPac	29 7-16	28 11-16	29 7-16+ ⅛
Halliburtn	32¼	30 13-16	32 + 1⅛
Hanson ADS	39 5-16	39 1-16	39⅛+ 3-16
HarteHanks s	25⅞	25	25 11-16+ ⅛
HomeDepot	59 13-16	59 1-16	59⅛+ ⅛
HoustonInds	32 9-16	32 5-16	32 9-16+ 3-16
IBM	183 13-16	181¼	182 — ¼
IntlPaper	43 7-16	42¾	42⅞+ ⅛
JohnsonJn	78¼	77⅛	78⅛+ 1⅛
K mart	14	13¼	13⅜— 3-16
Kroger Co	57 15-16	56 15-16	57 15-16+11-16
Littos	60 3-16	59 9-16	59 15-16— ⅛
LockhdMart	95	86 1-16	86⅛— 8⅛
LockhdM wi	44 7-16	43¾	44 7-16—2 1-16
Lowes Cos s	49 5-16	48¼	49⅛+ ⅛
Lubys	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛+ ⅛
LucentTech s	106 9-16	104 13-16	106 + 3⅛
MayDeptStrs	59⅛	58 7-16	58 15-16+11-16
MediaOne	45	3-16	43 5-16 45 + 1⅛
Medtronic	75	3-16	74⅛ 75⅛+ 5-16
Mobil	89	3-16	88⅛ 88⅛— 1-16
Monsanto	45⅛		44⅛ 44⅛+ 1
MorganJP	103		102 3-16 102⅛+ 1-16
Motorola	60⅜		59⅛ 59⅛+ ⅛
NCR Corp	37⅞		37⅛ 37⅛+ ⅛
Navistar	26 11-16		26⅛ 26 11-16+ 9-16
OryxEngy	12¼		12 7-16 12 13-16— ⅛
Penney JC	49¾		48 13-16 48 15-16— 5-16
Pennzoil	31⅛		30⅛ 30 13-16—15-16
PepBoys	15	7-16	15⅛ 15⅛+ 1⅛
PepsiCo	40	7-16	39⅝ 40 5-16+ ⅜
PhelpDodge	50	5-16	50 50 1-16— 5-16
PhilipPet	42¼		41 13-16 42⅛
PilgrmPrd B	19		1919 + 1-16
Polaroid	18	1-16	17⅞ 17¾— ⅛
Praxair	33	1-16	3232⅛+ ⅛
ProctGamb	91⅛	90⅝	91 11-16+1 11-16
PubSNwMx	19¼	19⅛	19 13-16+ 1-16
RoyalDut	49¼	48	13-16 49 1-16+ ⅛
SBC Comm s	52	7-16	51¼ 51¾— ⅜
SaraLee s	28	15-16	28⅛ 28¼+ 5-16
Scripps EW	48¼	48	3-16 48⅛+ ⅛
SearsRoeb	42	1-16	41¾ 41⅞+ 1-16
SherwinW	28	11-16	28⅛ 28⅜— ⅜
SmithklBchm	68⅜	67¼	68⅛+1 11-16
SouthernCo	29	11-16	15⅜ 29⅛+ ⅛
SwstAirl s	21¼		21⅛ 21⅛— 1-16
SprintFON n	83⅜		82¼ 83⅛— ⅛
SprintPCS n	17	3-16	16 13-16 17
Sunoco Inc	33	3-16	32 15-16 33 3-16+ ⅛
TNP Ent	38⅛	38	7-16 38 7-16+ 1-16
Tandy	41¾		40⅝ 40 13-16— 3-16
TempleInland	54⅜	54	1-16 54 3-16+ 1-16
Teaneco	32¼	32	9-16 32 9-16— 3-16
Texaco	51	1-16	50¼ 50⅝— ⅛
TexInd	27	5-16	26 13-16 26¼— ⅛
TexasInst	88⅛	85	1-16 85⅛— ⅜
TexUtil	46	15-16	46 11-16 46¾+ 3-16
Textron	70	13-16	7070¼+ 3-16
TriconGlbR	49	3-16	48¾ 48 13-16— ⅛
TrinityInds	34⅛		34 34 3-16+ 5-16
TritonEngy	7¼	7	5-16 7⅛— 5-16
Tyler			6¼ 66
US West Inc	62¼	61	15-16 61 15-16— ⅝
USX-Marathn	27	5-16	26¼ 26 15-16— ⅛
USX-USS	23¼	23	1-16 23⅛+ 1-16
UnCarbde	43		41⅞ 42 13-16+ 9-16
UnionPacif	44	3-16	43⅞ 43¾— 1-16
UnitedTech	107⅛		105¾ 107⅛+3 1-16
Unocal	29	7-16	28 15-16 29⅛+ ⅛
Venator Grp	6¾		6 6 5-16— ⅛
WalMart	78¼	78	1-16 78 3-16— ⅛
WellsFargo	37	11-16	37 5-16 37⅞
WstnGasRs	5¾		5⅛ 5⅛— ⅛
WinnDixie	44	11-16	44¼ 44 11-16+15-16
Xerox Corp	112¼		110⅛ 112¼+ 1

In smuggling case...

RJR affiliate to pay millions

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — For the first time, an affiliate of a major tobacco company has pleaded guilty to a federal crime in the United States, agreeing to pay $15 million for helping smuggle cigarettes into Canada.

Northern Brands International was set up by R.J. Reynolds specifically for smuggling, U.S. Attorney Thomas Maroney said Tuesday. He said the company helped smuggle cigarettes made in Canada back into that country for sale on the black market.

"This company knew what it was doing and knew where its products were going," Maroney said.

RJR and other big tobacco firms have long denied involvement in lucrative U.S.-Canada contraband trade. Maroney declined to comment about whether any RJR officials were involved.

Northern Brands, based in Winston-Salem, N.C., admitted to taking part in a scheme to divert Export 'A' and Vantage brand cigarettes back into Canada without paying U.S. excise taxes. The cigarettes were made in Canada and moved into the United States under the pretext they would be shipped to eastern Europe.

The operation took place from mid-1994 to mid-1995 and involved at least 26 tractor-trailer loads of cigarettes, Maroney said. The smugglers are accused of avoiding more than $2.5 million in U.S. excise taxes.

The company pleaded guilty in Binghamton, N.Y., before U.S. District Judge Thomas McAvoy.

Four arrested; one on probation violation charges

Four subjects were taken into custody Tuesday, including one on felony charges.

Officers arrested 40-year-old Darla Traylor at 1:12 p.m. at the adult probation office on a warrant for felony motion to revoke probation.

At 9:37 a.m., officers arrested a 21-year-old male in the 2300 block of 25th Street on outstanding warrants for public intoxication, failure to wear a seatbelt and failure to appear.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 43-year-old male into custody on U.S. Hwy. 84 for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Officers arrested a 44-year-old male at 11:32 p.m. in the 1300 block of 26th Street for public intoxication.

At 4:50 p.m., officers were called to Walls Factory Outlet store in reference to someone hitting a 1997 Geo Metro owned by Tracey Zamora and leaving the scene. A private property hit and run accident report was filed.

Snyder fire department responded to a fire at 11:16 a.m. in the 3400 block of South U.S. Hwy. 84.

Fire officials said the resident, Rafael Chacon, was thawing out plumbing pipes when the floor caught on fire.

The blaze moved into the wall but was extinguished quickly.

Damage was minimal.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 12-23-98
♠ K J 9 5
♥ A 9 7 6 5
♦ K 3
♣ K 4

West
♠ Q 7 6 4
♥ K 8 4 3
♦ 10 7 5
♣ Q 7

East
♠ 10
♥ Q 2
♦ A Q 9 8 6
♣ J 10 9 8 2

South
♠ A 8 3 2
♥ J 10
♦ J 4 2
♣ A 6 5 3

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
Pass	Pass	2 ♥	2 NT
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 4

Have you seen it all?

By Phillip Alder

Just when you think you have seen it all, something new comes along. A photo in our local paper showed someone having a haircut while attending a baseball game!

The ballgame was in Australia, between the Sydney Storm and the Melbourne Reds. I've no idea who won, but here's a deal played in Sydney.

North's opening bid was Flannery, showing some 12-16 points with four spades and five hearts.

East's two no-trump was Unusual, promising at least 5-5 in the minors. Despite the prevailing vulnerability, I think the action debatable because North-South rate to win the auction. Therefore, this information will only help declarer.

With his heart length, West opted for a trump lead — another debatable move. Taking East's 10 with his ace, the declarer, Murray Green, who is one of Australia's best young players, ran the heart jack to East's queen. Back came the club jack. Winning in hand with the ace, Green advanced the heart 10. Should West cover?

At the table, West made the natural-looking play of a low heart, letting the 10 win. Green led a spade to dummy's nine, ruffed a heart in hand, repeated the trump finesse, drew West's last trump, ran the hearts, and took the club ace for a pleasing plus 620.

Yet now have West cover the heart 10. Stuck in the dummy, declarer needs two hand entries to pick up the trumps, but he has only one: the heart ruff that establishes the suit. So the contract fails.

As if this needed adding, it just shows how difficult is the subject of covering an honor with an honor.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

The story on hydrogen peroxide

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've just read a book by Dr. William Campbell Douglass in which he raves about hydrogen peroxide as a cure for many diseases. I noted that Dr. Douglass spends two full pages of the introduction criticizing you for panning this therapy. What's the story?

DEAR READER: There really is no story. Hydrogen peroxide is a very versatile compound, available in any drug store. It is useful as a mild antiseptic, a hair bleach and a method of softening ear wax before removal. But no reputable scientific study has ever shown that hydrogen peroxide has any health benefits whatsoever when swallowed or given intravenously, as Dr. Douglass proposes.

I was flattered by his criticism of me, which I read in the book you kindly sent. Subsequently, I checked with two experts on medical quackery, who confirmed my suspicions — namely that Douglass is way off base, persists in advocating a useless treatment, and should be ashamed of himself. This whole issue proves that just because a person has obtained a medical degree doesn't mean that he or she is playing with a full deck of cards. Some forms of so-called "alternative therapy" may hold promise; hydrogen peroxide therapy does not.

DEAR GOTT: I have a pacemaker. In addition, I take diuretic medicine, heart pills and medication to regulate my pulse rate. I'm running out of energy by noon. Is there anything I can do to increase my stamina?

DEAR READER: Without knowing the exact medicine you are taking, I cannot say that the pills are a definite cause of your problem. However, that is a strong possibility, because many drugs are associated with this kind of side effect. This is a subject you and your cardiologist ought to address. Of course, heart disease itself can sap your energy. Nonetheless, it would be appropriate for you to suspect the medicines; if they are the cause of your trouble, perhaps they can be changed.

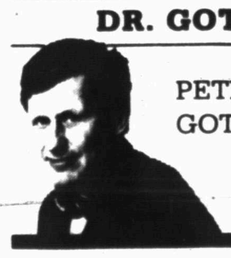
To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR GOTT: Am I a bundle of nerves or is it my heart? Sometimes it thumps so bad that I think it is going to jump out of my chest, and I become short-of-breath. Do I need to see a doctor?

DEAR READER: If you are as bothered by heart thumping as you seem to be, you should see a doctor. Everybody has palpitations once in awhile, but when they are unusually forceful or frequent, a medical check-up and cardiogram will ordinarily show if they should be treated.

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DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

DEC 23 1998

Handguns...

Past misdemeanors predict future crime risk of buyers

CHICAGO (AP) — Laws barring felons from buying guns should be expanded to ban prospective buyers who have committed misdemeanors, according to a study published today in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Researchers found that handgun purchasers with a prior misdemeanor conviction were nearly five times as likely as gun buyers without a criminal record to be charged with new offenses involving firearms or violence.

A critic of the study said its methods were flawed and that its authors and underwriters are activists favoring gun bans regardless of science.

But Jim Brady, the former presidential press secretary who was wounded in an assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan, supported the study's conclusions in an editorial accompanying the findings.

The editorial, co-written by Brady's wife, Sarah, and by Dr. Thomas Cole of JAMA's editorial staff, said California has successfully stopped would-be gun buyers if they have convictions for violent misdemeanor crimes.

"The findings (of the study) strongly suggests there are compelling reasons to do so," the editorial said.

The study was led by Dr. Garen Wintemute of the University of California, Davis, and underwritten in part by the California Wellness Foundation.

The researchers did a 15-year study of 5,923 randomly chosen people in California who legally purchased handguns in 1977, based on state records. The researchers were able to track 5,177 for the full study period, while the others could not be verified as continued residents of California.

Of the 2,735 subjects convicted before their gun purchases of at least one misdemeanor, 1,379 (50.4 percent) were subsequently charged with new crimes. Only 239 purchasers out of 2,442 who had no prior criminal history were subsequently charged (9.8 percent).

Counting only the worst crimes — murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault — 421 people with previous convictions (15.4 percent) were subsequently charged compared with 60 of people with no criminal history (2.5 percent), researchers said.

But Dr. Edgar Suter, chairman of Doctors for Integrity in Policy Research, a nonprofit group that has countered medical research vilifying guns, said the study was politically skewed.

"The individuals involved with this want to make guns look as bad as they can," Suter said Tuesday from San Ramon, Calif., where he is a family practitioner. He said the study failed to fully examine the population of gun buyers because many with clean criminal records had been pared from state files of gun purchasers.

The authors said including such buyers would not have changed the results substantially. They said the public has the misperception that laws requiring background checks of prospective gun buyers "prohibit gun purchase by all but the law-abiding.

"In fact, many thousands of persons with a history of criminal activity legally purchase firearms every year," they added, citing previous research.

A Very Drabble Christmas by Kevin Fagan



MCI WorldCom has cleansed virus from all of its computers

NEW YORK (AP) — A new computer virus that attacked MCI WorldCom Inc. has triggered warnings by security experts because of its unique ability to spread on its own across corporate networks.

The virus hit the nation's second-largest long-distance company last week, quietly spreading across computer networks and preventing workers from gaining access to documents and files.

The problem appeared to be limited to MCI WorldCom. But an official for Network Associates Inc., a major maker of anti-virus software, said the new strain was worrisome because of its ability to spread without any actions by individual computer users, such as sending or opening e-mail.

"It is a serious new strain, it does open a new era," said Peter Watkins, Network Associates' general manager of network security.

MCI WorldCom spokesman Jim Monroe said the company quickly detected and contained the virus, saying it didn't affect customers or operations.

The company eradicated the virus from its computers by Tuesday using new anti-virus software from Network Associates, Monroe said. Other software makers were rushing to develop software targeting the virus as well.

The computer virus, called "Remote Explorer," secretly scrambles information stored on hard drives so that users can't access or read it. The method the virus uses to spread is of special concern — it "hides" in files and programs automatically sent from the central computers to desktop machines.

The virus also has the ability to infect computers more quickly during off-hours when system administrators may not be around to detect problems, Watkins said.

Monica Lewinsky story dominates evening news

NEW YORK (AP) — Monica, Monica, Monica — by far the most-covered story on evening news broadcasts this year.

ABC, NBC and CBS did more stories on the President Clinton-Monica Lewinsky scandal than the combined total about the Asian and Russian economic crises, the standoff with Iraq, the bombing of U.S. embassies in Africa, the UAW strike, the Middle East peace process, nuclear testing in India and Pakistan and John Glenn's return to space, the Center for Media and Public Affairs said Tuesday.

"We thought that nothing could top the O.J. Simpson story and this proved us wrong," said Robert Lichter, president of the Washington-based think tank.

Through Dec. 15, the three evening news broadcasts did 1,502 stories about the scandal, eating up just under 43 hours of time, the group's study said.

The second biggest TV story of the year — the weapons inspection standoff with Iraq — generated 502 stories and 13 hours worth of time.

Although polls indicated many Americans thought the Lewinsky story received too much coverage in 1998, it did result in the first impeachment of an American president in 130 years.

"You can make a case that the recent coverage was necessary and useful," Lichter said. "But a lot of the early coverage was speculation and heavy breathing."

Despite the preponderance of Lewinsky coverage, ratings indicate that many viewers are still interested. CNN recorded its highest one-day ratings of the year on Saturday during the House vote to impeach Clinton.

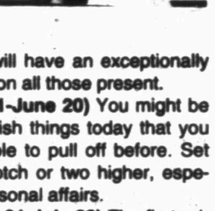
NBC's "Nightly News" won the Monica broadcast derby, devoting nearly 15½ hours of coverage to it this year. ABC had 14 hours and CBS spent 13½ hours on the story, the center said.

To help mayor

NEW YORK (AP) — Sang Lan, the 17-year-old Chinese gymnast paralyzed in a fall at the Goodwill Games, will help Mayor Rudolph Giuliani ring in the new year at Times Square.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Dec. 24, 1998

There are strong indications in the year ahead that you could begin to experience an overall improvement in your financial affairs. You might even be able to acquire something you've always wanted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) When attempting to tell others how you feel about them today, it will come off successfully. Those listening closely will know it's coming from the bottom of your heart. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't be unduly alarmed if someone looks like he or she is only concerned about the monetary worth of something today. This will be no reflection on you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's wise not to jump to conclusions about someone you meet for the first time today. This person could turn out to be a special individual in your life as the months move on.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) No matter what the problems are today, you'll figure out a way to pull off what you want. Desire is a very powerful motivating force for you at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Although you won't be attempting to do so consciously today, when you enter a room, your charisma will have an exceptionally favorable affect on all those present.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You might be able to accomplish things today that you haven't been able to pull off before. Set your sights a notch or two higher, especially in your personal affairs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The first priority you'll set today is to make sure everyone you're involved with is treated with grace and dignity. They will be equally protective of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though you may only play a minor role, there's a possibility that you might be able to work out an arrangement with another. It could prove to be rather rewarding for all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Events with special alliances will prove to be of great success today, especially if some of those involved are slightly younger and extremely energetic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If a setting requires someone who possesses a good imagination with an artistic touch, you're the one who'll fit the bill best today. Step forward and put your gifts to productive uses.

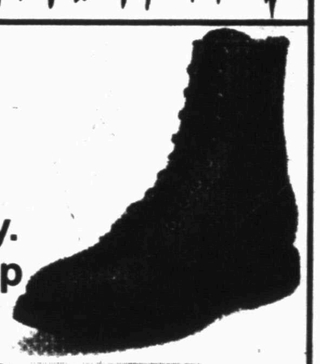
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Provided you don't waffle when encountering a little opposition early in the day, things will work out for your ultimate advantage today. Proceed forward with victory in mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You rarely are a last minute person, but you could suddenly decide the family needs a special household item today. You'll be successful at finding the right piece at the right price.

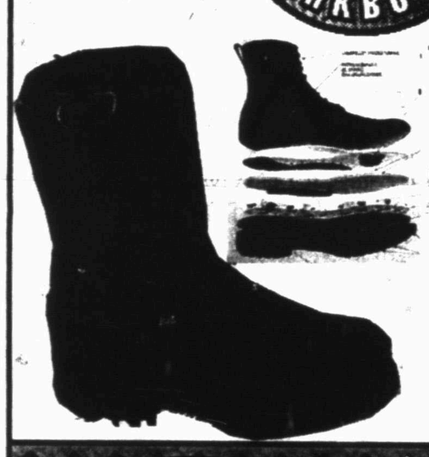
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EXHIBIT A-2

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1998

Data Control Codes		Governmental Fund Types 100-199 General Fund	Governmental Fund Types 200-499 Special Revenue Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only) 98 August 31, 1998	Totals (Memorandum Only) 97 August 31, 1997
	REVENUES:				
	Local and Intermediate Sources				
	Investment Income	$ 264,363	$ 2,318	$ 266,681	$ 218,971
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources	7,782,514	288,444	8,070,958	7,806,581
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	8,046,877	290,762	8,337,639	8,025,552
5800	State Program Revenues	9,792,774	260,392	10,053,166	8,202,654
5900	Federal Program Revenues	1,919	1,818,182	1,820,101	1,791,356
5020	Total Revenues	17,841,570	2,369,336	20,210,906	18,019,562
	EXPENDITURES:				
	Current:				
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	10,546,013	1,309,265	11,855,278	11,188,852
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	940,547	637	941,184	869,288
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	1,745,196	1,005,836	2,751,032	2,620,645
0040	Administrative Support Services	1,052,649	108	1,052,757	1,007,225
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	2,129,116	25,025	2,154,141	2,017,119
0060	Ancillary Services	48,858	84,277	133,135	87,425
0070	Debt Service	162,126		162,126	160,000
0080	Capital Outlay				104,661
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	211,000		211,000	209,433
6030	Total Expenditures	16,835,505	2,425,148	19,260,653	18,264,648
1100	EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,006,065	(55,812)	950,253	(245,086)
7020	Other Resources				209,433
	Total Other Resources				209,433
1200	EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER RESOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES	1,006,065	(55,812)	950,253	(35,653)
0100	FUND BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 1 (BEGINNING)	1,743,805	196,388	1,940,193	1,975,846
3000	FUND BALANCE - AUGUST 31 (ENDING)	$ 2,749,870	$ 140,576	$ 2,890,446	$ 1,940,193

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Iraq orders U.N. to cancel flights

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq ordered the United Nations today to cancel a scheduled flight of military observers who monitor the cease-fire and demilitarized zone on the Iraq-Kuwait border.

The government of Saddam Hussein offered no explanation for the decision, which comes just days after the end of 70 hours of U.S. and British airstrikes and was likely to increase tensions with the United Nations.

In New York, U.N. spokesman Hiro Ueki said today that "Iraqi authorities notified the United Nations they would not allow U.N. flights in Iraq under the present circumstances. We don't know why."

Ueki said Secretary-General Kofi Annan's envoy to Iraq, Prakash Shah, had planned to fly out of Baghdad today but now would instead be traveling by road to the Jordanian capital of Amman.

The flight had been scheduled to carry members of the U.N. Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission from Amman to Habaniyya air base outside Baghdad, a U.N. official said.

The force was set up after the 1991 Persian Gulf War, which evicted Iraqi forces from Kuwait following their seven-month occupation of the oil-rich emirate.

Another U.N. official said Syria also denied clearance for the flight, whose planned route would have carried it over Syrian air space.

The observer mission has offices in Baghdad and Kuwait and its officials regularly visit both capitals for consultations.

Flights were halted last week due to the U.S.-British military airstrikes. The four nights of bombardment, aimed at forcing Iraq to comply with U.N. resolutions to eliminate its weapons of mass destruction, ended Saturday.

Three of the five permanent members of the Security Council — Russia, China and France — opposed the bombings. In its aftermath, they could be getting ready to try to end the eight-year-old U.N. oil embargo on Iraq, revise the inspection commission and force out Richard Butler as its chief.

Iraqi air defenses, meanwhile, remain on alert for further attacks, and the cancellation of today's flight may be the result of Iraqi fears that it could have come in harm's way.

The latest development came while Defense Secretary William Cohen and the commander of U.S. forces in the Gulf, Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni, were in the region for a morale-boosting pre-Christmas visit with U.S. troops.

Israeli ambassador blames Palestinians for stalemate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel's ambassador says the Palestinians are to blame for the delay in a pullback on the West Bank.

Insisting Israel had not raised new conditions, Ambassador Zalman Shoval said Tuesday that all Israel demands is Palestinian compliance with terms of the Wye River peace accords.

"Let us hope they will, so as not to miss another opportunity for peace," Shoval said at a gathering of American business leaders here.

The Wye River accords were not "a one-way ticket," the Israeli diplomat said. "Unless the Palestinians comply with their part of the deal and fulfill all their commitments, it will be their fault if the process is stalled."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is fighting to keep his job, insists the Palestinian Authority first collect illegal weapons, reduce its police force and end incitement to violence, and that Yasser Arafat renounce his intention to establish a Palestinian state.

The State Department took another view. It said Israel should turn over the territory promised to the Palestinians in the accords, reached in October. And Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian negotiator, told The Associated Press in Jerusalem that Israel was bound to honor the Wye accords despite internal political turmoil.

Similarly, State Department spokesman Lee McClenny said, "It's our expectation that the Wye River memorandum will be implemented as signed, and without new conditions."

President Clinton during a trip to Gaza last week praised Arafat and told the Palestinians they were free to "determine their own destiny on their own land." While giving statehood a boost, the administration also has eased up on its criticism of Arafat's statehood declarations, saying people should be free to express their aspirations.

The State Department called the Israeli prime minister's conditions new, and credited the Palestinians with having "worked hard to implement many of their commitments" under the agreement.

These included annulling clauses in the 1964 charter of the Palestine Liberation Organization that called for dismantling Israel as a Jewish state, and "stepping up the fight against terror," McClenny said.

Impeachment proceedings to have several leading players

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over breakfast one morning, Thomas Jefferson asked George Washington how he could have supported a bicameral Congress.

"Why did you pour that coffee into your saucer?" Washington replied, according to the tale.

"To cool it," said a slightly puzzled Jefferson.

"Even so," said Washington, "we pour legislation into the senatorial saucer to cool it."

Now that the white-hot partisan battle in the House has produced two articles of impeachment against the president, Bill Clinton's supporters hope cooler heads will prevail in the upper chamber of Congress.

The Senate, which gets the last word on expelling a president from office, was conceived as a moderating institution. Its members originally were chosen by state legislatures, unlike the House whose representatives were elected by common citizens. Although the public has elected senators since 1913, the chamber's role has remained largely the same.

Like most systems, the Senate is subject to the strengths, weaknesses and vagaries of the individuals who control it. Here's a look at some key players in the upcoming Senate trial:

—Sen. Trent Lott. The Republican majority leader from Mississippi has said Clinton's trial will begin after senators return from holiday break Jan. 6. While Senate leaders are still grappling with what form the trial will take, Lott has suggested it might last only from three days to three weeks. Never a timid spokesman for his party, Lott criticized Clinton for launching the attack on Iraq as the House took up impeachment last week. But after the vote he issued a statement urging senators to embrace their roles as jurors and "be judicious in any discussions" with the White House.

—Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D. The minority leader called the impeachment vote "a sad day for all Americans" and rejected calls for Clinton's resignation. He deplored Clinton's behavior in concealing his affair with Monica Lewinsky, but said a president shouldn't be "forced from office by a party-line vote in the House."

—Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. The incoming chairman of the Senate Rules Committee was one of the first Republicans to say the Senate trial must not become the sort of brawl that broke out in the House, suggesting that explosive testimony could be taken in closed session. "This will not be a spectacle," he said. "It will not demean the Senate."

—Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W. Va. The most senior Democrat in the Senate is an expert on its history and an influential voice on how the impeachment charges should be handled. On Monday, he suggested that a censure resolution, while not provided for in the Constitution, wasn't prohibited either, boosting the hopes of those who want to avoid a full-blown trial. But Byrd stressed that any such resolution must be decided by senators themselves, not through a deal cut with the White House. "And it must be bipartisan or it will have absolutely no credibility with the public."

—Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. The Judiciary Committee chairman has already drawn some sneers from fellow Republicans who think him too willing to cut a deal with Clinton. The day after the House voted, he suggested that GOP leaders poll senators to determine whether there is a will to convict. If not, he said, an alternative should be sought quickly.

Obituaries

Tommy LaRoux

1944-1998

Marshall Thomas "Tommy" LaRoux of Clyde, a former Snyder resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, in Hendrick Medical Center after a sudden illness.

A memorial service for Mr. LaRoux, 54, with the family officiating, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Snyder. Cremation is planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 13, 1944 in Flora, Ill., he was an electrician. In 1965, Mr. LaRoux worked for Bill Mapes Electric Co. and in 1969 he and Wayne Key purchased the business, changing the name to T&W Electric Co. In 1978 he went to work for A-1 Electronics. Mr. LaRoux was also active in the local, state and national Jaycees. He moved to Clyde six years ago.

Survivors include a daughter, Shelley LaRoux of Snyder; a son, Thad LaRoux of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister, Patsy Hart of Snyder; two brothers, Joe LaRoux of Snyder and Ray LaRoux of Fort Worth; and two grandchildren.

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Each uneventful day one more victory for the surprise octuplets

HOUSTON (AP) — Just three days after most of them were born, the world's only living octuplets are settling into an uneventful existence after their dramatic entrance. Doctors only hope their lives stay mundane, though they're vigilant just in case.

"The good news is that there hasn't been any dramatic change in the babies conditions," said Dr. Leonard Weisman, chief neonatalogist at Texas Children's Hospital. "We don't look for significant changes. We're happy with small progressions."

The eldest of Nkem Chukwu's newborns, a girl delivered naturally on Dec. 8, was the only one of the octuplets not on a ventilator Tuesday night and the only one being fed baby formula. However, all are in critical condition and will remain so for quite a while, Weisman said.

The other five girls and two boys are responsive and moving around, doctors said. They are being fed intravenously a combination of proteins, fats, electrolytes, glucose, vitamins and minerals called "parenteral nutrition."

The most worrisome case is the girl dubbed Baby E. Born at just 10.3 ounces — her siblings ranged between 1 pound and almost 2 pounds — an echocardiogram Tuesday revealed a heart abnormality common in premature infants that will be treated with medication.

Five other brothers and sisters tested negative for the same complication. The babies were born 13 weeks premature except for Baby A, who arrived 15 weeks early.

Baby E, whom neonatal experts say statistically has between a 20 percent and 65 percent chance for survival based on her birthweight, still requires more oxygen than her siblings. If she survives, Weisman said she'll be the tiniest infant ever to leave Texas Children's Hospital alive.

As of 9 a.m., Baby E had made small progress over the previous 24 hours as the oxygen in her ventilator had been reduced to 80 percent from 100 percent, hospital officials said.

The other seven have an 85 percent chance for survival, doctors said.

Ms. Chukwu has steadily improved after delivering the remaining seven octuplets during a 45-minute Caesarean section Sunday morning. Doctors were hopeful she could soon visit the newborns.

"If she continues to improve at this rate, we expect that she will be released later in the week," said Dr. Brian Kirshon, the high-risk obstetrician who helped deliver the babies at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Candlelight Service

Ira First Baptist Church will have a candlelight service at 6 this evening.

Blood pressure checks

Cogdell Home Health blood pressure checks will be held today and next Wednesday. These times replace the regular Friday clinics.

Christmas Eve candlelight service

A candlelight Christmas Eve service, "A service of lessons and carols," will be held at 11 p.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church.

FUMC candlelight service

First United Methodist Church's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is set for 7 p.m. Thursday. A nursery will be provided.

Candlelight Lord's Supper

First Baptist Church will observe a Candlelight Lord's Supper at 6 p.m. Thursday, Christmas eve.

First Christian change

Due to an outside gas leak, First Christian Church will hold its Christmas Eve and Sunday morning services at Snyder Junior High. Christmas Eve services start at 6 p.m. Heather Polk, daughter of Wendell and Traci Iglehart, will sing. Mrs. Eula Williams and Mrs. Bula Richardson will light the fifth candle of Advent, the Christ candle. Sunday morning service will begin at 10:50 a.m. There will be no Sunday school.

No Rotary meeting

The Snyder Rotary Club will not meet the next two Thursdays. The next regular meeting will be Jan. 7.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

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

Shelled pecans and peanuts

The Technology Student Association at Snyder High School is selling shelled peanuts for Christmas baking. Shelled pecans are $6 per pound, and shelled peanuts are $6 for three pounds. Call 573-8961, or 573-5088.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Church as Part of God's Eternal Plan," followed by "Teaching Your Child to Pray."

Lions Club meeting set

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday. The next meeting will be Jan. 5 at the regular time.

Joint retirement reception

A joint retirement reception honoring District Clerk Elois Pruitt and County Commissioner Jerry Gannaway will be held from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday in the county courtroom.

Windbreak trees

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

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Pick 3

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

6-9-1

(six, nine, one)

Cash Five

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

9-11-19-20-38

(nine, eleven, nineteen, twenty, thirty-eight)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



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In-Laws' Anniversary Invitation Is High Price to Pay to Party

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws are having a large and expensive celebration for their 40th anniversary. They are demanding that all five children kick in $250 toward the party. We live in another state and our tickets to attend are very expensive. Abby, we feel the cost of our tickets is enough expense without helping to pay for *their* party. They invited us!

My father is 80 years old, and he and Mom will have a 50th anniversary soon. That is something to celebrate. I don't mind paying for it myself, and I won't ask anyone to help.

Which anniversaries should be celebrated with a big celebration? And must we help pay for their party? (No one offered to help us with the expense of our plane tickets.)

JACKIE IN COLORADO SPRINGS

DEAR JACKIE: Forty years of marriage is something to celebrate, and a party is appropriate. Usually the couple hosts the party, but if the children wish, they can give the party. If the children planned this celebration, then they should each pay a share. However, if your in-laws planned the party, they are the hosts and the children should not be forced to finance it. It would be gracious to chip in if you can afford to, but if you cannot, let your in-laws know it would cause financial hardship. Perhaps they will excuse you.

P.S. The fifth, 10th, 20th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th are typically celebrated in style, but many couples also celebrate anniversaries in between with small parties with family or close friends.

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DEAR ABBY: While my daughter and I were standing at the window, we saw that her 3-year-old had stopped his tricycle and leaned his chin on the handlebars. When we looked again, he was in the exact same position, which was unusual for him. Laughing, we went out to see what had captured his attention for so long.

His face was turning blue. The cord on the hood of his jacket had come unfastened, and when he leaned forward it had become entangled in the pedal. Each turn of the pedal had pulled him tighter against the handlebars until he could go no farther. Thank God, he was fine as soon as we cut him loose.

Children's coats should fasten with snaps or Velcro, and slacks should have no belts to remove. A baby can strangle on any string or cord — even that ribbon used to hold its pacifier.

NAOMI GLENN, A CONCERNED GRANDMA, HILLSBORO, OHIO

DEAR NAOMI: Your grandson's near-miss must have been terrifying for all concerned. Thank you for alerting other parents and grandparents to this potential danger. This valuable information may save some lives.

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DEAR ABBY: Is it appropriate for a couple to announce their engagement at another couple's wedding?

My sister-in-law and her fiance did that at our wedding — at the request of my mother-in-law. I'm very upset about it, and my husband says I'm being selfish and petty.

Abby, are they right, or am I? (Please don't use my name.)

BRISTLED BRIDE

DEAR BRIDE: You are correct. What your sister-in-law did at her mother's behest was akin to the cute little child actor stealing the star's spotlight.

However, please be generous enough to forgive them, so this sore spot doesn't fester and eat away at family relationships. Harmony is more important than highlighting a breach of etiquette.

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

The state flower of Georgia is the Cherokee rose.

The state tree of West Virginia is the sugar maple.

Datebook

Dec. 23, 1998

Today is the 357th day of 1998 and the third day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1783, George Washington resigned his post as commander in chief of the U.S. Army.

On this day in 1947, John Bardeen, William Shockley and Walter Brattain invented the transistor.

On this day in 1986, the Voyager aircraft, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California after a nine-day flight around the world. It was the first flight around the world to have been made without refueling.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Smith (1805-1844), religious leader; James Stockdale (1923-), Naval hero-vice presidential candidate, is 75; Robert Bly (1926-), poet, is 72; Akihito (1933-), Japanese emperor, is 65; Paul Hornung (1935-), football player-announcer, is 63; Susan Lucci (1949-), actress, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, Tom Fears of the Rams caught a 73-yard touchdown pass, winning a 24-17 victory for Los Angeles over the Cleveland Browns.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Life is given to us, we earn it by giving it." — Rabindranath Tagore

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 18) and first quarter (Dec. 26).

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Sara Lee...

Hot dogs, other packaged meats recalled

CHICAGO (AP) — Hot dogs and cold cuts — including some sold under the Ball Park, Grillmaster and Hygrade brands — are being recalled after food poisoning sickened at least 40 people in 10 states, killing four.

Sara Lee Corp. announced Tuesday that it is recalling meats processed at the company's Bil Mar Foods division in Zeeland, Mich., because they might be tainted by listeria bacteria.

Sara Lee spokeswoman Theresa Herlevsen declined to say how many packages were involved in the recall, which will cost an estimated $50 million to $70 million.

Sara Lee is cooperating with investigators from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the federal Agriculture Department, Herlevsen said.

The CDC was still waiting for the results of tests to determine if meat processed at the Michigan plant was the source of the outbreak, CDC spokeswoman Barbara Reynolds said. She wouldn't say whether other plants were under investigation.

About 1,800 cases of food poisoning caused by listeria are reported annually in the United States, Reynolds said.

Healthy people usually can fight off the bacterium with no more than flu-like symptoms. But listeria can kill, causing meningitis or blood infection. Most at risk are pregnant women, the elderly and people with weak immune systems.

Since early August, 40 cases caused by a single listeria strain have been identified in Ohio, New York, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Michigan, West Virginia, Connecticut, Oregon, Vermont and Georgia, the CDC reported.

Genetic fingerprinting of the bacterium helped health officials link the cases. The meats were foods the patients had in common.

On Saturday, the outbreak strain was found in an open package of hot dogs eaten by a patient, according to a CDC report released today. The hot dogs were manufactured by Bil Mar Foods, but investigators have yet to determine if the meat was contaminated at the company's plant or elsewhere.

The products affected by the recall are coded EST P261 or EST 6911 and include the national Ball Park, Grillmaster and Hygrade brands, distributed throughout the United States. Also affected are the regional Bil Mar, Bryan Bunsize and Bryan 3-pound Club Pack hot dogs, Mr. Turkey, Sara Lee Deli Meat and Sara Lee Home Roast brands.

Consumers can return the meat to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Berry's World



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Three students get scholarships

HOUSTON (AP) — Three students with ties to Texas are winners of Marshall Scholarships, the British equivalent to Rhodes Scholarships.

The government grants allow U.S. students to attend a British college for at least two years. They cover tuition, books, travel and living expenses.

Justyna Gudzowska, a straight-A student at Rice University, plans to study economics at Cambridge University. The Polish immigrant says she aspires to help Eastern European countries solve economic problems.

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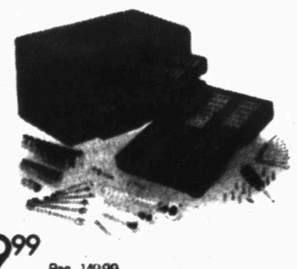
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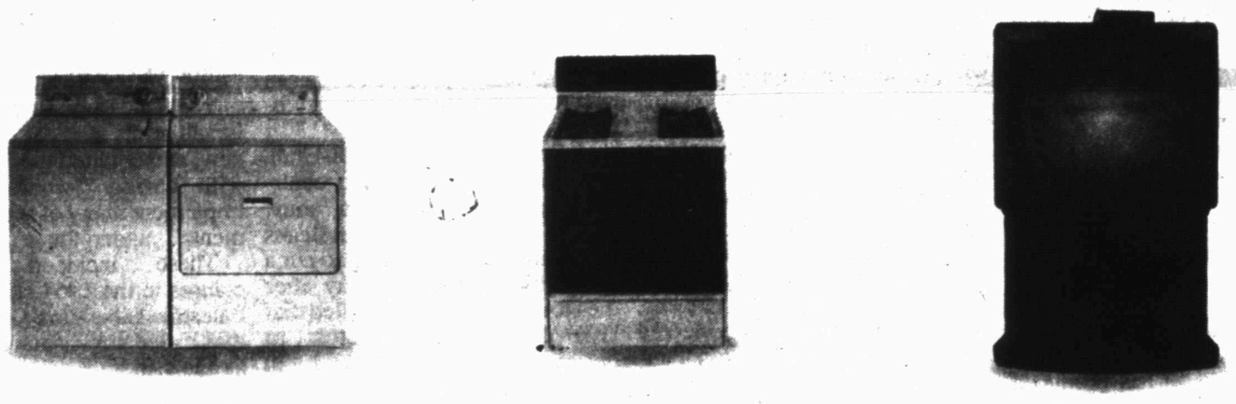


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