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Ask Us

Q—What is the address of Phil Boone, the Abilene consultant who has filed as a Republican to run for the 17th U.S. Congressional District?

A—That address is Boone Enterprises, 104 Pine St., Suite 413, Abilene, TX. 79601-5931.



DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Local

MAWC

Martha Ann Woman's Club game day has been canceled for December.

VFW Post

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

Poinsettias

Snyder High School choir has poinsettias remaining. Anyone who would like one should call 573-6301, 573-5283 or 573-8034. They will deliver.

Snyder FFA

Snyder FFA Alumni Association is forming. Anyone interested should send $2 in dues to Jennifer Voss at 3209 Irving, Snyder, TX. 79549.

Plans are to start meeting after the new year.

Annual party

The VFW and American Legion will have their annual Christmas party Dec. 19 beginning at 2:30 p.m. at VFW Post 8231.

Santa Claus will be there and toys and refreshments will be available for all children.

AARP 2063

AARP Chapter 2063 will hold a banquet at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Officers for 1994 will be installed. Guest speaker will be Rev. Miller Robinson.

Reservations must be made by Monday noon. Cost is $5.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 55 degrees; low, 24 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 24 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 16.19 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday night, becoming mostly cloudy. Low around 40. South wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. High 55-60. South wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 5:44. Sunrise Sunday, 7:38. Sunset Sunday, 5:44. Sunrise Monday, 7:38. Of 351 days in 1993, the sun has shone 344 days in Snyder.



TOY ORDERS FILLED — Danny Bass, left, and Debbie Word were among several workers out early Saturday morning, helping distribute toys through the Toys for Tots program at the TU Electric building. (SDN Staff Photo)

Impact of recovery is beginning to be felt, Clinton states

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton on Saturday summed up his yearlong efforts to strengthen America's economy and expand world trade, saying the nation was making global economic changes "work to our advantage."

Clinton, in his weekly radio address, recited a series of encouraging recent economic statistics and said "ordinary Americans are finally beginning to feel the impact of this recovery but there's a lot more to do."

He said expanding American exports was the key to creating jobs and raising income levels. He pointed to recent congressional approval of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the world trade accord agreed upon last week in Switzerland.

And, he said the United States had made progress toward reducing trade barriers during the July summit of industrial democracies in Tokyo.

"Not since the end of World War II has the United States secured so many historic trade expansion agreements in so short a period," Clinton said. "These efforts are making the world's economic changes work to our advantage and they're re-establishing our leadership in global affairs."

He also pledged to tackle important domestic issues, including crime and health care, in the coming year.

SDN Talking Newspaper Poll

Do you feel that people should be required to take a mandatory driving test when they reach age 65 ?

Responses
63% For
37% Against

Bale count low...

Gins closing up shop for '93

Ginning in Scurry County is all but over for 1993, with ginners reporting a better season than they had estimated weeks ago, but still far below what had been hoped for nine months earlier.

"We're through; wrapped it up. Today was the last day," Cindy Kellner, a secretary at Farmer's Co-op, said Friday.

The final tally at Farmer's Co-op will be between 12,800 and 12,900 bales — much better than the 11,000 predicted several weeks ago. Still, production is only a little more than half of last year's 23,500 bales.

A lack of rain during the growing season, a relatively cool summer and an early freeze combined to severly curtail crop production in the county this year.

Jim Edmonds, manager of Paymaster ADN, said that facility has ginned 4,014 bales with 30 or 40 more to go. That's a little less than half of last year's output of 9,000 bales.

Inadale Gin has ginned 10,799 bales and should close out sometime this weekend at about 11,000, said Cynthia Grinslade, bookkeeper.

Workers at Inadale had expected to gin less than half of last year's 19,000, but wound up with a little more.

Although totals from the three gins amount to roughly 27,850 bales, that is not an accurate count for Scurry County, officials note. Some Scurry County farmers gin out of county, and likewise, some out of county farmers gin at Paymaster, Farmer's Co-op and Inadale.

Inadale, located just inside the county line, services farmers from Nolan, Mitchell and the surrounding area, as well as Scurry.

There were 56,000 acres planted in Scurry County this year and the harvest is estimated at 22,000 to 25,000 bales. Last year, the county's crop came in at about 42,000 bales.

Supreme Court won't order hearing in C-section dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court on Saturday declined the request of a public guardian in Chicago to order a hearing in the case of a pregnant woman who doctors say needs a Caesarean section to save her fetus.

Justice John Paul Stevens received the application Friday night from Patrick Murphy, the fetus' court-appointed public guardian, said Supreme Court spokeswoman Toni House.

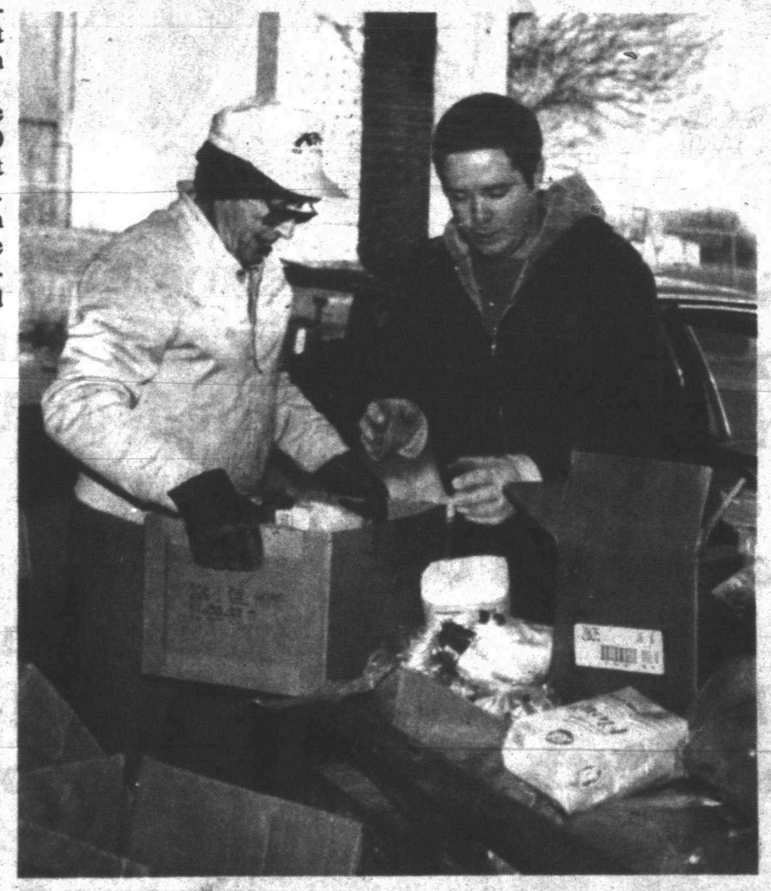
"Justice Stevens referred it to the full court and at 9:15, entered an order denying Mr. Murphy's application," House said Saturday.

Justice Harry Blackmun, however, "noted that he would have granted it," House said.

Murphy had asked the Supreme Court to order Cook County Circuit Court to hold "an immediate hearing to balance the rights of the respondent, Mother Doe, to freely practice her religion and to freely make choices concerning her medical care, against the state's substantial interest in protecting the life of a fully developed, (sentient) and viable fetus in its 38th week of gestation."

On Thursday the Illinois Su-

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION — Goodfellows began giving food Saturday morning on the coliseum grounds. Pictured sorting items are Joe Ellington, left, and Darryl Calley. (SDN Staff Photo)

Chamber...

New board member, reception on agenda

Selection of a board member and discussion of the 1994 budget are on the agenda for Snyder Chamber of Commerce board members, who meet at 4 p.m. Monday.

Also on the agenda is communication regarding Snyder Scrip, paying off the chamber storage building and approval of finances and previous minutes.

Following the meeting, a reception will be held for out-going and in-coming board members.

Out-going board members are Neida Huckaby, Patty Jones, Bobby Beard and Pam Browning.

In-coming board members will be president elect Daryl Thomas, vice president Howard Limmer, secretary/treasurer Jeffrey Martin, Pam West and Pat Cain.

Others on the board are Pearlene Stewart, president; Donna Gray, past president; Paula McWilliams; Joel Hook; Travis Bunch; and Joe Kelley.

Although new board members won't be formally sworn in until January, they will be recognized during Monday's reception.

Topping Monday's agenda is naming a board member to replace Randy Perkins, who resigned last month.

Vacant post on county's agenda

Discussion of a contract to fill the position of county sanitarian will top the agenda for Scurry County Commissioners Court when it convenes at 10 a.m. Monday.

The sanitarian's post has been vacant since the retirement of Louie Vaughan. The court discussed the post last month, but has taken no action.

Commissioners will also hear a request from American Heritage Life Insurance for the company to be added to the county's cafeteria plan. Also on the agenda are numerous line-item transfer requests, and the court will review minutes of various county committees and boards.

Inmate gets 5 more years

A Price Daniel Unit inmate, serving 35 years for a Lubbock County house burglary, Friday entered a guilty plea in 132nd District Court to a charge of aggravated assault.

District Judge Gene Dulaney ordered Bobby Ray Dupree, 30, to serve five years for the aggravated assault offense. The sentence will begin after Dupree completes his 35-year sentence for burglary.

Dupree pled guilty to a Sept. 4 offense of assaulting a correctional officer at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice unit here.

Also, a 24-year-old defendant was sentenced to four years probation with adjudication deferred based on a May 31 felony theft charge. The defendant was also fined $500.

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Having it all doesn't mean having it all at once."

Bulletin! A newsletter from the association of divorce lawyers has the perfect gift suggestion. A zapper for the TV zapper.

The new device is guaranteed to increase stress during the holiday season while football games are competing with reruns of "It's A Wonderful Life."

In fact, living room politics may never be the same since a Spokane, Wash., engineer designed a gadget to disarm TV remote controls.

Some couch potatoes are called channel surfers. They commonly are said to be zealous, usually male, flippers of TV channels.

At the touch of a button, the small, hand-held device momentarily jams the remote control's infrared signal, rendering the remote-control device impotent.

The invention is called Stop It! Obviously, it is inspired by what the wife normally screams when frustrated by the other half's channel-switching habits.

The inventor sees Stop It! as a light-hearted way to make your living-room viewing partner understand how frustrating it can be to endure a run of the channels.

The head of the Center for Marital Studies at the University of Denver calls channel-surfing one of two major marital issues of the 1990s. He says the second is the lack of time spent together.

Rather than risking violence over TV programming, one might consider a second TV for Christmas. However, that would put the couple in separate r oms. The marriage expert advised to spend time together.

He did offer a solution. "To resolve the problem, the marriage counselor advises women to snuggle up to the channel-surfer and have hubby hold on to you instead of the remote control."

[illegible] TV, snuggle up, or purchase a Stop It. The $29.95 gadget may be the most logical.

TGV says financial resources exhausted

AUSTIN (AP) — The corporation picked to build a Texas bullet train system hasn't found a way to meet a crucial state finance deadline and avoid defaulting on its franchise agreement, the group's chairman said Friday.

"We have exhausted the resources that are available to us," chairman Glenn Biggs of Texas TGV Corp. told state regulators before a crowd estimated at 400, many of them rural Texans concerned about the project's effect on their land.

Biggs didn't ask for an extension of the Dec. 31 deadline for the corporation to raise $170 million in equity financing toward the project, estimated to cost $8.4 billion.

However, he told the Texas High-Speed Rail Authority board, "It is within your power to determine our life or death. But our system of jurisprudence wisely provides for deferrals and reprieves."

Biggs said before the project is ended, he would like to see a blue-ribbon committee study high-speed rail issues, including what he called "arbitrary milestones" such as the looming deadline.

Hershell Payne, a Fort Worth lawyer who heads the state board and supports creating a study committee, said that company will be in default if it doesn't meet the deadline.

In that case, he said, "I think they probably will forfeit the franchise. Like I told Glenn Biggs, 'We're not going to terminate your franchise. You're terminating it yourself.'"

State lawyers at the board's next meeting are to advise the board of its options and legal steps it should take, he said.

Payne said he believes if a high-speed train ultimately is built in Texas, and the Texas TGV name is used, "it will be entirely restructured and re-capitalized, with different players."

He told Biggs that he had "totally lost faith" in Texas TGV partners. The partnership of French and American companies had proposed 200 mph trains linking Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

Texas TGV had planned to issue notes to meet the equity financing requirement, but abandoned that plan last week after partner Morrison Knudson Corp. decided not to provide financial guarantees.

Biggs said major shareholders already have invested "upwards of $40 million" in the project.

"We have reached the point where our partners cannot reasonably continue funding the effort at this level, as it is currently mandated, without more significant public sector support," he said.

Biggs said the corporation is not looking to state money, which is prohibited by Texas law, but would hope to qualify for federal funds.

Regardless of financial problems, Biggs said that high-speed rail is important to Texas. He said the state "runs the risk of being the only major economy in the United States without high-speed rail ... That is a very serious prospect to contemplate."

Lawmakers who testified before the authority urged it not to prolong the Texas TGV project if it's clear it won't work.

"We need to kill this thing now," said Rep. Edmund Kuempel, R-Seguin, who added that he could support a study of the issue. "We don't need to pour any more black coffee into this intoxicated scheme."

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ORNAMENT CONTEST WINNERS — Hermleigh second graders in Debra Dennis' class won the school's ornament making contest. From left, back row: Whitney Stewart, Ashley Swan, Rachel Alfaro, Valerie West and Edward Arellano; front row: Dustin Williamson, Justin Williamson, Courtney Bridges and Toni Jackson. (SDN Staff Photo)

Orothodox minister criticizes recent episode of 'Seinfeld'

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A Russian Orthodox pastor says there was nothing funny about a "Seinfeld" episode on the Latvian Orthodox church, and he wants an apology from NBC and its local affiliate.

Thursday's episode made Orthodox clergy look like "fools and funny-dressed buffoons," the Rev. Anthony Nelson, pastor of St. Benedict Orthodox Church in Oklahoma City, complained.

The episode showed Jerry Seinfeld's sidekick George converting to try to win over a Latvian Orthodox woman, at one point telling the priests it is their miters that attracts him to the church.

Seinfeld friend's Kramer, meanwhile, exudes a magnetism that briefly prompts a Latvian Orthodox nun to renounce her vows.

Nelson issued a statement Friday demanding an apology.

The show characterized Eastern Orthodox nuns as "semipossessed psycho-sexuals" and the religion's practices as "contrived superstitions," he said.

"Apparently they feel like Orthodox Christianity is just somewhere off on the fringe so it's a safe target," he said.

KFOR-TV programming director Bob Brooks said "Seinfeld" generally considers everything a safe target.

"And that is part of its appeal," he said Friday. "But I am sorry if Father Nelson or any Orthodox Christians would be offended."

The 20 million or more bats of the Bracken Cave colony near San Antonio, Texas, are the world's largest known concentration of mammals.

Pick 3

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

8-3-6

(eight, three, six)

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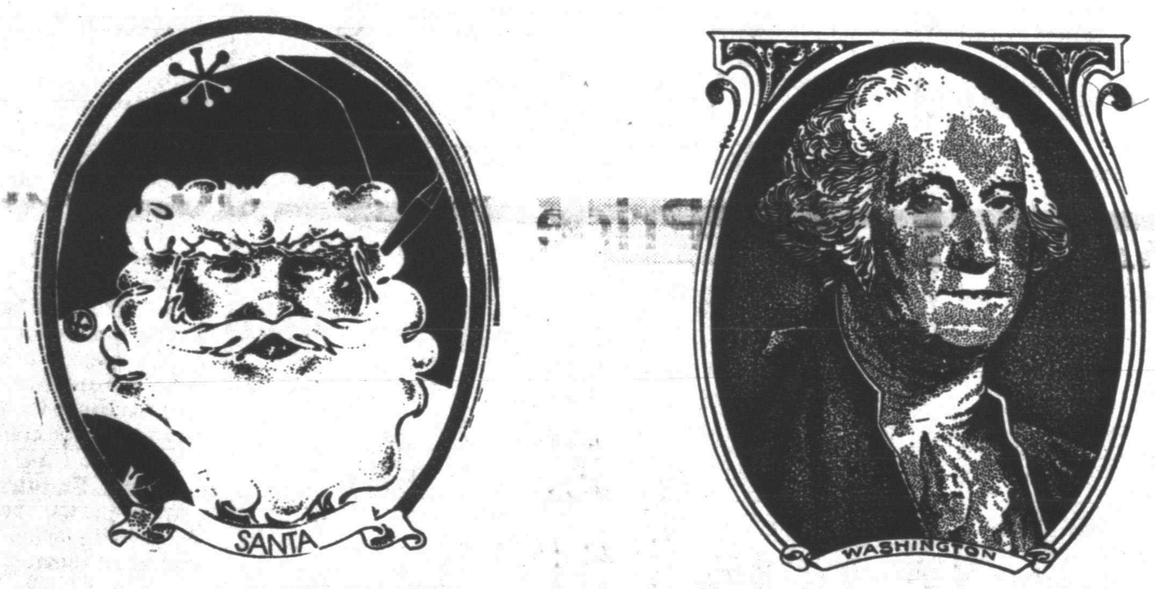
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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — Hermleigh Students of the Month for December are back row from left, Tony Molina, 6th grade; Lisa Sanchez, 5th grade; Adam Roemisch, 4th grade; and Stephanie Chambliss, 3rd grade; front row: Ashley Swan, 2nd grade; Tyler Rogers, first grade; and Frank Smith, kindergarten. (SDN Staff Photo)

Visiting judge resigns after receiving third DWI ticket

FORT WORTH (AP) — A visiting state district judge who faces a felony drunken driving indictment said Friday he resigned his judicial duties to return to his Henrietta law practice.

Judge Franklin Douthitt, 56, was indicted Thursday on the charge, which was an automatic felony because he has two previous driving while intoxicated convictions.

The latest charge resulted from a minor accident his car had with a Fort Worth police car in a parking lot.

Reached at his Henrietta law office, Douthitt said he resigned his judicial duties Nov. 1. Asked if the decision stemmed from the latest DWI charge, he said, "There were a lot of reasons."

Douthitt's attorney said he is confident the retired judge will be acquitted.

"Judge Douthitt has a valid defense to this indictment, both legally and factually," his attorney, Tim Evans, said Thursday. "We intend to present them in court and are optimistic about the result. That's all I can say now."

Douthitt had been freed on $1,000 bail and had been restricted to hearing civil cases in the weeks following his arrest. He faces a maximum of five years in prison if he is convicted.

At the time of his arrest, Douthitt was serving two years probation for a misdemeanor DWI conviction, a sentence assessed in February in Tarrant County, court records show. In that case, Douthitt was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated in Arlington on June 13, 1991.

Travis County records show that Douthitt was arrested on a DWI charge there in October 1990 and placed on probation June 17, 1991, only four days after his arrest in Arlington.

Court records show Douthitt was discharged early from the Travis County probation, in October 1992.

Joe Shearin, an assistant in the Dallas County district attorney's office, who was appointed in the fall to serve as a special prosecutor in the current case, said that Douthitt's probation in the June 1991 DWI arrest in Arlington will continue until the latest case is resolved.

The prosecutor said a probation revocation hearing that had been scheduled for Monday is likely to be postponed. If a judge revokes Douthitt's probation, he could be required to serve the 90-day sentence imposed in that case.

Douthitt was a longtime state district judge and former general counsel for the State Bar of Texas.

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Trucks, buses will be barred from using radar detectors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most truckers and bus drivers will be barred from using radar detectors in interstate travel beginning Jan. 19.

Cars are not affected because the Federal Highway Administration — which is to issue the rule Monday — only has regulatory powers over commercial vehicles.

"There's no reason to have these devices except to evade the law," said Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., chairman of the Senate transportation appropriations committee.

Lautenberg wrote a provision of the 1992 transportation spending bill asking the Federal Highway Administration to institute the ban.

The American Trucking Association, which represents 40,000 trucking companies, said it was pleased.

"We'd like to believe the regulation came about as a direct result of our work," said John Doyle, an association spokesman. "There's one reason to use a radar detector: to break the law. You'll hear many other excuses, but none valid."

But Todd Spencer, spokesman for Owner-Operators Independent Drivers Association, which represents 21,000 truckers who operate 35,000 of the nation's trucks, thinks the regulation is useless.

"We think it is a wholesale waste of time and effort on the part of government," Spencer said in a telephone interview from the association's office in Grain Valley, Mo. "Radar detectors are not factors in highway safety or highway accidents. They have never been shown to be, and no legitimate data exists to show a relationship between radar detectors and accidents.

"A far smarter thing for the government to do would be to simply give states the authority and the guidance to set speed limits that are related to highway design and traffic conditions," he said.


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Relatives win big verdict in lawsuit

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — A federal court jury has awarded more than $3.3 million to the widow and son of a man shot to death by a Hobbs police officer on Christmas Day 1991.

The jury found that Officer Ben Harrison violated the civil rights of George Perez, 20, by shooting him during a domestic dispute. Police alleged Perez had been wielding a 10-foot board in a unreatening manner.

Harrison fired twice, hitting Perez once in the chest, and Perez died at Lea Regional Hospital shortly thereafter.

The lawsuit was filed in January 1992, by attorney Brad Hall of Albuquerque on behalf of Lucy Perez and the couple's son, George Jr., now 5.

"My client is very happy and very much appreciates the jury's work. She would rather have her husband back but is grateful that justice was done," Hall said in a written statement following the verdict Friday in Roswell before U.S. District Judge C. LeRoy Hansen of Albuquerque. The case was tried in Roswell at the request of the defense, Hall said.

The lawsuit said Perez was at a family Christmas gathering at the home of relatives and drinking an occasional beer during the day. After the couple returned home, he decided to return to the relatives' home to play cards, and Mrs. Perez and the boy went to her mother's house for the night.

Perez later went to the mother-in-law's house and had an argument with his wife over whether she would return home with him, the complaint said.

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RECEIVE CERTIFICATE — Central Elementary received a certificate from Sen. Phil Gramm's office this week in recognition of the school's efforts to collect food for The Goodfellows annual holiday drive. Pictured with the certificate is June Holcomb's third grade class which collected the most canned goods — 140 cans. Standing in front (far left) are June Holcomb, teacher, and Glenn Burns. Also pictured far left are Jennifer Crabtree of Sen. Gramm's office, and Larry McAden, representing The Goodfellows. Pictured far right are James Webster, in front, of the senator's office, and Jim Rosson, standing behind him, Central principal. Students pictured from left, front row are, Will Mayle, Brady Jones, Kristen Hicks, Jenna Neff, Danika Wood and Chris Lancaster (holding the certificate), Tara Trammell, Michael Watkins, Virginia Benitez, Monica Delao; back row, from left, Joe Fuentez, Kimberly Walker, John David Chandler, Natalie Perez, Allison Canon, Kira Diaz, Robby Simmons, Lupe Jaramillo and Isaac Sanchez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Gramm presents certificate to Central

Central Elementary's holiday program to help local charities collect food items for needy residents received special recognition during a Wednesday morning ceremony that included the presentation of a certificate of appreciation by representatives of U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm's office.

Jennifer Crabtree, West Texas Regional Director of Gramm's office in Lubbock, and James Webster, also of Gramm's office, presented a certificate of appreciation from Sen. Gramm during the ceremony held at the school.

All Central Elementary classes participated in The Goodfellows Canned Food Drive and/or Toys For Tots.

June Holcomb's third grade class collected 140 cans, the highest in the school. In all, Central students collected more than 1,200 cans of food to be distributed to needy families before Christmas.

"The holiday season is traditionally a joyous occasion for most Americans. The days are highlighted by gathering of family and friends to feast, fellowship, and exchange gifts around the Christmas tree. It is a time when humanity reflects on the joy brought into the world by the birth of a special child in Bethlehem," Gramm said recently.

"Unfortunately, there are Americans whose lack of food, clothing or housing renders them emotionally burdened and unable to rejoice. For America's truly needy, Christmas can be a very difficult experience characterized by depression, frustration and loneliness. The hurt of going without is real for adults as well as children and becomes more significant at Christmas," the senator continued.

"I am very thankful for the numerous organizations, such as Central Elementary, which invest exceptional effort to ease the holiday burden of the community's less fortunate. These projects not only reflect the caring compassion which exists in one society but also reveal the moral strength of the American people," Gramm said.

Mormon congregations make Nativity scenes one big exhibit

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The original meaning of Christmas often is forgotten in the hustle and bustle of shopping, parties and the holiday rush.

But 312 nativity scenes at a local church focus on the birth of the Christ child.

The project — the first Christmas Nativity Scenes Exhibit — is the brainstorm of the San Antonio congregations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The displays — constructed of wood, papier mache, bean bags, popsicle sticks, bread dough and an assortment of precious materials from around the world — were donated by families from the San Antonio area, event organizer Connie Schwarz said.

"We are trying to get San Antonio to focus on what Christmas is truly about," she said. "Each (scene) depicts a message of the Savior's birth."

Mrs. Schwarz said planners experienced their own holiday miracle this week, because just 40 of the anticipated 300 scenes were ready by Monday.

"Within 48 hours, we had 312, and we didn't get any duplicates," she noted.

Thanks to word-of-mouth advertising, contributions flooded in — including a gold blanket that once belonged to George Burns and his wife, Gracie Allen.

Exhibits on display include miniature scenes, southwestern scenes and a "touch and feel nursery," where children may listen to Christmas tales and play with small nativity figures.

Visitors are greeted with a live tableau featuring goats, sheep and church members. Music is provided by carolers, violinists and an organist.

Mrs. Schwarz's husband, Tim, said the creche depictions "focus on the spirit of Christmas and sharing of all different cultures."

One scene, made by American Indians, portrays a Southwestern-style holy birth. Buffaloes, coyotes and horses take the place of camels and sheep. A tent, rather than a stable, shelters the figures.

Unusual attractions include Peruvian nativity scenes that fit inside a stone egg, European "pyramids" — three-tiered displays that rotate on candle-power and children's paintings depicting the birth of Jesus.

Some of the oldest scenes were donated by Helen Teal, a local artist who created the largest hand-painted ceramic exhibit.

The free exhibit is at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 945 Knights Cross Drive. The display, which opened Friday, will be on view from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Proxmire's key to the good life: keep on smiling a lot

WASHINGTON (AP) — After four years in retirement, former Sen. William Proxmire of Wisconsin is all smiles.

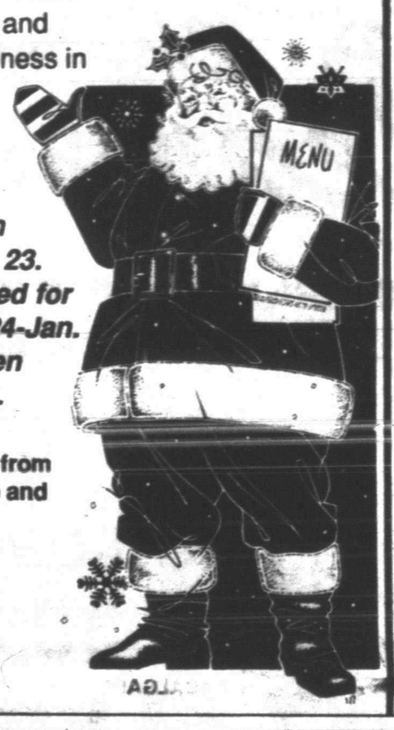
He says measuring your life in "smiles per hour" is good for you. As far as the 78-year-old Proxmire is concerned, that means near-constant smiling. And writing about the benefits of it.

Proxmire, one of the Senate's most senior Democrats when he retired in 1989 after a 32-year congressional career, is launching a new book to push his point. He published it himself.

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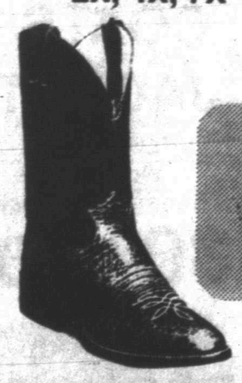
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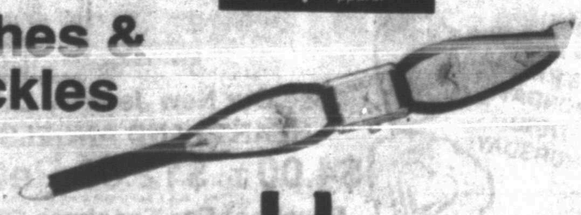
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Texas man charged in abduction attempt

WELLSTON, Mo. (AP) — A Texas man was charged Friday in the attempted abduction last month of a suburban St. Louis girl, but police said their investigation into the abduction and slaying of two other girls was continuing.

Gary Howard Stufflebean, 37, an auditor who lives in Spring, a suburb of Houston, was charged with attempted kidnapping and sexual abuse. He was being held on $500,000 bond, said St. Louis County Prosecutor Robert McCulloch.

The charges were announced at the command post of a special task force investigating the Nov. 8 abduction attempt in Maryland Heights and the killings of the two other girls since then.

McCulloch said authorities were not ruling Stufflebean out as a suspect in the other cases and police warned residents to remain vigilant.

"What we want to tell the St. Louis community is now is not the time to let your guard down," St. Louis County Police Chief Ron Battelle said. "Our investigation is going full bore. The investigators are doing an outstanding job and we're keeping the pressure on."

Angie Housman, 9, and Cassidy Senter, 10, were abducted and killed since the Nov. 8 abduction attempt. Police have said they are unsure if the cases are related, but the composite drawing of the suspect in the Nov. 8 case has been used in the search for suspects in all three cases.

All three girls were from neighboring suburbs in northwest St. Louis County.

FBI agents searched Stufflebean's home in a prosperous neighborhood in Spring on Friday. Spokesman Orlando Moss said he could not comment on the matter.

Neighbors there said they were shocked by the news that Stufflebean, known as a family man with a teen-age daughter, was a suspect in the St. Louis case.

"This is just unbelievable," said Kathy Bushaw, who said she had considered the suspect's ninth-grade daughter as a babysitter for her own child. "This is just really disturbing."

Texas officials said Stufflebean had no police record there.

McCulloch said Stufflebean had made statements implicating himself in the abduction attempt, but he refused to say whether the suspect had made any statements regarding the other cases.

Stufflebean's attorney, Charles Shaw, said his client, who had flown in from Texas voluntarily on Thursday when he heard officers wanted to talk to him, was mistreated by police during a long night of questioning.

"In teams of two they questioned him for 12 hours," said Shaw, who maintains that Stufflebean is innocent of all the charges and allegations. "They worked on him in an improper and injudicious manner."

Stufflebean, originally from the St. Louis area, was in town Nov. 8 on business and family matters, McCulloch said. He said police were checking travel records to determine what other times he might have been here.

The sexual abuse charge stems from allegations that Stufflebean grabbed the 12-year-old Maryland Heights girl as he tried to force her into his car, McCulloch said.

Angie Housman was abducted Nov. 18 after getting off a school bus near her home in St. Ann. Her body was found nine days later at the Busch Wildlife Area in St. Charles County. Cassidy Senter was abducted Dec. 1 while walking just a few blocks from her home near Bridgeton. Her body was found Dec. 9 at a vacant lot in north St. Louis.

A task force composed of more than 100 detectives from the FBI, St. Louis city and county police, and the St. Louis Area Major Case Squad is investigating.

Desegration ruling sought by Dallas school officials

DALLAS (AP) — Seeking an end to a 23-year legal battle for desegregation, the Dallas Independent School District has asked a federal judge to declare the district in compliance.

The district, backed by 1,500 pages of statistics and facts, on Friday asked U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders for "unitary status." It also pledged to continue court-ordered efforts to improve minority students' achievement for at least three years.

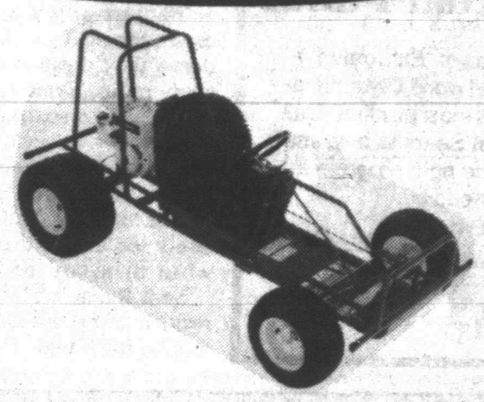
"We are now accepting responsibility for the education of children, and we will not be slowed down by reporting to the court or getting the court's approval," said DISD board president Rene Castilla.

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GOODFELLOWS DONATION — Snyder High School students donated food and the Student Council contributed money to The Goodfellows this week. Student Council president Cerise Covey and Misty Roquemore presented the donations to Speedy Prince, Kiwanis Club member. (Contributed Photo by Joyce May)

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Students at Rice like unisex bathrooms; but parents don't

HOUSTON (AP) — There's some grumbling about the unisex bathrooms at one Rice University dormitory, but it's not coming from the men and women who shower in adjacent stalls and brush their teeth side-by-side wearing bath towels.

Restrooms have been an issue at Brown College, one of eight dormitories on the Rice campus, since it went from women-only to coed in 1987. The seven-floor building has only one large bathroom on each floor.

Officials assigned bathrooms on alternating floors for men or women exclusively, but residents soon tired of hiking to other floors.

They started holding secret-ballot votes on each floor to determine whether residents wanted unisex facilities. If even one person votes no, the bathroom on that floor and the one above and below it must be single-sex.

For the past two years, each resident on all seven floors has voted for unisex.

Although the arrangement has worked well for the students, prudent parents and judicious Rice officials want the practice stopped. A plan emerged a few months ago to divide each bathroom in two at a cost of about $200,000.

Students object to that type of expenditure. Typically Rice students, they'd rather have another study room. Some residents even say they like sharing bathrooms.

"I'm for it because it creates more natural attitudes between men and women," said Rice senior Meredith McCree. "They don't see each other as separate when there are no divisions."

Said Rachele Harless, a senior resident at Brown and president of its governing body: "We don't see any reason to change them."

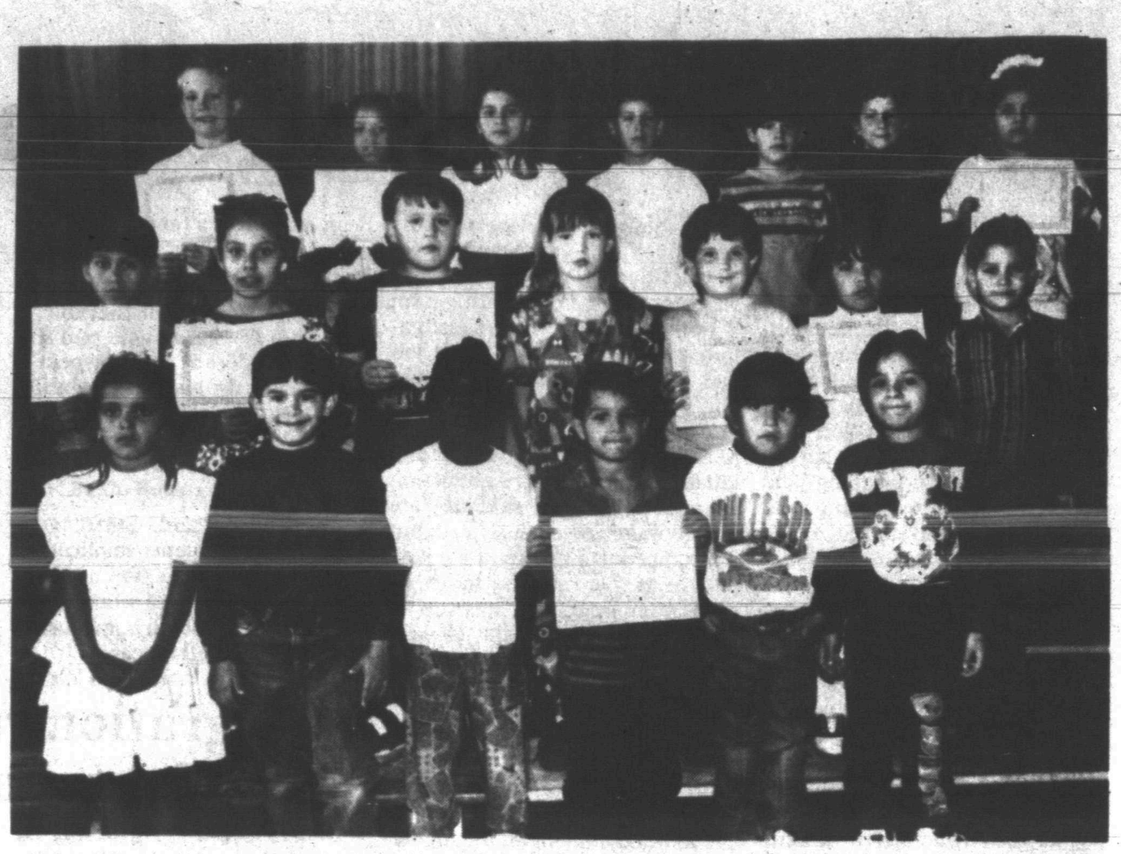
Robert Truscott, who coordinates dorms at Rice, cites several, including parental complaints and concern that some residents feel pressured to vote for unisex bathrooms.

Officials also worry about liability regarding student safety, and they say a Houston city code requires them to provide facilities for each sex on every floor.

But Hal Caton, the city's chief building official, said the current official restroom designations — single-sex facilities on alternating floors — is perfectly acceptable.

If students choose to ignore the bathroom signs, the city can do nothing to stop them, Caton said.

Disregarding the sign cards is just what happens now. Men and women stroll in and out of the bathrooms indiscriminately. Each bathroom has four toilets and four showers, each surrounded by a stall. Showers have fully enclosed changing areas.



CENTRAL UNIT RECOGNITION — Central students receiving unit recognition awards are from left, back row, Trey Roland, Felisha Riggins, Veronica Vasquez, Jacob Pechacek, Rocky Fuentez, Austin Rinehart and Lina Olvera; middle row: Isaac Vasquez, Veronica Maldonado, Glenn Burns, Jennifer Benton, Johnathan Bell, Janie Salinas and Randy Herrera; front row: Adilene Segura, Nathaniel Clarady, Ashley Pruitt, Salvador Perez, Steven Martinez and Delfino Hill. Stacy Bunch is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mexico's teachers win major victory

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Thousands of school teachers who waged a turbulent two-month strike celebrated a rare victory against the state government Friday, winning back most retirement benefits.

"This is the first time in a long time the teachers' union, or any Mexican union, wins against the state or federal government," said science teacher and strike leader Socorro Cesenas.

In a last-minute turn-about, the government in this northern state of Nuevo Leon gave in on key issues, in essence revoking laws passed in October reducing pension benefits and increasing the retirement age.

"We think there now is a definite solution to the conflict," said Nuevo Leon government spokesman Mentor Tijerina.

The strike by 22,000 teachers closed some 1,000 schools and was marked by more than 20 protests and marches that snarled traffic and closed highways in this state capital of 3 million.

Thursday, some 35,000 teachers and parents marched to the statehouse to call for the resignation of Gov. Socrates Rizzo, whom the teachers accused of misspending public funds.

The laws passed in October came nearly a year after the government declared bankrupt the social security institute for state workers.

Rizzo had said more teachers and state workers were retiring than the 10-year-old institute was able to support. He said benefits won by state workers in 1986 during another administration should never have been granted because they were economically unrealistic.

But the teachers alleged the Rizzo government used the funds for campaigns of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party and infrastructure projects.

The strike had become a political issue and an embarrassment for the government of this industrial state, which borders Texas. Businessmen also were complaining the strike was hurting the state's image at a time they were trying to attract U.S. investors under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The huge downtown Macroplaza had become a battle ground where hundreds of teachers, supporters, 13 hunger strikers and dozens of riot police often clashed in front of the statehouse.

Among key points agreed on:

— A female teacher can still retire after 28 years of service, a man after 30. The new law had added an average of 15 years before retirement.

— Retired teachers will receive 85 percent of their last salary, adjusted to inflation. If a female teacher waits to retire after 31 years, she can leave with 100 percent of her salary; a man after 33 years. Under the October law, teachers' pension was equivalent to the paycheck made when the law was passed, even if retirement was 20 years away.

The deal faces ratification votes by the union membership and the state legislature.

Tennis star weds fiancee Friday

LEIMEN, Germany (AP) — Tennis star Boris Becker married fiancee Barbara Feltus in his hometown of Leimen on Friday, drawing a throng of onlookers.

Becker, who in 1985 became the youngest man to win Wimbledon, has since dropped to No. 11 in world rankings.

Ms. Feltus, the daughter of an American father and a German mother, is expecting the couple's child next month.

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However, U.S. government mutual funds shouldn't be compared to bank savings or CDs. Government funds are long-term investments. Bank savings and CDs offer immediate withdrawal but typically earn lower interest.

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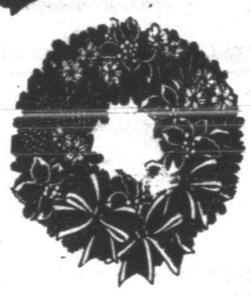
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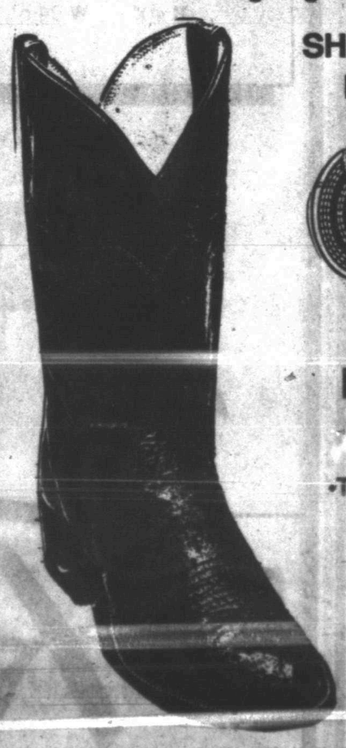
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Kevorkian free on pledge to stop assisting suicides

DETROIT (AP) — A frail Dr. Jack Kevorkian was released from jail Friday after promising not to help anyone commit suicide for the time being. He was hospitalized to recuperate from his 17-day hunger strike.

Kevorkian was freed when a judge in neighboring Oakland County lowered his bond from $50,000 to $100 and ordered Kevorkian to wear an electronic monitoring device. A supporter who vowed to commit suicide if Kevorkian died in jail posted bond.

Kevorkian, 65, was driven straight from the Oakland County Jail to Sinai Hospital in Detroit, where he requested and ate a bowl of lentil soup, said his lawyer, Geoffrey Fieger.

"We love you, Jack," one supporter shouted as a feeble-looking Kevorkian was taken in a wheelchair from the courtroom after Friday morning's hearing.

Kevorkian, who has been at 20 suicides since 1990, has been charged in two of the cases with illegally assisting a suicide. The law, which was enacted to stop him, has been challenged as unconstitutional.

Kevorkian had refused solid food after he was jailed Nov. 30, saying he was prepared to die for his beliefs. He consumed only juice, water and vitamins. Last weekend, he was briefly hospitalized for chest pains.

During the bail reduction hearing in Pontiac before Oakland County Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper, prosecutor Dick Thompson said he doubted an electronic tether would stop Kevorkian from attending more deaths.

"Tethering him to his home, where the recent suicides have occurred, is like tethering an alcoholic to a bar," Thompson said.

Kevorkian told the judge, "I must and will pledge that I will not participate in ... what I call medicide until the matter is resolved by higher courts of this state or a vote of the public at large."

Cooper said the $50,000 bond was excessive for a charge with a four-year prison term. However, she also stressed that Kevorkian would face contempt charges if he helps anyone else commit suicide while Michigan's appellate courts consider the issue.

"Regardless of whether this law is constitutional or not, I take him at his word," the judge said.

After the hearing, Assistant Prosecutor Errol Shifman said, "I'd stay out of Royal Oak if I were you. You never know who they'll be grabbing off the streets now." Kevorkian lives in Royal Oak.

$500 million ear marked for education

WASHINGTON (AP) — Walter Annenberg pledged $500 million Friday to improve public education and stem the violence eroding the nation's schools. At a White House ceremony, he challenged others to join him, saying, "At this point I can't see any other way to guarantee our nation's future."

President Clinton said Annenberg's gift — the largest ever toward public education — "could not have come at a better time." He said the money will help promote a "standard of excellence" that can be adapted school by school around the country.

"Nearly every problem has been solved by somebody, somewhere," Clinton said, calling for greater coordination to help replicate programs that already have been found to work.

Annenberg said he was deeply troubled by school violence and concerned that if it continues unabated it will have a devastating impact on American life.

"We must ask ourselves whether improving education will halt the violence," he said. "If anyone can think of a better way, we may have to try that. But the way I see this tragedy, education is the most wholesome and effective approach."

The announcement of the "Annenberg Challenge" came a day after release of a survey that said more than one in 10 teachers and nearly one in four of their students have been victims of violence in or near their public schools.

"Strong schools can become a way out of this despair: a safe, strong place where young people can find order and meaning and even hope for their lives," Education Secretary Richard Riley said.

He said Annenberg's gift "will enable us to pick up the pace dramatically in our continuing efforts to create national standards of excellence, to raise the bar academically, and once and for all, end this continuing conspiracy of low expectations."

Annenberg, who made his fortune in publishing and communications and who sold his Triangle Publications in 1988 for $3 billion, was given two standing ovations by Clinton, Riley, members of Congress, education officials and others in the White House's Roosevelt Room.

The immediate beneficiaries of Annenberg's largesse were:

—The newly named Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown University in Providence, R.I., which will receive $50 million. The institute, formerly the National Institute for School Reform, works with students, teachers, schools and school systems to build alliances and promote reform.

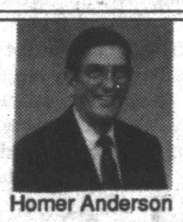
—The New American Schools Development Corp., an independent, non-profit group that awards grants to encourage new education programs. The organization, created during the Bush administration, will receive $50 million, according to Brown University.

—The Education Commission of the States, which in early 1995 will receive $15 million to share information about school reforms that work.

The remaining funds will go to "support teachers, pupils, schools and school systems throughout the country that are making earnest and well-designed efforts to change the way children are educated and to colleges, universities and other agencies that are cooperating in the task."

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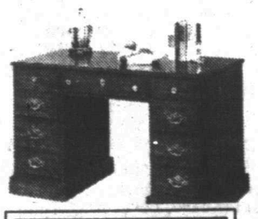
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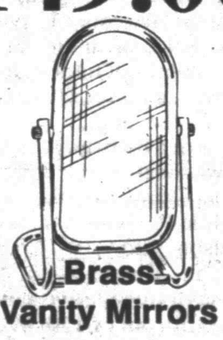
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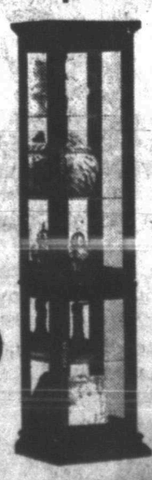
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Tigers thump Dimmitt, 46-34

BROWNFIELD — Adrian Sneed canned a game-high 17 points and teammate Jon Patrick hit 11 as the Snyder Tigers downed Dimmitt, 46-34, in the opening round of the Brownfield Rotary Invitational basketball tournament Friday.

The Tigers were to face Andrews in the championship semifinals at 11 a.m. Saturday with the winner to battle host Brownfield at 8 p.m. for the tourney crown.

"We played pretty well," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "Dimmitt has a good team, a real potent offensive team. We played them hard and really got after them, especially on defense.

"It was a game our kids had looked forward to, and they stepped up and everybody contributed."

The Tigers took a 23-10 halftime lead after allowing Dimmitt just five points in each of the first two quarters.

Snyder added 23 second-half points to 24 by DHS.

The Tigers, now 8-3, were to face Andrews for the third time this season. Snyder beat the Mustangs, 58-54, at AHS, and the Ponies topped Snyder, 58-55, on the Tigers' home floor.

In other tournament action Friday, Brownfield earned a spot in the title game by whipping Pecos, 80-52, and Slaton tripped Muleshoe, 61-41, to set up Saturday's 5 p.m. consolation matchup between Slaton and Dimmitt.

Pecos will battle the Andrews-Snyder loser for third place Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Snyder	10	13	9	14	-46
Dimmitt	5	5	10	14	-34

Leading scorers: Snyder — Sneed 17, Patrick 11; Dimmitt Thomas 16; Record: Snyder 8-3.

Brownfield Rotary Invitational
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 16
Andrews 71, Slaton 68
Brownfield 65, Muleshoe 30
Pecos, bye
Friday, Dec. 17
Snyder 46, Dimmitt 34
Slaton 61, Muleshoe 41
Brownfield 80, Pecos 52
Saturday, Dec. 18
Championship semifinal
Snyder vs. Andrews, 11 a.m.
Consolation
Slaton vs. Dimmitt, 5 p.m.
Third place
Pecos vs. Andrews-Snyder loser, 6:30 p.m.
Championship
Brownfield vs. Andrews-Snyder winner, 8 p.m.

Dawson trips IHS Bulldogs

WELCH — The Dawson Dragons broke a 26-26 halftime tie with a 28-10 second-half surge Friday, downing the Ira Bulldogs, 54-36, in a non-district basketball encounter.

Rafael Rodriguez canned 14 to pace Dawson, while Ira's Coy Henderson drained a game-best 22.

The Bulldogs slip to 3-9 while Dawson evens its season mark at 6-6.

In Friday's early contest, Dawson's girls handed Ira a 60-35 defeat.

Ira, led by Jennifer Northcott's seven points, trailed by a 13-3 margin after the first period. Dawson, which led 31-11 at the half, was outscored by the Lady 'Dogs, 19-13, in the third, before exploding on a 16-5 run in the last eight minutes.

Ira slides to 6-8. The Lady Dragons are 5-6.

Ira's next outing is scheduled for Tuesday when both teams visit Aspermont.

Boys

Ira	13	13	2	8	-36
Dawson	14	12	10	18	-54

Leading scorers: Ira — Henderson 22; Dawson — Rodriguez 14; Records: Ira 3-9; Dawson 6-6.

Girls

Ira	3	8	19	5	-35
Dawson	13	18	13	16	-60

Leading scorers: Ira — Northcott 7; Dawson Rodriguez 23, Suggs 13; Records: Ira 6-8; Dawson 8-6.

SHS girls tripped by Slaton

SLATON — A powerful Slaton Lady Tiger basketball team had little mercy on Snyder Friday, taking a 53-22 non-district win.

Slaton, now 14-1 on the campaign, oustcored Snyder in every quarter and didn't allow SHS to break into double figures in any period.

The home team jumped out to a 21-3 lead after the first, then gave up just four in the second on the way to a 30-7 halftime advantage.

Slaton's Patricia Whaley led all scorers with 22 points Friday. Snyder's top producer was Annie Ragland, who hit eight.

Ragland connected on two of the Lady Tigers' seven field goals, then converted four of seven free throws.

Meriah Worthen and Jamie Brown each chipped in four for Snyder.

The SHS girls will return to action Monday with a trip to Coahoma before breaking for the holidays.

SNYDER (22) — Ragland 2 4-7 8; Worthen 1 2-4 4; Shipp 1 0-0 2; White 0 2-2 2; Brown 2 0-0 4; Williams 1 0-2 2; TOTALS 7 8-15 22.
SLATON (53) — Evans 1 0-0 2; Madkins 3 0-0 6; Smith 2 0-0 4; Stabero 3 0-0 9; Turney 2 2-2 6; L. Whaley 0 0-1 0; P. Whaley 8 6-9 22; Houston 2 0-0 4; TOTALS 21 8-12 53.

3-point goals: Snyder 0, Slaton 3 (Stabeno 3); Total fouls: Snyder 14, Slaton 15; Fouled out: Shipp; Records: Slaton 14-1; Snyder 4-8.

Snyder	3	4	8	7	-22
Slaton	21	9	15	8	-53

Lady Cards edge Rotan

ROTAN — Brandi Bates poured in a game-high 17 points to lead Hermleigh's Lady Cardinals to a 45-43 non-district basketball win over Rotan Friday.

The Lady Cards bolted to a 14-7 first-quarter advantage, but Rotan trimmed the lead to 27-23 by halftime, and 33-32 after three periods.

Hermleigh outscored the Lady 'Hammers, 12-11, in the fourth to hold on for the win.

The Lady Cards move to 7-4 with the victory.

Hermleigh's boys were downed by Rotan, 79-49, in Friday's nightcap.

The Cardinals were led by Ricky Sosa, who scored 21, and Chris Lambaren, who added 15.

Rotan carried a 36-24 lead into the halftime break.

Hermleigh slips to 2-8 on the season, while the Class 2A Yellowhammers improve to 9-3.

Hermleigh will be idle until a Dec. 29-31 appearance at the Hamlin Tournament.

Girls

Hermleigh	14	13	6	12	-45
Rotan	7	16	9	11	-43

Leading scorers: Hermleigh — Bates 17; Rotan — Burk 13, Raines 11, Burnes 10; Records: Hermleigh 7-4, Rotan 6-7.

Boys

Hermleigh	14	10	15	10	-49
Rotan	15	21	18	25	-79

Leading scorers: Hermleigh — Sosa 21, Lambaren 15; Rotan — Powell 22, Williams 18; Records: Hermleigh 2-8; Rotan 9-3.

Monterey tops SHS JV at Brownfield tourney

BROWNFIELD — Snyder's JV boys wound up their shortened visit to the Brownfield Rotary Invitational basketball tournament Friday with a 69-65 overtime loss to Lubbock Monterey.

The Tigers were forced to forfeit their opening-round contest in the double-elimination tourney due to the scheduling of semester exams at SHS.

The loss to Monterey sets their season mark at 10-3, including a championship run at the Midland Tournament a week ago.

The Tigers handed Odessa Permain a 37-22 loss in the title game at Midland when the PHS coach was ejected with 2:35 remaining in the third quarter.

The Panthers left the court following the ejection and forfeited the game to Snyder.

Wayne Braziel scored eight, Jeff Hobbs had seven and Donny Durst put in six for Snyder in the contest.

The SHS JV topped San Angelo Central, 64-60, behind a 25-point effort from Page Patterson, then hammered host Midland High, 68-43, on the strength of Braziel's 14 and 12 apiece by Durst and Beau McLeod, on the way to the title game.

The Tigers will host San Angelo Lake View Monday at 6 p.m. in their last outing before the Christmas break.

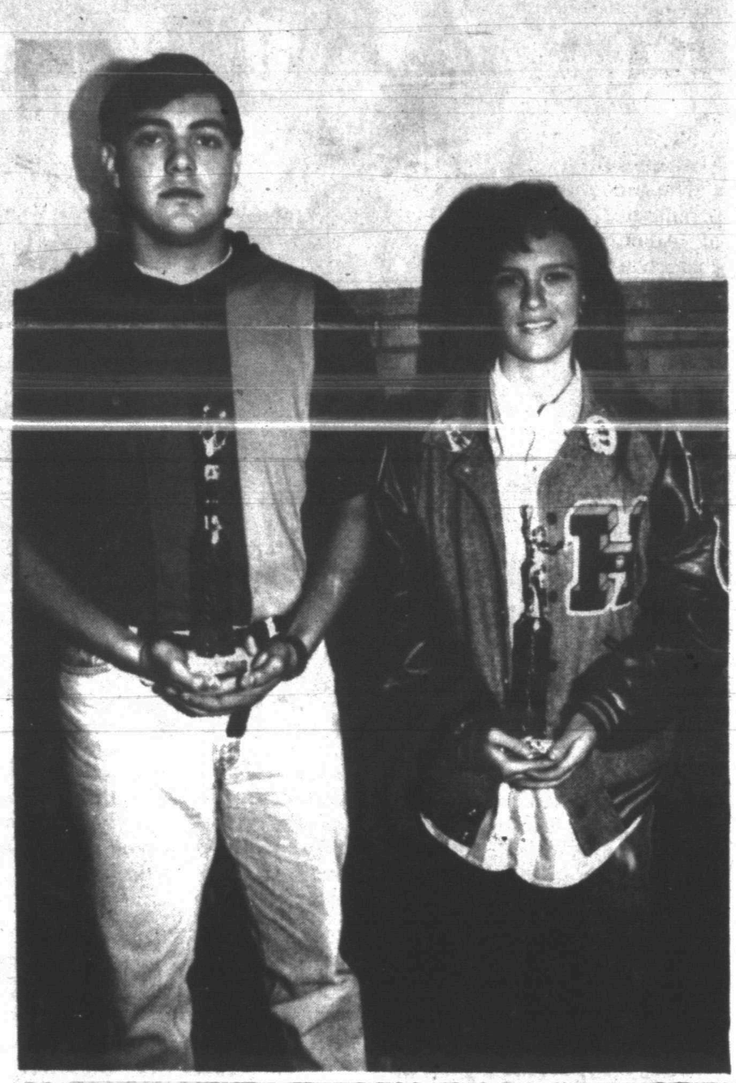
College hoops

By The Associated Press
SOUTH
Cent. Florida 102, West Florida 61
Kentucky 97, Morehead St. 61
Miami 73, Sam Houston St. 58
W. Carolina 78, Tennessee 71
FAR WEST
Arizona St. 100, CS Northridge 81
Brigham Young 84, Texas Tech 74
E. Washington 74, Whitworth 54
Montana St. 100, Colorado Mines 72

Men's cage results

Team	W	L
Snyder National Bank	11	1
Landes Furniture	9	3
Big Country Chevrolet	9	3
Golden Corral	6	6
Bib & Tucker	6	6
Nathalie's	4	8
Patterson Drilling	2	10
Jaramillo's	1	11

Thursday's games
Nathalie's 85, Patterson Drilling 74
Landes Furniture 89, Golden Corral 70
Big Country Chevrolet 61, Snyder National Bank 59
Bib & Tucker 77, Jaramillo's 50



ALL-TOURNAMENT — Hermleigh's Chris Lambaren and Connie Payne were named all-tournament at the recent Dog Pound Classic basketball tournament in Ira. (SDN Staff Photo)

NBA roundup...

Mullin, O'Neal pace victories

by The Associated Press

It didn't take Chris Mullin and Shaquille O'Neal long to renew old acquaintances.

Mullin, after missing 20 games with hand and leg injuries, played his first game of the season against the Kings Friday night, scoring 23 points in a 109-94 Golden State victory at Sacramento.

O'Neal, who tore down a backboard in his first appearance in Phoenix last Feb. 7, had 36 points, 15 rebounds and five blocked shots in the Orlando Magic's 104-101 win over the Suns.

"Shaq was a little too much for us," Suns coach Paul Westphal said.

O'Neal, who scored 12 points in the fourth quarter and had a key block of a layup attempt by Kevin Johnson with the Magic leading 102-101 in the final 10 seconds, showed little respect for the smaller Phoenix players.

Oliver Miller, Mark West, Joe Kleine and even Charles Barkley tried to guard O'Neal, to no avail. He made 12 of 22 shots from the field and 12 of 19 free throws to regain the NBA scoring lead from David Robinson, averaging 28.5 to O'Neal's 28.6.

Asked who played him best, O'Neal said simply, "Nobody, babe."

Barkley had 26 points and 10 rebounds and Johnson scored 25 points for the Suns, who lost for the first time in 10 games at home.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Utah 97, Boston 96; Philadelphia 105, the Los Angeles Lakers 94; Charlotte 99, Denver 96; Chicago 98, New York 86; Seattle 127, Milwaukee 97; and Minnesota 105, the Los Angeles Clippers 90.

Mullin, activated from the injured list Thursday, came off the bench with 3:40 to play in the first quarter. He scored 12 points in the next 8:40, including two 3-pointers, helping Golden State take a 42-35 lead with seven minutes to go in the half.

"For a rusty guy, he just played sensational. I'm still going to bring him off the bench for awhile," Warriors coach Don Nelson said.

The Kings, who lost their seventh consecutive game at home and 15th out of 17th overall, were led by Lionel Simmons with 22 points and 12 rebounds. Latrell Sprewell had 18 points for Golden State.

SuperSonics 127, Bucks 97

Seattle stayed unbeaten in 10 games at home as Ricky Pierce scored 21 points and rookie center Ervin Johnson had 12 points and nine rebounds against Milwaukee in his first NBA start.

Johnson replaced Shawn Kemp, who missed the game after bruising his left knee in Tuesday's victory over Orlando. But the All-Star was hardly missed as the Sonics scored 42 points on 25 Bucks turnovers.

Frank Brickowski scored 17 points for Milwaukee, whose biggest deficit was 98-63 with 11:16 left in the game.

Timberwolves 105, Clippers 90

Minnesota won for the first time in nine tries at the LA Sports Arena as Isaiah Rider scored a career-high 32 points against Los Angeles.

Rider had seven of his 14 third-quarter points during a 9-0 run as the Timberwolves extended a 64-60 lead to 82-67.

Danny Manning led the Clippers with 26 points and 11 rebounds. Christian Laettner had 24 points and Micheal Williams 21 for Minnesota.

Bulls 98, Knicks 86

Chicago snapped visiting New York's five-game winning streak as B.J. Armstrong scored 20 points, 11 of them in the final 6:06.

John Starks, who had 19 points, responded with a 3-pointer at 5:13 and another basket at 4:14, closing the Knicks to 85-83. But Chicago coasted to its eighth victory in nine games after Scottie Pippen scored on a layup and Armstrong hit a 3-pointer with 1:29 left for a 90-83 lead.

Patrick Ewing scored 20 points for the Knicks, who lost starting point guard Doc Rivers for the season with ligament damage in his left knee Thursday night. Greg Anthony started in his place and scored six points.

76ers 105, Lakers 94

Philadelphia won consecutive games for the first time this season behind Orlando Woolridge's 21 points and Clarence Weatherspoon's 20 points and 12 rebounds.

The Sixers, who beat Denver 101-93 Wednesday night, held a 14-point lead late in the third qurrtrr nndhha a78-68 advantage with 11:39 to play.

Los Angeles closed to 78-72 on a jump shot by Doug Christie, but the 76ers scored 10 of the next 12 points, moving ahead 88-74 on a 3-pointer by Johnny Dawkins at the 8:24 mark.

James Worthy scored 22 points for the Lakers.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	15	5	.750	—
Orlando	12	9	.571	3½
Boston	11	12	.478	5½
Miami	8	11	.421	6½
New Jersey	8	13	.381	7½
Philadelphia	8	13	.381	7½
Washington	6	15	.286	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	15	5	.750	—
Chicago	12	8	.600	3
Charlotte	12	10	.545	4
Indiana	9	11	.450	6
Cleveland	7	13	.350	8
Detroit	7	13	.350	8
Milwaukee	5	17	.227	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	20	1	.952	—
Utah	16	7	.696	5
San Antonio	15	8	.652	6
Denver	9	12	.429	11
Minnesota	8	13	.381	12
Dallas	1	20	.048	19

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	18	2	.900	—
Phoenix	15	4	.789	2½
Golden State	12	9	.571	6½
Portland	12	10	.545	7
LA Clippers	9	11	.450	9
LA Lakers	8	15	.348	11½
Sacramento	5	16	.238	13½

Saturday's Games
Utah at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
LA Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
LA Lakers at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday Night
9:00-1:00
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Fox outbids CBS for NFC television rights

NEW YORK (AP) — John Madden and Bart Simpson?

The union of the NFL's most popular television analyst and one of America's favorite cartoon characters became a possibility Friday when the league chose Fox Television to carry its lucrative NFC package starting next year.

That puts such marquee teams as the Dallas Cowboys, San Francisco 49ers, New York Giants and Chicago Bears on the network that gave viewers such offbeat shows as "The Simpsons," and takes it from the network that has carried the NFL for four decades.

Unless CBS gets in the bidding against ABC for Monday Night Football or takes NBC's AFC games, it leaves the likes of Madden, Pat Summerall and Terry Bradshaw sitting idle. Some personalities could move to Fox, of course, depending on their contract status with CBS.

Terms of the deal with Fox were not disclosed, although Joe Browne, the NFL's vice president for communications and development, confirmed the deal.

"Fox has the NFC package on a multiyear contract," Browne said. "We expect to have further announcements regarding the remainder of the 1994 TV package in the next couple of days."

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue has tried to use the diversification of television to provide the NFL with more revenue, bidding cable and independent stations against the big three networks.

ESPN and TNT cable bid more to televise Sunday night games to enhance their own prestige. Sources said Fox bid $100 million more than CBS to do the same.

Browne didn't say whether CBS was bidding for another portion of the NFL television contract. CBS has televised NFL games since the 1950s and took the NFC when the NFL and AFL merged in 1970. NBC took the AFC and ABC got "Monday Night Football."

Television contracts between pro football and CBS, NBC, ABC, TNT and ESPN expire at the end of this season. Negotiations have been taking place since September.

The NFL package generated $3.652 billion from CBS, NBC, ABC, TNT and ESPN over the past four years — about $40 million a team this season. NFL owners turned down a proposal by Tagliabue and Cleveland owner Art Modell, then head of the television committee, to cut that to $32 million this year in return for an extension through 1995.

Network sources had predicted that new deals would be worth 75 percent of the expiring agreements. CBS was the first casualty because its package was the most lucrative.

CBS paid $1.06 billion for the NFC package. TNT and ESPN, which split the Sunday night package, paid $450 million apiece for those rights.

Dick Ebersol, president of NBC Sports, has said his network would lose $88 million on NFL football this season, the final year of its $792 million contract. He said NBC was prepared to drop it unless the price dropped first.

Ebersol said the three major networks will lose more than $200 million on football this season.

"We will negotiate and force lower rights fees or we will get out, because nobody can afford this kind of money. We're not a charity," Ebersol said.

That might leave CBS bidding for the AFC package or ABC's Monday night football, for which the network paid $925 million over four years.

Despite the complaints, Tagliabue maintains the NFL television package remains a valuable commodity. The league says it has 185 million viewers and one in three Americans watches more than one game per weekend.

Steelers battle Oilers in key AFC clash

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Lose, and they have no chance to defend their AFC Central Division title, no chance to claim home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. Lose, and their only chance at the playoffs is a possible wild card.

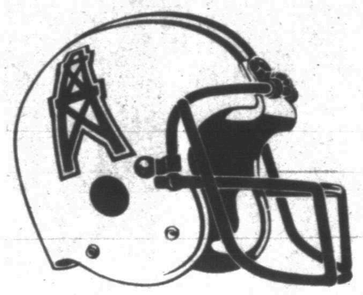
But what the Pittsburgh Steelers worry most about losing in Sunday's AFC Central showdown against the Houston Oilers is their edge.

An emotional, tightrope-walking team that sometimes resembles the dynasty Steelers of the '70s, and, on less-intense weeks, the do-nothing Steelers of the '80s, these Steelers usually are at their best against the best.

So what will they be Sunday — fired up or fired upon?

"Man, I can see it in the eyes," linebacker Greg Lloyd said. "This is the game we want. It's coming down to the wire. It's either do it now or sit at home in January talking about what you should have done."

The Steelers' best games of the season — wins over New Orleans, Buffalo and Miami — were at similarly critical stages of the season. Their worst games — losses to the Rams, Broncos and Oilers



— were when they were flat and uninspired.

The Steelers know what the Oilers did to them three weeks ago in the Astrodome, beating them 23-3 to wrest the division advantage — at least psychologically — from them. The Steelers haven't been swept in the season series by Houston since 1989, when Pittsburgh avenged those defeats by eliminating the Oilers in the playoffs.

"We've got to be fired up, flying to the ball ... that's the way we've got to play," Lloyd said. "These guys (the Oilers) stand in the way of something we want to accomplish. We've got to put guys on their butts or whatever it takes to win this game."

The Oilers (9-4) haven't won in Pittsburgh since 1989, but they can clinch the division by winning there Sunday. They would lead the Steelers (8-5) by two games with two to play and would own the tie-breaking edge by virtue of a 6-0 division record.

With running back Barry Foster (sprained left ankle) still uncertain, and quarterback Neil O'Donnell's right arm showing the effects of season-long elbow tendinitis, the Steelers know their offense can't support an emotionally flat defense.

No worry there, the Steelers say.

"If Houston isn't ready to play, they're in a lot of trouble," defensive end Donald Evans said. "It's revenge. They'd better be ready."

The Steelers' injury report didn't change Thursday, although all of their injured regulars — except Foster — returned to practice. O'Donnell, who sat out Wednesday's practice to rest his arm, ran the first-team offense and threw his normal quota of passes.

Even if Foster can't play — and he hasn't since the first quarter against Buffalo on Nov. 15 — the Oilers' Gary Jones said Pittsburgh's running game doesn't fall off with Leroy Thompson. Thompson has gained 379 yards in four-plus games since Foster was hurt.

Of course, Brown is a little prejudiced — he and Thompson were teammates at Penn State, and they remain close friends.

"He needed an opportunity to play, and he got it," Brown said. "I'm very happy for him."

Unless he beats the Oilers on Sunday, of course.

Bowl lineup

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

Friday, Dec. 17
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Utah State 42, Ball State 33

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

Saturday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, noon (ABC)

Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Fresno State (8-3) vs. Colorado (7-3-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Tuesday, Dec. 28
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Michigan State (6-5) vs. Louisville (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 29
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Wyoming (8-3) vs. Kansas State (8-2-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Brigham Young (6-5) vs. Ohio State (9-1-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Southern Cal (7-5) vs. Utah (7-5), 9 p.m. (Raycom)

Friday, Dec. 31
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Virginia Tech (8-3) vs. Indiana (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Clemson (8-3) vs. Kentucky (6-5), 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Alabama (8-3-1) vs. North Carolina (10-2), 7 p.m. (TBS)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Iowa (6-5) vs. California (8-4), 9:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Playoff pairings

Class 5A Division I
Championship
Converse Judson 36, Plano 13

Class 5A Division II
State semifinals
Lewisville 40, Temple 16
Aldine MacArthur 20, Victoria 7

State championship
Lewisville (14-0-1) vs. Aldine MacArthur (12-3), Saturday, noon, Astrodome.

Class 4A
State semifinals
Stephenville 22, Waxahachie 21
La Marque 33, Corpus Christi Calallen 31

State championship
Stephenville (15-0) vs. La Marque (14-0), Saturday, 4 p.m., Austin Memorial Stadium.

Class 3A
State semifinals
Southlake Carroll 28, Tatum 14
Cuero 32, Columbus 0

State championship
Southlake Carroll (15-0) vs. Cuero (12-2-1), Saturday, 7 p.m., Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco.

Class 2A
State semifinals
Goldthwaite 47, Pilot Point 7
Omaha Paul Prewitt 37, Wimberley 35

State championship
Goldthwaite (13-2) vs. Omaha Paul Prewitt (14-1), Saturday, 5 p.m. Fort Worth Clark Stadium.

Class A
State semifinals
Sudan 34, Crawford 8
Bremond 47, Teneha 26

State championship
Sudan (13-2) vs. Bremond (14-0-1), Saturday, 7:30 p.m., San Angelo Stadium.

Six man
State championship
Panther Creek 56, Deli City 28

Bowling News

JACK AND JILL
12-08-93

Team	W	L
Better-N-Nothing	39	17
Red Man	33	23
ESP	33	23
Misfits	31½	24½
AJ. Silkscreens	31	25
K&M Pumping	31	25
Wes Tex Drilling	30½	25½
Great Western Club	30	26
Snyder Paint & Body	30	26
Ezell-Key Grain	28	28
Pizza Inn	27½	28½
Nolan Electric	24	32
WWII	22	34
Farmers Helper	20	36
The Mechanic Shop	19	37
Payne Trucking	18½	37½

High Series: Bob Sealy 616; Bernie Sealy 576. **High game:** Bob Sealy 240; Bernie Sealy 222. **High handicap series:** Bob Sealy 682; Bernie Sealy 666. **High handicap game:** Elbert Klein 267; Bernie Sealy 252.

Converted splits: Judy Davis 4-5, Cindy Aikin 2-7; Morris Allred 3-10; Bernie Sealy 4-5-7; Bill Shaw 3-10; Vicky Renshaw 3-10; Debbie Beall 5-6-10; Helen Kellner 5-6-10; Tom Seabourn 3-10; Raymond Kellner 3-10; Charlie Teague 5-10; Melissa Vicknair 5-6; Roger Pavlik 2-7, 2-7; Mary Batchelor 3-10; Jack Beall 3-10; Jeff Kellner 3-10; Keith Bryant 5-9-10.

Most pins over average: Elbert Klein 76; Bernie Sealy 60; **Most pins over series:** Bob Sealy 100; Bernie Sealy 90.

HIS & HER
12-13-93

Team	W	L
Eddins-Walcher	33	23
Spare Me	29½	26½
Frito Lay	29	27
CAM II	27	29
The ETs	25½	30½
Scurry Co. Farm Bureau	24	32

High Series: Roy Benz 605; Zelma Irons 527. **High game:** Darrel Grant 244; Zelma Irons 190. **High handicap series:** Darrel Grant 683; Chris Collier 605; **High handicap game:** Johnny Irons 233; Carla Bradshaw 224.

Splits converted: Johnny Irons 3-9-10; R.M. Collier 5-6; Rodney Mann 3-10.

WISHBALL
12-16-93

Team	W	L
The Shack	107	61
Barq's Root Beer	92	76
Poor Boys	86½	81½
Energy Electric	85½	82½
Fox Trot	82½	85½
CAM Wireline	80½	87½
Super Stars	72½	95½
High Rollers	65½	102½

High Series: Robbye Goodspeed 591. **High game:** Don Bradshaw 220. **High handicap series:** Jim Whitney 681. **High handicap game:** Matt Lyle 250.

200-500: Jim Whitney 206, 206, 582; Don Bradshaw 220, 550; David Lyle 201, 565; Lynn Smith 203, 564; Rick Mammolite 202, 561; Keith Bryant 213, 552; Robbye Goodspeed 230, 591; Matt Lyle 210, 532; Dan Hanak 504; Bo Lowrance 544; Roger Pavlik 500; Monte West 561; Steve James 214, 546.

Converted splits: Russell Lloyd 3-10, 3-10; Rogar Warr 3-10.

COMMERCIAL
12-14-93

Team	W	L
Stephen's Office Supply	182	118
WTP Energy	135½	125
Bar-H-Bar	165½	134½
McDonald's	156	144
Jack's	153	147
Double M	150	150
Snyder Savings	149½	150½

High Series: Clint Gregory 621. **High game:** Clint Gregory 232. **High handicap series:** Greg Hodge 663. **High handicap game:** Dan Hanak 248.

Splits converted: Robert Early 3-4-10, 3-9-10; Darrel Grant 3-10; Mike Levens 3-7, 4-5-7; J.C. Harrison 3-6-7-10, 3-10; Strick Posey 4-5; David Lyle 4-5-7.

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Strike Force	33	23
CNB	33	23
Louise's	30	26
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American Legion	25	31
B&B	23	33
Great Western Club	16	40

Splits converted: Wanda McAnelly 5-10; Wanda Johnston 3-10; Marsha Cribbs 6-7-10; Lujean Eckert 4-5-7; Dorris Martin 3-6-7; Elizabeth Featherston 5-10; Dot Motley 3-10; Alma Posey 3-10; Bonnie McDorman 2-7.

200-500: Dana Stone 514; Bonnie McDorman 200, 524; Alma Posey 522.

NFL glance

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	9	4	0	.692	268	226
Buffalo	9	4	0	.692	236	184
N.Y. Jets	8	5	0	.615	249	179
Indianapolis	4	9	0	.308	169	290
New England	2	11	0	.154	147	242
Central						
Houston	9	4	0	.692	308	214
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	269	230
Cleveland	6	7	0	.462	236	257
Cincinnati	1	12	0	.077	138	279
West						
Kansas City	9	4	0	.692	256	213
LA Raiders	8	5	0	.615	246	248
Denver	8	5	0	.615	320	231
San Diego	6	7	0	.462	221	225
Seattle	5	8	0	.385	213	244

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-N.Y. Giants	10	3	0	.769	245	158
Dallas	9	4	0	.692	294	206
Philadelphia	5	8	0	.385	199	245
Phoenix	4	9	0	.308	252	226
Washington	3	10	0	.231	188	276
Central						
Green Bay	8	5	0	.615	275	231
Detroit	8	5	0	.615	231	203
Chicago	7	6	0	.538	211	177
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	212	254
Tampa Bay	4	9	0	.308	183	307
West						
San Francisco	9	4	0	.692	377	231
New Orleans	7	6	0	.538	257	269
Atlanta	6	7	0	.462	272	307
LA Rams	4	9	0	.308	184	304

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Saturday, Dec. 18
Denver at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
Dallas at New York Jets, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 19
Atlanta at Washington, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles Rams at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.
New England at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
San Francisco at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 20
New York Giants at New Orleans, 9 p.m.

SDN sports week

Monday, Dec. 20

Basketball

Snyder Tigers host San Angelo Lake View. JV game begins at 6 p.m. Varsity game begins at 7:30 p.m.

Snyder Lady Tigers at Coahoma. JV game begins at 2 p.m. Varsity game begins at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

Basketball

Ira at Aspermont. Girls game at 6:30 p.m. Boys game at 8 p.m.

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Scurry County 4-H Livestock Show winners

The Scurry County 4-H Livestock Show was held Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum Ag Annex. 4-H members exhibited livestock projects in preparation for the upcoming Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and major state shows.

Miles Dabovich, Kent County Extension Agent, served as judge.

Results of the hog show were as follows.

—Light Weight Duroc: Dana Stribling, 1; Sterling Doty, 2.

—Middle Weight Duroc: Laurie Huddleston, 2; Chance Tatum, 2; Tosha Walker, 3.

—Heavy Weight Duroc: Jacinda Judah, 1; Jenise Judah, 2.

—Champion Duroc, Jacinda Judah; Reserve Champion Duroc, Laurie Huddleston.

—Light Weight OPB: Rad Eicke, 1; Sally Barham, 2.

—Middle Weight OPB: Sally Barham, 1; Sterling Doty, 2; John Ryan Ramus, 3.

—Heavy Weight OPB: Jay Doty, 1; Dana Sterling, 2.

—Champion OPB: Rad Eicke, Reserve Champion OPB, Jay Doty.

Light Weight Hampshire: Rad Eicke, 1; T'Lead Eicke, 2; Laurie Huddleston, 3; John Ryan Rasmus, 4.

—Heavy Weight Hampshire: Jay Doty, 1; Sally Barham, 2; Dana Stribling, 3; John Ryan Rasmus, 4.

—Champion Hampshire: Rad Eicke.

—Reserve Champion Hampshire, T'Leah Eicke.

—Light Weight Crossbred: Rad Eicke, 1; Riley Ann Tatum, 2; Middle Weight Crossbreed: Jacinda Judah, 1; Jenise Judah, 2; John Ryan Rasmus, 4; Dana Stribling, 4.

—Champion Crossbred: Jacinda Judah; Reserve Champion Crossbred, Rad Eicke.

—Grand Champion Hog: Jacinda Judah.

—Reserve Grand Champion Hog: Rad Eicke.

Results from the Lamb Show were as follows.

—Champion Southdown: Jenise Judah.

—Reserve Champion Southdown: Jacinda Judah.

—Light Weight Finewool Crossbred: Stephanie Perkins, 1; Katie Voss, 2; Kendra Helms, 3; Shelley York, 4.

—Heavy Weight Finewool Crossbred: Shelley York, 1; Kendra Helms, 2; Keila Helms, 3; Shelley York, 4.

—Champion Finewool Crossbred: Shelley York.

—Reserve Champion Finewool Crossbred: Kendra Helms.

—Light Weight Medium Wool: Stephanie Perkins, 1; Katie Voss, 2; Katie Voss, 3.

—Heavy Weight Medium Wool: Kendra Helms, 1; Shelley York, 2; Keila Helms, 3.

—Champion Medium Wool: Stephanie Perkins.

—Reserve Champion Medium Wool: Kendra Helms.

—Grand Champion Lamb: Stephanie Perkins.

—Reserve Champion Lamb, Shelley York.

—Champion British Breeds: Randi Reed; Reserve Champion British Breeds, Elyse Merritt.

—Light Weight Crossbred: Morgan Miller, 1; Riley Ann Tatum, 2; Chad Beaver, 3

—Middle Weight Crossbred: Elyse Merritt, 1; Elyse Merritt, 2; Cody Beaver, 3.

—Heavy Weight Crossbred: Elyse Merritt, 1; Randi Reed, 2; Malorye Miller, 3.

—Champion Crossbred: Elyse Merritt.

—Reserve Champion Crossbred, Elyse Merritt.

—Grand Champion Steer: Elyse Merritt.

—Reserve Grand Champion Steer: Elyse Merritt.

—Kati Harper received a blue ribbon for exhibiting poultry.

For more 4-H Livestock Show pictures please see page 11A.

Traylor graduates

Bobby Jon Traylor graduated from Texas A&M Friday, earning a degree in sports management.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Traylor of Snyder and Dr. and Mrs. Michael Rush of New Haven, Conn.

Traylor also graduated from Snyder High School and Western Texas College.

He served as president of the Texas A&M Sports Management Society and was a member of North American Society of Sports Managers, Aggie Alliance, Phi Theta Kappa, the A&M Student Senate and the A&M Singing cadets.

He was also named to *Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities.*

Taylor was named the Outstanding Young Writer of America in 1990. He also was the writer and director of *I Love This Job,* performed at A&M University.

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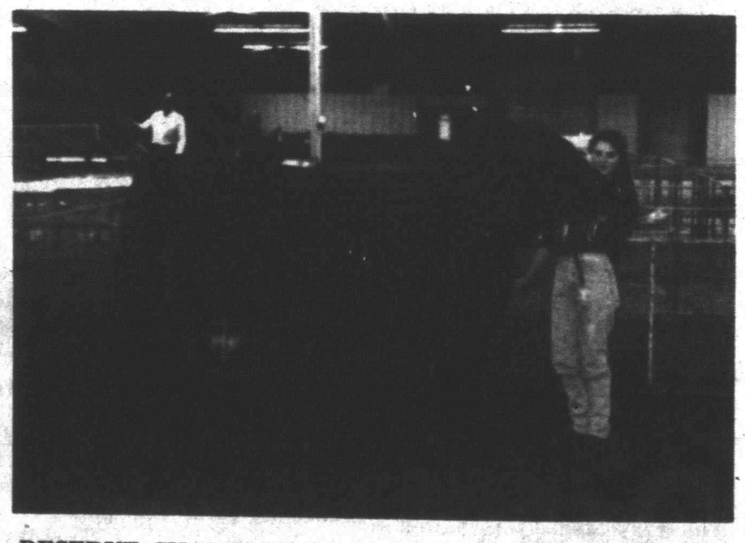
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BLUE RIBBON — Kati Harper exhibited a blue ribbon pen of commercial poultry at the Scurry County 4-H Livestock Show. (Contributed Photo)



GRAND CHAMPION STEER — Elyse Merritt exhibited the Grand Champion Steer during the Scurry County 4-H Livestock Show. (Contributed Photo)



RESERVE CHAMPION STEER — Elyse Merritt exhibited the Reserve Champion Steer during the Scurry County 4-H Livestock Show. (Contributed Photo)

Senior Center lists holiday closing dates

The Senior Center will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Christmas holiday. Senior citizens are reminded that a New Year Eve's Party is planned in the center on Dec. 31 starting at 10:30 a.m.

Skip Bo will be the feature of Monday's Game Day in the center, with play beginnng at 9:30 a.m. There will also be a snooker tournament.

The Scurry County chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet in the center at 5:30 p.m. Monday and prospective new members are welcome. The Golden K Kiwanis Club will hold its meeting at noon on Tuesday.

Hoss Clayton's band will be performing in the dining room at 11 a.m. Tuesday. The Sunshine Choir will perform at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Because of the holiday closing, the clogging class which usually meets on Wednesday afternoons has been canceled for this week. It will resume on Dec. 29.

Senior citizens interested in helping with the distribution of surplus commodities each month are reminded that they should plan to attend a training session at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 13. Everyone who receives the commodities must be re-certified in January and the Senior Center volunteers help them fill out the required forms. Senior citizens wanting more information about volunteering for this program are invited to contact Pamela Fenton, activities director for the center.

Montel's plan

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Montel Williams thinks lawyers should do more for young people.

The talk show host issued a challenge Thursday to attorneys: Take time each week to providing free assistance for children.

"What makes a person a role model is what they can give back to society," Williams told a gathering of the Clark County Bar Association.

The group gave him a public service award for his work with young people.

Williams, who has a home in Las Vegas, made his own television special at the Southern Desert Correctional Center in Indian Springs, Nev. The show has young people talking with prisoners and legal experts. It will run on CBS in February.

Adams concert

HONG KONG (AP) — Bryan Adams will perform in Ho Chi Minh City in what promoters said will be Communist Vietnam's first large rock concert.

Adams, who is touring Asia, will play the Pham Dinh Phuong stadium on Jan. 16. A crowd of 5,000 to 6,000 is expected.

Adams, 33, has sold over 30 million albums and co-wrote the hit single "(Everything I Do) I Do It For You."

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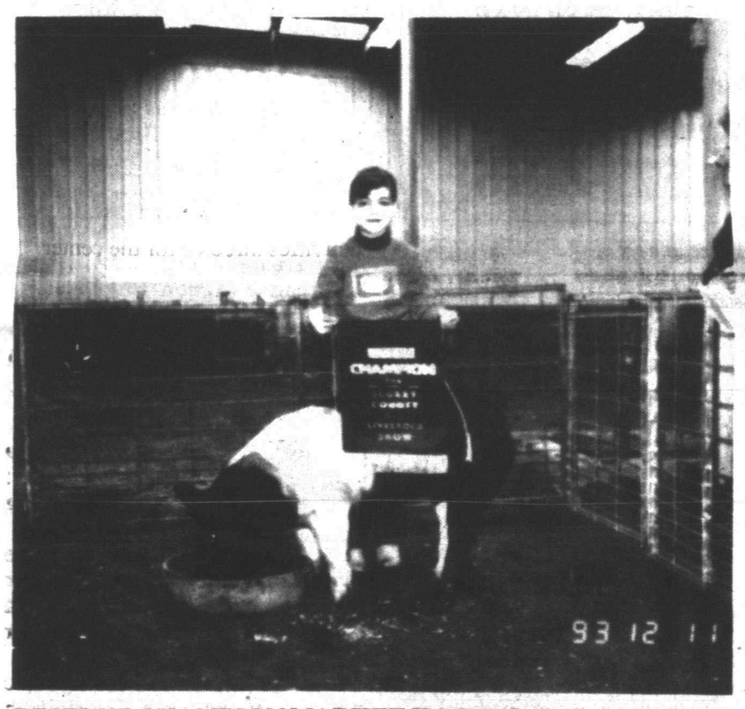
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RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB — (Left to right) Reserve Champion Lamb of the Scurry County 4-H Livestock Show, exhibited by Shelley York, and the Grand Champion Lamb, exhibited by Stephanie Perkins. (Contributed Photo)



GRAND CHAMPION MARKET HOG — Rad Eicke exhibited the Grand Champion Market Hog during the Scurry County 4-H Livestock Show. (Contributed Photo)



RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET HOG — Jacinda Judah exhibited the Reserve Champion Market Hog during the Scurry County 4-H Livestock Show. (Contributed Photo)

Rowlands to get career award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gena Rowlands will receive a career achievement award at the Sundance Film Festival for her contribution to independent films.

The star of "A Woman Under the Influence" and "Gloria" will receive the honor in Park City, Utah, on Jan. 22, festival organizers said Thursday.

Called the Piper-Heidsieck Tribute to Independent Vision, past winners include Denzel Washington and John Turturro.

Miss Rowlands, 59, appeared in films directed by her late husband, John Cassavetes. In addition to stage and television work, her film credits include "The High Cost of Loving," "Lonely are the Brave" and the upcoming "Parallel Lives."

Newspaper's intervention helps 'whiz'

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas-area man was so good at an on-line computer network's quiz that he was booted off, on the assumption he just HAD to be doing something improper to score that high.

But after complaining to a newspaper action line, Bernard C. Schwal, 44, of Carrollton, Texas, is back on line again with Prodigy, where he is free to once again demonstrate his mental prowess.

Schwal, a traveling salesman for a Binghamton, N.Y., company that makes mortar mixers, concrete vibrators and other construction equipment, happened upon Prodigy's trivial contests — Guts and Frantic Guts — after becoming a paying member of the on-line entertainment service Sept. 30.

Within a month, he was kicked off Prodigy.

Guts is a trivia game revolving around the number seven. Players get a total of seven minutes over seven days to answer seven questions that have seven answers.

But the questions come one at a time. Each question is worth increasingly more points, and you can quit at any time and keep your score. Or you can continue to the next question, but if you miss, your score drops to zero and you're out. The highest score among those left standing after a week wins.

Schwal's crime turned out to be not just winning, but winning by incredible margins.

"There were some very, very high scores recorded which led to a misunderstanding about the scores," said Brian Ek, who is Prodigy's communications manager.

Prodigy managers were "looking at scores that were way, way above anything that anybody has been able to push it, by a factor of two or three times," Ek said.

Schwal says he spent around $300 checking out stocks, playing Frantic Guts and using Prodigy's other services in the one month he was on line before being kicked off. Then Prodigy booted him, giving him no explanation other than "misuse of the service."

Schwal then took his complaint to the action line of The Dallas Morning News. The newspaper called Prodigy, which reinstated Schwal.

Prodigy's legal staff determined that Schwal, an everyday American and not a computer hacker, was beating the system the old-fashioned way — with non-electronic skill, however obscure, Ek said.

"You may be sitting (in Texas) with the trivia king of the U.S., because he obviously is very good," said Ek, who admitted that "we overreacted."

Schwal says his job and social circumstance propelled him into trivia stardom. He frequently lives from motel to motel in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Mississippi while on the road for his employer.

Single, he frequents a lot of lounges. These days, a bar stool is not just a convenient place to grab a draft or chat up a waitress. On the counters are jukeboxes for trivia players.

At a quarter a pop, Schwal has become expert, spending $3 or $4 a night on the most important topics of the day, from entertainment to sports to sex.

So, he says, he was thrilled to discover Guts and not surprised to perform well at it. By the week of Oct. 23, he had logged a score of 2,310. His nearest rival logged 910.

In the week of Oct. 30, he was working on a "dream game." He was unconscious, hitting the trivia equivalent of holing a chip from a sand trap. He was just about to complete a 6,000-point game when he was cut off. "I just couldn't get anything wrong," Schwal moans.

With just seven questions, players with good reference books have plenty of time to find answers to questions, even if they're being asked how many spots there are on the 101 Dalmatians. And Schwal admittedly is fond of reference works.

His favorite reading is such material as Video Movie Guide 1989 or books of reviews by Leonard Maltin or Roger Ebert. While he travels, he reads USA Today.

At home, he has saved every issue of Entertainment Weekly magazine since its founding two years ago. One of his latest fond purchases was the Mega Movie Guide, a compact disc for computers that stores 50,000 reviews.

But his immersion in popular movies, music and other such cultural imperatives is much deeper — and simple Guts was not challenging enough.

A native of Spring Valley, N.Y., he claims to have been one of the 400,000 attendees of Woodstock, the almost mythic rock festival a quarter-century ago in upstate New York. He says he possesses 2,000 vinyl record albums, 500 cassettes and a paltry 100 modern CDs.

Probation revoked for killer

KINGSVILLE (AP) — A convicted murderer, whose sentence of 10 years' probation in February outraged citizens and victims' advocates, has been sent to state prison.

Rolf Huseboe of Kingsville, convicted in the 1986 slaying of his girlfriend, Corpus Christi bartender Shelley Lynn Webster, violated his probation and had it revoked Friday. He must serve a 10-year prison term.

"He made a mistake," said 105th District Judge J. Manuel Banales. "He didn't conform and he didn't learn anything."

Last month, the prosecutor's office moved to revoke his probation on charges of sexual assault, simple assault, drinking, failing to pay fines or restitution, not reporting to his probation officer and not fully participating in rehabilitative therapy.

Banales confirmed four of the 10 counts on the motion: sexual assault, two simple assaults and drinking alcohol. Huseboe, who has denied violating his probation and has maintained his innocence in Ms. Webster's murder, said he intends to appeal Friday's decision.

The revocation was welcomed by Webster's mother, Shirley Cory of Albion, Ind.

"I'm going to have a beautiful Christmas," Ms. Cory told The Corpus Christi Caller-Times after the hearing. "Now I can relax. It's been a long ordeal.

"The only thing, of course, and I probably will always feel upset about it, is that he only got 10 years for murder."

The hearing centered on charges of sexual assault and simple assault made by a 20-year-old woman who lived with Huseboe for three weeks. Huseboe denied assaulting the woman. He said her allegations were made after he threatened to turn her in to the police for using his father's credit card without his permission.

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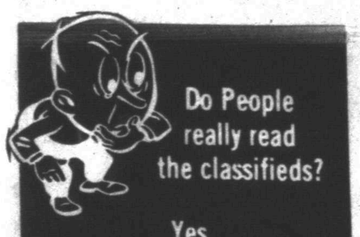
010 LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Lubbock needs custom farming service on 75 acres of Lake Alan Henry property located in southeast Garza County/ southwest Kent County. Contact Diane Locknane at the Water Utilities office at 806-767-2602 for more information, and to receive a bid packet. City of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, Tx. 79457.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Scurry County Commissioners Court will open Bid Proposals for County Health Insurance/Stop Loss Coverage on Monday, December 27, 1993 during Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office after Commissioner's Court has adjourned on Monday, December 13, 1993.



020 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Connie Miller now taking appointments at Pat Dennis Studio, 573-4814. Perms $25, cuts $7, Sr. Citizens Specials Daily.

HOLIDAY SPECIALS! Perms $25, sculptured nails $30, cut $7. All work guaranteed. Call Ericka 573-8552.

RENT A PONY for parties or fun. Supervised entertainment for your kids. 573-9004 leave message.

SHS ART CLUB will be wrapping Christmas gifts every Saturday til Christmas. Drop off gifts Saturdays at Bannerstaff 10-5.

Self Employed? Small Business? E.R.I.S.A. Health Care Plan now available, 100% tax deductible, non-cancel, any Dr., any hospital, RX cards. 1-800-894-1537.

SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME. Local person needed to screen host families and supervise high school foreign exchange students. For more information call Kathy, day 817-467-1417, eve. 817-472-9008.

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or 575-3846 (Mobile Phone)
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or 575-3283 (Mobile Phone)

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Single & Multi Trunk
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SPECIALS NOW TILL FEB. 1, 1994
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090 VEHICLES

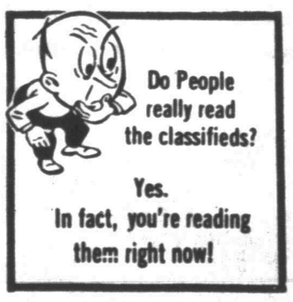
'59 Chevy Fleetside, needs some work, $1,800 or best offer. Call 573-1332 or 575-5053.

1-800-CAR-LOAN.

1986 Ford F 150, 6 cyl., auto., $3,800; 1986 Chev. Celebrity, $1,800; 1984 Olds stationwagon, $2,200. 728-3802.

1989 Ford Supercab XLT Lariet, loaded, 302 automatic, 42,250 miles, 1 yr. left on warranty. 573-0538. (correct number)

FOR SALE: 1990 Nissan pickup, 5-spd, clean, low mileage. 573-3911.



Good used cars. We do our own financing. Pieper Auto 4738 N. Hwy. 208, Colorado City 79512, 915-728-3502.

1966 Mustang for sale or trade, $1500 or equal value. Call Beacon Lodge 573-8526 Rm. #131, after 7 p.m.

1977 Shortbed Chevrolet pickup, very good condition, $1750. 573-0985.

1989 Suburban, loaded, conversion interior, 70,000 miles, $10,500. 573-9001 or 573-0774.

1987 Toyota Celica GTS, full power, electric sun roof, 5 speed, sharp! 573-0860.

WE BUY nice, low mileage, late model cars & pickups. Denson Used Cars. 301 Coliseum Dr. 573-3912.

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Before 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday

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150 BUSINESS SERVICES

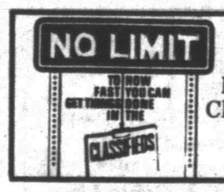
Do you have wind damaged trees? Call TURFMASTER 573-1533.

ELECTROLUX SALES & SERVICE. Repairs on all Kirby, Hoover, Rainbo, etc. All small appliances (heaters, toasters, etc.). Have bags & accessories. 606 Coliseum Dr. (Old Sears bldg.).

Repair electric water heaters, Nolan Electric. Also repair lamps. 1010 25th St., 573-5117.

WEST TEXAS Red Oaks-Chinese Pistachio. Tree pruning, . Free estimates. Linc Taylor, 915-573-8718. LANDSCAPE CREATIONS.

NEW HOME Sewing Machines. Quality Service All Machines. Stevens, 1101 James, Sweetwater, Tx. 1-235-2889.



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160 EMPLOYMENT

Applications are now being taken for a childcare position, will begin in January. Kids Kampus, 573-4848.

CHRISTMAS LEGS! Amazing Thigh Cream! As seen on TV. We have it! Call Velda 573-2755.

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Maintenance Manager

Immediate Opening. We're looking for someone to become our full-time maintenance/custodian. This position requires previous floor maintenance experience and references. Apply at YZ Industries. *No Phone Calls.*

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

NEEDED part-time Electronic Service man (TV & VCR). Strickland TV Service, 2413 College Ave. 573-6942.

WANTED: Full Charge Bookkeeper, permanent position. Snyder Business. Send resume to P.O. Box 949N, Snyder, Tx. 79550.

WANTED: Experienced truck driver at least 25 yrs. of age with crude oil hauling experience. Reputable Company of 15 yrs. 40 hrs./week & benifits. Call 1-800-580-3200 ask for Robert or Jim.

TEXAS REFINERY CORP. needs mature person now in SNYDER area. Regardless of experience, write E.G. Hopkins, Box 711, Ft. Worth, Tx. 76101.

The Texas Department of Transportation has the following job openings:

1.Maintenance Technician I-Job vacancy number 3 08 K505 109-in Sweetwater, Snyder, Roby, Jayton, Haskell, and Big Spring, Texas. Entry level position Minimum age or 18 due to Child Labor Law. $6.16 per hour.

2. Administrative Secretary-Job vacancy number 3 08 A030 110-in Jayton and Gail, Texas. Graduation from high school or equivalent plus two (2) years clerical/ secretarial experience. $1516.00 per month.

3. Assistant Maintenance Supervisor III- Job vacancy number 3 08 K535 113 in Haskell, Sweetwater, and Jayton, Texas. Graduation from high school or equivalent plus five (5) years experience in roadway maintenance work or construction work. $2095.00 per month.

Minimum age for all openings is eighteen (18) due to Child Labor Law. Related college education or technical training may be substituted for experience on a year per year basis.

Job and application information is available for viewing through the local Texas Employment Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation office at 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Phone (915) 676-6842.

All above job posting close on December 23, 1993.

An Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Employer.

RN needed for Snyder area. Home Health experience preferred.
Contact :
Medipiex Home Health
2 Village Drive, Suite 500
Abilene, Texas, 79606
915-691-5747

The Noah Project seeks to fill the position of Outreach Cooridinator. Contact TEC for application & qualifications. EOE. Deadline for applications is 12-20-93, 2 p.m.

NEED honest, dependable lady to, cook from 10:30 a.m. til 5 p.m. Sweet Shop, 2505 Ave. G.

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Thank You

To our many friends and neighbors we wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the food, cards and kind expressions of sympathy in our bereavement.

The family of J.M. "Doc" Davis
Wyvonne, David, Jason and Jeff Davis

Feeling great about

The Snyder Daily News
Classifieds

190 FINANCIAL

WANTED: 1000 new customers Loans up to $385. Phone applications welcome. Credit starter loans available. Fast, friendly service. **Call 573-1761 or come by 2604 Ave. R, Snyder, TX, 79549** at Security Finance we like to say yes!

210 WOMAN'S COLUMN

MARY KAY COSMETICS: For a complimentary facial and reorders, call Geraldine Thames, 915-573-9433, 1808 38th St., Snyder.

MARY KAY COSMETICS. Complimentary facial. Barbara Burney 573-9969.

PROFESSIONAL ALTERATIONS and sewing for Men and Women. Bernina Sewing Center, 2519 College, 573-0303.

221 FARM EQUIPMENT

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

YOU ALWAYS HIT THE MARK WITH THE CLASSIFIEDS 573-5486

250 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

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

260 MERCHANDISE

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

CONVALESCENT NEEDS
Wheel Chairs, Walkers, Canes, Home Blood Pressure Kits, Etc. Sales & Rentals.
McWILLIAMS PHARMACY
3706 College 573-7582

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

Dooney Bourke Purses now for Christmas. 406 E. Hwy or call 573-7763 after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: IBM PS1 computer, hard drive, color monitor, $700. 573-7934.

MESQUITE FIREWOOD for sale. For more information call 573-4111 or 573-0727.

MIXED FIREWOOD: Cords, ½ cords, delivered, 24", 20", 18" & split. 573-5548.

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

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

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

RENT TO OWN: New satellite with descrambler. Stricklands TV Service, 2413 College Ave., 573-6942.

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

We Sell & Service most brands of Satallites. Stricklands TV Service, 2413 College Ave., 573-6942. New rental accounts, pay 2 weeks and get Christmas week FREE! TV's, VCR's, washers, dryers, etc.

Windsocks make great Christmas Gifts! **Bannerstaff**, north side of square.

FOR SALE: 386-40, VGA MONO, 40 MEG HD, 1.4 Flpy, windows, $500. 2709 Ave. Q. 573-7138.

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

FOR SALE: 1985 Honda CR 80 motorcycle, race modified, new rear tires, $350; 14" round trampoline, good condition, $250. 573-4408 after 5:00, leave message.

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

FOR SALE: G.E. microwave; double window, custom lined, floor length pink drapes with valance; chest type freezer. All like new. 573-0397.

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

Classified
The link between buyer and seller

310 GARAGE SALES

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

MOVING SALE
309 25th
Saturday 12 til all is gone
Everything must go! Couch, RCA TV, coffee/end tables, lamp, almond ice box w/ ice maker, almond elec. stove, double bedroom suite w/ dresser & night stand, queen size waterbed complete, home interior, clothes, shoes, & misc.

290 DOGS, PETS, ETC.

ALL BREEDS GROOMING. Collars, Leashes, Harnesses. Hill's Science Diet Dog Food. Scurry County Vet Clinic, 573-1717.

AKC Chihuahua puppies for sale: Cute for Christmas. 573-1338.

CHRISTMAS AKC registered, deer face, Chihuahua puppies for sale, 2 males, $100 each. 573-4143 after 5:30.

FOR SALE: Pomeranians, 6 colors, will hold for Christmas. 915-728-8093 (Colorado City).

HAPPY JACK TRIVERMICIDE: Recognized safe & effective by U.S. Center for Veterinary Medicine against hook, round, & tapeworms in dogs & cats. Available O-T-C at EZELL KEY FEED & SEED 573-6691.

PAMPERED PET SALON: 509 Coliseum Dr. (East Hwy). All breeds groomed. Call for information 573-1387 or 863-2249 Carla Bennett.

Rabbits For Sale. Come by 1906 West Dr. to see.

BEELINE IT TO THE CLASSIFIEDS
THEY'RE BUZZIN' WITH ACTION

320 RENT OR LEASE

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

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

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

WHAT NOT STORAGE BUILDING: Different sizes, now ready. Also RV spaces available. 573-2326.

325 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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

FOR RENT: Efficiency apartment, furnished or unfurnished, some bills paid. Call 573-8018.

Windridge Village
Balloon Burst Special
DECEMBER SPECIAL
Be The One To Win A Free Months Rent On A 1 Or 2 Bedroom Apartment.
5400 College Ave. 573-0879

330 HOUSES FOR RENT

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

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

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

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

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

340 MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

$136.27 per month buys BEAUTIFUL two bedroom mobile home. 5 year warranty. 10% down, 180 months, 9.5% APR. Homes of America-Odessa. (800) 725-0881 or (915) 363-0881.

Finance company sacrafice. 3 bedroom double-wide completely remodeled. $16,500. Homes of America-Odessa. (800) 725-0881 or (915) 363-0881.

FOR SALE: 14x80, 3-2, on large fenced lot, nice trees, owner finance, $500 down, $300 month. 573-2251.

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

REDUCED 1983 Breck 14x80, may be moved, or lease lot. Call 573-3781.

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Looking to Move Up? Look to
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We Have It All: Come and See!
•2 Bedrooms
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One Bedroom
From $193 to $204
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From $232 to $248
MOVE IN NOW!!!
Designer decorated, energy efficient with modern appliances, central heat and air. Laundry, large play area. Conveniently located near schools, churches, shopping. Resident Mgr.
Family Living At Its Best, In A Quiet Neighborhood
Come By 100 37th Street or Call 573-5261
Equal Housing Opportunity

Snyder Daily News 573-5486

360 REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE: Duplex, great location, good rental property, 2710 Ave. U. 573-0136 or 573-7559 after 5.

FOR SALE: 2906 El Paso, 3-2-2, brick, fireplace, CH/A, large lot, fruit trees, low $50's. 573-2754.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Commercial 110' frontage x 210' deep. East 37th St. Will owner finance. 573-2824.

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

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

Wenona Evans	573-8165
Doris Beard	573-8480
Clarence Payne	573-8927
573-NEWS #209	

THE CLASSIFIEDS 573-5486

611 East Highway
JACK & JACK Realtors
573-8571 573-3452

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

Faye Blackledge	573-1223
Lenora Boydstun	573-6876
Louise Ball	573-2969
Pat Cornett	573-1818
Dolores Jones	573-3452

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

Elizabeth Potts Realtors 573-8505 1707 30th Street

Exxon Comm. Bldg., $59T.
Country, 3-2 with acreage.
3725 Ave. V, 3-1-1, $32T.
1001 Ave. E, 4-2-3, $49,500.
3602 44th, 3-2-2, $55T.
C-City Lake, 3-2-2, $70's.
3301 Houston, 3-2-2, $59T.
4111 Eastridge. 3-2-2, $34,500.
Westridge, 4-3½, CP.
4200 Lubbock, 3-2-2, plus shop.
4500 Galveston, 3-2-2, $89,500.
3808 Galveston, 3-2, $45T.
2202 43rd, 3-2, 48,500.
Cedar Creek, 3-3-2.
3205 Ave. A, 4-2-CP, $25T.
Irving, 3-1, $30's.
3782 Avondale, 3-2, $40's.
3725 Sunset, 3-1-1, 20's.
4501 Denison, 3-2-CP, $49,500.
IRA, 2 nice homes, 3-2½.

Annette Waller	573-9467
Jackie Buckland	573-8193
Margaret Birdwell	573-6674
Elizabeth Potts	573-4245

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

Plant a classified ad... and reap a cash crop. 573-5486

STEVENSON REAL ESTATE 4102 College WEEKDAYS 573-5612 or 573-1755

2972 sq. ft., 4-3½, playrm, pool.
3711 Noble, 3-2, CH/A.28.250T
3600 Irving, 3-1, CH/A. 36T
3717 Avondale, 3b, n/cpet. 35T
3702 Muriel, 2-2, CH/A. 33T
2225 Sunset, 3-1, sunrm. 35T
N of Union, 3-1-2, 10A. 51.5T
4200 Lubbock, 3-2-2, shop.66T
3007 El Paso, 3-2, pl/pl.hs.89.5T
1800 37th, lrg. 3 bd., 3 bth, lrg. den, w/guest house. 85T
3112 Ave. C, 4-1-1, w/w. 39T
Cedar Creek, 3-2-2, 2 lv/a.85T
2201 43rd, 3-1, ch/a. 42.5T
2200 40th, 3-1, ch/a. 30T
3-2, den, shop, CH/A, red. 32T
New List, Col. Hill 3-2 69.9T
Lg. Country Home, 5 ac.110T
2202 43rd, 3-2, den. 48.5T
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Senators want Packwood out

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — More senators, including a prominent fellow Republican, are calling for Bob Packwood to step down following allegations of sexual misconduct and possible obstruction of a congressional investigation.

Senator Packwood is effectively at war with the Ethics Committee,'' Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., the Senate's senior female, said Friday. ''I believe he should resign.''

Another Republican, Sen. Bob Bennett of Utah, stopped short of calling for the Oregon senator's resignation but said it looks like Packwood can no longer serve effectively.

Packwood's office had no comment.

Three Democratic senators who earlier called for Packwood's resignation — Robert Byrd of West Virginia, Daniel Inouye of Hawaii and Barbara Boxer of California — were joined by six more Friday.

A survey by The Associated Press found that senators Harris Wofford of Pennsylvania, Harry Reid of Nevada, Paul Simon of Illinois, Russell Feingold and Herbert Kohl of Wisconsin, and Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut agree that Packwood should resign.

A number of women, including Senate employees and lobbyists, have accused Packwood of making unwanted sexual advances. Some said Packwood tried to intimidate them into keeping quiet.

The Justice Department and the Ethics Committee have subpoenaed Packwood's diaries and the committee went to federal court to enforce its demand.

While U.S. District Judge Thomas P. Jackson is not expected to rule until next year, the court took custody of the diaries Thursday. Packwood's former secretary, who transcribed the diaries from tapes, said in a sworn statement that the senator altered some of the tapes when he suspected a subpoena was on the way last fall.

In addition to the sexual misconduct allegations, the committee is considering whether the alleged tape alteration amounts to obstruction of a congressional investigation.

''I believe we've wasted enough taxpayers' money on Bob Packwood,'' Reid said. ''Sen. Byrd said it the right way: He should have the good grace to leave.''

Two other Democratic senators — Kent Conrad of North Dakota and Dale Bumpers of Arkansas — did not call for Packwood to step down but said it might be best if he did.

2 arrested by local PD

Snyder police made two arrests and filed reports of theft and criminal mischief Friday.

Police were called to a disturbance at Allsup's at 11:59 a.m. where they arrested a 59-year-old man for public intoxication.

At 3:32 p.m., officers were notified of a family disturbance in the 500 block of 29th Street. Police arrested a 27-year-old man for assault/family violence.

Ruben Pesina contacted police at 7:03 a.m. Friday to report damage to a vehicle at Nix's Auto. A report for Class A criminal mischief was filed.

At 3:51 p.m., police were notified that a customer had left Skinny's on Coliseum Drive without paying for $35 worth of gasoline. A report for Class B theft was filed.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM — Ira School's second and third grade classes presented separate Christmas programs for Ira students in kindergarten through the 5th grade, Snyder Nursing Center and Snyder Oaks. Sandra Gardner teaches second grade and Gale Northcott is the third grade teacher. Students from left are, back row, Celeigh Sterling, Stephan Kirk, Tyler Frey, Mark Espinoza, Candy Rose, Geoffry Pinkerton, Michelle Nettles, Tim Huddleston and Colter Brown; third row: Lindsey Wilson, Ryan Higgins, Kali Clements, Rusty Josey, Vanessa Espinoza, Amy Strong, Alana Pulis, Phillip Payne and Brandon Graves; second row: Jakes Barnes, John Gainer, Franki Briseno, Chad Everton, Michael Allen, Wes White, Amanda Calley and Joel Watson; front row: Candace Sanchez, Jess Wall, Jeffrey Garner and Bubba Walker. (SDN Staff Photo)

Budget gap not as bad

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's anticipated budget gap has been revised to about $31 billion — far less than earlier thought — and won't be severe enough to derail military strategy, President Clinton and his advisers say.

Leon Panetta, director of the Office of Management and Budget, last week had estimated a Pentagon budget shortfall of $40 billion to $50 billion over the next five years. That prompted concerns over further cuts in military spending and to speculation of a White House-Pentagon rift.

But three administration officials who briefed reporters Friday produced the revised estimate of $31 billion and said the problem can be worked out. President Clinton said much the same thing.

''We haven't got all the answers yet, but I was most encouraged that OMB and the Council of Economic Advisers and the Pentagon all agreed that the number is considerably smaller than $50 billion,'' Clinton said. He spoke to reporters after a holiday event in the East Room.

Despite the still-large shortfall, the president has pledged to support the military strategy and force structure developed by Defense Secretary Les Aspin, the advisers said.

On Thursday, Clinton named retired Adm. Bobby Inman to replace Aspin, who resigned Wednesday.

Hugo, Okla....

Ex-convict kills two, self in shooting spree

HUGO, Okla. (AP) — An angry ex-convict bought an assault rifle from a pawn shop and opened fire in a store parking lot, killing two people before driving down a dead-end road to end his own life.

David Mack Flinn, 39, remained a mystery Saturday as police struggled to find a motive in the shootings, which injured three others Friday in this southeastern Oklahoma town of 6,000.

Detectives from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation searched Flinn's trailer home in neighboring Grant and interviewed relatives for clues to the private, violent vendetta of the single, unemployed man.

This is what they know:

Hours before the 11:14 a.m. shootings, Flinn lodged a complaint about a neighbor shooting his dog.

''I'll prosecute this myself,'' Flinn told a deputy before storming out of the sheriff's office. A Choctaw County Sheriff's deputy who checked out the complaint found no dog and no sign of violence at Flinn's house.

Flinn's next stop was a pawn shop, where he lied about his string of theft and burglary convictions to buy the .223-caliber semiautomatic assault rifle and ammunition.

About two hours later, Luke Sheehan, 52, and Mary Sheehan, 49, were killed as they walked out of Wal-Mart, the bureau said.

''It was just bam, bam, bam,'' said Mary Lou Wilkins, who works in the shopping center. ''I thought, this is not for real. And then I saw people ducking and running.

''There was fire coming out of his gun. Then he took off and there were people lying there on the ground.''

Bullets injured two people, including a woman hospitalized with a gunshot wound to the leg and a woman who was grazed by a bullet and also was cut by flying glass from the shattered storefront; a third victim was injured by glass.

''We're very fortunate that more people aren't dead,'' Hugo Police Chief Roylia Akins told the Tulsa World. ''The store was pretty well packed. We thank God it was only two.''

Minutes later, Flinn was found dead in his truck on a dirt road a few miles away, said the bureau. Three guns and ammunition were in his truck. Police found another rifle in Flinn's home.

Investigators initially said the Sheehans were his intended victims, but later backed away from that.

''Basically this is just a random shooting,'' Assistant District Attorney Clark LeForce said.

Flinn's rap sheet lists a string of burglary and theft convictions in Pamona, Calif., and Dallas between 1976 and 1987. He also pleaded guilty in 1979 to assault with a deadly weapon in San Bernadino, Calif., records show.

''People are alarmed,'' said Judy Wilson of the Hugo Chamber of Commerce, characterizing the shooting as ''something that happens in large towns.''

But Boise, Idaho, and Chelsea, Mich., were the scenes of shootings Thursday that killed a total of three people.

On Tuesday, four people were killed at a Denver pizza parlor by a disgruntled ex-employee.

On Dec. 7, a gunman walked through a Long Island Rail Road commuter train outside New York City and shot people at random. Six people died. Authorities said the suspect, a black Jamaican immigrant, was driven by racial hatred.

Judge denies Jackson's gag order request

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Saying he couldn't stop public fascination with the case, a judge refused to impose a gag order on attoreys involved in the child molestation lawsuit against Michael Jackson, but made them promise to prevent leaks of especially sensitive information.

Superior Court Judge David Rothman told lawyers Friday that a gag order would not stop the publicity surrounding the case.

But lawyers agreed not to release videotape, not to discuss the testimony of minors, not to reveal details about Jackson's personal security arrangements and not to divulge psychiatric and medical reports and histories.

''All that needs to be done now is that counsel conduct ourselves ethically,'' said Larry Feldman, attorney for the 13-year-old boy who claims he was molested by Jackson.

''We'll conduct ourselves as lawyers and we'll be fine,'' said Jackson attorney Howard Weitzman.

The agreement replaced a threatened gag order on the dueling attorneys.

''I can't issue an order to control this, even though I might want to,'' Rothman said. ''... I can't stop the flood from occurring.''

Jackson's legal team had requested the gag order to silence Feldman, who represents the boy in his lawsuit against the pop singer.

Feldman has been deposing witnesses, including current and former Jackson employees, to prepare for trial in the lawsuit. The trial begins March 21, and Jackson is scheduled to be deposed Jan. 18.

Jackson attorneys argued that leaks from the depositions and other sources would prejudice potential jurors.

Jackson attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. said he was told by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office that their criminal investigation of Jackson may not be completed until February or beyond.

No criminal charges have been filed against Jackson. The singer denies any wrongdoing.

Mormon leader Joseph Smith was killed by a mob in Carthage, Ill., in 1844.

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preme Court refused to enter the dispute over the woman's refusal to give birth by Caesarean, which doctors say is necessary to save the fetus from death or brain damage.

The 22-year-old woman, a Pentecostal Christian, says she is leaving it up to God to deliver a healthy baby. She is identified in court papers only as ''Mother Doe.''

Doctors at St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago say the fetus, which is 1½ weeks shy of full term, is being deprived of oxygen and must be removed rather than waiting for a natural delivery.

Prime minister of Russia nixes more shock therapy

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's prime minister ruled out further economic shock therapy for his country following a major setback by reformers in Sunday's parliamentary elections.

In an interview with the Trud newspaper Saturday, Viktor Chernomyrdin also blamed the reformers' poor showing on the ambitions of government ministers who formed rival parties rather than unite behind President Boris Yeltsin.

Vote counting in the election continued slowly. Results released Friday showed ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky's party ahead with 23.5 percent of the vote, followed by the main pro-Yeltsin bloc, Russia's Choice, with 14.8 percent. The Communists followed with 13.3 percent.

Many of the Russians who voted for Zhirinovsky and the Communists were fed up with nearly two years of hardships that have resulted from Yeltsin's economic reform program.

Chernomyrdin defended the need for reforms, but said they had ignored the pain suffered by many Russians and had not cushioned people from the devastating effects of high inflation.

One of the main aspects of the reform was the freeing in January 1992 of many prices, which resulted in better-stocked stores but goods at prices many Russians, especially the elderly, could not afford.

Chernomyrdin said the government had to take a calm look at what to do about the course of the reforms before it decided what corrections to make.

''Of course,'' he said, ''any kind of 'shock' methods in the future should be completely ruled out.''

Bobbitt makes money off case

PITTSBURGH (AP) — What happened to John Wayne Bobbitt's private parts has been very public. So he says he's not embarrassed about trying to make a buck off his misfortune.

Bobbitt's penis was reattached after his wife, Lorena, sliced it off, claiming he had repeatedly forced her to have sex. He has been acquitted of sexual abuse charges; she faces trial on a malicious wounding charge.

''I spent a month in the hospital, naked, with nurses rubbing me down and working on me. I learned not to be bashful,'' Bobbitt said Friday as people shelled out $25 Friday for T-shirts that feature a knife-wielding woman on the front and the words ''Love Hurts'' on the back.

They shoved pens in his face for autographs. They draped their arms over his shoulder and posed for photos.

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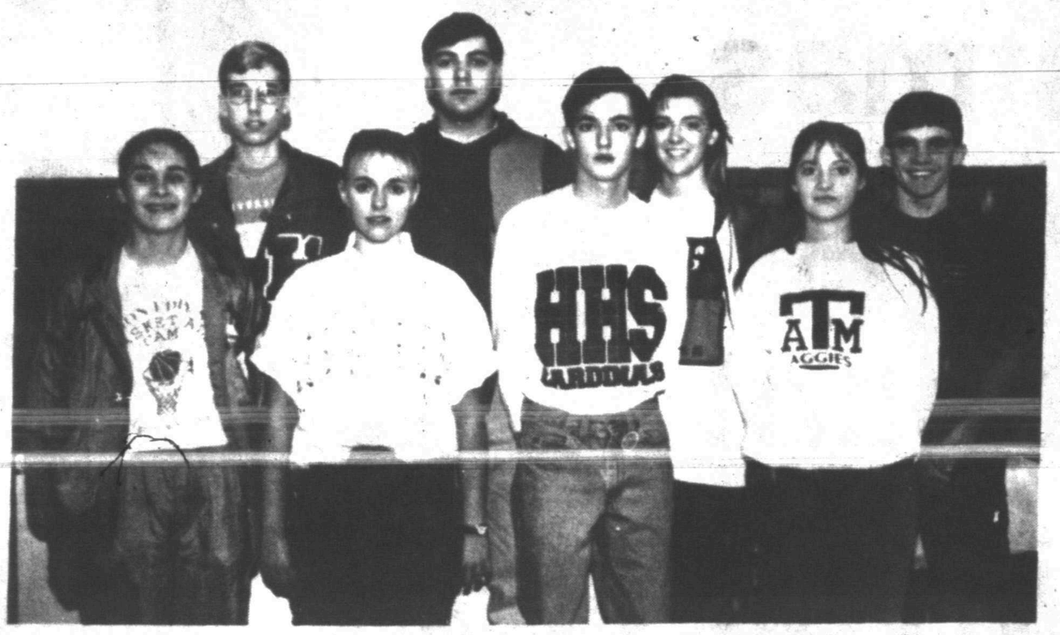
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BEST COLLECTORS — Hermleigh Beta Club members were the winners of Hermleigh School's food collection contest. They collected 140 cans. The schoolwide total was more than 470 cans. Those pictured in the front row are from left, Brandi Bates, Donnis McHaney, Charlie Sweatt and Brandy Atkinson; back row, from left, Jack Hudgins, Chris Lambaren, Sheri Sandefur and Chris Roemisch. (SDN Staff Photo)

Top contender bows out

WASHINGTON (AP) — The leading contender to become the Justice Department's civil rights chief bowed out after failing to gain sufficient support from black members of Congress.

Washington lawyer John Payton decided to withdraw his name Friday after "he realized there wasn't the support there for him" to become assistant attorney general for the Civil Rights Division, a department official said.

Some members of the Congressional Black Caucus had expressed reservations about Payton, the District of Columbia's chief counsel, because he has not voted in numerous elections. Enforcing voting rights is a big part of the Justice Department job.

Payton's decision came in a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno one day after Reno praised him as "a fine, dedicated, wonderful lawyer who would make a splendid assistant attorney general for the Civil Rights Division."

The administration had hoped the appointment of Payton, who is black, would improve President Clinton's relations with civil rights activists still angered by his abandonment of Lani Guinier's nomination to head that division.

Republican Bush formally files for 1994 gubernatorial race

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican George W. Bush formally filed for the 1994 governor's race Friday, firing salvos at Gov. Ann Richards' record on crime and education.

Bush, eldest son of the former president and managing partner of the Texas Rangers baseball team, said the fact that he hasn't held public office is one of his strongest assets.

"If you want somebody to bring stale old ideas, then elect someone who's been a part of the process. But if Texans want somebody who's got a new approach to things, then give someone a chance who maybe is not of the system," he said.

That shot was returned by Richards campaign spokesman Chuck McDonald, who said the governor — a three-term state officeholder — has been highly effective with so-called "stale" ideas.

"Her oldest, stalest idea was to reduce parole for violent offenders, which has worked pretty darned well. Another old idea was to bring new businesses to Texas by going out and selling the state, which she's done very well," McDonald said.

Bush said Richards has failed on her promise to downsize the Texas Education Agency.

"The governor promised in her State of the State address in February 1991 to 'strip TEA policies down to the bare necessities,' but then allowed the volume of TEA regulations to increase 19 percent and the number of pages of forms to grow 25 percent since she took office," Bush said.

The Republican said that if elected, he would allow more local control of schools, retaining the TEA to accredit teachers, conduct research and design a system to measure performance accurately.

Bush said he wasn't impressed with a special legislative committee now studying the state's education system.

"My answer is, let's stop studying and let's have leadership. Let's have a governor stand up and say this is absurd. We don't need a committee to tell us that our teachers and principals and administrators are being overregulated," he said.

Richards' campaign, meanwhile, called on Bush to explain exactly how he would fund public schools.

McDonald said that the Republican has suggested in interviews that the state should reverse the funding mix for public education, which currently is about 44 percent state money and 56 percent local.

"By conservative estimates, the plan would cost between $5 billion and $6 billion in the next biennium," spokesman McDonald said. "Now that Mr. Bush has officially filed for office, it's time for him to explain how he'll pay for his plan."

But Brian Berry, Bush's campaign manager, said that charge was wrong.

"A $6 billion tax increase for education is a figment of Mr. McDonald's imagination. What George W. Bush said is that the state should fund a greater share of the cost of public education, which will be phased in over several years," Berry said.

"As we have explained, revenue currently coming into the Treasury and savings in other budget areas will pay the state's new share," Berry said. "If anyone has any explaining to do for increased taxes and bad public policy, it is Gov. Richards."

Bush also criticized Richards' record on crime, even though the state has conducted a massive prison building program and new statistics show that the crime rate dropped in the most recent year.

"Statistics are statistics," Bush said. "When you travel with me and go all over this state and ask people if they feel safer, the answer is absolutely not. There is a real fear in communities."

McDonald said Department of Public Safety reports have shown a decline in crime for the past 18 months. "That's why it's unbelievable for him to even make that statement," McDonald said.

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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

Even though Christmas is still a few days away, one Snyder family has already received its most cherished present — the gift of life.

Last July, things began looking bleak for Steven Salinas, son of Prudencio (Shortie) and Janie Salinas. The fifth grader had been diagnosed with spindle cell carcinoma — a rare cancer that usually does not strike children.

Weeks of intense chemotherapy had no affect on the cancerous mass which was threatening his life. The situation grew even bleaker when doctors discovered that the tumor had started breaking up and was exerting pressure on Steven's heart and arteries. He wasn't expected to live much longer.

Surgery was Steven's only chance — a very slim one — but it was enough for Shortie and Janie, who authorized the lengthy and risky operation.

"We decided that any chance was better than none," Janie said. "We put St ven in God's hands," Shortie added.

Doctors at University Medical Center operated on Steven on Oct. 18. News of Steven's grim condition had "traveled fast" to Snyder and on the day of surgery the hospital waiting room was filled with concerned family members, friends and co-workers who took part in the long wait.

As the group waited they prayed. Shortie's Bible was always in his hands. While he waited for news of his son's survival, he shared words of comfort with a total stranger whose mother was undergoing surgery at the same time.

The operation had been estimated to last between 6 and 7 hours, but after 5½ hours the welcome word was that Steven had survived.

Doctors had expected him to be "out of it" for days, but Steven began responding to voices in his room very soon after surgery, nodding his head and moving his hand to everyone's astonishment.

Steven's recovery from surgery took days rather than weeks. He improved so rapidly that hospital staffers dubbed him the "Miracle Child" and doctors sent him home early.

Steven also required very little pain medication immediately following surgery and, after a few days, none at all.

During the lengthy operation, surgeons removed Steven's left lung, including some eight pounds of tumor — nearly all of the mass — and fluid.

Today, he receives both radiation and chemotherapy as he continues his battle toward total wellness. What the future holds is not certain, but for now Steven is winning the fight against the deadly cancer which invaded his body.

Much good has come from Steven's battle with cancer, including receiving a letter from President Bill Clinton.

That came about through the Make A Wish Foundation. After the Lubbock chapter had been notified of Steven's life-threatening illness, they contacted the family and offered Steven a wish.

Without hesitation, he said he wanted world peace. Make a Wish couldn't grant that request but when Clinton found out about it he was touched and sent Steven a very encouraging letter, enclosing a photo of himself and Hillary and another of the historic signing of the peace treaty between Israel's Prime Minister Rabin and Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader.

Make a Wish offered Steven a second wish — but they could not grant that either as he wanted a go-cart. That was too much activity for the still recovering boy, and doctors would not okay it.

Instead, Make a Wish, which grants requests to children faced with a life threatening illness, offered him a shopping spree. He received numerous items, including a Super Nintendo, computer, control car, electric guitar, Nintendo games, new parts for his Gameboy, numerous Ninja Turtle items and a Barbie doll for his younger sister, Janie, who is nine years old.

Clinton's letter was presented to Steven on Nov. 18, the day of his shopping spree. Also on that day, he was named an Honorary Citizen of Lubbock, receiving a certificate which he cherishes along with the letter.

The Salinases have also re-

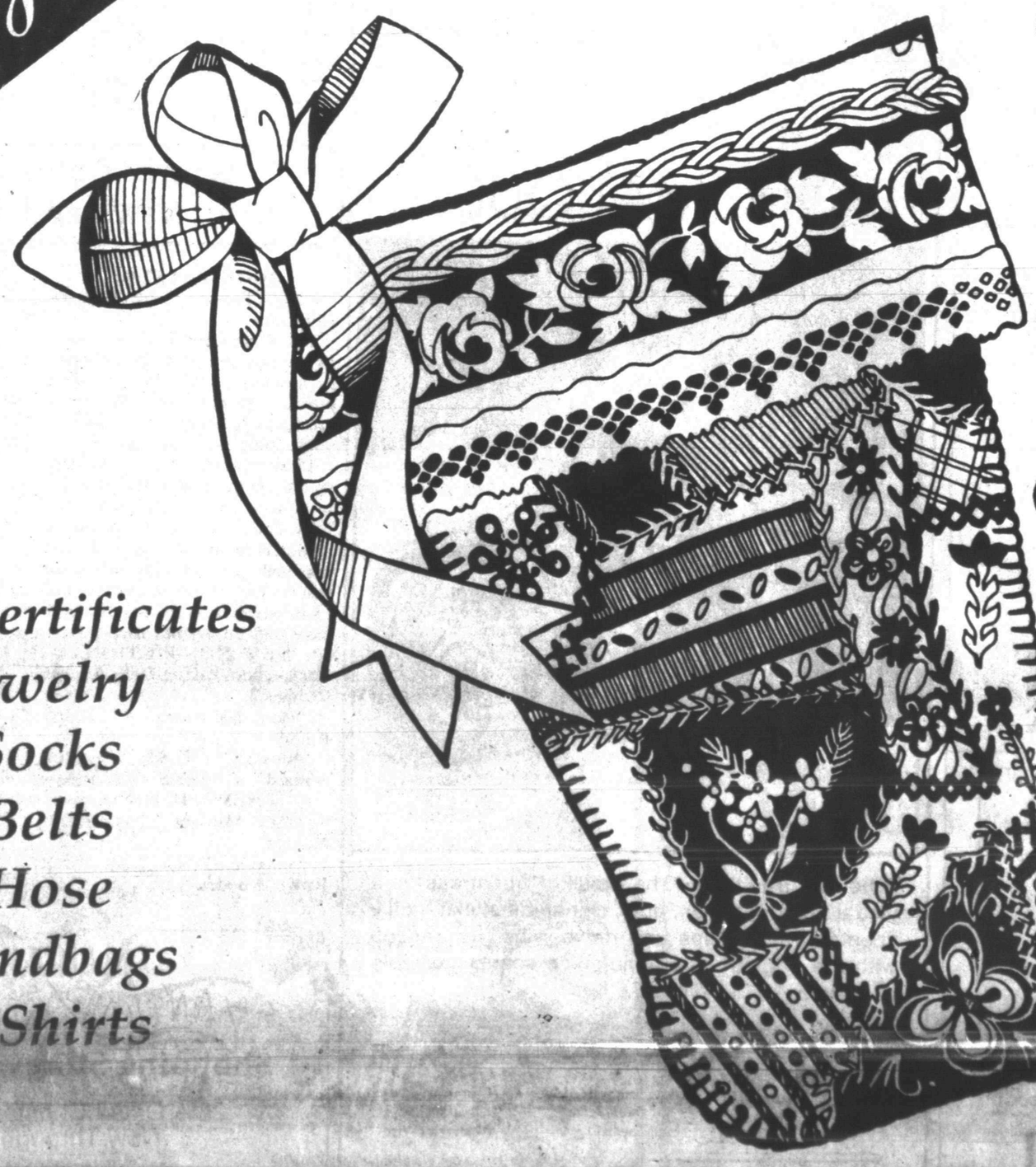
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AGAINST THE ODDS — Even though the odds have been stacked heavily against him, Steven Salinas, 10, son of Prudencio Sr. "Shortie" and Janie Salinas, has been making a remarkable recovery from a rare cancer which almost never strikes children. Bouncing back from a risky but necessary operation, Steven so astounded hospital staffers with the speed of his recovery that he has been nicknamed "The Miracle Child." A request submitted to The Make A Wish Foundation led to Steven receiving a letter from President Bill Clinton. (SDN Staff Photo)

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ceived an outpouring of community support, prayers and help. While they focused on Steven, friends helped with the couple's seven other children, whose ages range from 9 to 20.

Shortie, who works for Grimmett's at Salt Creek, was told "to take care of your boy." Coworkers' prayers united with all the others as Steven's needs were placed on prayer requests both in Snyder and other states.

Janie's co-workers at Northeast provided prayers and support.

Countless prayers offered included those by the students in Steven's fifth grade class at Northeast who prayed throughout his surgery. Janie said the students always believed Steven would survive.

He can't attend regular classes but keeps up with his schoolwork through homebound instruction.

Additional support came from the Christian nurses who took care of Steven.

Numerous community fundraisers have provided financial support.

The Salinases have only praise and gratitude for everyone in Snyder who offered support or helped in any way.

Throughout the past few months, Janie said, "While we were going through this someone always met our needs. So many people have helped us."

While Steven's illness has certainly tested the Salinas family, it also strengthened their faith in God. "Everything happens for a reason," Shortie said. "There is no end to what God can do. He alone knows the reason for this."

Shortie said they have no doubt that God heard all the prayers offered for Steven.

Steven's mother said "he has always been strong and brave." After he survived surgery, she added, "There was no slowing this child down."

Throughout his illness, Steven amazed his parents by "taking everything in stride."

"We decided that any chance was better than none...We put Steven in God's hands."

"We were more upset than was," Janie said. "Everything the doctors or nurses wanted to do he went along with it. He cried very little and never complained."

Steven's medical problems surfaced last summer with unexplained weight loss and pain in his left side. On July 27th he was admitted to Cogdell Memorial Hospital. The next day an ambulance transported him to St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Tests and X-rays revealed a dark area in his left lung which was full of fluid. The lung specialist at the hospital operated with the intention of "cleaning out the lung and getting it functioning again." However, after the tumor was discovered, he "closed him up." A biopsy of the mass was also analyzed.

Steven was then transferred to University Medical Center where a children's oncologist took over his care.

Doctors there diagnosed spindle cell carcinoma. They also sent a sample of the mass to Houston where the diagnosis was confirmed.

Since UMC has the same capabilities as Houston, the Salinases did not have to transfer their son to another hospital. Steven was given just two days to recover from his first surgery before intensive chemotherapy was begun early in August.

He remained in UMC for about six weeks, with three spent in ICU. Since the drugs made him ill and he was plagued by recurring bouts of pneunomia, he was hospitalized on and off after that first hospital stay.

At that time, Steven received an intensive dose of chemotherapy for five consecutive days, then a single dose once a week for two weeks.

The first six weeks were the hardest for the Salinas family. The situation became more discouraging after they were told that the chemotherapy has done nothing to phase Steven's cancer.

Then Steven's condition began to worsen. As the tumor began to break up, it began putting a dangerous pressure on Steven's heart and arteries.

He received blood transfusions and antibiotics for pneumonia.

Surgery was needed immediately, but was delayed slightly until a heart specialist could be present for the operation, Janie said.

In their darkest hour, Shortie said, "We did not know which way to turn. But God teaches us that we are not alone."

"People are wonderful," Shortie said.

As Steven's condition worsened and the prognosis for survival was dim, Shortie said he gave into human weakness and asked, "Why Lord? Why my boy? Why not me?"

Admitting his weakness, Shortie said he asked the Lord to "forgive me for being human and to help me though the rough spots."

Shortie said he had to step aside and "let the Lord fight this battle. Everything fell into place after that."

As a result of this experience Shortie said he has learned "not to worry about things all the time."

Besides Janie, Steven's other brothers and sisters are Prudencio Jr., 20; Lupe, 17; Consuelo, 15; Maggie, 14; Jesse, 13; and Carmen, 12.

Our minister says he's looking forward to the 25th, when he can see the folks he hasn't glimpsed since last Christmas day.

When asked where he's spending Christmas, our neighbor says he'll stay home. His money has gone already.



PATCHWORK PARTY — Patchwork Squares Extension Homemakers enjoyed a Christmas party along with their regular meeting Monday morning in the home of Cleo Clare. They also worked on reindeer cutouts for Cogdell Memorial Hospital patients. In back, from left are Terri Williams and Shaye Williams, Freida Dever and Matthew Williams; in front are, from left, Dorothy Campbell, Katrina Wemken, Ruby Clark, Cleo Clare and Dycie Kemp. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I live in a place that has lots of nut trees. It's a shame they are just left on the ground to rot — except what the squirrels get. I would like a book on how to take care of them and what they are. I would need pictures so I could identify them. I use a lot of nuts in my baking and they are very expensive. — **MARILYN KING, Elverson, Pa.**

DEAR MARILYN: We think the book that best suits your needs is the Audubon Field Guide to North American Trees, Eastern Edition ($18). It contains photographs and detailed descriptions of trees, their foliage and fruits, berries and nuts.

If you would rather not spend the $18, we'll bet that your library has it or can get it for you through Inter-library loan. We're not sure what you mean when you say "take care of them." Do you mean the trees? The nuts? Let us know.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Do you know where I can obtain Chia seeds, non-pollinating? If so, please let me know name, address and size and price, if available. — **RUTH TAYLOR, Prescott, Ariz.**

DEAR RUTH: You can obtain a catalog of chia supplies (terra cotta animals, figurines, seeds, etc.) from Horticultural Enterprises, P.O. Box 810082, Dallas, TX 75381-0082. Please enclose a business-sized SASE.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: What is the best way to clean the inside of a dishwasher? — **PATRICIA CAHILL, Upper Darby, Pa.**

DEAR PATRICIA: Although there are many commercial dishwasher cleaners available (in your supermarket, look in the dishwasher detergent section) they tend to be pricey.

A less-expensive alternative is to buy a jar of TANG Orange Breakfast Drink. Fill the dispenser cup in your empty dishwasher with TANG powder and run through the regular cycle. Citric acid is the common ingredient in both commercially available dishwasher cleaners and TANG.

STUMPED: PLANS FOR GREENHOUSE — Jo E. Northern of Groves, Texas, writes: "Could you tell me where I might find plans to build a greenhouse using PVC pipe and fiberglass panels?" Readers, can you help? We've reached a real dead end on this one.

READER FEEDBACK: HOMEMADE BIRD SUET MIX — Some time ago we published a recipe for bird suet mix using crushed eggshells, bread crumbs and bacon (or other) grease. Wendy Sundt of Washburn, Iowa, sent us this one. We haven't tried it yet but it sounds great.

The recipe is as follows: 1 part flour, 1 part peanut butter, 1 part lard or vegetable shortening (melted) and 3 parts cornmeal. Mix, place in small cans (tuna fish, cat food, etc.) and allow to harden. Hang outside.

NEWSPAPER USED AS ODOR EATER — Pat Peat of Hartland, Vt., wrote in this suggestion. "I don't know that I've ever read in your column about crumpled up newspaper (black and white) for use in absorbing unpleasant or soaked-in odors. I use it, for example, in the 1 gallon pickle jars left over from our church roast beef suppers.

"I can then use them to store dry things in, such as dry cat food. It also works in coffee tins to take out the coffee smell. Just crumple up a small amount, stuff in jar or tin, cap and let stand 24 hours or so until the smell goes away — and it does!"

Clare hostess for Patchwork party, meeting

Patchwork Squares Extension Homemakers met Monday morning in the home of Cleo Clare for their regular meeting, annual Christmas party and service project for Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

For their service project, members made reindeers which will be placed on patients' food trays on Christmas Day.

Members answered roll call by giving an idea for gift wrapping Christmas presents.

Members also wore the green holiday aprons they used Saturday when they hosted the annual Scurry County extension clubs meeting at 37th Street Church of Christ Family Center.

Twenty-four persons attended the luncheon, each bringing canned goods for The Goodfellows. They also exchanged gifts and Christmas ornaments and traded their favorite cookie recipe. Each extension club member brought cookies to the luncheon.

Everyone also sang holiday selections such as the *Twelve Days of Christmas*.

Kathryn Roberts, extension agent, installed officers for the coming year.

They include: Virginia Fogle, chairman of TAFCE; Elizabeth McCloskey, president of council; Katrina Wemken, vice president; Dorothy Campbell, secretary; Vivian Cochran, treasurer; and Cleo Clare, historian.

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BOOK FEATURE

"Simply Flowers," by Barbara Ohrbach.

Ms. Ohrbach brings her creative approach and exquisite taste to arranging fresh flowers. She provides all the basics needed to effortlessly decorate and beautify your home with flowers.

From simple country baskets spilling with vibrant wild flowers to stylish arrangements of carefully chosen blossoms, practical advice is included. This is a very personal and imaginative book that not only takes the mystery out of flower arranging, but makes it easy and enjoyable, too.

NEW NON-FICTION

"Southern Living 1993 Annual Recipes."

"More Memories," by Ralph Emory.

"Music City U.S.A.," by Bob Millard.

NEW FICTION

"Mr. Murder," by Dean Koontz.

"Voodoo Dreams," by Jewell Parker Rhodes.

NEW AUDIOCASSETTES

"The Silence of the Lambs," by Thomas Harris.

"I'll Be Seeing You," by Mary Higgins Clark.

"Lake Wobegon Days," by Garrison Keillor.

"See I Told You So," by Rush Limbaugh.

"The Dark Shadows Companion," by Johathan Frid.

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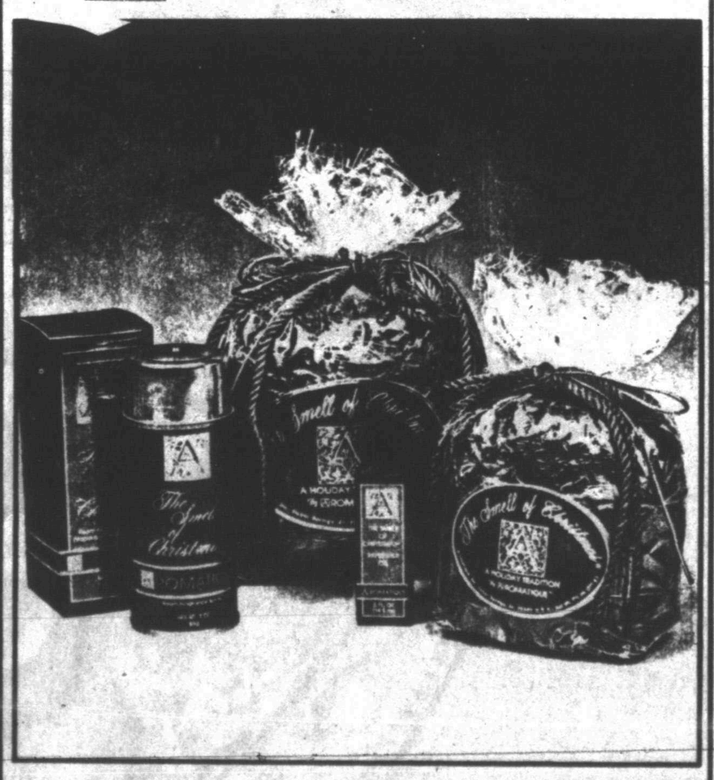
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Evening garden wedding unites Ratliff, Merritt

Elizabeth Kim Ratliff and Stetson Luke Merritt exchanged marriage vows in a garden setting at 7 p.m. on Aug. 7 at the gazebo on the south side of the courthouse in Snyder.

The couple's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Phillip D. Ratliff of Bronte, formerly of Snyder, and Dr. and Mrs. Sherman H. Merritt of Colorado City. The bride's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ezequiel Palma and Mrs. Dixie Ratliff, both of Sweetwater.

Larry Fluit of the Lamar Street Church of Christ in Sweetwater officiated the double ring vows in front of the gazebo, draped with grapevine ivy and tied with large fuchsia and yellow bows. Centering the gazebo was a bouquet of fuchsia, yellow and white rose buds with English ivy and baby's breath.

Two white doves, adorned in pearls, nestled beneath greenery and a large fuchsia bow hanging over the bridal couple. The doves symbolized the Holy Spirit guiding the couple's marriage.

A pair of tall white wicker baskets set on either side of the gazebo. Each was filled with greenery, fuchsia and yellow roses and and tied with fuchsia bows.

White chairs, formed with a center aisle, were set up in half circles for guests. The aisle chairs held fuchsia and yellow bows.

Acapella singers, Ross and D'Ann Preston and Arlie and Barbara Eicke, all of Snyder, sang "The Rose," "Friends," "Whither Thou Goest," "The Wedding Song" and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

Phillip Ratliff Jr., brother of the bride, ushered the grandparents and the mothers.

The bride's father presented her in marriage as she was attired in an off-the-shoulder, formal length gown of white satin embellished with iridescent sequins and white pearls.

Her bodice was covered in appliques of Venice lace with pearls and sequins. The sleeves were covered with lace, sequins and pearls. Bows accented the sleeves and large applique on the front. The train was a royal with cut-out windows, full of sequins. Bows along the train finished the windows with the look of love. The hemline was scalloped Venice lace.

The bride's headpiece was a scalloped tiara filled with pearls and rhinestones, centered with a cluster of dangling pearls. The back of the headpiece featured a double roll pouf with two layers of netting cut just above the bow line of her gown.

She carried a cascading bouquet of 12 dozen rose buds adorned with English ivy, baby's breath and pearls. It was also entwined with fuchsia ribbon and gold pouf underlay with long streamers of iridescent lace, pearls, fuchsia and yellow ribbon.

In keeping with tradition, something old was a bracelet from her grandmother, Dixie Ratliff, and earrings from her grandmother, Angelita Palma; the bride's dress was new; something borrowed was a string of pearls from the bride's aunt, Sandra Cupp of Garland; and something blue was her garter.

Maid of honor Leslie Melot of Lubbock and bridesmaids Melissa Huddleston of Lubbock and Tobi Burt of Kilgore wore off-the-shoulder, short fuchsia satin two-piece dresses with large white satin collars and matching satin shoes. In their hair, they wore tintz fuchsia and yellow rose buds with pearls.

Each attendant carried a round bouquet of fuchsia, yellow and white rose buds adorned with baby's breath and pearls, entwined with English ivy. The bouquets and decorations were designed and made by Sallie Bailey of Snyder.

Best man was Justin Derryberry of Lubbock. Groomsmen were Phillip Ratliff Jr. of Bronte and Coley Ramage of Colorado City. They wore fulldress tuxedos designed by Raffinati. The onyx tux was completed with fuchsia bow ties and cummerbunds.

The groom wore a matching tuxedo with a vest and fuchsia bow tie.

Guests were registered by Krystal Graham of Hermleigh at a round table covered with a white satin cloth and crocheted overlay. It held the wedding book, crystal and brass heart-shaped pen holder and pen, and a brass candle holder which was circled with matching flowers and a crystal votive cup. Pictures of the bride in her gown also sat on the table.

The reception was held in the banquet room of Reta's Cake Shop. A 16-foot serpentine table was placed in front of a natural colored trellis draped with white tulle and gold bows, centered with a large satin heart with lace, pearls and sequin appliques.

The table was covered with a satin white skirt and lace overlay with a pouf every 14 inches, graced with a large gold bows.

The five-tiered wedding cake of assorted flavors of orange, spice, carrot and chocolate, had a cream and butter frosting. The bottom two tiers were separated by three crystal champagne goblets. Fresh flowers cascaded between each layer. The top tier was held by one goblet and completed with fresh flowers on top and between the cakes. It was designed by Reta Graham of Snyder.

Appointments of gold and crystal were used at the table served by Anita Parker of Slaton and Rhonda Saenz of Snyder.

The groom's round table was covered with a white satin skirt and overlay and tied with gold bows. It held a strawberry sheet cake displaying his 1967 Camero, designed by Sandra Hall of Snyder. A gold coffee service accompanied the groom's cake, also crystal dishes holding nuts, mints and gold almond kisses. Serving were JoAnne Tovar of Denver City, Lisa Rodriguez of Colorado City and LuLu Bryand of Snyder.

A large portrait of the bride in her gown was placed on an easel between the two tables. A large fruit mound centered the buffet table. A variety of cheeses, vegetables with dip, fruit with dip, cheese logs, relish dishes and bread and crackers were served.

Guest tables were covered with white cloths and centered with tall goblets that held floating fuchsia, yellow and gold bows with yellow rosebuds. The goblets were tied with matching bows and rosebuds.

A gift table held a decorated basket containing rose design rice bags.

The houseparty included Reta Graham, Krystal Graham, Barbara Preston, Sallie Bailey and Carla Bradshaw.

A rehearsal dinner the night before the wedding was hosted by the groom's parents at the Golden Corral Restaurant.

Following their honeymoon trip to Ruidoso and Santa Fe, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Merritt are at home in Snyder. The bride, a 1990 graduate of Snyder High School, attends Western Texas College. She is currently employed at Dr. Sherman H. Merritt's office.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of SHS; 1992 graduate of WTC, and is employed at D&D Auto Supply.



MR. AND MRS. STETSON MERRITT
(Photo By Wadleigh Studio)



JANUARY VOWS SET — Larry and Karen Pemberton of Ovalo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Treva Kalene Pemberton, to Bradley Glen Gambrell, son of Brad and Juanita Gambrell of Snyder. Miss Pemberton and Gambrell plan to exchange vows at 4 p.m., Jan 15 in the Gateway Baptist Church in Tuscola. (Contributed Photo)

Senior Center Menu

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MONDAY
Baked Ham w/Cherry Sauce
Macaroni & Cheese
Asparagus
Tomato Wedges
Coconut Pudding

TUESDAY
Meat Loaf w/Brown Gravy
Parslied Potatoes
Chopped Broccoli
Jellied Applesauce Salad
Corn Bread
Oatmeal Cookies

WEDNESDAY
Beef Enchiladas
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Lettuce & Tomato Salad
Sopapillas w/Honey

THURSDAY

FRIDAY
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Christie Stokes, Bride-Elect Of Kevin Pruitt
Rachael Crawford, Bride-Elect Of Lee Hamilton
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BRIDE-ELECT HONORED — Stephanie Warren, bride-elect of Dr. Jeffrey Hoover of Temple, was honoree at a shower held at the Snyder Country Club on Dec. 11. The couple plan to marry on Jan. 15 in Lubbock's Westmont Christian Church. From left are Sabrina Warren, the future bride's sister; Nicole Gunset of Odessa, her sister; Tachi Warren, her mother; the honoree; Louise Martinez of Rotan, grandmother of the bride-elect; Bertha Warren of Claytonville, her grandmother; and Tonya Patterson of Lubbock, her sister. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bake holiday tradition, with kids

By The Associated Press

Baking with children is a wonderful holiday tradition, says Rena Coyle, author of "My First Baking Book." It's a good time to share family history, talk with children and enjoy the delicious results.

If yo.'ve never baked with children before, Coyle suggests choosing a recipe that you feel comfortable with — one that can be made in steps. Remember children, especially younger children, do not have to help with every step to feel a part of the baking process.

Read through the recipe together before starting, and let children gather the ingredients and utensils needed to prepare the recipe. Adults need to be on hand in the kitchen to supervise and to teach kitchen safety.

The following suggestions are from Debbi Fields, author of the "Mrs. Fields Cookie Book," founder of a chain of cookie stores nationwide and the mother of five daughters, ranging in age from 13 to 2.

"With a little preparation, holiday baking with kids can be educational and a great, safe indoor family activity on those cold winter days," she says. The following are a few of her Doughs and Don'ts:

—Mix and Math: Encourage children to work with measuring cups and spoons and to puzzle out measurements on their own.

—Tough Cookies. Let children try the difficult parts of baking, like breaking eggs. This encourages kids to try things that are challenging.

—Kitchen Chemistry. Encourage kids to experiment with their own recipes and ideas. This will help develop their self-confidence and kitchen judgment.

—Making a Mistake. Teach kids that baking is an art — there are no "right" or "wrong" ways to prepare food. Recipes serve as wonderful guidelines, but a recipe should never override creativity in the kitchen.

—A Spoonful of Sugar. Allow young bakers to taste ingredients as you go so they can learn to distinguish similar ingredients, such as brown sugar and white sugar, and what they contribute to recipes.

—Never Too Young. If children are too young to participate in actual mixing and baking, put them in charge of cookie cutters and sprinkles. Let them know that decorating is an important part of making great cookies.

—Mixing It Up. Have older children help younger ones with baking tasks. Older kids can learn faster if they are also teachers, and younger ones may better understand someone closer to their age.

Bridal Registry

Susan K. Johnson, Bride-Elect of Philip Midwood
Nikki Fulford Mueller, Bride of Rodney Mueller
Misti DeVon Welsh, Bride-Elect of Toby Lee Haynes
Jamie Roberts, Bride-Elect of Jason West
Jennifer Allen, Bride-Elect of Charles Northcutt
Kendra Stephens, Bride of Billy Stephens
Shelly Dawn Lewis, Bride-Elect of Scott Bolton
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Former Dunn resident notes 90th birthday

Mrs. Ruth Harrison of Caddo, Okla., formerly of Dunn, was honored with a 90th birthday party in Mineral Wells.

Attending were her two daughters, Wanda Goodlett and her husband, E.J., and Yvonne Young of Houston. Also in attendance were her grandchildren and most of her great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Harrison and her husband, H.L., moved to Oklahoma in 1957. Mr. Harrison died in 1977.

Yuletime party

Scurry County Penwomen met Dec. 14 in the Martha Ann Woman's Club with Sherry Bryant presiding. Christine Killgo gave the invocation.

Hoss Clayton and his band played country and western music and The Sunshine Choir, from the Senior Citizens Center, sang songs from past years. Betty Boyd and Jean Everett were in charge of the program, "Down Memory Lane." Boyd presented the entertainers gifts following refreshments.

Tables were decorated with poinsettias, Christmas napkins and place cards. A large poinsettia centered the serving table.

During the reading session, Mary Westmoreland read her Christmas article, "Special Gifts;" Garnet Quiett read her son, "The Star That Shown in Bethlehem" which can be sung to the tune of "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." It was sung by the congregation at her church on Christmas. She also read her poem, "The Little Stable Boy."

Next, Betty Kellum read her Christmas greeting from a card she made and Bryant read her two poems, "Christmas Nostalgia," and "Even the Animals Adored Him."

Penwomen and visitors exchanged gifts by drawing numbers.

A Jan. 19 meeting is planned and will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bryant at Ira. Writers and visitors are welcome.

Bridge winners

FRIDAY

Dot Casey directed bridge games Friday, Sunday and Tuesday at the Snyder Country Club. There were eight tables.

N-S

1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Jane Hinton, Mary Beth Vestal.
3. LaVerne Hood, Marjory Brown.

E-W

1. Rube McKinley, Tizzy Hall.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Sue Carter.
3. Melvin Stevenson, Rogene Spruell.

SUNDAY

Four tables.

1. Frances Stevenson, Malven Stevenson.
2. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
3. TIE — Jane Hinton, Billie Sue Stuard and Nona Morrison, Polly Ballard.

TUESDAY

Club Championship.

Five tables.

1. Barbara Yorgesen, Ruby McKinley.
2. Jane Hinton, Billie Sue Stuard.
3. Dora Blakey, Charlie Blakey.
4. Tizzy Hall, Margaret Birdwell.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

ACS will not meet until Jan. 17.

AARP Chapter 2063 banquet at Martha Ann Woman's Club; officers will be installed; guest speaker will be the Rev. Miller Robinson; reservations must be made by noon Monday, tickets $5 each; 5:30 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 6 p.m.

Stargazers Extension Homemakers Club; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; Cogdell Hospital board room; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-1141 or 863-2349.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

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

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 8 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-1141, 573-5867.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308 or 573-1141.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-18-93
♠ K J 7 4
♥ K 8 6
♦ A Q 5
♣ K 8 3

WEST
♠ A 3 2
♥ 7 5 2
♦ 10 8 7
♣ Q 5 4 2

EAST
♠ Q 10 9 8
♥ A 3
♦ K 6 2
♣ J 9 7 6

SOUTH
♠ 6 5
♥ Q J 10 9 4
♦ J 9 4 3
♣ A 10

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

Bannockburn to bridge table

By Phillip Alder

For almost 20 years, the Houses of Commons and Lords have faced each other in an annual bridge match in London. The Commons won most of the early skirmishes, but the Upper House spotted a way to swing the pendulum in its favor. The Right Hon. Harold Lever, M.P., was elevated to Lord Lever. But recently Dr. John Marek, a former Welsh international, has given the Commons new strength. The Lower House won this year, reducing its overall deficit to one.

The prize for the best-played hand went to the Duke of Atholl. He is the last person in Britain permitted, under charter from Queen Victoria, to command a private army. His ancestors include such colorful characters as the chieftain who raised the Stuart banner when Bonnie Prince Charlie stepped ashore at Glenfinnan.

Even using four-card majors and a weak no-trump, North should, I think, have opened one club; and South should have responded one no-trump.

West led a trump. East won with the ace and returned his second heart. Atholl won with dummy's king and played a trump to hand, East discarding a club. Now came a club to dummy's king, a club to South's ace and a finesse of dummy's diamond queen. East won and exited with the club jack.

Declarer ruffed, cashed his three diamond winners and led a spade toward dummy. Although West played low smoothly, Atholl immediately called for the king. East had already produced the heart ace, diamond king and club jack. With the spade ace as well, he might have thought about entering the auction.

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Best Holiday Gifts for Seniors Don't Always Come in Boxes

DEAR ABBY: It's about time for you to publish your annual holiday gift suggestion list, which has been very useful in previous years. As a "senior-ita," who has been the recipient of refrigerator magnets, crocheted dolls and fancy candy dishes I rarely use, may I offer some suggestions for practical gifts for old folks (a.k.a. retirees, senior citizens, etc.)?

1. How about one — or several — snopping trips? You drive.

2. Gift certificates for the recipient's favorite grocery store, deli or department store. (Food sure beats trinkets.)

3. A "picker-upper" with a yard-long handle for retrieving items from overhead shelves, or things dropped behind the sofa.

4. Postage stamps and postcards. (Seniors, remember when you could send a letter for 2 cents — and a penny postcard had a stamp on it?)

5. If you must give clothing, please let the recipient select it — that way, you can be sure the size is right, ditto the fabric and style.

6. If you're sure the senior wants a puppy — give one that's weaned, housebroken, spayed or neutered, and include some pet food, a water dish, doggie bed, leash, two collars — and make one the next size up; puppies grow.

7. If the senior says, "Please don't give me anything," translate that to mean: "No trinkets or dust-catchers that take up valuable space in an already crowded apartment." It could also mean, "I don't need things, but I would appreciate a short visit from you regularly, but please telephone the day before, and try not to interrupt my afternoon nap."

8. If you're far away, please write some news about yourself and mutual friends. Also, I don't understand your "PC 460 with a billion K-bytes of RAM and a mouse or a tiger." And please send me a subscription to a newspaper containing Dear Abby.

9. Consider some homemade coupons for housecleaning, seasonal yard cleanup, or a day at a museum, art show, petting zoo, shopping mall or the public library.

10. If the oldster is financially secure and doesn't need "things" or errands run, your presence will mean more than your presents. You could also make a donation to the person's favorite charity — not yours.

Love ya', Abby.

RUNA ZENDA SIRANUSH,
SIERRA VISTA, ARIZ.

DEAR RUNA ZENDA SIRANUSH: Thanks for the helpful gift suggestions for seniors.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm still puzzling over that poem titled "The Other Woman," written from the wife's point of view.

Abby, why on earth would a woman be so smug about having a cheating husband? The poem implies that the wife is the more fortunate one in the triangle — sitting at home with a gold ring on her finger, wondering where her cheating husband is. The rationale behind that one escapes me.

I think both women should throw the bum out instead of worrying about which one he'll ultimately choose. He doesn't deserve either one of them. You may use my name.

LOUISE DEFFENBAUGH
IN PASADENA

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DEAR ABBY: With the holidays coming up, I think many people will relate to this.

My husband and I live in a metropolitan area, with no relatives in town. My family is 200 miles in one direction, his family is 240 miles in the opposite direction. We have other relatives at points varying from 120 to 1,200 miles away. Those family members have their own commitments with various in-laws, etc., that we are expected to work around.

I am tired of hearing that we do not spend the holidays with any of these people. In 10 years, we have spent one holiday on a vacation — just my husband and me. The other 19 Thanksgivings and Christmases we have spent gallivanting cross-country, trying to keep everyone happy.

I just want to say, stop being angry at relatives who are unable to make it to where you are for Christmas. You have no idea what they may be dealing with. You may not know that your brother-in-law's mother just found out that she has cancer and wants to spend a quiet Christmas with just her immediate family. Or, your sister just took a hefty pay cut at her troubled company, and is too embarrassed to admit that she can't afford to make the trip.

If people aren't able to come, be satisfied with a five-minute telephone conversation, and tell them so. And to those who do show up, please don't say, "You haven't been here in three years; how come you decided to come now?" Be grateful that you have contact with them, and say, "It's wonderful to see you!"

Abby, if you print this, do not use my name, initials or city, or I will be in big trouble. Happy holidays!

A LONGTIME ABBY FAN

DEAR FAN: Thank you for a letter that many readers will identify with.

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DEAR ABBY: Every year, my husband and I receive many baskets of fruits, candies, meats, wines, etc., from his business associates. These "holiday baskets" are very expensive. Fortunately, we do not need anything. We have received about 20 of these baskets every year for the last 15 years.

Abby, there are needier people than us, and it would be nice to know that some underprivileged family could enjoy these gifts. Our hope is that others who receive such lavish gifts will consider this alternative.

NOT NEEDY,
CORAL SPRINGS, FLA.

DEAR NOT NEEDY: It is impolite and presumptuous to tell people to whom to give a gift, but there is no reason why recipients can't take gift baskets to the local Salvation Army or homeless shelter.

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DEAR ABBY: As the holidays approach and the recent fires in California bring to mind the trauma of those families who lost all of their possessions, we should consider whether we know anyone who may have lost treasured photographs in a fire, flood or hurricane.

If so, we could give no greater gift than copies of any pictures of their families that we may have. Copies now can be easily reproduced without the negatives.

KATHERINE M. DONNELLY,
BOSTON

DEAR KATHERINE: I'm passing along your excellent idea, and I'm sure many will thank you for it.

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Craftsman carves out 'foam' career

WATAUGA (AP) — In this small town just nine miles north of Fort Worth, Manuel Salazar and his wife, Lucille, have carved a life out of a rather synthetic art form.

For more than 20 years, their creations have graced the interior of area restaurants like La Playa and Espinosa's, the stages of area theaters and the front lawns of churches and homes.

But the Salazars are basically unknown.

From a makeshift studio in the back of their small wood-frame home on Haney Street, they have made plastic foam an art form.

From big chunks of white polystyrene, Manuel Salazar has carved everything from 6-foot-tall cactuses to Mexican calendars to life-size angels and wise men mounted on camels.

Lucille Salazar provides the finishing touches, painting on color and draping the items in cloth or fur so that they mirror her husband's sketches.

"He doesn't like getting his hands all wet and gooey so I do all the painting and stuff," she said.

But Manuel Salazar, whose small, bent 75-year-oid frame moves with a slow shuffle, does like to work with his hands. Always has.

"I fell in love with it ever since my mother taught me to make flowers with wax," he said recently. "I love to make things with my hands."

A native of Mexico, Salazar said he came to the United States in 1940 because he wanted to "learn my trade and have the opportunity to go to school."

But after spending three years in the merchant marine, Salazar said, he headed for New York, where he began designing displays for department stores and theater companies.

"After about five years, I began getting much better," he said.

When he returned to Mexico to bury his mother, Salazar said, he decided to move to Cleveland, where he met and married his wife.

Salazar has held several jobs across the state, building floats for parades or designing displays for department stores, he said.

After a short stint with the Fort Worth recreation department teaching arts and crafts, Salazar said, he decided to go into business for himself.

"I built my shop little by little," he said.

And little by little, Salazar, who retired four years ago only to keep working, has acquired a long list of satisfied customers who say that his work is exact and very professional, the evidence of many years of experience.

"He's a wealth of knowledge and he's got experience that spans 20, 30 years," said Bertha Garcia, director of the Ballet Folklorico Azteca.

Garcia said that she discovered Salazar and his talent "really, by accident" while eating at La Playa.

Struck by the Indian art in the restaurant, Garcia said, she asked the restaurant manager who had done the artwork, and he gave her Salazar's telephone number.

Since then, she said, Salazar has made a number of props for Ballet Folklorico performances.

On festival days in Catalonia, a region in Spain, local groups compete in an exercise of strength, balance and courage in building human castles that often tower more than five "stories."

Housing project gun ban heads to court

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Life has gotten better in the projects since the early 1970s, when the post office refused to deliver mail and firefighters wouldn't enter without police escort.

Now some tenants fear things will deteriorate if a 1975 ban on guns in the projects is struck down.

In a case that could have implications far beyond Portland, the National Rifle Association is challenging the ban on behalf of a couple from Sagamore Village, one of the city's 10 projects.

The NRA contends the Portland Housing Authority rule discriminates against people simply because they are poor.

After the lawsuit was filed, the housing authority conducted a door-to-door survey in the projects and found that 83 percent of the households questioned supported the ban. Among those in favor was Tammy Wolf, who helped conduct the survey.

Clutching her 4-month-old son, Martez, she said she fears for the safety of children in the projects if tenants are again permitted to possess guns.

"It's changed here, for the better," she said. "Hopefully, we can keep it that way."

Another tenant, Tammy Rice, said she, too, worries about accidents involving children and about neighborhood disagreements that could escalate and end in tragedy if guns are readily available.

But Charles Sinclair, who stays with friends in Sagamore Village on weekends, said gun ownership is a basic right. Tenants "should be able to have a gun in the house if they think they need it to protect their family," he said, an NRA cap on his head.

Sagamore Village, built during World War II to house shipyard workers, has 200 units housing about 520 people. Most heads of households are female.

Tenants are required to sign a lease provision that bars guns on housing authority property. They can still own guns as long as they aren't stored at the city's projects, which house roughly 2,700 of Portland's 62,000 residents.

The clause was introduced in response to a surge in gang activity during the early 1970s.

According to testimony last week, assaults, arson, vandalism and other crimes in the projects escalated to the point where mail carriers and firefighters feared for their lives.

The authority has argued the ban is a reasonable measure intended to provide safe and decent housing.

Housing officials testified the ban may have helped cut the crime rate. But they admitted the drop also was affected by better efforts to evict troublemakers and screen housing applicants and by police community projects to fight drugs and build rapport with youngsters.

Police Chief Michael Chitwood testified the ban has also increased the safety of officers who patrol the projects, which he said still have a disproportionate share of the city's crime.

"I believe that the ban is working," said the veteran of nearly 20 years with the Philadelphia police.

The case was heard last week in state Superior Court and is awaiting a decision from a judge.

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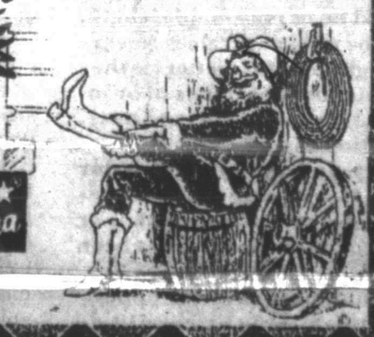
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Buffalo Reef

By Bill McClellan

My wife complains that I never give her ideas about what I would like for Christmas. I complain that she never gives me gift buying ideas, either. At least, not realistic ones.

"Well, you know I like jewelry," she says.

Yeah, right.

In 16 years of marriage, I've learned that my taste in jewelry stinks. When I go into a jewelry store, I make decisions that rank right up there with the Edsel and New Coke.

Something I think is perfect, something I think my wife would really love, usually gets taken back — if I'm lucky. Otherwise it gets buried in some box in some closet. Deep.

Besides, she already has lots of jewelry; she just can't find most of it.

Most people have trouble with matching socks. With my wife, it's earrings. She has the left, or maybe it's the right, of every pair made. She just doesn't know where the mate is. Maybe it's behind the couch, underneath the clothes dryer, in a purse stuck up in the closet, check the corn flakes. Lord knows where.

A more practical gift would be a metal detector, so she could find them all. In fact, I actually considered buying her a metal detector one year, but dropped the idea when I realized how many coat hangers she might bleep up, too.

So what to give her?

Pots, pans skillets are out. These are considered "practical" gifts, which aren't really appropriate Christmas gifts at all, according to most women. If you give them a "practical" gift they think you are trying to tell them something. Like "cook" or "cook more often" or "cook once in a while, please."

It's the same with blenders, toasters, dishes, knives.

Well, what am I saying. Forget knives altogether. No, no. We read the news; heard about the trial. There won't be very women getting a new set of cutlery this year. Crossed that idea of the Christmas list real quick.

Buying a "practical" gift is insulting to some women, though for the life of me, I can't understand why. Men don't have a problem with getting so-called practical gifts. We're happy with saws, drills and popcorn poppers. Women call them "big boy's toys."

Years ago, my sister used to bake all kinds of imaginary goodies on a little tin oven she got for Christmas. But today, she and most other women would definitely not consider an oven to be a "big girl's toy."

Buying the wife a second television is out, because she'll think you're doing it just so you can go off in the other room to watch football, or baseball, or basketball, or boxing, or...

And what about one of these ideas suggested by so-called experts:

1. "Give her a card that says you promise to wash the dishes once a week."

2. "Give her a card that promises her you'll watch the kids while she goes out shopping with the girls."

3. "Give her a card that says you'll spend the afternoon helping her redecorate the kitchen. She'll love you for it."

Uh-uh, no-no, and uh-uh. This is a setup, fellows. Trust me.

You'll be sitting down in your favorite easy chair, beverage in one hand, bowl of popcorn in the other. It's January 28. The pregame show is just ending. The Super Bowl is about to begin.

Suddenly, she'll thrust that card in front of your face. "Reeeeeeemem-ber?" she'll say; "You promised."

Which leads to the conclusion that jewelry isn't such a bad idea afterall. Just trust your instincts. And keep the receipt.

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

Every Christmas season, I think about growing up in the suburbs. Maybe it's because Kent's parents and two of his siblings still live there, and so we are pressured every year at this time to visit. You know, bring the grandkids home. (My own mother was smart enough to marry a rancher and move out after Daddy died, but she lives 500 miles away and so makes any visit few and far-between.)

But every time we do return to the suburbs, there are 270 miles of rut-marks between here and there, where my heels have been dug in all the way.

Don't get me wrong; it's not my in-law's fault. These people have been good to me all my life and I adore them. And his brothers and sister are nice people, perfectly enjoyable to be around.

It's that place. And the way it makes me feel. The old feelings it always evokes in me, of isolation and inferiority, of being surrounded by sterility and syntheticism; it's the helplessness I feel when I see my little neices and nephews struggle just as I did to find an identity in a place devoid of one itself.

I hated it. Lord knows how I hated it.

There is no sense of history in the suburbs. How can there be, when new neighborhoods spring up every few months and families move into them just as soon as they step high enough up the career ladder to move out of the (smaller, older, less stylish) neighborhood? There is no sense of home. How can there be, when trees hundreds of years old are flattened at will to make room for more concrete, more shopping malls, more new houses; and the first thing they do after forever altering the landscape is plant spindly saplings?

There is no sense of family. How can there be when each member of a household is busy with his or her own isolated life, rushing, rushing, always rushing from house to store to mall to rehearsal to ball game to concert to movie to work and back again? Kids grow up on fast food and get hopelessly overbooked in activities specifically designed to keep them involved while their parents are off doing things other than parenting.

Nobody visits. All they do is brag about their latest (expensive) possessions and talk about work over too many cocktails.

It's no wonder that the highest rate of teenage suicide occurs in the suburbs.

And Christmas? It's just another excuse to show off for the neighbors: who can buy the most extravagant gifts, string the most lights or take the most glamorous winter vacation? You can even hire a service to come to your home like little elves while you are at work, and put up all the decorations in whatever style is "in" this year.

Not to mention that when my children were little, the embarrassment of riches at gift-opening time turned them into greedy little savages, barely stopping to notice what one package contained before ripping into another and complaining when, at long last, there were no more.

One year, we just couldn't take it anymore. We served notice that from now on, we would make the trip only every other year, and even then on the weekend before or after the main holiday. An open invitation remains to any who'd like to visit us. To my great surprise, we found our kids to be actually relieved at our decision.

So every Christmas eve in this drafty old house, we gather round our crookedy cedar tree proudly bedecked with every little ornament the kids ever made in grade school, singing carols and reading the story of the Christ child's birth, sipping hot chocolate and smiling slowly at each other in the glitter and twinkle of the lights and glow of the candles. Gifts are opened lovingly, one at a time. Savored. Appreciated.

It's history. It's family. It's the country.

And thanks to the sweet heavenly Father who must have been listening to the lonely tearful prayers of one young suburban dweller years ago and reached down celestial fingers to weave the tapestry of destiny just so ... it's home.

Yes, Sarah, there really was a star

By George R. Plagenz

Since it's the Christmas season, here are a variety of Yuletide thoughts — on the star of Bethlehem, the Wise Men and the Hallelujah Chorus of "The Messiah" oratorio by Handel.

From Sarah P. of Boston: "Some of my teachers say the star that appeared at the time of Jesus' birth was just a bright light that appeared in the sky when Jupiter, Mars and Saturn came close together. I always thought God put the star there to guide the Wise Men. Who is right?"

Dear Sarah: You and your teachers might all be right.

Astrologers in ancient times believed that important events were announced in the heavens. They were acquainted with Hebrew lore that said a star would be a sign of the birth of the Messiah.

So when Jupiter, representing the highest god and ruler of the universe, came in conjunction with Saturn, regarded by the ancients as the defender of Palestine, that meant to the astrologers that a divine and cosmic ruler was to appear in Palestine.

The appearance of the bright planet Mars close to Jupiter and Saturn would have produced a quite spectacular celestial light. Perhaps it looked like one tremendously bright star.

Was it just an accident that the birth of Jesus Christ occurred at the time when this astrological sign appeared in the heavens?

Whatever the answer, we can say that Jesus' birth was an event of great magnitude. Not only did people from all over — from rich wise men to poor shepherds — make their way to Bethlehem. Even the stars in the heavens "looked in" and added their brightness.

Yes, Sarah, there was a star, or a heavenly light that looked very much like a bright star. Wise men of old followed it. And wise men and women still follow the symbolic traces of that star today.

Now, for another matter: There are perhaps three historical errors in the first line of the Christmas carol "We Three Kings" (which begins, "We, three kings of Orient are"). Can you name them?

1. The number of wise men who made the trip to Bethlehem is not known. The Bible says only, "Wise men came from the east." it is tradition that has established the number as three.

2. They were not kings but members of an old and powerful priestly caste and probably schooled in astrology.

3. They were not from the Orient (that is, what we know today as the Far East). They likely came from Iran, then called Persia.

By the way, one religious radio station I know of won't play "We Three Kings" because it is unscriptural.

But I wonder whether they realize that our celebration of Christmas on the date of Dec. 25 is unscriptural, too.

The date of Christ's Mass was decided on by Christians some 300 years after the birth of Jesus. It was an effort to replace the pagan Roman festival of the sun (Saturnalia), which fell on Dec. 25.

Finally, ever since 1743, audiences have been standing during the Hallelujah Chorus of "The Messiah" oratorio by Handel. Do you know why?

Here is how the custom started, according to one story:

King George II of England was in the audience when Handel's majestic composition was first performed in London. The monarch is said to have been so moved by the Hallelujah Chorus that he involuntarily rose from his seat. Out of respect, the other members of the audience rose, too.

Another story: During his visit to the music hall where "The Messiah" was being performed, the king had to sit for two hours. Then the Hallelujah Chorus was sung. Feeling the need to stretch his legs, he got up. The audience saw the king stand. It followed protocol and rose to its feet, too.

Whichever story is true, a tradition was born.

Letters

Thanks

Dear Editor,

This is a fun time of the year especially when you are with friends. I have been with the Sunshine Choir as they sang for the nursing homes, Kiwanis Club and other things. As a member of the American Business Women's Club I had an enjoyable time at our Christmas party, but for a really good time our Scurry County Penwomen party was my most enjoyable event of the season because many of the Senior Citizens worked to make it that way.

Jean Everett and I want to thank the Hoss Clayton Band, the Sunshine Choir and Mary Torrance for doing a "super job" of entertaining us, we also want to thank Cecil Lankford and Norma Laywell for their beautiful rendition of "Because He Lives." We would like to thank you for joining our party after you performed. All of you made mine and Jean's duties fun.

Also our thanks goes to Shirley McMillan for doing such a fantastic job at the Martha Ann Woman's Club, she is not just someone managing the club but she is our friend also. She is always there to see that everything goes just as it should.

Sincerely,
Betty Boyd

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Editorial Roundup

Beaumont Enterprise on Elders' statement

President Clinton knew that when he appointed Dr. Joycelyn Elders to be the nation's surgeon general that he could expect some controversy from his appointee.

The other day, the country's top doctor raised plenty of eyebrows.

Speaking to the National Press Club in Washington D.C., Dr. Elders all but endorsed the idea of legalizing illicit drugs.

Thankfully, President Clinton put considerable distance between himself and Elders. The White House was quick to react, saying the president opposes legalization of drugs.

Drug policy director Lee Brown said it well. Dr. Elders, he said, is "sincere in her beliefs," but on this issue she is "sincerely wrong."

Exactly.

It is no secret that the nation's war on drugs has not produced many positive results. Our appetite for drugs has not abated. The nation's police conduct sweeps all the time, rounding up bad guys and throwing them in jail. But new drug dealers surface immediately to replace the dealers we lock up.

Our jails and prisons are bulging with people convicted of drug offenses.

Legalizing drugs surely will clear lockups of drug dealers and users. But at a terrible cost.

We must continue our law enforcement efforts. A better way to complement those efforts, though, is to step up the education of our children about the disastrous effects of illicit drug use. Here is where we should end all fear campaigns. Drugs destroy lives, period. That is the message we should be telling our children.

Legalizing drugs will fill our hospital beds with drug addicts and burden a health care system already overburdened with the cost of caring for these people.

Dr. Elders blundered badly on this one. President Clinton should set her straight — in a hurry.

Greenville Herald Banner on Elders' comments

When President Clinton declared he was "foursquare" behind his surgeon general, Joycelyn Elders, we would prefer to think he was talking about the number of swift kicks she should get from that position.

This woman is supposed to be our nation's leading health advocate and she's standing there saying we should legalize drugs to cut the crime rate? We think her remarks are not only stupid but also totally irresponsible. In most circles, Elders would probably be looking for a new job.

Clinton, however, seems to think it amusing that this woman is so outspoken and energetic. ...

So she is, but to what end? Bill Clinton, of all people, certainly doesn't need this kind of "help" from his own people, not with his upcoming battle over health care and his credibility when it comes to selling the American people an acceptable plan.

He'd better put a muzzle on his surgeon general. No, Elders is not necessarily advocating drug use, but we think as surgeon general she is sending a very dangerous message that could further damage that White House credibility. ...

Elders has not apologized for her comments and says she has no second thoughts about having said what she said. She admitted she did not know all the ramifications of legalizing drugs, but we think she knows by now all the ramifications of making such irresponsible comments.

We certainly hope so.

Austin American-Statesman on school finance

The Texas Legislature isn't out of the public school finance woods yet.

Although state District Judge Scott McCown left intact the current school finance plan, he challenged lawmakers to provide equitable funding for programs and facilities in the next legislative session. Legislators must meet this challenge head-on.

The current plan represents the Legislature's fourth attempt to design a constitutional funding system.

The Texas Supreme Court declared the finance system unconstitutional in 1989 because of large inequities in the amount of money spent per pupil on education statewide. The inequities stem from differences in taxable property among school districts.

McCown said the current plan might be Texas' "last hope" for an equitable school system.

The plan requires property-rich school districts to share some of their local property taxes with poorer districts.

But McCown acknowledged the plan didn't do enough. The judge's decision requires lawmakers to come up with an equitable way of paying for school facilities, such as classrooms and equipment, by Sept. 1, 1995. If lawmakers fail, McCown said, he will halt the issuance of new school bonds.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 19, 1993

In the year ahead your luck might be focused on the material aspects of your life, making it possible for you to get things you've always wanted but could never afford.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Small domestic disruptions could make you more nervous and edgy than usual today. Don't compound minor infractions by blowing them up out of proportion. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Generally speaking, you're a rather positive thinker, but today you might waste time worrying about things that are yet to happen and probably never will.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Someone with whom you're closely involved has a tendency to borrow little things and forget to return them. You might have a chance to break this pattern today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Major accomplishments are possible today, provided you don't let self-doubts dominate your thinking. If you do, later you may regret not doing something you could have.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your logic and intuition might be pulling in two different directions today. This could cause you to be confused and irritable. In the final analysis, do what your common sense dictates.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll regret it later if you repeat hearsay gossip about a friend of yours that could be harmful. Think how you'd feel if the roles were reversed and the talk was about you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't make changes today in arrangements that are functioning smoothly. The fruits of poor decisions could be lost momentum and unnecessary delays.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is one of those unusual days where you could compound your mistakes by hastily attempting to correct them. If you have to deal with an error, don't race the clock.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to proceed effectively on your present course, you'll need firm commitments from persons pertinent to your plans. Unfortunately, "perhaps" and "maybe" won't suffice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make it a point to remind your mate about something that must be done for the family today. If you don't, chances are he/she may completely forget.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There is a possibility you might be a procrastinator instead of a producer today. Take the energy you put into your elaborate rationalization and use it for the task at hand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be sure to get receipts and count your change carefully if you go shopping today. Oversights not in your favor are possibilities in your commercial transactions.

Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 20, 1993

In the year ahead there are indications you might switch your primary objectives several times. In each instance greater demands will be made on your abilities and skills, but in each instance greater rewards are the dividends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The management of personal resources doesn't look like it's apt to be one of your long suits today. If you're not careful, your extravagance now could cause you problems later. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163 Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If things feel like they're a bit more difficult than usual today, be objective and ask yourself if you're the one who is generating the extra stress and strains. You may be the culprit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Make it a point today not to air family disagreements in front of others. Additionally, if you are having trouble at home, work it out yourselves free from outsiders.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Monitor your involvements with a prudent eye at this time, or else you might be drawn into something with friends that they can afford but you can't.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you become involved in a competitive development today, don't underestimate your competition or reveal your intentions too early. Either could put you behind the 8-ball.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Treat things that occur today as fresh experiences. Letting a grudge from the past influence your attitude could be counterproductive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It could prove unwise today if you yield to suggestions from others that lead to rash or impulsive behavior. In order to be successful, you must keep a cool head at all times.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you enter into any partnership arrangements today, each party must have something to offer, or else the alliance could collapse from lack of parity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is not a good day for you to tackle assignments you find distasteful. Your heart won't be in your work and you're apt to perform far below par.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't take gambles on situations today where the control is in the hands of others rather than yourself. If you can't call the shots, pass the action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to resolve disagreements between you and your mate as promptly as possible today. If you don't, it could negatively influence everything you do collectively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll get a better performance from subordinants today if you don't constantly peek over they shoulders. If you must monitor developments, do so from a distance.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Shane A. and Robert W. McCarter, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

M.J. Rains, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Wilson Motors, two 1994 Ford pickups from Ford Motor Co.

Kerry Hall, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Morris Allen Browning, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Carolyn J. Martin, 1994 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Terva R. Patterson, 1993 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Hattie and Gary Kinder, 1994 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Brandy and Susan Hickman, 1993 Oldsmobile from Howard Gray Motors.

Helen Eiring, 1993 Cadillac from Howard Gray Motors.

Beall Farms Inc., 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Production Pump Systems, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Seth Sawyer, 1993 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Dean Hodnett, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Andy M. Campos, 1993 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Production Pump Systems, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Action in District Court

Jack D. Knox, dba Jack D. Knox operator as agent and attorney-in-fact for R.F. Townsend Trust vs. Texacal Oil and Gas Inc., Mesa Pipe Line Co. and GXG Inc., agreed order for funds depository.

Rex Miller Cox and Teresa Cox vs. Joy Dollar, individually and as next friend of Renee Dollar, a minor, order granting final summary judgment for defendant.

In the marriage of Gerald Frederick Smith Jr. and Kathryn Diane Smith, divorce granted.

Warranty Deeds

Audray B. Pollard to Billy Ray Pollard, all of Lot 2 in Block 4 of the Parkway Addition.

Billy Ray Browning, et ux, to Dorothy M. Treat, a 116.864-acre tract, part of tract 17 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 20, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Lella Botts, a widow, to Alvin Botts, all of Lots 15 and 16 in Block 27 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Jesus B. Rivera, et ux and et al, to Rubiel Diaz, all of Block 21 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Rae Pierce Adams, independnent executrix of the estate of Don Adams, all of the north 60 feet of Lot 2 in Block 3 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Ingrid Hurst, individually and attorney-in-fact for Terry L. Hurst, to William A. Masters, et ux, all of Lot 4 in Block 2 of the Cedar Creek Addition.

Henry Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to Garland Doyle Currey, et ux, a 0.39 acre tract in Section 88, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Vera McClanahan, a widow, to Myron Fenton, tract 1 being all of Lot 12 and the north 13 feet of Lot 13 in Block 5 of the Parkway Addition; tract 2 being the north 33 feet of Lot 20 and the south 42 feet of Lot 19 in Block 5 of the Parkway Addition; tract 3 being the north 47 feet of Lot 21 and the south 28 feet of Lot 20 in Block 5 of the Parkway Addition; tract 4 being the north 47 feet of Lot 26 and the south 28 feet of Lot 27 in Block 8 of the Parkway Addition; tract 5 being all of Lot 22 and the south 14 feet of Lot 21 in Block 5 of the Parkway Addition; tract 6 being the north 26 feet of Lot 33 and the south 49 feet of Lot 34 in Block 8 of the Parkway Addition.

Professional Bail Bonds of Snyder to Donald Timora, et ux, all of the north one-half of Lot 2 in Block 2 of the West Side Heights Addition.

Winona Curfman to Myron Fenton, all of Lot 22 and the south 14 feet of Lot 21 in Block 5 of the Parkway Addition.

Jackson defends himself in court

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson defended himself in court, but not against the allegations most people are talking about.

His testimony was videotaped for trial in a lawsuit brought by two unknown songwriters who claim Jackson stole parts of "The Girl Is Mine," "Thriller" and "We Are the World."

"If someone wrote a song, we would be honest and give them credit," Jackson said in the videotape played Thursday for a federal jury. "Any songs that I take credit for on my album, any songs that say Michael Jackson are written by me."

Jackson's testimony was taped last month in Mexico City, about the time he canceled a world tour,

Date Book

Dec. 18, 1993

Today is the 352nd day of 1993 and the 88th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1917, prohibition began in the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph J. Thomson (1856-1940), physicist; Paul Klee (1879-1940), artist; Ty Cobb (1886-1961), baseball great; Christopher Fry (1907-), dramatist, is 86; Ossie Davis (1917-), actor, is 76; Keith Richards (1943-), musician, is 50; Steven Spielberg (1947-), director-producer, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1932, the Chicago Bears defeated the Portsmouth Spartans, 9-0, in the first NFL game to be played indoors.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The great trouble with baseball today is that most of the players are in the game for the money that's in it — not for the love of it, the excitement of it, the thrill of it." — Ty Cobb in 1925

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1985, the worst wind and rain storm in 50 years at Tabuk, Saudi Arabia, led to flash flooding that took 15 lives.

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

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Dec. 19, 1993

Today is the 353rd day of 1993 and the 89th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1989, the United States invaded Panama in an attempt to seize Manuel Noriega and bring him to trial for drug trafficking.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ralph Richardson (1902-1983), actor; Jean Genet (1910-1986), writer; Cicely Tyson (1933-), actress, is 60; Richard E. Leakey (1944-), anthropologist, is 49; Tim Reid (1944-), actor, is 49; Robert Urich (1946-), actor, is 47; Kevin McHale (1957-), basketball player, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, the Edmonton Oilers' Wayne Gretzky scored the 1,000th point of his career, an assist in a 7-3 victory over the Los Angeles Kings.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I call saintliness not a state but the moral procedure leading to it." — Jean Genet

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1924, with a low temperature of minus 59, Riverside Ranger Station in Yellowstone National Park set the all-time record December low temperature for the continental United States.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (Dec. 20).

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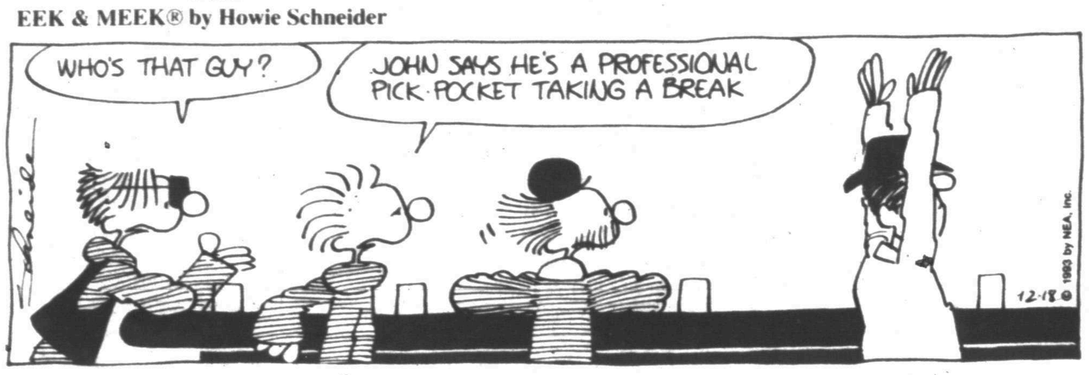
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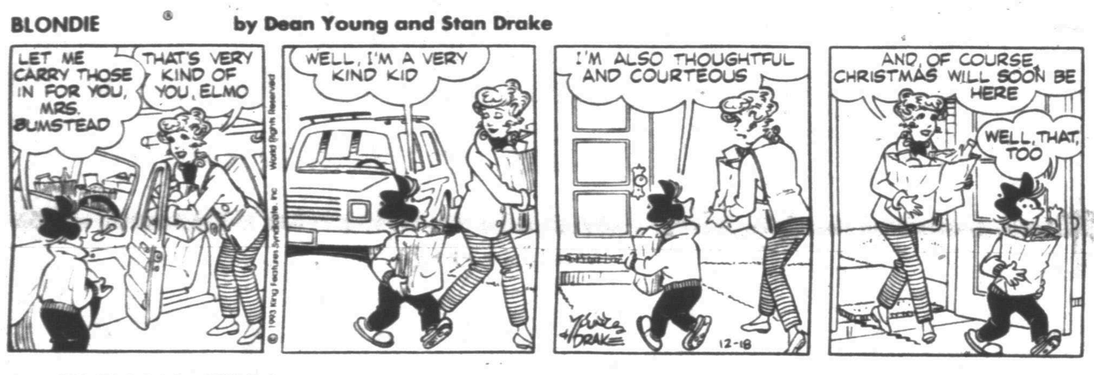
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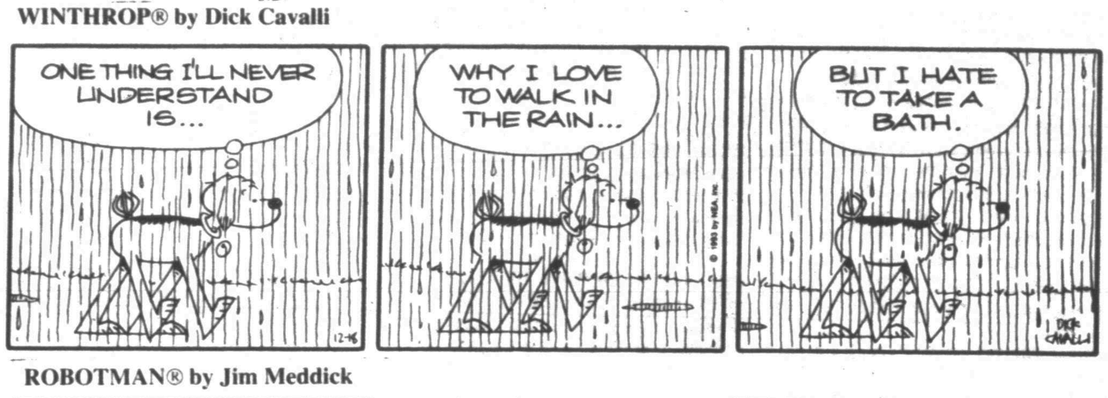
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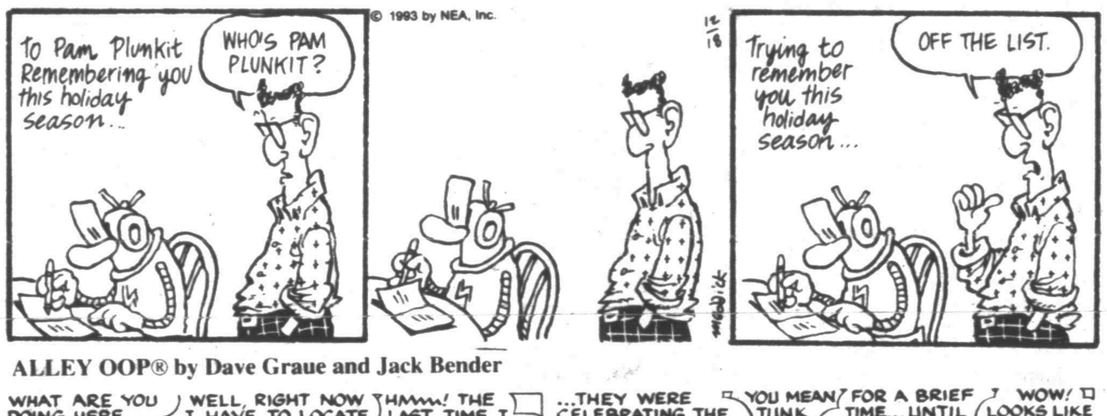
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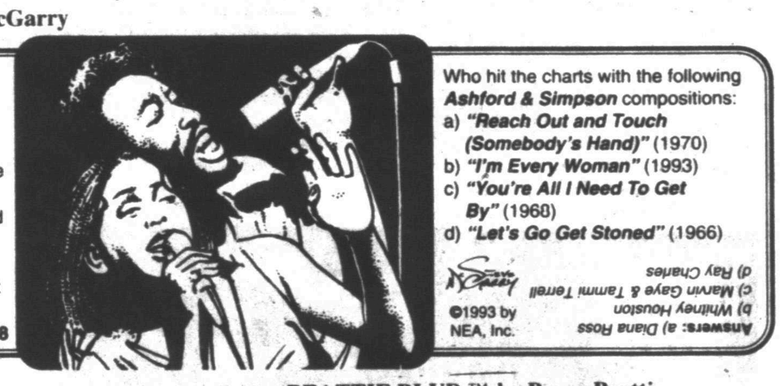
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ACROSS

1 Go on one foot
4 Food fish
7 Eat greedily (slang)
10 No
12 Author Jean M. —
14 Actress — Merkel
15 Opera heroine
16 Long narrow opening
17 Astronaut's ferry
18 Corn-heating utensil
20 Pig sounds
22 Flexibility
24 One who brings up
26 Of the dawn
30 Ailment
31 Baseball stat.
32 Dentist's dog.
33 In that place
37 Princely Italian family
39 Moslem women's quarters
40 Mexican state
43 Comedian — Chase
45 Sleeping-sickness fly
49 Garden tool
50 Grafted, in heraldry
52 Athletic buildings
53 Hawaiian instrument
54 Hebrew month
55 Uses thriftily
56 Danger color
57 Identifications (sl.)
58 Female sheep

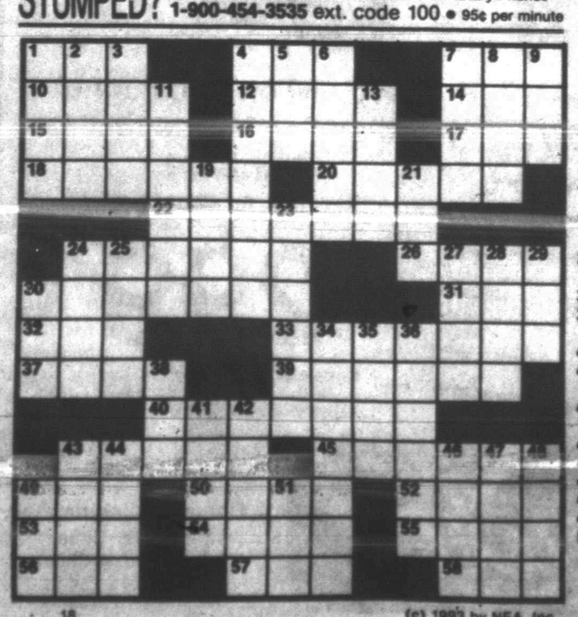
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1 Camel part
2 Where Toledo is
3 Type of shoe
4 Transports
5 French yes
6 Devil
7 — Hogan
8 Washington bills
9 Group of whales
11 '60s dropout
13 Not of the clergy
19 "Lohengrin" heroine
21 Group of pheasants
23 Singer — Franklin
24 Clears
25 Aide (abbr.)
27 City in Utah
28 Arabian garments
29 Insect egg
30 JFK's predecessor
34 Headwear makers
35 Periods of time
36 Back out
38 Organ of sight
41 Layer of eye
42 Singer — Lauper
43 Coal-derived fuel
44 Pay attention
46 Tiny tot child
47 Small duck
48 Actual being
49 Ben —
51 Youngster

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Pinpointing site of internal bleeding

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You mentioned in a recent column that internal bleeding is a common cause of anemia in older patients. What causes this bleeding, and how is it detected?

DEAR READER: Internal hemorrhage can occur anywhere in the body, but is most common in the intestinal tract. Virtually any part can be affected, from the mouth to the anus.

Most people are familiar with bleeding peptic ulcers, which are sores in the stomach or intestine that often cause heartburn, indigestion and brisk bleeding (which, because the blood is digested, leads to stools that are black and sticky).

However, hemorrhage may also result from lesions in the esophagus (peptic esophagitis), the colon (diverticulitis and cancer), and the rectum (hemorrhoids). Ordinarily, the further down the intestinal tract, the redder the blood that is passed.

Patients with intestinal bleeding frequently experience fatigue, weakness and lightheadedness.

The cause of such bleeding may be difficult to detect and identify. For example, in elderly patients, intestinal bleeding may arise from vascular ectasia, blood vessels in the bowel lining that suddenly burst, without warning. The precise location of these ectasias is often virtually impossible to pinpoint.

My father had this condition and it drove him and his doctors wild. Eventually, he had to have a section of the bowel removed, where his gastroenterologist and surgeon "suspected" the bleeding came from, during a diagnostic laparotomy (exploratory abdominal surgery). The procedure was, unfortunately, unsuccessful. He re-bled. Thus, there are many causes — some frustratingly elusive — of intestinal hemorrhage.

Internal bleeding is diagnosed by finding blood in the stool. Because this disorder invariably leads to anemia (as will any uncontrolled bleeding), blood counts are necessary to monitor the seriousness of the blood loss and to determine whether transfusions may be necessary — or whether drugs (to heal ulcers) or iron pills (to stimulate new blood formation) will suffice.

There are many tests to diagnose the site of intestinal bleeding: Upper and lower GI series (X-rays of the upper and lower gastrointestinal tract) and endoscopy (examining the intestinal lining with flexible tubes) are the most common techniques used by gastroenterologists. Sometimes special X-rays (arteriography) are required. Exploratory surgery may occasionally be necessary (as it was in my father's case) if the bleeding is life-threatening, recurrent or derived from a hidden source.

Although doctors have become skilled at identifying the sources of internal hemorrhage and there are many ways to treat this affliction, intestinal bleeding remains a serious disorder — especially in the elderly, who can ill-afford to experience profound or recurrent loss of blood.

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

As I grow older, I have become convinced that one of the most rewarding aspects of medical practice is the privilege of taking care of patients I like. Perhaps I am not alone in this belief.

I'm not referring to the trust and friendship that is vital to the doctor/patient relation. That's pretty standard — or should be. No, I mean I really like providing a service to people to whom I feel a closeness transcending the usual amicability.

When these patients walk into the office, I'm truly glad to see them. We chat for awhile, before getting down to business, because I'm eager to learn what's going on in their lives. I don't grumble when they call me at night or on weekends, because I want to be there for them; this is what friends are supposed to do. I know that I have to refer them to specialists once in awhile; that's merely good professional judgment. And I deeply care about them, their health and their happiness.

I confess to being put off by superdocs who diagnose and treat diseases that, by chance, have a person attached to them. I obtain more pleasure by regarding each health problem as a person with something that needs fixing.

Consequently, I'm complimented when my friends who are traveling telephone me from great distances — even from abroad — to ask my advice. I am honored that our friendship is not diluted by a lengthy business trip, an extended vacation or a relocation to a far-off community.

I've often thought that someday I might be fortunate enough to limit my practice only to the many people I like. Of course, this is unrealistic. I also take care of patients with whom I have a friendly but wary relation. And, like other physicians, I also care for patients with whom I don't get along particularly well.

Nonetheless, given the magnitude of unpleasant pressures on today's doctors, the joy of taking care of close friends is paramount. Thanks to this attitude, I don't have to be constantly bent out of shape about slow insurance payments, reduced Medicare payments, or no payments at all. I prefer to leave these issues to my office manager, while I experience pleasure doing what I like to do.

As you might suspect, this is a two-way street. I learn much from my patients/friends and these lessons are not the customary instruction required for all practitioners to remain scientifically up-to-date. In particular, my patients are role models. They show me how to behave with courage in the face of debilitating illness. They show me the really important aspects of the human condition. As I grow older, they show me how to age with class, not an easy task for any of us.

Class is an increasingly scarce commodity in our world. Few people know what it is; still fewer have it. But my friends do. It requires an astounding perspective, flexibility, graciousness, a strong sense of self — and a large dollop of humor.

For example, the other day, I examined a 94-year-old friend of mine with multiple medical problems. However, his various complaints, which he seems to accept with equanimity, do not prevent him from leading a full and busy life. (That's another mark of class: You keep going despite the odds.) He was planning a lengthy winter sojourn to the Bahamas, a decision I unequivocally supported.

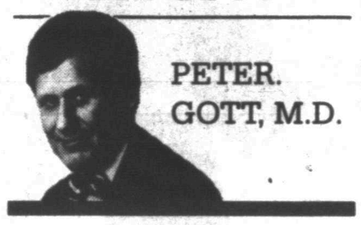
As he left the office, his eyes twinkled and he said: "Do you know the three ages of Man?" Suspecting a delicious trap, I pleaded ignorance.

He replied: "Young Age, Middle Age and 'Boy, you look pretty good!"

I love it. I love him. God bless my friends.

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DR. GOTT



PETER. GOTT, M.D.



BANDSMEN OF THE MONTH — These four Snyder Junior High School Band members have been named Bandsmen of the Month. November winners, (top photo) Krista Villarreal, left, 8th grader, clarinet; and Britney Canada, 7th grader, saxophone. December recipients, (bottom photo) David Thames, left, 7th grader, trombone; and Corey Ballard, 8th grader, French horn. (SDN Staff Photo)





GOODFELLOWS GATHER ITEMS — Snyder Goodfellows gathered canned goods Thursday at Snyder Cablevision to distrubute to families for Christmas. From left are Russell Fisk, Art Feinsod, Speedy Prince and Hubert Cargile. Cablevision exchanged canned goods for installation fees since before Thanksgiving until Dec. 23. Employees are Joyce Buchanan, Mariann Neblett and Betty Doan. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Dinner No. 4
- Whole Baked Chicken Hen
- 1 Qt. Dressing
- 1 Pt. Giblet Gravy
- 1 Pint Cranberry Sauce
- 6 Fresh Rolls

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Dinner No. 2

For 12-14 People
12# Turkey Raw Weight

- Whole Baked Butterball Turkey Hen
- 3 Qts. Dressing
- 1 Qt. Giblet Gravy
- 1 Pint Cranberry Sauce

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