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Ask Us

Q—What was the peak year for oil production in Texas, and how much oil was produced?

A—According to the Texas Railroad Commission, Texas produced more oil and gas in 1972 than any other year, accounting for 3.44 million barrels of crude a day. Current oil production for the state is 1.68 million barrels a day.



Local

Boosters

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 7 this evening in the high school student center.

Reception

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

SISD board

Snyder public schools trustees will meet in executive session noon Tuesday at The Shack to evaluate the superintendent.

DCOS

The Development Corporation of Snyder will hold a special meeting today at 6 p.m. in the TU Electric Reddy Room. The only item on the agenda is a request concerning Walls Industries.

Playoff

Tiger Stadium will host a Class 2A regional high school football title game Friday.

The game pits District 8 champion Goldthwaite, 12-1, against Springlake-Earth, District 3 champ, also at 12-1.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. Admission is $5 per person at the gate.

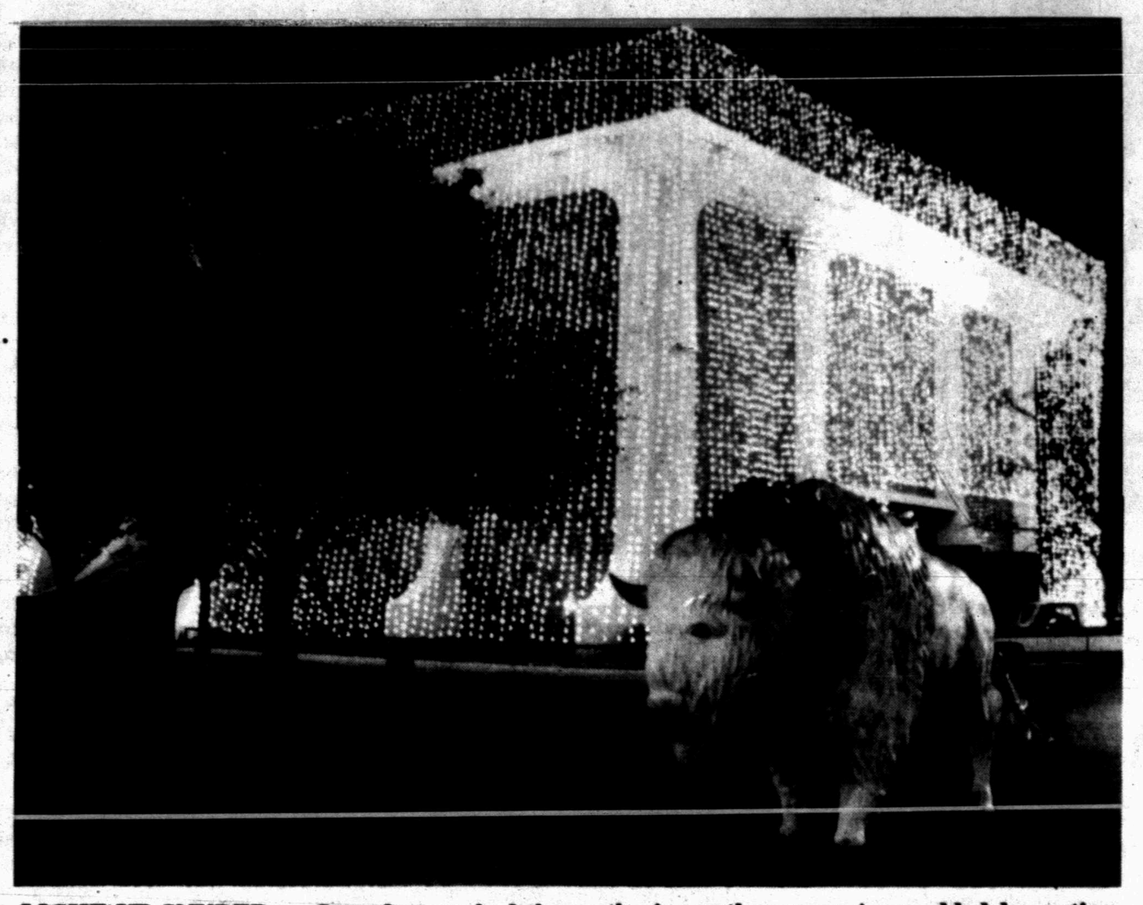
Advance tickets, available at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, are $5 for adults and $3 for students.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 61 degrees; low, 21 degrees; high Sunday, 53 degrees; low, 26 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 26 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 25.92.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low in the upper 30s. West wind 5-10 mph. Tuesday, sunny. High in the mid 60s. Northwest wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:40. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:25. Of 334 days in 1992, the sun has shone 311 days in Snyder.



LIGHT UP SNYDER — Saturday marked the second annual lighting of the square for the Christmas season, as thousands of lights lining the county courthouse were turned on during a gathering on the square. As an added decoration, a Christmas wreath was placed around the neck of the white buffalo this year. (SDN Staff Photo)

Communist Party ban is upheld by by Russian court

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's Constitutional Court today upheld Boris Yeltsin's ban on the Communist Party, but it also opened the door for former Communists to reclaim some of the party's property.

The court ruled that the Russian president was within his power when he banned the party after the failed August 1991 coup.

The 13 judges also ruled that Yeltsin had the authority to seize state property that had been under the party's control.

But they said that other party property should not have been seized without a decision of the Court of Arbitration, the country's business court.

Pro-Communist lawmakers had filed a lawsuit contending that Yeltsin exceeded his authority when he banned the party and seized its property.

Anti-Communist lawmakers filed a countersuit, arguing that the party was an unconstitutional organization that illegally grabbed power in 1917, sent millions of people to their deaths and resisted reform.

The Constitutional Court, founded last fall, combined both lawsuits in a single case. The panel wound up the four-month trial om Nov. 13 despite the refusal of former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev to testify.

During the trial, Communists argued that their party built the Soviet Union into "a great power heard throughout the world" and "lifted the nation to victory over the fascists" in World War II.

Yeltsin's lawyers used newly declassified documents to show that the party had supported Palestinian terrorists who planned attacks on American and Israeli civilians.

The president's legal team also revealed millions of dollars in secret payments to foreign Communists, including Gus Hall, head of the U.S. Communist Party.

Former dissident Vladimir Bukovsky flew in from London to

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Madrigal dinner set

Snyder High School choir will highlight a madrigal dinner this evening at Snyder Country Club.

The program will begin at 7:30 in the ballroom. Other dinners are scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 1, and Monday, Dec. 7, also at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets, which include the meal and entertainment, are $15 a person or $25 a couple. Proceeds will be used for the SHS choir tour.

Choir students will be singing in renaissance-era costumes during the meal. Drama skits and a concert featuring Christmas music will follow.

Reservations are necessary, and can be made at the high school business office or by calling 573-6301. The dinners are open to the general public, and not limited to country club members.

Near Hermleigh...

Neighbors join in to help strip farmer's cotton crop

It's what Thanksgiving is all about.

While Donald Ray McHaney was in San Antonio recovering from a bone marrow operation last weekend, his friends and neighbors jumped in to help here at home.

"This is the way people in Scurry County do," said Jerry Gannaway, Precinct 4 county commissioner and a neighbor.

About 30 people pitched in on Thanksgiving weekend to strip McHaney's cotton some two miles northwest of Hermleigh. Working with 17 strippers and seven module builders, they began about noon Saturday and finished up early Sunday afternoon, covering an estimated 200 row acres.

Doug Foster, a Chevron Pipeline employee and area farmer, headed up the effort.

"He's been a good neighbor and friend of mine. I thought it needed to be done so I just picked up the phone and pretty soon people were coming out of the woodwork," said Foster, with a laugh.

Recent rains had kept many farmers out of the fields until last weekend, but that didn't stop them from taking time to help the McHaneys, Gannaway said.

"A lot of them pulled out of their own cotton patch and went over there to help," he said.

When the work was done, relatives counted 26 modules and one trailer. Foster said the crop was a good one.

"It was a great thing," said Don's brother, Eddie McHaney. "On behalf of Don, I know I can say he is really delighted. When I told him about it, it was hard for him to talk. He was very emotional about it. It's a wonderful thing."

Donald is in the bone marrow transplant unit at Southwest Texas Medical Center fighting cancer. He's been there since Nov. 2.

Specialists recently harvested bone marrow from him, then placed the bone marrow back following intense chemotherapy.

"He's doing pretty well. He's hoping to come back home soon," said Eddie. "They are about to turn him back over to his specialist in Lubbock."

Friends said Donald could be home within a week or two. When he returns home, the cotton crop is one thing he won't have to be concerned with.

"This is one of the great things about Scurry County. People are always willing to help their neighbors," said Gannaway.

County okays ball field wall, kitchen expansion blueprints

County commissioners this morning granted permission to have blueprints drawn for a proposed expansion of the kitchen facilities at Scurry County Senior Center.

The court also approved a request from Snyder High School baseball coach Albert Lewis for a background wall at Moffett Field and the closing of Scurry County Airport on Christmas Day.

Senior Center Director Jerry Baird spoke with commissioners about the current kitchen facilities at the senior center and proposed a 15- by 30-foot expansion which would solve current problems with preparing meals.

"We have a very small kitchen, and it is difficult for the ladies to prepare meals," said Baird, who told the court that the center currently averages 240 meals per day, including over 80 meals for home delivery.

Baird said a basic sketch of the proposed improvement, which would include moving the current dishwashing machine to the coliseum and replacing it with one that would more adequately serve the center's needs, has been drawn by Don Hampton of Sweetwater.

Acording to Baird, Hampton's estimate for the project is between $45,000 and $50,000. A more detailed estimate will not be available until blueprints are drawn.

The center has raised approximately $12,000 to be used toward the project, Baird said.

Commissioner Roy Idom said the senior center budget will have almost $10,000 left over at the end of the year, which could be used to cover the cost of having the final blueprints drawn.

Commissioners asked Baird to meet with Hampton and have the blueprints prepared, with the expansion to be considered further when a more detailed cost estimite is aviilable.

The court voted to have a background wall placed in centerfield at Moffett Field in Towle Park, which would allow batters to see the ball easier during games.

Coach Lewis made the request last week, suggesting that the wall could be paid for through donations or by the school. The court granted the request with the understanding that there will be no cost to the county.

County Judge Bob Doolittle suggested that the court look at the county policy concerning advertising being displayed at county facilities such as the baseball fields. Commissioners discussed whether different leagues which use the fields could sell advertising to sponsors and use the proceeds for the upkeep of the individual parks.

The matter was tabled for further study.

The court voted to close the county airport on Christmas Day and to have the airport closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas in the future.

Commissioners approved four line-item transfers, including three for the county extension office.

Approved were transfers of $305 to replace tires on the county pickup used by the office, $120 to replace a cracked windshield on the truck, and $559.99 to replace a

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United Way fund drive starts today

Scurry County United Way began its 1993 fund-raising campaign today in an effort to raise $60,000 fund-raising for local organizations.

Due to a lack of funds, the organization will be supporting only local organizations this year, including the Boy's Club, Noah Project, Snyder Day Care, Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Oil Patch Foster Parents.

Organizations which will not receive funding are Red Cross, Salvation Army and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Of this year's $60,000 goal, $26,000 is allocated to the Boy's Club, $15,000 to Snyder Child Day Care Center, $11,000 to Noah Project, $5,500 to Oil Patch Foster Parents, and $2,500 to Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

According to local United Way president Jeff Fowler, the local effort is keeping the United Way name, but will not send funds to the national organization this year.

The group is still searching for volunteers to help raise funds for the coming year.

Anyone interested in volunteering or seeking further information about United Way is asked to call Nancy LaRoux at Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.

Applications due Tuesday for COT class

Tuesday is the final day to make application for the next Texas Department of Criminal Justice correctional officer class, which begins in mid-January.

Applications are available in the Continuing Education Office at Western Texas College.

The daytime course will begin Jan. 18 and run through Feb. 10.

A second class is scheduled Feb. 22 through March 17. The application deadline for that class is Jan. 8.

Persons who qualify for and complete the course are certified to be employed by the TDCJ to work as correctional officers in the state prison system.



CROWD PLEASER — Santa Claus drew a large crowd of children Saturday as he arrived by fire truck at the second annual lighting of the square. (SDN Staff Photo)



SELF-CONCEPT CERTIFICATES — These Central students received self concept (positive action) certificates last week. From left, bottom row: Martin Garcia, Omar Castaneda and Roel Ruiz, all kindergarten; Jennifer Halverson and Fernando Ornelas, both first graders; middle row: David Estrada, Johnny Vasquez, Bernice Ornelas, Candace Gonzales, Kyle Blum, Roger Ostrander, Aaron Bayer and Lee Jackson, all third graders; top row: Riki Dorsett, Joshua Ortegon, Zachary Rollins, Amanda Turnbo, Jessica Rodriguez and Amy Juarez. First grader Casey Martinez is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

Homeless in rural area hard to count

AUSTIN (AP) — Researchers say counting the homeless in rural areas is difficult because there are no shelters or other places to congregate.

Instead, they live in abandoned farmhouses, in cars in relatives' driveways and on friends' couches, hundreds — some say thousands — of homeless people in small Central Texas towns are making do from day to day, largely hidden from view.

Thousands more, like the Ledesma family of Kyle, are on the brink, falling through the cracks of a system that doesn't always acknowledge the problem, experts say.

"They're in the private system, not in public," said Janet Fichen, an anthropologist at Ithaca College in New York.

Relatives often move into each other's homes, whether there is room or not. And while that second family doesn't have a permanent home, government officials and homeless advocates debate whether this "doubling up" should qualify for needed help.

The Ledesmas' old one-bedroom trailer in the Green Pastures subdivision east of Kyle is drafty, with holes in the windows and no heating.

Peggy Ledesma, her husband Daniel, and their children James, 4; Jackie, 3; and Natasha, 1, share a small room in the back corner of the mobile home. Daniel's two teen-age brothers share the living room of the trailer, which was a gift from an uncle.

"A big problem that the providers in rural areas find is that HUD's definition (of homelessness) isn't geared to their areas," said Lynn Borowitz, a researcher for the Housing Assistance Council in Washington, D.C.

In cities, aid to the homeless is more organized, more well-funded, more publicized. Federal grants are more prevalent. Large shelters, such as the Salvation Army in Austin, handle hundreds of people a day. There is an interlocking net of social services that, while often insufficient, is at least available.

Homeless life in rural areas is much different. Shelters are almost non-existent. Low-income housing in most cases is filled, and those wanting to get in face waiting lists of months, even years.

"We see them after they've been staying with a parent, or someone they grew up with," said Ruben Garza, director of the Southside Community Center in San Marcos, which runs a homeless shelter. "They go from house to house, but eventually there's no one left."

In the 1990 census, only 202 homeless were counted in 18 counties surrounding Travis County.

The total isn't close to being accurate, homeless advocates and service providers say, but those same people add that no reliable data is available.

Legislature not much closer to solution

AUSTIN (AP) — Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, was a lonely figure standing before the Texas House last week.

Abandoned even by his own party, he was explaining that his school funding bill still needed work and wasn't ready for a vote after all.

"I don't have the support of this body. I can't pass this bill out," Ogden said. "It's such a new concept that it's poorly understood."

What was readily understood was that legislative gridlock had snared another school finance plan.

For three long years, the Legislature has been struggling under Texas Supreme Court orders to try to equalize funding between rich and poor schools.

The current special session is their third try.

The Democratic leaders — Gov. Ann Richards, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Gib Lewis — aren't even that worried about getting an actual school finance plan passed right now.

But they desperately want passage of a proposed constitutional amendment, which if approved by voters would define school "equity" once and for all and silence the courts. The actual spending blueprint could come later.

Since the GOP has 58 of the 150 House seats — and a constitutional amendment needs 100 votes — Republicans hold the key to passing the Big Three's amendment. But the Republicans say they won't vote for an amendment until they see a spending plan they like.

Briefly, Ogden's plan looked like the ticket.

The House Republicans initially indicated they would support it. But when the bill neared the floor and a vote, the House GOP Caucus backed away. It may have been the $1 billion price tag, it may have been the impact on the lawmakers' local schools, it may have been a bluff called.

"Just thank God there were no House Republicans at the Alamo," Bullock snapped. "I promise you if there had been, they would have hung ol' Jim Bowie out to dry just like they did Steve Ogden."

So the problem remains. And it's still easier to criticize the other guy than offer a workable solution of your own.

Everyone involved agrees that schoolchildren are the hope for the future.

Everyone agrees there are gaping disparities between the state's richest and poorest school districts.

Everyone agrees that poor kids deserve as good an education as those whose parents are better off.

Almost no one agrees on how to accomplish it.

The Legislature's most recent idea — struck down by the Supreme Court — was to take all property taxes within a county and share the money among the various county school districts.

Sharing property tax money is "recapture." Recapture isn't popular in many quarters. But by process of elimination, it remains the chief alternative being discussed.

Why?

Lack of money.

"I wish I had $3.5 billion to put into this (finance) plan," Bullock told a group of school superintendents. "If I did, I've got a feeling every one of you would have a big smile on your face ... But I don't have $3.5 billion."

State taxes were raised in 1985, 1986, 1987, 1990 and 1991. Local property taxes have risen steadily. Politicians believe voters are fed up.

Texas sales taxes already rank among the nation's highest. That doesn't look like an answer.

Back when oil was booming, voters banned a statewide property tax. That's not an answer either.

Bullock last year proposed a state income tax. Even though he coupled it with property tax relief, the idea bombed.

The state auditor, criticizing school districts for spending tax dollars on everything from booze to Jay Leno tickets, recommended savings of $642 million. But the largest chunk of that involved another Texas taboo: consolidation.

The House speaker proposed school consolidation last year. It never got off the ground.

The governor in May proposed pooling only business property taxes and sharing that money. She couldn't find enough votes among lawmakers to even bother calling a special session.

Then, no matter what the proposal, there are "the printouts."

Every time someone has a school finance idea, lawmakers turn to the long computerized tables which detail in dollars-and-cents just how much would be spent on each of the 1,055 school districts.

The math is easy. If a school finance proposal takes money from a lawmaker's schools, he votes no. If his schools break even or gain, he may vote yes.

Easy to compute. Hard to resolve.

Is it any wonder that the House speaker, a veteran of two decades of legislative wars, is sounding downright gloomy?

"We may have an unsolvable problem," Gib Lewis said. "Politically unsolvable."

Inaugural pomp, plainness do not follow party lines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats say they plan a folksy inaugural for Bill Clinton, unlike the Republican extravaganzas of the Reagan-Bush era. But history shows no party has a lock on either pomp or plainness on Inauguration Day.

It was, after all, Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower who broke with the century-old tradition of taking the oath in top hat and tails, and Democrat John F. Kennedy who brought it back, temporarily.

It was a Republican Congress that voted a then-record $80,000 for the 1949 inauguration, assuming it would be of Republican Thomas E. Dewey, but Democrat Harry S. Truman, whose victory surprised many, didn't hesitate to spend the money.

Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter took their oaths in business suits, but so did George Bush. And Bush followed Carter's lead by getting out of his limousine to stroll up Pennsylvania Avenue during the parade.

As for which party has been the more lavish, "I am trying to think whether there is hard evidence that the Democrats are more spartan than the Republicans," said historian William E. Leuchtenberg of the University of North Carolina. "I am not sure there is."

"I believe both Democrats and Republicans like to get dressed up and celebrate," said Joyce Kravitz, a spokeswoman for the Presidential Inauguration Committee.

"The committees are always raising money to build the stands and make it as elaborate as possible," said Marvin Krantz.

New Congressional members to face perks and harsh awakening

WASHINGTON (AP) — Flush from the high of Election Day triumph, Congress' biggest freshman class in decades is about to receive the royal treatment — and a harsh awakening.

As the House's 110 newcomers flock to town for this week's orientation, they will find the institution still provides its members with free parking, free mail, foreign travel and a variety of other perquisites.

But they and the 11 new senators also face some humbling realities. They will inhabit the most remote and undesirable offices on Capitol Hill, and now must focus on the monumental task of hiring staff and buying furniture and equipment for offices both in Washington and back home.

Another ego-jarring truth is that most will sink into the obscurity reserved for congressional freshmen. And they will be lucky to land seats on the committees they want to serve on.

"I think they are simply overwhelmed," said David Twenhafel, director of research for the Congressional Management Foundation, a private non-profit group that provides management advice to lawmakers.

"There is an expectation that they have just finished the incredibly difficult job of getting elected, and their just reward is rest and relaxation," he said. "But everybody tells them, 'No, no, no, you've got to get to work now'" putting your office together.

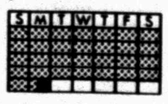
To be sure, being a member of Congress is not without its frills.

Senators and representatives will earn $133,600 next year.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Nov. 30, 1992

Today is the 335th day of 1992 and the 70th day of fall.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1918, Iceland was granted autonomy by Denmark.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jonathan Swift (1667-1745), satirist-poet-clergyman; Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens, 1835-1910), novelist; Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965), English statesman; Efrem Zimbalist, Jr. (1923-), actor, is 69; Dick Clark (1929-), performer-producer, is 63; David Mamet (1947-), dramatist-screenwriter, is 45; Mandy Patinkin (1952-), actor-singer, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, Notre Dame had a 24-0 lead in the second quarter when USC exploded for eight touchdowns in the next 16 minutes and defeated the Fighting Irish by a score of 55 to 24.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When a true genius appears in the world, you may know him by this sign, that the dunces are all in a confederacy against him." — Jonathan Swift, from "Thoughts on Various Subjects."

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1957, Lee slope winds enhanced by Hurricane Nina gave Honolulu, Hawaii, its record wind gust of 82 mph.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Nov. 24) and first quarter (Dec. 2).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
You know the TV show is awful when you can't wait for the next set of commercials.

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Dear Abby



Wife With Herpes Should Expose Husband to Truth

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "Sinned and Sorry," I had to write. I can identify with her, particularly with regard to the possible C-section due to her genital herpes.

When I met my husband 10 years ago, I knew he would be the father of my children. We now have three — all born naturally — even though I, too, was faced with the possibility of a C-section because I have genital herpes.

"Sinned and Sorry" should educate herself on her condition. She should know that even though herpes is incurable, it is manageable.

She should tell her husband she has genital herpes. I realized early in our relationship that we would have a special life together and I didn't want anything to ruin it, so I told him the truth regarding my condition. It was a tremendous relief. He appreciated my courage and honesty and wasn't vindictive, although I know he was disappointed. Since then, our marriage has been normal and healthy, and with meticulous hygiene on my part, my husband is virus-free.

What "Sinned and Sorry" does not need right now is the added stress of keeping her secret. It won't help her pregnancy or the herpes.

Finally, she needs to forgive herself for her previous promiscuity. She's paid her dues. Soul-searching with a counselor will no doubt reveal a sensitive and loving woman who needs to give love and be loved in a strong family environment, complete with children. No name or city, please. Just sign me ...

BEEN THERE

DEAR BEEN THERE: My mail has been running 50-50 concerning whether or not to tell her spouse. I, too, feel that she should not hide the truth from him. You raise an excellent point: She should educate herself about the disease.

For reliable information on sexually transmitted diseases, write to: The American Social Health Association (ASHA), P.O. Box 13827, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 29940.

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DEAR ABBY: You should not have told the woman who signed herself "It's Been a Long, Long Time" to look up the man she used to go with during World War II.

By now, they are both about 70 years old — or older. And assuming he is still alive, he probably has a wife, since wives usually outlive their husbands.

If she's after a relationship that includes sex, she's sure to be disappointed because very few men of 70 are still able to perform. Also, he could be in poor health, in which case do you think she would be willing to help take care of him and give his poor wife a rest? And how do you think she'll feel if the guy can't even remember her name?

Abby, there are many reasons why this woman should not look up her old boyfriend from World War II. You should have advised her to become active in some senior citizen projects, or her church, if she has time on her hands. Looking up her old boyfriend from 50 years ago would certainly be a big disappointment.

In the future, Abby, please do not encourage senior citizens to do foolish things.

A THINKER

DEAR THINKER: Please think again — and please think more positively. Today, a 70-year-old man is not necessarily "old," nor does he have one foot on a banana peel, and just because there's snow on the roof, it doesn't mean there's no fire in the furnace. Today, people are living longer and enjoying life more.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

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Happy 7th Birthday Beth

Love,
Mom & Dad





SUPER KIDS — Central "super kids" receiving ribbons last week are from left, bottom row: Jeremy Alvarado, Lindsey Morin, Tommy Garza, all pre-kindergarten; Israel Torrez, Crystal Rodriguez, Iboon Garcia, all kindergarten; Brian Rios, Malcom Wells, Jose Luis Perez, all first graders; middle row: Sandy Torres, Stephanie Molina, Chelsea Strunk, Trent Boyd, Jacob Gamez, Britney Pinkerton, Kallie Billingsley; top row: Nicole Moore, Ashley Owen, Eric Githens, Tate Thompson, Audrey Gilpin, Charlie Gorman and Brandon Gentry, all third graders. Chris Lopez, pre-kindergarten, is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

Anti-gay rights law triggers protests

DENVER (AP) — It began as an obtusely worded proposal aimed at preventing "special rights" for homosexuals. But three weeks after it was approved, Colorado's new anti-gay rights law is the target of a barrage of protest.

It has led to the beginnings of an economic boycott, an informal celebrity-led movement to repeal it, a lawsuit challenging it and confusion among many residents who aren't exactly sure why it passed.

And, the city of Aspen has vowed to defy it by continuing to protect the civil rights of homosexuals even after the new law goes into effect in January.

"It took a while for the shock to sink in about what this really means. The meaning goes beyond a gay-and-lesbian issue to a civil rights issue," said Aspen City Manager Amy Margerum. "What's next? (Discrimination against) political affiliation? Ancestry? Age?"

Amendment 2 was approved Nov. 3 with 53 percent of the state's voters in favor and 47 percent opposed. It will prohibit state and local governments from enacting laws that grant civil rights to homosexuals. It also will repeal such laws in Denver, Boulder and Aspen.

"The city feels very strongly that it is a terrible thing to allow this kind of discrimination," Margerum said. "We are a home-rule city ... and we should be allowed to enact our laws and ordinances."

The day after the election, the backlash began to build. Tourism and government offices took more than 2,200 calls from outraged people in several states who said they were canceling trips to Colorado.

More followed. Several groups canceled conventions and meetings, including the American Foundation for AIDS Research, the American Association of Law Libraries, the National Organization for Women and the National Council for Social Studies. The lost business could cost the state more than $10 million in economic benefits, officials said.

As gay rights supporters bash the referendum and threats of economic sanctions continue, the Colorado Springs-based Colorado for Family Values, which sponsored Amendment 2, has kept a low profile.

But on Wednesday, spokesman Kevin Tebedo vowed to keep the group's doors open until the lawsuit challenging Amendment 2 is settled or the boycott movement loses momentum.

Tebedo said homosexual groups, not his own, are "fanning the flames of hatred" with calls for a boycott and attacks on the religious right.

"If this thing (boycott) was allowed to take its natural course, I believe it would die," Tebedo said.

The Atlanta City Council banned official travel and spending in Colorado, and other cities, including San Francisco, are taking steps to follow suit.

A coalition called Boycott Colorado was formed to encourage tourists, corporations and associations to stay away until the law is rescinded.

Several celebrities, including tennis stars Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert, who live in Aspen; and entertainers Cher and Barbra Streisand have urged the public to help efforts to overturn the amendment.

Navratilova, who is gay, has joined several people and the cities of Aspen, Boulder and Denver in a lawsuit that challenges the amendment's legality.

More than 50 government and business leaders have formed a coalition to try to counter the amendment's ill-effects with an aggressive public relations campaign from Hollywood to New York.

Ken Parks, Greater Denver Chamber of Commerce vice president, said Colorado officials are planning to discuss the amendment on nationally televised programs such as "Entertainment Tonight," and "The Arsenio Hall Show." They also plan to lobby major news outlets next month in New York.

Tom Arnold shows off new tatoo

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Arnold used the occasion of the Hollywood Christmas Parade to show off his new tattoo: a Star of David.

Arnold and his comedian wife, Roseanne Arnold, were grand marshals of Sunday's 61st annual parade.

As they rode in a red convertible down Hollywood and Sunset boulevards, Arnold unbuttoned his shirt to display the artwork on his chest. He converted to Judaism before marrying the star of TV's "Roseanne" in 1991.

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By Phillip Alder

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♣ 6 5 3	♣ 7 4
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♥ 6 5	
♦ Q 7 6 2	
♣ A K 10 9 2	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

A sleight of hand

By Phillip Alder

Rita Mae Brown once wrote, "One of the keys to happiness is a bad memory." Well, assuming she plays the game, she might be a happy bridge player, but I doubt that her partners would see it in the same light.

To remember the cards that have been played, say each one to yourself. This way, not only will you look at every card, but also you will have the cards echoing in your memory.

There are ways to manipulate the cards to test the memory of an opponent.

On today's deal, you reach an ambitious five-club contract. West leads the heart queen. East overtakes with the king, cashes the heart ace, West following, and plays the heart jack. You ruff high while West discards a low spade. How do you avoid the unavoidable spade loser?

You must assume East has the K-Q of spades and the happiness of a Rita Mae Brown. Cash four rounds of trumps (discarding a spade from dummy) and the spade ace. Next, lead the diamond six to dummy's king, a diamond to your queen and the diamond seven to dummy's ace. Dummy is left with the heart nine and diamond five. East has the spade king and heart 10. You hold the spade 10 and diamond two.

Now lead the diamond five. East will probably remember that he had the three and that there is one diamond out. Being confident that you are going to win the trick in your hand, he will probably discard his heart rather than his spade. Then sit back and savor the stream of excuses that East offers to account for his error.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-9924 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

Sparklers Chamber of Commerce Volunteers; The Shack; noon.

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Alpha Study Club Christmas luncheon, Elizabeth McCloskey and LaDean Rhodes, hostesses.

Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.

Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.

Hobbs Co-Dependent 12-Step group; Hobbs school gym; call Sharon or Jimmy Prayton at 735-3640 (Rotan); 7 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bride; 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; regular meeting, Barbara Bills, program; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.

Snyder Police Auxiliary; Snyder National Bank Community Room; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.

Al-Anon; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101, or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club Prayer Coffee; in the home of Teresa Love, 5505 Cedar Creek.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

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

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

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

Al-Anon; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information call 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Christmas Happening; Scurry County Museum at Western Texas College.

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

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

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

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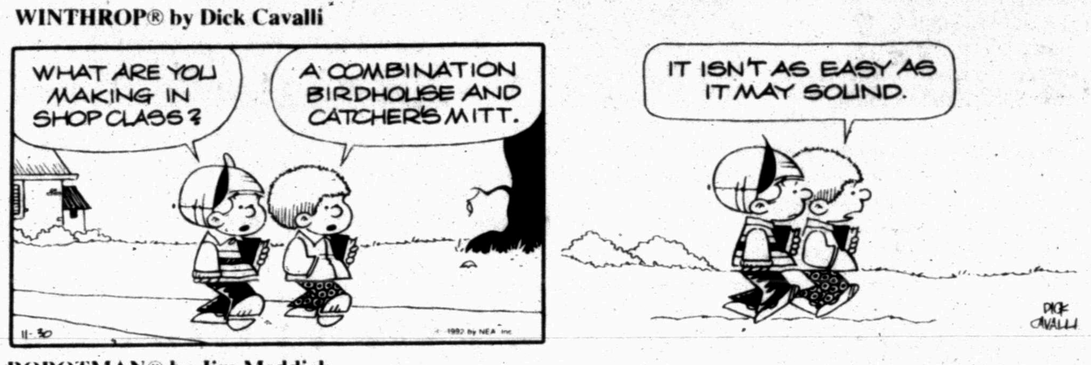
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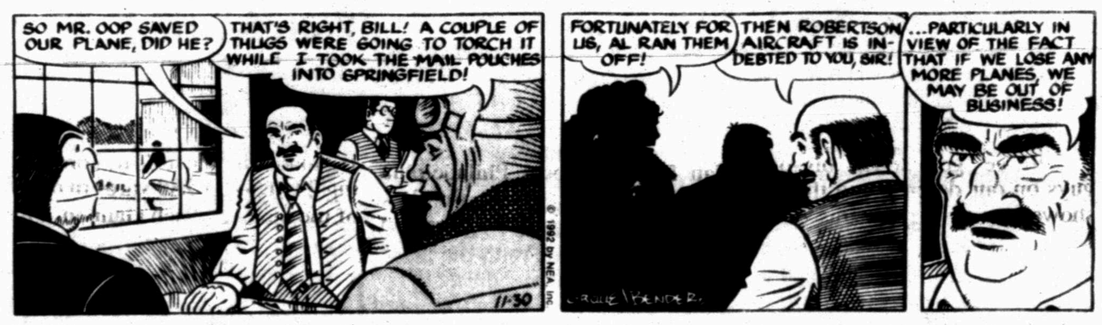
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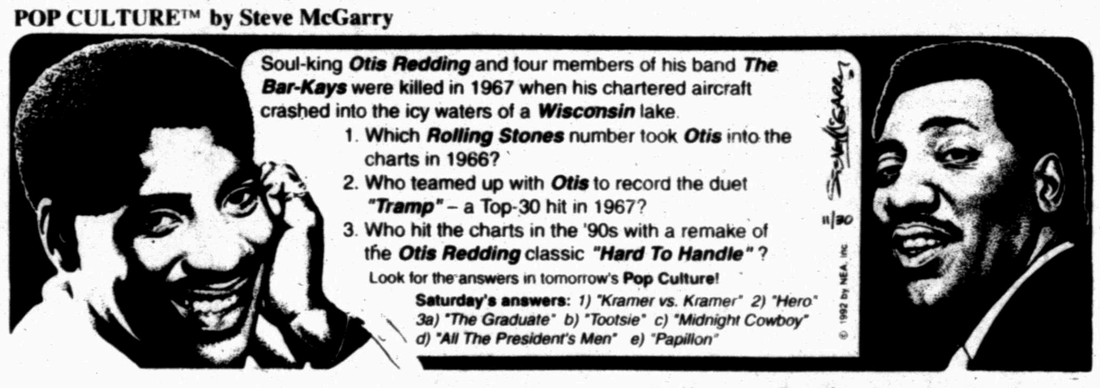
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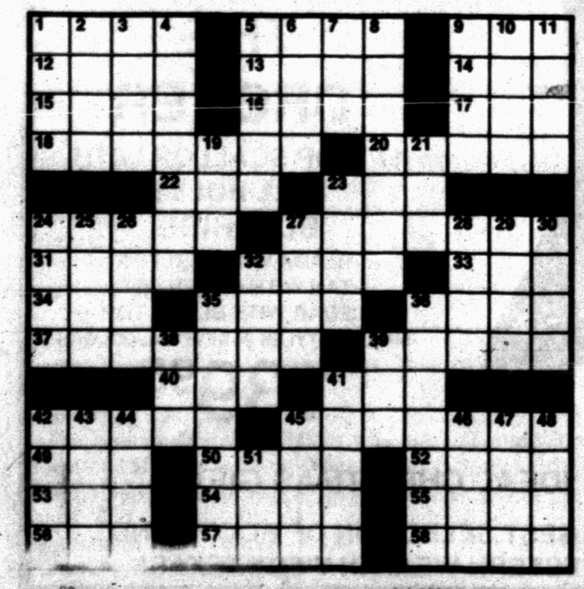
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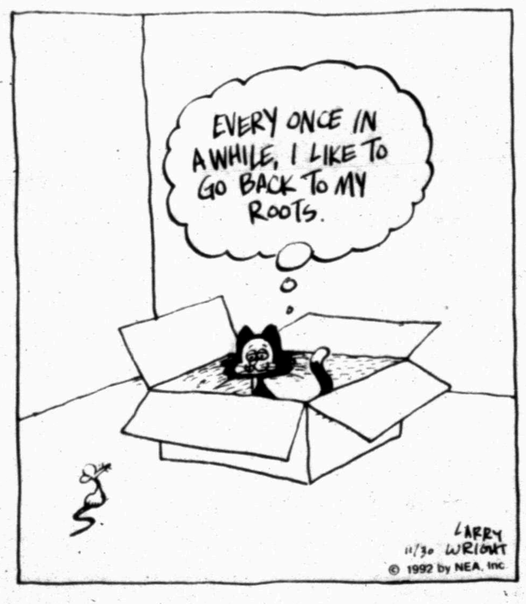
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"WHAT'S THAT STUFF?" "YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD HIM."

Mats claim berth in quarterfinal tilt

ABILENE — Tailback Talion Scott rushed for 162 yards and a touchdown and passed for a score, leading the District 2-4A Estacado Matadors to a 26-7 playoff victory over Wichita Falls Hirschi Saturday.

The Mats, whose last loss was to Snyder in Week 6 of the regular season, move to 7-4-2 overall, and will battle Stephenville at 2 p.m. Saturday in San Angelo for the regional championship.

Scott started the ball rolling with a 25-yard first-quarter scamper for the end zone.

Estacado quarterback Zebbie Lethridge made it 13-0 with a six-yard blast followed by a 27-yard pass from Lethridge to tight end Chris Adams and Scott's option pass to Dale Love that covered 17 yards for a TD.

The Huskies' lone score came in the second period when Tisa Pocharasang scooted eight yards for a touchdown, pulling to within six at 13-7.

Hirschi ends the season at 6-7.

Stephenville, District 6 runner-up, earned a berth in the regional title game by edging District 2-4A runner-up Plainview 9-6 in Wichita Falls Saturday.

Plainview's rushing attack was led by fullback Kevin Polk, who ran for 209 of the Bulldogs' 226 yards, including a 52-yard third-quarter TD ramble that broke a scoreless tie.

Stephenville, 10-3, answered when Shane Freels scrambled 24 yards for a score to make it 6-6.

Brad Couch, who missed the PAT following Freels' touchdown, hit a 30-yard game-winning field goal with 2:16 to play.

Plainview winds up the year with an 11-2 mark.

106-96 over San Jacinto...

Dusters rally for tourney win

SHERMAN — Sophomore point guard Mary Ann Isom sparked a late comeback for the Western Texas College Lady Dusters, resulting in a dramatic 106-96 overtime victory over San Jacinto JC in Saturday's final round of the Grayson County Junior College Cage Classic.

The Dusters were trailing by seven with 16 seconds left when Isom hit two free throws, then stole the ensuing in-bounds pass.

The Midland Lee product dished to sophomore Allison Garcia, who scored on a lay-up, trimming the San Jac lead to just three.

Jennifer Bullard swiped the next in-bounds toss from SJJC, passing to Shelly Decker, who sank a three to force the overtime.

Isom paced the WTC overtime surge, hitting a pair of 3-pointers and going 6-of-6 from the free throw line.

"It was a strange game," said WTC coach Ron Jones. "I think San Jacinto played better than I thought they would, and I'm really not sure how we played.

"We did some things well, and we did score some points, but we appear to be just a little out of synch.

"The important thing," he added, "was that we found a way to win."

The Dusters, now 12-2, had five cagers in double figures, led by Isom's 17, all scored in the last five minutes of regulation and in the overtime period.

Freshman Ayesha Howard contributed 15 points, Paulita Murrell had 13, and Karyn Gabriel and Garcia had 10 each.

In all, the Lady Dusters slammed home a dozen 3-pointers, including three each by Isom and Jenny Crowell, two apiece from Bullard and Gabriel, and Decker and Garcia with one each.

San Jacinto's attack was led by Angela Pierce, who topped all scorers with 19 points. Pam Long added 16, Renee Hunter had 14, Michelle Cummings tossed in 11, and Danielle Dean was good for 10 in the losing cause.

Western Texas will hit the floor again Tuesday when the Dusters visit Ranger JC for a non-conference battle. The WTC women open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play Thursday at Scurry County Coliseum against preseason WJCAC favorite Howard.

WTC 106, San Jacinto 96, OT

WESTERN TEXAS — Isom 17, Howard 15, Murrell 13, Garcia 10, Gabriel 10, Crowell 9, Bullard 9, Huseman 8, Kearney 8, Decker 5, Roland 2.

SAN JACINTO — Pierce 19, Long 16, Hunter 14, Cummings 11, Dean 10, Scurry 10, Moore 8, Prejean 6, Edwards 2.

Halftime score: San Jacinto 48, WTC 47. **3-point goals:** WTC 12 (Crowell 3, Isom 3, Gabriel 2, Bullard 2, Decker 1, Garcia 1). **Record:** WTC 12-2.

Grayson Classic

Friday, Nov. 27
St. Gregory's 66, San Jacinto 61
Grayson 68, WTC 62

Saturday, Nov. 28
WTC 106, San Jacinto 96
Grayson 78, St. Gregory's 53

Tigers hand Steers 86-68 loss

BIG SPRING — Snyder moved to 4-0 on the young high school basketball season Saturday, posting an 86-68 victory over Big Spring in boys' action.

The Tigers dominated the first half, grabbing a 46-18 lead in the first two quarters of play.

"We had an excellent first half," said SHS coach Bud Birks. "We really got after them. I was very pleased with the effort.

"The second half, things got to be kind of sloppy with lots of fouls."

For the game, the Tigers put up 37 free throws, converting 31 into points.

Five SHS cagers wound up the game in double figures including senior Adrian Sneed, who canned a game-high 21. Sneed put in six buckets and converted nine of 10 free throw opportunities.

Other double-figure scorers for Snyder were Jon Patrick, whose 16 points included a pair of threes, Barretta Collins, who also had a trey on his way to a 15-point night, and Tory Garza and Anthony Alvarez, each with 10 points.

Big Spring was led by Jared Cox, who poured in 17 points.

Snyder completed the Saturday sweep, hammering the Steers' JV, 74-56.

Eddie Martinez led the Tiger junior varsity with 28 points, including 13 field goals and a 2-of-4 effort from the charity stripe.

Ricky Post added 14, Reagan Key chipped in 13 and Brad Gober finished with 12 for the JV Tigers, now 3-1.

The Tigers will be back on the floor Tuesday when they take on Seminole in a non-district battle there.

The SHS girls, idle this weekend, will also play in Seminole Tuesday.

Varsity					
Snyder	20	26	24	16	-86
Big Spring	8	10	23	26	-68

Leading scorers: Snyder — Sneed 21, Patrick 16, Collins 15, Garza 10, Alvarez 10, Stansell 6, Lelek 4, Henry 3, Cromeens 3, Griffin 2; Big Spring — Cox 17, Hughes 11, Leggett 11. **Record:** Snyder 4-0.

Junior varsity					
Snyder	22	19	21	15	-74
Big Spring	13	13	19	11	-56

Leading scorers: Snyder — Martinez 28, Post 14, Key 13, Gober 12, Walker 8, Krenek 2. **Record:** Snyder 3-1.

NFL roundup...

Saints' defense stops Miami

by The Associated Press

The NFL's marquee matchup in Week 13 pitted the league's best passing team against the league's best passing defense.

As happens so often in football, the team with the better defense won.

The game was New Orleans vs. Miami at the Superdome. The super defense belonged to the Saints and the super arm belonged to Dan Marino. The outcome of the game turned on two Marino mistakes.

Robert Goff returned a fumble 28 yards for a touchdown, breaking a 10-10 tie, after Pat Swilling ran into Marino as he was cocking his arm to pass. Vince Buck's 34-yard interception return for another score in the fourth wrapped up the victory.

"We've got some big-play guys on our defense and they all showed up to play in this one," Swilling said. "With this defense, you can count on us getting to anybody."

"We don't have just one or two guys that give us a pass rush; we've got a lot of them," linebacker Sam Mills said. "We've got great pass rushers sitting on the bench on this team."

Marino had some measure of success, completing 24 of 42 attempts for 259 yards against a defense that had allowed only one other quarterback to pass for over 200 yards all season. But the turnovers made all the difference.

New Orleans (9-3) stayed a game behind San Francisco; Miami (8-4) stayed a game behing Buffalo.

The day's other big story was a sad one. New York Jets linebacker Dennis Byrd suffered a broken vertebra when he collided with teammate Scott Mersereau while rushing Kansas City quarterback Dave Krieg. Byrd was experiencing total paralysis in his legs and partial paralysis in his arms.

His prognosis was unknown. Jets spokesman Frank Ramos said the next few days will be critical in determining whether Byrd will ever recover use of his legs.

In other games, Indianapolis upset Buffalo 16-13 in overtime, San Francisco beat Philadelphia 20-14, Minnesota beat the Los Angeles Rams 31-17, Cleveland beat Chicago 27-14, Pittsburgh beat Cincinnati 21-9, Washington routed Phoenix 41-3, Green Bay beat Tampa Bay 19-14, Kansas City beat the New York Jets 23-7, Atlanta shut out New England 34-0 and the Los Angeles Raiders beat San Diego 27-3.

Dallas beat the New York Giants 30-3 and Houston defeated Detroit 24-21 Thursday.

Denver plays at Seattle tonight.

Chiefs 23, Jets 7

Byrd's injury ended one of the worst weeks ever in Jets' history. Byrd lay prone on the field for several minutes, surrounded by concerned teammates, before he was strapped to a backboard and carted off the field. All-Pro receiver Al Toon retired earlier this week, saying the nine concussions he sustained were enough to convince him to quit. Kansas City (8-4) took a half-game lead in the AFC West over Denver, which plays tonight. Dave Krieg threw for 222 yards and two touchdown and Nick Lowery made all three of his field goal attempts against the Jets (3-9).

Colts 16, Bills 13, OT

At Indianapolis, Dean Biasucci made a 40-yard field goal to cap the opening drive of overtime to give the Colts (5-7) an upset victory over Buffalo (9-3). Biasucci had tied the game in the final minute of regulation with a 23-yarder, and the Colts then drove 56 yards with the overtime kickoff to set up the game-winner. Colts quarterback Jack Trudeau passed for a season-high 337 yards.

49ers 20, Eagles 14

At San Francisco, the 49ers (10-2) clinched a playoff spot and Jerry Rice tied Steve Largent's record of 100 career touchdown catches when he caught a 22-yarder in the first period. The 49ers seemed preoccupied with finding Rice again in the end zone for the record-breaker, and it almost cost them the game. A drive by the Eagles (7-5) in the closing seconds ended at the 49ers' 10 when Philadelphia was less than an inch short of a first down.

Vikings 31, Rams 17

At Anaheim, Calif., Sean Salisbury finally got his first NFL start after seven years of pro football. He made the most of it, completing 23 of 34 for 238 yards in relief of the benched Rich Gannon. The Vikings (9-3) will win the NFC Central title with their next win or Green Bay's next loss. The defeat was the fourth in the last five games for the Rams (4-8).

Steelers 21, Bengals 9

At Cincinnati, the Bengals' switch from Boomer Esiason to David Klingler didn't do much good. The Steelers (9-3) began to blitz the rookie quarterback after he completed his first five passes, and the defensive unit ended up with a team-record 10 sacks.

Redskins 41, Cardinals 3

At Washington, the defending Super Bowl champions (7-5) kept their playoff hopes alive. Mark Rypien threw two touchdown passes, Washington's defense was strong as usual and the Cardinals (3-9) committed three turnovers inside the Washington 20 that ended any chance they had to keep the game close.

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	9	3	0	.750	314	199
Miami	8	4	0	.667	282	217
Indianapolis	5	7	0	.417	163	266
N.Y. Jets	3	9	0	.250	173	249
New England	2	10	0	.167	162	294
Central						
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	247	162
Houston	7	5	0	.583	270	218
Cleveland	6	6	0	.500	194	190
Cincinnati	4	8	0	.333	206	269
West						
Kansas City	8	4	0	.667	251	179
Denver	7	4	0	.636	175	207
San Diego	7	5	0	.583	214	182
LA Raiders	5	7	0	.417	179	198
Seattle	1	10	0	.091	73	218

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	10	2	0	.833	293	165
Washington	7	5	0	.583	219	190
Philadelphia	7	5	0	.583	269	188
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0	.417	251	279
Phoenix	3	9	0	.250	187	282
Central						
Minnesota	9	3	0	.750	307	191
Green Bay	6	6	0	.500	187	232
Chicago	4	8	0	.333	241	288
Tampa Bay	4	8	0	.333	212	275
Detroit	3	9	0	.250	217	253
West						
x-San Francisco	10	2	0	.833	339	196
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	235	154
Atlanta	5	7	0	.417	234	296
LA Rams	4	8	0	.333	217	264

x-clinched playoff berth

Thursday's Games
Houston 24, Detroit 21
Dallas 30, New York Giants 3

Sunday's Games
Cleveland 27, Chicago 14
Kansas City 23, New York Jets 7
New Orleans 24, Miami 13
Atlanta 34, New England 0
Washington 41, Phoenix 3
Pittsburgh 21, Cincinnati 9
Green Bay 19, Tampa Bay 14
Indianapolis 16, Buffalo 13, OT
Minnesota 31, Los Angeles Rams 17
San Francisco 20, Philadelphia 14
San Diego 27, Los Angeles Raiders 3

Monday's Game
Denver at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 3
Atlanta at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Detroit vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 4 p.m.
Kansas City at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.
Miami at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Washington at New York Giants, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles Rams at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 7
Chicago at Houston, 9 p.m.

How they fared

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll fared this week:

1. Michigan (0-0) did not play. Next: at Rice, Dec. 1.
2. Kansas (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Dec. 1.
3. Duke (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Canisius, Dec. 1.
4. Indiana (4-0) beat No. 7 Florida State 81-78, OT; beat No. 6 Seton Hall 78-74. Next: vs. Kansas, Dec. 5.
5. Kentucky (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Wright State, Dec. 2.
6. Seton Hall (3-1) beat No. 21 UCLA 73-64; lost to No. 4 Indiana 78-74. Next: vs. Rider, Dec. 1.
7. Florida State (2-2) lost to No. 4 Indiana 81-78, OT; lost to No. 21 UCLA 86-83. Next: vs. No. 20 Massachusetts, Dec. 2.
8. North Carolina (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Old Dominion, Dec. 1.
9. Memphis State (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Dec. 2.
10. Arizona (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Dec. 6.
11. Iowa (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi Valley State, Dec. 1.
12. Louisville (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan State at Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, Dec. 5.
13. Georgetown (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. St. Leo, Dec. 2.
14. Georgia Tech (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Florida A&M, Dec. 1.
15. Oklahoma (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon State, Dec. 3.
16. Connecticut (0-1) lost to Purdue 73-69. Next: at North Carolina State, Dec. 5.
17. Syracuse (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Cornell, Dec. 1.
18. Michigan State (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Morehead State, Dec. 1.
19. Tulane (1-1) did not play. Next: vs. Nicholls State, Dec. 3.
20. Massachusetts (0-0) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Florida State, Dec. 2.
21. UCLA (3-1) lost to No. 6 Seton Hall 73-64; beat No. 7 Florida State 86-83. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Dec. 5.
22. UNLV (0-0) did not play. Next: at Loyola Marymount, Dec. 5.
23. Cincinnati (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Southern, Dec. 1.
24. Iowa State (1-1) did not play. Next: vs. Buffalo, Dec. 1.
25. Nebraska (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Colgate, Dec. 4.

AP Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press 1992 college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 28, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote, and ranking in last week's poll:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Miami (61)	11-0-0	1,549	1
2. Alabama (1)	11-0-0	1,479	2
3. Florida St.	10-1-0	1,417	3
4. Texas A&M	12-0-0	1,382	4
5. Notre Dame	9-1-1	1,291	5
6. Syracuse	9-2-0	1,151	8
7. Michigan	8-0-3	1,149	7
8. Georgia	9-2-0	1,089	9
9. Colorado	9-1-1	996	10
10. Washington	9-2-0	988	11
11. Nebraska	8-2-0	943	12
12. Florida	8-3-0	860	6
13. N. Carolina St.	9-2-1	859	13
14. Stanford	9-3-0	819	14
15. Ohio St.	8-2-1	702	15
16. Boston College	8-2-1	570	17
17. Tennessee	8-3-0	514	18
18. Washington St.	8-3-0	415	21
19. Mississippi	8-3-0	398	24
20. North Carolina	8-3-0	396	20
21. Penn St.	7-4-0	293	22
22. Arizona	6-4-1	230	23
23. Southern Cal	6-4-1	203	19
24. Mississippi St.	7-4-0	199	16
25. Brigham Young	8-4-0	138	25

Others receiving votes: Hawaii 61, Bowling Green 33, Kansas 10, Southern Mississippi 5, Virginia 3, Wake Forest 3, Illinois 2, Air Force 1, Fresno State 1, Rutgers 1.

NBA roundup...

Detroit knocks off NY, 92-76

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Twenty-four hours is a long, long time in the NBA. Just ask the Detroit Pistons and New York Knicks.

On Saturday, the Knicks crushed two-time NBA champion Chicago 112-75, extending their winning streak to four games. The same day, the Pistons were being beaten by lowly Minnesota 82-80, their seventh straight loss.

Sunday night, Detroit beat New York 92-76. And it somehow made sense to Knicks coach Pat Riley.

"In LA, we called it the '80-20' rule," the former Lakers coach said. "After a great win at home, you only have a 20 percent chance of winning the next game on the road."

In other NBA games, it was Portland 107, Sacramento 99, and the Los Angeles Lakers 114, Dallas 85.

The Pistons never really got their offense on track, although Terry Mills scored 18 points in 16 minutes off the bench. Twelve of those came in a 16-6 first-half run that broke open the game.

Detroit outrebounded New York 53-42, including a 20-13 edge on offensive rebounds. Much of that was owed to Dennis Rodman's return to the starting lineup. In two starts, Rodman has 44 rebounds, 20 coming against the Knicks.

Joe Dumars led the Pistons with 23 points, as he and Isiah Thomas outscored the New York backcourt 34-13. Ewing led the Knicks with 22 points and 13 rebounds.

Trail Blazers 107, Kings 99

Clyde Drexler scored 24 points, including a crucial three-point play in the fourth period, and Cliff Robinson added 20.

Robinson, subbing for starter Jerome Kersey, who sat out the game with tendinitis in his left knee, also grabbed a career-high 13 rebounds.

Lionel Simmons led the Kings with a season-high 29 points.

Lakers 114, Mavericks 85

Vlade Divac scored 20 points and the Lakers shot better than 50 percent from the field for the first time since opening night in beating the Mavericks.

Tracy Moore and Brian Howard each scored 14 points off the bench for the Mavericks.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	8	3	.727	—
New York	8	5	.615	1
New Jersey	7	7	.500	2½
Boston	5	8	.385	4
Miami	4	8	.333	4½
Washington	4	9	.308	5
Philadelphia	3	8	.273	5
Central Division				
Chicago	9	3	.750	—
Milwaukee	9	3	.750	—
Charlotte	7	6	.538	2½
Atlanta	6	6	.500	3
Indiana	6	6	.500	3
Cleveland	6	7	.462	3½
Detroit	3	9	.250	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	7	4	.636	—
Utah	7	5	.583	½
San Antonio	5	6	.455	2
Denver	5	7	.417	2½
Minnesota	4	7	.364	3
Dallas	1	9	.100	5½
Pacific Division				
Portland	9	2	.818	—
Seattle	8	4	.667	1½
LA Lakers	7	4	.636	2
Phoenix	7	4	.636	2
LA Clippers	7	6	.538	3
Golden State	5	8	.385	5
Sacramento	5	8	.385	5

Saturday's Games
New York 112, Chicago 75
Boston 117, Philadelphia 109
Orlando 95, Cleveland 93
Indiana 134, Charlotte 122
Atlanta 112, Miami 100
Minnesota 82, Detroit 80
Utah 108, Houston 99
San Antonio 104, Seattle 97
Milwaukee 97, Washington 95
LA Clippers 121, Denver 119
Golden State 134, Phoenix 131
New Jersey 94, Sacramento 89

Sunday's Games
Detroit 92, New York 76
Portland 107, Sacramento 99
LA Lakers 114, Dallas 85

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

More slurs by Schott could result in action by baseball committee

NEW YORK (AP) — After more revelations of alleged racial and anti-Semitic remarks, baseball's executive council may not wait until the winter meetings to take action against Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott.

An executive council member, speaking on the condition he not be indentified, said some owners believed the group should quickly decide whether to penalize Schott, who has been accused of making remarks offensive to blacks, Jews and Asians.

One owner said executive council chairman Bud Selig of the Milwaukee Brewers and National League president Bill White had been told by lawyers not to make any public statements before the group decided what to do because they feared Schott may take legal action to avoid punishment.

"We can't pre-judge the case," the owner said. "We're trying to be very careful about this."

The owner also said that several council members couldn't be reached over the holiday weekend. The next scheduled council meeting is Dec. 7 at Louisville, Ky. No meeting on Schott is expected today because Selig will be in New York for a meeting of baseball's economic study committee.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Al Sharpton on Sunday demanded that Schott be removed as the Reds' owner and called for players to refuse to play in Riverfront Stadium. Sharpton, in a statement sent to news organizations, announced he will hold a news conference with other civil rights leaders and clergy today in front of the commissioner's office in New York, and said he will launch a petition drive against Schott.

Tom Reich, a prominent player agent who has represented Joe Morgan and Dave Parker and who currently represents Jose Rijo and Hal Morris of the Reds, called for Schott to be suspended for at least one year and said her statements "make Al Campanis look like Pat Boone." Campanis was fired as general manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1987 after saying on national television that blacks may lack "necessities" to hold front-office jobs in baseball.

"She ought to be suspended for a year and have to serve six months of it reporting to Dave Parker and Eric Davis for projects in Cincinnati and South- Central LA, and six months on a kibbutz," Reich said Sunday. "This kind of stuff is intolerable even when you think it, let alone when you say it. The gains in baseball have been painfully slow as it is. This is an obscene setback."

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Labor sees tougher worker safety enforcement coming

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is one in a series on how President-elect Clinton intends to handle a variety of issues.

By James Rowley
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two months ago, two steel workers died when they were overcome by fumes at a plant in Texas. Labor unions say a pending federal safety standard, proposed years ago, could have saved their lives.

Now, with Bill Clinton's help, the unions may get the workplace rules and enforcement they have long sought.

With a new administration, "there is going to be a more positive atmosphere" on the issue of workplace safety, predicts Bill Borwegen, safety director of the Service Employees International Union.

Accused of foot dragging through two Republican administrations, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is likely to speed up the adoption of regulations to prevent job-related accidents and worker exposure to toxic chemicals, union officials and safety experts say.

OSHA says it plans to issue one long-awaited standard by Jan. 1 that would protect workers entering confined spaces. But it should have been adopted years ago when it was first proposed, said Michael J. Wright, safety director of the United Steel Workers of America.

It's not costly and doesn't require a lot of expensive technology, Wright said. He insisted that if the standard had been on the books, Everett L. Burkette and Homer D. White Jr. might still be alive. They were killed Sept. 29 at the Lone Star Steel plant in Lone Star.

The new administration also is expected to reduce the power of the Office of Management and Budget to delay or derail new regulations.

Under the Reagan and Bush administrations, "the OMB process is a way to ensure that regulation don't get issued," said David Vladeck, an attorney for Public Citizen, a non-partisan group that has challenged Republican regulatory policies.

"I don't think Clinton is so hostile to regulation that he is going to set up a system that is going to defeat them."

Clinton campaigned on a platform plank of tougher enforcement of the federal job safety law to protect workers from hazards that cause more than 10,000 accidental deaths every year.

The president-elect has endorsed the concepts behind legislation to give OSHA more power that was approved this year by the labor committees in the House and Senate.

The bill would empower OSHA to order companies to immediately eliminate hazards that pose a serious threat to health and safety. Under current law, companies can appeal citations for years while doing nothing to take care of the underlying condition.

Wright blamed the 1989 death of a Pennsylvania steel worker on OSHA's inability to force a company to immediately fix a hazard.

OSHA cited USX's Fairless Works in Bucks County for defective levers used to separate railroad cars. Six days after the citation, John Balogach climbed between two cars to separate them because the lever was defective. Balogach was pinned between the cars when they rounded a curve and he was crushed to death, Wright said.

Under the bill, companies would also be required to set up safety programs and appoint joint worker-manager committees to make them work.

The measure is intended to put enforcement in the hands of workers and managers instead of OSHA, which has only 1,200 inspectors to cover 3.5 million workplaces.

Borwegen said that requirement would help apply "Bill Clinton's belief that management and labor need to work more cooperatively together to be more effective and productive."

Police note four arrests

Snyder police made four arrests over the weekend and worked several unrelated theft cases.

Police arrested 45-year-old Mario Manuel Roura of 307 24th St. at 11:34 a.m. Saturday on an outstanding warrant from Gwinnett County, Lawrenceville, Ga. for three counts of cocaine trafficking. Roura was arrested in the 1900 block of Coleman.

At 7:45 p.m. Saturday, police arrested a 25-year-old Ricardo Torres of Rt. 2 in the 400 block of 27th Street for felony driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested a 33-year-old man at 8:24 p.m. Saturday in the 800 block of 25th Street for public intoxication.

Sunday, police responded to a fight in progress at 6:33 p.m. in the 500 block of 34th Street. They arrested a 33-year-old man for disorderly conduct-language.

Officers worked a one-vehicle accident at 7:07 a.m. Saturday in the 3000 block of Avenue A. Involved was a parked, unoccupied 1989 Chevrolet owned by Weaver Services, Inc. of Snyder which struck a sign owned by St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

At 1:44 p.m. Saturday, police responded to the report of two juveniles setting small fires at 23rd St. and Ave. C. The juveniles were placed in the custody of relatives.

Don Holdren contacted police at 2:50 p.m. Saturday in reference to someone taking a battery from his vehicle, parked at 513 34th St. A report for Class B theft was filed.

Police received two calls from Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room at 2:42 p.m. and 3:01 p.m. Sunday in reference to two assault victims. However, no charges were filed. One report of family violence was filed by police. The victims were treated and released from the emergency room.

At 6:37 p.m. Sunday, a woman came to the police department to file Class A theft charges in reference to her son's jacket having been stolen.

E. Coast has greater chance of being hit in next hurricane

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — The coast of Texas or Louisiana is less likely to be hit with a tropical storm or hurricane next year, a private research center in Houston has predicted.

The East Coast, however, will be more vulnerable, according to calculations by the non-profit Weather Research Center.

Jill Hasling, director of operations for the center, said there is a 70-percent chance that a tropical storm or hurricane will strike the East Coast from Georgia northwards next year. Hasling predicts a 50-percent chance of a storm from the Atlantic Ocean making landfall in Louisiana or Texas.

The center gave a 60-percent chance to such a storm striking along the Louisiana coast during the current hurricane season, which officially ends Monday.

The center issues storm forecasts that are based on cycles of solar activity. Hasling said there seems to be a connection between "circulation" patterns in the sun and the tracks storms take as they churn across the Atlantic Ocean.

Solar activity is reflected in the number of sunspots counted each year over cycles that tend to span 10 to 13 years, Hasling said. This year is the seventh year in the current cycle, which started in 1986.

The weather center draws on sunspot data dating back into the 1800s.

As hurricane season draws to a close at the end of November, Hasling foresees eight named storms from the Atlantic Ocean in 1993, six of which will be hurricane strength.

The center's 1992 predictions called for seven named storms with three strong enough to be called hurricanes. The actual results were similar, with six storms, four of which were hurricanes, Hasling said.

Material Girl buys mansion

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Hollywood Hills just lost Britt Ekland, but Madonna is moving in.

The Material Girl bought a $5 million mansion overlooking Hollywood, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday. She had been house hunting for a few years and settled on a nine-bedroom home built in the 1920s.

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ADOPT A PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM — Fifth grade students have been reading to Barbra Jones' pre-kindergarten students at Northeast in a special "Adopt a Pre-Kindergarten Program." Photo one shows students in Vanessa Taylor's class reading to a few morning pre-kindergarten students. Pictured are Zane Block, Raymond Gutierrez, Manny Aparicio, Lane Umsted, Kimberly Leverett and Brian Gordon. Photos two and three show fifth graders from Michelle Burk's class reading to some of Jones' morning students. Shown in photo two are Mark Rangel, Trevor Groat, Patrick Vincent and Joe Luis Garza. Shown in photo three are Brady Hackfeld, Bobby Hernandez, Orlando Vasquez and Laura Nichols. (Class Photos)





FUN AT THE LIBRARY — Pre-kindergarten students in Barbra Jones' class recently visited Scurry County Library. In photo one, children's librarian Sharon Sumruld leads the following morning students through some fun, physical activities: Rene Hernandez, Chris Rangel, Cristal Bernal, Melissa Newby, Dulce Silva, Zane Block, Valerie Lopez, Johnathon McClure, Kasey Krop, Bianca Carrisalez, Andy Campos and Kimberly Leverett. Not pictured are Brian Villarreal, Zachary Arizmendi, Trina Matchett, Manny Aparicio, Matt Vanderpool, Krista Johnson, Chase Stidham and Christopher Martinez. Afternoon students in photo two took part in fingerplays and nursery rhymes. Those pictured are Jessica Robbins, Joe Luis Garza, Miracle Ramirez, Alexis Gutierrez, Trevor Groat, Sergio Sarabia, Afelia Zamora, Niki Hernandez and Tabitha Jones. Not pictured are Archie Simpkins, Ashley Barrera, Ozzie Benitez, Samantha Pena, Joshua Gutierrez, Orlando Vasquez, Bobby Hernandez, Colton Guynes, Khristian Torres and Omar Alcala. (Class Photos)

Lotto: one ticket sold with winning numbers

First multi-million dollar winner not confirmed yet

AUSTIN (AP) — Computer records show one winning lotto ticket was sold in Central Texas for the estimated $19 million jackpot, state comptroller John Sharp says.

He said Sunday that for the Nov. 28 jackpot, "Our computers have verified ... that there was a winning ticket sold, one winning ticket and only one."

To ensure that the ticket sold was valid, lottery security officials were going to the Central Texas retail location Sunday. The person who bought the ticket isn't necessarily from the area.

But KVUE-TV in Austin reported that the winning ticket was bought by Janie Kallus, a retired nurse, at Leo's Stop 'N' Shop in Schulenberg.

Ms. Kallus had recently retired and moved from Houston to Schulenberg, the Houston Chronicle reported today. Neighbors told the newspaper that the woman was overwhelmed and went into seclusion pending a news conference in Austin today.

But Schulenberg Mayor Leo Kopecky, who owns the store where the winning ticket was sold was understandably excited about the prospects of getting $190,000 for selling the winning ticket.

"Yee haw," Kopecky shouted Sunday night.

"I hope it's true — it may be true. But there's been no official announcement, so I'm still waiting. Am I babbling?" he told the Houston newspaper.

Jackpot prizes must be claimed at lottery headquarters in Austin and the winner will not be official until validated by the lottery commission.

The lottery's computerized system shows when and where sales are made.

Sharp, who oversees the lottery, said that officials hoped to announce the retailer and winner at a news conference today.

It would be the first winning jackpot ticket since drawings began Nov. 14 in Texas. Drawings are Wednesdays and Saturdays. The Nov. 28 drawing was the fifth.

Lotto sales on Nov. 28 alone totaled a record $7.1 million, including one hour in which nearly $1 million worth of sales were made, Sharp said. Sales since the Nov. 25 drawing amounted to $9.4 million.

Total sales since lotto began in Texas on Nov. 7 were $38.6 million, Sharp said. Players enter the game by picking six numbers out of 50 and paying $1.

Odds of picking all six winning numbers are 1 in 15,890,700. The winning numbers Nov. 28 were: 50-24-21-9-28-17.

A jackpot winner has 180 days to claim the prize at lottery headquarters, Sharp said.

For the estimated $19 million jackpot, the winner would get a zero-coupon bond from the state paying about $1 million a year for 20 years, he said.

"That will be theirs to will to their children or their grandchildren or whatever it is," he said. "If something happens to them, it doesn't come back to the state."

Besides the jackpot winner, lotto players win money for matching from three to five numbers.

For Saturday's drawing, 152 tickets matched five of the six numbers. They are worth $1,575 each.

Lottery officials said 11,052 tickets matched four numbers and will pay $78 each. Another 204,080 tickets displayed three winning numbers and are worth $3 each.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	653/8	645/8	647/8	+1/2
Albtsn	495/8	491/8	491/2	+1/8
AlliedSignal	563/4	561/4	563/8	
ALLTEL Cp	48	475/8	475/8	-1/4
AmStores	451/4	447/8	447/8	+1/8
Amer T&T	471/2	473/8	473/8	+1/8
Ameritech	673/4	671/4	671/2	-1/2
Amoco	491/2	491/8	493/8	+1/4
AndarkPtr	281/2	28	28	-1/2
Arkla	87/8	85/8	85/8	-1/8
Armcolnc	63/8	61/4	61/4	
AtlRichfld	1111/8	1095/8	1095/8	—1
BakerHugh	195/8	191/4	191/4	-1/8
BancTexas	11/4	11/8	11/8	-1/8
BellAtl	473/8	471/4	471/4	+1/8
BellSouth	493/8	483/4	487/8	-1/4
Beth Steel	151/4	15	151/4	+1/4
Borden	277/8	271/2	277/8	+1/8
Caterplr	547/8	541/2	545/8	+3/8
Centel	343/8	34	34	
CenSoWst s	281/4	281/8	281/8	-1/8
Chevron	691/4	685/8	683/4	
Chrysler	297/8	291/2	291/2	-1/8
Coastal	253/8	247/8	247/8	-1/2
CocaCola s	401/4	383/4	393/4	-5/8
ColgP	603/8	593/4	593/4	-1/2
ComlMetl	243/4	243/4	243/4	+1/8
Cooperin	513/8	511/8	511/4	+1/8
CyprusMn	301/4	295/8	297/8	+1/4
DallSemicn	137/8	133/4	133/4	
DeltaAirl	533/4	531/4	531/4	+1/2
DigitalEq	331/2	33	333/8	+11/8
Dillard s	491/4	487/8	491/8	-1/4
DowChem	531/2	527/8	531/8	-1/8
DresserInd	18	175/8	173/4	
DuPont	48	475/8	477/8	+1/4
EstKodak	421/2	417/8	42	-3/8
EljerInd	101/8	10	10	
Enserch	151/8	147/8	15	+3/8
Exxon	593/4	595/8	595/8	+1/8
FlowerInd	211/8	21	21	
FordMotor	421/8	411/2	42	+1/4
GTE Cp	341/8	337/8	337/8	-1/8
GaDynam	961/8	95	951/4	+1/8
GenElct	83	821/2	825/8	-1/4
GaMill	703/8	693/4	697/8	-1/8
GenMotors	317/8	311/2	313/4	+1/8
GenMotrE s	331/2	333/8	331/2	+7/8
GaPacif	61	595/8	61	+1
GlobalMar	23/8	21/4	23/8	+1/8
Goodrich	433/8	431/8	431/4	-1/8
Goodyear	703/8	695/8	697/8	+1/8
GtAtlPac	275/8	271/2	271/2	-1/4
Gulf StaUt	16	157/8	157/8	-1/8
Haliburtn	303/8	301/8	301/8	+1/8
Hanson	181/4	18	181/8	
HoustInd	441/2	441/4	443/8	+1/8
IBM	681/4	671/2	68	+2
IntiPaper	651/4	641/2	647/8	+1/4
JohnsnJns s	511/8	503/8	505/8	-3/8
K mart s	281/8	273/4	273/4	
Kroger	151/8	143/4	143/4	-1/8
vjLTV Cp	9-16	1/2	9-16	
Litton s	43	425/8	427/8	+3/8
vjLoneStar	31/8	3	3	-1/8
Lowes s	223/8	22	221/8	+1/8
Lubys	193/4	191/2	191/2	
Maxus	63/4	61/2	61/2	-1/8
MayDSt	737/8	73	731/8	-1/2
Medtronic	975/8	965/8	963/4	-3/4
Mobil	607/8	597/8	601/2	+1/4
Monsanto	56	553/4	557/8	+3/8
Motorola	1011/2	1003/4	1013/8	+11/8
Nationsbk	501/8	495/8	501/8	+1/8
Navistar	2	17/8	2	
Nynex	825/8	821/4	821/2	
OryxEngy	213/8	211/8	211/4	+1/8
PacTelesis	43	425/8	427/8	
PanhECp	171/4	17	17	-1/4
PenneyJC	795/8	79	793/8	-1/2
Pennzoil	511/8	501/2	501/2	-5/8
PepBoys	233/8	227/8	231/4	-3/8
PhelpD s	471/2	467/8	471/8	+1/2
PhilipPet	237/8	235/8	233/4	
PilgrmPrd	61/2	61/2	61/2	-1/8
Polaroid s	321/4	317/8	321/8	+1/4
Praxair s	167/8	165/8	165/8	-1/8
Primerica	463/4	461/2	463/4	+1/4
ProctGamb s	541/2	535/8	537/8	-1/2
PubS NwMx	123/4	125/8	125/8	-1/8
SFePacCp	131/2	131/4	133/8	-1/4
SaraLee	61	60	601/8	-5/8
SaraL wi	305/8	303/8	303/8	-3/8
SearsRoeb	433/8	431/8	431/8	+3/8
SherwinW	311/4	307/8	311/4	+3/8
SmthBck s	411/2	411/4	411/2	+1/4
SmthBc eqt s	367/8	365/8	363/4	+1/8
Southern Co	36	353/4	353/4	-1/4
SwAirl s	271/8	263/4	267/8	+1/8
SwstBell	701/4	695/8	693/4	-1/8
Sprint	261/2	261/4	261/2	+1/4
SterlingChm	4	4	4	-1/8
SunCo	261/8	257/8	261/8	+1/4
TNP Ent	211/4	21	211/4	+1/8
Tandy	293/4	291/4	295/8	+3/8
TemplInl	51	501/2	51	+1/4
Tenneco	343/8	341/8	341/4	+1/4
Texaco	603/8	593/4	60	+1/8
TexasInd	21	21	21	+1/4
TexasInst	491/2	49	491/8	+3/8
Tex Util	425/8	423/8	421/2	
Textron	423/8	42	423/8	+1/4
Tyler	41/2	41/2	41/2	
US West	373/8	371/4	373/8	+1/8
USX-Marathn	163/8	16	161/4	
USX-USS	303/4	301/2	303/4	+1/8
UnCarbde	161/8	157/8	16	+1/8
UnPac	595/8	59	591/4	-5/8
UnitTech	451/4	443/4	447/8	+1/8
Unocal	251/4	25	251/8	+1/4
WalMart	643/8	64	641/4	+1/4
WstnGasRs	261/8	251/2	261/8	+3/4
WestghEl	123/4	121/8	121/2	-1/8
WinnDixie	74	733/4	733/4	
Woolwth	343/4	341/2	341/2	-1/8
Xerox Cp	791/2	785/8	783/4	
ZenithE	63/8	61/8	61/4	+1/8

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stolen television and VCR.

The court also approved a $600 transfer for the county welfare department, to cover expenses that exceeded the budgeted amount.

Approval of bills and minutes from the court's Nov. 23 meeting were the only other items of business.

Present were Doolittle and commissioners C.D. Gray Jr., Jerry Morgan, Jerry Gannaway and Idom.

Party

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testify about the party's use of psychiatric hospitals against its enemies, and a former censor described how the party kept dissent out of print.

Clinton considers taking trip

SUMMERLAND, Calif. (AP) — President-elect Clinton is considering a trip to Washington next week to court freshmen lawmakers who could help him push through a quick-action agenda in Congress.

Clinton's trip — which would be his second call on Congress since the election four weeks ago — probably would come early next week amid House organizational meetings, said a senior Clinton aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

No final decision has been made, but there's "a pretty good chance" Clinton will make the trip, said the aide.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Mary Bley, 3501-44th; Martha Infante, 1909 Coleman No. 4; Mariana Benitez.

DISMISSALS: Willie Jones, Linda Roemisch, Betty Claton and

Births

Esquiel and Martha Infante of Snyder announces the birth of their seven-pound, 2½-ounce daughter born at 8:19 p.m. on Nov. 25 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Mariana Pablo Benitez announces the birth of her daughter born at 10:18 a.m. on Nov. 26 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds and 6½ ounces.

Roy and Elena Mojica of Lubbock announce the birth of their eight-pound son, Daniel Roy, born at 11:30 p.m. Sunday in Lubbock.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Emiliano Chaidez of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Tino Mojica of Lubbock.

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Gramm denies doing special favors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm insists he did no special favors for a Texas savings and loan owner who absorbed more than $50,000 in construction expenses on Gramm's vacation home.

Gramm, R-Texas, said Sunday he sought out Dallas homebuilder Jerry Stiles and a crew of Texas workmen to finish the interior of a two-story waterfront dwelling Gramm and his wife bought on Maryland's Eastern Shore. At the time, Gramm, as a Senate Banking Committee member, was dealing with the emerging S&L crisis.

The work in 1987 cost $117,000. Gramm paid Stiles $63,433 — based on a verbal agreement between the two men. There was no written contract or estimate for the work, and Stiles didn't bill Gramm until three months after the job was finished, said The New York Times.

Gramm said that in 1989, after he learned that questions were being raised about the matter, he asked a Maryland builder to look at the blueprint for the interior work. "The bid I received was $57,000, which was $6,000 less than I paid Mr. Stiles," the senator said.

"I did not believe then and I do not believe now that I received more value than I paid for in this contract," Gramm said in a statement.

Gramm told the Times he contacted Stiles because the senator wanted to provide work for Texas laborers and help boost the state's sluggish economy. He said Maryland's Eastern Shore contractors and laborers had reputations for being unreliable. And he said that he assumed the Texas workers would pay their own way to Maryland.

Stiles ran three struggling savings and loan companies — and in early 1989 went to Gramm for help. The institutions — including the Hallmark Savings and Loan Association of Plano, Texas — were shut by the government in July 1989 after suffering huge losses expected to cost taxpayers $200 million.

"I did nothing to assist Mr. Stiles nor any other S&L operator in Texas other than to assure that their requests were communicated" to federal regulators, Gramm said in the statement.

The senator elaborated Sunday while touring the port in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Obituaries

Verlyn Aycock

1921-1992

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Verlyn Aycock, 71, of Snyder who died at 9:38 a.m. today at her sister's residence in Abilene following a lengthy illness.

Born on April 17, 1921, in Albany, she was married to Albert Aycock on March 5, 1939, in Albany. He died on Jan. 17, 1977.

Mrs. Aycock was a retired LVN and had worked at Cogdell Memorial Hospital 23 years. She was a member of the Hermleigh Church of Christ and the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Survivors include two sons, Dan Aycock of Odessa and Joe Aycock of San Antonio; one daughter, Barbara White of Abilene; one brother, Orville Hale of Abilene; three sisters, Letty Thompson of Abilene, Lillian White of Albany and Louise Castles of Wichita Falls; and three grandchildren.

Alma Appleton

1905-1992

BUFFALO GAP — Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. today in the Buffalo Gap Cemetery for Alma Loucile Appleton, 87, who died Saturday in an Abilene nursing home.

She was the mother of Billy D. Appleton of Snyder.

Born in Abilene, Mrs. Appleton had been a resident of Wylie before moving to Buffalo Gap in 1935. She was assistant manager when she retired from the Buffalo Gap Steak House, having worked there for 17 years.

She was a member of the Wylie United Methodist Church and she was a former member of the Buffalo Gap Garden Club and Buffalo Gap Quilting Club.

Her husband, Marvin Appleton, preceded her in death.

Other survivors include a sister, Christine Agee of Abilene; three half-brothers, Thomas Smith, George Smith and Glenn Smith, all of College Station; two half-sisters, Velma King of Beeville and Sheridan Cunningham of Houston; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Major abortion dispute won't get court's review

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today let die a Guam law that would have prohibited nearly all abortions.

The court, by a 6-3 vote, left intact rulings that struck down the 1990 law as unconstitutional.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia and Byron R. White dissented.

Today's action marks the first time in 20 years the high court refused to review a major abortion dispute.

The action most likely will convince Louisiana officials not to appeal a federal appeals court ruling last month that struck down their state law banning most abortions.

Today's order was expected in light of the high court's ruling last June that reaffirmed the core holding of the landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision — women have a constitutional right to abortion.

The Supreme Court in June upheld the core of the court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

But the justices said states may raise new hurdles for women to seek to end their pregnancies. That decision upheld most provisions of a restrictive Pennsylvania abortion law.

As part of that decision, the court by a 5-4 vote said women retain a constitutional right to abortion.

Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony M. Kennedy, David H. Souter, Harry A. Blackmun and John Paul Stevens formed the slender majority in June. Rehnquist, White and Scalia — joined by Justice Clarence Thomas — dissented from that June ruling.

But Thomas did not join in today's dissent.

Retailers encouraged by first weekend of holiday shopping

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans shopped enthusiastically at malls and stores during the Thanksgiving weekend, showing signs of ending their long Christmas drought and giving retailers an encouraging start to the holiday season.

Several big storeowners said Sunday their business this weekend was up sharply from the depressed levels of a year ago. But they also noted that sales remained weak in California, which has lagged behind the rest of the country in recovering from the recession.

"We expected strong sales for the post-Thanksgiving weekend and it was strong, with the exception of California," said Kenneth Macke, chairman of Dayton Hudson Corp.

At Sears, Roebuck and Co., "The buying mood was more upbeat than it was the last two years," said Matt Howard, senior vice president for marketing. "We were quite pleased with the business. It was a very good kickoff for the holiday season."

And Duncan Muir, a J.C. Penney Co. Inc. spokesman, said store managers he spoke to were pleased with their results.

Yet despite the season's auspicious start, the retailers remained wary, perhaps remembering the disappointing holiday seasons of 1989, 1990 and 1991. "At this point, we're still cautiously optimistic about the balance of the season," Howard said.

That caution is understandable — there are still signs that many consumers, while feeling better about the economy and shopping this Christmas, are again working within a tight budget.

Dayton Hudson's strongest business was at its lower-priced Target discount stores, spokeswoman Ann Barkelew said. The company's Mervyn's clothing stores did not fare as well, but its most popular items included gifts within a specific price range, such as under $10 or under $20.

There also were signs that augured well for the season.

Sears had good sales in most of its merchandise lines, including "big-ticket" items like major appliances that were hurt by the recession, Howard said. Video game units, including Sega Genesis and Super Nintendo, also sold well.

Target stores had good sales of electronics and of jewelry, another category that has suffered in a weak economy.

And at Pier 1 Imports Inc., shoppers "seemed to be buying the higher-priced items," chairman Clark Johnson said.

Overall, "we had a great weekend," Johnson said, adding that he was raising his sales projections for the season.

Bodies of three nuns recovered in Liberia

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — The bodies of three of five Illinois nuns slain in the guerrilla siege of the Liberian capital of Monrovia have been recovered, diplomats and international relief workers said today.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the three Roman Catholic sisters from the Illinois-based Adorers of the Precious Blood order were recovered from the area of their Monrovia convent on Sunday evening.

Few details were available.

It is believed the bodies found are those of Shirley Kolmer, Agnes Mueller and Kathleen McGuire.

Also found at the scene was the body of their Lebanese security guard, two sources said.

The three nuns were gunned down outside their convent on Oct. 23 in the Gardnersville suburb of Monrovia after fighters of guerrilla leader Charles Taylor overran the area.

Three days earlier, Kolmer's cousin, Mary Joel Kolmer and another nun, Barbara Ann Muttra, had left the convent on a mercy mission to rescue a wounded child, and never returned.

Reports from several sources said they were shot and killed by guerrillas who hijacked their vehicle.

Heavy fighting that has continued until this week prevented people from recovering the bodies, and Monrovia Archbishop Michael Francis had said he did not want to risk more lives in such an attempt.

Before reports of that the nuns had been killed filtered through, Francis said three Senegalese soldiers in a seven-nation West African army defending Monrovia had tried to rescue the nuns, and had been killed in an ambush.

Taylor has denied his men were the killers, blaming the West Africans who have repulsed the attack he launched on the Liberian city on Oct. 15.

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Gangs spreading to smaller towns around Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Gangs have infiltrated some small towns outside of Houston, and local police departments are trying different approaches to deal with a problem that once was limited to the biggest cities.

Some police departments are using "Zero Tolerance" programs ensuring that any gang member caught painting graffiti, loitering, or worse, is probably going to jail.

"We attribute that for our biggest success. We just don't put up with gangs," Mount Belvieu Police Chief Jerry Whitman told The Houston Post.

"If we have to push and shove a little bit, then we do it," he said.

So far, Whitman's seven-man police force has mostly had to deal with three "little wannabe gangs." In once instance, a gang set up a small burglary ring in the Chambers County town of 1,500 that was busted last week.

"We work hard at not letting gangs get a foot in the door," Whitman said.

For Baytown Police Department detectives Tim Pettigrew and Long Craft, monitoring gangs has become a full-time job.

Baytown officers closely monitor the city's five known gangs, which "had been progressively increasing over the last couple of years," Pettigrew said.

"It got to the point where it was obviously a potential threat to the community, to their ability to travel in safety," Pettigrew said.

"Operation Valdez," the code name for a multiagency task force that targets gang activity in Baytown, has helped make city streets quieter, said Sgt. John Hudson, a leader of the force.

Since the initiative began in mid-September, the task force has made more than 100 arrests, issued more than 120 citations and identified about 35 Baytown teenagers and young adults as members of the city's five known gangs.

Besides Baytown and Mount Belvieu, gang activity has been identified in Richmond, La Marque and Huntsville, said Randy Rendon of the Harris County Sheriff's Department gang task force.

"They're experiencing the same things we're experiencing here, only on a smaller scale," Rendon said.

One of the problems with compiling detailed statistical information about gang activity and overall membership in smaller towns is that police may be unsophisticated in recognizing telltale signs of their activity, he said.

"You have uneducated law enforcement officers not exactly sure what they are seeing," Rendon said.



CENTRAL PROGRAM — These Central third graders presented a Thanksgiving program last week. Teachers are Ann Cross and Edilyn Smith. Students pictured are, from left, front row: Casey Uptergrove, Troy Grametbaur, Roger Warr, Alvino Pedroza, Justin McBroom, Carlos Martinez, Joshua Key, Zack Billingsley and Richard Martinez; second row: Wayne Hill, Trent Boyd, Artemio Aguilar, Cole McLeod, Dustin Olsen, Joe Martinez, Randy Rainwater, Steven Crain and Adam Jones; third row: Diana Cody, Rebecca Melton, Sarah Pilgrim, Alicia Bowlin, Crystal Gutierrez, Shannon Chambers, Monica Mojica, Candace Gonzales and Kendall Brewster; back row: Ashley Gutierrez, Kelsee Cloe, Amber Dawn Garcia, Kally Berkley, Amanda Turnbo, Crystal Garcia, Amy Reynolds, Amber Alexander, Stormy Clark and Audrey Gilpin. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hurricane season worse than expected

MIAMI (AP) — The 1992 Atlantic hurricane season was worse than anticipated in some ways and better in others, but its star attraction will live in infamy — at least for a while.

"Andrew is the benchmark hurricane for years to come, unless of course another one comes along," said Bob Sheets, director of the National Hurricane Center.

Forecasters warned for years that the United States was overdue for battering from the big storms. They worried about the ability of the nation's ever-growing coastal population, 80 to 90 percent of whom had never experienced even a mild hurricane when the season started June 1, to deal with such furious weather.

"We really didn't have any conception, I realize now, of what a hurricane could do," said Leonard Pitts Jr.

He and his family moved to southern Dade County about a year before Andrew attacked. They had been away on vacation and beat the storm to their home by less than 12 hours after learning about it from television in a Georgia motel room.

They expected riding out Andrew would be like a strange camping trip, during which they would be "mildly inconvenienced and a little scared, but after that everything'll be okay," he said. "We learned differently."

The family of seven hid from the hurricane's fury in the master bedroom closet, "a lot of people sitting on other people's legs," Pitts said.

Outside, Andrew was lashing the area with winds that may have gusted stronger than 200 mph; it's hard to say because most wind measuring devices, including the one at the hurricane center, were destroyed in the storm.

After six or seven hours in the closet, they emerged to find their familiar life gone. Most of their possessions had been blown away or soaked; Pitts and his wife managed to jump clear just before the ceiling in one room of their rented house crashed in on them.

They were among 250,000 people left homeless by the storm, and they have since moved north to Broward County.

Andrew killed 55 people in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas, but even that was less than officials would have expected, given the havoc the storm wrought.

"Every time you drive down through that area you're still shocked and amazed," Sheets said. 'It's just so different from other hurricanes."

Andrew was described as a miles-wide tornado, shredding South Dade with vicious winds — but the fast-moving storm didn't carry much rain, and the area was spared serious flooding from the storm surge that officials feared would be the major killer when "the big one" finally came.

And a lucky landfall site helped Louisiana, even though more than $1 billion in damage was done, said Weather Channel forecaster John Hope, formerly of the hurricane center.

"Some of the energy was released down in the marshlands," Hope said.

"I think the great majority of people did the right thing," and left when evacuation orders were issued, Sheets said.

Damages are still being tallied, but the storm's cost could be as much as $30 billion, making it the nation's most expensive natural disaster. Hurricane Hugo only tore up $7 billion in property three years ago when it hit South Carolina.

Still, Andrew may just be a shadow of things to come.

William Gray, a Colorado State University professor who has linked Atlantic hurricane activity to weather cycles in West Africa, has predicted there will be much more heavy weather next season: 11 named tropical storms and six hurricanes, three of them major.

For the 1992 Atlantic hurricane season, Gray had forecast eight tropical storms and four hurricanes, including a single major storm.

Astro-graphs

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 1, 1992

In the year ahead you can expect stellar support from persons you helped in the past year. Your outstanding markers might be repaid several times over.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) New friends could start to play important roles in your affairs over the coming weeks. Fortunately, you're in a favorable cycle for establishing fresh relationships. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone is working on your behalf behind the scenes today regarding something that is extremely significant. His or her efforts could produce results better than those for which you had hoped.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to spend some time today with friends who inspire you and arouse your imagination. You need to be close to people who are up and positive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Persons you know socially could be of help to you today in either business or career matters. They are approachable, so don't be afraid to request a favor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your judgment could be keen today when it comes to evaluating issues of significance. Pay attention to your own counsel, instead of relying on others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today's developments could be comprised of some surprising twists. You'll be desirous of helping others, but, ironically, they might end up doing more for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A relationship with someone you already know might begin to take on new significance as of today. This association could be destined to grow in prominence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If there is an important arrangement you would like to solidify, you could be lucky in shaping it to your satisfaction today. Make it your top priority matter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An idea you've been nurturing can now be turned into something much larger than you originally envisioned. Don't let size or scope scare you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You could be luckier than usual today where your business or financial interests are concerned. If you think you're on to something that could make or save you money, make it a must do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An endeavor that you're presently involved in is going well, but it could go better. You are needed at the helm to offer an infusion of bold, new ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't despair if things haven't been going too smoothly for you financially. Changes are in the offing and, if they work out as anticipated, you might need a thicker wallet.

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Study: sexual harassment pervasive around the globe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sexual harassment pervades the workplaces of the industrialized world, but few countries have laws that deal specifically with the problem, according to an International Labor Organization study.

The ILO's 300-page report, issued today, said awareness of the issue has come a long way in a relatively short time. And the United States, it said, has been in the legal and judicial forefront.

"In general, American women are fairly intolerant and perhaps more strenuous in their perseverance" in pursuing harassment charges, said ILO civil rights lawyer Constance Thomas.

The ILO's findings in 23 industrialized countries around the globe "demonstrate that sexual harassment is a pervasive problem affecting a considerable proportion of working women," said Michel Hansenne, director-general of the Geneva-based organization.

Thomas said cultural differences may determine how sexual harassment is defined. A new law in France targets supervisors who make unwanted advances but not co-workers because "they don't want to break up the (workplace) romances."

Only seven of the 23 nations surveyed — Australia, Canada, France, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden and the United States — have statutes specifically defining or mentioning sexual harassment, the ILO said. In most countries, sexual harassment is handled indirectly in other laws such as those dealing with unfair dismissal.

Among the findings:

—The term "sexual harassment" originated in the United States and U.S. federal courts were the first to recognize sexual harassment as a prohibited form of sex discrimination in 1975. In a 1980 survey, 42 percent of women reported some form of sexual harassment.

—In Austria, a 1986 survey found that 30.5 percent of women reported serious incidents of sexual harassment.

—In Czechoslovakia, a survey showed that 17.5 percent of women have been sexually harassed physically, 35.8 percent verbally. No court cases have dealt with the issue.

—In Denmark, 11 percent of women questioned in 1991 said they had experienced sexual harassment at work and 8 percent of those said they lost their jobs as a consequence.

—In Germany, 6 percent of women in a 1990 survey said they had resigned from at least one job as a result of being sexually harassed.

—Recent surveys found that 21 percent of French women, 58 percent of Dutch women and 74 percent of British women had experienced sexual harassment at work, and that 27 percent of Spanish women had received strong verbal advances and unwanted touching.

—In Norway, 41 percent of women in a 1988 poll said they had been subjected to unwanted sexual touching many times, and 38 percent said they had experienced pressure to have sex.

Managers hire spies to check up on workers

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Store detectives are not necessarily checking on shoppers. Many are watching the workers.

Many companies are getting added security during the Christmas season because of new faces among the temporary staff.

They hire spies to root out criminals, drug users, inefficient workers, even sexual-harassment offenders.

During the Christmas boom of temporary hires, the number of operating spies will increase, said Don Walker, executive vice president of Pinkerton Security & Investigation Services, a large national spy supplier based in Van Nuys, Calif.

Most businesses steer clear of police involvement. Keeping company problems under wraps is a selling point for the spy-supplying industry.

Pinkerton draws 17 percent to 25 percent of its revenue from its undercover division, Walker said. He estimates that his company has a dozen agents working in the North Texas area.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Dietary supplement does no harm

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Several people I know are taking green leaves of barley with ground brown rice and kelp for more energy, better sleep habits and improved respiration. What do you know about this remedy?

DEAR READER: This sounds like a reasonable dietary supplement, rich in vitamins and fiber. However, I doubt that it will lead to the beneficial effects you mention.

People perennially hope to discover a magic combination of foods that will cure mankind's ailments. The barley/rice/kelp combo won't do it. However, it is not, as far as I know, harmful.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a pilonidal cyst that recently became infected. My doctor lanced it and he now feels it has to be surgically removed. I've talked to people who have had cysts removed more than once, and they suffered for quite some time following the surgery. I'd really like to understand the situation better before I have the procedure done.

DEAR READER: A pilonidal cyst is an inherited abnormality involving the skin over the lower spine. The condition is marked by a dimple or opening in the skin that is connected to a cyst in the deeper tissues. Ordinarily, this causes no symptoms.

However, on occasion, bacteria can enter the defect, work their way into the cyst and cause an abscess that is extremely painful. Typically, the area around the coccyx becomes hot, swollen and tender. Pus and blood may leak from the skin opening.

These infections are usually treated with hot compresses and antibiotics. Surgeons sometimes open the abscess to promote drainage. Nonetheless, even if the infection heals, the potential for re-infection is high because bacteria can enter the skin defect and begin the process all over again.

In my experience, surgery (to remove the cyst and close the defect) is the only permanent answer. The operation is standard fare for most surgeons and is curative.

I don't know why your acquaintances' surgery was so painful and had to be performed more than once. This is very unusual. Perhaps they had more than one pilonidal cyst.

Check with a surgeon to get answers about what procedure would be appropriate in your case, its approximate cost and the estimated convalescence. Then go for it.

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President-elect prefers feisty debate

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — As a manager, President-elect Clinton likes a good, feisty debate among advisers to help him sort out a problem. He's big on staff competition and disdains chains of command.

The management style of the nation's 42nd president will involve a balancing act — with proven success, aides say — of staying on top of important details but not getting bogged down in minutia.

Clinton has an "information addiction," as one aide put it, and likes his policy advisers to give him all sides before he stakes out a stand on an issue.

He takes reports home with him to study while watching TV or eating; he will frequently get on the phone in the middle of a meeting to talk to an expert who's not there or dispatch an aide to fetch someone over.

In picking high-ranking aides in his administration, Clinton is likely to maintain control over deputy secretaries in agencies he's interested in, such as Treasury. But in other departments, he'll probably give his Cabinet officers a looser rein — that's what he did as Arkansas governor.

Clinton is "smart enough to know he can't do everything himself," said Mike Gauldin, his press secretary at the Arkansas Statehouse, and has no trouble delegating authority. He wants his staff to make decisions, yet know when it's big enough it must be batted upstairs.

He likes to sit down people with warring opinions and have them debate it in front of him.

"Nothing makes him happier than to lock a leftie and a rightie in the same room and see what comes out," as one transition aide put it.

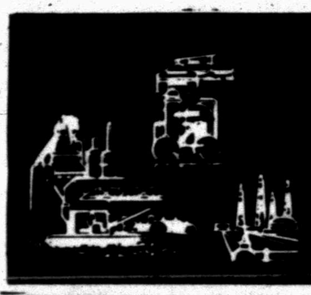
For instance, Clinton tapped Robert Reich, a Harvard economist who believes in massive federal investment to kick-start the economy, to oversee his takeover on economics. Al From, a self-proclaimed "deficit hawk" who headed the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, got the call for domestic policy.

Clinton likes his staffers to compete in several ways, not just in debates.

"He's like the newspaper editor who asks two reporters to do the same story, and he picks the one he likes best," said the transition official, who asked not to be identified. "It may sound kind of harsh, but it's very effective."

He's not much on hierarchy, and is likely to run a White House much the way he's running his transition and the campaign — anyone with a good idea is invited to speak up.

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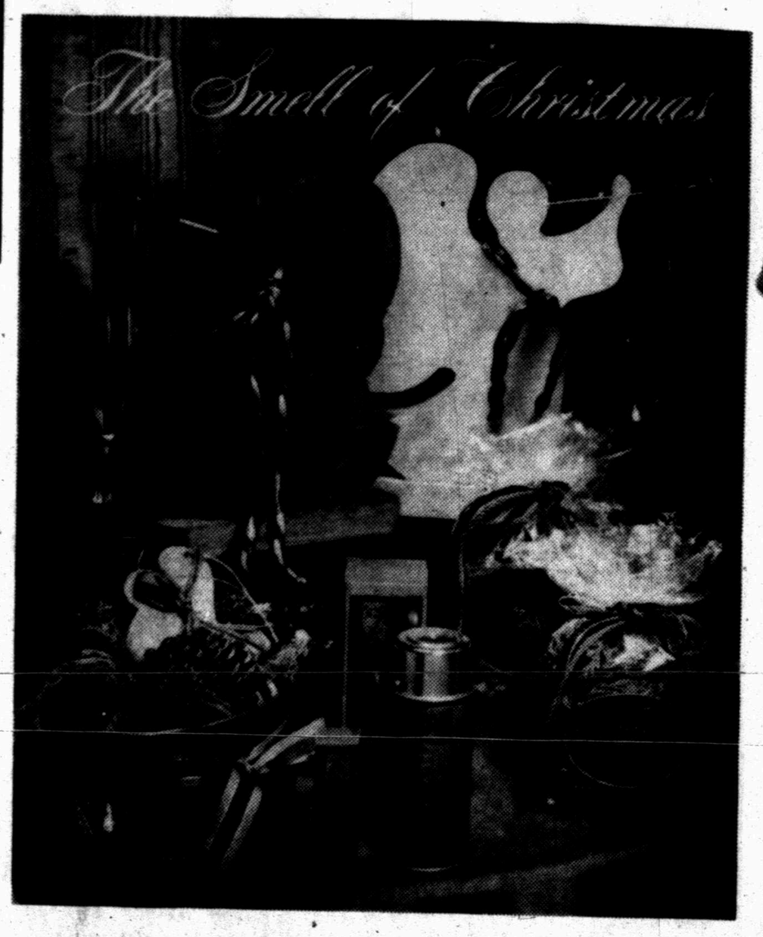
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Ross Perot set for TV program

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George Schlatter, a Hollywood producer whose credits include "Laugh-In" and "Real People," wants Perot to be host of an electronic town-hall meeting with America, TV Guide reported in its Dec. 5 issue.

Viewers would be able to respond instantly to questions through interactive technology, he said.

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