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British, Irish leaders agree on peace plan

LONDON (AP) — British and Irish leaders agreed today on a "framework fot peace" in Northern Ireland, hoping it would induce gunmen on both sides to give up after a quarter-century of killing.

"There is now a clear political path which is meaningful for all," said Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds, moments after signing the seven-page document with British leader John Major.

To the Irish Republican Army and its allies, they opened the door to holding exploratory negotiations within three months of a permanent cease-fire.

To the pro-British Protestant majority in Northern Ireland, they pledged that they would not be forced out of the United Kingdom so long as most people are opposed to a united Ireland.

There was no immediate reaction from the IRA. Protestant hard-liners condemned the agreement but the main pro-British unionist party in Northern Ireland reacted cautiously.

"Our message is clear and it is simple: there is no future in violence. There is a fair and democratic future for all those who want to enter the political process," said Major, standing in front of a big Christmas tree outside his official residence at No. 10 Downing St.

Major said his government was prepared to talk to Sinn Fein, the political party that supports the IRA, "within three months when the cessation of violence has been clearly established."

"If they lose this opportunity it might never come their way again," Major said at a joint news conference with Reynolds.

More than 3,100 people have been slain in the province, and 219 more in Britain and the Irish republic, since the political-religious conflict was rekindled in 1969.

The immediate test of the initiative is whether the IRA, which recently engaged in secret contacts with Major's government, would accept.

The bait dangled by the British included a statement that it had "no selfish strategic or economic interest in Northern Ireland." And it affirmed that it was for all the people of the island of Ireland "to exercise their right of self-determination on the basis of consent, freely and concurrently given, North and South, to bring about a united Ireland, if that is their wish."

The next question is whether the agreement was palatable as well to the pro-British Protestant majority in the province.



CELEBRATE IN SONGS — First United Methodist Church Children's Day Out members presented "Around the World It's Christmas," Tuesday evening. Singing about Christmas in Sweden from the three-year old class are Erin Hogan, Nicole Means and Carl Self. (SDN Staff Photo)

Zhirinovsky views criticized by Gore

MOSCOW (AP) — Vice President Al Gore today criticized the views of the big winner in Russia's parliamentary elections and said President Boris Yeltsin had assured him strong showings by nationalists and communists would not slow reforms.

In a session with reporters, Gore twice offered stinging criticism of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, whose liberal democratic party was the biggest vote-getter in Russia's parliamentary elections.

"The views expressed by Zhirinovsky on issues such as the use of nuclear weapons, the expansion of borders, the treatment of ethnic minorities, are reprehensible and anathema to all freedom-loving people in Russia, the United States and everywhere in the world," Gore said.

The vice president said Yeltsin expressed optimism that he would be able to cobble together a pro-reform coalition.

Gore said Yeltsin's prediction was based on his expected success in Moscow and St. Petersburg, where a significant portion of the vote has yet to be counted. And Gore said Yeltsin promised to continue his economic reforms and resist any pressure from Zhirinovsky and others who believe Russia should retake former Soviet territory.

"He said the constitution will stand against any fascist or communist," Gore said. "He expressed great confidence in his ability to stay on the reform course."

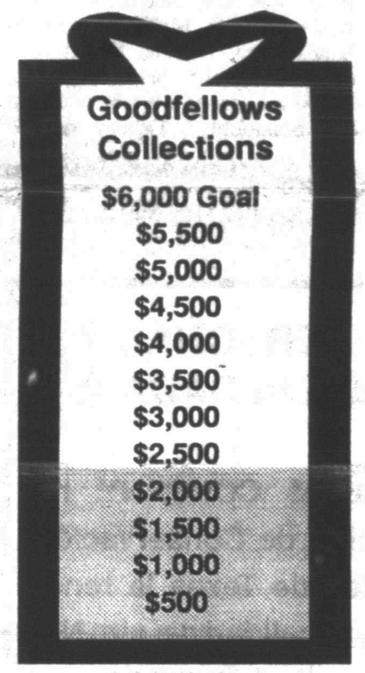
Gore attributed Zhirinovsky's success to the pain of a Russian recession he said was far worse than the Great Depression that hit the United States in the 1920s, and he pointedly called on other Western allies to deliver on their promised economic aid to Russia.

Some critics of the administration's Russian policy had said Yeltsin's poor showing in the parliamentary elections is proof that the policy is tied too closely to Yeltsin personally. But Gore dismissed such suggestions and said if anything, the United States and other Western allies needed to do more to help Yeltsin prove the wisdom of his economic reforms.

Gore said the elections "may serve as a kind of wake-up call to some people who weren't listening clearly to what President Clinton said. This is an historic transition under way here, that the world must recognize the breadth of the difficulty being carried by Russia's economy, the effect it has on the Russian people and the need to respond forcefully."

He refused to say which countries he believed were not following up on the commitments.

Gore described Yeltsin as being in an upbeat mood but said top advisers to Yeltsin are "embarrassed" and realize that they did not work hard enough on the elections.



Consider alarm, extinguisher as a Christmas gift, chief says

Having a hard time selecting the right Christmas gift for someone? Snyder Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell has an idea you might want to consider.

"It's hard to find a gift that shows you care," said McDowell. "One solution is to give a smoke alarm or fire extinguisher."

Statistics show that 80 to 90 percent of all homes have smoke alarms, but they are installed in only 40 percent of homes that have fires.

Most fire deaths are caused by smoke inhalation, and victims are usually not even aware of the fire. A smoke alarm warns occupants before it is too late.

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection recommends having a smoke alarm in each sleeping area, preferably in each bedroom. It is also important to have one in the kitchen, and in workrooms, especially where flammable liquids may be stored.

"More smoke alarms increase your protection," said McDowell. "If your neighbor or friend already has one, consider giving them a second one."

Another life-saving tool is a portable fire extinguisher. Like smoke alarms, portable fire extinguishers are inexpensive and relatively easy to use.

There's no better time than the holidays to give a smoke alarm or portable fire extinguisher. That's because of the potential for fires during cold weather. People tend to use more electrical outlets and extension cords, and traditional Christmas decorations can be unsafe if they are put up haphazardly.

One of the most frequently purchased items during winter can also be one of the deadliest, if not used properly — the space heater.

"Before you turn on any heater, stand next to it and swing your arms," said Chief McDowell. "If you can touch anything, a wall, a chair, a bed, then they are too close."

Last year, Texans suffered from more than 1,000 fires caused by heating equipment. Seventeen people died, and property damage amounted to more than $15 million.

Move items a minimum of three feet away from the heater. On many occasions, small electric heaters are used in the bathroom. People using these heaters should avoid getting close to them while wearing a long robe; and be careful that a towel or clothing is not dropped or tossed too near the unit. And obviously, any electrical appliance should be kept away from water.

Snyder Fire Department also has some fire safety tips pertaining to holiday decorations:

—Keep natural trees well-watered and moist. Natural trees used as decorations in the home are three times more likely to be involved in fires as artificial trees.

—Never use lighted candles as tree decorations. And if candles are used as decorations elsewhere, be sure to keep a watch on them and extinguish them before going to bed or leaving the home.

—Turn lighted decorations off before going to sleep or leaving the home. Faulty or unattended electrical lights caused half of the Christmas tree fires last December, according to statistics.

—Don't leave cooking unattended. Christmas is a big time with lots of goodies, relatives and

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Goodfellows still in need of donations

Goodfellows is hoping to feed 300 people this Christmas but needs the community's support in order to do so.

The monetary goal for 1993 is $6,000, and $2,300 has been raised, said Laurie Graves, Goodfellows public relations committee chairperson.

Donations of canned goods or money can be taken to Snyder Cablevision, local financial institutions, and the chamber of commerce, or mailed to Snyder National Bank, P.O. Box 209, in care of Joe Jackson.

Contracts, bylaws top Cogdell board agenda

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will consider approval of contracts and medical staff bylaws when they meet at 8 a.m. Thursday.

The board will consider approval of a emergency room physician contract and a certified registered [illegible] anesthetist.

Also on the agenda are approval of the financial report and accounts payable for November and previous minutes.

In routine matters, the board will review November's transfer report.

Following the meeting, the board will adjourn to executive session for the annual CEO evaluation.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You have to keep moving. Nobody stumbles on something while sitting down."

Few people, especially adults, have failed to complain about the expanding Christmas season. We can remember when Thanksgiving signaled the official start of the holiday season.

If you can remember that far back, you probably received some mail-order Christmas catalogues right after Labor Day. Some Christmas store displays were going up while the temperature was still near the century mark.

If some governing body wants to stir up a hornet's nest, they can forget smoking ban ordinances, garbage rates and sex education — just start messing with Christmas.

The Town Council in Assen, Netherlends got fed up with Santa in September. It committed the unthinkable by outlawing any sign of Christmas and declared Santa Claus "persona non grata" until Dec. 6.

It all started as a joke when a local businessman got permission from the city to put up road signs featuring a Christmas tree with a red slash through it.

The response was surprising. One big department store tucked away its Christmas displays and banned holiday music. A clothing store hung Santa in effigy with the inscription, "Santa's in the noose till Dec. 6"

We can envision Hollywood coming up with another Christmas classic out of this deal. Movies based on stories have not been kind to those who have dared to tamper with holiday good cheer. Don't forget the infamous Scrooge and the Grinch who stole Christmas.

We suspect an attempt to streamline Christmas is about as likely as Santa moving his North Pole workshop to Scurry County. Christmas is Christmas, and folks make it what they want it to be, even if they say "ho, ho, ho" through clinched teeth.

Ask Us

Q—Is there any rule or law that prohibits employees of Snyder Oaks or Snyder Nursing Center from smoking in the visiting lobby, behind the nurses' desk or in resident rooms during working hours? If so, how can it be enforced?

A—There is a state safety code regulation which permits smoking only in designated areas of nursing homes. There should be no smoking in resident rooms. If you have a complaint, you should report it to the director of nurses or care center administrator.



DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Local

MAWC

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

Post Office

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

Snyder FFA

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

Appraisal

Scurry County Appraisal District board will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday at Willow Park Inn. Agenda items include recognition of incoming and outgoing board members, appointment of appraisal review board and approval of depository bids.

'Toy Bowl'

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

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

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 61 degrees; low, 28 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 29 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 16.19 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy. Low 35-40. Southeast to south wind 5-15 mph.Thursday, partly sunny in the morning, mostly sunny in the afternoon. High 50-55. Southwest to west wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:42. Sunrise Thursday, 7:36. Of 348 days in 1993, the sun has shone 341 days in Snyder.

Newly released JFK files includes trivia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The amount of trivia that found its way into FBI files 30 years ago is a window on the conspiratorial mindset that swept America after Jack Ruby shot Lee Harvey Oswald, who had shot John F. Kennedy.

In Fairlawn, N.J., a woman noticed from television tape replay of Oswald being shot "a seemingly obvious connection between two honkings of an automobile horn and the action which followed." She wondered why no newspaper or television account mentioned that.

A fire chief from Dearborn Heights, Mich., told a hometown newspaper of being in Dallas that November weekend and having no difficulty getting into the police station's basement. FBI agents tracked him down and he admitted his published account of the shooting was "a complete fabrication and untrue."

A woman in Roseville, Ohio, notified the FBI that on Nov. 21, 1963, a day before the Kennedy assassination, she was watching Jimmy Dean's television show. After singing part of "Cowboy's Lament," she said, Dean stopped and said something. She told the FBI that she concluded that was a message of instructions to Jack Ruby.

The FBI's records on Ruby were released for reading Tuesday in the National Archives, in compliance with a 1992 law making assassination-related material public. The FBI tried to find a connection between Oswald and Ruby, between Ruby and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee to which Oswald belonged, between Ruby and the Communist Party, between Ruby and the mob.

But to no avail.

In less than a month after the Kennedy shooting in Dallas, a thousand or more people had been interviewed, either as a result of such tips, or from the mere mention of a person who might at some time have had some contact with Ruby, who operated a couple of strip joints in Dallas.

The FBI concentrated heavily on Las Vegas, where one man who knew Ruby for a long time "stated that he is certain in his own mind that Ruby has no underworld connections, although he might be acquainted with some figures in gambling and other illegal activities."

The 21,224 pages from the FBI's Jack Ruby headquarters file were in 28 archival boxes. The FBI's half-million files are expected to be turned over to the archives by July 4.

Much of the material already has been opened to the public through the FBI reading room. But portions of some documents previously blacked out or omitted from the public record was included in the archives release.

The files included clippings, including a wire service story that said Ruby had told the truth during a polygraph test administered in 1964 at the request of the Warren Commission. At the bottom is scrawled: "I assume none of this is coming from FBI." It was signed "H," by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

The investigation was so thorough that it included an evaluation by the Chicago Institute for Juvenile Research on 12-year-old Jacob Rubenstein in 1923. That was Ruby's name before he shortened it.

"Patient truant from school. Disobedient. Quick tempered. Patient doesn't steal. Doesn't know of any sex delinquencies. Patient fell from table at age of two years and hurt his head. No enuresis (bed-wetting)," it said.

After the Oswald slaying, which unfolded on national television as Kennedy was lying in state in Washington, the FBI put together 150 pages of notes on interviews with the Dallas police officers who witnessed the shooting. Detective T.D. McMillon said he heard Ruby say, as he charged toward Oswald, pistol in hand, "You rat son of a bitch, you shot the president." Others quoted Ruby as saying, "I hope I killed ... " Oswald.

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TOYS FOR TOTS — The Lucky Thirteen Club has donated toys for the annual Toys For Tots campaign. Members pictured with their toys are from left, back row: Stephanie Davis, Brooke Kubena, Kayla Drain, Jamie Buck, Paige Bell and Michelle Martin; front row: Brooke Gladson, Melissa Humphreys, Amy Choate, Brooke Lowrance, Kelly Farmer, Jannica Northerns and Jiletta Kubena. (SDN Staff Photo)

Henry Cisneros, congressman trade views on housing plan

HOUSTON (AP) — An alternative to razing a 50-year-old public housing complex near Houston's downtown has been suggested by Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros.

Cisneros appeared before a field hearing called by U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez at the complex, Allen Parkway Village, a 1,000-unit public housing complex built in 1943 that now houses fewer than 30 families along 37 acres.

Instead of leaving Allen Parkway Village with only 150 units out of 1,000, Cisneros outlined a loose plan that would add another 350 apartments, town homes and possibly single-family homes on the site for a total of 500.

"I'm here to try to make it work," Cisneros said. "When only 29 families live in 1,000 units, there is something wrong."

The city wants all but 150 of the units to be razed. Houston leaders then would replace the 850 lost units with scattered site housing throughout the city. But the few residents remaining at Allen Parkway, and many in the neighborhood who want in, say Allen Parkway's existing location is convenient to jobs and public transportation.

"What this is today is a disgrace," said Mayor Bob Lanier, standing among the boarded-up, yellow brick, flat-topped buildings. "I think any plan would be an improvement."

The plan seemed to please some of the residents still living in Allen Parkway.

"I would like them to do what Cisneros said," said Pearl LaFell, who has lived in the same three-bedroom apartment at Allen Parkway for 23 years. She raised three children there and now lives with two grandsons.

But she and others fear that until they see something in writing, Cisneros will go the way of other politicians, leaving them behind with no option but to move.

Lenwood Johnson, president of Allen Parkway's residents' council, said he was heartened by the secretary's plan.

"I think the group would take a serious look at that," Johnson said.

At the hearing called by Gonzalez, the chairman of the House Banking Committee and its subcommittee on housing and community development aired his view that the entire complex should be renovated.

"We think it's indispensable," said Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, who cited a 1943 architecture award given to the project for its design as reasoning that the complex could be saved through total renovation.

Cisneros, the former San Antonio mayor insisted, however, that none of the site should be sold to private developers, skirting Gonzalez's suspicions that HUD was trying to make a land deal with investors.

Mexico crying foul over smuggled U.S. chickens

DALLAS (AP) — When people talk about playing chicken in Mexico, they're not referring to dodging trucks on the two-lane highways.

Merchants and the Mexican government are crying foul over chicken smuggling from the United States that undercuts Mexican producers.

Lower-cost chickens from north of the border are smuggled frozen into Mexico or brought in by so-called "contrabandistas" who bribe customs officials or flash phony export permits.

"They're very skillful," Jaime Yesaki, president of the National Union of Chicken Farmers in Mexico City, said. "They smuggle the illegal chickens into Mexico in a thousand different ways by railroad, by truck. Even by canoe, barge and boat."

The smuggled chickens sometimes drive prices so low that Mexican farmers drown batches of newborn chicks rather than lose money raising them.

American producers have tons of leftover legs and thighs for export to Mexico after selling hundreds of millions of chicken breasts every year to satisfy U.S. demand for white meat.

Because feed and other production costs are lower for American producers, they can sell surplus chicken cheaper than Mexican competitors — even with added transportation costs.

Mexican producers said that chicken in that country was going for 76 cents a pound wholesale last week while processed contraband chicken from the United States was 61 cents a pound.

"We can't compete with that," Yesaki told The Dallas Morning News.

The Group of Associated Economists, a private Mexico City organization, estimates that U.S. producers last year sent 54,000 tons of contraband chicken to Mexico.

A TODAS LAS PERSONAS Y ENTIDADES INTERESADAS:

PENNZOIL PETROLEUM COMPANY ha solicitado a la Comisión de Conservación de Recursos Naturales de Texas la renovación del Permiso de la calidad del aire No. 408C para una Planta de dióxido de carbono, Sacroc, en Snyder, Condado de Scurry, Texas. La ubicación de la instalación existente se encuentra 1 1/2 millas al norte de la ruta US 180, sobre FM 1611. En la sección de avisos publicos de este periódico se publica información adicional concerniente a esta solicitud. Este aviso se publicara el 14 de diciembre y el 15 de diciembre.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

PENNZOIL PETROLEUM COMPANY has made application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 408C for a Sacroc CO2 Plant in Snyder, Scurry County, Texas. The location of the existing facility is 1 1/2 miles north of US 180 on FM 1611. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper. This notice is to be published on December 14, 1993 and December 15, 1993.

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Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1993

In the year ahead you could be much more selective than usual in prioritizing goals and objectives. Although you'll have fewer targets, collectively they'll be more worthwhile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you're presently pursuing something materially worthwhile, don't be discouraged by minor setbacks. What you hope to achieve is feasible. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're in a good, brief cycle for the fulfillment of your current hopes and expectations. When it's time to act, you must be decisive and expeditious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Conditions are a trifle unusual today in that you can best advance your own interests by putting the concerns of others first.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Several major achievements are possible today, but they won't be attained unaided. Maintain the good will of friends who have provided support.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In order to be successful today you must be able to perceive the benefits shifting conditions offer. Fortunately, this could be your strong point.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You should be relatively successful in your endeavors today, yet you might not capitalize on all the factors. Don't reduce your benefits.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your capacity for work could be a bit higher than usual today and this an asset if used effectively. However, know your limitations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone with whom you already have a good social alliance might also begin to play a role in your commercial affairs. It could prove mutually advantageous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your image will be substantially enhanced in this time frame if you follow through and do for others that which you promised to do. Be your own press agent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An old adage says you can't get blood from a stone, yet you possess a gift today for turning unprofitable situations into something materially rewarding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be alert for unusual opportunities today coming from least expected sources. Something advantageous might occur requiring an immediate decision.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An endeavor in which you're involved needs your leadership. This fact has been obvious to others and it might finally become obvious to you today.

Pick 3

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

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"Schindler's List" named top movie

NEW YORK (AP) — Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List" pulled in another award as 1993's best movie, but the best director prize continues to elude him.

The National Board of Review on Tuesday named the movie its top pick. Martin Scorsese won the best director award for "The Age of Innocence."

On Saturday, Los Angeles Film Critics Association also picked "Schindler's List" as best picture and named Jane Campion best director for "The Piano."

Spielberg has never won an best-director Oscar either.

Other National Board awards went to Anthony Hopkins, best actor for "Remains of the Day" and "Shadowland"; Holly Hunter, best actress for "The Piano"; Leonardo DiCaprio, best supporting actor for "What's Eating Gilbert Grape"; and Winona Ryder, best actress for "The Age of Innocence."

The National Board is a group of critics, writers and producers.

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Glenn: government released radiation after World War II

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government deliberately dropped radioactive material from planes or released it on the ground a dozen times after World War II, Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, said today.

Eight of the tests were part of secret radiation weapons research in Tennessee and Utah. In four other instances, radiation was put into the air in Nevada so that pilots could chase the cloud of fallout to see how it moved.

One radiation cloud was tracked 70 miles downwind over a sparsely populated area in New Mexico from Los Alamos to Watrous. Another was tracked 10 miles, said Glenn, chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. He released an unclassified version of a report on the tests by the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

The experiments, done between 1948 and 1952, have been concealed until now.

"There is no justification for the government to keep this information secret and there is no justification, except in extreme wartime conditions, for the principle of informed consent to be abandoned," Glenn said.

Energy Department spokesman Sam Grizzle said that DOE officials had not had a chance to review the new information but that Secretary Hazel O'Leary believes the public has a right to know about the experiments.

The latest disclosures came a week after O'Leary announced a new policy of openness at DOE, which produced America's nuclear arsenal and guarded its secrets during the Cold War.

O'Leary for the first time acknowledged 200 nuclear weapons tests and radiation experiments the government conducted on human guinea pigs, including injections of plutonium into 18 civilians during the 1940s.

The GAO report was triggered by revelations in 1989 of experiments that spread radiation over a 200-mile stretch of Oregon and Washington state in 1949.

Investigators probing those tests at the Hanford Reservation in Washington uncovered evidence of the additional deliberate radiation releases. None was accidental or part of nuclear weapons-making, Glenn said.

Eight of the tests were part of an attempt to design a weapon that could spread radiation around a limited, tightly controlled area. Such devices were tested through 1952 and the research appears to have ended in 1954, the report said.

As part of that research, radiation was emitted at or near ground level at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., office of the old Atomic Energy Commission twice during 1948.

Six other times from 1949-52, the AEC, Army Chemical Corps and Air Force tested radiation-spreading devices at an Army proving ground in Dugway, Utah.

The tests involved loading radioactive particles onto cluster devices and dropping them from about 15,000 feet. Researchers then measured how far the radiation spread.

The four New Mexico tests all took place in 1950. Simulated nuclear devices were exploded and the fallout was tracked by B-17 bombers carrying experimental measuring tools.

While two radiation clouds were tracked 10 miles and 70 miles away, the GAO said it didn't know whether radiation from the other two New Mexico tests went off-site, exposing civilians.

Whether the tests sickened any of the researchers, pilots or exposed civilians also was not determined. "We found no documentation of potential health effects from the four tests," the GAO said.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Get help now for drug addiction

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm divorced, 40 years old, and the sole support of my two children. About four years ago after taking a second job, a friend gave me some methamphetamine (speed) as a pick-me-up so I could make it through the long days. At first it was a miracle drug because it gave me so much energy, but now I am still snorting it on a daily basis and am unable to stop. I find when I'm not on it, I sleep constantly and my body aches as though I have the flu. Can you give me some helpful suggestions on how to kick this habit? I cannot involve my employer, insurance, or local support groups because I will lose my jobs.

DEAR READER: The amphetamine drugs are addictive. When a person temporarily discontinues such drugs, he or she goes through withdrawal and experiences many of the symptoms you deseribe. Amphetamines, except by prescription for specific disorders such as narcolepsy, are illegal.

You appear to have developed an addiction, for which professional attention is necessary. If you continue to abuse amphetamines, you'll eventually suffer serious medical consequences, including heart disease and impaired brain functioning.

Therefore, I urge you to seek help, either from a physician, a municipal health department or a 12-step recovery program, such as Narcotics Anonymous, all of which can assist you in overcoming your addiction. The place to start is with your family physician who, while keeping your "secret" confidential, is aware of the anti-addiction resources in your community.

Your first mistake was to take the drug offered by a friend; don't compound this by avoiding the help you need. It is possible for you to obtain assistance without your family, employer or friends learning about your problem. By delaying this decision, you are risking much more because, in time, your health will suffer and your addiction will become obvious, at a stage that may be too late for successful therapy.

Get to your doctor, now.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 65-year-old male who has engaged in sexual self-pleasure since the age of 10. Is this likely to cause any physical problems?

DEAR READER: Evidently not. You're 65 and are still around. You remind me of the 85-year-old patient who said to me: "Doc, if I'd known I would live this long, I would have taken better care of myself."

Seriously, sexual self-pleasuring is not associated with ill health. Obviously, any activity that is carried out excessively and obsessively can create problems. However, there are no known health hazards from masturbation.

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Killer of director of Houston theater executed in Texas

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A New York man once imprisoned for killing his 3-year-old son was executed early today for strangling the director of a prominent Houston theater nearly 12 years ago.

Clifford X. Phillips, 59, in a rambling five-minute last statement, asked for remorse, praised Allah and expressed love for his wife, who witnessed his death.

"It was a very unfortunate situation," he said of the Jan. 12, 1982 robbery-slaying of Iris Siff at Houston's Alley Theater. "Only God knows it was an unintentional situation that took place. I want to express remorse to the family for causing such discomfort in their lives.

"Only God will determine if I be that type of guilty or innocent person as the newspapers and media made me to be."

Phillips was pronounced dead at 12:53 a.m. CST, 10 minutes after the lethal drugs began flowing into his arms. Prison officials said the punishment was delayed by about a half hour because they had difficulty finding veins in his arms suitable for the lethal needle.

The execution came after his attorneys unsuccessfully argued in last-day appeals that Phillips, who was black, was the victim of discrimination from an all-white jury.

Phillips also had served time in New York for killing his son and stuffing the child's body in a suitcase and was blamed for beating a daughter into what prosecutors called a vegetative state.

"Enough is enough is enough," Joseph Siff, Mrs. Siff's son, said. "This man has had three strikes. And as far as I'm concerned, he's given up his rights to the potential for rehabilitation by his own actions."

"There is no justification for proper punishment to take 12 years," added Don Stricklin, the assistant district attorney in Harris County who prosecuted Phillips. "That's crazy."

In September, Phillips came within a few hours of execution before the punishment was blocked by a federal judge.

On Tuesday, final appeals were rejected by state and federal courts. The U.S. Supreme Court's final rejection of appeals came about an hour before Phillips was put to death.

The execution was the 17th this year in Texas, a record for lethal injections and by far the most executions in any state this year. It was the 71st in Texas since the state resumed capital punishment in 1982, a total that accounts for nearly one-third of all executions in the United States since the Supreme Court in 1976 allowed the death penalty to resume.

Mrs. Siff, 58, had worked at the theater for some 30 years as a performer and administrator and was working late, filling out a government grant application, when she was strangled with a telephone cord during a robbery.

Phillips' record goes back to 1951 with an arrest in Buffalo as a wayward minor and includes arrests for burglary, larceny and disorderly conduct.

He served seven years of a 15-year prison term in New York for manslaughter after being convicted in 1970 of killing his 3-year-old son by forcing water down the child's throat. The boy's body was found in a suitcase in the Bronx, N.Y.

Phillips came to Houston in late 1981 and found work at the theater as a security guard. He had been fired from his guard's job a few weeks before the slaying for sleeping on the job.

In a confession to police, he said he sneaked into the downtown Houston playhouse and strangled Mrs. Siff when she resisted a holdup attempt. He insisted, however, he killed the wman in self-defense.

Testimony at his trial showed he stole the woman's television, fur coat, jewelry, tote bag and Lincoln Continental. He was arrested in Los Angeles three weeks later on an arson charge stemming from a fire at an abandoned Houston meat market. Police found Mrs. Siff's coat and television in the burned building.

Bridge By Phillip Alder

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♦ J 6 5 3 2
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WEST
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EAST
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♥ Q J 10 7
♦ K Q 9
♣ 10 6

SOUTH
♠ A K
♥ A K 4
♦ A 10 8 7 4
♣ J 8 7

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♠
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

The Road to Contract

Bob Hope is well-known, along with Dorothy Lamour and Bing Crosby, for the "Road to" movies. One of his jokes went like this: "To give you an idea how fast we traveled — we left Spokane with two rabbits and when we got to Topeka, we still had only two."

In bridge, many contracts require starting quickly down the right road, a step in the wrong direction being fatal. How would you map out the play of today's three-no-trump contract after West has led the spade queen?

After winning the first trick with the spade king, South saw that if he attacked diamonds immediately, he couldn't make his game. Even if they broke 2-1, he would be restricted to eight tricks: two spades, two hearts and four diamonds. Realizing he had to take strides in a different direction, South led a low club from hand.

If West had ducked, declarer would have won with dummy's king and, with his ninth trick in, switched to diamonds. He would lead low from the dummy and cover East's card. Therefore, West won with the ace and played a second spade honor.

This left South with only one street to safety: He led the club jack, simultaneously picking up West's queen and East's 10. Now declarer had nine tricks: two spades, two hearts, one diamond and four clubs.

Nicely done, but East missed a chance to lure declarer down the drag to death. On the first round of clubs, he should have dropped the 10, not the six. Then South would have had the option of playing for East to have started with the Q-10 doubleton.

Readers are invited to send card-play questions to Phillip Alder, in care of this newspaper. They can be answered only through the column.

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Observes birthday

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Even on her 96th birthday, former Sen. Margaret Chase Smith followed the politician's creed: Never rule out another run.

"Is it too late?" Mrs. Smith asked Tuesday, when asked why she wasn't running for governor. "That wouldn't be a bad idea just to get people to vote."

Dozens of friends and admirers honored the matriarch of Maine's GOP at a birthday reception at the governor's mansion.

Mrs. Smith, the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress, ended a 32-year political career in 1972.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; program, Emily Hataway, hostesses, Mmes. M.L. Duke and Dean Floyd; 4:15 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Country Club; noon.

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

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

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308 or 573-1141.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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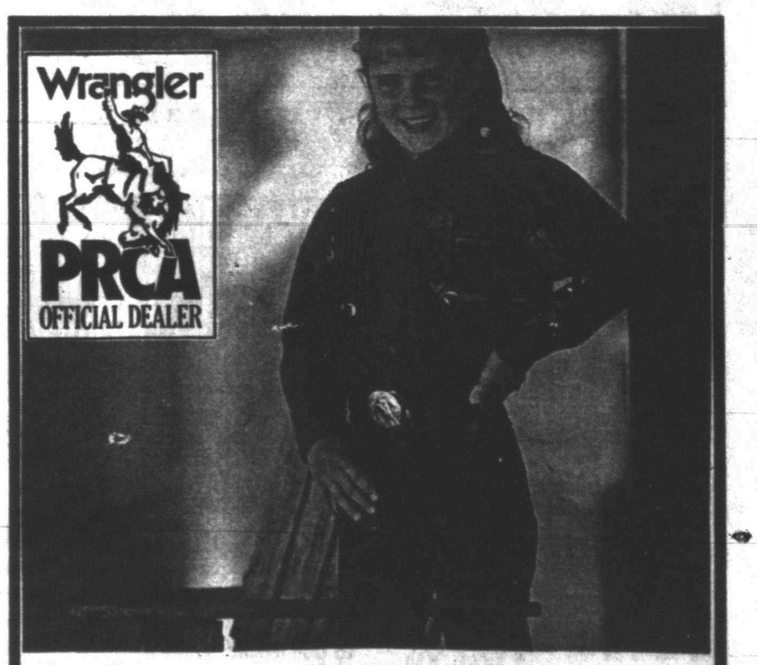
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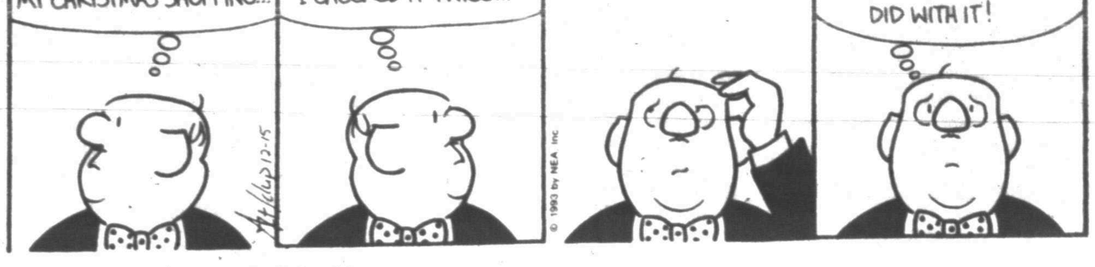
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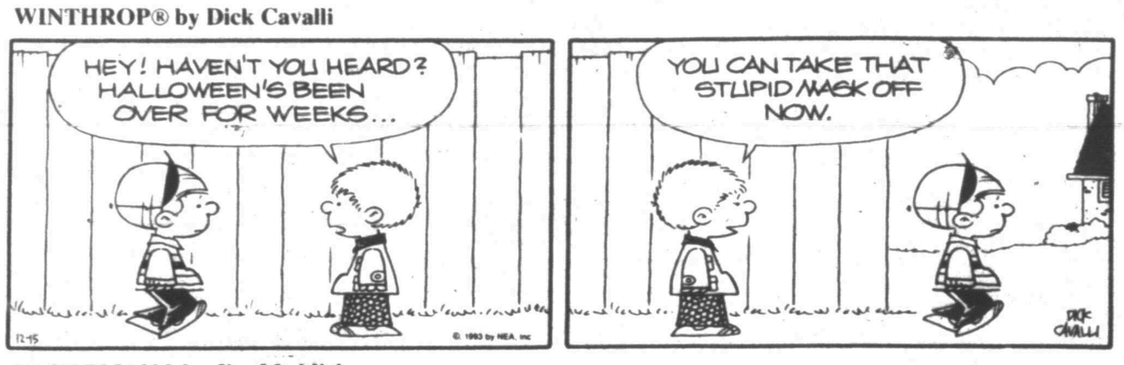
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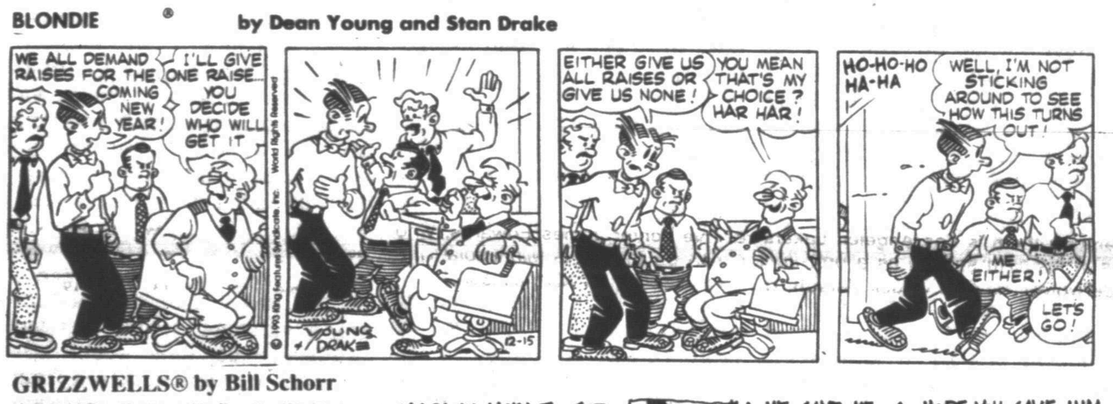
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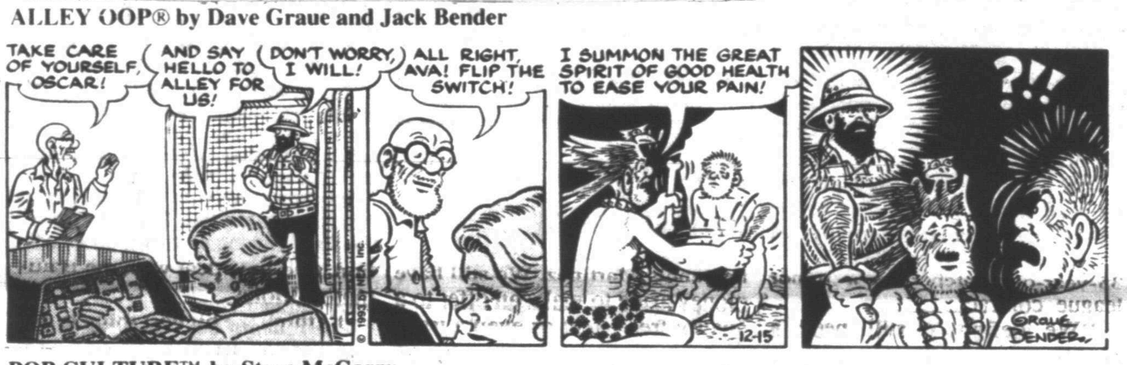
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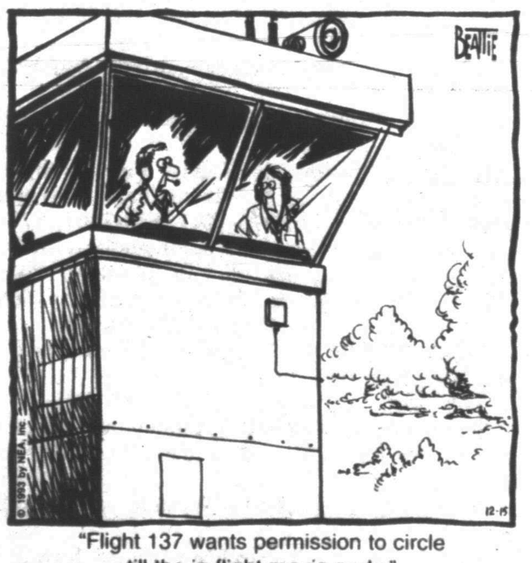
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1. Name the character ***Rob Reiner*** played on TV's ***"All in the Family."***
2. On which TV series did group member ***Michael McKean*** star with ***Penny Marshall*** ?
3. Name the album that ***Spinal Tap*** released in 1992.

Steve McGarry

Answers: 1) Mike "Meathead" Stivic 2) "Laverne & Shirley 3) "Break Like the Wind"

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30 — oil
32 Southern blackbird
33 Consume
34 Venus de —
36 Food fish
37 Young hawk
39 Settler
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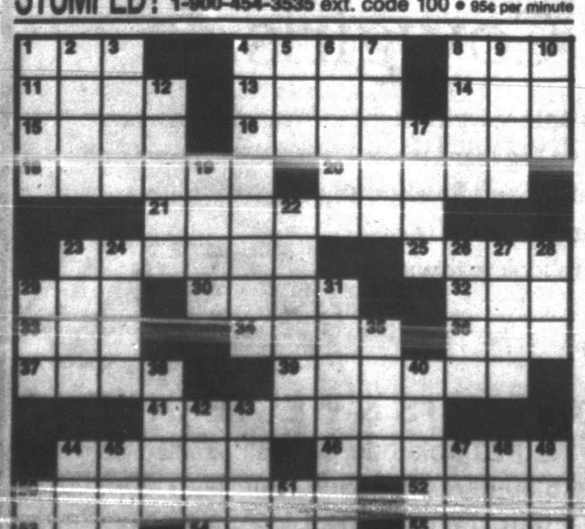
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19 — — yourself
22 Doglike
23 Make a religious request
24 Square column
26 Speed contest
27 — — about
28 Comedian — Caesar
29 Wide shoe size
31 Gatherers
35 Greek peak
38 Mediterranean sailboat
40 Lukewarm
42 Matter-filled spaces
43 Worked at (a trade)
44 Antitoxins
45 Enclose in paper
47 Oklahoma town
48 Attorney general Janet —
49 Happy New —
50 Favorite
51 Victory sign

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Cubs' Sandberg tops baseball's growing roster of millionaires

NEW YORK (AP) — While there were six more millionaires in the major leagues this year than in 1992, the big jump was at the $3 million level.

A salary study released by The Associated Press on Tuesday showed a record 273 baseball players made $1 million or more this year, topped by Chicago Cubs second baseman Ryne Sandberg at $6,379,213. But the percentage dropped to 33.35 percent from 37.1 percent.

The number of $2 million players went up by only 12 to 189, but players at $3 million or higher jumped to 103 from 71.

There were 38 players at $4 million or more, an increase of 15, and 13 at $5 million or higher, more than double the five in 1992.

Following Sandberg was New York Mets outfielder Bobby Bonilla at $6.2 million and Mets pitcher Dwight Gooden at $6,166,667.

The top-paid players at each position formed a lineup that earned $47,829,213. Joining Sandberg in the infield were first baseman Will Clark, then with San Francisco, at $4.75 million, Cincinnati shortstop Barry Larkin at $5.75 million and California third baseman Kelly Gruber at $4,333,333. Due to an injury, Gruber played just 17 games at third base last season.

After Bonilla, the top-paid outfielders were Joe Carter of Toronto at $5.55 million and Kirby Puckett of Minnesota at $5.3 million. The highest-paid catcher, just 72nd overall, was Benito Santiago of Florida at $3.4 million.

The AP study was based on an examination of the contracts for the 816 players on Aug. 31 rosters and disabled lists. The figures used include salaries, pro-rated shares of signing bonuses and other guaranteed money not attributed to a specific year, and all earned incentive bonuses. For some players, parts of salaries deferred without interest were discounted to reflect present-day values.

The average salary increased 4.6 percent this year to $1,076,089, according to the Major League Baseball Players Association. The percentage increase was the smallest since 1987 and the second-lowest since salary records began to be kept in 1967.

NBA roundup...

Hawks streak past Cleveland

by The Associated Press

First, the crowd warmed to Lenny Wilkens. Then, the Atlanta Hawks turned up the heat on the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"It was tremendous ... I was pleased by it," Wilkens said of the pregame ovation he got from fans at the Coliseum, where he coached the Cavaliers the previous seven seasons.

Wilkens had another reason to be happy afterward. Not only did the 103-92 victory Tuesday night extend Atlanta's franchise record to 14 straight. It ended a 10-game losing streak against the Cavaliers.

The Hawks, winless at the Coliseum since April 9, 1991, took the lead on Stacey Augmon's alley-oop dunk with two minutes left and drew away. Atlanta's winning streak is the second-longest in the NBA this season behind Houston's season-opening 15-game run.

Elsewhere, it was New York 93, Denver 84; Houston 97, Miami 88; Charlotte 101, Minnesota 85; the Los Angeles Lakers 99, Detroit 93; Indiana 106, Washington 87; Portland 100, Dallas 93 in overtime, and Seattle 124, Orlando 100.

Augmon scored 23 points and teammates Dominique Wilkins, Kevin Willis and Mookie Blaylock had 22 each for Atlanta.

John Williams scored 18 for Cleveland, whose point guard Mark Price was sidelined by a bruised calf. Tyrone Hill and Terrell Brandon scored 16 points apiece for the Cavaliers, losers of three straight and six of their last seven games.

SuperSonics 124, Magic 100

Ricky Pierce scored 24 points as Seattle remained unbeaten at home with a victory over Orlando, which lost center Shaquille O'Neal to ejection for a flagrant foul.

O'Neal received a level-2 flagrant foul — which brings automatic ejection — for knocking Shawn Kemp into a TV camera underneath the Seattle basket as the latter was driving for a layup or a dunk. Kemp did not return.

O'Neal, the NBA's scoring leader with 28.8 points coming in, finished with a season-low 16 points and 11 rebounds in 31 minutes before leaving the game with 1:45 to go in the third quarter.

Donald Royal came off the bench to get 17 for the Magic.

Rockets 97, Heat 88

Vernon Maxwell scored 25 points and hit four 3-pointers early in the final period as visiting Houston outscored Miami 27-0 from long range.

The Rockets (20-1) won their fifth consecutive game. Only the 1970 NBA champion New York Knicks, who started 23-1, did as well through the first 21 games in a season.

Hakeem Olajuwon had 23 points and 11 rebounds for Houston. Harold Miner led Miami with 24 points. Miami's Glen Rice, who scored 40 points last Thursday at Houston and 39 Monday at New Jersey, missed his first 12 shots and scored two points.

Knicks 93, Nuggets 84

Patrick Ewing scored 20 points and New York limited Denver to 37 in the second half to win its fourth straight game.

The Knicks, leading the NBA in fewest points allowed (90.9 a game), assumed control at the start of the fourth period, taking an 87-68 lead with 3:52 left after a 16-5 spurt.

LaPhonso Ellis scored 21 points for visiting Denver, which made just 27.5 percent of its shots in the second half after hitting 52.8 percent in the first 24 minutes.

Trail Blazers 100, Mavericks 93, OT

Cliff Robinson scored four of his 23 points in overtime — including key free throws with 25 seconds left — and Portland handed Dallas its 16th consecutive defeat. The Mavericks are 0-11 at home.

Clyde Drexler scored 25 points to lead Portland and Terry Porter had 20.

Derek Harper paced the Mavericks with 21 points and Jamal Mashburn added 17.

Hornets 101, Timberwolves 85

Dell Curry made five consecutive 3-point baskets to break open a tight game and finished with 26 points for Charlotte.

With the Hornets up 72-63, Curry took over. He nailed a 3-pointer with 2.8 seconds left in the third quarter. In the opening 3:32 of the final period, he hit four more to put the Hornets up 86-66.

Pacers 106, Bullets 87

Rik Smits had 18 of his 22 points in the first half, and Reggie Miller scored 21 as host Indiana handed Washington its eighth straight loss.

Lakers 99, Pistons 93

Sam Bowie had 21 points and Sedale Threatt 20 as Los Angeles broke a four-game losing streak by beating slump-ridden Detroit.

Rookie Nick Van Exel made a 3-pointer with 17 seconds left to give the Lakers a 95-90 cushion.

No respect!

Nine active NBA players who have scored 10,000 or more points but have never been chosen to play in the all-star game

Player	'93-'94 team	Points*
Eddie Johnson	Hornets	16,822
James Edwards	Lakers	14,479
Orlando Woolridge	76ers	12,585
Byron Scott	Magic	12,254
Derek Harper	Mavericks	11,519
Herb Williams	Knicks	11,300
Thurl Bailey	Timberwolves	11,070
Mike Gminski	Hornets	10,867
Chuck Person	Timberwolves	10,405

* at beginning of '93-'94 season

Source: NBA — NEA Graphic

Imagine scoring 10,000 points in the NBA and never playing in an All-Star game. Nine players on NBA opening day rosters fit that profile. Senior among them is Los Angeles Lakers reserve center James Edwards, who is in his 17th season as a pro. Junior man on the list is Minnesota Timberwolves forward Chuck Person, who is in his eighth NBA season.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	14	4	.778	—
Orlando	11	8	.579	3½
Boston	11	10	.524	4½
Miami	7	11	.389	7
New Jersey	7	13	.350	8
Philadelphia	6	13	.316	8½
Washington	6	14	.300	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	15	4	.789	—
Chicago	10	8	.556	4½
Charlotte	11	9	.550	4½
Indiana	8	11	.421	7
Cleveland	7	12	.368	8
Detroit	6	13	.316	9
Milwaukee	4	16	.200	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	20	1	.952	—
Utah	14	7	.667	6
San Antonio	13	8	.619	7
Denver	9	10	.474	10
Minnesota	7	12	.368	12
Dallas	1	19	.050	18½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	17	2	.895	—
Phoenix	14	3	.824	2
Golden State	11	8	.579	6
Portland	12	9	.571	6
LA Clippers	8	10	.444	8½
LA Lakers	8	13	.381	10
Sacramento	5	14	.263	12

Tuesday's Games

New York 93, Denver 84
Houston 97, Miami 88
Charlotte 101, Minnesota 85
Atlanta 103, Cleveland 92
LA Lakers 99, Detroit 93
Indiana 106, Washington 87
Portland 100, Dallas 93, OT
Seattle 124, Orlando 100

Wednesday's Games

Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Orlando at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Sign Mike Scioscia...

Rangers build for '94 season

IRVING (AP) — The Texas Rangers have failed in their top two priorities this winter: re-signing Rafael Palmeiro and getting a big-name pitcher.

But manager Kevin Kennedy said Tuesday he feels the team is close to getting a solid starter that would complete his winter wish list.

"With the signing of Mike Scioscia, I think we're about three-fourths finished," Kennedy said after the Rangers signed the 35-year-old catcher to a minor league contract.

"We definitely still need a quality starter. But we've got our lefthanded power hitter in the lineup in Will Clark, a strong lefthanded reliever in Rick Honeycutt," Kennedy said.

The Rangers also needed a veteran backup catcher and got one in Scioscia, 35, who signed a contract with Texas' Triple A affiliate at Oklahoma City Tuesday. Kennedy expects to tap Scioscia's leadership and experience to help polish the play of Ivan Rodriguez, particularly his handling of the pitchers.

In a drastic shift from years past, the Rangers' owners have the money and are willing to go after a high-priced pitcher, Kennedy said.

Texas won't have the big contracts of Palmeiro and Julio Franco or those of pitchers Nolan Ryan, Craig Lefferts and Charlie Leibrandt next season. The Rangers expect an attendance increase because they're moving into a new $178 million stadium in April.

"We can still afford a quality pitcher," Kennedy said. "We made a strong offer to Sid Fernandez and we made a bona fide offer to Dennis Martinez. We still have money aside to make an offer to a quality free agent or even a trade situation where a guy's making good money."

Kennedy said the Rangers are talking to several teams.

"We have some quality names out there. ... I don't want to say which clubs for fear of blowing it," he said. "We are being aggressive this winter."

He said the Rangers also have plenty of young pitchers such as Dan Smith, Rick Helling and Steve Dreyer who could crack the starting rotation next year, but "it would take the pressure off the guys if we could find a veteran."

"Right now we're counting very strongly on Rick Helling, our No. 1 pick from Stanford two years ago," Kennedy said. "I think Rick will be in the rotation no matter if we make a trade or not."

But the Rangers didn't offer enough money to Fernandez, who signed with Baltimore, and Martinez, who went to Cleveland.

The team also lost its clubhouse leader in Palmeiro, a career .296 hitter who had 37 homers, 105 RBIs and 22 stolen bases last year. He agreed Sunday to a $30.35 million, five-year deal with the Baltimore Orioles.

"I think the biggest thing is that we had to have a quality lefthanded bat," Kennedy said. "In our own winter meetings right after the season ended, we had a game plan and No. 1 was to sign Palmeiro. That didn't happen.

"Will Clark has a kind of intensity that is contagious to players. He's a money player. They're both great players. What we didn't want to do was go 0-for-2. The ownership felt that was a strong possibility the longer the negotiations went on. It was not that we did not want Rafael Palmeiro. He was our priority. We just couldn't get it done, and in the time frame we wanted to."

Second-half rally lifts Roscoe past HHS girls

ROSCOE — Roscoe went on a 20-7 second-half run to edge Hermleigh, 29-25, in girls' non-district basketball action Tuesday.

The Lady Cardinals jumped out to a 7-4 first-quarter advantage, then stretched the lead to a 18-9 at the half.

However, the Plowgirls came back for 10 points in each of the last two periods, while giving up just three in the third and four in the fourth.

Hermleigh was led by Connie Payne's 12 points, nine by Michelle Roemisch and four from Brandi Bates.

Roscoe improves to 8-3 with the victory. Hermleigh slips to 6-4.

In the boys' game Tuesday, Roscoe bolted to a 48-9 first-half margin, and coasted to an 83-28 final over the Cardinals.

The Plowboys' Kevin Buchanan had a game-high 20 points, followed by Shawn Davis with 13, Justin Alexander's nine, and six by Jason Alexander.

Hermleigh's leading scorer was Joey Sanchez, who canned seven. Chris Lambaren chipped in six and John Hardy finished with five.

The HHS boys are 2-7 on the campaign. Roscoe moves to 6-3.

Hermleigh will travel to Rotan Friday for its final outing before the holiday break.

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

Girls

Hermleigh	7	11	3	4	-25
Roscoe	4	5	10	10	-29

Leading scorers: Hermleigh — Payne 12, Roemisch 9, Bates 4; Roscoe — Raughton 8, Castillo 8, Potter 6, Abrigo 4; Records: Hermleigh 6-4, Roscoe 8-3.

Boys

Hermleigh	4	5	3	16	-28
Roscoe	23	25	23	12	-83

Leading scorers: Hermleigh — Sanchez 7, Lambaren 6, Hardy 5, Luna 3, Sosa 3, Hudgins 2, Koski 2; Roscoe — Buchanan 20, Davis 13, Justin Alexander 9, Jason Alexander 6; Records: Hermleigh 2-7; Roscoe 6-3.

Wilson resigns Phoenix post

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Health problems, overwork and feeling responsible for the mistakes of others took the fun out of football for Larry Wilson, one of the NFL's greatest players and least successful general managers.

Wilson, whose career with the Cardinals began in 1960, the year they moved from Chicago to St. Louis, resigned Tuesday.

With startling frankness, the tight-lipped native of Idaho's potato belt said he had failed the organization.

"The difference in being a winner and a loser, as you've all seen, comes down to maybe three or four plays in a ballgame," Wilson said. "And you really need those key plays. It's the same way in the administrative part; it comes down to making three or four plays, and I have not been able to do that."

Wilson, a Hall of Fame free safety, resigned two days after a 21-14 loss to Detroit left the team with a 4-9 record.

The Cardinals are 1-8 in games decided by a touchdown or less, despite owner Bill Bidwill's $22 million expenditure on four free agents. All four have missed games because of injuries.

Asked if he wasn't being too hard on himself, Wilson shouldered the blame.

"Evidently, I didn't bring in the right one, or we may have needed one more, whatever. The bottom line in this whole business is to win, and that's what I want to see this team do," he said.

The departure raises questions regarding coach Joe Bugel, a 1990 Wilson hiree. Bugel is 17-44 as a head coach.

Wilson gave him one more vote of confidence.

"Joe is, in my mind, not only a heck of a football coach, but a great friend, and I basically apologized to him for not getting some of the job done that was my responsibility," Wilson said.

Bidwill said Bugel's fate rests with the new general manager.

"If he's on board — and I hope he will be — I think he should have a say in it," Bidwill said.

He said there was no timetable for filling the vacancy.

Two weeks ago, Bidwill rescinded his Jan. 15 ultimatum for Bugel to produce nine victories this season, saying the mandate had been a distraction. Bugel was in the back of the auditorium when Tuesday's news conference began, but left before it ended.

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Harvard 67, Dartmouth 66
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SDN sports week

Friday, Dec. 17

Basketball

Snyder Tigers (varsity and JV) at Brownfield Tournament.
Snyder freshmen boys at Andrews tournament.
Snyder Lady Tigers at Slaton. JV game at 5:30 p.m. Varsity game at 7 p.m.
Snyder eighth grade boys A team at Sweetwater tournament.
Snyder seventh grade boys A team at Sweetwater tournament.
Ira at Dawson. Girls game at 6:30 p.m. Boys game at 8 p.m.
Hermleigh at Rotan. Girls game at 6:30 p.m. Boys game at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 18

Basketball

Snyder Tigers (varsity and JV) at Brownfield Tournament.
Snyder freshmen boys at Andrews tournament.

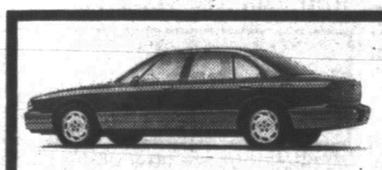
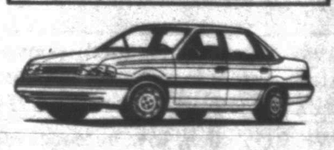
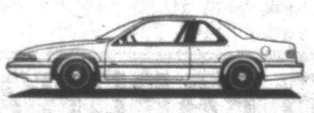
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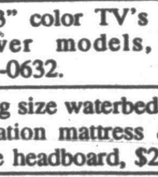
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3007 40th 2-1. 18.5T
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9 mi. S. 3-2, 2.5A, S/S.47.5T
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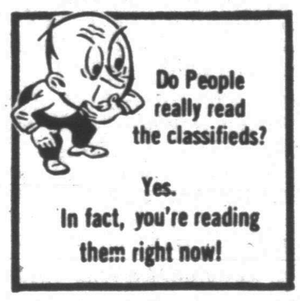
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010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, P.O. Box 2497, Midland, Tx. 79702, has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorieta/Clearfork, L.M. Wilson "MA", Well Numbers 11D & 26R. The proposed injection wells are located 12 Miles SW of Snyder, Texas in the Diamond -M- (Clearfork) Field, in Scurry County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2300' to 3400'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-445-1373).

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES

You are hereby notified that Pennzoil Petrolium Company has applied for renewal of Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) Air Quality permit No. 408C to continue the operation of a Sacroc CO2 Plant in Snyder, Scurry County, Texas. The location of the facility is 1½ miles north of US 180 on FM 1611. This Facility will emit the following air contaminants; nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, particulate matter, sulfur oxides, hydrogen sulfide, and hydrocarbons.

A copy of all materials in the public file is available for inspection and reproduction at the TNRCC Abilene Regional Office located in the Commerce Plaza Office Building, 1290 South Willis, Suite 205, Abilene, Texas 79605, telephone (915) 698-9674, and at the TNRCC Central Office, Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Building C, Austin, Texas 78753, telephone (512) 908-1000. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the regional office of the TNRCC. Inquiries about the permit application and any information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Edward Rapier, TNRCC Office of Air Quality New Source Review Program in Austin or the TNRCC Abilene Regional Office.

You may submit written comments concerning the permit renewal to the Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Section in Austin. All written comments received within 15 days after the second publication of this notice shall be considered by the Executive Director in determining whether to renew the permit. All written comments will be made available for public inspection at the TNRCC Central Office in Austin. This notice is to be published on December 14, 1993 and December 15, 1993.

Any person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from this facility may request the Commission to hold an informal public meeting and/or contested case hearing on the permit renewal pursuant to Section 382.056(d) of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The Commission is not required to hold a contested case hearing if the basis of a request is determined to be unreasonable. All requests for a contested case hearing must be received in writing within the 15-day comment period regardless of whether an informal public meeting has been held or scheduled on this matter. If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you, or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing. Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Bill Ehret, Assistant Chief Hearings Examiner, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, Telephone (512) 908-1772.

Before a permit can be renewed for this facility, the applicant must demonstrate that all emission sources are in compliance with all TNRCC air quality Rules and regulations and all applicable Federal Regulations.

A TODAS LAS PERSONAS Y ENTIDADES INTERESADAS

Por la presente se notifica que Pennzoil Petroleum Company ha solicitado la renovacion del Permiso No. 408C de Calidad del Aire, de la Comision de Conservacion de Recursos Naturales de Texas (TNRCC), para continuar las operaciones de una Planta Sacroc CO2 en Snyder, Condado de Scurry, Texas. La ubicacion de la instalacion se encuentra 1½ millas al norte de la ruta US 180, sobre FM 1611. Estas instalaciones emitiran los contaminantes del aire siguientes; oxidos de nitrogeno, monoxido de carbono, material en particulas, oxidos de azufre, sulfuro de hidrogene hidrocarburos.

Una copia de todos los materiales contenidos en el archivo publico se encuentra disponible para la inspeccion y reproduccion, en la Oficina Regional de Abilene de la TNRCC, con direccion en el Edificio de Oficinas Commerce Plaza, 1290 South Willis, Suite 205, Abilene, Texas 79605, telefono (915) 698-9674, y en la Oficina Central de TNRCC, Oficina de Colidad del Aire, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Building C, Austin, Texas 78753, telefono (512) 908-1000. El archivo de cumplimiento de la instalacion si existiere, esta disponible para Repaso publico, en la oficina regional de le TNRCC. Las indegaciones acerca de la solicitud de permiso y sobre cualquier informacion concerniente a cualquier aspecto tecnico de esta solicitud, pueden dirigirse por escrito a Edward Rapier, Programa de Examen de Nuevas Fuentes de la Oficina de Calidad del Aire de la TNRCC, en Austin, o a la oficina Regional de Abilene de la TNRCC.

Se pueden presentar comentarios por escrito concernientes a la renovacion del permiso, a la Oficina de Calidad del Aire, Seccion de Examen de Nuevas Fuentes, en Austin. Todos los comentarios recibidos por escrito dentro de los 15 dias despues de la segunda publicacion de este aviso, seran considerados por el Director Ejecutivo para determinar si el permiso debe renovarse. Todos los comentarios escritos se pondran a disposicion para la inspeccion por parte del publico, en la Oficina Central de la TNRCC, en Austin. Este aviso se publicara el 14 de Diciembre y el 15 de Diciembre.

Cualquier persona que pudiese ser afectada por emisiones de contaminantes del aire procedentes de esta instalacion puede solicitar que la Comision llame una reunion publica informal y/o a una audiencia de caso en disputa sobre la renovacion del permiso, de acuerdo con la Seccion 382.056(d) del Codigo de Salud y Seguridad de Texas. La Comision no esta obligada a celebrar una audiencia de caso en disputa si se determina que las bases de un pedido no son razonables. Todos los pedidos para una audiencia de caso en disputa deben recibirse por escrito dentro del periodo de comentarios de 15 dias, independientemente de si se ha llevado a cabo o se ha planificado una reunion publica informal sobre este asunto Si un individuo deseare solicitar una audiencia publica, debera presentar el padido por escrito. En el mismo debera declarar (1) su nombre, direccion y numero de telefono durante el dia; (2) el numero del permiso u otra referencia reconocible a esta solicitud; (3) la declaracion "Yo/nosotros pido/pedimos una audiencia publica"; (4) una descripcion breve de la manera en que el interesado, o las personas que representa, serian afectados adversamente por la concesion de la solicitud; (5) una descripcion de la ubicacion de su propiedad en relacion con las operaciones del solicitante; y (6) su propuesta de ajuste a la solicitud/permiso que pudiese satisfacer sus preocupaciones y que causara que el peticionante retirara su pedido de una audiencia. Las peticiones de una audiencia publica sobre esta solicitud deben presentarse por escrito a Bill Ehret, Jefe Asistente del Examinador de Audiencias, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, Telefono (512) 908-1772.

Antes de poder renovar un permiso para esta enstalacion, el solicitante debe demostrar que todas las fuentes de emision cumplen con todos los Reglamentos y Ordenanzas sobre control del aire de la TNRCC, y con todas las Ordenanzas Federales que se apliquen.

Rylander runs for Railroad Commission

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Carole Keeton Rylander has announced for the Texas Railroad Commission seat held by Democrat Mary Scott Nabers, whom she criticized for taxpayer-funded mailouts and a toll-free, signature hotline.

"She says she's a bureaucracy buster. Hogwash. She is the bureaucracy that needs to be busted," Ms. Rylander said Tuesday of Ms. Nabers, who was appointed to the Railroad Commission seat by Gov. Ann Richards after Bob Krueger left the panel for a failed run at the U.S. Senate.

The public watchdog group Public Citizen earlier criticized Ms. Nabers for the mailing sent to 107 oil and gas company executives, which the Democrat defended as a non-political "information exchange" sent at the executives' request.

Ms. Rylander called the packet, which included eight pictures of Ms. Nabers, "political mail," and also said, "It's wrong to use taxpayer dollars on a 1-800-RRC-MARY phone number."

Ms. Nabers, who announced for election in September, said the telephone line doesn't get political calls and is "working beautifully" to keep her in touch with Texans. "I would do it forever," she said.

The three-member Railroad Commission regulates oil, gas and trucking, and members of the panel serve on the body that oversees a proposed Texas bullet train project.

Ms. Rylander also called for trucking deregulation she said would mean more jobs for Texas.

"Status quo politics at the Railroad Commission means higher prices for consumers and lost jobs for Texans because the commission refuses to fight for what's right: deregulation of intrastate trucking," Ms. Rylander said.

Obituaries

Ralph Aycock

1910-1993

Services are set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Hermleigh Church of Christ for Ralph A. Aycock who died in Snyder Nursing Center at 9 p.m. Tuesday after a lengthy illness. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery. Mr. William E. Jones will officiate, assisted by Mr. William J. Richardson.

Mr. Aycock, 83, was a retired Church of Christ minister and was a Hermleigh resident since 1982. He was born on March 28, 1910, in Shawnee, Okla. He married Clara Edwards on April 16, 1930, in Springfield, Mo.

Mr. Aycock was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Aycock.

Surviving are his wife, Clara Aycock of Snyder; three daughters, Carol Richardson of Jay, Okla., Bonnie Jones of Edmond, Okla., and Clara Williams of Flagstaff, Ariz.; 14 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Doyle Lovell

1925-1993

MIDLAND — Services are set for 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel for Doyle Lovell, 68, who died Tuesday in a Midland hospital.

Officiating will be the Rev. Bob Porterfield, pastor of the West Kentucky Baptist Church. Graveside services will follow at 4 p.m. at the cemetery in Cross Plains.

Born in Cottonwood, Mr. Lovell attended school at Cottonwood and Cross Plains. He served in the army field artillery during World War II in the African and Italian campaigns.

He owned and operated a paint and body shop before going to work for Amerada in 1951. He worked in several capacities in West Texas before retiring in 1982.

He married Lillian Larue Belyeu on March 7, 1942 in Cross Plains. A Midland resident for the past 21 years, he was a member of the Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Rosa Lea Lovell; a brother, Charles Lovell; and two sisters, Nell Landon and Vera Lee.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian Lovell of Midland; a son, Ron Lovell of Midland; three grandchildren, Nikki Sweazy, Neely Pace and Ryan Lovell, all of Midland; and a great-grandson, Drake Sweazy of Midland.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	667/8	661/2	665/8	
Albtsn s	257/8	255/8	255/8	-3/8
Alldsignal	755/8	75	755/8	+1/2
Alltel s	271/4	27	271/4	+1/8
AmStores	421/4	42	421/8	-3/4
Amer T&T	551/2	541/4	551/2	+7/8
Ameritech	765/8	761/4	761/2	+1/4
Amoco	521/8	515/8	517/8	-1/8
AndarkPtr	421/8	41	421/8	+1
Arkla	71/2	73/8	73/8	
ArmcoInc	61/8	6	6	
AtlRichfld	1031/4	1023/8	1031/8	
ATMOS	27	267/8	267/8	
BakerHughes	193/8	191/4	193/8	-1/8
BancTexas	11/2	13/8	13/8	
BellAtl	607/8	601/8	601/8	-3/4
BellSouth	58	573/4	573/4	-1/4
Beth Steel	18	173/4	173/4	-3/8
Borden	181/4	18	181/8	+3/8
Brit Pet	591/8	583/4	587/8	+3/4
Caterpllr	85	845/8	843/4	
CenSoWst	301/2	301/8	303/8	+1/4
Chevron	851/2	851/8	853/8	-1/8
Chrysler	545/8	54	541/8	—1
Coastal	271/2	273/8	273/8	-1/8
CocaCola	433/8	431/8	431/4	
ColgatePalm	61	605/8	603/4	-1/8
ComlMetl	353/4	351/2	353/4	+3/8
CooperIn	493/4	495/8	495/8	-1/4
CyprusAmax	251/2	247/8	253/8	-1/8
DallSemicn	133/4	135/8	133/4	
DeltaAirl	575/8	571/4	573/8	-1/8
DigitalEq	355/8	353/8	351/2	+3/8
Dillard	371/2	365/8	371/8	-3/8
DowChem	591/2	59	591/4	-3/8
DresserInd	201/2	201/4	203/8	
DuPont	493/8	49	491/4	+1/8
EstKodak	595/8	551/2	57	—53/4
EljerInd	63/4	63/4	63/4	-1/8
Enserch	161/4	153/4	16	-1/8
Exxon	633/4	633/8	631/2	+1/2
FlowerInd	191/4	191/8	191/4	
FordMotor	631/2	623/4	627/8	-5/8
GTE Cp	361/4	353/4	361/8	+1/4
GaDyn	931/4	923/4	931/8	+3/8
GenElct	1033/4	1021/8	1033/4	+13/8
GenMills	601/2	60	603/8	-1/4
GenMotors	55	54	541/4	-5/8
GenMotors E	28	273/4	277/8	
GaPacif	711/8	71	711/8	
GlobalMar	33/4	31/2	35/8	
Goodrich	417/8	413/4	413/4	
Goodyear s	46	453/8	455/8	-5/8
GtAtlPac	283/4	283/8	281/2	+1/8
Gulf StaUt	191/2	193/8	191/2	+1/8
Haliburtn	301/4	30	30	-1/8
Hanson ADS	197/8	193/4	193/4	+1/8
Houstind	453/4	455/8	453/4	
IBM	561/4	555/8	56	-1/8
IntlPaper	671/2	67	671/8	
JohnsnJns	433/8	423/8	431/8	+1/2
K mart	223/8	217/8	217/8	-5/8
Kroger	203/8	20	203/8	+3/8
Litton	651/2	65	653/8	+1/8
vjLoneStar	2	17/8	17/8	-1/8
Lowes	541/8	537/8	537/8	-3/8
Lubys	213/4	215/8	213/4	-1/8
Maxus	43/4	41/2	43/4	
MayDS s	411/2	411/4	411/4	-1/2
Medtronic	791/4	78	783/4	-3/8
Mobil	763/8	751/2	755/8	-7/8
Monsanto	731/8	721/2	721/2	-3/8
Motorola s	903/8	887/8	89	-7/8
Nationsbk	483/8	48	481/8	-3/8
Navistar s	23	227/8	23	-1/8
Nynex s	423/8	421/8	423/8	-1/8
OryxEngy	171/8	163/4	167/8	-1/8
PacTelesis	563/4	561/2	565/8	-1/8
PanhECp	223/8	22	221/4	+1/4
PenneyJC s	531/8	523/8	53	+3/8
Pennzoil	541/2	54	54	-1/4
PepBoys	265/8	261/2	261/2	+1/8
PhelpDodge	497/8	493/8	495/8	-1/8
PhillipPet	281/4	28	28	-1/8
PilgrmPrd	63/4	63/4	63/4	-1/8
Polaroid	351/2	351/8	353/8	-1/8
Praxair	161/2	163/8	163/8	-1/8
Primerica s	40	391/2	395/8	-1/2
ProctGamble	571/4	565/8	567/8	
RoyalDutch	1021/2	1017/8	1023/8	+13/8
SFePacCp	22	213/4	213/4	-1/4
SaraLee	273/8	27	271/8	
SearsRoeb s	557/8	553/8	553/4	+1/8
SherwinW	331/4	331/8	331/8	+1/8
SmthBchADS	28	273/4	28	+1/2
SmthBc eqt	261/8	253/4	261/8	+3/8
Southern Co	431/2	43	433/8	+1/4
SwAirlines s	363/4	363/8	363/4	+1/4
SwBell s	421/8	415/8	413/4	-1/4
Sprint	325/8	321/4	325/8	+1/4
SterlingChm	43/8	41/4	43/8	+1/8
SunCo	301/8	297/8	297/8	-1/8
TNP Ent	173/8	171/8	171/4	+1/8
Tandy	453/8	435/8	453/8	+11/2
TempiInl	497/8	491/2	491/2	-1/4
Tenneco	497/8	491/4	491/4	
Texaco	631/4	623/4	627/8	-3/8
TexasInd	291/4	283/4	283/4	
TexasInst	611/4	603/4	611/4	+1
Tex Util	421/2	423/8	421/2	
Textron	563/8	56	56	
Trinty s	431/8	427/8	427/8	-1/8
TritonEngy	301/8	293/4	293/4	+3/8
Tyler	47/8	47/8	47/8	+1/4
US West	47	461/2	463/4	
USX Delhi	157/8	15	151/4	-5/8
USX-Marathn	171/4	17	17	-3/8
USX-USS	397/8	395/8	393/4	-1/8
UnCarbde	217/8	211/4	215/8	-1/4
UnPac	617/8	601/2	605/8	—11/8
UnitedTech	621/4	617/8	617/8	
Unocal	263/4	263/8	261/2	-1/4
WalMart s	263/4	263/8	263/8	-3/8
WstnGasRs	291/8	29/8	291/8	+3/8
WestghEl	14	137/8	14	+1/8
WinnDixie	54	537/8	537/8	-1/8
Woolwth	24	233/4	237/8	
Xerox Cp	881/4	873/4	88	+1/4
ZenithE	71/4	71/8	71/8	

Two arrested by authorities

Local peace officers made two arrests Tuesday and investigated a burglary and a theft.

Officers arrested a 24-year-old man at 10:17 a.m. at the peace justice's office on a county warrant for littering and dumping.

At 7:15 p.m., police arrested a 24-year-old woman at 37th Street and Avenue M on a Midland DPS warrant for rider not secured by safety belt.

Steve Boykin contacted police at 8:45 a.m. in reference to someone damaging a window at 1801 27th St. A report for Class A criminal mischief was filed.

At 11:47 a.m., police responded to a dispute in the 100 block of 20th Place. A report for assault/family violence was filed.

Gary Bingham contacted police at 2:05 p.m. in reference to someone breaking into a coin machine at City Automatic Laundry. A report for burglary of a coin operated machine was filed.

At 4:24 p.m., Donna Parish contacted the sheriff's office to report damage to her vehicle's windshield. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

E.B. Sullivan contacted police at 5:16 p.m. to report that someone had taken a cement deer from 4505 Jacksboro. A report for Class B theft was filed.

Safety

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friends. But if you have something on the stove and friends drop in, turn the heat off, down, or remember to check it regularly.

One other holiday tip: Fire statistics show that the largest number of holiday fires in the state last year were caused by fireworks.

"Fires started by fireworks is a major concern," said McDowell. "Remember, there is a city ordinance against setting off fireworks inside the city limits."

McDowell said he would encourage parents not to let their children discharge fireworks, even outside the city limits. However, if they decide to allow their children to do so, they should be responsible enough to also make sure their is proper supervision.

"What we want, is for everyone to have a safe, enjoyable holiday period. Please, take the time to test your smoke alarms, use the "arm swing" method to clear items away from heaters, and use common sense when decorating," said McDowell. "And have a Merry Christmas."

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: John Mathis, 2409 40th; Patti Monroe, Coahoma; Amos Prather, 3100 Ave. B; Lucinda Sergent, Ira.

DISMISSALS: Tiffany Anderson, David Costillo, Ruth Powell, Amos Prather, John Soyres, Tamron Wesley, Ivy Wilson.

Census: 49 (Med.-10, Long-Term Care-33, CCU-2, OB-2; Nursery-2).

Births

Roy and Rebecca Martinez of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Randy, born at 8:21 p.m. on Dec. 13 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds, 13 ounces and was welcomed home by two brothers, Roy Casey and Abel.

Grandparents are Trinidad and Dominga Dominguez of Snyder.

Dale and Lisa Harris of Stafford announce the arrival of their eight pound, 14-ounce son, Skyler Jacob, born at 7:49 a.m. on Dec. 3 in Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston.

Grandparents are Bill and Darlene Robbins of Snyder and Tom and Diane Harris of Hannibal, Mo. Great-grandparents are Buck and Louise Woolever of Snyder and Faye Robbins of Hermleigh and a great-great-grandmother, Gertie Wilson of Snyder.

Dear Abby



Wife Longs for Home Alone With Only Husband and Kids

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: This is a very touchy problem. We are a young couple with three young children.

My husband's mother lives with us and we share all the rooms, except for the bedrooms. (Grandma has her own bedroom.)

The problem is that she has no social life of her own — therefore, she is with the family all the time. I can never spend any time alone with my husband and children — unless I leave the house.

Have you any suggstions on how I can be alone with my husband and children without hurting my mother-in-law's feelings?

STUMPED

DEAR STUMPED: Much depends on what kind of person your mother-in-law is. The only clue to her personality is that she has no social life of her own — which leads me to believe that she isn't very sociable, and nobody seeks her out. In addition, she is not the kind of person with whom you can be perfectly candid without hurting her feelings — otherwise, why would you be writing to me?

I could be more helpful if you answered a few questions: How old is she? Is she in good health? Does she drive? Does she have any friends? Is she good company? Does she have any special interests? Does she want to socialize on her own? Is she content to stay home? Answer these questions and perhaps I can be more helpful.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: You had some columns about people who had trouble with their names. Please include me.

My first name is Roberta and my last name is Law. Simple, right? Wrong!

I get correspondence with some strange combinations. Some examples: Robert A. Law, Robert A. Low, also Robert Long.

I got tired of being mistaken for a male, so I decided to use my middle name, which is Mae.

Then, I received correspondence addressed to: Robert A. Mac Law. I give up!

ROBERTA M. LAW, OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR ROBERTA: You think you have trouble? A female named Jayne Nesbitt received a "greetings" letter from Uncle Sam addressed to "Jay Nesbitt."

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I strongly disagree with your advice to "Disgusted," the woman who moved into a studio apartment next door to a drug-using prostitute.

Do you really believe that complaining to her neighbor directly will stop her neighbor from working as a prostitute and using drugs? I would not want to chance angering a woman who probably has some criminal acquaintances.

"Disgusted" would be safer following the last sentence of your advice — to see an attorney about getting out of her lease.

My advice would have been, "Move as soon as possible."

CAUTIOUS

DEAR CAUTIOUS: Your answer was better than mine.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: Some time ago you printed Lord Chesterfield's opinion of sex. It was hilarious. Please print it again.

CANADIAN

DEAR CANADIAN: "The price is exorbitant, the pleasure is transitory, and the position is ridiculous."

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

UWSA hears from candidates

An update on the state convention and messages from three local candidates were the focus of attention as the Scurry County chapter of United We Stand, America held its monthly meeting Tuesday.

Carl Nunn, area coordinator, opened discussion with information regarding the recent state convention in Austin. Nunn and Bob Powell, director of communications, represented Scurry County during the three-day event, at which bylaws of United We Stand, America-Texas, Inc. were adopted.

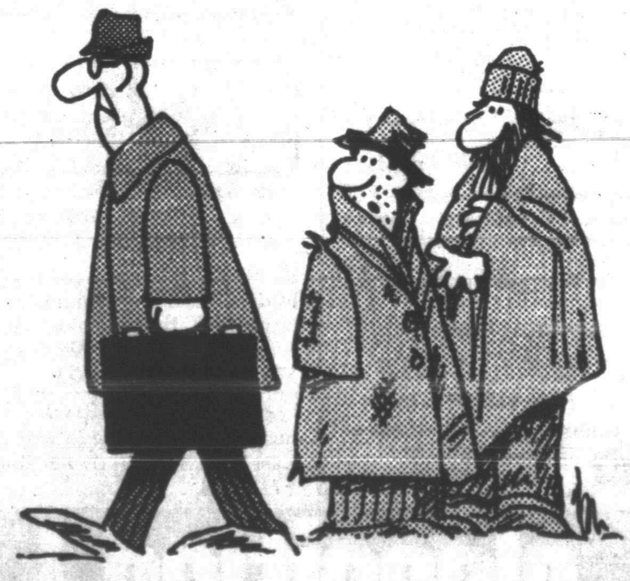
Those in attendance Tuesday heard from Ricky Fritz, Republican candidate for county judge; Republican Charles Henderson and Democrat Forrest Wemken, candidates for Precinct 4 county commissioner; and Wayland Huddleston, Democratic candidate for Precinct 2 county commissioner.

UWSA plans to invite all candidates for office to present their ideas to the group at a later date.

Members of United We Stand, America are still pursuing ways to improve economic development while cutting waste locally, and welcomes suggestions from area citizens.

The next meeting will be Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in Towle Park Barn. The public is invited to attend.

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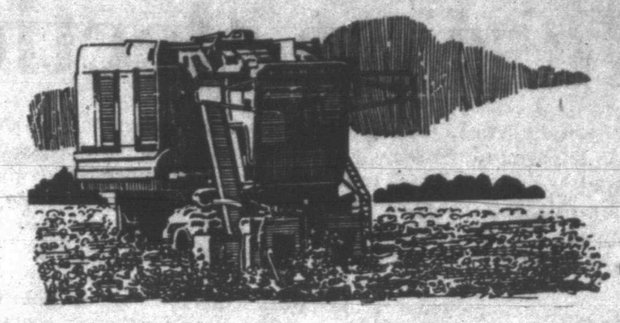
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Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

When buying a water treatment device, it is important to get answers to key questions. The extent to which the manufacturer or distributor is willing to provide answers can assist you in making an informed choice.

When shopping for a water treatment device, ask these questions:

—What exactly does the water analysis indicate? Are health hazards indicated? Are additional tests needed? Many companies offer free in-home water testing, but not all contaminants can be detected this way. Be wary of home analysis claiming to test more than basic water quality constituents such as PH, iron and sulphur.

—Have the product and the manufacturer been rated by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) or other neutral organizatons? Was the product tested for the contaminant (s) in question over the advertisted life of the device, under normal use conditions? The NSF sets performance standards for water treatment devices. Because companies can make unsubstantiated statements about effectiveness, test results must be evaluated to determine if claims are realistic.

—Does the water quality problem require a whole-house treatment or will a single-tap device be adequate? Less than one percent of tap water is used for drinking and cooking. Some contaminants are hazardous when inhaled or absorbed through the skin. Treatment of all water used in the household may be required.

—Will the unit produce enough treated water for my family? If a filter or membrane is involved, how often will it need to be changed and how do I know when to change it? Is there an indicator on the device to alert me to a malfunction? The maximum flow rate should be sufficient for the peak home-use rate. All water treatment systems need routine maintenance. You should be fully informed of maintenance requirements. Many units have back-up systems or shut-off functions to prevent consumption of untreated water.

—What is the total cost to buy and maintain the device? Will the company selling it also install and service it? Is there a labor charge? Can I do the maintenance or must a professional do it? Will the unit substantially increase electrical usage in the home? Watch for hidden costs; e.g., installation fees or monthly maintenance or rental fees. Also, the disposal of waster materials (reject water or used filters) can add to the cost of water treatment and should be figured into the total price.

—Does the purchase price include retesting the water after a month or two? Testing the water a month after the device is installed assures you the unit is working properly.

—What is the expected lifetime of the product? What is the length of the warranty period, and what does the warranty cover? The warranty may cover only certain parts of a device, so you should be aware of the warranty conditions.

—How long has the company been in business, and are there referrals you can contact?



SCS Notes

By Terry Hefner,
District Conservationist

MESQUITE FIELD DAY TO STUDY LUMBER PRODUCTION

Los Amigos Del Mesquite and Texas A&M University at Kingsville are presenting a field day Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1994 at Western Texas College in Snyder at 9 a.m. Admission is free.

Agro-forestry and the production of lumber on agricultural land will be discussed as it relates to the mesquite tree in Texas. There is an increasing interest in mesquite lumber as a high quality hardwood used for home-building, floors and furniture.

Dr. Peter Felker of Texas A&M Univesity, Kingsville will speak to the group about research he has done on lumber sized mesquite (12 inch or larger diameter trunks at least 6 feet long) and the growing mesquite lumber industry in Texas. He will also report on studies he has made of soil and grass improvement made by thinning mesquite.

Dr. F.E. Tutt, a rancher from Rotan, will talk about efforts to enlist USDA interest in this mode of mesquite control and efforts to include it in soil conservation service and ASCS programs. Congressman Kiki De La Garza, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture has shown an interest in this approach and has been invited to the seminar. Congressman Charles Stenholm of the Agriculture Committee has also been invited. Robert Champion, Uvalde Mesquite Company, will speak on his company's work in harvesting lumber grade mesquite and producing lumber. He will discuss the increasing interest in mesquite lumber.

Los Amigos President David Miller of Texas Kiln Products in Bastrop will report on recent progress made to establish standard grades of mesquite lumber and making the wood more usable by the hardwood industry.

A Dutch treat barbecue lunch will be served at Reta's during which a question and answer session is scheduled so participants can meet the speakers.

During the afternoon the group will visit the Tutt Ranch which is located on US Highway 180 between Snyder and Roby to see demonstrations by the Bobcat Company of tree cutting equipment which cuts, trims and loads mesquite logs. Dr. Felker plans to discuss how all these things can be applied while maintaining beneficial trees and providing additional income from mesquite lumber.

For more information call, Helene Tutt, (915) 573-7369; Dr. Sonny Tutt, (713) 499-6897; or Terry Hefner (915) 573-6317.

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In 1887, Anne Sullivan achieved a major breathrough with her blind and deaf pupil, Helen Keller, by teaching her the meaning of the word "water" as spelled out in the manual alphabet.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization was founded in 1949.

Sugar consumption expected to rise again

WASHINGTON (AP) — World sugar consumption is expected to outpace production for the second straight year, the Agriculture Department says.

With that, global stocks are forecast to fall, putting upward pressure on prices, the department's Economic Research Service said in a report on sugars and sweeteners.

Ending stocks in the 1993-94 crop year are projected to fall to 20.29 million tons, it said, the lowest since 1989-90.

"For 1993-94, world price increases will continue to be tempered by relatively low trade volumes and global supplies large enough to cover import requirements," it said.

"However, considerable uncertainty remains regarding some of the world's largest sugar exporters, including Cuba, Brazil, Thailand (and) Ukraine and major importers such as Russia and potentially India," it said.

World sugar production for 1993-94 is forecast at 112.36 million metric tons, up 890,000 tons from the forecast published in September and 360,000 tons above 1992-93 production.

Since the September report, improved production outlooks for Mexico, Brazil, the European Community, India, Pakistan and Australia more than offset declines for the United States, Russia, Ukraine and Thailand.

World sugar consumption for 1993-94 is forecast to increase nearly 1 percent or 1 million tons to 114.26 million tons.

"The upturn, which is about one-half as large as the long-term annual growth rate, is accounted for in large part by rapid consumption growth in developing countries of Asia," it said.

"Overall, Asia's consumption in 1993-94 is projected up 2.2 percent from last year at 37.4 million tons, accounting for one-third of global use," it said.

U.S. beet sugar production for fiscal 1994, which began Oct. 1, is forecast at 3.97 million tons, or 54 percent of the total domestic sugar crop.

"The downtrend is largely due to lower sugarbeet yields caused by weather problems in key sugarbeet growing areas in Minnesota and North Dakota, and to an average recovery rate that is expected to be lower than last season's record high," the report said.

Florida's cane sugar crop is expected to total 1.72 million tons, comparable to last year and accounting for 51 percent of the national cane sugar output.

The report said per capita refined sugar consumption is forecast at 65.3 pounds for the U.S. population.

U.S. raw sugar prices averaged 21.99 cents a pound for the first nine market days of December. Prices for fiscal 1993 averaged 21.49 cents.

"The recent strengthening in nearby futures prices is due largely to lower-than-anticipated Oct. 1 carry-in stocks, a reduction in the 1993-94 beet sugar production forecast and strong July-September deliveries," the report said.

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Texas FFA members attend annual convention in Kansas

Texas FFA members attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Nov. 11-13. This year's convention attracted over 29,000 members, advisors and guests. Curtis Childers, Glen Rose, Texas was elected National FFA President. Childers is the son of Linda Vineyard and the late Gary Childers of Nemo. He is the immediate past Texas FFA president. He will travel the nation during the next year promoting FFA.

Texas had 53 delegates at this year's meeting, more than any other state. Texas Students were members of the National FFA Band, Chorus and Courtesy Corps.

Becky McClinton, Texas FFA executive secretary, said, "We are very proud of the way Texas was represented at the convention. It is quite an honor to have the national president from our state."

The national Extemporaneous Speaking Contest was won by Neely Young, of Katy. She is currently serving as state first vice president.

Carrie Carmen, Prosper FFA, was named a national finalist in the Agriscience Student Recognition program which honors students studying the application of scientific principles and emerging technologies in an agricultural enterprise.

Texas judging teams also did well in national competition. Manor High School FFA members won the Ag Mechanics Contest. Pleasanton FFA placed second in Poultry Judging and Fredericksburg FFA placed second in Meats Judging. Fredericksburg FFA also placed seventh in Livestock Judging and Valley FFA was tenth in Dairy Foods Judging.

Honorary American FFA Degrees were bestowed on three Texas agriculture science teachers. Scotty Windham, Abernathy, has been teaching ag science for 36 years. A member of the board of directors of the Agriculture Teachers Association, he also serves as state membership chairman. Gary Vos, Katy, has been teaching 18 years and is a former VATAT board member. John Dawley, Groesbeck, has been teaching ag science for 20 years and served as an area coordinator last year.

The convention featured addresses by top speakers from various fields. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Espy was the keynote speaker. Others included: Senator Larry Craig of Idaho; Miss America Kimberly Clarice Aiken from South Carolina; cowboy poet Baxter Black; CNN reporter John Holliman; actress Geri Jewell; and former National FFA secretary, from Texas, Coby Shorter.

Scientists to use ladybugs to help protect pecan crop

DALLAS (AP) — Texas A&M scientists think they have taken an important first step toward countering aphids that have been causing extensive damage to the state's pecan crop.

Texas pecan production, valued at about $39 million annually, occurs in most regions of the state and represents 20 percent of the nation's total pecan crop, second only to Georgia.

But in Georgia, the aphids are kept in check by large numbers of ladybugs who feed on them.

If it's good enough for Georgia, it's good enough for Texas, at least in this case.

Texas A&M entomologists Allen Knutson and Bill Ree made a trip to Georgia last month and collected 12,000 ladybugs, formally known as Harmonia lady beetles, to bring back to Texas via commercial airplane.

The ladybugs will hibernate in refrigerators, 1,000 per carton, at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Dallas until their release next spring to feed on aphids that attack pecans.

"Our only opportunity to capture such large numbers of beetles was during three or four days in November when they congregate around overwintering sites," Knutson said.

"These migrations only occur on warm, sunny days, so we kept changing our travel plans until weather forecasts for Georgia appeared favorable for beetle flights."

Knutson and Ree, both specialists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will place the beneficial insects in pecan "nursery sites" next spring in 10 locations in Texas, hoping they quickly begin to feed on yellow pecan aphids.

The Texas Pecan Growers Association will assist in choosing the sites to evaluate how the Harmonias adjust to varying Texas climates.

The alternative to collecting Harmonia in Georgia and releasing them in Texas, Knutson said, was to rear them in greenhouses and labs. It is a costly, labor-intensive process.

The Harmonia ladybug was imported from Japan and released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Georgia about 15 years ago. Scientists recently discovered that the ladybug had become established there.

The Harmonias are similar in size to other common ladybugs but distinctive in appearance because of white markings around the eyes that look like goggles. Their color varies from light orange to the familiar deep red, and there may be no spots or as many as 18.

The bugs will rest up from their trip, needing only an occasional misting of water during the winter.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, Knutson gave them a water misting and let them "exercise" by removing them from the refrigerator long enough to warm up, get a drink and move around a bit.

"We hope the released beetles will multiply and become established in Texas," Knutson said.

"If the Harmonia lady beetle establishes as well here as in other states ... they'll be natural residents of Texas, helping to control aphids on trees and shrubs."

Gen. Douglas MacArthur died in Washington. He was 84.

Colorado City livestock auction

COLORADO CITY — All classes of cattle were steady on 800 head at the Colorado City Livestock Auction on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Heifers: 200-400, 90-120; 400-600, 80-90; 600-800, 75-80.

Steers: 200-400, 100-125; 400-600, 88-100; 600-800, 78-88.

Bred cows good: 600-700; older bred cows: 400-575; pairs good: 700-850; older pairs: 550-625; packer cows good: 46-50; fat packer cows: 42-45; old shelly cows: 25-38; packer bulls: 58-66.

Petroleum prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Petroleum cash prices Tuesday as compared with Monday prices.

	Tue.	Mon.
Refined Products		
Fuel oil No. 2 NY bbr bg gl fob	.4212	.4172
Gasoline unl prem RVP NY bbr bg gl fob	.4195	.4126
Gasoline unl RVP NY bbr bg gl fob	.3580	.3409
Prices provided by Oil Buyer's Guide.		
X-prices are for RVP grade of gasoline.		
Petroleum - Crude Grades		
Saudi Arabian light $ per bbl fob	11.60	11.60
North Sea Brent $ per bbl fob	13.70	13.90
West Texas Intermed $ per bbl fob	14.50	14.50
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Russian election has U.S. rethinking policy

By Donald M. Rothberg
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia's disturbing election results are sending U.S. policy makers back to the drawing board and giving them a lesson on the limits of their ability to influence events in the former Soviet Union.

Two years of strong Western support for the reforms backed by President Boris Yeltsin cut little ice with Russian voters who gave surprisingly strong backing to anti-reform nationalist candidates for the new parliament.

"We should never fool ourselves," said Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "What happens in Russia depends on Russians, not Americans."

"There's no question in my mind that this has slowed the pace of economic reform, but it doesn't have to slow the pace of political reform," said Robert Strauss, who served as U.S. ambassador to Moscow in period immediately after the 1991 coup attempt.

Democracy worked in last week's election. The trouble was voters chose a path far from what U.S. officials wanted. The big winner was ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky, whose imperialist views would revive the Cold War if they became Russian policy.

"We're in a bind here," said a senior U.S. official traveling in Russia with Vice President Al Gore. Speaking on condition of anonymity, he said, "We said, let the people decide, and they did."

President Clinton said Americans "need to ask ourselves not so much about him (Zhirinovsky) right now but about what it means to democracy in Russian politics and other republics in the former Soviet Union and the other countries in Eastern Europe."

Yeltsin remains the man in charge and now with a constitution that gives him more power than the newly elected parliament. Ironically, Yeltsin might decide, as he did when he dissolved the previous parliament, that the only way to pursue the economic reforms sought by the West is to eschew democracy and rule by decree.

Election returns through Tuesday gave ultranationalists and Communists a huge lead and they were demanding Yeltsin make major changes in his economic reforms to ease the pain of the Russian people.

Can Yeltsin resist those demands?

If reform falters, the Clinton administration and Congress will have second thoughts about aid.

"The attitude of the Congress on the question of aid, I think, is fairly clear," said Hamilton. "We will be supportive of aid so long as our perception is that Russia is moving in the direction of reform of its economy and of its political structure."

A U.S. official, commenting on condition of anonymity, said the next step for the administration was to "wait and see and hope that a coalition can be put together that can work around Zhirinovsky or at least not totally pander to him."

Strauss said the unexpectedly strong showing of Zhirinovsky could have the effect of uniting reform elements.

"A common enemy brings them together a lot better than anything else," he said.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Donald M. Rothberg covers foreign affairs for The Associated Press.

IRS seizes hotel that housed some surviving cultists

WACO (AP) — Eight months after the government tried to force Branch Davidian leader David Koresh from his rural compound with a tank and tear gas assault, federal authorities have seized a hotel where many of the surviving sect members had been staying.

The Internal Revenue Service has taken control of the Brittney Hotel in downtown Waco, claiming the owner, Mark Domangue, failed to pay $14,442 in federal withholding taxes and unemployment insurance on employees for two years.

Several Branch Davidians had been working for Domangue at odd jobs to help pay for their lodging at the hotel since an April 19 fire destroyed their home and led to the deaths of Koresh and 85 others.

Domangue said IRS agents told him he owed taxes on work performed by guests who didn't pay for their rooms.

"They said they knew I housed people who needed housing for a week or two, and that they worked for me," Domangue said. "Some did make up a bed or two. They volunteered, wanted to help out. But the IRS calls that bartering, and it's the main reason they shut me down."

Domangue said he probably will file for bankruptcy protection.

Gary Coker, an attorney representing some of the surviving members of the religious sect, said Tuesday that most of the Branch Davidians who had been living at the hotel found other places to live before the IRS moved in.

Coker said only one Branch Davidian, Catherine Matson, was displaced by the government's action last week.

"The others had been finding other places to live over the weeks and months," Coker said.

The hotel lobby had been a place where many of the surviving Branch Davidians talked and watched television together.

One of the occupants was Sheila Martin, who left the Branch Davidian compound before the fire that killed her husband and four children.

Domangue was preparing to auction off the hotel late last week when IRS agents and McLennan County sheriff's deputies arrived and seized the building.

DATE BOOK

Dec. 15, 1993

Today is the 349th day of 1993 and the 85th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1890, the Sioux leader Sitting Bull was arrested and killed by U.S. troops just south of the North Dakota-South Dakota border.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexandre Gustave Eiffel (1832-1923), engineer; Maxwell Anderson (1888-1959), dramatist; John Paul Getty (1892-1976), oil developer; Alan Freed (1922-1965), entertainer; Edna O'Brien (1930-), author, is 63; Tim Conway (1933-), comedian, is 60; Don Johnson (1949-), actor, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, legendary Alabama coach Paul "Bear" Bryant announced his retirement from football.

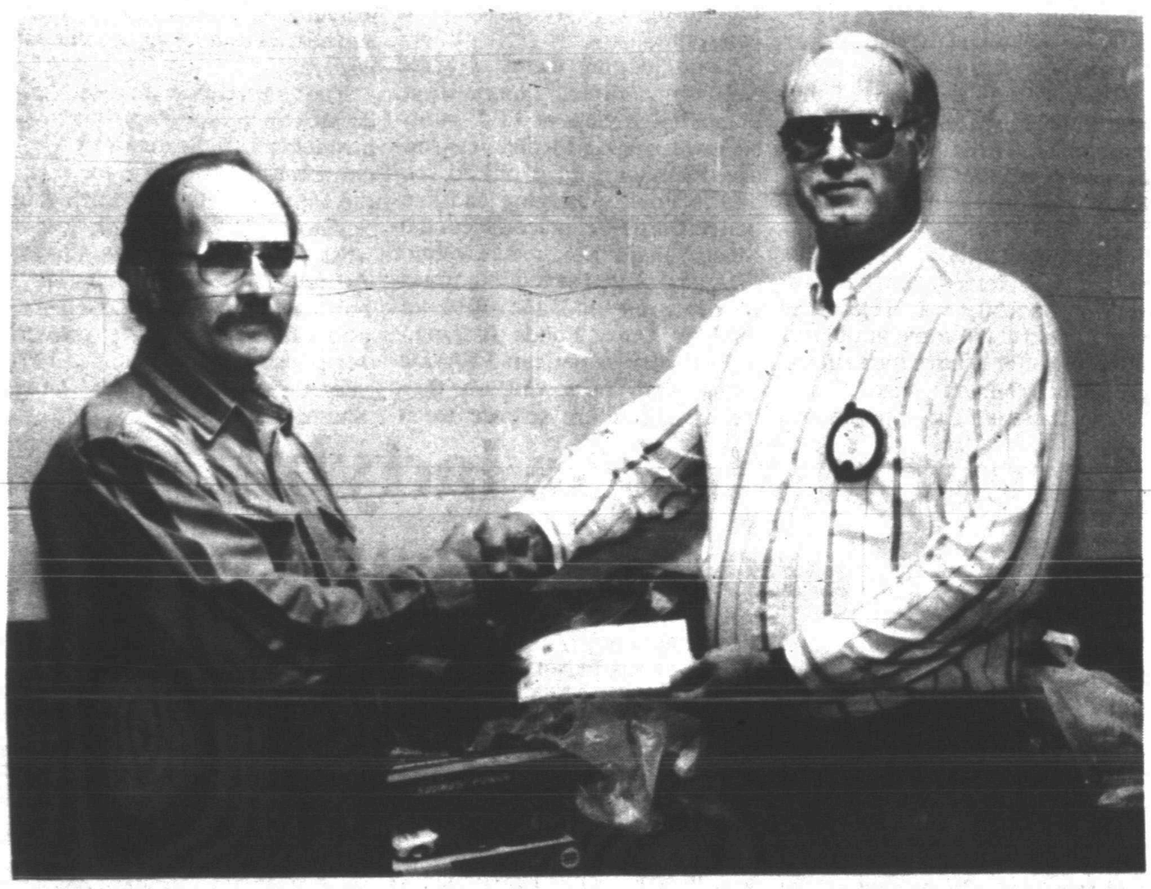
TODAY'S QUOTE: "Recollection is not something I can summon up. It simply comes, and I am the servant of it." — Edna O'Brien

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1987, it was 94 degrees at the international airport in Belize City, Belize. This was the record high December temperature for that location.

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

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LIONS DONATION — Snyder Lions Club has donated both toys and money to the annual Toys For Tots campaign. On Tuesday, each member brought a toy to the weekly meeting. James Fields, left, accepts the donations from Gale Titus, Lions Club president. Some of the toys can be seen in the background. (SDN Staff Photo)

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