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Russia, China proclaim new era in relations

Nations fear U.S. influence

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia and China vowed Saturday to forge closer military and economic ties to counter the influence of the United States in the post-Cold War world.

In a joint statement at the end of Chinese Premier Li Peng's three-day visit to Moscow, the two Eurasian giants proclaimed a new era in their relations.

Russian newspapers praised the new partnership Saturday. The Izvestia daily called it "our reply to the United States," and Nezavisimaya Gazeta said "it will entail changes of a geopolitical nature."

"Moscow and Beijing form a multi-polar world," proclaimed another major daily, Segodnya.

The Soviet collapse left the world with one superpower — the United States — and Russia's post-Cold War foreign policy has been aimed at diluting U.S. domination of world affairs.

Moscow is bitterly opposed to the eastward expansion of NATO, for example, and is casting about for counterweights to the American-dominated alliance.

Saturday's statement indicated it had found one in China, once Moscow's bitter rival in the socialist world.

Russia and China are determined to create an "equal partnership ... aimed at strategic interaction in the 21st century" and "building a multi-polar world," the statement said.

Moscow also is seeking new customers for its arms and technical expertise, and China, with its booming economy and 2,700-mile border with Russia, is a logical market.

"Cooperation between Russia and China in different spheres has a vast potential" for boosting development in both countries, the statement said.

China is turning into a lucrative customer for Russia's aerospace and defense industries.

It has cosmonauts training in Russia and has bought advanced Su-27 fighters planes along with the technology to make more. Russian officials hope to sell China destroyers, light armored vehicles and civilian aircraft as well.

The ITAR-Tass news agency said several documents on military and civilian aviation were signed during Li's visit. It did not elaborate.

Li met for nearly an hour Friday with President Boris Yeltsin. He was the first foreign leader to visit the president since Yeltsin returned to work at the Kremlin last week after a months-long absence for heart surgery.

They agreed to a Russian-Chinese summit in April in Moscow at which agreements on reducing border troops and a number of agreements to build ambitious energy projects will be signed.

The premier also met with Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin. The prime ministers said they would meet twice a year from now on.

Trade was high on the agenda during Li's visit. Mutual trade is now at $7 billion a year, and officials have set a target of $8 billion next year.

One major project, approved in a memorandum signed Friday by Li and Chernomyrdin, is a nuclear power plant in the eastern Chinese province of Jiangsu to be partly funded by a $2.5 billion loan from Russia, officials in Moscow said.

The two nations also are trying to firm up more Russian arms sales to Beijing, contracts for a gas centrifuge plant in China and a gas pipeline from Siberia to China, and Russia's participation in the massive Three Gorges hydroelectric project.



COUNTY RETIREES — Three retiring county employees were honored at a reception Friday in the Scurry County Courtroom. They are C.D. Gray Jr., who served 12 years as Precinct 3 commissioner; and county deputy clerks Beverly Glasscock, left, who served five years; and JennaVee Miller, who served 25. (SDN Staff Photo)

Northwest braces for more storms

Nearly 300,000 homes and businesses without power

SEATTLE (AP) — The Northwest, already racked by storms that dumped more than a foot of snow in some areas, cut power to hundreds of thousands and stranded holiday travelers, braced for another winter blast this weekend.

Nearly 300,000 homes and businesses were without power in Oregon and Washington early Saturday. The two major routes across the Cascade Mountains in Washington were closed.

And forecasters say the icy conditions that caused those problems Thursday and Friday may be followed by another storm tonight.

"It looks like the same thing all over again," National Weather Service meteorologist Bob Robinson said.

The National Weather Service issued a winter storm watch for the entire state of Washington and the northern half of Oregon for tonight and Sunday.

Another 5 to 10 inches of snow was possible north of Seattle on Sunday, the Weather Service said.

Thursday's powerful storm paralyzed much of Oregon and Washington with heavy snow and freezing rain.

At least three deaths were blamed on the storm. A Washington man was asphyxiated by fumes from a generator being operated at his home Friday. A man in Portland, Ore., died of a heart attack while trimming broken tree limbs in his yard, and a 62-year-old Washington woman was killed in a collision Thursday with another car on a road covered with snow and ice.

In Kent, a suburb of Seattle, the fire department found 15 people inside a mobile home suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning. They were using a propane barbecue inside the trailer, which had no electric power.

All 15 were in stable condition at hospitals Friday night.

Hundreds of flights at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport were canceled Friday.

The problem was ice on the aircraft — up to 1½ inches thick, airport spokesman Mike Merritt said.

"It's just so much ice that they're just wasting (de-icing) fluid if they keep spraying," he said.

Flooding and mudslides also caused Amtrak to cancel some passenger trains in the Northwest.

The Narrows Bridge, which crosses Puget Sound at Tacoma, was closed because of falling icicles. Olympia police responded to so many accidents they ran out of road flares.

Snowfall amounts in western Washington ranged from about half a foot in downtown Seattle to 15 inches in suburban areas. In Oregon, more than 2 inches of freezing rain fell on the Columbia River Gorge, which had 8 inches of snow on the ground.

Shelters for the stranded or those without electricity were opened around Washington.

Slippery conditions persisted in east Portland and Interstate 84 leading out of town was closed after eastbound traffic backed up five miles.

Peru leader declares state of emergency

LIMA, Peru (AP) — President Alberto Fujimori gave his army and police special arrest and search powers by declaring a state of emergency in Lima on Friday, seeking to strengthen his position in an 11-day-old face-off with guerrillas holding more than 100 VIP hostages.

Fujimori's action was the latest thrust in a diplomatic duel with Tupac Amaru rebels occupying the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima. Japan made moves as well, dispatching two military advisers and supporting in concept, along with the United States, an international strategy for resolving the standoff.

Peru's Congress voted to support Fujimori's policy of not negotiating with the rebels, who still hold more than 100 hostages at the residence.

Police seemed to crack down quickly under the new state of emergency, arresting three people outside the compound for investigation as suspected rebels. All three were vendors, including a cosmetics saleswoman who had identification cards with five different aliases and graphics showing the layout of a local airport and a factory, police said.

Since the takeover, police have arrested about a dozen people around the compound as suspected rebels.

Fujimori said he imposed a state of emergency for 60 days to protect the security and tranquility of the capital. Lima has periodically been placed under a state of emergency since 1980 to combat rebel insurgencies.

The measure suspends some constitutional guarantees, including unimpeded transit throughout the country and protection from house searches and arrests without warrants.

Late Friday, foreign news media received a statement said to have come from the Tupac Amaru that accused the government of human rights abuses, widespread corruption and economic policies that hurt the poor.

Lots of business facing county

Scurry County commissioners will have a basketful of year-end business to consider when they meet Monday at 10 a.m.

"We'll have a number of line-item transfers to consider as it will be the last chance this year for the court to okay some bills for payment," said County Judge Ricky Fritz.

Items for consideration include county board appointments and approval of the county tax collector's bond.

The court will consider two items of new business also, including setting the salary schedule for 1997.

The new schedule will reflect a three percent pay increase for salaried employees which the court approved with the coming year's budget.

"We have to set the salaries for clerks, chief clerks, precinct hands and all non-elected officials position-by-position at an exact, set amount," said Fritz.

One other new business item will be County Treasurer Charlie Bell addressing the court concerning county employee's cafeteria plan for insurance.

Also on the agenda are approval of bills and previous minutes.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A spare tire is something stored in the trunk — and checked — right after a flat."

There may have to be more research on this theory, but you'll have to admit it can't be lightly dismissed.

All through the holidays, we wondered if we weren't suffering from tired blood. It's a relief to think it's not the blood — it's the water.

In order to keep water in Lake Thomas to serve the city of Snyder, water from Lake Ivie - near Ballinger — is being pumped all the way to Odessa. The water is then flowed, by gravity, to Thomas.

That's a trip of just under 300 miles. It's logical to conclude, after such a long journey — that Snyder may be suffering from tired water.

We have to wonder if well-traveled water results in weak coffee.

Will tired water stunt the growth of lawns? We'll have to wait until next summer to find out.

What about cotton? Strength of fiber is important in the grading process. Will tired water be blamed?

The implications are endless. Getting to work on time could become a problem. Will it cause congestion in public restrooms? Will it affect the leaping ability of Snyder's basketball teams? Talk about an unlevel playing field.

It seems that perhaps Scurry County and its tired water could get some kind of disaster designation.

And the only thing better than a disaster check from the government would be a good six-inch rain — and we promise residents won't complain about how far it has to fall.

A few months ago, we said a few uncomplimentary things about our least-favorite food item — Spam.

One guy said such comment is in violation of the law since Spam is a natural product of Texas.

Another woman — at church, no less — confessed that Spam was one of her favorites and that she didn't appreciate demeaning remarks about Spam.

In the interest of fair play, we now admit that we have discovered Spam's one redeeming value.

A bandit wearing a pair of woman's pantyhose over his head was foiled in a robbery attempt of a Denison convenience store.

The clerk put Spam to good use, belting the bandits with cans of Spam as he tried to exit the store.

ASK US

Q—How much longer are we going to have to put up with the mess on 30th Street?

A—Travel should get a lot easier in mid to late January but it will be July before the project is complete.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 77 degrees; low, 29; 7 a.m. Saturday, 39; no precipitation; total for 1996, 18.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low around 45. SW wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, sunny. High around 75. W-SW wind 5-15 mph. New Year's Day: fair. Low 40-45. High around 70.



Tonya Robles

Sunny!

Sunset:
5:49 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:42 a.m.
Of 362 days in 1996, the sun has shone 358 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

(Psa 4:6 NKJV) There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.

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'Little Miss' found slain in basement

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — JonBenet Ramsey, a 6-year-old blond beauty queen, went to bed Christmas night after receiving a new bicycle. The next day, the little girl's father found her strangled in the basement, just hours after receiving a ransom note.

The note said JonBenet, last year's Little Miss Colorado, had been kidnapped. Authorities and police were attempting to comply with the note's instructions when JonBenet's father found her body hidden in the basement of the family's large Tudor home Thursday afternoon.

Police said they had no suspects.

"This is a beautiful young girl, as you can see," John Eller, commander of the police detective division, said at a news conference Friday with a picture of the smiling child behind him. "Very vibrant, and from all reports that we have at this time, very precocious and a wonderful child."

Autopsy results indicate the girl was strangled sometime after she was put to bed Christmas night. Boulder County Coroner John Meyer ruled her death a homicide.

JonBenet, who was in kindergarten, was the daughter of John and Patricia "Patsy" Ramsey, 39. Her mother was Miss West Virginia in 1977, and her father is the 53-year-old president of Access Graphics, a subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Corp.

Ramsey's company, which employs 380 people in Boulder, recently celebrated its first $1 billion in revenues. The ransom note demanded money, but there was no indication the slaying was linked to Ramsey's job, Eller said.

The Ramseys and their 10-year-old son Burke were taken to an undisclosed location under police protection, Eller said.

On Friday, investigators looked for footprints in the melting snow around the 15-room house in an upscale neighborhood. The killing was the first homicide of the year in Boulder, a city of 83,000 about 30 miles north of Denver.

Christmas decorations, including red-and-white plastic candy canes, stood in the Ramsey's front yard.

Mrs. Ramsey called police at 5:52 a.m. Thursday after she discovered the ransom note in her home, Eller said. About seven hours after police and FBI agents arrived, they started a thorough search of the home, and Ramsey found his daughter's body, Eller said.

The police waited to search the house because they were concentrating on attempts to comply with the ransom note, Eller said.

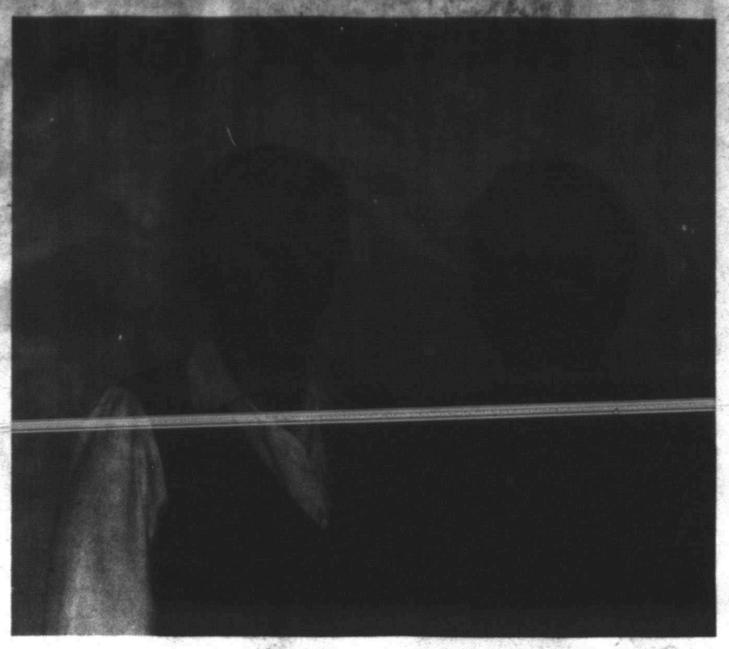
Laurie Wagner, a vice president at Access Graphics, said JonBenet often played around her father's office.

"She was a charming girl, an adorable child," she said.

Mrs. Ramsey traveled around the country with JonBenet to attend her daughter's beauty pageants.

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GOLDEN KEY — Holly Jones, right, a student at Texas Tech University, was recently inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society chapter. Her mother, Barbra, was a charter member of Tech's chapter. (Contributed Photo)

Holly Jones' induction into Golden Key carries on tradition of family

Holly R. Jones, daughter of Jack and Barbra Jones, was recently inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society chapter at Texas Tech University.

Holly represents the second generation of her family to be inducted into the society. While a student at Tech, Holly's mother was inducted into Golden Key, as a charter member of the university's chapter.

Holly graduated from Snyder High School in 1995 with a 96.84 grade point average. She has attended Texas Tech University since the fall of 1995, and will begin her senior year when she returns following the holiday break.

She is majoring in multidisciplinary studies. In addition to her studies, she is also employed as a teacher/tutor at the Reading Center, at El Chico's and at University Medical Center as a newborn photographer.

Holly's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O.P. Tate and Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Jones Jr., all of Snyder.

Mrs. Jones is a 1973 graduate of Snyder High School. She graduated from Western Texas College and Texas Tech University, earning a degree in education and a specialization in reading.

She later returned to Tech to earn her endorsement in early childhood development. She currently teaches pre-kindergarten at Northeast Elementary School.

A reception to honor new members of Golden Key National Honor Society was held in the Petroleum Room of the Holiday Inn Civic Center in Lubbock.

Golden Key is an internationally recognized academic honor society. Membership is by invitation only to those students who meet the society's qualifications and are in the top 15 percent of their junior and senior class.

Since its inception in 1977, Golden Key has recognized students for their academic excellence at more than 240 colleges and universities in the U.S., Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Australia.

Tilton's divorce focuses on assets of his Word of Faith

DALLAS (AP) — An attorney for Word of Faith World Outreach Center in suburban Farmers Branch, Texas, says the second wife of evangelist Robert Tilton doesn't have the authority to start a new church with all the assets of Word of Faith.

"All of a sudden we have someone coming in with the stroke of a pen saying, 'I can convey all this church property ... to my church,'" said attorney J.C. Joyce. "Hell, no, it's not legal. If they thought it was legal, we wouldn't have held services there last Sunday, would we? "It's greed — nothing in the world but greed."

An attorney for Leigh Valentine Tilton maintained that the transfer of all assets of Word of Faith to the New Word of Faith World Outreach Center is legal and allowed under the original church's charter.

Ms. Tilton, an evangelist, is pastor of the new church, although she said she will not take a salary. She and Tilton, who married in 1994, are in the second week of a bitter divorce trial.

"Word of Faith has been disbanded" by Ms. Tilton, said her attorney, Tony Wright. "It does not exist legally any more."

Throughout the trial, Ms. Tilton has alleged that she was — and still is — co-pastor of the original Word of Faith with equal authority as Tilton. That position affords her the authority under the charter to transfer church assets, Wright said. Tilton and his attorneys have contended that Ms. Tilton never had power equal to his and cannot transfer church property.

"In the event any pastor shall determine that it is in the best interest of the church that this church should cease to exist, that pastor shall be required to give all of the assets of this church to another church," according to the charter of the original Word of Faith.

All the assets of Word of Faith, including the sanctuary and all property owned by the church, have been deeded to the new church, Wright said. "The pencils, the paper — everything," he said. Ms. Tilton testified that she transferred the assets of the original church to the new church because of the "waste and pilfering of church funds" by Tilton. "The people of Word of Faith have no idea what Bob does with that money," Ms. Tilton said.

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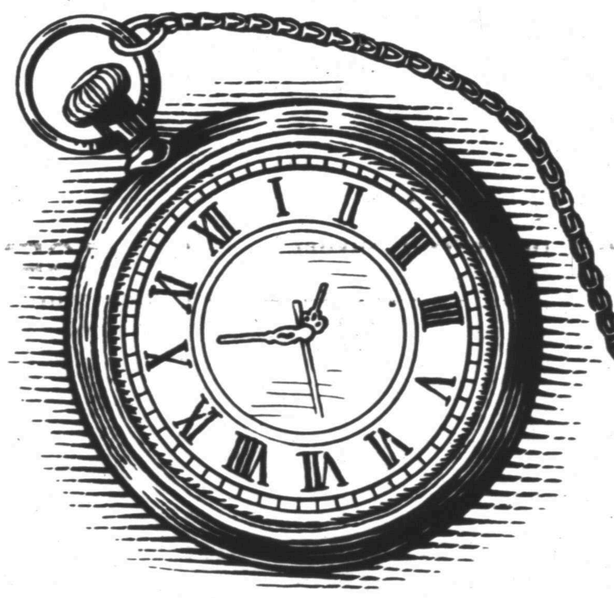
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CIA faces new threats, amid turmoil



Jerald Garner

Jerald Garner to leave post

Jerald Garner, minister of music for Colonial Hill Baptist Church for the past 15 years, has accepted the same position with the Southmont Baptist Church in Denton.

With mixed emotions Garner said "We are sad about leaving so many friends, but we are looking forward to this new field of service." The 18-year-old Southmont church is a rapidly growing church, led by its founding pastor, Dr. Larry Reynolds.

Garner said he is looking forward to being the church's first full-time minister of music. He said that seminary students filled that position in the past.

His first Sunday in the Denton church will be Jan. 19 and he plans to commute to Denton until the school year ends.

His wife, Andrea, teaches high school English at Ira, and their oldest daughter, Christy, is a senior at Snyder High School. Their other daughter, Kelley, is a SHS freshman, and their son, Jeffrey, is a sixth grader at Ira.

Last month Colonial Hill Baptist welcomed its third pastor since the church began in 1954, Dr. Tommy Culwell who came from the First Baptist Church in Seymour. He replaced Rev. Miller Robinson who retired in June.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former CIA chief James R. Schlesinger tells a story about going up on Capitol Hill to talk about plans for a spy program.

The late Mississippi Sen. John Stennis, then the powerful chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee's intelligence oversight panel, waved Schlesinger off like a gnat. "No, no, my boy, don't tell me. Just go ahead and do it, but I don't want to know," he says Stennis told him in 1973.

Times have changed greatly since then: Congress set up committees in 1975 to keep watch on U.S. spy agencies. The United States' No. 1 target, the Soviet Union, self-destructed in 1991, ending the Cold War. And Americans developed a taste for accountability as scandal after scandal — from CIA plots to overthrow foreign governments and assassinate leaders to domestic spying and the discovery of in-house traitors — rocked the agency.

The CIA has changed, too, although not enough for critics inside and outside an agency still haunted by ghosts of spooks past.

"There are some people who literally think we should not have intelligence agencies because they have been badly abused," said Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., an ex-CIA agent himself. "The tragedy is, you only hear about the failures and not the successes, which are many."

The continuing dangers to U.S. national security are many, too. The CIA and other intelligence agencies are dealing with an ever-changing cast of enemies and problems, from rogue nations and terrorists to refugees and trade. Russia remains a destabilizing force with its cache of Cold War-era weaponry, internal problems and disputes with neighbors.

"It's fashionable to say the Big Bear is done and all we have to worry about are poisonous snakes. But the Big Bear's still got claws and teeth," said Goss.

Although America's longtime menace has faded, "The world has become more dangerous and more uncertain in other ways," agreed Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala. "This is no time to relax. ... The CIA needs stronger leadership than ever to refocus its mission."

And what better time. Two new leaders — Goss and Shelby — will head the congressional intelligence committees. A fresh CIA director is coming in; President Clinton has nominated national security adviser Anthony Lake. And the CIA is entering its 50th year in the business of espionage.

In fact, the Central Intelligence Agency has been reforming itself since William Casey's 6-year reign as director ended in 1987. But it has been a sputtering process, pushed forward by scandal and stalled by breaks in leadership; the CIA has had five directors in 10 years.

"Progress in improving the performance of the intelligence community requires longer tenure by directors of Central Intelligence," outgoing CIA director John Deutch said in his last Senate committee appearance.

Deutch headed the CIA for 20 months. Like his predecessors, he sought to improve cooperation among the 13 U.S. intelligence agencies, especially the Defense Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency.

The disparate agencies have a history of rivalry, offering competing intelligence to the administration and the military, which can delay important decisions — as it did before the Gulf War, when Defense and CIA analysts initially differed over Iraq's military might.

The CIA also has clashed with the FBI, which deals with law enforcement matters overseas; the FBI is leading the investigation of the bombing that killed 19 U.S. servicemen in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, last June 15.

But Deutch boasts that now, "The CIA and FBI are working seamlessly for the first time."

The recent arrests of a suspected CIA spy and an alleged FBI traitor are the result of closer cooperation in the wake of the 1994 Aldrich Ames case that exposed flaws in the U.S. ability to catch counterspies.

The working relationship grew out of the CIA's counterintelligence center, headed by an FBI official and involving members of all the U.S. intelligence agencies. It's one of several centers the CIA created to share information on arms control, narcotics, terrorism and nonproliferation.

The CIA also has posted "forward observers" at the Commerce, Energy and Treasury departments to better anticipate the government's intelligence needs, said Loch Johnson.

"There are many reforms that are happening from within the CIA. It's a slow process, but it's happening," said Johnson, a former congressional aide and author of "Secret Agencies: U.S. Intelligence in a Hostile World."

Harold Brown, a former Defense secretary who chaired a commission that recommended CIA reforms, believes true changes won't be realized until more of the old style, Cold War warriors within the agency's Directorate of Operations retire.

"There are a lot of problems, with the culture of the CIA especially," Brown said. "But there will be a new generation who can adapt to the new needs of intelligence and who aren't as secretive and exclusionary."

Deutch and other CIA experts predict the investment in "human intelligence" — men and women agents and "assets," the term for foreign informers — will increase for the following reasons:

The United States must monitor rogue regimes like Iran, Iraq and Libya; countries developing or buying weapons of mass destruction — nuclear, biological or chemical — like North Korea, China and Pakistan; international hot spots such as Bosnia and Haiti; terrorist groups; and even global environmental and health problems.

Now, 85 percent of the estimated $30 billion annual intelligence budget — a classified figure — goes to Defense agencies, mostly for spy satellite, mapping and electronic eavesdropping.

R. James Woolsey, CIA director from 1993-95, said the new missions will require recruiting and paying spies, terrorists, members of rogue regimes and drug cartels — a necessary evil that could upset Congress and Americans.

"If you say you're only going to recruit nice people as informants, you will only know what nice people are doing," Woolsey said. "The CIA's going to need the support of the American people and the congressional oversight committees, who need to know this is how it works."

These days, at least, Congress is asking.

Widow sues Walgreen in man's death

HOUSTON (AP) — The widow of a man killed during a robbery has filed a lawsuit against Walgreen Co., accusing her husband's former employer of not providing proper security on the night the crime occurred.

Cynthia Cedars alleges in a federal court lawsuit that Walgreen's was grossly negligent in a variety of ways, including failing to provide proper security, assistance at closing time and security cameras.

John Cedars, 33, a night manager of the pharmacy at the Walgreen's store on Sawdust Road, was attacked, beaten and fatally shot from behind as he was closing the store at about 11 p.m. Sept. 21.

Investigators have said they believe robbery was the motive for the unsolved slaying. The killing was part of a string of violent crimes in south Montgomery County.

Worried about crime around his previous workplace, the Walgreen's on FM 1960, Cedars reportedly had welcomed a transfer to the Sawdust Road pharmacy.

Cedars, who had worked for Walgreen's about 10 years, had been told by his superiors to close the store by himself, according to court documents.

Rain-spawned gnat overload is expected in northeast Texas

NEW BOSTON (AP) — Owners of livestock and pets in northeast Texas are bracing for an infestation of southern buffalo gnats like those that killed young calves and small pets in 1979 and 1992.

The emergence of the black fly species from the larval stage is likely to start between Christmas and New Year's Day, said Eric Lum, Texas Agricultural Extension Service agent in Bowie County.

Because of high water levels caused by rain in early November, the usual treatment to kill the larvae is cost-prohibitive, Lum said.

The regular treatment would be to apply Bacillus thuringensis israelensis (BTi), a naturally occurring biotoxin, to the rivers and streams where the larvae live before they become flying insects. That would usually cost about $9,000.

Cost of the chemical, which is nontoxic to humans, is shared by small grants from the states of Texas and Arkansas and supplemented by donations from local communities and companies.

But because of the high volume of water being released from Lake Wright Patman, the cost to apply the chemical in area streams and rivers would be as much as $200,000. A certain concentration is necessary to kill the larvae.

"And we don't even know if the treatment will be effective at flow rates this high," Lum said.

The buffalo gnat feeds on the blood of cattle, horses and other animals. During infestations in 1979 and 1992, many horses injured themselves in attempts to escape thousands of flying, biting gnats. Young calves and small pets died from the bites.

Senior Center News

The Senior Center will be closed Wednesday, New Year's Day. A New Year's Eve party is planned for Tuesday, beginning at 11 a.m.

Bridge is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Monday and again at the same time on Friday. 42 will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday. The Golden K Kiwanis Club will meet at noon Tuesday and men and women 60 and older who would like to join are invited to attend the meeting.

The Tri-Chem textile painting class is to meet at 9 a.m. Thursday. The Sunshine Choir will meet for rehearsal at 10 a.m. Friday and the Sing Along will follow at 11:30 a.m. Blood pressures will be checked from 9:30-11 a.m. Friday.

Senior citizens who enjoy reading are invited to borrow books from the center's collection. Domino and pool players gather each day and quilting is also a daily activity. Anyone wishing information about Senior Center activities is invited to visit the center at 2603 Ave. M between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Senior citizens who need transportation to the building can make arrangements by calling 573-4035.

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LIONS CLUB MAKES DONATION — The Lions Club donated toys and money to the Toys For Tot project, coordinated this Christmas by Girl Scout Troops 158 and 100. Redge Heard, president, is shown presenting the toys and check to Girl Scout leaders, from left, Joni Huffman and Judy Martin. Each members brought a toy to the meeting. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Changes expected in rules for air bags

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is set to give automakers the green light to install less forceful air bags in new cars while making it easier for worried consumers to have the devices disconnected.

Responding to pressure from motorists, safety advocates and the auto industry, widely anticipated new federal air bag rules will be formally proposed Monday, a Transportation Department official said Friday.

Air bags have saved more than 1,600 lives, officials say. But they also have killed 32 children and infants and 20 adults — mostly smaller women — in low-speed accidents that the victims would have otherwise survived.

"Today I'm pleased to announce we are sending forward three additional proposals to protect our children," President Clinton said today in his weekly radio address.

"This much is clear," he said, "air bags do save lives."

But, he added, "At the same time, air bags inflate with considerable force and can pose risks to children sitting unbuckled in the front passenger seat instead of buckled up in the back seat where they belong."

Clinton predicted the rules could take effect by this spring.

The proposed rules, which have been in the works at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, will be open for public comment during an expedited 30-day period. Regulators expect to make a final decision in "early 1997," said the Transportation official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Advocates of the new rules have said they must have permission by mid-February to guarantee that the less forceful air bags are installed in 1998 model automobiles.

Under the proposal:

—Air bags, which now deploy at speeds of up to 200 mph, could be installed in new cars with 20 to 35 percent less force. Even at the slower speed, passengers wearing seat belts would be protected in a crash.

—Owners could ask mechanics to disconnect their air bags after being told the risks. Under current law, owners must petition the government for permission, something some 800 people have done. Only about 10 percent of the requests have been granted, all for people who cited medical problems.

—A temporary rule allowing automakers to install cutoff switches for cars without back seats or room for child safety seats would be extended. That allows those who have only a front seat to carry a child to switch off the air bag when the child rides in front.

These changes are viewed by government and auto industry officials as an interim solution to a growing safety problem that has caused widespread confusion among motorists over the safety value of air bags.

Ultimately, automakers and regulators are looking to more advanced technology, which will sense a passenger's weight or position and deploy the air bag accordingly. The government wants this technology installed beginning with the 1999 model year.

In his radio speech, Clinton mentioned air bags in the broader context of calling for responsible driving over New Year's.

"Especially at this time of year, too many people pose a threat to themselves and to others by drinking and driving," he said.

Federal officials said more than 41,000 Americans died in highway crashes last year and 40 percent of the accidents were alcohol-related.

Last year, Clinton pushed for "zero tolerance" alcohol laws prohibiting people under 21 from driving with any alcohol in their systems. Such laws have been adopted by 34 states. Today, he suggested teen-agers pass a drug test to qualify for a driver's license.



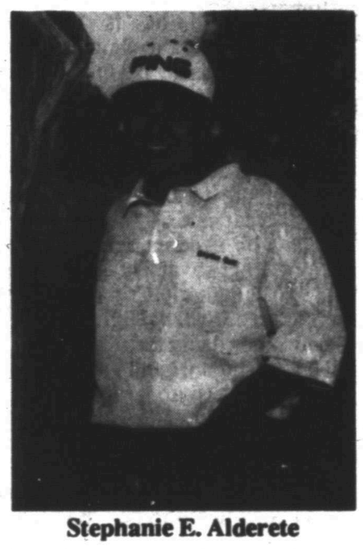
Samuel Ortegon

Ortegon earns master's degree

LUBBOCK — Samuel Ortegon, son of Frank and Beatriz Ortegon of Snyder, received a master of education degree specializing in community counseling from Texas Tech University on Dec. 14.

He graduated with a 3.8 GPA and is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society for university graduate students.

He will continue his studies in cultural diversity.



Stephanie E. Alderete

Alderete listed in Who's Who

The biography of Stephanie E. Alderete has been featured in the 1995-1996 edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

She is a sophomore at Snyder High School where she is active in choir, Spanish Club and the golf team.

Alderete is the daughter of George and Alice Alderete of Snyder. Grandparents are Antonio and Lucia Molina of Hermleigh and the late Juan and Emilia Alderete of Snyder.

Who's Who recognizes outstanding students for their achievement in academics, athletics, school and community service.

Boll weevils attacking Lea County crop

HOBBS, New Mexico (AP) — Lea County cotton farmers have asked the County Commission for a $50,000 loan to help spray boll weevils they say are decimating their crops.

"If we don't do an eradication program, the cotton farmers are probably history," said Larry Parker, a Hobbs cotton farmer. "They (weevils) will completely eradicate cotton farming as we know it."

Wallace Cox, county extension agent, asked the commission Dec. 21 for the loan for the Lea County Cotton Growers Association.

The commission took the request under advisement.

"We've got a $5.7 million cotton industry in Lea County with approximately 10,000 acres of cotton each year," Cox said. "It's going to take about $10 an acre to spray."

The cotton growers proposed a $5 spraying charge per acre before planting and another $5 per acre when the cotton is sold.

The first $50,000 already is collected, and the cotton growers want the $50,000 loan to tide them over until the other $50,000 is collected, Cox said.

The loan would be repaid in 45 to 90 days, he said.

The association drafted a proclamation outlining the plan and the proposed spraying area and submitted it to the state Department of Agriculture.

"If it goes through, which it looks like it will, they'll come down and hold a referendum," Cox said.

"It will take all cotton growers in the county to vote on it, and there were probably about 400 on the list including absentee land owners," he said.

"It will probably take a while to get an answer back from all of them," Cox said.

Boll weevils began invading the county in early 1994, and by the fall of 1994 there were 1,983 of the insects caught in traps, Cox said.

Last year, 43,163 boll weevils were snared from August to December.

"This year, we had about 43,000 just in the first part of October, and I don't know what the count was at the end of November. But we've got a terrible boll weevil problem," Cox said.

Financial Focus

Politicians would have us believe that the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. However, this is not necessarily so.

A recent paper by Dr. John Silva, chief economist of Zurich Kemper Investments, showed that most Americans move up the economic ladder. A nine-year study divided households into five groups, or quintiles, by income. A statistical assessment based on tax return data found that only 14 percent of households in the lowest quintile were still there nine years later. And, of the taxpayers in the three lowest quintiles, one-third or fewer were still in the same quintile at the end of the nine years. The other two-thirds or more had moved up. In fact, according to Dr. Silva, more taxpayers moved from the bottom quintile to the very top than the number who stayed in the bottom quintile.

The focus of Dr. Silva's writing was not only to follow income trends, but also to discover the reasons for class mobility in the United States. "In some countries, individuals can make money but still not move out of their social class," he says.

Dr. Silva attributes this country's success in rising income and class mobility to education and freedom. Our country was settled by people looking for a better life for their children, and it has become customary for parents to ingrain in their children the desire to do better.

Today, every child in the United states has the oppurtunity of a free education. Government grants, student loans and scholarships make college a reality rather than a dream. Education is vital for those who wish to earn more and move up. Our country gives us the opportunity; our parents instill in us the initiative to learn.

Other countries may have more demanding and possibly better educational systems. For example, in Japan, children go to school 220 days each year; in Germany, 243. In the United States, we typically require fewer than 200 days.

However, few countries, regardless of academic excellence, offer the freedom that we have to market acquired skills. Our country gives us the freedom to advance in both income and social class. Some of the more rigid societies, like those in Mexico or Iran, have suffered violent revolutions by people trapped in their positions.

The freedom offered by our country allows today's Americans to be more mobile than ever before. Studies show that today's college graduate will change careers three times during his or her working years. Each change is typically a move upward in income and class. These are unique freedoms that many Americans take for granted.

When political economists cite theories for unemployment and job insecurity, they first should consult their Office of Tax Analysis, U.S. Department of Treasury. The numbers don't support the theory that the poor are getting poorer. More and more taxpayers are exercising their freedom to increase their income and move up in social class.

Date Book

Dec. 28, 1996

Today is the 363rd day of 1996 and the eighth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1832, Vice President John Calhoun resigned his office in a dispute with President Andrew Jackson.

On this day in 1869, chewing gum was patented.

On this day in 1973, Alexander Solzhenitsyn published "Gulag Archipelago."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924), U.S. president; Earl "Fatha" Hines (1905-1983), musician; Terry Sawchuck (1929-1970), hockey great; Maggie Smith (1934-), actress, is 62; Denzel Washington (1954-), actor, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, the Detroit Lions defeated the Cleveland Browns in the NFL championship game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have spent all my life under a Communist regime, and I will tell you that a society without any objective legal scale is a terrible one indeed. But a society with no other scale but the legal one is not quite worthy of man either." — Alexander Solzhenitsyn

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1958, more than a foot of snow fell on Albuquerque, N.M.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 24) and last quarter (Jan. 2).

Dec. 29, 1996

Today is the 364th day of 1996 and the ninth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1845, Texas became the 28th state in the union.

On this day in 1890, the U.S. Seventh Cavalry massacred more than 200 American Indians at Wounded Knee, S.D.

On this day in 1916, Russian mystic Rasputin was assassinated.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Goodyear (1800-1860), inventor; Andrew Johnson (1808-1875), U.S. president; William Gladstone (1809-1898), British statesman; Pablo Casals (1876-1973), musician; Mary Tyler Moore (1937-), actress, is 59; Jon Voight (1938-), actor, is 58; Ted Danson (1947-), actor, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Bear Bryant's college football coaching career came to an end when Alabama defeated Illinois 21-15.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Justice delayed is justice denied." — William Gladstone

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1954, 26 inches of snow fell on Fort Scott, Kan.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 24) and last quarter (Jan. 2).

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New York asks feds for help in TWA costs

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Responding to the crash of TWA Flight 800 has cost New York state and local governments more than $12 million, and Gov. George Pataki has asked the federal government to help pay the bill.

Pataki wrote to President Clinton on Monday asking for federal disaster assistance, saying "the severity and magnitude of this event necessitates the need for supplementary federal assistance."

Pataki said the costs associated with the crash and the investigation have totaled more than $5 million for state agencies, $6.1 million for Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island, and $1.1 million for New York City.

"We have forged a working partnership with the federal government in responding to floods, blizzards and wildfires," Pataki wrote.

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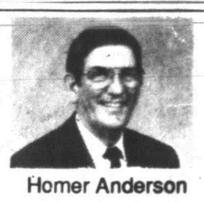
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DONATION — Rhonda Wilks, manager of Snyder Security Finance, is shown presenting a check to Thomas Fogleman for Snyder Neighbors Sharing. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Snyder Security Finance contributes to SNS project

Rhonda Wilks, manager of Snyder Security Finance, announced that its parent company established a private charitable foundation, Security's Lending Hand Foundation, to allow each of its offices to give something back to the local community. Again this year, the finance office made a monetary gift to Snyder Neighbors Sharing.

The amount of this contribution is based on the number of new customers who chose to do business with Snyder Security Finance during 1996.

"This means our customers are also indirectly contributing to their community," said Mrs. Wilks. "All employees at Snyder Security Finance want to express our sincere gratitude to our customers who made this contribution possible."

Snyder Security Finance is one of Security Finance Corporation's over 500 consumer loan offices which operate in 15 states.

Thomas Fogleman, Snyder Neighbors Sharing board president, said applications were being taken through Jan. 15 to repair homes of elderly or disabled. Applications are periodically printed in the SDN and may be mailed to SNS, P.O. Box 541.

Donations may be mailed to the same address.

Flag returned to relatives of WWII Japanese soldier

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Like many Japanese airmen during World War II, Mitsuo Koyano wore a flag around his waist as a good-luck charm when he went into battle.

Written in Japanese on the silk half a century ago were the phrases: "Fight bravely in battle. Do not die," and "Sacrifice body and soul for the emperor."

Koyano's lucky charm failed him; he died Aug. 7, 1945 at Cebu Island, the Philippines. After his death, his flag was taken to western Pennsylvania by a U.S. artillery officer, where the slightly bloodstained banner remained for decades.

A couple cleaning their basement found the flag earlier this year and tracked down relatives of Koyano via the Internet and returned the flag to Japan this month.

Larry and Georgia Dushac mailed it to the wife of a U.S. Air Force airman, who gave it to Koyano's son, Takeo Kurihara, who in turn gave the flag to his 80-year-old mother on Sunday. Kurihara sent the Dushacs a letter this week.

"When she finally understood, her face was like that of a girl in her 20s," he wrote. "Her cheeks were pink with excitement. She then began talking to herself, (saying) 'Mitsuo's ... wish to return to Japan has finally come true.' She had tears rolling down her cheeks."

During the war, Japanese soldiers had the flags signed by relatives and friends and decorated with inspirational messages. The flags included the Rising Sun insignia that also was found on the sides of the Axis empire's famous Zero fighters.

They are considered heirlooms in Japan. After World War II, relatives of missing Japanese soldiers and pilots often traveled to the battlefields of the Pacific to search for them.

Koyano's widow, who walks with a cane and is hard of hearing, told her son to thank the Dushacs for returning the flag.

"She held the flag and stroked it over and over and said, 'Thank you for not throwing this away,'" wrote Kurihara, who was born 2½ years before his father's death.

The letter said Koyano's 73-year-old sister was so overcome when she saw the flag, she could only nod, cry and repeat, "It's great!"

The leather-cornered flag apparently was brought to western Pennsylvania by Gabriel Pinciotti, an Army artillery soldier who served in New Guinea and the Philippines from 1942 to 1946. Pinciotti once lived in the Dushacs' house 20 miles east of Pittsburgh.

At least 8 GOP withholding support

WASHINGTON (AP) — While House Republican leaders want firm commitments for Rep. Newt Gingrich's re-election as speaker, at least eight Republican members want more information first about his ethical wrongdoing.

Several of the uncommitted Republicans want the House ethics committee's guidance — before the scheduled speaker's election Jan. 7 — on how Gingrich should be punished.

Gingrich admitted to ethics violations Dec. 21, confessing "I did not seek legal counsel when I should have" on projects financed through tax-exempt organizations. He also acknowledged, "In my name and over my signature, inaccurate, incomplete and unreliable statements" were given to the committee.

The eight rank-and-file Republicans commented during the past week, including Friday. During that time, the collective Republican leadership has written all GOP members that Gingrich owned up to his mistakes — and said his errors were not serious enough to deny him a second term.

"I just think it's premature to get too far out in front at this point," said Rep.-elect John Thune, R-S.D., liaison for GOP freshmen to the House leadership. Thune said he won't make a decision until the ethics committee finishes its work and makes a recommendation.

The committee's chairwoman, Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., said she wants to press for an early and public decision on Gingrich's fate before the 105th Congress convenes on Jan. 7.

"My goal has been and is to wrap this up as promptly as possible and finish our business on our own watch," she told The Washington Post in an interview in today's editions. She said she hoped to have a timetable early next week.

None of the eight Republicans said Gingrich had lost their votes. Republicans control the House 227-208, so if 20 members say simply "present" — meaning they aren't voting — Gingrich could lose his job.

Thune, despite his own uncertainty, predicted Gingrich would win in the end.

"I think there's an expectation there that he will be elected speaker and that people will fall in line behind him," Thune said. "I haven't detected any sign of defection at all."

Nonetheless, Republicans awaiting the committee's guidance may have a dilemma Jan. 7, because Democrats are pursuing a strategy that would delay a recommendation for punishment. The Democrats want to keep Gingrich under a cloud a while longer.

Gingrich is hoping for nothing worse than a reprimand, a House vote that would admonish him for wrongdoing but allow him to retain his speakership. If the House supports a more serious censure resolution, party rules would prevent Gingrich from serving as speaker.

The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct — the ethics committee's formal name — must hold a hearing on sanctions before making a recommendation. At least one Democratic committee member isn't due back from vacation until Jan. 5 — only two days before the speaker's vote.

Gingrich spokesman Tony Blankley said he's not worried about defections. "A statement by (Majority Leader Dick) Armey that he expected a unanimous vote is the best indicator of what the vote will probably be," Blankley said.

Blankley said wavering Republicans are just waiting for "all the facts before making a definite statement." He predicted, "If Democrats decide to be overtly partisan, that will firm up Republican votes."

A veteran New Jersey Republican, Rep. Marge Roukema, added, "I'm not going to prejudge it one way or the other. The jury is out until the ethics committee makes their recommendation."

Rep. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr., R-Md., said he was "far from a decision" on Gingrich. "It's too early," he said. "I want to read everything put in front of me."

Ohio Republican Steve Chabot said Gingrich's admission "causes me some concern" and added: "We've got several more weeks to decide."

Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., said he will make a decision after he studies the ethics case.

"This is a big deal," Hoekstra said. "I want to make sure I do the right thing."

Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., said his vote remains uncertain and pointed out that there can't be a double standard between the Gingrich case and that of former Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas. Wright, whose case was initiated by a complaint from Gingrich, quit his post and the House in 1989 after the ethics committee charged him with 69 counts of rules violations.

"In essence, he (Gingrich) made his career on an ethics charge," Sanford said.

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Pile up in thick fog kills one, injures 24 on bridge

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — More than 50 cars, trucks and vans collided in a string of chain-reaction accidents Friday on the foggy Sunshine Skyway Bridge, killing one person and injuring 24 others.

Dozens of other vehicles were trapped on the bridge by the wreckage, and the soaring 1,260-foot span across the mouth of Tampa Bay was closed in both directions.

Preliminary reports led highway troopers to believe that fast driving and lane changing in the thick fog triggered the crashes.

"It was extremely fortunate. There could have easily been 10 or 20 people killed out here," said Florida Highway Patrol Lt. Harry Mofield. "It was such a mess out here."

Monitors who scan the bridge's 13 closed-circuit cameras said the thick fog prevented them from seeing the nine separate accident sites after the chain reaction began about 11:30 a.m.

"You couldn't even see the bridge in spots, no less the vehicles," said Hugh Bogaert, a toll booth supervisor.

Most of the wreckage had been cleared by 5:30 p.m. Wreckers were still pulling cars, some of them folded like accordions, from the scene. Some front ends were bashed in as far as the steering wheels. On others, the trunks were totally collapsed.

Five of the injured were admitted to Bayfront Medical Center. An 11-month-old girl was reported in critical condition at All Children's Hospital. Officials at other hospitals were unable to immediately confirm how many of the 18 others who were injured were admitted or treated and released.

The bridge is the high point of an 8.1-mile causeway connecting the St. Petersburg-Tampa area to the north and the Bradenton-Sarasota area to the south. Motorists were forced to drive an extra 40 to 50 miles as a detour to skirt the bridge between Pinellas and Manatee counties.

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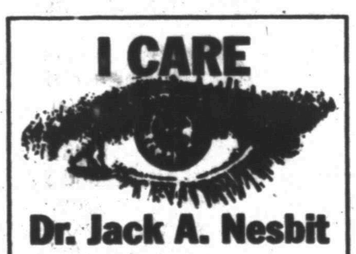
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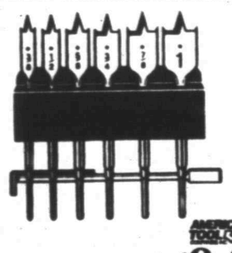


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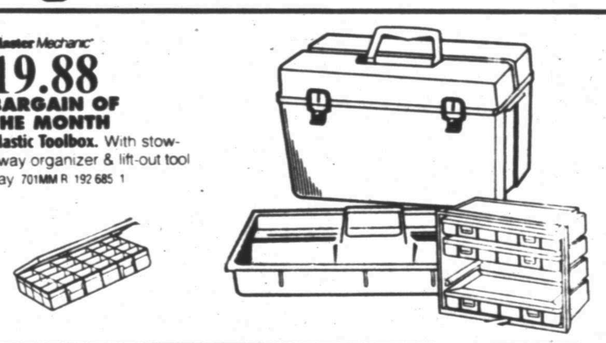
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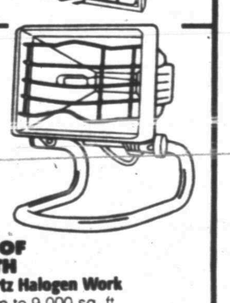




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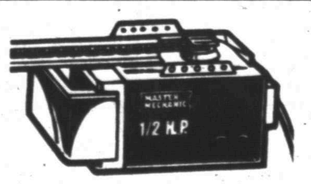


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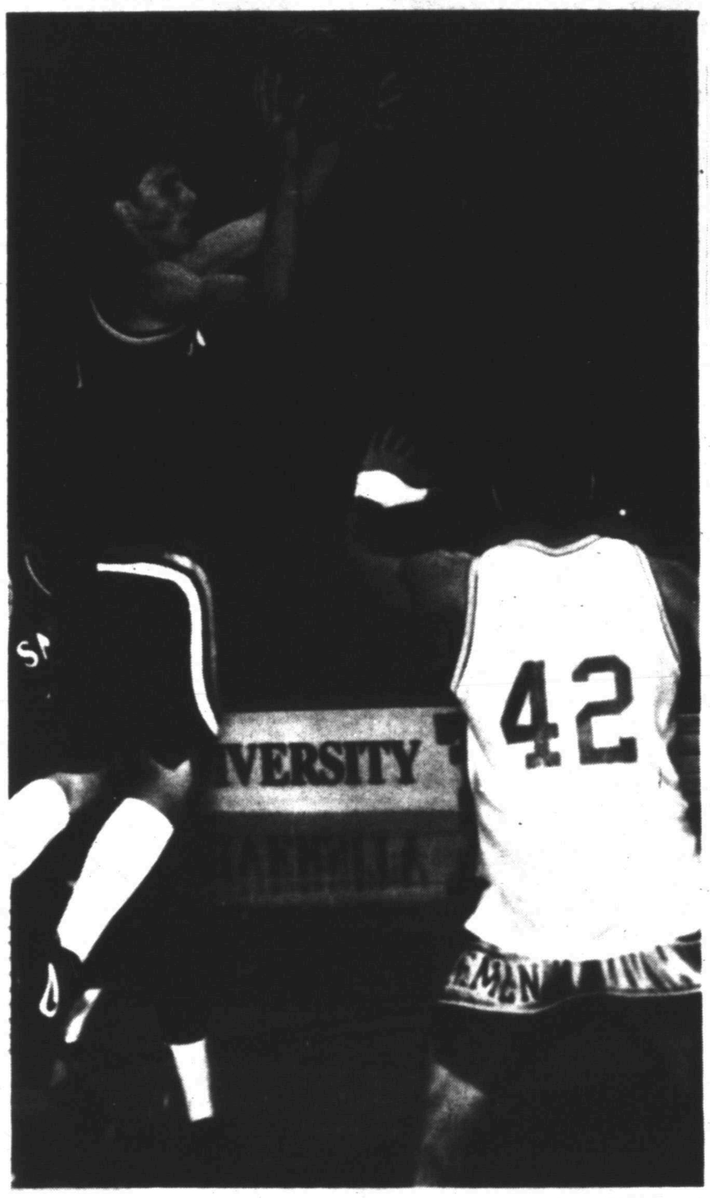
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Henderson hits 26 points...

Tigers ragged in 64-53 win over Lorenzo

LUBBOCK — Sometimes a victory may not be pretty, but a win is a win — even an ugly one.

The Snyder Tigers, despite a ragged performace, survived with a 64-53 triumph over the Lorenzo Hornets in Friday's consolation bracket game of the Caprock Holiday Tournament.



HOT HAND — Senior Rick Henderson's steady play has guided the Tigers through the talented field of the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. Friday night, Henderson hit 26 points — including five three-pointers, to lead the Snyder scoring. (SDN Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

The Tigers advanced to Saturday morning's contest with Hereford, and a victory would have placed the Tigers in a 5 p.m. consolation title matchup in the Monterey Box.

The Tigers upped their season mark to 14-6. In the Caprock Tourney, Snyder opened with a 64-53 victory over Childress and then posted a more-than-respectable performance against top-ranked Lubbock Monterey in Thursday's nightcap, finally bowing 70-52.

Friday's win over Lorenzo produced one comment from varsity coach Bud Birks. "We need to practice."

Plagued by injuries, Snyder suited up only seven players for the contest, and Birks had difficulty finding a combination that clicked.

Snyder, with a distinctive height advantage, suffered from ball-handling woes and was dogged repeatedly by a quick and pressing Hornet defense that forced costly turnovers.

Snyder, however, was not without bright spots. Rick Henderson canned 26 points, including five baskets from the three-point range.

Snyder started quickly and enjoyed a 11-2 advantage with 4:08 left in the first quarter. In the first period, the 6-5 Henderson canned 12 points, including a pair of treys.

Going into the second period with a 16-10 advantage, a full-court press forced costly turnovers and Lorenzo went out front 25-23 with 3:07 remaining on a rebound and shot by junior Erasmo Garcia.

In the second quarter, the Tigers spent 4 minutes and 31 seconds and gained only two points. In the same time frame, Lorenzo posted 13 points. Snyder went the last 2:16 of the second quarter without a score, allowing Lorenzo to lead 28-23 at the half.

No one outside of team members know what Coach Birks said at intermission. The Tigers, slow in coming out of the dressing room to start the second half, picked up the offensive tempo and outscored the Hornets, 21-11, to enjoy a 44-39 margin entering the final period.

In that third quarter, Matthew Fambro opened with two points followed by a basket by David Smith, putting the Tigers within one.

The Tigers went ahead with 5:41 remaining on back-to-back field goals by Ramsey Castillo, Taylor and Henderson.

Lorenzo wouldn't give up and tied the game at 33 on the front end of a 1 and 1 by Jason Randolph. His second charity toss put the Hornets out front 34-33 with 3:11 left.

Sparked by a three-pointer by Henderson and a bucket by Castillo, the Tigers were in control once again. Castillo and Taylor each hit two free shots and the Tigers led 44-39 with eight minutes remaining.

In the final period, Taylor opened with a field goal and Fambro hit two quick inside shots and the Tigers had upped their lead to 50-46 with 5:31 left.

Taylor kept the pressure on Lorenzo with a pair of buckets along with a three-pointer by Henderson, and Snyder saw its biggest lead since the first quarter, 55-46.

After a three-pointer by Lorenzo's Garcia, Birks called time out and put the Tigers into a four-corner offense, forcing the Hornets to foul with the Tigers in bonus. Castillo, Taylor and Henderson combined for five free shots, and Henderson ended the Tiger scoring with a easy layup with 24 seconds left.

In addition to Henderson's 26 points, Taylor also was in double figures with 18. Fambro and Castillo each posted eight points while Chris Riggins and Smith both added two.

Following this weekend's tournament play, the Tigers and junior varsity will host Big Spring Monday night. The JV game starts at 6 p.m. in Tiger Gym. The Tigers will take a week off before starting district play against Frenship on Jan. 7.

Bulletin

The Snyder Tigers were eliminated from the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock as Hereford nudged the Snyder Tigers, 59-57, in a game that ended shortly before noon Saturday. The Tigers are now 14-7.

SDN Sports Week

Monday

SHS Tigers host Big Spring Steers; JV at 6 and varsity at 7:30 p.m. in Tiger Gym.

Tuesday

SHS Lady Tigers host Lamesa; District 2-4A game; JV at 2 p.m., varsity at 3:30 in Tiger Gym.

Thursday

WTC Lady Westerners host WTC Holiday Classic in Scurry County Coliseum.

Friday

WTC Lady Westerners host WTC Holiday Classic in Scurry County Coliseum.

SHS Lady Tigers at Levelland; District 2-4A game; JV at 6:30 and varsity at 8 p.m.

Snyder hosts boys JV Tournament.

Ira hosts Rule, girls and boys varsity.

Saturday

WTC Lady Westerners host WTC Holiday Classic in Scurry County Coliseum.

Snyder host boys JV Tournament.

SHS Freshman girls at Lubbock High, 1 p.m.

New Mexico State rips Texas Tech

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — New Mexico State coach Neil McCarthy credited solid rebounding and accurate 3-point and free throw shooting with making up for some loose defense in his team's 122-105 victory over No. 20 Texas Tech on Friday night in the opening round of the Cowboy Shootout.

Antoine Hubbard scored 30 points, Enoch Davis added 26 and four other Aggies were in double figures as the Aggies advanced to Saturday night's championship game against Southern Illinois, which defeated Wyoming 92-87.

"I've never had a team score 122 points in all my 32 years of coaching. It feels really good to beat the (20th) ranked team in America," McCarthy said. "Neither one of us did a good job defensively but we did a good job of rebounding."

The Aggies shot 57.7 percent from 3-point range for the game while making 82.1 percent of their free throws.

"It was time to get a breakthrough game and I thought from the start that we could win this game," McCarthy said.

Texas Tech (7-2) jumped to an early lead with a barrage of 3-pointers, but Hubbard scored 13 points to help the Aggies (5-3) tie the score at 40-40 midway through the first period.

New Mexico State, which scored the most points against the Red Raiders since a double-overtime game against Texas in 1993-94, led 60-58 at halftime. The game remained tight through most of the second half with the lead changing hands 10 times in the first nine minutes.

But the Aggies' balanced scoring and solid second-half defense helped them take an insurmountable lead.

Texas Tech coach James Dickey agreed that neither team played stellar defense, but said the Aggies earned the victory.

"There were two things wrong with us: We were not sharp mentally and we didn't maintain our defensive intensity," he said. "Giving up 122 points is embarrassing."

Cory Carr, who had 31 points for the Red Raiders, was held scoreless over the final nine minutes. Tony Battie finished with 29 points and 14 rebounds for the Red Raiders.

NEWMEXICOST.(5-3)
Lampkin 4-7 2-2 10, E.Davis 9-13 7-7 26, Richardson 8-14 2-4 20, Reid 5-13 3-3 18, Hubbard 9-17 8-10 30, R.Davis 1-2 0-0 2, Leban 2-2 0-0 5, Goss 4-6 0-0 10, Laws 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 42-74 23-28 122.

TEXASTECH(7-2)
Carr 11-24 2-3 31, Cooper 5-9 2-3 12, Battie 10-14 9-11 29, Jones 2-3 0-0 6, Bonewitz 6-15 2-2 20, Young 1-2 0-0 3, Averil 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 37-72 15-19 105.

Alabama loses first game

By The Associated Press

Olivier Saint-Jean played in some big games in his one season at Michigan. Now he's winning big games for San Jose State.

The native of France played as a freshman with the Wolverines in 1993-94 then transferred West. Last season, he led the Spartans into the NCAA tournament for the first time in 16 years. On Friday night, he led San Jose State to a 60-59 overtime victory over No. 19 Alabama in the opening round of the Cable Car Classic.

It was the Crimson Tide's first loss of the season and the Spartans' first win over a ranked team since Dec. 21, 1979, against Ralph Sampson and Virginia.

"I'm so happy for the team," said Saint-Jean, who finished with 18 points despite having the flu. "People tend to forget San Jose State has a basketball program. Now people will have to think about us as a serious basketball program."

Alabama (10-1) certainly will.

"I feel like something ran over me. In fact, something did," Alabama coach David Hobbs said. "It takes more than one or two guys. We didn't do the things we did to get ourselves in this position."

San Jose State will play Detroit-Mercy in the championship.

In other games involving ranked teams on Friday night, it was: No. 13 Indiana 63, Colgate 48; No. 14 New Mexico 67, Bucknell 57; New Mexico State 122, No. 20 Texas Tech 105; No. 21 Maryland 66, Pittsburgh 63; No. 24 Oregon 82, Temple 62; and No. 25 Boston College 63, Central Connecticut State 53.

Thomas Lowery, a 27-year-old ex-Marine who had never scored more than eight points in a college game, had 16 for the Spartans (7-2), including two free throws with 33 seconds left in regulation that forced the overtime.

Saint-Jean's layup with 1:40 left gave the Spartans a 60-57 lead. Brian Williams hit a short jumper 25 seconds later to pull the Crimson Tide within a point, and Alabama got the ball back with 35 seconds left and one last chance to win.

After a timeout, the Crimson Tide had trouble controlling the ball and had to settle for a long 3-point attempt by Williams.

Cardinals bow to C-City squads

COLORADO CITY — The hosts were anything but gracious, as Colorado City beat up on Hermleigh Friday in the opening round of the Lone Wolf Classic.

The Lady Wolves tripped Hermleigh 70-30 while the C-City boys' varsity raced to a 103-27 victory.

In the girls' game, Kelly Gonzales hit for nine points while Ester Martinez and Brandy Wood each contributed five. Melissa Brasuel and Michelle Roemisch each put in four points.

In the boys' game, Larry Lambaren canned 13 points for the Cardinals while Jason Hernandez put in eight and Mario Gonzalez six.

College scores

EAST
Boston College 63, Cent. Connecticut St. 53
Connecticut 64, Massachusetts 61
Penn St. 75, Brigham Young 53
MIDWEST
Indiana St. 85, Chicago St. 65
Iowa 90, Austin Peay 58
Marquette 65, Dayton 61
FAR WEST
Pepperdine 77, Cal St.-Hayward 59
TOURNAMENTS
Albertsons Holiday Classic
First Round
Boise St. 72, Campbell 41
Gonzaga 90, Idaho St. 83
All-College Tournament
First Round
Oklahoma 74, W. Illinois 62
Tulsa 76, SW Texas St. 60
Arizona State-Tribune Classic
First Round
Arizona St. 74, William & Mary 57
St. Bonaventure 63, Ala.-Birmingham 61
Cable Car Classic
First Round
Detroit 84, Santa Clara 77
San Jose St. 60, Alabama 59, OT
Cessna Classic
First Round
Va. Commonwealth 94, Texas Christian 81
Wichita St. 70, Sam Houston St. 51
Cowboy Shootout
First Round
New Mexico St. 122, Texas Tech 105
S. Illinois 92, Wyoming 87
Far West Classic
First Round
Oregon 82, Temple 62
Oregon St. 72, Bradley 60
Gossner Foods Classic
First Round
Portland 62, Samford 55
Utah St. 72, Texas Southern 41
Holiday Inn Bow Tie Classic
First Round
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 72, N.C.-Asheville 69
N.C.-Wilmington 72, Maine 58
Hoosier Classic
First Round
Indiana 63, Colgate 48
Valparaiso 88, Army 48
Iona Pepsi Classic
First Round
Iona 80, Northeastern 73
Richmond 78, E. Kentucky 60
Lobo Invitational
First Round
Mississippi 75, Appalachian St. 63
New Mexico 67, Bucknell 57
Olds Spartan Classic
First Round
Michigan St. 83, Kent 64
Weber St. 92, Coppin St. 91, OT
Rainbow Classic
First Round
Hawaii 79, Northwestern 62
Maryland 66, Pittsburgh 63
Sierra Medical Center Sun Classic
First Round
Princeton 46, Texas A&M 38
Texas-El Paso 87, N. Iowa 78
Sports Foundation Classic
First Round
Boston U. 71, Loyola, Md. 51
South Florida 66, Monmouth, N.J. 57
UNO Christmas Classic
First Round
Holy Cross 61, Hampton U. 56
New Orleans 64, Harvard 59

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SPORTS

7 p.m. contest...

Red Raiders face Iowa Sunday in Alamo Bowl

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Iowa Hawkeyes have been plotting ways to combat Texas Tech running back Byron Hanspard in the Alamo Bowl. The Red Raiders face a similar problem Sunday in Sedrick Shaw.

Shaw has rushed for 4,043 yards in his college career and 1,003 yards this season, making the senior running back only the eighth player in Big Ten history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in each of three seasons.

Texas Tech defensive coordinator John Goodner knew Shaw was special, but that nugget of Big Ten history surprised him when he learned of it during the kickoff luncheon Friday.

"We knew he was a great football player coming in, but I think that really puts a challenge to our football team to be able to slow him down," Goodner said.

Shaw, whose style his coaches say is "hard to define," said he doesn't know what moves he'll make on the field until they happen.

"It's like playing on the playground — sandlot football," he said.

Though publicity has centered around Hanspard this week, Shaw, from Austin's LBJ High School, makes it clear he doesn't want to join in that discussion or be compared with the Texas Tech player.

"Byron is Byron, Sedrick is Sedrick," he said.

Shaw played on the Iowa team that was trounced by California 37-3 in the inaugural Alamo Bowl in 1993. Shaw spends little time looking back.

"I can't go back and change what happened," he said. "I have to deal with the game that's coming up this Sunday."

Stopping the Iowa run on first down will be a key goal of Texas Tech (7-4) when the Red Raiders meet No. 21 Iowa (8-3) Sunday night, Goodner said.

"If we come up second-and-5, second-and-4, second-and-7 all night to where we let people have four, five, six yards on the first down, it's hard for us to be in our rhythm," Goodner said.

His players say they are ready to get the job done.

"Our whole defense, we just like to get up there in their face," said defensive back Tony Darden.

"We play hard and we play together," added defensive tackle Corey Chandler. "It's just the swarm mentality. We kind of magnetize to wherever the ball is."

While praising the Red Raiders' overall athleticism, the Hawkeyes hinted Friday they may have found some soft spots in the Texas Tech defense. Offensive coordinator Don Patterson wouldn't divulge any details, though.

"There are no perfect football teams," Patterson said. "We're not perfect on offense, that's for sure. And Texas Tech, we think, has a few places that we might be able to take advantage of."

The Hawkeyes hope to try to thwart the Red Raiders' sometimes explosive offense by keeping it off the field as much as possible.

"The best way to control Byron Hanspard and company is to keep them over there on the bench," Patterson said "We'll do our best to do that."

Texas Tech expects Iowa quarterback Matt Sherman to be a formidable competitor.

Sherman, a junior who was both cheered and jeered by Hawkeyes fans this season, passed for 1,792 yards, completing 145 of 248 attempts.

NFL action...

Teams in playoffs didn't expect to be in 1st round

By The Associated Press

Fortified by an impressive string of Super Bowls, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Dallas always expect to be in the NFL playoffs. What they don't always expect is to be playing in the first round, which is where they are this weekend.

The Steelers, 49ers and Cowboys have won a combined 14 Super Bowls. This year, though, the road to the trophy and rings starts early for three teams accustomed to first-round byes.

Dallas entertains Minnesota in the second half of Saturday's opening doubleheader, after Jacksonville plays at Buffalo. On Sunday, Pittsburgh is at home against Indianapolis in a reprise of last year's AFC championship game, and Philadelphia plays at San Francisco.

Waiting in the wings are the four bye teams — New England and Denver in the AFC and Carolina and Green Bay in the NFC. They will be the hosts for next weekend's second-round games.

Jaguars at Bills

The second-year Jaguars (9-7) are thrilled to be in the postseason, especially after a 3-6 start. They made it when the usually dependable Morten Andersen blew a chip-shot 30-yard field goal at the end of last week's game against Atlanta.

The flip side is they must play in Rich Stadium, where the Bills (10-6) are 9-0 in playoff games. What's more, Buffalo is 10-1 in AFC playoff games during the '90s. It's only when they get to the Super Bowl that the Bills get into trouble.

Vikings at Cowboys

Without its usual playoff bye, Dallas took one last week, resting its regulars and getting blown out in the regular season finale against Washington.

The Cowboys (10-6) hope the rest restores some offense to a team that has scored more than 12 points only once in the last five games.

Minnesota (9-7) comes in with two 1,000-yard receivers in Jake Reed (1,320) and Cris Carter (1,163). The Vikings are vulnerable to the run, though, allowing 122.9 yards per game, which could be trouble against Emmitt Smith.

Colts at Steelers

A year ago, these teams played for a trip to the Super Bowl and it came down to the final play when Jim Harbaugh's desperation pass fell in the end zone.

This time, the battle is for first-round survival between a pair of beat-up teams.

The Steelers (10-6) usually thrive at home, where they are 7-1. But running back Jerome Bettis has a gimpy ankle that could slow the attack and quarterback Mike Tomczak finished the season with more interceptions (17) than touchdowns (15).

Indianapolis (9-7) was 25th in the league in offense.

Eagles at 49ers

San Francisco, beat up all year, is healthy now that the season is in the serious stage.

Steve Young has three options for the passing game in Jerry Rice, Terrell Owens and Brent Jones, so the Niners (12-4) can be expected to test Philadelphia's secondary.

For a couple of the Eagles (10-6), the game is a return home. Coach Ray Rhodes was an assistant on the 49ers staff and running back Ricky Watters played for San Francisco before coming to the Eagles as a free agent.

Georgia admits to violations

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — The University of Georgia admitted to breaking four NCAA rules involving its football program, but said six other NCAA accusations were groundless.

University president Charles Knapp said school officials will determine after a January meeting with the NCAA whether to self-impose a punishment. He also said the school will place more emphasis on educating coaches, staff and athletic representatives on NCAA rules.

NBA at glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Miami	22	7	.759	-
NewYork	19	8	.704	2
Washington	14	13	.519	7
Orlando	10	14	.417	9½
Philadelphia	8	18	.308	12½
NewJersey	7	18	.280	13
Boston	5	20	.200	15
Central Division				
Chicago	25	4	.862	-
Detroit	20	7	.741	4
Cleveland	18	9	.667	6
Atlanta	16	10	.615	7½
Charlotte	15	12	.556	9
Milwaukee	15	13	.536	9½
Indiana	13	13	.500	10½
Toronto	10	19	.345	15
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	22	6	.786	-
Utah	21	6	.778	½
Minnesota	11	17	.393	11
Dallas	9	17	.346	12
Denver	8	20	.286	14
SanAntonio	6	19	.240	14½
Vancouver	6	23	.207	16½
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	21	9	.700	-
Seattle	21	9	.700	-
Portland	15	15	.500	6
Sacramento	12	17	.414	8½
GoldenState	11	17	.393	9
L.A.Clippers	10	19	.345	10½
Phoenix	8	19	.296	11½

Thursday's Games

Toronto 98, New Jersey 96
Atlanta 108, Chicago 103
Indiana 95, Detroit 89, OT
Minnesota 88, New York 80
Miami 96, Orlando 76
Houston 101, Milwaukee 90
Golden State 113, Dallas 108
Philadelphia 118, Denver 89
Utah 99, Portland 94
Seattle 94, San Antonio 86
Sacramento 111, Vancouver 88

Friday's Games

New Jersey 105, Indiana 94
Washington 100, Toronto 82
Miami 101, Charlotte 86
Cleveland 94, Milwaukee 86
Portland 102, L.A. Clippers 98
L.A. Lakers 109, Boston 102

Saturday's Games

Orlando at New York, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Utah, 3 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Washington at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Boston at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New Jersey at Indiana, 5 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 10 p.m.

NFL playoffs

By The Associated Press

Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 28
Jacksonville at Buffalo, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
Minnesota at Dallas, 4 p.m. (ABC)
Sunday, Dec. 29
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
San Francisco, Philadelphia or Minnesota at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)
Buffalo, Jacksonville, or Indianapolis at Denver, 4 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Jan. 5
Pittsburgh, Buffalo or Jacksonville at New England, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Dallas, San Francisco or Philadelphia at Carolina, 4 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 12
TBA
Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At New Orleans
TBA, 6:18 p.m.
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Honolulu
TBA, 8 p.m.

Bowl games at glance

Thursday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Nevada 18, Ball State 15

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 44, Gray 34
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Navy 42, California 38
Friday, Dec. 27
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Syracuse 30, Houston 17
Carquest Bowl
At Miami
Miami 31, Virginia 21

Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Wisconsin 38, Utah 10
Saturday, Dec. 28
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Clemson (7-4) vs. LSU (9-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Sunday, Dec. 29
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Iowa (8-3) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Washington (9-2) vs. Colorado (9-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, Dec. 31
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Howard (9-2) vs. Southern U. (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Stanford (6-5) vs. Michigan State (6-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Auburn (7-4) vs. Army (10-1), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (10-1), 6 p.m. (CBS)
Wednesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Alabama (9-3) vs. Michigan (8-3), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
North Carolina (9-2) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Northwestern (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2), noon. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Brigham Young (13-1) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Arizona State (11-0) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Penn State (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4), 7 p.m. (CBS)
Thursday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida State (11-0) vs. Florida (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)
Saturday, Jan. 11
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
West vs. East, 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 18
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 1:30 p.m. (TBS)
Sunday, Jan. 19
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Bowl results

Miami wins shoving bowl

MIAMI (AP) — With a pregame scuffle and a bowl-game victory, the Miami Hurricanes looked like the team that once dominated college football.

Virginia battled Miami to a draw in a shoving match during warmup drills Friday, but the Hurricanes took charge when the game began and won the Carquest Bowl 31-21.

Tremain Mack scored twice on turnovers and blocked a kick Friday to help Miami claim its first bowl victory in five years.

"We seem to play well with that intimidating style," said Ryan Clement, who threw for a career-high 274 yards.

The 19th-ranked Hurricanes (9-3) took the field with an attitude reminiscent of their ill-mannered national championship teams. As they came out of the stadium tunnel 45 minutes before the game and made their way through the Virginia team conducting drills, players began pushing and shoving.

At least one Virginia player was knocked to the ground, and witnesses along the sideline said punches were thrown before coaches quickly separated the sides.

"We told them we'd beat them in boxing or on the field at the same time," Miami cornerback Earl Little said. "I guess they're 0-2 tonight."

Syracuse rips Houston

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Paul Pasqualoni never doubted that his Syracuse team would find a way to end their season with a victory.

The Orangemen beat Houston 30-17 Friday in the Liberty Bowl, capping a season started with two losses and extending their unbeaten bowl streak to eight going back to a 16-16 tie in the 1988 Sugar Bowl.

"It's the nature of the Syracuse program ...," Pasqualoni said. "Tradition is great, and football's awful important at Syracuse."

After all, his Orangemen lost to North Carolina and Minnesota before reeling off eight straight wins. A regular-season ending 38-31 loss to Miami cost them a chance at a slot in either the Carquest or Gator Bowls.

"Then they rose back up and played awfully hard (again)," he said.

Syracuse responded with its best rushing performance ever in a bowl. The Orangemen (9-3) rushed for 396 yards, its best since 348 in the 1966 Gator Bowl, and totaled 472 yards offense while holding the ball for 38 minutes.

Wisconsin wins Copper Bowl

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Wisconsin freshman Ron Dayne generated Heisman talk with his performance in the Copper Bowl.

That is welcome conjecture to coach Barry Alvarez. What he'd like to dodge is NFL talk.

"They keep talking about him as a Heisman candidate," Alvarez said Friday night after Dayne rushed for 246 yards and three touchdowns in 30 carries during a 38-10 win over Utah. "I think he is. He's special, and he can only get better."

Others wonder how long Dayne, who has breakaway speed despite his 260 pounds, will stay in college if he continues to put up the numbers he did this year. He broke Herschel Walker's 16-year-old freshman record by more than 200 yards with 1,863 before this postseason date with the Utes.

Dayne wasn't thinking along those lines, though.

"We went out with a win," he said. "The seniors got a win, and the young guys got a win."

It was a kind of redemption for the Badgers (8-5), who had an 0-4 start in their Big Ten Conference schedule, including tough losses to Penn State, Ohio State and Northwestern, before they recovered with five victories in their last six games.

"We overcame what happened in October. That's in the past, and this was the best way to finish it," said Tarek Saleh, who deflected a pass by Utah's Mike Fouts that Cyrill Weems turned into an 82-yard interception return for a game-turning TD. It was one of four that set a Copper Bowl record, doubling the previous standard held by three teams.

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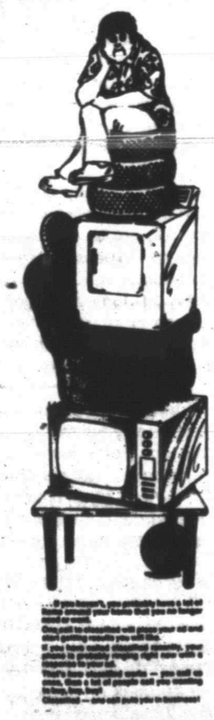
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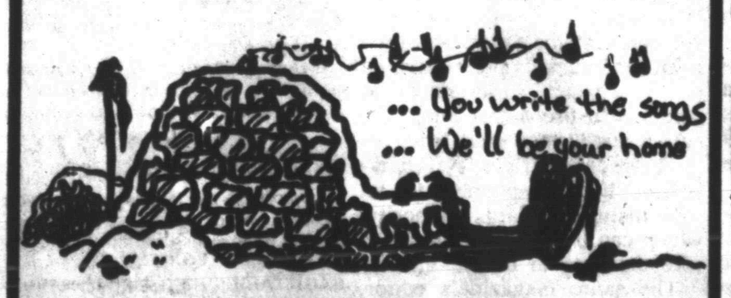
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Bids will be taken on both gasoline and diesel engines.
Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., January 17, 1997, at which time bids will be opened in the Superintendent's Office at 102 North McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas 79546, 915/735-2332. We reserve the right to reject any and/or all bids.
For more information, contact Mickey Early, Rotan Junior High School, 102 North McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas 79546. 915/735-3162 or 915/735-2332.

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BID 96-384
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Specifications may be obtained from DSA, Inc.,P.O. Box 702, Cleburne, TX 76033, 817-645-8864. Bids should be sent to Terry Hansen, Vice-President for Administrative Systems, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, 915-264-5175. Sealed bids will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on January 28, 1997 at which time they will be opened in the Tumbleweed Room of the Dora Roberts Student Center and read aloud. The Bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future Board meeting.

Technical questions should be directed to J. Phillip Furqueron, Architect, 500 Johnson Street, Big Spring, TX 79720, 915-267-3794. Bidding questions directed to Terry Hansen, Vice-President for Administrative Systems, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, 915-264-5175. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Sealed proposals for: **Partial Repainting**
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until **2:00 P.M., Thursday, January 16, 1997**

then publicly opened and read.

There will not be a formal Pre-Bid Meeting for this project. All prospective bidders are strongly advised to visit the site of the proposed work at the Texas Department of Transportation, 111 N. Ave. V, (US 84 south access road), Snyder, Texas (telephone 915-573-0142) and apprise themselves of all conditions pertaining to the proposed work.

Bidding documents, including proposal/agreement form and specifications, will be available at:
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4250 N. Clack
P.O. Box 150
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ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
Sealed proposals for 388.22 km of thermoplastic pavement markings at various locations covered by C 908-00-37 in Taylor County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 p.m., January 7, 1997, and then publicly opened and read.
It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method choosen by the bidder for delivery.
Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Lauren Garduno, P.E., Abilene, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Constructoon and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.
The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.
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On January 7, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. at the Scurry County Courthouse, Independence Funding Company, LLC, as agent for, and acting on behalf of, the United States Small Business Administration, intends to sell to the highest qualified bidder the real estate, improvements and personal property currently located at 4212 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas. We are not selling the name or Franchise Agreement in this sale. Terms will be offered to qualified buyers and the sale is subject to the United States Small Business Administration's approval. For more information, contact Steve Ray at (972) 247-1776.

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Guard Against Phone Crime By Observing Basic Rules

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago, my husband began a new career in the security business, working for a reputable company. Unfortunately, he discovered that not all security companies are reputable.

One day he came home with a frightening story. He had an emergency appointment to talk with an elderly couple in an affluent neighborhood about installing a security system. When he walked through their door, he found the house ransacked, furniture overturned and what looked like blood stains everywhere. The woman told him that they had been robbed the night before, and her husband had been hospitalized overnight after trying to protect her and their home.

That tragedy might have been prevented had she not told the man posing as a telemarketer two days earlier that she was interested in a "great security system deal." Violent thieves were, as they say in the business, "prequalifying" this couple for a crime.

Please don't tell anyone anything about yourself over the phone. If you're interested in a product or service, get recommendations from friends and neighbors, or get a company's name and telephone number from the yellow pages — and make the calls yourself. This advice is never a foolproof guarantee, but at least you're the one in control.

Thank you, Abby, for your wonderful column. I hope that with all of your past letters plus this one, the lives and property of your readers will be safeguarded.

MARY IN COVENTRY, CONN.

DEAR MARY: What a sobering warning. Because it can be difficult to distinguish between a legitimate telemarketing call and one that is not, I'm suggesting some basic rules to follow:

1. Never disclose your credit card number, bank account number or address to a stranger on the telephone.

2. Suspect anyone who tries to sell you something unseen or asks you for money in advance.

3. Remember: In order to get a "free prize," you shouldn't have to pay for anything.

4. Don't be rushed into a purchase or donation. Reputable charities and businesses are willing to mail you written material describing their programs and products. They will also give you time to think it over.

5. Pay by check or money order only — never cash. Never allow anyone to come to your home to pick up the payment or donation.

6. Call the Better Business Bureau or your state's attorney general if a telemarketer uses pressure tactics such as intimidation, threats or repeated harassing calls.

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DEAR ABBY: I disagree with your advice that "Fed Up in Milwaukee" (the woman who received only three responses to 45 invitations) should call everyone she invited and ask whether or not they plan to attend.

Abby, why is it her responsibility to track down all those ill-mannered people who are too lazy to pick up the phone?

I have a suggestion for "Fed Up": Call the three people who did respond and cancel the party, with apologies. Then plan something nice for you and your husband for that date: a play, a special dinner, anything so you are not at home that evening. Wait for the surprised reactions of those who didn't respond but showed up at your house expecting a party.

I did this once. After that, those who were invited to my home and wanted to come let me know in advance, just as my invitation requested.

SENIOR IN
SAN CLEMENTE, CALIF.

DEAR SENIOR: Although not everyone would be comfortable following your suggestion, it shows creativity plus a healthy dose of "chutzpah," and teaches a valuable lesson.

Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: The 1997 VISION USA program is about to get under way, and once again we hope you will help to spread the news that low-income workers with no health insurance can apply to this program for free eye care. We are among 8,000 optometrists who, for the last six years, have volunteered our services to provide more than 200,000 children and adults with needed eye care.

Last year, one of our VISION USA patients was an elementary school student who was legally blind due to a congenital vision problem. This child had gone without glasses for two years because there was no money to replace the pair that had broken. With help from us, the Indiana University School of Optometry and the Ronald McDonald Foundation, this child received an eye exam, a low vision evaluation, glasses, a lighted stand magnifier and a special pair of filter sunglasses.

Most of the approximately 200,000 people who have received care through VISION USA don't have such dramatic situations. However, the American Optometric Association, which sponsors the program, reports that nine out of 10 have eye health or vision problems that can interfere with their ability to work or go to school. Some have sight-threatening conditions such as glaucoma.

Abby, we appreciate your passing the word along to your readers. There are many people out there who need eye care and could benefit from VISION USA.

DEBRA McCONNAHA, O.D.,
LILIEN VOGL, O.D.,
RICHARD SCHAMERLOH, O.D.,
INDIANAPOLIS

DEAR DRS. McCONNAHA, VOGL AND SCHAMERLOH: I'm pleased once again to alert my readers to your worthwile volunteer program.

To qualify for free eye care, persons must have a job or live in a household where there is one working member; have no health insurance of any kind; have an income below an established level based on household size; and have had no eye examination within the last two years. (Eligibility requirements may vary in some states.)

From Jan. 2-31, 1997, low-income working people and their families can be screened for eligibility for the 1997 VISION USA program by calling 1-800-766-4466. Phone lines will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (CST). Because phone lines are sometimes very busy, it may be easier to apply by mail. Application forms are available from VISION USA, 243 Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141. (Completed forms must be postmarked by Jan. 25.)

The comprehensive eye exams will be given in optometrists' private offices in March, coinciding with the celebration of Save Your Vision Week, March 2-8.

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DEAR ABBY: In your column concerning the late Harry S. Truman, you made a grammatical error. You wrote: Your story about Harry Truman does not surprise me.

Abby, you should have said "astonish," not "surprise." To help you avoid making this mistake in the future, I offer this true story:

Shortly after he published his first dictionary, Noah Webster's wife came home and found Noah in bed with the maid. She shouted, "Noah ... I am surprised!"

He then sat up in bed, shook his head ruefully and said, "No, Madame, *you* are astonished. I am surprised."

NORMAN M. HULINGS JR.,
TULSA, OKLA.

DEAR ABBY: Add this to your list of things for which Harry Truman can be admired:

When Truman's term as president expired, he and Bess were offered the use of the presidential train to make their trip back to Independence, Mo.

He turned down the offer. Harry and Bess left Washington with Harry driving their relatively old Dodge automobile.

CALVIN S. HOLM,
THIENSVILLE, WIS.

DEAR MR. HOLM: According to an archivist at the Truman Library, you have your stories mixed up. After a farewell luncheon in Washington with Cabinet members, Harry and Bess returned to Independence by train on Jan. 20, 1953. When the train arrived the next night, they were welcomed by an enthusiastic hometown crowd. But they did drive their new Chrysler back to Washington in June of 1953 to visit friends.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Pilot program offers more Medicare options

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare recipients could sign up with health networks organized by coalitions of doctors and hospitals — or use doctors outside of their managed health care system for an extra fee, under a government pilot program to start this week.

The test, beginning Wednesday, is aimed at encouraging more of Medicare's 38 million beneficiaries to choose managed care plans, which restrict the choice of providers but offer additional benefits such as vision care or lower co-payments. Less than 5 million Medicare recipients choose managed care now — even though it saves the government money.

The first phase of the program will be available to Medicare beneficiaries in Philadelphia, Houston, Orlando, Fla., and southern Virginia, the Health Care Financing Administration said Friday.

Later in 1997, the demonstration is expected to include 19 health care plans in Florida, California, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Montana, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas.

The pilot was created after the agency noticed that in some cities, managed care was widely used in the private sector but not among Medicare beneficiaries, said Barbara Cooper, director of the Office of Research and Demonstrations.

The demonstration is meant to see if adding more options would encourage more enrollment, she said.

Medicare recipients now must choose between a traditional fee-for-service plan and a Health Maintenance Organization, or HMO, where all care is delivered by providers within the network.

Under the demonstration, new options will include:

—Provider-sponsored networks, which are like HMOs but organized by coalitions of doctors and hospitals (available in Orlando, Philadelphia and Houston).

—Preferred-provider organizations, or PPOs, which allow users to go outside the network but attach a financial penalty (available in Philadelphia).

—A hybrid plan, where one plan offers an HMO, a PPO and a point-of-service plan, which allows limited out-of-network services with higher penalties (available in rural southern Virginia).

The demonstrations are also testing a new way for the government to pay managed care organizations for their services. The current system leads to overpayments because those who enroll in HMOs tend to be healthier, Cooper said. The new system will do more careful analysis to determine payments, she said.

Five face alleged gang rape charges

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — A judge refused to throw out charges against a former ABC-TV casting director and four other men accused of sodomizing an aspiring male actor.

"This is one of the most troubling cases I've had to deal with in many years," Judge Charles Rubin said Thursday.

The actor claims casting director Jerry Marshall invited him to his home in August 1993 to meet some ABC executives. Once there, he said he was drugged, bound and gang-raped by Marshall and the others, who were not ABC employees.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Orders for big-ticket durable goods drops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders for big-ticket durable goods slipped unexpectedly in November for the first time in three months as demand for electronic equipment such as circuit boards and communications gear waned.

But analysts said despite the drop in the often-volatile orders report, the economy is growing moderately.

"Nineteen-ninety-seven will be another good year for manufacturing," contended economist Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa.

Carl Palash, an economist at MCM MoneyWatch in New York, agreed, saying if the volatility is stripped away, the report "shows demand is on an uptrend but at a moderate pace."

Orders for durable goods fell 1.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted $171.8 billion, the Commerce Department reported Friday. It was the first decline since a 3.6 percent drop in August. Many analysts had expected a 0.5 percent gain.

But the report also showed orders grew 0.5 percent in October, stronger than the department's anemic 0.1 percent estimate a month ago.

Durable goods orders are a key gauge of the nation's manufacturing sector. For the year so far, they are 6 percent higher than during the same period a year ago.

The drop in November was due largely to a 9.3 percent plunge in orders for electronic and other electrical equipment, which had shot up 16.9 percent a month earlier.

"November was just a pull back from an extraordinarily high level," Zandi said.

And economist Sung Won Sohn of the Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis said there are signs that orders for such items as semiconductors and telephone equipment already have started to rebound.

The drop was welcomed by financial markets because it suggested the economy is not growing at an inflationary pace and that the Federal Reserve is less likely to raise interest rates to curb inflation.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 14.23 points at a record 6,560.91, surpassing its previous closing high of 6,547.79 on Nov. 25. Bond prices also were higher.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department reported that new claims for jobless benefits fell by 15,000 last week to 335,000. Many analysts had expected a smaller 5,000 decline from the previous week's 350,000 level, highest since last July.

The less-volatile, four-week moving average of new weekly claims dropped to 341,250 from 342,250 the previous week.

"The report is consistent with moderate but healthy growth" in the labor market, Sohn said.

Transportation orders were unchanged in November as demand for automobiles and other items were offset by a 34 percent decline for aircraft.

Excluding transportation, orders were off 2.2 percent, also the first drop since August and the largest decline since a 2.4 percent decrease in January 1993.

But orders for industrial machinery and equipment including computers and household appliances posted a 0.3 percent gain, the first advance since July, while bookings for primary metals rose 0.2 percent, also the first increase since July.

Orders for nonmilitary capital goods excluding aircraft fell 1.6 percent, erasing an identical 1.6 percent gain in October.

These orders often are a barometer of business plans to expand and modernize.

Local police respond to various complaints

Snyder area peace officers responded to complaints involving juveniles Friday and early Saturday morning, but otherwise witnessed a quiet 24-hour period.

Billy Kirkpatrick requested an officer at 7:53 a.m. Friday to report that his billfold had been stolen from the Town & Country convenience store. A report for theft was filed and Garza and Nolan authorities were asked to look for a couple in an older model blue vehicle with New Mexico license plates.

A man came to the police station at 9:08 a.m. Friday to report his 15-year-old daughter as a runaway. The girl was located with another subject at 2:22 p.m. in the Cinema I&II parking lot.

Neva Hoyle contacted police at 9:54 a.m. Friday in reference to a 6-year-old boy being at Mason's Automotive without a parent. An older cousin advised the child had wandered from a residence and all was in order when police left.

A woman requested an officer in the 1200 block of 24th Street at 11:35 a.m. Friday to report that a male juvenile had kicked some rocks out of her yard and into the street. The boy cleaned up the rocks.

At 1:44 p.m. Friday, firemen were called to a grass fire at Highway 208 and FM 1606.

A woman called police from TJ's at 11:12 p.m. Friday to report that several subjects were involved in a fight. Police transported the juveniles to the Law Enforcement Center and completed offense reports for assault. The juveniles were released to their parents.

Tony Anderson contacted police from Town & Country at 12:06 a.m. Saturday to report that some subjects had left without paying for $4.25 in gasoline. The vehicle was located in Garza County and arrangements were made for payment of the gasoline.

At 1:03 a.m. Saturday, police responded to a 911 call involving Class A assault/family violence.

The fire department and DPS responded to an accident at 1:08 a.m. Saturday on Brick Plant Road. No accident report was available Saturday morning.

Births

Larry and Amy Cantrell Vanwey of Carrollton are parents of a daughter, Ashlyn Shantell. She was born on Dec. 13 weighing eight pounds, three ounces. Ashlyn Shantell was welcomed home by a brother, Logan.

Billy and Lila Cantrell of Snyder and James and Joan Williams of Decatur are grandparents. Her great-grandmother is Geneva McKinley of Snyder.

Lisa and Eric Nachlinger of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Logan Cleve Nachlinger, on Dec. 16 in Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City. He weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Sandra Chambers of Snyder, and the late Cleve Chambers. Paternal grandparents are Butch and Shad Nachlinger of Hermleigh.

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Royalty comes to Di's defense

LONDON (AP) — Despite her divorce from Prince Charles, Buckingham Palace is still coming to the defense of Princess Diana.

The palace lodged an official complaint against a magazine for faking a photo of Diana decked out in leather and holding a whip. The Insider's Dec. 17 newspaper ad wished readers "a spanking New Year."

Diana remains a member of the royal family and is protected by a ban against unsanctioned commercial use of her images, a palace spokesman said Friday.

The royal family's lord chamberlain has complained to an Advertising Standards Authority, which can try to block the ad or take the case to court.

The satire magazine's editor, Tim Satchell, was unrepentant Friday, saying that he thought Diana "looked quite stunning in the outfit."

Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 30, 1996

Several constructive relationships with people in your field are indicated for the year ahead. You will help them and they will acknowledge you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Unfortunately, you might not be able to operate as independently as you would like today. An ineffective associate may cause problems. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Think carefully before requesting a special favor from a close friend today. She might want to help you, but she might not be in a position to do so.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A significant personal objective can be achieved today, provided you do not tie yourself down with an associate who lacks initiative.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to move around today; you should not be lethargic. Select activities that stimulate your circulation. If you are more active, you will succeed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The behavior of someone to whom you're closely attached might irritate you today. However, if you ignore the infractions, the situation will return to normal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Commitments you make early in the day should be acknowledged and completed as promised. Keep your word, regardless of how much it may inconvenience you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you schedule your time well today, you'll find little ways to resolve situations that have annoyed you. This experience will be rewarding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The temptation to buy more than you can afford could be strong today. Your will is weak, so be prudent and careful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will have only a flimsy excuse today for not clearing up an unpleasant development. It will have to be resolved eventually, so why not do it now?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your charisma will be very appealing to members of the opposite sex today. However, try not to flirt, because your actions could be misunderstood.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This could be a profitable day for you, provided you focus your mind on business. Forgo pleasurable distractions until after you close your deal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Important matters should be attended to as early in the day as possible. You will be fast out of the starting blocks, but you might lack staying power.

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Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 29, 1996

It will be better not to alter your mode of operation in the year ahead, especially in regard to a project you've been nurturing patiently. You are on the right track.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may feel lazy today. This will be OK as long as you don't have anything important to do. However, if you neglect an important responsibility, you will regret it later. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you decide to invest in a risky venture today, don't involve your friends. If the deal goes sour, you might lose your friends as well as your money.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Unfortunately, you might be judged solely on your outward appearance today. Therefore, you should make an effort to act and look your best.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even though no one will grade the quality of your work today, complete your assignments as if someone were. Take pride in what you do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to be prudent regarding your financial expenditures today. Do not let friends persuade you to engage in expensive activities that you cannot afford.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In your eagerness to please or impress others today, you must take care not to get involved in anything that does not serve your best interests.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Generosity is usually one of your most admirable virtues, but don't give away too much today. Try to find the right balance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to collect a long-standing debt, it might be necessary to confront the debtor more aggressively than you have in the past.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you yield to pressure from an associate too easily today, you might make a decision that will benefit him, but it will not be good for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try not to place your burdens on someone else's back today. If this person does not fulfill his obligation, you will not have much room to maneuver.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone you encounter socially today may not be what he appears to be on the surface. Try to look underneath this person's charming exterior.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It will be important for you to think for yourself today. If you permit others to make decisions for you, you might have regrets in the future.

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Marvel Comics seeks bankruptcy protection

NEW YORK (AP) — Not even Spiderman, Captain America and the Incredible Hulk could save Marvel Entertainment Group from its creditors.

The comic-publishing company filed for bankruptcy protection Friday because of debt and a clash of corporate executives.

Marvel's downfall began when the comic and trading card boom of the late '80s and '90s began to wane and competition increased.

Further complicating the plot was the intrigue pitting Marvel owner Ronald Perelman against bondholder Carl Icahn, both renowned takeover artists.

Marvel was once a stock-market superhero that made big money for investors. Adjusted for stock splits, the price climbed 16-fold past $34 about 2½ years after it was sold to the public in 1991.

The stock closed at $2.37½ on Thursday, down 12½ cents. Marvel trading was halted Friday on the New York Stock Exchange following the bankruptcy news.

"It's been pretty disappointing," said Alexander Paris Jr., senior investment analyst at Barrington Research Associates Inc. in Chicago. "The Marvel brand has a lot of intangible value. It's going to survive one way or the other."

So far, though, Perelman, who owns about 81 percent of Marvel through his Andrews Group and other companies, has been doing everything in his power to keep the company. Touching off the bankruptcy filing was the unwillingness of creditors, including Icahn, to accept a Perelman restructuring plan.

Under that plan, Perelman would have spent $350 million for about 80 percent of new Marvel shares. Perelman then would have merged Marvel with another company, Toy Biz Inc., which has enough cash flow and assets to shore up Marvel's finances.

Icahn rejected Perelman's plan, saying it would give Perelman control of the company for a fraction of its value. Icahn suggested instead a $350 million takeover of the company by himself and other bondholders.

Now, the U.S. bankruptcy court in Delaware, where Marvel is incorporated, will have to sort it out.

"We would have preferred to recapitalize Marvel without having to seek the aid of the court, but the actions and positions taken by the bondholders prevented that approach," Scott Sassa, chairman and chief executive of Marvel, said in a statement.

Icahn responded with a statement of his own, calling the bankruptcy court filling "unconscionable."

"It is patently clear that Ron Perelman has adopted this course to realize a windfall profit for himself at the expense of those to whom he owes a fiduciary responsibility," Icahn said.

Andrews responded by characterizing Icahn's position as "disingenuous."

The bankruptcy of Marvel is part takeover battle, part entertainment-industry story. Icahn, who invests in the debt of distressed companies, has enjoyed his share of successes. So has Perelman.

Marvel Entertainment Group's comic and trading card businesses, however, are struggling. That has caused real problems for Marvel, which were exacerbated by acquisitions that piled on debt.

In its filing, Marvel Entertainment, which is based in New York, listed assets of $229.6 million and liabilities of $693.2 million.

In addition to the slowing of comic collecting, Marvel also has been hurt by a decline in the market for baseball, football and other sports cards after acquiring the makers of Fleer and SkyBox trading cards a few years ago. Sports industry labor troubles didn't help the popularity of player cards.

Marvel, though, plans to invest in and expand both businesses through its bankruptcy reorganization plan, which includes $160 million in borrowed funds from Chase Manhattan Bank and Marvel's other lenders.

Marvel's plan includes Marvel Studios' development of television and film properties, Marvel Mania theme restaurants and Marvel interactive software, Sassa said.

Newlyweds die in plane crash

AUSTIN (AP) — A newlywed Austin couple died when their single-engine plane crashed shortly after visiting family in Del Rio on Christmas Day.

After a day of searching, the Civil Air Patrol found the bodies of Cary and Jamie Lindley on Friday among the wreckage of the Cessna 210 airplane Cary Lindley was flying, said Lt. Col. Fred Deyeso, mission coordinator.

While returning to Austin, the plane crashed about 25 miles north of Brackettville in an isolated area Deyeso described as a graveyard for aircraft.

The abundant hills and sparsely populated terrain north of Brackettville can make it difficult for pilots to fly because there are few lights on the ground to help pilots of small aircraft orient themselves, Deyeso said.

Brackettville is about 160 miles southwest of Austin, near the U.S.-Mexico border at Del Rio and Ciudad Acuna.

Cary Lindley, a 37-year-old real estate broker with Robinson Management Corp., graduated from the University of Texas, where he had been a member of a piloting club, said his brother-in-law Alan Givens.

Jamie Lindley, 32, grew up in San Antonio and attended Texas A&M University. She was an administrative assistant for ABC Pest Control.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators on Friday were beginning an evaluation to determine why the small plane went down.

Berry's World



Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is blood pressure still too high?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 71 years old and healthy. About a year ago, my doctor found my blood pressure to be high (160/90) — one reading only — and prescribed beta-blocker medicine. Almost immediately, I felt constantly lightheaded.

Subsequently, I began checking my own blood pressure at home. It never got above 110/75, so I stopped the medicine. Since then, I've felt fine and my (home) blood pressures have rarely exceeded 130/80. Do I need the medication? Should my doctor have obtained other blood pressure readings before committing me to therapy?

DEAR READER: To answer your last question first: yes.

People in doctors' offices are often nervous and tense. This psychological stress can raise the blood pressure, often to hypertensive levels (above 150/90).

Therefore, when I examine a patient with apparent hypertension, I usually obtain several blood pressure readings (on that day and others) to determine the pattern. If the blood pressure falls, I diagnose "white-coat hypertension," a common and harmless condition that needs no treatment.

On the other hand, if the reading remains above normal, I'll consider therapy — and often request that the patient purchase a blood pressure machine (available in most pharmacies) to monitor the level at home.

I'm sometimes surprised at the results.

Many patients, off therapy, have normal blood pressures at home. For them, therapy may be unnecessary. At the very least, however, I can better assess the situation and, with the patient's cooperation, can modify the dosages of anti-hypertensive medication.

You were probably over-treated. Your lightheadedness indicated too low a blood pressure (confirmed by your home readings, which I assume were accurate). Thus, to answer your first question: You may not need the medicine.

I suggest that you bring this phenomenon to your physician's attention, because it's not wise to change or stop medicine without the doctor's knowledge. I'm certain that he will be interested in the discrepancies between his readings and yours. He'll learn from your experience, and you won't be walking around like a zombie.

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

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I understand that all of us should reduce the amount of fat in our diets. Because sugar is turned into fat, should it be limited as well?

DEAR READER: You're correct that Americans should eat less fat. Such a dietary modification would help us keep trim and reduce the dangers of high cholesterol, such as heart attack and stroke.

Sugar is either burned for energy or stored (as fat) to be used later. Therefore, the answer to your question depends on how much you weigh.

If you are slim and active (and don't have diabetes), a modest amount of sweets in your diet is acceptable — maybe even necessary as an energy source.

In contrast, if you are overweight and sedentary, you could probably shed a few unwanted pounds by reducing your sugar intake — or even eliminating it altogether. Sugar won't increase blood cholesterol levels, but it surely will provide unwanted, "empty" calories.

Sugar is not a necessary dietary staple. Starches — such as bread, potatoes and pasta — turn into sugar when they're digested, so you won't be short-changing your nutritional needs by moderating your consumption of cane sugar and corn syrup (a commercial sweetener).

Again, it's basically a question of your weight.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is fibromyalgia? I was told by two doctors that this is what I have.

DEAR READER: This broad term encompasses a constellation of symptoms caused by several afflictions, including virus infections, Lyme disease, occupational strain, "rheumatism," and others.

Fibromyalgia occurs mainly in women. Symptoms of muscle pain, stiffness and tenderness, in association with soreness in surrounding tissues, are likely to be intensified by stress, insomnia and exposure to dampness or cold. Such patients are often healthy, competitive, tense, and anxious. Many are depressed.

The diagnosis is made by the characteristic patterns of the achiness and by the exclusion of other physical ailments, such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus and thyroid disorders. Screening blood tests are normal, as are X-rays and biopsies. In short, the exact cause of fibromyalgia is unknown, and there are no standard tests which predict its presence.

Treatment consists primarily of supportive reassurance (that the affliction, although troublesome, is benign), stretching exercises, application of heat, massage, medication to improve sleep, and anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen. Some patients respond to anti-depressants; others require cortisone injections into the most tender areas.

According to many authorities, the key element of successful therapy is a sympathetic physician who takes his patients' complaints seriously and is willing to provide encouragement and treatment to relieve the psychological (as well as the physical) discomfort.

Thus, the important facts for patients to grasp are that fibromyalgia is not a hazard to health, should not significantly interfere with the normal level of activity, and usually disappears over time — although recurrences are common.

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To mourn dead protester...

Opposition calls off daily protest

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Thousands of people walked through the snow to pay their last respects Saturday to a man who became the first fatality of demonstrations against Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

At least 10,000 mourners joined the funeral procession for Predrag Starcevic, who died Tuesday after a severe beating by Milosevic's supporters. That day's violence was the first in more than a month of peaceful protests against the annulment of Nov. 17 local elections won by the opposition.

The three opposition leaders — Vuk Draskovic, Zoran Djindjic, and Vesna Pesic — walked slowly behind the black hearse, along with Starcevic's widow, 10 Orthodox priests bearing lighted candles and 50 mourners carrying wreaths. At the front of the procession was a wooden cross and the victim's portrait.

The church bells pealed in lightly falling snow, and a brass band accompanied the procession to the grave. After the burial, mourners filled nearby streets and, as they have during their protests, blew whistles and small horns.

Draskovic on Friday called on opposition supporters to attend the funeral. About 60,000 of them had gathered in defiance of riot police and celebrated a report that backed their election victories.

Under U.S. pressure, Serbian authorities had called on the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to assess the elections. The group, made up of 54 nations, sent former Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez on a fact-finding mission to Belgrade last weekend.

In his report Friday, Gonzalez said the opposition coalition Zajedno, or "Together," won elections in 13 communities, including Serbia's second-largest city of Nis, and in nine districts of Belgrade. That means the the capital would have its first non-communist mayor since World War II.

Murphy alert and improved

Wesley Murphy, the 11-year-old who choked on a plastic cap two days before Christmas, gave his family a special present Friday. He was alert and opened some Christmas gifts.

Murphy remains in the pediatric intensive care unit at University Medical Center in Lubbock, but hospital officials have upgraded his condition from critical to "serious, but stable."

Murphy, a sixth grader, was awake Friday and wrote notes to his family. Later in the day, he opened a few Christmas gifts.

Murphy, who now lives in Denton, was in Snyder visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Combest, when he became choked Monday evening. The grandparents called Snyder EMS, who transported him to Cogdell Hospital. Later that evening, he was air lifted to UMC.

Murphy is the son of Debra Graham of Denton and Ben Murphy of Snyder.

Soviet invasion...

After three months in power, Taliban observes anniversary

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Thousands of burly Taliban soldiers, rifles slung over their shoulders, wept as they listened to tales of Islamic martyrdom against the communists.

On the sprawling grounds of the interior ministry, Taliban cabinet ministers — many barely out of their teens — fidgeted in their seats as they marked the Dec. 27, 1979, Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

When the Soviets marched in to prop up a regime they had installed earlier to fight Islamic insurgents, many of the Taliban were small children. Now they are the country's rulers.

"God is great," they shouted in unison during the ceremony this week. Their black beards — required of all Muslim men in Kabul — quivered with emotion.

The Taliban took control of the capital just three months ago, throwing out warring Islamic factions whose members were once hailed as heroes for their part in the 1992 collapse of the communist regime.

The Taliban, led by former seminary students, emerged nearly three years ago as an alternative to the factions, whose relentless battles for power had virtually destroyed Kabul. About 35,000 people have died in the conflict in the last four years, and hundreds of thousands more have been wounded or left homeless.

The Taliban preach a strict and unforgiving form of Islam, and condemn former President Burhanuddin Rabbani and his military chief, Ahmed Shah Massood, as enemies of Islam.

Within hours of taking over Kabul on Sept. 27, Taliban troops meted out their form of Islamic justice to another man they considered an enemy of Islam — former communist president Najibullah.

They dragged him from the United Nations compound where he had lived since his ouster in April 1992. They tortured both him and his brother, shot them and hung their bloodied and bloated bodies in front of the presidential palace.

Now in control of nearly two-thirds of the country, the Taliban say their version of Islamic rule is the only way.

"Only the Taliban is capable of the holy war necessary to control the country," trumpeted the official daily newspaper, Shariat, in banner headlines marking the 17th anniversary of the Soviet invasion.

The Taliban's enemies disagree.

Rabbani and Massood have formed an alliance with a former communist, Rashid Dostum, a powerful ethnic Uzbek warlord. The alliance has a formidable army which controls the northern one-third of Afghanistan.

Taliban Information Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi recently said the only settlement possible is one that grants the Taliban's reclusive leader Mullah Mohammed Omar absolute power.

But the alliance wants a power-sharing arrangement that gives representation to the country's minorities. Alliance members all belong to the country's ethnic subgroups .

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Obituaries

Jeremy Davis

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MATADOR — Funeral service was set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church for Jeremy Davis, 23, of Bronte. Graveside service was set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Davis, the brother of Jenifer Sands of Snyder, died Thursday, Dec. 26, in a one vehicle accident on Highway 277, one mile south of Bronte. His fiancee, Mitzi Walters of San Angelo, was also killed in the accident.

Born in Fort Worth, Mr. Davis was a graduate of Motley County High School in 1991, and had attended Western Texas College. He worked as a correctional officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the San Angelo Wilderness Camp. He was a Baptist.

Survivors also include two daughters, Megan Lynn Davis and Morgan Elizabeth Davis, both of Mesquite; his parents, Bob and Rosalee Davis of Matador; a brother, Dustin Davis of Canyon; his grandparents. R.W. and Lorraine Davis of Lubbock; and a nephew, Zachary Davis of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Foundation.

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What's Up?

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "The Origin of the Church," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Girls softball meeting

Anyone interested in girls softball is invited to a meeting set for 2 p.m. Jan. 5 in the Reef Chemical office.

Volleyball fund-raiser

Snyder's Lady Tigers volleyball team is holding its annual fund-raiser. The team is offering a Win Win Discount Card, good for savings at 15 local businesses. The cards are $5 each and good for one year. For information, call Patty Grimmett at 573-6301 or 573-9416.

SNS accepting applications

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is accepting applications for its 1997 workday. Applications may be picked up at Sam Robertson's Insurance Agency, the chamber of commerce or West Elementary and returned to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Texas, 79550. Applications will also appear randomly in the Snyder Daily News.

Applications are due by Jan. 15. To be considered, applicants must own and be living in the house, be current on taxes and be age 65 or older or disabled.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
1-9-0
(one, nine, zero)

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-12-15-21.
Estimated jackpot: $33,352 million.
Number matching five of five: 6.
Matching four of five: 931. Prize: $322.
Matching three of five: 25,971. Prize: $19.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

McDonald's shooting victim dies; two hurt

VALLEJO, Calif. (AP) — A gunman walked inside a McDonald's restaurant and shot three female employees in the head, laughing as he opened fire. One of the workers died Friday and two were hospitalized.

The young women were standing in front of the restaurant counter after finishing an employee meeting Thursday night when the man entered.

"He walked up to them, shot all three of them and walked out," Vallejo police spokesman Al Lehman said. "No robbery, no words spoken. He just shot them and left."

There was only one customer in the restaurant at the time of the shooting. She was not injured. The gunman fled on foot.

One of the victims, 17-year-old Melanie Boncato, was taken to John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, where she died Friday, a nursing supervisor said.

Mercedez Manuel, 21, was in stable condition Friday with gunshot wounds to her head, arm and leg. Larlenel Sapinso, 17, was in stable condition with a superficial head wound.

Police said Friday they had not been able to find the gunman, but added that a composite drawing resembles a former employee at the restaurant. They didn't release the worker's name and couldn't locate him.

Meanwhile, the department pulled investigators in to talk with the victims' families and other McDonald's employees. Tips to a hot line were coming in, but none were promising.

The restaurant, located near Interstate 80 in a busy commercial center, remained closed Friday.

Gunman gives up after firing shots at hair salon

SKOKIE, Ill. (AP) — A man who fired several shots into the ceiling of a shopping mall beauty salon and took a woman employee hostage surrendered to police Friday night after a seven-hour standoff.

No one was hurt. Police said the gunman apparently was the former boyfriend of a hairdresser at the Mario Tricoci Hair Salon and Day Spa in this northern suburb of Chicago. She was taken to a hospital for a psychological examination, police said.

"All of a sudden, just maybe 100 people came running around the corner," said Jeanne Deininger, who watched from a nearby shoe store. "They had no coats on, just black smocks, foil in their hair."

Moments later, police came running from the opposite direction toward the two-story salon with their guns drawn, she said.

Police sealed off part of the shopping center and negotiated with the gunman by phone. Sgt. Robert Mason said the suspect was "not real talkative. He says he just doesn't care."

Later on, though, police started making progress on the phone.

"One of his greatest fears was that if he didn't work things out right, he would be shot when he came out. We had to assure him he wouldn't be shot," Mason said.

After meeting face-to-face with a negotiator, the man surrendered, Mason said.

Police believed the gunman was armed with a 9 mm handgun.

The woman who was held has worked at the salon for about three years, said Anthony Christiano, a regional manager for Mario Tricoci.

Police had been called twice in recent weeks after the man reportedly hit the woman, most recently about a week ago in the mall's parking lot.

Police were in the process of getting an arrest warrant for that assault when the gunman came to the salon Friday, Mason said.

Gogi Gataric, assistant manager at the Learning Smith store in the mall, said customers from about nine stores had been evacuated as police and firefighters surrounded the salon.

Some clerks were letting in shoppers eager to scoop up post-Christmas bargains through side doors and back doors.

"Bullets are bullets, but a sale is a sale," said Charley Darbo, who works at a store that was sealed off. He did not want the store named.

Next dining trend

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The next trend in U.S. dining? Chef-restaurateur Wolfgang Puck predicts greater Asian influence.

"I definitely think the influence of Asia in our cooking will expand, because very few people in America know how to make French food really well — or even Italian food," Puck said.

NE discovering what's good for environment

New program teaches students the benefits of composting

Through lecture and "hands on" experience, four fifth grade classes at Northeast are having fun as they learn how to help the environment and preserve space in landfills through composting and vermicomposting.

The "Environmental Bulletin" defines composting as a "simple biological process that breaks down leaves, grass clippings, wood chips, brush and food into a dark, odorless, nutrient-rich organic product."

According to the publication, vermicomposting (worm composting) "involves using worms to turn food scraps, newspapers and cardboard into a rich compost, which can be added to potted plants, lawns or gardens.

"Advantages are that it takes less space and it is less work than a compost bin which involves big piles that have to be turned."

Earlier this month, Shelby McDuff, an instructor for Earthworks, brought composting to life through classroom instruction and hands on experience for students under teachers Laurie Grinslade, Ann Uptergrove, Rebekah Thornton and Page Shaw.

Through the grant-supported Junior Master Composter Program developed by Earthworks, these Northeast students have established a compost bin outside and a worm composting bin in the building.

Students have been learning the basic steps in constructing a compost pile, from selecting a level area near a water source to what materials to layer in the enclosed bin, which had been set up prior to the start of the seminar.

To build the compost pile, students took turns emptying bags of leaves and cotton seed meal and watering them with a hose. They also brought material from home.

Before the Christmas break, they continued to monitor the pile, including daily temperature readings and measurements.

Ideally, the compost pile should be four to five feet high. The pile should be turned every week or so and watered until damp.

The compost pile should reach temperatures up to 160 degrees within a few days. Prior to the Christmas break, the temperature had reached 111 degrees.

Depending on materials used, water requirement and how high the pile is, the composting process could last from a few weeks to many months.

Settlement is a sign that the pile is working properly.

Compost is ready to be used when the decomposition process is completed. The compost should be dark brown in color, crumbly and have an earthy smell.

Using compost returns organic matter to the soil. Compost is an excellent soil conditioner for even the smallest yard and garden.

Teachers and students are very enthusiastic about the ongoing project.

According to Thornton, "The composting seminar...really opened some eyes, and not just the students.'"

She said they learned terms and the importance of composting on the first day, as well as regular and vermicomposting. Just hearing about composting at first didn't raise a great deal of enthusiasm.

However, her students really "woke up" the second day when what they had learned was applied to a real composting experience. That's when the steps they had learned became concrete to them, Thornton said.

"The seminar stressed the importance of taking care of the future with simple techniques taking a little time and at practically no cost. Sometimes children feel they don't have anything to contribute, but I believe that they saw a way to be helpful with materials that they could lay their hands on," she said.

Thornton added that the really big hit was the worm composting. Students were able to handle the worms, identify the parts of a worm and find out how composting can make a difference, espe-

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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman





LEARN BY DOING — Northeast students are learning all about composting. Elbert Williams (left photo) hoses down the leaves in their outdoor compost bin as Chad Martin, Alfredo Hernandez, Nickki McKinney, Jeremy Stout, Brooke Peterson and Cody Elder look on. Shelby McDuff, instructor, (right photo) shows Peter Perez how to pour cotton seed meal over the leaves while Lee Presswood, principal, looks on. Ty Collier can be seen in the background. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

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News and Views

BOOK FEATURE

"Winning's Only Part of the Game," by Bobby, Terry & the Bowden Family.

The Bowdens are the First Family of college football. Bobby, the father, built the winningest program of the decade at Florida State. Son Terry led an Auburn team into the top tier. Even the Bowdens not directly involved in sports, are achievers. Here for the first time, in a family dialogue, the Bowdens talk frankly about the passions and pressures of their lives. They talk about balancing work and family, coping with defeat, and managing success.

NEW NON-FICTION

"Black Profiles in Courage," by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

"This Noble Land: My Vision for America," by James Michener.

"The Great American Web Book," by Raphael Sagalyn.

"Stress Fractures," by Charles R. Swindoll.

NEW FICTION

"The Wolf Strain: A Western Trio," by Max Brand.

"The Third Twin," by Ken Follet.

"M is for Malice," by Sue Grafton.

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

"Grandpa Baxter and the Photographs," by Caroline Castle.

"I Want a Blue Banana!" by Joyce Dunbar.

"Grandmas at Bat," by Emily Arnold McCully.

"Scramcat," by Linda Jennings.

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Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Beef-Macaroni-Cheese Casserole
Whole Kernel Corn
Turnip Greens
Sliced Onion
Toasted Garlic Bread
Apple Crisp

TUESDAY
Baked Ham
Sweet Potato Patty
Cauliflower w/Cheese Sauce
Fresh Fruit Cup
Oatmeal Cookies

WEDNESDAY
Closed — Holiday

THURSDAY
Chicken Spoonbread
Mashed Potatoes
Fried Okra
Tossed Salad
Pineapple Pudding

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Macaroni &v Cheese
Pinto Beans
Carrot-Cabbage Slaw
Red Jello w/Topping

If harnessed, the energy contained in a hurricane could replace all the electrical power used in the United States for six months.

Barkowsky, Starkins unite

Lesa Ann Barkowsky and Gregory Clifford Starkins were married Saturday, Oct. 5, in the First United Methodist Church in Austin.

Celebrants at the double-ring ceremony were the Rev. John McMullen, pastor of the church, and Deacon Ray James of St. Theresa's Church in Austin. Reader was Laura Parnell of Houston.

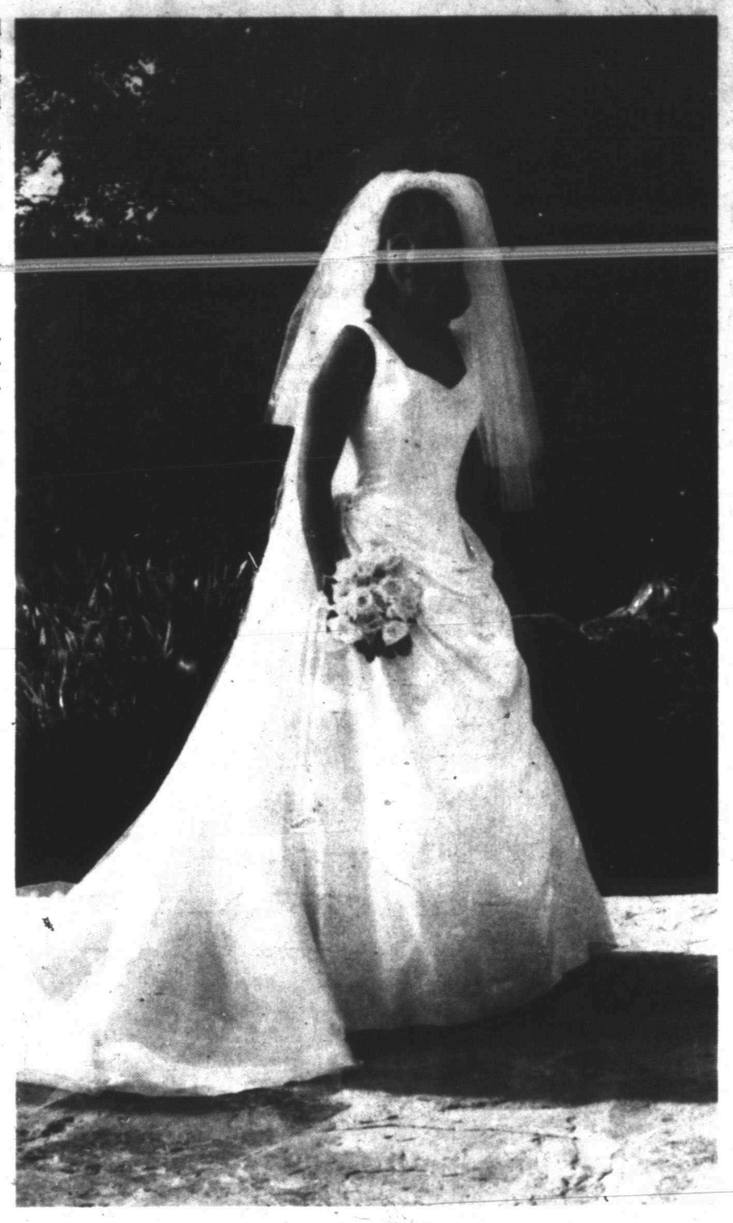
The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Barkowsky of Snyder and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Starkins of Cold Spring Harbor, New York.

Holly Barkowsky of Lubbock, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Debra Starkins and Doreen Guarneri, both sisters of the groom, Ann Marie Arcadi of Dallas, and Melissa Crocker of Durham, N.C. Flower girl and ringbearer were Lydia and Jacob Wolfe of Burns, Kan., cousins of the bride.

Eric Schlanger of New York and Jeff Henrikson of Arlington, Va., were best men. Groomsmen included Louis Guarneri, brother-in-law of the groom, Steve Orbuch of New York, Neil Garfinkel of Menlo Park, Calif., and Dr. Tim Manown of Martinez, Ga.

Wedding guests were registered by Annalee Barkowsky of Austin, cousin of the bride. Guests registered with pink ivory wooden pins which were hand-made by the bride's father.

The couple pledged vows before a chancel decorated with an arrangement of stephanotis, English ivy, Easter lilies, gardenias, and ivory roses along with twin tree candelabras accented with ivy. Railings outside the church were entwined with ivory roses and greenery, and each pew was marked with a bouquet of roses, ivy, gardenias and white organza ribbon.



Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Clifford Starkins
(Contributed Photo)

The bride wore a diamond white Italian silk gown designed by Catherine Raynor of London. The sleeveless dress featured a sweetheart neckline, cathedral-length train and veil, and a fingertip-length cascade veil.

She carried a clutch bouquet of bridal blush roses, stephanotis, white tulips and English ivy. In her shoe she carried pennies minted in the bride's and groom's birth years.

She also wore a blue garter and carried an English sixpence coin minted in 1936 and borrowed from her uncle, Eugene Barkowsky.

Bridesmaids wore full-length A-line sleevless dresses in navy satin and carried garden bouquets of peach and bridal blush roses, white tulips, stephanotis and ivy.

The groom and groomsmen wore traditional black tuxedos with boutonnieres of ivory roses.

Providing wedding music were soloist Tim Bushong, organist Charles Barnett, and trumpeter Jack Laumer, all of Austin.

The wedding party attended a rehearsal dinner hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Starkins at the Headliners Club in Austin. Following the dinner, a cocktail party was held at the club for all wedding guests. Piano music was performed by Margaret Wright of Austin.

Other wedding activities included a bridesmaids brunch at the Coyote Cafe, a golf tournament, and lunch at the Oasis Restaurant for members of the wedding party.

The reception, dinner, and dance were held at the Lady Bird Johnson National Wildflower Research Center. The bride and groom were driven to the center in a 1935 Rolls-Royce limousine.

Luminarias lined the walkway leading to the flagstone courtyard of the center. Guests entered through an archway decorated with votive candles suspended beneath the arch.

The reception was held in the visitor's gallery. The four-tier white wedding cake was decorated with a basketweave and scalloped frosting, along with ivory roses and greenery. Displayed at the bride's table was a congratulatory letter to the bride and groom from Lady Bird Johnson.

The chocolate groom's cake was decorated with basket-weave frosting with chocolate-covered strawberries. A highlight of the hors d'oeuvres table was a peacock made from artichokes and other vegetables and peacock feathers.

After the cocktail hour, guests were seated for dinner under a white canopy covering the courtyard. Tables arranged around a central fountain were covered with white cloths and navy blue toppers.

Each table held a large hurricane candle surrounded by votive candles and a colorful arrangement of mixed garden flowers and votive candles. The individual table arrangements echoed a massive arrangement of sunflowers and other garden flowers on the buffet table.

Table favors were packets of wildflower seeds. Each packet was imprinted with the names of the bride and groom and the wedding date.

Dinner and dance music was provided by Third Language of Austin.

Following a honeymoon to Australia and Hawaii, the couple reside in New York City.

The bride, a 1986 graduate of Snyder High School, is an associate of the New York offices of the law firm of Mayer, Brown and Platt. The groom is employed by the investment banking group of the New York offices of Merrill, Lynch, & Co. Both bride and groom are graduates of Columbia University School of Law.

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Joe and Sue Trice
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Trices celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Joe Thomas Trice and Sue Belle Teaff were married in the Baptist parsonage by the Rev. James Fields on Dec. 28, 1936 in Snyder. They will celebrate their anniversary with a family dinner.

Their children are Jerry Trice of Chicago, Ill., and Peggy Vernon of Snyder. Their grandchildren are Carmen Carpenter of Snyder, Richard and Tyler Trice of San Antonio and Jerilynn Trice of Houston. Their great-granddaughter is Sarah Carpenter of Snyder.

Both were born in Scurry County, Mr. Trice on Jan. 3, 1911, and Mrs. Trice on April 27, 1915 and they have lived in Camp Springs and Snyder since their marriage.

The couple are members of the First United Methodist Church, and active members of the Senior Center.

Ira School Menu

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DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I have three Batman comic books, Nos. 186, 189 and 194, copyrighted 1966 and 1967. What is the value of these? Also, what kind of a market is there for selling them? — **ISABELLE LEWIS, Booneville, Ark.**

DEAR ISABELLE: In mint or near-mint condition, your Batman comics are worth $25 for No. 186, and $17 for Nos. 189 and 194. Please note: This is what they are WORTH, not what a dealer will pay you for them. Usually, they'll only give you around 30 percent of the actual value.

For comic book dealers, look in the Yellow Pages under "Comics." If there is no such listing, go to your local library and ask for the telephone directory of a large city or town near you. (We know, for instance, that there are a number of dealers in Little Rock, Ark.)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime at Scurry County Library will be held for four- and five-year-olds; 1916 23rd Street; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; program on history of Arbor Day, by Georgene Galloway; hostesses, Anna Sears and Gussie Gray; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

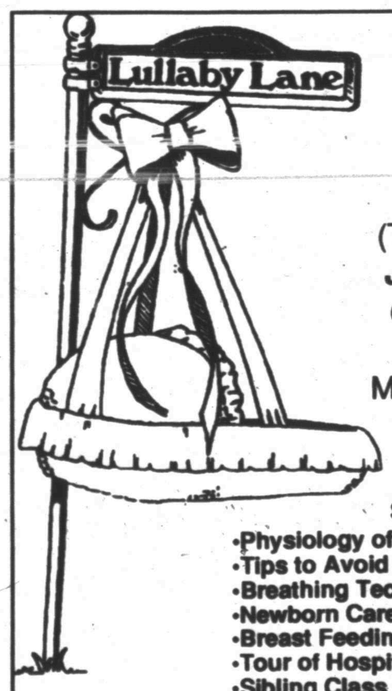
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Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 12-28-96
♠ 9 5 4
♥ J 5
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ A K 6 4

West
♠ Q J 10 8
♥ 8 6 4 3
♦ 2
♣ Q 10 5 3

East
♠ A K 6 3
♥ 9 2
♦ Q 10 9
♣ J 9 8 7

South
♠ 7 2
♥ A K Q 10 7
♦ A J 6 4 3
♣ 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Move to the side first

William James, the American psychologist and philosopher, said, "It is nice to make heroic decisions and to be prevented by 'circumstances beyond your control' from ever trying to execute them."

At the bridge table, a player who goes down might say that he couldn't make the contract because the bad distribution of the opposing cards was beyond his control. However, a fair percentage of the time, a more careful study will show that a better execution would have led to success.

Take today's deal as an example. How would you try to make four hearts after the defense begins with three rounds of spades?

South ruffed the third spade and drew three rounds of trumps. When East discarded, declarer had to guess the diamond suit, but he didn't do it, cashing the two top honors. West ruffed, for the third defensive trick, and East still had the diamond queen to come.

There is a good general rule: Holding a two-suiter and not having trumps to burn, establish the side suit before touching trumps. The best play is to cross to dummy's diamond king and lead a diamond toward hand. (Don't start with the diamond ace, in case West has Q-10-x of diamonds.)

If East discards (it cannot help him to ruff), win with the ace and play a third round. Alternatively, if East follows low, finesse the jack. Whether West ruffs or scoops up the trick with the queen, declarer can win the return (ruffing a spade with dummy's heart jack), draw trumps, and run the diamonds to make the contract.

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FESTIVE OCCASION — Altrurian Daughters Study Club met recently in the Martha Ann Woman's Club for its holiday luncheon with Emily Hataway serenading Yuletime melodies. Pictured from left are hostesses, Glenda Glasscock, Mary Ann Key and Frances Denman. The next meeting will be at MAWC, Jan. 15, and an update will be given on the DCOS by Roy Baze. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Huddle up! Football fare is served

By Marialisa Calta

I know there are lots of women out there who love football (my own mother, for example). I just don't happen to be one of them. I'd take a good book over a football game any day. Heck — I'd take a BAD book over a football game.

I am nevertheless aware that there are legions of you — men and women alike — who will be glued to the tube for many hours over the next few weeks, watching those giant men tossing that tiny ball around, shouting yourself hoarse and losing your shirts in the office betting pool. You will need sustenance, and by that I mean more than a six-pack and a bowl of chips. And while I can't join you in your folly, I can offer some tips to sustain you during the games ahead.

Somehow, the flavors of Louisiana seem to fit the idea of a football party. Easy cooking, hearty eating; the jambalayas and bean soup below are just the ticket. They all come from that inspired New Orleans chef and restaurateur Emeril Lagasse, who has written two fabulous cookbooks: "Emeril's New New Orleans Cooking" and the newly published "Louisiana Real and Rustic." You could even eat these dishes while reading a good book.

ANDOUILLE AND CHICKEN JAMBALAYA

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3 cups chopped onions
- 1 cup chopped bell peppers
- 3 teaspoons salt
- 1-1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 pound andouille, chorizo or other smoked sausage, cut crosswise into 1/4 inch slices
- 1-1/2 pounds boneless white and dark chicken meat, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 3 bay leaves
- 3 cups medium-grain white rice
- 6 cups water
- 1 cup chopped green onions (scallions)

Heat the oil in a large cast-iron Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onions, bell peppers, 2 teaspoons of the salt and 1 teaspoon of the cayenne. Stirring often, brown the vegetables for about 20 minutes, or until they are caramelized and a dark brown in color. Scrape the bottom and sides of the pot to loosen any browned particles. Cook, stirring often, for 10 to 15 minutes.

Add the sausage and cook, stirring often for 10 to 15 minutes, scraping the bottom and sides of the pot.

Season the chicken with the remaining 1 teaspoon salt and remaining 1/4 teaspoon cayenne. Add the chicken and bay leaves to the pot. Brown the chicken for 8 to 12 minutes, scraping the bottom of the pot to loosen any browned particles.

Add the rice and stir for 2 to 3 minutes to coat evenly. Add the water, stir to combine, and cover. Cook over medium heat for 30 to 35 minutes, without stirring, or until the rice is tender and the liquid has been absorbed. Remove the pot from the heat and let stand, covered, for 2 to 3 minutes. Remove the bay leaves. Stir in the green onions and serve.

Yield: 10-12 servings.

— Recipe from "Louisiana Real and Rustic," by Emeril Lagasse (William Morrow, 1996).

SHRIMP AND HAM JAMBALAYA

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1-1/2 cups chopped onions
- 1/2 cup chopped bell peppers
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 4 bay leaves
- 1 pound boiled ham, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 14-1/2-ounce can whole tomatoes, chopped, with juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 cup long-grain white rice
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions (scallions)

Heat the oil in a large cast-iron Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onions, bell peppers and celery and saute for 7 to 8 minutes, or until golden and soft. Add the shrimp and bay leaves and saute until the shrimp turn pink, about 2 minutes. Add the ham and saute for 2 to 3 minutes. Add the tomatoes, with their juice, the garlic, salt, cayenne and black pepper, and thyme. Cook for about 10 minutes, stirring often. Add the rice and stir to mix. Cover and cook over medium heat for 25 to 30 minutes, or until rice is tender and liquid has been absorbed.

Remove from heat and let stand, covered, for about 5 minutes. Remove the bay leaves. Stir in the he chopped scallions and serve.

Yield: 6 servings.

— Recipe from "Louisiana Real and Rustic," by Emeril Lagasse (William Morrow, 1996).

TUESDAY'S RED BEAN SOUP

For Emeril's Creole Seasoning:

- 2-1/2 tablespoons paprika
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1 tablespoon dried thyme

For soup:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup diced bacon
- 1-1/2 cup chopped onions
- 1/4 cup chopped green bell peppers
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 4 bay leaves
- 6 ounces andouille, chorizo or other smoked sausage
- 1 small smoked ham hock (5 to 6 ounces)
- 2 cups dried red kidney beans, soaked over night and drained
- 1 tablespoon Emeril's Creole Seasoning (above)
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 quarts chicken stock
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/2 cups cooked long grain white rice, warm
- 6 tablespoons chopped green onions (scallions)

Make the seasoning: Combine all ingredients thoroughly and store in an airtight container up to 3 months. (Yield: 2/3 cup.)

Make the soup: Heat the oil in a large pot over high heat. Add the bacon, and saute for 2 minutes. Add the onions, bell peppers, garlic, bay leaves, sausage and ham hock, and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes.

Add the beans and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in the Creole Seasoning, Worcestershire sauce and stock, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium, and cook for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Add the salt, cover the pot, and cook for 15 minutes. Turn off the heat and allow pot to sit, covered, for about 20 minutes. Discard the ham hock.

To serve, ladle a generous cup of the soup into each of 6 bowls. Top each serving with 1/4 cup of rice and sprinkle each with 1 tablespoon of green onions.

Yield: 6 servings.

— Recipe from "Emeril's New New Orleans Cooking," by Emeril Lagasse (William Morrow, 1993).

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MARIALISA CALTA

Bride: evolving tradition

By BARBARA MAYER
For AP Special Edition

Patricia Molden, who was married at a reunion of 200 family members, says she had a traditional wedding with all the fat cut out.

"We were married before all the people we love, and it was wonderful. But it was wonderful, at least in part, because we did not have many of the usual rituals such as 'here comes the bride,' a bridal bouquet, lots of attendants, and a wedding cake."

Molden and her husband, who find large expensive weddings somewhat lacking in the true meaning of marriage, are typical of a growing number of couples who choose to jettison aspects of tradition that do not appeal to them, while keeping those that they enjoy and find meaningful.

"Rarely do I conduct a ceremony that is completely traditional or completely novel," says John Wade Payne, pastor of the Park Avenue Christian Church in New York City. Payne, also co-author of "Happily Intermarried" (Macmillan), often officiates at interfaith ceremonies.

"The services are typically on the traditional side, but couples almost always wish to include something creative or special to them." Payne says.

Among novel aspects common to wedding ceremonies in many denominations are the lighting of a unity candle and the incorporation of secular words (whether of Shakespeare, Emily Dickinson, the Beatles, or a new rock group) into the service.

"The unity candle doesn't appear in any published ceremony that I am aware of," says Payne. "Yet in my experience about 50 percent of couples have it."

Beyond the lighting of a candle to symbolize the unity of the new family created by the wedding, Payne sees a growing trend toward wedding ceremonies that offer all family members an opportunity to affirm the marriage. The trend is an outgrowth of the women's movement, the minister says, and broadens a tradition in which the bride's father gives the bride away, while the mother and the groom's parents have no role at all.

"Many factors in our society are encouraging novelty in wedding ceremonies," Payne says. "A smaller percentage of the population attends church, temple or mosque regularly, so there is a generation of young people who have not grown up in the mainline traditions. When they come to be married, they want to connect with their heritage, but they look at it with new eyes and entertain the idea of making changes."

Changes are, if anything, even more prevalent in the wedding celebration.

"The majority indulges in minor twists on tradition, such as a few special foods, or having uncommon music," says Millie Bratten, editor of Bride's magazine. "A smaller but still significant group goes for a major break with tradition. They may plan a costume wedding — medieval, renaissance, or western — or choose an unusual place like an amusement park or a firehouse for the location."

Since many couples marry around the same time as their friends, they look for ways to make their wedding stand out from all the others, says Maria McBride Mellinger, author of "The Perfect Wedding" (HarperCollins, $40 hardcover).



SUMMER WEDDING SET — Brandy Leigh Roberge and Jimmy Preston Digby are planning a July 19, 1997 wedding ceremony to be held at 2 p.m. in the Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh. James and Joni Wenetschlaeger of Snyder, and Dave and Paula Roberge of Canadian are parents of the future bride. Jimmy and Sherene Digby of Hermleigh are parents of the prospective bridegroom. (Contributed Photo)

ABWA has meeting

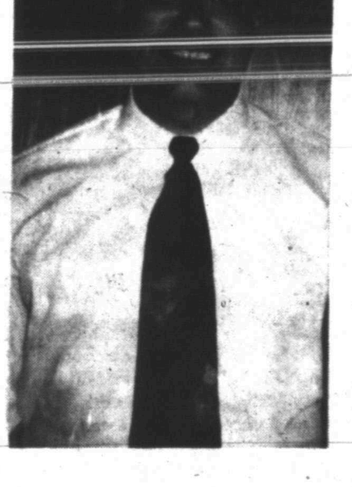
Thirteen members of Creek Chapter of ABWA had their Christmas party at The Shack on Dec. 5 with Michael Howard presenting the program. Three new members were installed.

Door prizes were given throughout the evening and winners were Patsy Ramon, Loretta Rios, J.C. Wells, Tillie Rios, Tim Moses and Frankie Briseno.

Pam Dortch installed Patsy Ramon, sponsored by Annette Grady, and Kary Moses and Debra Wells, sponsored by Brenda Meurer.

Howard told stories and sang related Christmas songs, yoked to the theme "What you say and what you do — does matter. You always touch someone."

A gift exchange was held and the evening ended with refreshments.



ABWA MEETS — Brenda Meurer, center, sponsored new members Debra Wells, right, and Kari Moses at the recent Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA held at The Shack. Michael Howard, shown right, presented the program. (Contributed Photos)

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Koreans love kimchi; too hot, salty for others

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Franks and beans. Fish and chips. Burgers and kimchi?

At the dinner table of his dreams, Park Wan-soo sees a world happily munching sideorders of Korean kimchi — one of the most mouth-jarring, eye-po[illegible]ing foods ever devised from a cabbage.

Really?

"Sure! Maybe it's possible," said Park, head of a highly nationalistic government effort to export the spicy pickled dish around the globe.

"In the future, I imagine the people of the world with hamburgers and kimchi — our kimchi — on the same table. You can imagine it."

Yes, you can. But it helps if you're Korean.

Fermented with fiery red peppers, radishes, ginger, salt and lots of garlic, kimchi has been a cherished staple in the Korean diet for centuries.

It is fat-free, believed to be rich in vitamin E and fiber and is eaten with just about every meal, sort of like a hopped-up version of the healthy green dinner salad.

But Koreans know they are still pretty much alone in their love of kimchi.

"Western people don't like it — too hot, too salty," Park said. "Some people think we should train the Western mouth to it, but I think we could develop a new kind that people like, and have both kinds."

That's part of the five-year, $12 million research program funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Park and five others started working in September to outline a study plan. They will be joined by 10 more researchers in April to research the industry from top to bottom, assessing the supply and pricing problems of the seasonal raw materials, possible storage methods, ideas for automated mass production, distribution and world sales.

They'll also try to find a recipe that might have international appeal and establish kimchi's health benefits as a way to promote sales.

Right now, about 85 percent of the kimchi eaten in Korea is made at home, following a treasured late-autumn family tradition of preserving vegetables for the long winter.

Only the remaining 15 percent is made commercially, the government says. It's done by hand by some 250 small manufacturers, just about 10 of which have managed year-round exports of kimchi to a few nations, mostly in Asia.

But why spend all that research time and money to alter something Western consumers don't like anyway, when there are plenty of delicious Korean foods that could be exported more easily?

Politics. National honor. The decades-long rivalry with Japan, Korea's former colonial ruler.

To the outrage of some Korean patriots, the Japanese several years ago began exporting milder-tasting pickled vegetables, a kimchi knockoff they call kimuchi. Sales of kimuchi have soared far beyond those of Korean kimchi, adding to the insult and prompting periodic calls for government action.

Kimchi unquestionably provokes strong reactions from those who love and hate it.

A recent Lonely Planet Guide to Northeast Asia described it as "a reasonable substitute for tear gas."

"I wouldn't put it out at my barbecues," said Steve Smithans, an Australia-based technical services manager visiting Seoul.

But Shin Im-soon, a Seoul housewife who makes her own kimchi, sees it "as part of our bodies."

"If you don't have it, your digestion process slows and your mouth feels out of sorts," she said.

Park thinks it's important to persuade Westerners that she's right.

"I think the most important thing is the identity of Korea," he said. "Some people don't know Korea but they know kimchi. So we think kimchi is equal to Korea's identity."

Justice eyed as presidential candidate

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Antonin Scalia is the Supreme Court's bad boy — as brash and bold as he is conservative. And now he's being mentioned as the model Republican presidential candidate in 2000.

"No one else of prominence in America's public life makes the case for conservativism better than Scalia," John McGinnis, a Yeshiva University law professor, writes in the conservative National Review magazine.

Here's how McGinnis makes his pitch:

"Scalia is ... the perfect messenger for fundamental rightward political change. Although he has held an important government position that gives him presidential stature, he is innocent of compromises in government.

"Although he is not unknown, he is far from being overexposed like Speaker (Newt) Gingrich and other familiar legislators."

In his 10 years as a justice, Scalia has become best known for his prolific and often witty questioning of lawyers during argument sessions, his minimalist views of the Constitution and a hard-charging, vivid writing style. Part Oliver Wendell Holmes, part David Letterman.

But would Scalia, a former law professor and longtime judge, ever seriously consider leaving his lifetime-tenured job for a political fling?

Only one Supreme Court justice ever made such a career move. Charles Evans Hughes left the court to run against, and narrowly lose to, Woodrow Wilson in 1916. He later returned to the court, appointed as chief justice by President Herbert Hoover in 1930.

What about conservatives concerned about losing Scalia's voice on the nation's highest court? McGinnis has the answer: Scalia could resign shortly before the New Hampshire primaries. After winning the presidency, he could appoint his own replacement.

No word yet from Scalia's chambers on this scenario.

Retired Justice William J. Brennan, 90, is hospitalized and fighting pneumonia he contracted while recuperating from a recently broken hip.

Court spokeswoman Toni House says Brennan is "holding his own and apparently improving."

Another retired justice, Lewis F. Powell, 89, is closing the office he's had at the Supreme Court building since his 1986 retirement. Poor health prevents his traveling to the nation's capital from his home in Richmond, Va.

Spurred on by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, a high-ranking Clinton administration lawyer recently gave the high court a lesson in French — Louisiana style.

Before asking Deval Patrick, head of the Justice Department's civil rights division, to begin his argument in a voting-rights case from Bossier Parish, La., Rehnquist asked for help in his pronunciation.

Throughout the litigation, Patrick said, the parish has been called Boh-zhure, with the accent on the first syllable, but the French would say Bah-see-ay, with the accent on the last syllable.

The chief justice suggested that the French pronunciation might be Boh-see-ay, but Patrick assured him Bah-see-ay was correct.

"You may proceed, whatever the pronunciation of this parish is," Rehnquist told him.

Now at a theater near you, the film, "The People vs. Larry Flynt," opens across the nation today, focusing on the pornography publisher's legal battle with evangelist Jerry Falwell.

That fight ended up at the Supreme Court and led to a 1988 decision that expanded significantly the legal protections for parody and satire.

Court officials spent plenty of time last summer briefing and guiding producer Michael Hausman and director Milos Forman through the court's Capitol Hill building and helping with the logistics for exterior shots.

Actor Woody Harrelson, who plays Flynt, wowed tourists with a series of wheelies in the gold-plated wheelchair Flynt lent him for the project.

The real Larry Flynt attended the Supreme Court's 1987 argument session in the Flynt-against-Falwell dispute and behaved like a gentleman — a far cry from his performance in 1983 in a libel case involving Hustler.

Flynt then had been forcibly removed from the stately courtroom and arrested after his obscene outburst aimed at all nine justices.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Richard Carelli covers the Supreme Court and legal issues for The Associated Press.

College ranking guides...

More accuracy in information sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Colleges and universities don't like being rated like cars and toasters, yet they know college-bound students and parents are snatching up an increasing number of guidebooks and rankings every fall to find the best campus.

So educators and publishers have devised a way to bring order — and hopefully more integrity — to the way colleges disclose test scores, enrollment figures and other yardsticks used to say who's No. 1 and who's not.

"It's like trying to rank moms. It may be that one mom is the very best mother for one kid, but not another," said Maureen Matheson, executive director of guidance publications at the College Board. "I think the whole rankings game has been a problem, but I think the colleges have helped to create the problem."

To fix that, educators have come up with a standardized form for the collection of more than 40 kinds of data commonly requested by publishers, such as U.S. News & World Report and Money magazine.

And to discourage deception or creative number-crunching, the form, called the Common Data Set, details how campus officials should compile these facts and figures.

Previously, some schools may have included foreign students in averaging SAT scores, for example, and others may have inflated the size of their faculty by adding part-time instructors and non-teaching researchers.

With enrollments and reputations at stake, school officials often criticize publishers who rank them, especially when their institution gets a low rating, Matheson said. But when the news is good, they hastily dispatch news releases to tout their positive ranking.

Improving the accuracy and accountability of college information has been discussed for 15 years.

But work on solving the problem did not begin in earnest until about a year ago when news reports revealed that some colleges were providing one set of data to financial rating agencies and another to those writing guidebooks, publishing rankings or providing college information for books and software.

Part of the problem is that publishers have asked questions a little differently. That has created a burden for campus researchers and forced colleges to release the same type of information several different ways, confusing consumers.

A final version of the Common Data Set form debuted on the Internet in late October. And some publishers sent questions from the form to schools this month — data that will be in guides next fall.

Robert Morse, director of research for "America's Best Colleges," published each fall by U.S. News & World Report, called the new form an important first step in providing consistent information to consumers. But not all information can be cross-checked, he said.

"We can't go into Georgetown University, for example, and say 'Can we audit your test scores?'" he said.

David Merkowitz, a spokesman for the American Council on Education, which represents colleges and universities, said a group is now studying whether school accreditors should be asked to verify the schools' answers to questions on the standard form.

Arthur J. Rothkopf, president of Lafayette College, hosted a forum at his school in Easton, Pa., in October 1995 to discuss the issue. He says some college administrators continue to have reservations about rankings.

But they know prospective students are reading them.

"The harsh reality is that we live in a world where credentials matter," Al Sanoff, managing editor of the U.S. News & World Report survey, said after this past fall's rankings put Yale at No. 1. The school topped Harvard for the first time. Harvard slipped to No. 3, behind Princeton.

Still, fewer than 8 percent of 158 administrators at small, four-year liberal arts colleges said they thought the U.S. News guide accurately described their school, according to a survey by the Northern Illinois University's Public Opinion Laboratory.

However, the telephone survey, sponsored by Alma College in Michigan, showed 90 percent thought a favorable ranking in the guide was important.

"Those ratings are just one piece of the information pie ...," argues Judith Berg, president of the Independent Educational Consultants Association. "They should not be regarded as gospel."

Bomb-detection equipment on its way to some airports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beginning next month, sophisticated X-ray machines designed to detect explosives in checked baggage will begin arriving in major U.S. airports.

Under a $52.2 million contract, 54 machines will be built and installed in 1997 by InVision Technologies of Foster City, Calif., the Federal Aviation Administration said Thursday.

The new technology, already tested in San Francisco and Atlanta, goes beyond the familiar X-ray machines passengers send their carry-on equipment through as they make their way toward airport gates.

The new CTX-5000 uses the technology of medical CT scans to map objects inside luggage from several angles. It combines these views to create cross-sectional images, analyzing them to identify potential explosive materials.

The old machines were designed to spot something obviously threatening that a passenger might carry onto the plane, such as a handgun, said FAA spokesman Bob Ropelewski. Checked baggage wasn't even scanned.

Now, the concern is terrorism, and a bomb could be stowed in a piece of checked luggage, Ropelewski said.

"Explosives are much easier to hide, to disguise, to shape into a fairly innocuous-looking thing that won't catch the eye of someone looking at an X-ray machine," he said. "Unfortunately, we're moving into a new era where simple skyjackings have been superseded by something much more devious and deadly."

For security reasons, the FAA would not say which airports will be first to receive the new machines.

The contract follows the government's stepped up security efforts since the explosion aboard TWA Flight 800 last summer. Investigators have yet to determine the cause of that crash.

But the idea for a sophisticated bomb detection system isn't new. In 1990, Congress ordered the systems be developed for airports, but efforts were hampered by technical problems, as officials worried whether they would actually work.

"There has been a lot of dissatisfaction or skepticism about the real effectiveness of the basic equipment, which is one of the reasons it's taken so long," Ropelewski said.

The CTX-5000 is the only detection system to have passed the FAA's certification test.

If a suspicious image is detected, a red light blinks and an operator is told to do further inspection. The initial process takes just seven to 15 seconds, the FAA said.

In other efforts to improve security, the FAA wants to hire 300 more special agents, upgrade security requirements and improve background checks on airport employees.

In September, President Clinton endorsed the recommendations of a White House panel on aviation safety, including a call for new detection systems.

The government has the option to purchase additional systems in 1998. If all options are exercised, the contract would be worth $110.9 million, the FAA said.

"This is an important step in our continuing effort to counter terrorism," acting FAA Administrator Linda Hall Daschle said in a statement. "This explosive detection technology is the world's best, and we are moving swiftly to put it in place at America's busiest airports."

Although vitamin K is available in a variety of vegetables, it is also produced by intestinal tract bacteria.

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Exciting changes are forecast for the new millenium

Deanie Francis Mills

In a book excerpt just published in the February, 1997, issue of "Psychology Today" entitled, "Welcome to the Millenium," and taken from the book, "Trends 200: How to Prepare for and Profit from the Changes of the 21st Century," renowned sociologist and trend-forecaster Gerald Celente talked about what kinds of trends we can expect, not just in 1997, but in the new millenium. What he has to say makes for fascinating reading.

For those of you who, like me, had never heard of Gerald Celente before now, it might reassure you to know that he predicted such trends as corporate downsizing, the explosion in gourmet coffees and the shops that sell them, "dressing down" at work, the use of 60s music in 90s ads, and such events as the stock market crash of 1987.

So it seems fairly safe to say that his studies of our society and culture and forecasts of the direction we are collectively headed in the near future will probably be more accurate than not.

The most sweeping, and promising, development predicted by Celente is that the new millenium will see a great renaissance, "a time of rich intellectual, philosophical, and artistic achievement — a period of genius in world history."

This renaissance, says Celente, will be based on a growing return to individuality, based in no small part on the forced independence of the thousands of people who have been and will be laid off from their jobs during corporate downsizing.

"Forced into freedom," writes Celente, "millions of us will find ways to take control of our lives and do what we've always wanted to do: change careers, start companies of our own, or become work-at-home freelancers. In 1996, 12 percent of downsized workers started their own businesses, double the rate of 1993."

This new independence and individuality of many American workers will effect every other aspect of their lives in a sort of collapsing-domino scenario predicted by Celente, in which, for example, new emphasis will be placed on "voluntary simplicity." By this, Celente is referring to a practice familiar with Depression-era survivors, something he calls, "old-fashioned Yankee frugality, rediscovered and redesigned for the modern age."

Not only will we gradually weed out our dependence on material excess, but we will simplify our lives in other ways. "Most of us will no longer make the false distinction we used to between 'quality' time and the rest of the day," says Celente. "All time will be quality time..."

Celente believes that the trends clearly show that grandparents are and will be making a grand comeback in the texture of family life. Already, grandparents are filling a priceless role in the lives of boomer kids who have no choice but to maintain a two-worker or single-parent home: babysitting. According to statistics provided by Celente, 44 percent of grandparents spent an average of 650 hours — the equivalent of 81 eight-hour days — taking care of their grandchildren.

But the senior of our citizens will find that, not only are they valued for the services they can provide their kids and grandkids, but for the knowledge they can impart. "They'll be the modern equivalent of tribal elders who are valued and revered in traditional hunter-gatherer societies for the wisdom and experience," says the sociologist.

Technology, far from complicating our lives, will actually enhance them in the coming millenium, predicts Celente. Already, remote families can keep in touch daily through electronic mail and other computer wonders, and Celente believes it is just a matter of time before videophones come into common use. Just as answering machines seemed strange and off-putting just a decade ago, Celente believes that videophones will overcome any initial hesitation on the part of consumers and provide an invaluable way of keeping in close touch with loved ones and business contacts.

"People experience intensely personal, intimate feelings when they can see the person they're talking to," he explains. And for those who don't want to be seen by a caller, Celente says not to worry: just as we can mute the sound on our televisions by pushing a button on our remote controls, so we will be able to "blind" our videophones by a single touch.

Health care will improve dramatically, claims Celente, by putting equal emphasis on vitamins, moderate excerise, and other preventative measures, along with improved hospital and family care. He predicts an outcropping of "longevity centers," which will be staffed, not just by licensed medical doctors, but also by reputable alternative-care practitioners, spiritual counselors, and exercise facilities.

Even the rock music, Celente says, will get better in the new millenium. "It will be upbeat without the anger and despair of today's cutting-edge rock and rap." Painting and sculpture and other visual arts will be enhanced, Celente believes, by the virtual reality of the computer world.

Most of the changes predicted by Gerald Celente have to do, not so much with actual technological and medical and artistic developments, but with attitudes — how we as a society perceive our world and our places in it. For the most part, we'll see it as a more user-friendly place than we used to, but that doesn't mean that we won't hesitate to speak out when we witness injustices. (Turn on the evening news most any night of the week and we are likely to see crowds of people turned out into the streets somewhere in the world, protesting some wrong or other. The collapse of Communism has returned the voices to many who remained silent for too long.)

With the thawing of the Cold War, people aren't as afraid as they once were. They can afford to work in the garden, raising vegetables to save a few bucks, and take a bike ride with the kids, and maybe phone Grandma later for a visit. They can take the time to cherish this thing called life, and every moment in it.

Why do we?

by Bill McClellan

I received a lot of interesting e-mail during the holidays, including the following from a friend in Canada.

You've probably seen it, or a version of it, but it has always been both humorous and insightful. So as we enter the New Year, I thought I would pass along these thoughts to ponder.

—Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?
—Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?
—Why are there flotation devices under plane seats instead of parachutes?
—Why are cigarettes sold in gas stations when smoking is prohibited there?
—Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor when you can't drink and drive?
—Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?
—How does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work in the mornings?
—If 7-11 is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the doors?
—If nothing ever sticks to Teflon, how do they make Teflon stick to the pan?
—If you are in a car going the speed of light, what happens when you turn on the headlights?
—Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?
—Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?
—Why is it that when you transport something by car it is called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship, it's called cargo?
—You know the little indestructible black box used on airplanes? Why can't they make the whole plane out of the same substance?
—Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?

Basic private property right

by Rick Perry
Texas Ag Commissioner

Imagine salting away a hefty chunk of your paycheck into a savings account every month, but being prohibited by the government from making withdrawals for major purchases such as financing your child's college education, going back to school or creating a small business.

That's exactly the situation many Texas homeowners face with an estimated $123 billion in equity assets tied up in their homes and out of reach due to a state homestead law that restricts second mortgages.

I believe this constitutional limit on home equity loans should be modified because it restricts statewide economic development, hinders small business expansions and costs Texas consumers more when they borrow money.

Under current law, liens cannot be placed on homesteads except to pay for the house, make home improvements or settle taxes due. This restriction's roots go all the way back to the early 1800s when many early settlers were fleeing creditors and coming to Texas during a national economic depression to make a new start. Starting with a sweeping homestead exemption law recommended by Stephen F. Austin to protect colonists' land grants, the idea has continued to be legislated and enforced up until today as we enter a new century.

In agriculture, opposition to changing the law remains strong among some farmers and ranchers, who fear that they will be pressured to use their homes, as they now use their land, as collateral for production loans. However, with specific provisions to address this concern and others, I believe changing the exemption could open a new source of low-cost loans to Texas consumers and at the same time help boost the state's economy.

Like many working Texans, a large portion of my paycheck goes toward house payments. So it should be my personal choice and responsibility if I want to borrow against equity that I have built up in my home over the years. After all, it's the fruit of my own labor.

Borrowing against your hard-earned equity is a basic property right in every state except Texas. If I am reliable enough to put down a payment on a home, maintain it in good shape and pay taxes and insurance, then I also should be responsible enough to know when I can borrow on its equity and repay a loan.

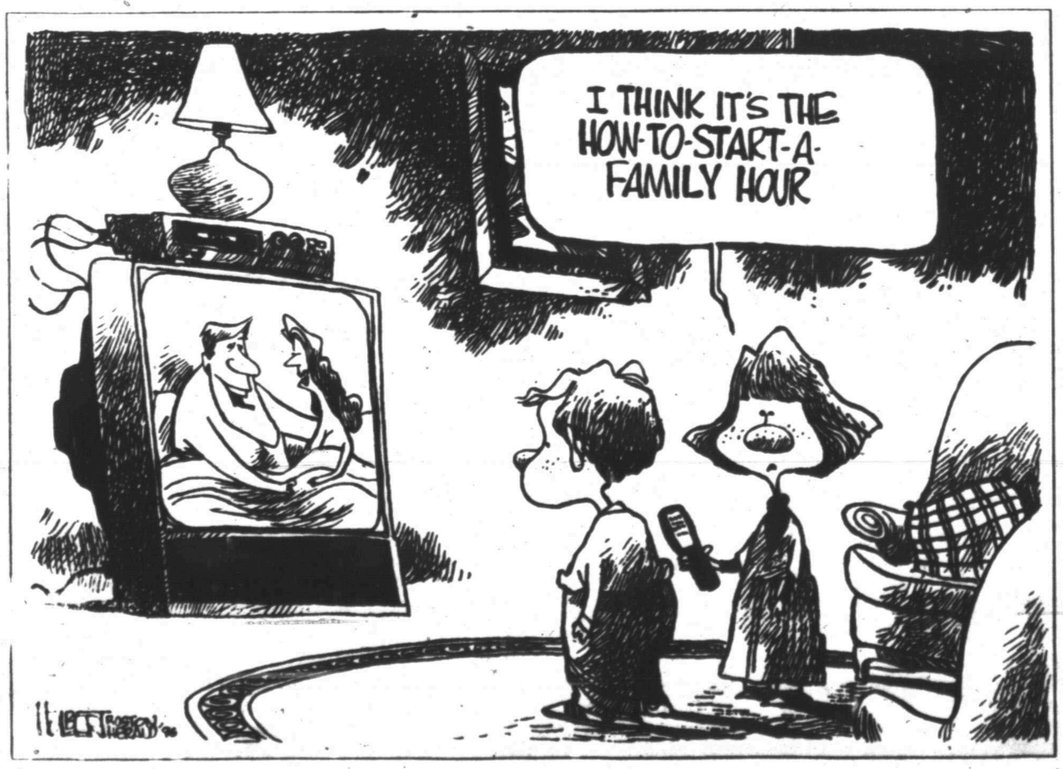
A home equity borrowing program should be tailored to meet the needs of Texas. Safeguards should be included in any changes made to the law so that homeowners are not unduly pressured to borrow on their home equity.

Ultimately, changing the Texas homestead law would give many Texans access to lower cost loans. Unlike other loans, interest on home equity borrowing is tax deductible from federal income taxes, and, on the average, the interest rates are lower than on other types of loans. If home equity borrowing were allowed, Texas consumers and businesses could save an estimated $382 million annually in interest costs and tax savings, according to an April report by the Texas Comptroller's office. For example, annual savings on a four-year loan could be $230 on a $30,000 educational loan, $383 a year on an auto loan and more than $1,600 a year over financing on credit card debts.

Texas homeowners should be granted access to their home equity savings. The current ban is designed more to protect us from ourselves than to protect us from bankers.

If you, as a homeowner, feel that taking out a second mortgage on your home is too risky, you should simply not borrow against your equity. While consumer protection provisions should be placed in the law, borrowing against your home's equity should be a choice that is up to each individual homeowner.

Let's open up those thousands of closed savings accounts across Texas. Let's help boost our state's economy. Let's give Texans access to money they need to finance dreams like earning an advanced degree, starting a small business or giving their children the best college education that money can buy.



Editorial Roundup

On children's rights

The Odessa American

UNICEF's 50th anniversary State of the World's Children report arrives just before the holidays, but the tidings are not of joy. Yes, 96 percent of the world's children live in countries that have ratified the landmark 1990 Convention on the Rights of the Child. But many of the countries that signed that document are paying scant attention to its measures.

Yes, attitudes toward children's rights are changing, thanks to that convention. And we can celebrate that a new awareness of their rights has helped saved millions of children's lives since 1990. But the changes are not coming quickly enough: According to the report, more than 9 million children under 5 die each year in developing countries from causes that could have been prevented with antibiotics and inoculations.

The main focus of the report, though, is on child labor, and its revelations are grim. The general statistics are appalling (and, sadly, familiar): 100 million children are working today — one out of three in Africa, one out of five in Latin America. But the particulars are even more unsettling, because they paint a picture of a nightmarish world where children are cynically exploited.

—Child labor is gaining in the developed world. A U.S. General Accounting Office study showed that child labor violations rose 250 percent in the United States between 1983 and 1990.

—In many countries, child laborers generally belong to ethnic minorities and are assigned to the most hazardous jobs. In northern Europe, they tend to be Turkish or African; in Argentina, Bolivian or Paraguayan. In 1990, more than half of the Mexican-American children working in New York farms had labored in fields wet with pesticides, a survey showed.

—An estimated 1 million children each year are used in prostitution...

The report points toward solutions — first among them education as "the single most effective way to stem the flow of school-age children into abusive forms of employment." It also proposes legislation to protect children, the promotion of anti-poverty programs that empower the poor, and campaigns to push multinational companies to take more responsibility for their actions.

The United States could provide much-needed leadership for all these initiatives. For starters, it could ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The pact is based on the principle that children's essential rights should be made a priority, and it obligates countries to take children's best interests into account. Inexplicably, the United States is one of six countries — along with the Cook Islands, Oman, Somalia, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates — that still have not signed. What are we waiting for.

On 'ebonics'

The Waco Herald-Tribune

What is the purpose of education? Is it to hone minds so they can accomplish great things? Or is it to assure young people that, "Never you mind, just get by with what you've got"? On the subject of giving children skills they need to succeed, the Oakland, Calif., school board seems intent on telling them not to bother.

The school board has voted to recognize so-called Black English, or "ebonics," as a second language. So doing, it not only promotes a lie, it also promotes a cancerous attitude about education. The lie is that ebonics is a language. Absolutely false. Black English is slang that incorporates English. It is a dialect.

There's nothing unusual about slang, and no reason to be judgmental about it unless one is trying to instruct on the proper way to use English. In a classroom, that judgment must be persistent and consistent.

We don't teach that two plus two equals five. Similarly, we don't teach that "Don't have no lunch money" is a correct sentence, or even a sentence.

Spanish is a language. It has many dialects. French is a language with many dialects as well. Black English is no language. It is a version of a language: English.

To elevate slang as a language, or even to treat it as acceptable in a classroom setting, is to ignore the fact that mastering English is essential to success.

English is all that binds us as a nation... While respecting that this is a nation of diverse cultures, without a common language we are just a mass of people.

We don't need mean-spirited attempts at mandating one tongue as in "official language" efforts. We need policies that accommodate many tongues, since assimilation takes time.

However, when the subject is English, schools shouldn't be viewing slang as anything other than an incorrect version of the real thing.

Is this an area where cultural sensitivity is in order? Absolutely. Children learn to speak from parents and relatives, from influences in their background. Teachers need to realize that.

Yet one can be gentle and forceful in making children realize what exactly they need to learn to make it in the world — the world where proper English is what one must have to compete for a high-paying job, to write fluently, to read widely.

One can think of few recent developments in education that come across with a more sickening thud than the notion that slang can ever be accepted as a language unto itself.

Granted, what may be at work here is an effort to tap into the federal trough. Were "ebonics" to be treated as a second language in a bilingual program, Oakland schools would qualify for some of the federal dollars used legitimately to teach English to non-English speakers. Oakland schools cite a distressing average GPA of 1.8 among black students as a reason to try doing something different. Maybe different tactics are needed, but this isn't one that will succeed...

Scurry County Folks

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by Shirley A. Gorman

cially in a garden.

"I was really struck by the fact that worms eat strips of newspaper and make wonderful fertilizer for the soil," Thornton said.

To Grinslade's students, the project is "fun."

However, she said, "Composting is a misleading term for what we are accomplishing. We are learning to reduce waste in the landfills by reusing biodegradable items normally thrown away. The end result is a very desirable mulch.

"If everyone would start a program like this in their homes our world would be a lot less 'trashy.' This goes hand-in-hand with recycling in the home."

Grinslade added that the lessons students learned were interdisciplinary because they had to figure ratios mathematically, learn the chemical balances necessary, and determine whether they were dealing with carbon-or- nitrogen-based garbage.

Grinslade said children often benefit more from the "hands on" approach to learning. "This activity provided all of our students an opportunity to shine."

Uptergrove said her students were surprised to learn that 70 percent of all garbage thrown away is organic. Even more amazing, she added, to them was the fact that Texas averages 6.5 pounds of garbage per person while the U.S average is 3.5 pounds.

"By studying composting, I feel my students have benefitted in several ways. They learned new vocabulary words (vermicomposting, organic and others), how to figure ratios of grass and leaves in a compost pile, and more about science, including the value of earthworms to mankind," said Uptergrove.

Shaw liked the seminar because "the kids learned more than just composting and most did not know what composting was."

Since it will be a continuing project, Shaw explained that students will "measure and turn the pile weekly."

They have already noted that the temperature has gone from 70 degrees to 111 degrees.

She noted that worms "really fascinated the kids," and that "thay have a worm composting bin in the building."

Since her students brought things from home to make the composting pile, she said "They enjoyed seeing how easy it was to find things to add to it."

Lee Presswood, principal, is also enthusiastic about the environmental project. He said they decided to apply for the grant because it was available and they wanted to make students aware of their environment.

Presswood said students like to measure the temperature and height daily as the pile continues to sink down into the ground.

This spring, other classrooms will benefit from this knowledge. He said these students will teach others, who will also share their new knowledge.

Northeast is the only school in Snyder to participate in this program.

According to Earthworks literature, the company provides environmental educational classes to elementary students. The company's mission "is to spread the word of composting to children across the state."

Earthworks developed the Junior Master Composter course because schools needed "new and stimulating environmental classes." The company believes that learning can and should be fun.

Earthworks began the pilot program in the spring of 1994 in the Grapevine area.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission later awarded a grant to develop the program statewide to 20 model elementary schools.

According to Earthworks literature, "The program is a partnership to bring organic recycling expertise to fourth through sixth grade classes with outstanding earth science programs. Working hand-in-hand with teaching science teachers, the program has been developed from the "ground up" to create a model for others to follow."

Earthworks designed its Junior Master Composter program to become self-sustaining, sponsored and supported by individual schools with a continuing commitment to environmental education. "It is meant to be a continuing source of inspiration and learning during the school year. Our teachers provide the tools and resources necessary to make this fun as well as educational."

The Junior Master Composter program is a condensed version of the Master Composter course originally developed by Larry Wilhelm of Earthworks for the Texas Natural Conservation Commission (TNRCC) statewide.

Earlier in the fall semester, Presswood learned of Earthworks' program through a letter from Wendy Stovall, environmental planning assistant, with the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

To further develop compost education, WCTCG began offering the grant-supported Earthworks program to 10 elementary schools in the area, including Northeast.

At each school, the five-hour course will be taught by a compost instructor. Upon completion, each student will receive a certificate as a member in the Lone Star Compost Corps.

Composting books, compost bin and thermometer along with charts and graphs for tracking progress are provided.

To promote the program, WCTCOG conducted a free workshop for educators in Abilene in October. Stovall's letter said, "The West Central Texas Council of Governments believes that our youth can benefit from recycling, waste reduction and composting education."

Finding consensus on campaign finance overhaul to be difficult

AP news analysis

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — New Year's resolutions aren't binding, they're hard to keep, and they often follow a binge — a pattern that fits the promised drive for campaign finance reform in 1997.

After a campaign that multiplied old spending levels, to a total of well over $1.6 billion on the presidential and congressional elections, there are pledges among the winners to change the system.

But even among the politicians who agree that something ought to be done, there's no accord on exactly what. They'll be writing rules for themselves, and nobody wants to yield the advantage or accept a handicap in the next elections.

That's made it an intractable issue for two decades. To deliver on the current talk of reform, Republicans and Democrats would have to find terms both sides would see as close to neutral in the impact on their candidates.

Rival reform proposals in the past always have included provisions one side saw as the other's grasp for an edge. For example, Republicans in the last Congress sought to bar the political use of labor dues, and probably will try again. Democrats tend to favor spending limits, and have sought public financing of congressional election campaigns.

There's also the self-defense argument, basically that self-restraint would amount to surrender under the current system.

President Clinton, who attended to big-money Democratic donors at the White House, now urges reforms that would end their role by prohibiting unrestricted contributions to the political parties.

"What you see here is too much money being raised, raising too many questions and taking too much time..." he said. "And we ought to stop it and have some campaign finance reform."

That goes to the question of legal, if loopholed, donations, not the abuses that have led the Democrats to return about $1.5 million linked to foreign contributors, which already is illegal. Republicans are readying House and Senate investigations. Democrats often counter by citing the case of a Bob Dole financier convicted of laundering illicit corporate donations.

The vehicle for the campaign reform push will be a bill sponsored by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., which seeks to limit spending on congressional campaigns, and would ban the unlimited funds that now can go to the political parties. The latter was the loophole that drew a torrent of massive donations in 1996, which was legal but nonetheless invited the abuses Congress will be investigating.

Clinton has endorsed the bill, urging an amendment to ban contributions by anyone who is not a U.S. citizen. Legal aliens and their U.S. businesses can donate under the current law, but the president said that raises too many questions and shouldn't be done any longer.

It is the line the Democrats crossed in accepting improper donations from foreigners.

The McCain-Feingold bill would seek to limit spending in congressional election campaigns by offering free and discounted television time and reduced mailing rates to candidates who abide by the ceilings. The limits would have to be imposed through incentives because it can't be done by law. A Supreme Court decision in 1976 overturned spending limits imposed after Watergate, holding them in violation of free speech guarantees.

Direct spending in presidential campaigns is limited for candidates who accept federal financing. Clinton and Dole each got $74 million in 1996 — and the benefit of millions more that passed through their political parties.

In theory, that unlimited party money is not supposed to be used in direct support of candidates, for president or for Congress. In practice, it is.

But the bill will only start the debate. Republicans still want to limit labor union spending. Democrats have talked of proposing a constitutional amendment to permit direct limits on campaign spending. Some Republicans say the right course is simply to require full and timely disclosure of campaign finances. There have been proposals that a bipartisan commission deal with the whole problem.

Clinton did not press campaign reform during his first term, but he said in endorsing the bill that there are no excuses for inaction now.

He also pointed to the obstacles: "We know from bitter experience ... that this is one of those things that everybody's for in general but few are for in particular."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

To ride float

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — June Lockhart is perfecting her light bulb-twister wave for New Year's Day.

The star of TV's "Lassie" and "Lost in Space" will ride the 55-foot float saluting Thomas Edison at the Tournament of Roses parade.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

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Immigration boosting U.S population

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. population increased by an estimated 2.3 million people in 1996, with immigration accounting for one-third of the jump, the Census Bureau said Thursday.

On Wednesday, the first day of 1997, there will be 266,499,365 people living in the United States, according to the census projection, a 0.9 percent increase since Jan. 1, 1996.

The bureau calculated a net 809,000 people migrated to the United States from other countries in 1996 — meaning more immigrants came here to stay than those who left.

The bureau assumed there were 3.8 million births and 2.3 million deaths. And it figured a net 27,000 Americans returned from overseas, including those serving in the military.

The nation's population is expected to grow by another 2.4 million people in 1997, with birth and death levels expected to remain constant.

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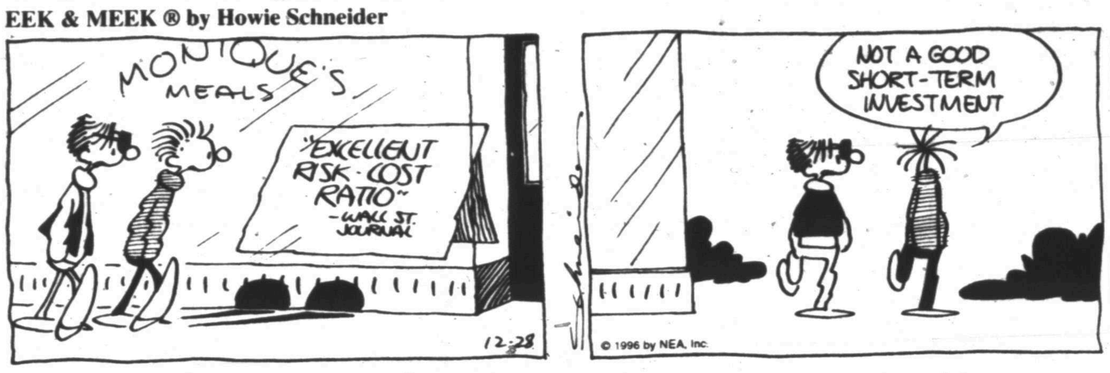
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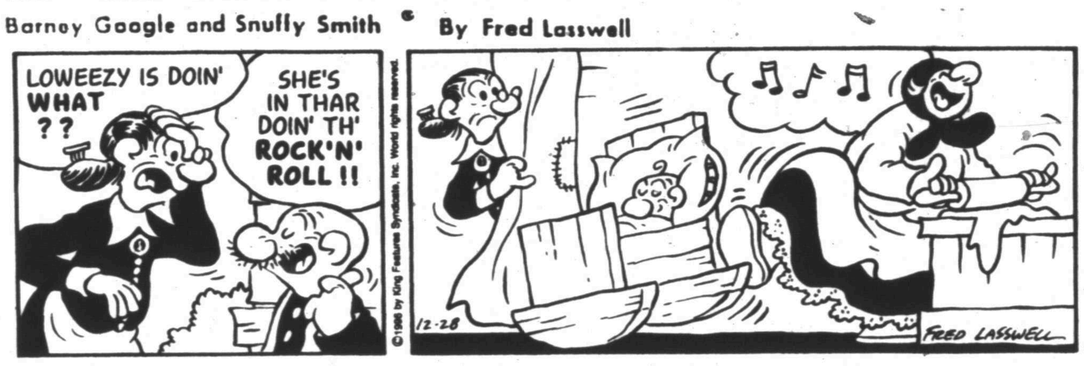
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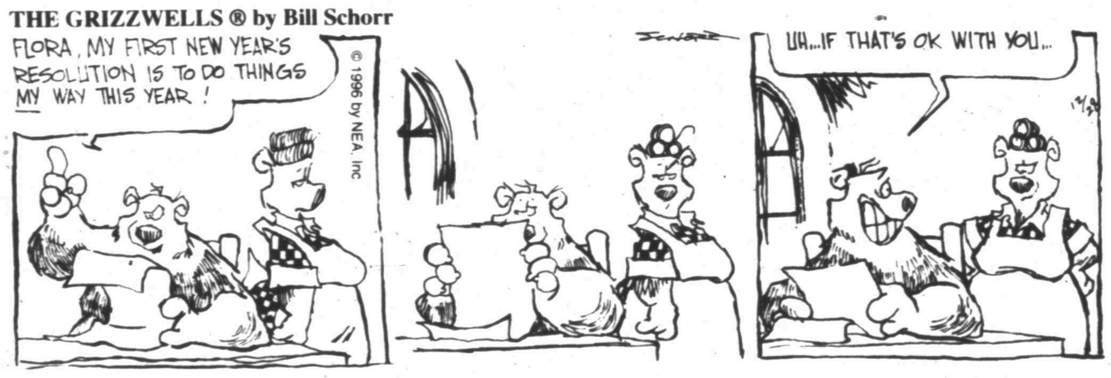
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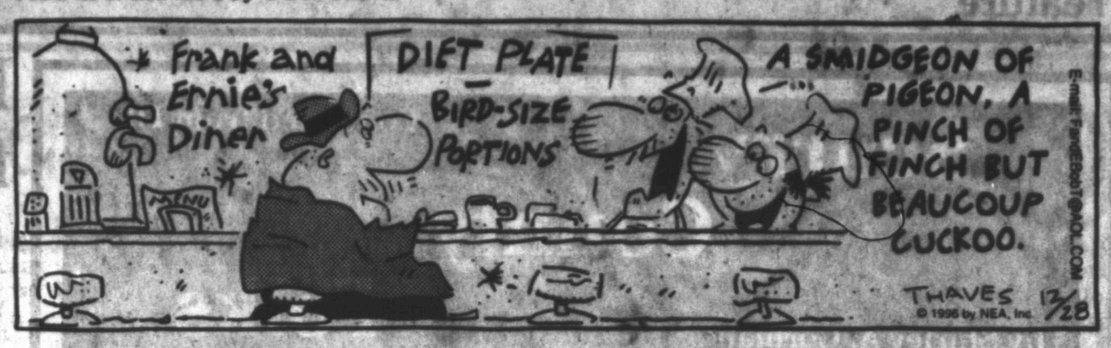
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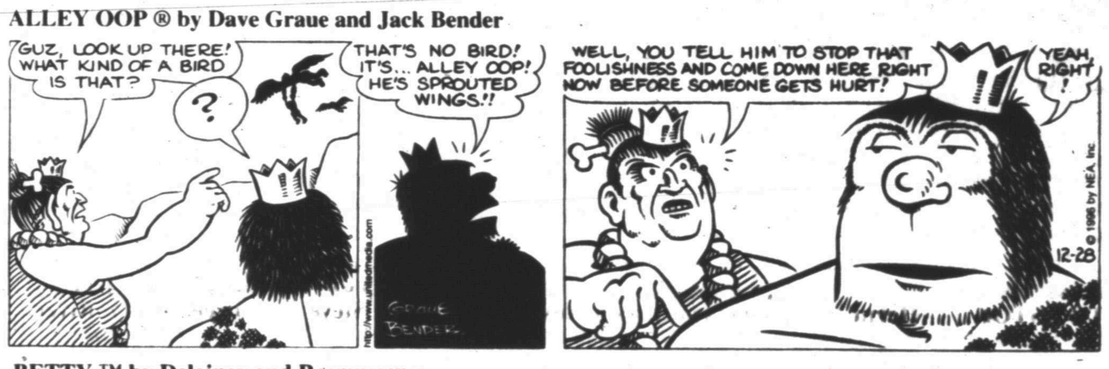


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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Powerful person
5 Dining place
9 Actress Lupino
12 Opera by Verdi
13 Tropical fruit
14 Inventor Franklin
15 Obstruction
16 Coastal area
18 Farm tools
20 — and crafts
21 Comparative suffix
22 Psyche parts
24 Like a warm spring day
27 Extreme
31 Wings
32 Actor James —
33 Fish
34 Wedding words
35 Succotash ingredient
36 Be a vendor
37 Drunkard
39 Attack from all sides
40 Author Fleming
41 — a Wonderful Life
42 Taxis
45 Mistreating
49 Serial units
52 Now — — me down to sleep
53 Tennis equipment
54 Concern
55 Gumbo ingredient
56 Mao — -tung
57 Dramatic conflict
58 Words of denial

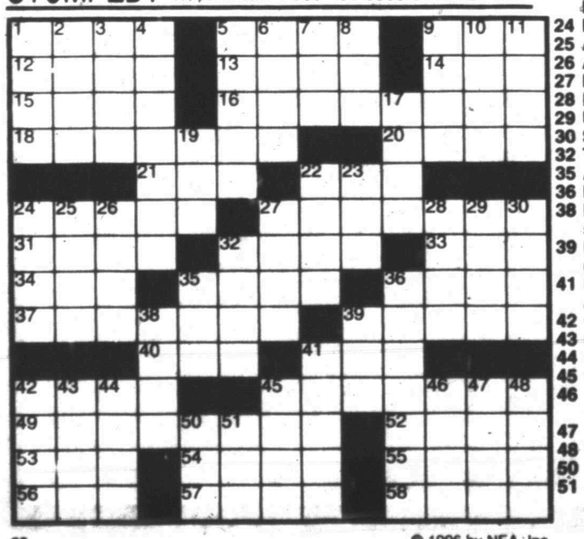
DOWN

1 Mama — Elliott
2 Metal
3 An apple — —
4 E.L. Doctorow novel
5 Supply food for a party
6 Poisonous plant
7 Nourished
8 Ending for Chin
9 Construction beam (2 wds.)
10 Fender damage
11 No ifs, — or buts
17 Young woman
19 Word to call attention
22 Mideast nation
23 Newscaster Rather
24 Fishing lure
25 Actor — Ray
26 Asian country
27 Pub missile
28 Knots
29 Unused
30 Scot, e.g.
32 Tree animal
35 Acct.
36 Meeting
38 Hissing sound
39 Heat unit (abbr.)
41 Doll's House author
42 Copper coin
43 Monkeys
44 Chew
45 Of aircraft
46 Actress Chase
47 Alter
48 Young hawk
50 Sorrel
51 — Hammarskjold

Answer to Previous Puzzle

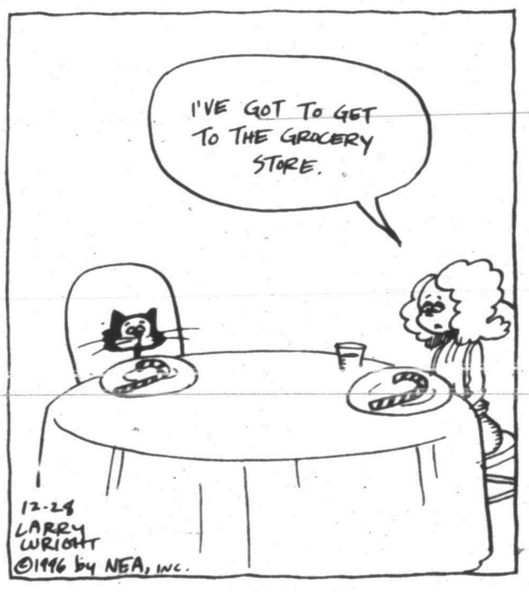
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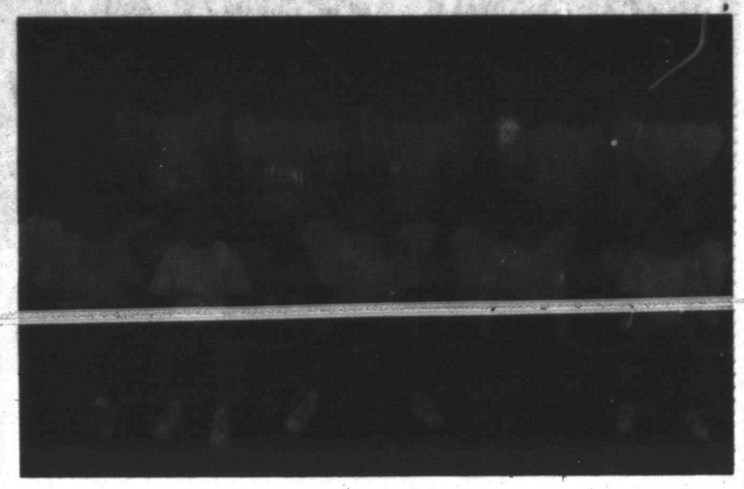
"IT'S ONLY THREE DAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS AND ALL OF MY TOYS ARE ALREADY WORN OUT!"



CARD STORE — These Hermleigh students were cards in the Christmas play. Bottom row, from left, Corey Bayer, Jonathan Hernandez; top row, from left, Adam Rivera and J.D. Mireles. (Contributed Photo)



MAIN CHARACTERS — In Hermleigh's "The Mall and the Heavenly Visitor," main characters were bottom row, from left, Alicia Culp, as Effie Shunt; Crystal Bridges, Jessica; top row, Dylyn Richards, assistant manager; Alana Culp, Angelica. (Contributed Photo)



ANGELS — Hermleigh kindergarten students were "angels" in the Christmas play. Bottom row, from left, Jeremy Eaton, Rustin Webb, Dessie Gaddis, April Dennis, Shaye Williams; top row, Rosemary Rivera, Ashley Luna, Miguel Berrones, Jade Hughey, Casey Williamson. (Contributed Photo)



TOY STORE — Hermleigh students portraying toys in a toy store were bottom row, from left, Chris Gaddis, Kelvin Dogge Bobby Lane; top row, Robby Anderson, Scotty Arellano, Samantha Berry, Josh Baldwin. (Contributed Photo)



PET SHOP — Hermleigh students portrayed pets in a pet store in a recent play. Bottom row, from left, Ismael Berrones, Steve Hembree, Andy Rivera, Aimee, Rabon; top row, Georgianna Smith, Frank Smith, Michael Barrera, Nicklos Eaton, Johnathon McClure. (Contributed Photo)



DRESS SHOP — These Hermleigh students played mannequins in "The Mall and the Heavenly Visitor." Bottom row, from left, K'Leigh Jackson, Kristi Jones, Megan Kariainen, Cesilie Torres, Robert Ritch; top row, Danni Webb, Summer White, Erica Torres, Brittany Kelley, Crystal Berrones. (Contributed Photo)

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Pasadena firm fined for violations

PASADENA (AP) — The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration fined Albemarle Corp. more than $100,000 Thursday for safety violations after a July 2 fire that injured one worker.

The penalties were levied Thursday after an investigation initiated by an employee who filed a formal complaint after a July 2 fire at the chemical facility.

The worker was badly burned when fire broke out after a hazardous chemical escaped.

"OSHA considers this a serious and significant case," said Ray Skinner, OSHA area director.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Buster Wright, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Olin F. and Nona Bunch, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Ann W. Smartt, 1997 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Midwest Electric Co-Op, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

AMOCO, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Thomas Chevrolet.

Omer and Mona Pointer, 1997 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Sierra Well Services Inc., three 1997 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Andy C. Melendez, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Fred A. and Margaret D. Morris, 1996 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Rocker A Well Service, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Larry W. Taylor, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

William C. Gordy, 1997 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jerry and Janice Scrivner, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Scurry CB Sales, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Franklin Delano Owen and Mary Jeanette Owen, divorce granted.

Deed Records

T.S. Thomas to John S. and Pamela Sallee Fenton, all of Lot 11 in Block 4 of the A.D. Dodson Addition.

Esteban Cabrera to Juan Padilla, all of Lot 7 in Block 17 of the Chambers Addition.

Leatha Jeane Brice and Mary Brice Schulz to Pete Lowrance, all of Lot 13 in Block 1 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Ricky Williams, independent executor of the estate of Ruby Williams, to Larry Williams, all of Lot 3 in Block A of the Towle Place Addition.

Ricky Williams, independent executor of the estate of Ruby Williams, to Ricky Williams, 168 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 119, Block 97, H&TC survey.

James and Ruth West to Cynthia Rivera, the east 100 feet of the north 75 feet of Lot 4 in Block 36 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Eva N. Kolar and John C. Taylor to Ted Floyd, the south 90 feet of Lot 2 in Block 26 of the Cody Addition.

Laverne Lee to Robert E. and Lanelle Bomar, the south 25 feet of Lot 21 and all of Lot 22 in Block F of the West Ridge Addition, Section 2.

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Spouse:_____ Birthdate:_____
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( ) Renting $_____Monthly Amount
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( ) Handicapped How:_____

Number of People living in this Household:_____
( ) Adults ( ) Children Ages:_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Income:
( ) Employed Where:_____
Gross Weekly Income: $_____
( ) Spouse Employed Where:_____
Gross Weekly Income: $_____
( ) No One Employed
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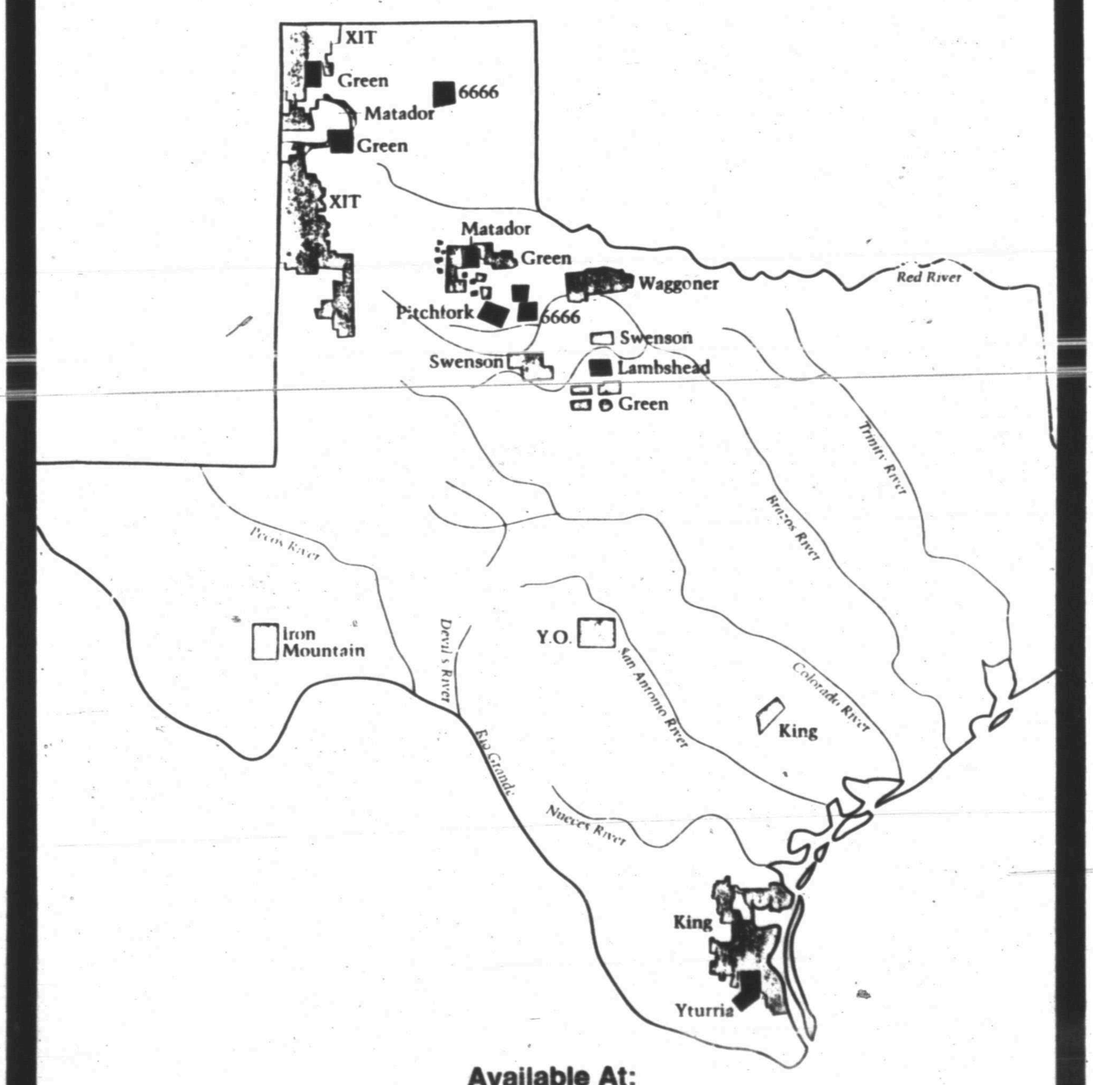
NEW YORK (AP) — Olympic basketball star Lisa Leslie has a fitness strategy for couch potatoes: She watches TV and works out during the commercials.

Leslie, who has signed to play with the fledgling WNBA, told Fitness magazine that as soon as the ads start, so does her ab work. She also does push-ups, squats and curls, using one of her many trophies as a dumbbell.

"I can usually get in about 60 crunches" she told the magazine for its January/February issue.

Historic Ranches Of Texas

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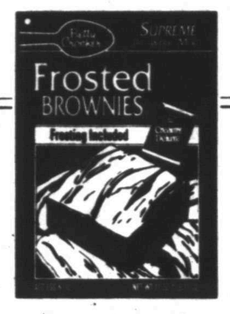
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Shurfine Pumpkin
3 cans ..... **96¢**

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96¢

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46 oz., Limit 1 While it lasts ..... **96¢**

Shurfine Pineapple
20 oz. can ..... **96¢**

Shurfine Corn Flakes
18 oz. ..... **96¢**

Shurfine Apple Jelly
18 oz. ..... **96¢**



Lettuce
head, Limit 1 ..... **36¢**

Broccoli
bunch ..... **96¢**



Green Cabbage
3 lbs. ..... **96¢**

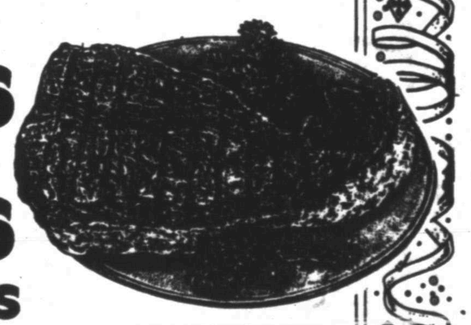
Salt Jowl lb. ..... **29¢**

Pork Spare Ribs
Family Pk., lb. **1.46**



Ground Round
lb. **1.96**

Top Sirloin Steak
Family Pack, lb. **1.96**



T-Bone Steaks
lb. **3.96**

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lb. **4.46**

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