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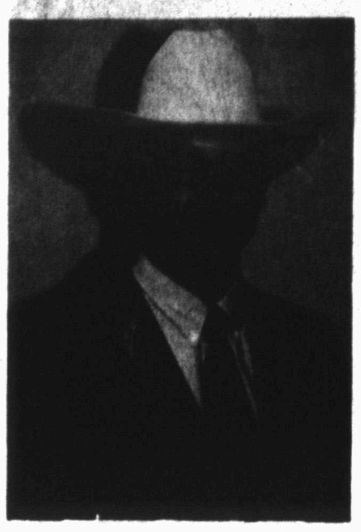
County sheriff's race becomes 1st contested



DARREN JACKSON

Scurry County's first contested political race surfaced Friday with the announcement of a second deputy seeking to replace veteran Sheriff Keith Collier.

Darren Jackson, a deputy for the past nine years, said he would be a candidate for sheriff, subject to the March Republican primary.

Earlier, Deputy Kerry Fritz announced that he would be a Democratic candidate.

Collier, who is serving his eighth four-year term as Scurry County Sheriff, has announced that he will not seek re-election.

Jackson, 30, is a life-long resident of Scurry County. He is a 1984 graduate of Snyder High School and earned an associate degree in criminal justice from Western Texas College in 1988. He was selected the outstanding male criminal justice student and was named Who's Who in American Junior Colleges.

Jackson also graduated at the top of his class from the Law Enforcement Academy in Abilene. He worked for the Snyder Police Department in 1984-85 before joining the Scurry County Sheriff's Department in 1986. He also holds an advanced law enforcement certification.

Jackson served as president of the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Association in 1994 and was honored with the association's Stan Guffy Award in 1995.

A member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church, Jackson and his wife, Jackie — an employee of Cogdell Hospital — have two eight-year-old children, Paul and Lesli.

"The sheriff's department has long had a reputation for strong law enforcement and community service. I feel that I can continue, and hopefully improve, on this reputation," Jackson said.

"I feel qualified to lead this department in a time when citizens want highly visible, fair and agressive law enforcement."

Incumbents who have filed for re-election include Scurry County Commissioners, Ralph Trevey in precinct one and C.D. Gray Jr. in precinct three.

Another Democrat, tax assessor Rona Sikes, is also seeking re-election.

Republican Dana Cooley, who last summer was appointed district attorney in the 132nd Judicial District which includes Scurry and Borden Counties, has announced that she will seek a full four-year term.

Mike Hartman, a lawyer in the firm of Cooley and Hartman, has revealed that he will be a candidate for county attorney. Hartman is also a Republican.

Also up for election is the post of 132nd District Judge, a post held by former DA Ernie Armstrong. Armstrong has not revealed his political plans.

County Attorney Pete Greene, a Democratic who has also served as district attorney and who has also run for district judge, has not announced his intentions.

Other races on the ballot include the 17th Congressional District held by Democrat Charlie Stenholm of Stamford.

Rudy Izzard, a San Angelo dentist, has announced that he will challenge Stenholm as a Republican.

District 70 State Rep. David Counts of Knox City made it official Friday by filing for re-election with Democratic party headquarters in Austin.

Two Republicans have indicated they will look to unseat Counts.

Last month, Abilene auto dealer Dale Wofford of Hawley announced that he will seek the Republican nomination. Also, Republican Scott McLaughlin, president of a wholesale plumbing distributorship in Big Spring, said he will likely seek the House seat held by Counts.

The final day to file for the March 21 primary election is Jan. 2.

Candidates must file with their respective county party chairman. Drew Bullard is the Republican chairman and Charlie Freeman is county Democratic chairman.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "History repeats itself only because nobody understands it the first time."

They need a new motto: "Don't mess with Santa."

It was inveitable...bound to happen in the frenzied rush to be politically correct.

Thank goodness small towns remain "behind" the trend line of our sophisicated big-city neighbors. In fact, we hope that Kenneth Wood drinks all his milk and remains the official Scurry County Mr. Claus for years to come.

Some big city shopping centers are hiring Santa from various ethnic backgrounds in an attempt to keep everybody happy, but it's not easy.

One mall in Dallas runs a scheduled listing when Santa of each race will be on duty. A mall in California has a Santa hot line where parents can find out the color of the Santa on duty.

The biggest problem encountered thus far is at shift change. Another problem is alienating the traditional-minded parent or kid who has never before seen Santa portrayed as brown, black or Asian.

Remaining traditional is the attire — the white beard and red suit. One mall is thinking of altering his outfit next year with an African-style cloth. With eyes on the cash register, the promotional director explained, "We don't want to offend anyone."

Frankly, we think efforts to change Santa is a waste of time and effort. Kids who believe in Santa, we find, are blinded by the twinkle in the ole Gent's eyes.

We thought it was crazy for men to file suit wanting to work at Hooters. The next court action, we predict, is some female wanting to be Santa.

When it comes to Santa, the kids know best: "Don't fix what ain't broken."

Closing on Kmart store is delayed

A real estate transaction involving the vacated Kmart building on South College Avenue was not closed Friday, as anticipated.

The transaction is expected to be completed as early as next Wednesday.

The 40,800 square-foot metal building is owned by the Ohio Teachers Association and was leased by Kmart. The Snyder store was one of 198 Kmart retail operations closed last March.

The expected new owner, a major chain store, will reportedly tear down the structure and rebuild.

Kmart offered to sell its leases in a nation-wide offering, but Kmart rejected all three bids that were submitted for the Snyder store, which was built in 1981.

HOLIDAY GAZEBO — Volunteers are pictured decorating the gazebo where Santa will greet kids Saturday evening following the lighted Christmas parade. From left are Gertrude League, Bernice Parker, Martha McCarver, Norma Thompson, Judy Hays and Sandra Barbosa. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

If Medicaid cut...

Clinton vows budget veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pushing his latest balanced-budget plan as the right choice, President Clinton today promised to veto GOP-sponsored Medicaid cuts that he says would cost millions of children access to needed health care.

"That is unacceptable in a country that cares about its children," he said in his weekly radio address. "And I will not permit it to happen."

Clinton said the Republican budget, which proposes to cut $163 billion from Medicaid over seven years, would repeal the federal guarantee of health care for 8 million people, including poor kids, people with disabilities, pregnant women, older Americans, veterans and people with AIDS.

On Wednesday, he vetoed Congress' seven-year plan for balancing the budget "through wrongheaded cuts and misplaced priorities" on grounds that it squeezed too much money from the Medicare and Medicaid programs for older Americans and the poor, respectively.

Clinton then offered a seven-year budget formula of his own, which he says balances the budget in the time frame the GOP insists on, but with less pain. His proposed Medicaid cuts amount to about a third of what Republicans are seeking.

"My seven-year balanced budget plan trims Medicaid and keeps costs down. It cuts federal spending, lets states be more efficient, targets the money more

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Lighted Christmas parade will begin at 6 o'clock

The Christmas spirit lights up in Snyder Saturday evening with the fifth annual lighted Christmas parade, starting at 6 o'clock.

In addition to the parade, Santa will be on the courthouse square to visit with kids, and there will be Christmas musical entertainment.

Families attending are invited to hang an ornament on the community-wide Christmas tree near the gazebo.

While parade-watchers begin lining the streets, parade participants will begin forming in the Kmart parking lot. The parade will proceed north on College Avenue and will circle the courthouse square.

This year's lighted Yuletide parade will feature 19 floats. This year's parade is being held in memory of the late Dr. Franklin Pruitt, long-time educator.

Afterward, Santa Claus will be at "Santa Land," the courthouse gazebo. Parents may purchase a photo of their children with St. Nick for $3 each.

While children are making their holiday requests to Santa, others are encouraged to participate in singing traditional Christmas carols on the west side of the courthouse, led by high school and junior high choirs.

Parade winners and winners of the merchant's Christmas tree contest will be announced during the activities.

To help brave the cold, chamber officials will be selling hot chocolate and coffee, as well as softdrinks and popcorn, on the square.

Snyder man to serve 6 months in bank fraud

LUBBOCK — A 45-year-old Snyder man has been sentenced to serve six months in a halfway house in a loan fraud case involving the Roscoe State Bank.

Friday Emmitt L. Hataway was ordered in U.S. District Court to serve six months for making a false statement to a bank in order to obtain a loan.

Hataway used cattle he did not own as collateral to obtain the loan in January, 1993.

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings also instructed Hataway to pay $30,000 in restitution to Roscoe State Bank and pay a $2,000 fine.

African choir will perform here Friday

The brutal fighting and disease that have claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands of Rwandans is also creating victims who will suffer for years to come.

They are the children, many of whom are now orphans.

Fortunately, another group of East African children who have endured similar tragedies is now helping children in Rwanda.

They are the 26 members of the African Children's Choir, which will be performing at 7 p.m. Friday in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The choir's appearance here is a community-wide project, under the direction of the July 4 Prayer Breakfast and Community Candlelight Service committee.

There is no charge for the event, which is open to all ages. Refreshments, donated by local churches, schools and other entities, will be provided following the hour-long program.

Friends In the West, the 20-year-old organization that sponsors the African Children's Choir, is helping orphans in Rwanda as well as Kenya and Albania. They also have an extensive relief effort underway to help children in Bosnia and Croatia.

ASK US

Q—Has the DPS received any directives on tolerance relating to the new speed limit?

A—DPS troopers said the local office has been told to enforce the new speed limit which is 70 mph, days, and 65 mph at night on U.S. 84. The maximum speed limit is still 55 on other roads in the county.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 64 degrees; low, 15; 7 a.m. reading Saturday, 15; no precipitation; total for 1995, 19.05 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear, cold. Low 20- 25. Light SE wind. Sunday, mostly sunny, warmer. High 55-60. S to SW wind 10-20 mph.

Sunset: 5:41 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:32 a.m.
Of 342 days in 1995, the sun has shone 326 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The wise man is cautious and turns away from evil, but a fool is arrogant and careless.

Proverbs 14:16

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Inmates convicted in prisoner's death

LIVINGSTON (AP) — Jurors on Friday convicted a third state prison inmate in the August 1994 beating death of a fellow prisoner who had refused to pay protection money or otherwise agree to the group's demands.

Jaime Salazar was convicted in the murder of Randy Payne, 23, who died at the Terrell Unit near Livingston after fighting off three inmate groups for nearly two hours.

Investigators said inmates attacked Payne on Aug. 5, 1994, in a shower because he refused their demands to pay protection money or become their "punk," prison jargon for sex partner.

Prison officials said he was kicked in the head, stomped and hit in the head with socks filled with padlocks.

Payne was serving a 15-year sentence for indecency with a child and burglary in Hutchison County.

Twenty inmates have been accused in Payne's death. On Thursday, Pedro Argumedo and Malcolm Moffett were found guilty of murder. Argumedo was sentenced by jurors in Polk County state court Friday to 25 years in prison in addition to his current term.

Moffett will be sentenced next Tuesday, and Salazar will be sentenced Monday, prison officials said.

Four other Terrell inmates are under indictment for the death of another inmate, Anthony Thibodeaux, who was killed while watching television.

The feller on Deep Creek says: "You're still in our hearts, Charlie"

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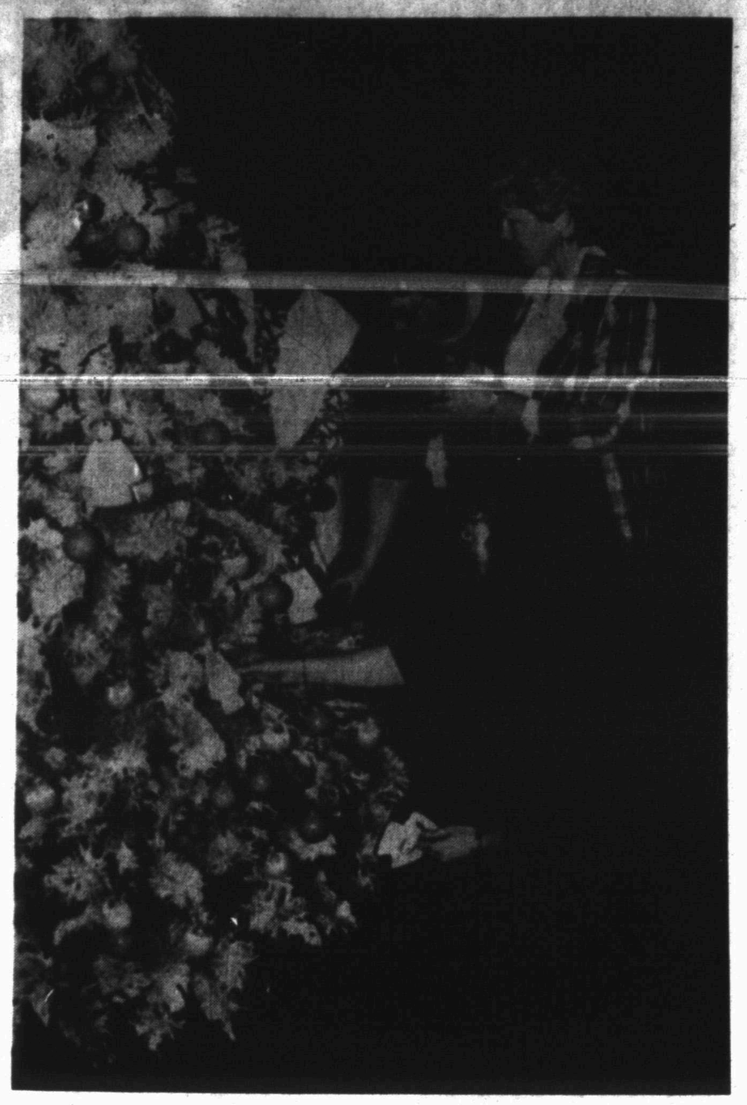
Drip irrigation event planned

LUBBOCK — A drip irrigation conference and trade show will be held Dec. 19 at Texas Tech University. The all day event will be located in the University Center Ballroom.

A series of meetings is planned throughout the day with registration beginning at 8 a.m. The registration fees are $20 before Dec. 14 and $30 after that date.

For more information, call the High Plains Water District, 806-762-0181.



ANGEL TREE — The Christmas tree at First American Bank is decorated with 20 Prison Fellowship angel ornaments. Each angel represents a $20 donation. The funds will be used to purchase two gifts for each child of a prisoner, a toy and an article of clothing, each costing $20. The child must live in the county to qualify, but the parent does not have to be incarcerated here. Donations equaling the number of ornaments on this tree will benefit 10 children. Shown decorating the tree are from left, Angel Tree volunteers, Olga Gonzales and Brenda Beauchamp; and First American employees, Sandy Tucker and Diane Dunham. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 18. Angel Tree presents Christmas presents in the name of the inmate and in Jesus' name. Angel Tree, a Prison Fellowship Ministry, was founded 14 years ago in Alabama. (SDN Staff Photo)

Second escaped prisoner captured

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Authorities have captured the second of four men who escaped from the state prison here more than 18 months ago by taking guards hostage with machine guns.

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Eight killed during fire at Harlem store

NEW YORK (AP) — After weeks of demonstrations and threats to "loot and burn" a white-owned Harlem clothing store, a protester marched in with a gun in one hand and a container of flammable liquid in the other.

With the words "It's on now!" he screamed for people inside to get out, and began shooting customers and workers before he splashed the accelerant over racks of clothes and set it all afire.

The store became a fiery death trap for eight people, including the unidentified 35-year-old gunman who was found clutching his empty pistol.

Four people shot by the gunman managed to escape. Two remained hospitalized in critical condition Saturday; two others were not seriously hurt.

"Suddenly, the whole front went up in flames — it started just like that," said Thomas Pierre, who watched as Freddie's Fashion Mart burned Friday on Harlem's main drag, across from the famed Apollo Theater.

Over the last several weeks, there have been a dozen or so pickets outside Freddie's protesting a planned expansion that meant the eviction of The Record Shack, a black-owned store next door. The black demonstrators also urged a boycott of the store because they believed its Jewish owner did not employ blacks.

A friend of one of the dead store employees, 19-year-old Angelina Marrero, said she had told him that there had been death threats against Freddie's managers.

"She didn't put no mind to it," Edison Hernandez said. "She was just a worker there, you know."

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Police Commissioner William Bratton cautioned against jumping to conclusions about the motives of the black gunman.

But Bratton noted that on Nov. 29, a store security guard had overheard a protester outside the store say: "We're going to come back with 20 niggers and loot and burn the Jew."

At the time, police classified the remark as a bias incident but nothing came of the investigation. Bratton said that although the gunman had joined in the protests, he was not the man who threatened to "loot and burn."

Backers of the boycott insisted Friday that it was peaceful. The Rev. Al Sharpton, who had been involved in the protest, said there "is no direct link" between the protest and the attack.

Sharpton said he would hold a "Day of Mourning" Saturday at a nearby elementary school.

Just after Freddie's opened Friday, the gunman charged in "yelling wildly for everyone to get out," according to Louis Anemone, a police chief. There were 15 employees, customers and construction workers in the store.

A bystander alerted two policemen on the street, and one entered the store. The gunman fired on the officer, trapping him in the store. His partner summoned reinforcements, who got the besieged officer and some of the other shooting victims out of the store.

The gunman then barricaded the door and set the fires, Anemone said.

Four dead bodies were found in the basement. On the first floor, firefighters found four other bodies, including the gunman's.

His dead victims were identified as Kareem Brunner, 23; Garnette Ramantar, 43; Olga Garcia, 19; Cynthia Martinez, 19; Luz Ramos, 21, and Mayra Rentas, 22. Police and fire officials said they died from smoke inhalation.

The medical examiner said the gunman was killed by a shot to his chest and smoke inhalation. Police spokesman Tom Kelly said investigators believe the gunshot wound was self-inflicted because none of the officers had fired their weapons.

The street, 125th, is one of the most storied in black history. It is the site of the Apollo, a mecca for black performers since the 1930s; the Hotel Theresa, where Fidel Castro once stayed; and many popular restaurants and stores.

Bruising easily can be a symptom of vitamin C deficiency.

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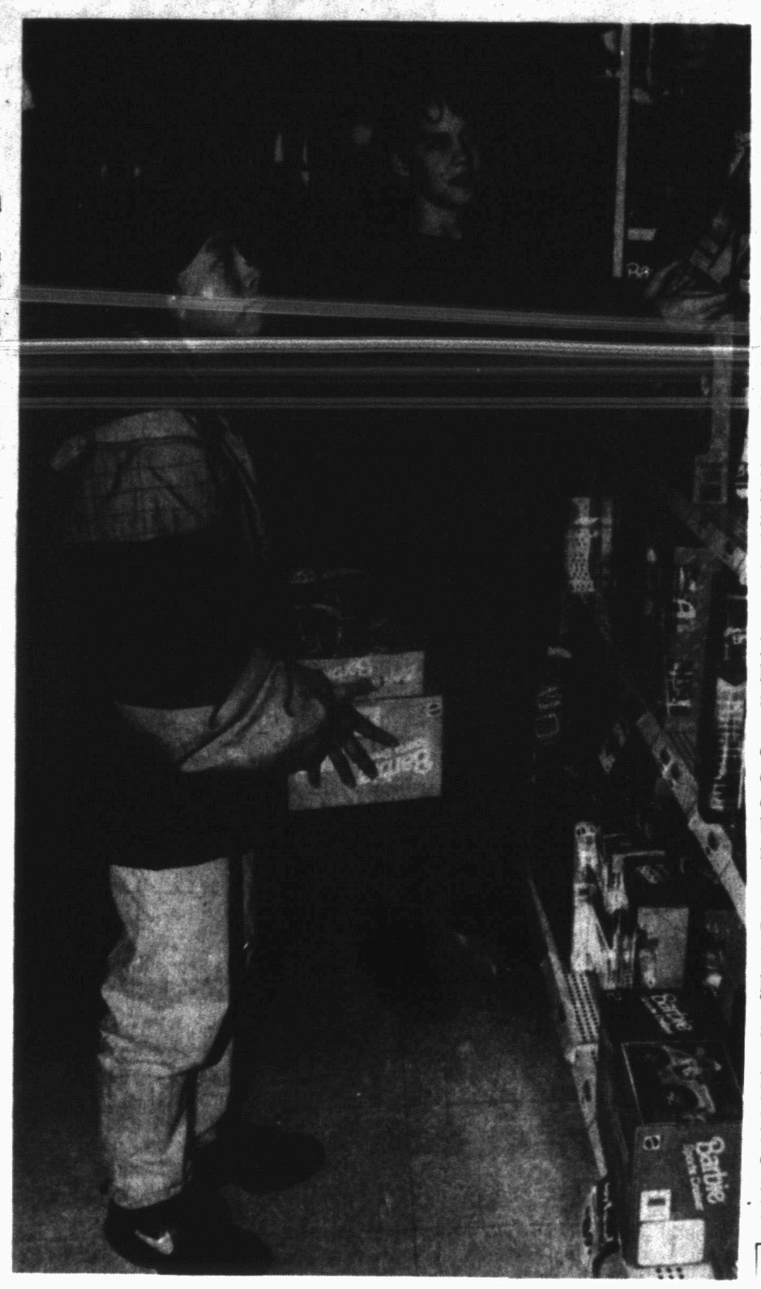

SHOPPING FOR TOYS FOR TOTS - Kim Vath, left, and Christina Holder were among many Snyder Junior High School students who raised over $500 to purchase toys for underpriviledged children this Christmas season. The students made their purchases Friday at Wal-Mart. (SDN Staff Photo)

Four children perish in Dallas fire

DALLAS (AP) — Four children died Friday night in a fire at their grandparents' home, fire officials said.

Two people were listed in good condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital: a firefighter suffering from a leg wound and a 72-year-old man with smoke inhalation and a gash to his leg.

Firefighters sounded two alarms for the blaze, sending 10 units and 50 firefighters to the home near Love Field airport. The first alarm sounded at 6:58 p.m.

"Initially, one company was dispatched to the area," said L.P. Jones, fire commander, "and they found the home with a lot of fire in the back. All the children were found upstairs — two on the floor and two in bed."

He said the fire was believed to have spread from a fireplace downstairs.

Convicted woman again says shooting was an accident

DALLAS (AP) — The woman convicted of murdering Tejano singing star Selena insisted again that the shooting was an accident in an interview with ABC televised Friday.

"They've made me out to be a monster. I just want to say, I did not kill Selena. It was an accident, and my conscience is clear," Yolanda Saldivar said in an interview on the news magazine "20-20."

It was Ms. Saldivar's first English-language interview since her conviction Oct. 23. She is serving a life prison sentence.

Ms. Saldivar did not testify during her trial. Her attorneys contended the gun went off accidentally and Selena was shot in the back in a Corpus Christi motel room March 31.

The interview was conducted Nov. 20th at a jail in Corpus Christi. Two days later, Ms. Saldivar was moved to the woman's prison in Gatesville, in central Texas, where she is serving her sentence.

As she did during a Spanish-language television interview Nov. 14, Ms. Saldivar said a tearful Selena came to her motel to discuss their business relationship and begged Ms. Saldivar not to leave.

Selena's family members testified at the trial that Selena was about to fire Ms. Saldivar, the former president of her fan club, out of concern that she might be embezzling money.

Selena's father, Abraham Quintinilla, also interviewed by ABC, said he had told Ms. Saldivar that he and the family would file a criminal complaint against her with police.

But Ms. Saldivar told "20-20" that Selena never told her she was about to be fired.

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More IRS postcards to be mailed in '95

WASHINGTON (AP) — More taxpayers this year will receive a postcard from the Internal Revenue Service rather than return forms and instruction booklets.

The agency is expanding an existing program that's been around for at least 10 years, IRS spokesman Steve Pyrek said.

Last tax season, 22 million taxpayers who had used a professional preparer the previous year and had filed Form 1040 along with complicated schedules and ancillary forms received a postcard with a mailing label and were instructed to take the label to their preparer.

That saves printing and distribution costs, Pyrek said. That's because most paid preparers use their own forms and simply throw away the forms and instructions sent to their clients.

This tax season, 33 million taxpayers will receive tri-fold or four-fold postcards with mailing labels and a return postcard in case they want to order forms and instructions. The program's been expanded to include anyone who paid a preparer to complete Form 1040, not just those attaching complicated schedules.

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"FADO BLANQUITO" — These Ira 9th graders will perform a regional Spanish folk dance, "Fado Blanquito," at 7 p.m. Monday in the Ira Gym. Admission is $1 for adults and 50 cents for students. From left are, Tye Shirley, Brook Wilkes, Emily Hardy, Erica Perez, Carlos Espinoza, Lindsy Josey and Billy Keith Box. Perry Jamison is not pictured. The Spanish II students are also members of the Spanish Club. Costumes were made by Tammie Shirley's students. (SDN Staff Photo)

Financial Focus

It's hard to believe, but the baby boom generation is heading for retirement. The oldest baby boomers will begin retiring in about 15 years. Yet more than half of the people scheduled to retire in the next 25 years don't think they'll have enough money.

That's the conclusion of a special report on retirement published recently by USA Today. The report, a joint effort by USA Today, CNN and Gallup Poll, discovered that when it comes to retirement planning, working Americans generally fall into four categories.

Twenty-six percent of those surveyed fell into the Contented Realist category. This is the wealthiest group, 70 percent of whom earn more than $50,000 per year. The majority of these people have a financial plan and an employer-sponsored retirement program. On top of that, they also saved an average of $5,000 last year. Understandably, the contented realists are not relying on Social Security to fund their retirement.

Eighteen percent of the survey respondents were classified as Cautious Optimists. While only a small percentage of this group earns more than $50,000 a year, 29 percent have a retirement plan, and 34 percent saved more than $5,000 last year. They're knowledgeable about retirement planning and look to their own resources as the major source of retirement income.

The Worriers comprised the largest category - 32 percent of those surveyed. Almost four in 10 worriers earn more than $50,000 annually, yet they say it's not enough for them to save. Almost all of this group (98 percent) say they are worried about retirement; however, they're not doing much about it. One-third of the worriers claim no knowledge of financial planning. This group relies heavily on Social Security and is resigned to a reduced standard of living after retirement.

Almost one-fourth of those surveyed are Woefully Unprepared. Members of this group have little hope for a comfortable retirement. Half earn less than $20,000 per year, have no job-sponsored retirement plan and make no personal contributions. Nearly four in 10 look to Social Security and part-time work to make ends meet during retirement.

The good news is that most of these wage-earners can still build a respectable retirement nest egg if they begin paying themselves first. A modest $25 monthly contribution into an IRA earning 7 percent annually could grow to about $14,000 in 20 years. They key is to make monthly deposits part of a regular budget - right up there with paying the mortgage or the electric bill.

No matter what category you fall into, you can have a comfortable retirement if you take matters into your own hands and begin planning today.

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 10, 1995

Generally speaking, improvements in many areas are indicated for the year ahead. You will probably not repeat old mistakes this year, and as a result, you will be more successful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A critical financial decision shouldn't be made under pressure. Put the matter on hold, and take the time to study it from every angle. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today 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.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In a bargaining situation today, convince your adversary to make some concessions. Unless everything is fair, the deal will not work out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Make security a priority today, especially if you're working on a do-it-yourself project with unfamiliar tools and materials. Read directions carefully.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will conduct yourself reasonably well in social situations today. However, a crisis might arise if someone you dislike joins your group.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Discord in your household will be probable if you fail to handle situations tactfully. Do not aggravate matters. You should try to reduce the hostility.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may have ample reason to find fault with others today. However, it will be better to keep silent. Your criticism may be turned against you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Continue to manage your resources as prudently as possible. The temptation to spend extravagantly will be strong in this cycle. Try to control your whims.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today could be rather disconcerting if you don't treat occurrences philosophically. Remain tolerant even if your good intentions are misunderstood.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not react angrily to a situation today. Your inappropriate behavior could provoke very unpleasant reactions from colleagues and friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, you might not be as understanding as usual. Even friends who have helped you recently might not receive sympathy from you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You may desire to issue orders today, but this will not be your forte. If you show poor judgment as a leader, your standing with your peers will be lessened.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you could be in a gregarious and talkative mood. This behavior will be fine as long as you do not gossip about others.

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Your Birthday

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In the year ahead you might come to the realization that, in regard to your career, others need you as much as you need them. Your new outlook will make you a stronger person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not pretend to have knowledge today which you lack. You will be tested in some manner, so don't put yourself in an embarrassing position. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius 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.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might be subjected to some undesirable changes today, so prepare to make adjustments. Inflexibility could be detrimental.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Associates will want to help you today, but they cannot do things that you can do yourself. Do not make unwarranted demands on others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Ambitious objectives significant to you might not be of equal importance to your friends today. If you sense resistance, back off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, you might take more risks than usual. However, this behavior could be beneficial if you're cognizant of all the odds in a particular situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An old adage says, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." Unfortunately, this bromide may not apply to you today. Do not quit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can profit today from a lesson learned from a painful experience in the past by not repeating the same mistake. Remaining aware will give you an edge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If your financial philosophy is "Easy come, easy go" today, you may be only half right. Money will be more easily lost than found.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you want to get others to do your bidding today, you must make sure their profits will be as large as yours. If the willingness to help isn't there, don't push.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are usually well-organized, but today you might not be as methodical and fail to arrange your chores and assignments to your best advantage.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Make an effort today to treat all your friends equally. If you do not, you might hurt a pal's feelings. Later he or she may subject you to the same treatment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An important objective can be achieved today, but not as easily as you initially contemplated. However, don't let this setback deter you from your purpose.

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Doomsday Clock is moved 3 minutes closer to zero hour

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"The world is still a very dangerous place and the trends are in the wrong direction," said Leonard Rieser, chairman of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists.

He reset the clock at 14 minutes before the hour that symbolizes nuclear apocalypse.

"We are not crying fire in the world's theater," said Rieser, a witness to the first atomic bomb blast. "But we do want to sound an alarm. We do want to call for increased vigilance."

The Doomsday Clock, introduced in 1947, shows the world on its face. The Bulletin's board has changed the hands 16 times to reflect world events.

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Katy and her husband, Clint, a logging engineer with Production Logging, Inc., have two daughters; Karen Jenkins, LVN, of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Sharon Doty, who is studying for her Master's Degree in Arts at Angelo State University.

Katy was selected for this honor following nominations by co-workers. Comments on nomination ballots included: a very dependable and efficient worker...knows her job and completes assigned tasks in a timely manner...always courteous to visitors and co-workers...willing to learn and accept additional responsibility...a joy to be around...always displays a positive attitude...a great Cogdell representative!

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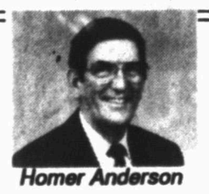

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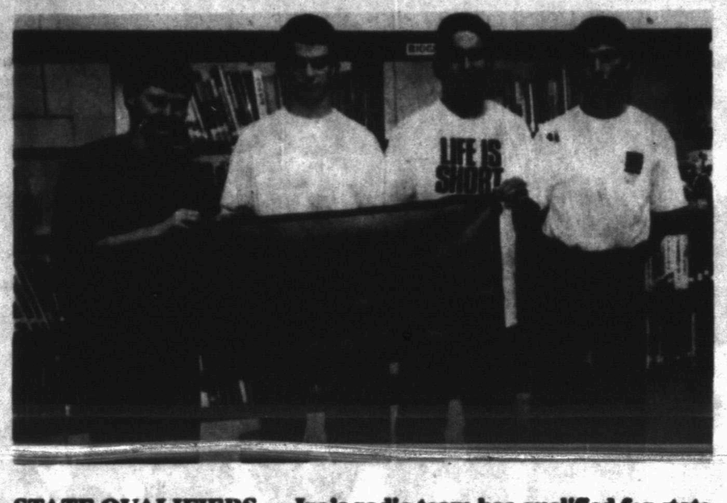
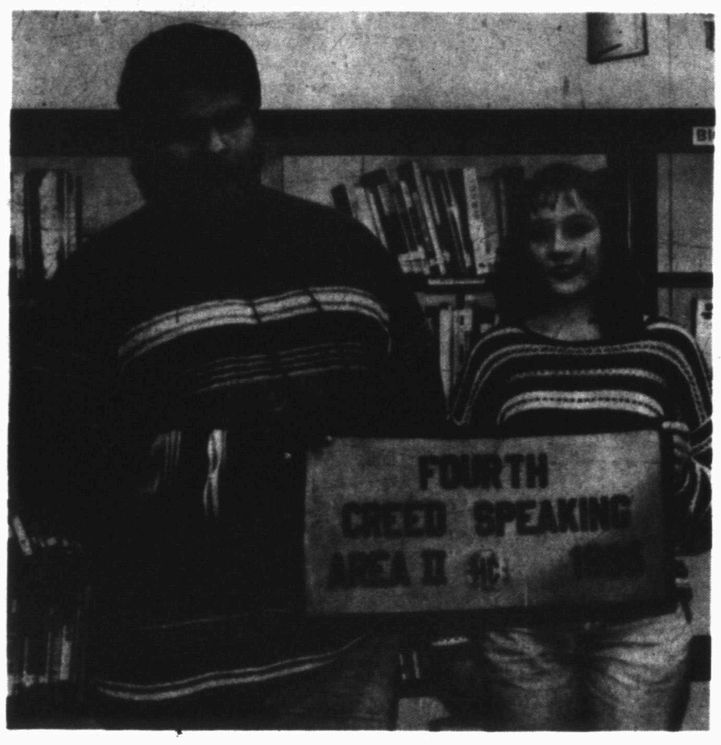


STATE QUALIFIERS — Ira's radio team has qualified for state competition this weekend at Sam Houston State University. Recent wins include first in district and first in area. From left are, Adam Davis, Judd Rogers, Todd Collom and Heath Mathis. (SDN Staff Photo)

QUIZ TEAM — Ira's Quiz Team placed first in district and third in area. From left are, Terri Robinson, Audra Oliver, Carla Smith and Brook Wilkes. (SDN Staff Photo)

THIRD IN DISTRICT — Ira's Chapter Conducting Team earned third place in district recently. From left are, Tyrel Sterling, Judd Rogers, Jeremy Howard, Heath Mathis, Billy Box and Jacy McCright. (SDN Staff Photo)



CREED SPEAKING — Ira students have placed in creed speaking competition. Ociel Castelan earned second in district and fourth in area. Carla Smith placed third in district. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bomb rescue workers defend calendar poses

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Rescue workers involved with the federal building bombing said Friday they see nothing wrong with posing for a bachelor calendar that features "Oklahoma's heroes."

"If we thought that it was capitalizing on the bombing 100 percent, we would not be involved," said Fire District Chief Ron Moss, who posed for the calendar in a business suit. "Our guys have more class than that."

Moss said the $15 calendar had the chief's approval as long as the fire department's logo and equipment weren't used.

The calendar features 11 firefighters and a sheriff's deputy posing in everything from business suits to bare chests and Harley-Davidson jackets.

Each month has a 900 number with a voice mailbox for the posing rescuer. Callers can leave a message for $2.30 per minute.

Publisher Becky Tilly said 2 percent of the profits will go to the American Red Cross and 2 percent will go to the State Firefighters Association Memorial Fund. A contribution also will be made to the sheriff's department.

The rest of the money will go for expenses in making the calendar, she said.

Making money, Ms. Tilly said, is "just part of life. I don't know how else to put it." She said the calendar is about heroes and not intended to be a sexy production.

A local minister disagreed.

"There's a lot of religious, deep, spiritual feeling that has evolved in response to the disaster," said Rev. Don Alexander, pastor of the First Christian Church, which served as a shelter for those awaiting word about loved ones in the April 19 blast that killed 169.

"Those who would take advantage of it and commercialize on it are pitiful," he said.

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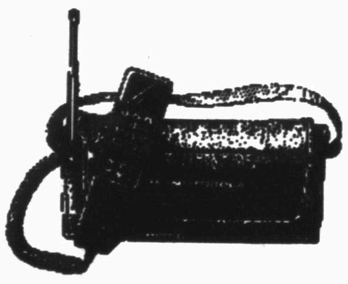

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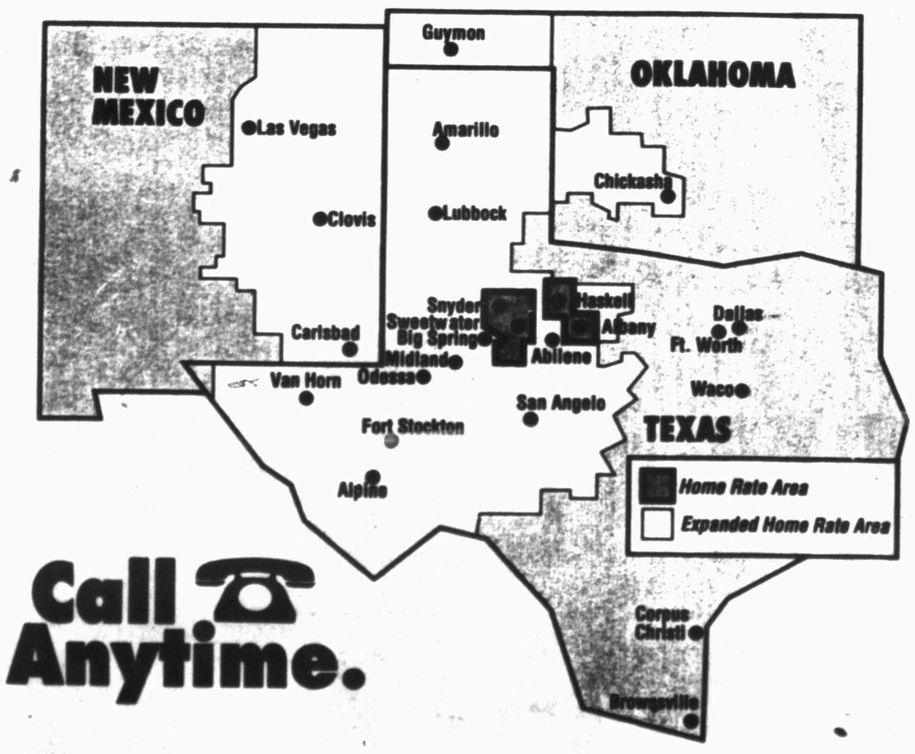

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Fighting Money Battle Leaves Single Mom Down for the Count

DEAR ABBY: I'm a divorced woman in my 40s with one young child. My ex-husband is usually unemployed and has never stayed at one job long enough for me to collect any money from him, so I receive no support whatsoever. I have no family who can help me out.

My problem: I make enough money to pay the rent, utilities and insurance, and to buy groceries and gas, but after that there is nothing left over. I have no savings and drive an old car that's on its last legs. Our entertainment is heavily curtailed by this lack of extra money.

I shop at thrift stores, watch my grocery bill and take my child to budget movies when I can afford it. I don't date because I'm always flat broke, and these days you can't assume that your date will pay. Even if they do pay, there's the cost of a sitter, which I cannot afford. I make it a point not to meet men so I don't have to face this problem.

If I work two jobs, I have to worry about a sitter for my daughter. I have taken on additional office jobs when available and I have worked on weekends, but this hasn't been steady or guaranteed income. I've been looking for a job that pays more, but the competition is horrendous.

My question: How do other single mothers do it? How do they offer their children exposure to the better things in life? Even "free" activities have costs involved — gas to get there, soft drinks, etc. My daughter and I are just "existing" — not living. It angers me to have to tell her she can't have music or dance lessons. It's also very hard because all of my friends are married, and they have plenty of money to do as they please. They don't ask me to do much because they know I'm unable to. I'm so sick of saying, "I'd love to — but I can't afford it." After a while, they stop asking.

NO MONEY'S NOT FUNNY

DEAR NO MONEY: Perhaps you could take some job training that would qualify you for a better paying occupation. (Some employers will help with the expense, if the training can be useful to the company.) Inquire at your local junior college if there are scholarships or student loans available. It would mean extra work and time away from your child during the training period, but it could pay off in the long run.

Also, consider finding other single mothers who can share in child care, and barter services such as haircuts, baby sitting and dance lessons. Instead of avoiding social contacts, think about some Saturday evenings when everyone brings potluck and pools money to rent a video everyone enjoys.

Review your budget. You may be spending money where you don't realize it. And consider sharing a house with another single mother. It can work if it's the right match.

Since this problem is so widespread, perhaps my readers will have additional suggestions. How about it?

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DEAR ABBY: I have seen letters in your column from people who are ashamed to disclose their occupations.

I have never been ashamed to say that I am married to a garbage collector. My husband calls himself the "Southern Lehigh Garbologist"— and his attitude toward his work has received positive feedback from the community. People view him as a smart businessman with a keen imagination and a wonderful sense of humor.

When he had to raise his rates, he wrote his customers letters explaining why. His letters made the local newspaper at least three times, and one of them was featured in an evening class at a local university. (It was a course called "How to Win Friends and Influence People," instructing business people how to sell themselves positively to their customers.) One customer told us he had heard someone use my husband's nickname on late-night television.

I have always worked by his side by running the office. The garbage business has provided us with a decent living, not to mention some of the "perks" that come in the form of "your trash is my cash" items — including some lovely antiques.

I'd be proud to have you use my name, or sign me "The Contented Wife of Garbologist Steve Tegyi."

SHIRLEY TEGYI,
COOPERSBURG, PA.

DEAR SHIRLEY: Attitude is everything, and you and your "Southern Lehigh Garbologist" are shining examples of it. May you have continued success.

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DEAR ABBY: Eight years ago, when my first child was born, I received a lovely poem that contained some excellent advice for parents. I have applied it to my relationship with my children. It strengthened our bond and we became best friends.

It occurred to me that you may find it appropriate for your column. The author is unknown, but perhaps someone in your vast reading audience will know who wrote it.

JOHN ZURSTADT, SEATTLE

WHAT SHALL WE
GIVE THE CHILDREN?

What shall we give the children?
Christmas is almost here.
Toys and games and playthings,
As we do every year?

Yes, for the magic of toyland
Is part of the Yuletide lore
To gladden the heart of childhood,
But I shall give something more.

I shall give them patience,
A more sympathetic ear,
A little more time for laughter,
Or tenderly dry a tear.

I shall take time to teach them
The joy of doing some task.
I'll try to find time to answer
More of the questions they ask.

Time to read books together,
And take long walks in the sun.
Time for a bedtime story,
After the day is done.

I shall give these to my children,
Weaving a closer tie,
Knitting our lives together
With gifts that money can't buy.

DEAR JOHN: In keeping with the holiday spirit, perhaps parents could also give their children lessons in acceptance of others who are different in some way, as well as lessons in charity.

Help them select a toy for a less fortunate child, or bake cookies for a needy family. Help them learn about children from another culture, and draw a picture about those children to hang in your home during the holidays. Let your imagination soar ... and theirs, too.

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Blacks urged to invest in mutual funds, not presents

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A Baptist minister who urged blacks to boycott Santa Claus — because too many families go into debt buying presents — is surprised to find himself vilified as Scrooge.

"This is the time to start watching those dollars," said the Rev. Curtis Gatewood, who last month called for diminishing the role of old Saint Nicholas in their homes this Christmas.

Gatewood, president of the Durham chapter of the NAACP, was caught off guard by the response to "Operation: Boycott Santa Claus."

Editorials called him "Scrooge Gatewood" for "dissin' Santa Claus." Nationally, Rush Limbaugh railed against the boycott on his syndicated radio talk show and ABC News did a segment on it.

Gatewood responded by saying he's received expressions of support from whites and blacks across the country, even from England and Australia. A week after he announced the boycott, his chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People voted unanimously to support it.

The uproar has only reinforced Gatewood's view that blacks would be better off with less under the tree and more invested in such things as mutual funds to assure their children can go to college.

If the spending bug is irresistible, buy from black retailers, he said.

James Stacy arrested at Honolulu hospital

HONOLULU (AP) — James Stacy, star of the 1960s TV Western "Lancer," was arrested at a hospital Friday for failing to appear for his sentencing on charges of molesting an 11-year-old girl.

Last month, Stacy pleaded no contest to molesting a friend's daughter. He also pleaded no contest to prowling, for an incident in which he entered a house to talk to two girls, 12 and 16. He faces up to 8½ years in prison.

The 58-year-old actor was to be sentenced Thursday. Municipal Judge Steven Hintz issued a warrant when Stacy didn't show.

Stacy was in a hospital for a psychiatric evaluation. Police said a fall last week from the Pali Lookout in the mountains was a suicide attempt. He survived after landing on a ledge.

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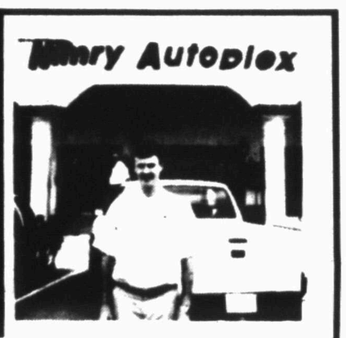

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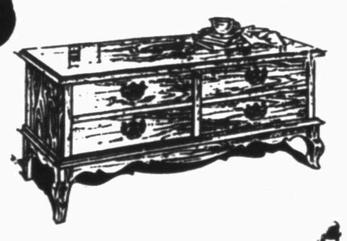

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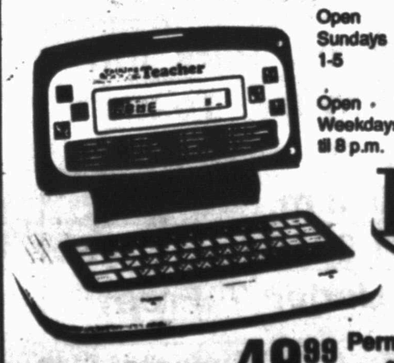

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State Semifinals

Odessa Permian (11-1-1) vs. Klein (12-1), 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Aldine Eisenhower (11-1-1) vs. Converse Judson (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio

State Championship

Odessa Permian (11-1-1) or Klein (12-1) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (11-1-1) or Converse Judson (12-1), TBA

Class 5A, Division II
Regional Finals
Region I

Flower Mound Marcus (13-0) vs. Arlington Lamar (12-0-1), Noon, Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Region II

Richardson Lake Highlands (12-0-1) vs. North Mesquite (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Region III

Humble (8-3-2) vs. Fort Bend Elkins (10-2-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

Region IV

Austin Westlake (12-0-1) vs. San Antonio Roosevelt (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio

State Semifinals

Flower Mound Marcus (13-0) or Arlington Lamar (12-0-1) vs. Richardson Lake Highlands (12-0-1) or North Mesquite (11-2), TBA

Humble (8-3-2) or Fort Bend Elkins (10-2-1) vs. Austin Westlake (12-0-1) or San Antonio Roosevelt (13-0), TBA

Class 4A
Regional Finals
Region I

Denison (13-0) vs. Stephenville (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Amon Carter Stadium, Fort Worth

Region II

Sulphur Springs (12-1) vs. Mount Pleasant (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Mesquite

Region III

La Marque 30, League City Clear Brook 0

Region IV

Bastrop (7-6) vs. Corpus Christi Calallen (13-0), 3 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Austin

State Semifinals

Denison (13-0) or Stephenville (12-1) vs. Sulphur Springs (12-1) or Mount Pleasant (9-3), TBA

La Marque (14-0) vs. Bastrop (7-6) or Corpus Christi Calallen (13-0), TBA

Class 3A
Regional Finals
Region I

Springtown 28, Ballinger 7

Region II

Alvarado (13-0) vs. Commerce (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford

Region III

Sealy 40, Sweeny 0

Region IV

George West (9-3-1) vs. Cuero (12-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos

State Semifinals

Springtown (11-3) vs. Alvarado (13-0) or Commerce (12-1), TBA

Sealy (14-0) vs. George West (9-3-1) or Cuero (12-1), TBA

Class 2A
Regional Finals
Region I

West Texas 10, Winters 7

Region II

Celina 34, Goldthwaite 0

Region III

Alto (13-0) vs. Groveton (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Palestine

Region IV

Refugio 31, Three Rivers 6.

State Semifinals

West Texas High (13-1) vs. Celina (13-1), TBA

Refugio (13-1) vs. Alto (13-0) or Groveton (12-1), TBA

Class A
Regional Finals
Region I

Sudan 27, Wink 12

Region II

Roscoe 20, Crawford 7

Region III

Burkeville (8-0-1) vs. Overton (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Grapeland

Region IV

Thorndale 47, Granger 6

State Semifinals

Sudan (9-4) vs. Roscoe (12-1), TBA

Thorndale (14-0) vs. Burkeville (8-0-1) or Overton (12-1), TBA

Six-man

State Semifinals

Amherst 79, Klondike 34

Milford 29, Panther Creek 6

State Championship

Amherst (14-0) vs. Milford (13-1), TBA

Snyder reaches tourney finals

BIG SPRING—The Snyder Tigers will be playing in the championship game of the Big Spring Rotary basketball tournament following a 61-55 win over El Paso Andress here Friday.

"Andress is a real talented team. They are one of the top teams in El Paso," said coach Bud Birks. "We played smart basketball and kept our head. I am very pleased with the way we played.

Snyder will now face district-rival Lamesa in the finals at 4:30 Saturday afternoon. Lamesa defeated Merkel, 53-40.

For the Tigers, Rick Henderson was high point with 15 and Patrick Cumbie added 13.

Snyder took a 32-20 halftime lead, but Andress came back and scored 22 third quarter points to close the gap. The Tigers hung on and outscored Andress by three in the final eight minutes, 16-13.

SNYDER 61, EP ANDRESS 55

Snyder	16	16	13	16 — 61
Andress	9	11	22	13 — 55

Snyder: Byram 0 3-4 6, Huestis 2 3-5 7, Patterson 3 2-4 8, Braziel 1 6-8 8, Henderson 5 2-4 15, Cumbie 4 2-2 13, McLeod 0 0-1 0, Hobbs 2 0-2 4, Totals 17 18-30 61.

Andress: Leading scorers, Williams 15, Parks 11.

3-Point goals: Snyder 2 (Byram, Henderson)

UP FOR TWO—Rick Henderson goes up for a shot in action Thursday at the Big Spring Rotary basketball tournament. Snyder was to play Lamesa in the finals at 4:30 Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers play in championship game

DENVER CITY—For the second week in a row, the Lady Tigers from Snyder will be playing in the finals of a tournament.

In a total team effort, the Lady Tigers defeated Denver City, 65-55, in double overtime to advance to the finals of the Fillie Festival going on here.

"We loaded the bus with seven players and I didn't relly know how we would play," said Coach Steve Qualls. The flu bug has hit the team and Tiffany Garza is out with a knee injury.

"Erica (Garvin) and Jami (Brown) both played sick and had outstanding games." Garvin tossed in 38 points to lead all scorers and Brown had 16 points, including five three-point shots. She also had nine assist, including three big assist to Garvin in the final OT period.

The Lady Tigers jumped out to a 22-9 lead at the end of the first quarter, but only scored a combined eight points in the second and third quarters. Going into the final period, Snyder trailed by four, 34-30.

The score was tied 46-46 at the end of regulation and tied at 50 after the first overtime period. The Lady Tigers outscored the Fillies, 15-5, in the final extra period.

In addition to Garvin and Brown, Darla Blackwell added five points, Trish McGrew had four and Jodi White two.

Snyder will now play Clint in the finals at 7:30 Saturday. Clint made it to the finals with a 70-57 win over El Paso Andress.

Clay named 2nd team

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

A year ago John Mackovic was under fire at the University of Texas. Now, he's The Associated Press Southwest Conference Coach of the Year.

The Longhorns rolled unbeaten through SWC play, posted a 10-1-1 record, and got a date to play Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl.

Texas dominated the mythical All-SWC team as selected by the league's coaches. Like everything else involving the SWC this year, it's the last one.

James Brown, the gutsy Texas sophomore quarterback who competed the final regular season game against Texas A&M despite a badly sprained ankle, earned Offensive Player of the Year laurels.

By The Associated Press
FIRST TEAM
Offense

Quarterback — James Brown, Texas, 6-0, 180, sophomore, Beaumont.

Running backs — Byron Hanspard, Texas Tech, 6-0, 190, sophomore, Dallas; (tie) Leeland McElroy, Texas A&M, 5-11, 205, junior, Beaumont; Jerod Douglas, Baylor, 5-9, 167, sophomore, Converse.

Wide receivers — Mike Adams, Texas, 6-1, 185, junior, Arlington; Albert Connell, Texas A&M, 6-2, 180, junior, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Tight end — Pat Fitzgerald, Texas, 6-2, 225, junior, Aguora, Calif.

Linemen — Dan Neil, Texas, 6-2, 285, junior, Cypress Creek; Jimmy Herndon, Houston, 6-8, 300, senior, Baytown, Fred Miller, Baylor, 6-7, 294, senior, Houston, Hunter Goodwin, Texas A&M, 6-5, 285, senior, Bellville; Ryan Tucker, TCU, 6-6, 285, junior, Midland.

Placekicker — Michael Reeder, TCU, 6-0, 160, sophomore, Sulphur, La.

All Purpose — McElroy.

Offensive Player of the Year — Brown.

Offensive Newcomers of the Year — (TIE) Shon Mitchell and Ricky Williams.

Defense

Linemen — Tony Brackens, Texas, 6-4, 250, junior, Fairfield; Brandon Mitchell, Texas A&M, 6-4, 275, sophomore, Abbeville, La.; Daryl Gardner, Baylor, 6-7, senior, 315, Lawton, Okla., Chris Piland, TCU, 6-4, 222, senior, Grapevine.

Linebackers — Zach Thomas, Texas, Tech, 6-0, 232, senior, Pampa; Reggie Brown, Texas A&M, 6-2, 232, senior, Austin; LaCurtis Jones, Baylor, 6-0, 200, senior, Waco.

Backs — Chris Carter, Texas, 6-1, 200, junior, Tyler; Ray Mickens, Texas A&M, 5-8, 177, senior, El Paso; Marcus Coleman, Texas Tech, 5-8, 177, senior, Richardson Lake Highlands; Adrian Robinson, Baylor, 6-2, 210, senior, Edna.

Punter — Tucker Phillips, Rice, 6-2, 210, sophomore, Houston.

Kick Returner — Douglas.

Defensive Player of the Year — Thomas.

Defensive Newcomer of the Year — Dat Nguyen, Texas A&M.

Coach of the Year — John Mackovic, Texas.

SECOND TEAM
Offense

Quarterback — Chuck Clements, Houston.

Runningbacks — Ricky Williams, Texas, Shon Mitchell, Texas.

Tight end — Hayward Clay, Texas A&M.

Wide receivers — John Washington, TCU, Kalief Muhammad, Baylor.

Linemen — Ben Kaufman, Texas Tech, John Elmore, Texas, Brandon Kidd, SMU, Calvin Collins, Texas A&M, Keith Chiles, SMU.

Placekicker — Phil Dawson, Texas.

Defense

Linemen — Chris Atkins, Texas, Charles Horton, Baylor, Pat Williams, Texas A&M, Brynton Goynes, Rice.

Linebackers — Larry Izzo, Rice, Keith Mitchell, Texas A&M, Craig Swann, SMU, Dat Nguyen, Texas A&M.

Backs — Bryant Westbrook, Texas, Taje Allen, Texas, Cornell Parker, SMU, Donovan Greer, Texas A&M.

Punter — Sean Terry, Texas A&M.

Lady frosh advance

The Snyder Lady Tiger freshman team defeated San Angelo Lakeview's JV, 32-23, during play in the Snyder High School Lady Tiger Junior Varsity basketball tournament.

For the second game in a row, the freshman kept their opponent from scoring in the first quarter.

Mandy Hess and Alicia Peoples both had nine points, Leslie Daniell added eight points, Jami Burrow, Shannon Hall and Teri Moore each had two.

The Snyder JV was defeated by Merkel, 40-32.

Jami Burleson had 24 points to lead Snyder. Halea Huestis had six and Traci Eicke added two.

The freshman were to play at 2:30 Saturday against Merkel with the winner going to the championship game at 8:30. The JV played Lakeview at 10 Saturday morning. The winner was to play at 4 for fifth place.

Other games Friday, Abilene sophomores defeated Anson, 63-60 in triple overtime. It was Greenwood 53, San Angelo Central sophomores 46; Hawley 64, Coahoma 21; Colorado City 37, San Angelo Central JV 29.

On the winners side of the bracket, Midland Lee defeated Abilene, 58-34, and Abilene Cooper was 18 points better than Post, 48-26.

Lady Bulldogs reach finals

HIGHLAND—The Lady Bulldogs from Ira have made it to the finals of the Hilltop Classic taking place here. Ira defeated Sweetwater JV, 51-44, and will play Trent in the finals.

"Our girls played extremely well," said Coach Tim Mebane.

Jody Rankin was high point with 21, Melissa Brasuel and Terri Robinson both had 13.

On the boy's side, Ira was defeated by Loraine, 86-30. The Bulldogs will now play for third place against Westbrook.

Todd Collom was high point for Ira with 16, Tyrel Sterling and Billy Box both added six.

NBA AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
National Basketball Association
All Times EST

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Orlando	16	4	.800	-
NewYork	13	5	.722	2
Miami	11	5	.688	2½
NewJersey	8	9	.471	6½
Boston	7	9	.438	7
Washington	7	10	.412	7½
Philadelphia	3	14	.176	11½
Central Division				
Chicago	15	2	.882	-
Atlanta	9	9	.529	6½
Cleveland	8	10	.444	7½
Detroit	8	10	.444	7½
Indiana	7	9	.438	7½
Charlotte	8	11	.421	8
Milwaukee	6	10	.375	8½
Toronto	6	14	.300	10½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	15	4	.789	-
SanAntonio	11	5	.688	2½
Utah	12	6	.667	2½
Denver	8	9	.471	6
Dallas	6	11	.353	8
Minnesota	5	11	.313	8½
Vancouver	2	17	.105	13
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	12	5	.706	-
Seattle	12	6	.667	½
Portland	9	8	.529	3
L.A.Lakers	10	9	.526	3
Phoenix	8	9	.471	4
L.A.Clippers	7	12	.368	6
GoldenState			.333	6½

Friday's Games

New Jersey 91, Indiana 89
Cleveland 113, Philadelphia 85
Orlando 105, Charlotte 95
Minnesota 112, L.A. Clippers 94
Chicago 106, San Antonio 87
Houston 113, Washington 107
Denver 103, Phoenix 98
L.A. Lakers 120, Toronto 103
Seattle 120, Sacramento 103
Detroit 121, Golden State 114, OT

Saturday's Games

Boston at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.
Miami at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 2:30 p.m.
San Antonio at New York, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Vancouver, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.

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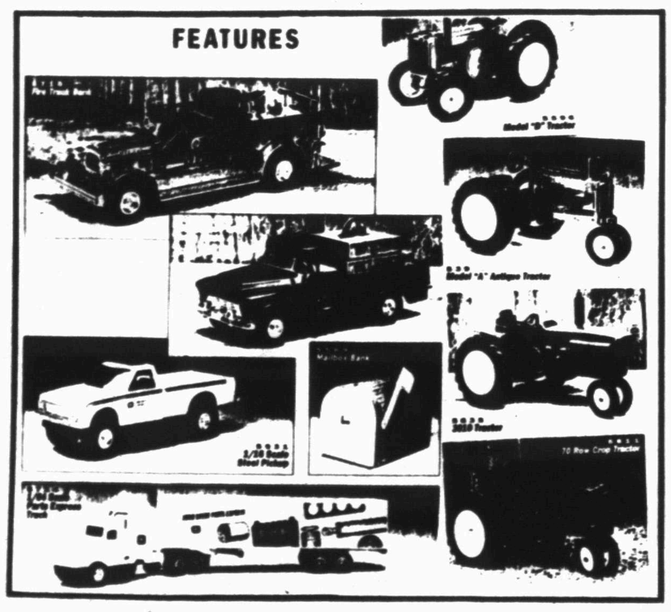

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Carolina looks for San Francisco sweep

TAYLOR MADE

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

There has been a lot written about and spoken about one certain individual who plays two different professional sports and still does not get paid what he is worth. (No one is worth $13 million a year)

There are several two and three sport athletes in Snyder, but WTC has two that I'm aware of and one of those athletes is nationally ranked.

Tona Wright and Emily Schaffer both compete on the basketball court and in the rodeo arena. Schaffer is a starter for the Lady Westerners and runs barrels, breakaway roping and goat tying for the rodeo team.

In addition to her basketball work, Wright is a nationally ranked cowgirl according to the NIRA national standings. In the women's all around, Wright is fifth in the nation with 345 points. In barrel racing, she is tied for 10th nationally with 240 points.

In the southwest region, Wright is first in all around, tied for first in barrels and third in breakaway.

Taylor Made

Snyder has produced several good athletes who have gone on and became coaches. I may get in trouble by leaving someone out, but as far as I know, here are some coaches who went to Snyder High School.

The most famous one is probably Grant Teaff who coached football for years at Baylor. Another one is current athletic director and golf coach at WTC, Milton Ham.

Kyle Short, a teammate of mine in basketball, is the head basketball coach at Breckenridge. Randy Courtney has taken over the girls basketball program at Abilene Wylie.

Charles Bollinger is a coach at Snyder Junior High and Brad Holcomb is an assistant baseball coach at Frenship. Bobby Doe is the head baseball coach at Big Spring.

A husband and wife team, Eddie and Penny Bane are coaching in Andrews. Penny is the volleyball coach and Eddie is the girl's softball coach.

Richard Gorman is the head football coach and athletic director at Yorktown. Leslie Brown is a baseball coach at Northbrook High School in Houston.

David McGinnis is an assistant football coach with the New York Giants. Jerry Taylor is the golf coach at Arizona Central. Doug James is at Amarillo Palo Duro and Bud Morgan is at an Odessa junior high.

Mitch Mackey is coaching baseball in south Texas and Rhonda Gartman is a JV volleyball coach at Fort Worth Castleberry.

Ricky Howell was athletic director and football coach at Coleman, but has stepped down is no longer in coaching. Jim Fred Liner, now principal at Fort Hancock, was in coaching there.

If you know of others, let me know.

By The Associated Press

A big question in the NFL is whether Carolina fans will show up with brooms Sunday when the Panthers try to sweep the San Francisco 49ers.

The expansion team could even its record at 7-7 with a second upset of the 49ers and extend the Panthers' home winning streak to five games. The Panthers beat the 49ers 13-7 Nov. 5 at San Francisco.

That loss was one of two during the five games quarterback Steve Young missed because of a shoulder injury. Since then the 49ers (9-4) have won four straight games, the last two with Young at the helm, and could clinch the NFC West title should a victory be coupled with an Atlanta loss or tie.

San Francisco, which lost 11-7 to New Orleans the week before the upset by Carolina, has beaten Dallas, Miami, St. Louis and Buffalo in the last four weeks and goes into Sunday's game with the NFC's No. 1 passing attack.

The Panthers have recorded 13 sacks in their last two home games.

There will be two Saturday NFL games — Cleveland at Minnesota and Arizona at San Diego.

In other Sunday matchups, Green Bay will be at Tampa Bay, Dallas at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh at Oakland, Buffalo at St. Louis, New Orleans at Atlanta, Detroit at Houston, Indianapolis at Jacksonville, Seattle at Denver, Chicago at Cincinnati, the New York Jets at New England and Washington at New York Giants.

Kansas City will play at Miami on Monday night.

Browns at Vikings

The Browns (4-9), as cold as a winter's day on Lake Erie, will run into a hot quarterback, Warren Moon, who has passed for 16 touchdowns in the last four games for the Vikings (7-6).

Cardinals at Chargers

The Chargers will try to even their record at 7-7 without running back Natrone Means, out with a pulled hamstring for the fifth straight game. Dave Krieg needs only 134 yards for his sixth 3,000-yard passing season, but even with a win the Cardinals would be only 5-9.

Packers at Buccaneers

When the Brett Favre-led Packers (9-4) beat the Bucs in Tampa last year they qualified for a wild-card spot. Sunday, they could clinch their first NFC Central title since 1972 with a victory and a Detroit loss. The Bucs (6-7) are averaging only 276.5 yards a game on offense.

Cowboys at Eagles

Dallas (10-3) will try to clinch the NFC East behind Emmitt Smith, the NFL's leading rusher with 1,494 yards and Troy Aikman, the NFC's top-rated passer. The Eagles (8-5) will try to bounce back from a loss to Seattle and move to within a game of the Cowboys.

Steelers at Raiders

The winner in nine of the last 11 games between these teams has gone to the AFC championship. The Steelers (9-4) beat Oakland 21-3 last Nov. 27 and went on to the title game, where they lost to San Diego. Billy Joe Hobert will start at quarterback for the Raiders (8-5) in place of Jeff Hostetler, who is out with an injured shoulder.

Bills at Rams

Jim Kelly once again will be at quarterback for the Bills (8-5) despite a sore rotator in his throwing shoulder. Chris Miller will not play for the Rams (7-6) because of a concussion sustained against Jets last Sunday. He will be replaced by Mark Rypien.

Saints at Falcons

The Saints will try to even their record at 7-7 after an 0-5 start. The Falcons need to right themselves after stumbling in the last two games. The game figures to be a tossup between quarterbacks Jim Everett of the Saints and Jeff George of the Falcons.

Lions at Oilers

Barry Sanders of the Lions (7-6) probably will gain the six yards he needs to become the 10th player in NFL history to rush for 10,000 career yards. The Oilers (5-8) will be faced with stopping the NFL's No. 1 offense (384.5) sparked by Sanders and quarterback Scott Mitchell, who has thrown for 26 touchdowns and a single-season club record 3,470 yards.

Colts at Jaguars

Craig Erickson, replacing the injured Jim Harbaugh at quarterback for the Colts (7-6), shouldn't be too worried about pressure from a Jacksonville defense that has recorded 11 sacks — the fewest in the NFL. On the other hand, the Jaguars (3-10) have allowed a league-leading 51 sacks.

Seahawks at Broncos

The Broncos (7-6) have the AFC's No. 1 offense (380.5) behind the passing of John Elway. The Seahawks (6-7) will be trying for second straight upset, having beaten Philadelphia last Sunday.

Bears at Bengals

Quarterback Erik Kramer is having a fine season for the Bears, but they stumbled to a 7-6 record after starting 6-2. The Bengals (5-8) are battling for second place in the AFC Central, which is not a ticket to the playoffs.

Jets at Patriots

The Jets (3-10) are 6-19 in games in December and January since 1989. The Patriots (5-8) are 8-2 in the last three Decembers.

Redskins at Giants

Should the Giants (4-9) complete a sweep of the Redskins (4-9), it would increase their lead in this traditional series to 74-51-3.

NFL AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
National Football League
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Buffalo	8	5	0	.615	265	260
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	256	251
Miami	7	6	0	.538	324	281
NewEngland	5	8	0	.385	229	298
N.Y.Jets	3	10	0	.231	199	318
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	9	4	0	.692	318	266
Cincinnati	5	8	0	.385	296	314
Houston	5	8	0	.385	280	277
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	231	295
Jacksonville	3	10	0	.231	220	298
West						
x-KansasCity	11	2	0	.846	306	208
Oakland	8	5	0	.615	300	228
Denver	7	6	0	.538	313	266
SanDiego	6	7	0	.462	239	257
Seattle	6	7	0	.462	285	303

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Dallas	10	3	0	.769	360	238
Philadelphia	8	5	0	.615	263	281
Arizona	4	9	0	.308	217	336
N.Y.Giants	4	9	0	.308	233	279
Washington	4	9	0	.308	258	299
Central						
GreenBay	9	4	0	.692	336	259
Chicago	7	6	0	.538	331	320
Detroit	7	6	0	.538	331	309
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	331	310
TampaBay	6	7	0	.462	205	257
West						
SanFrancisco	9	4	0	.692	362	190
Atlanta	7	6	0	.538	298	287
St.Louis	7	6	0	.538	237	297
Carolina	6	7	0	.462	241	257
NewOrleans	6	7	0	.462	270	295

x-clinched division title.

Saturday's Games
Cleveland at Minnesota, 12:30 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 4 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Buffalo at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at New England, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Oakland, 4 p.m.
Washington at New York Giants, 4 p.m.
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

Monday's Game
Kansas City at Miami, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16
New England at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
Green Bay at New Orleans, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17
Jacksonville at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at Houston, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Indianapolis, 4 p.m.
New York Giants at Dallas, 4 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 18
Minnesota at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

SDN SPORTS WEEK

BASKETBALL

Monday: Merkel at Lady Tiger 9th 7:00
Merkel at Lady Tiger 7th A & 8th 5:00
Roby at Lady Tiger 7th B 5:00
Hermleigh JHS at Westbrook 6:00

Tuesday: Tigers at Plainview varsity 6:00, JV 7:45
Luders Avoca at Hermleigh, varsity B & G 6:30
Blackwell at Ira, varsity B & G

Thursday: Tiger 9th in Andrews Tournament
Tiger 7th A & 8th A in Andrews Tournament
Ira JHS at Loraine, 6:00

Friday: Colorado City at Lady Tigers, varsity 6:00, JV 4:30
Andrews at Tigers, varsity 7:30
Tiger JV in Snyder JV Tournament
Tiger 9th in Andrews Tournament
Tiger 7th A & 8th A in Andrews Tournament
Klondike at Ira, varsity B & G
Hermleigh at Southland, varsity B & G, JV 5:00

Saturday: Lady Tigers at Lub. Coronado varsity 3:30, JV 2:00
Tiger JV in Snyder JV Tournament
Tiger 9th in Andrews Tournament
Tiger 7th A & 8th A in Andrews Tournament

Rodman and Bulls take care of Spurs

CHICAGO (AP) — Wearing the red and white of the Chicago Bulls, Dennis Rodman appears to be happy on the basketball court for the first time in years.

David Robinson, Rodman's teammate for two stormy seasons in San Antonio, has some advice for the Bulls: Enjoy it while it lasts.

Robinson was impressed after Rodman's 21 rebounds helped Chicago defeat the Spurs 106-87 Friday night. Nevertheless, he had to laugh when asked if he thought the Bulls had settled down the Worm.

"Settle him down? You guys haven't had much experience with him, have you?" Robinson said. "He's going to be himself no matter who's around him."

When he was with the Spurs, Rodman showed up late for practices, refused to take part in huddles during games and constantly promoted himself at the expense of a club that had the NBA's best record last season.

Now, the Bulls have the league's top record (15-2), but Robinson said it's too early to say if Rodman will help them win the championship.

"Not everyone is mentally tough enough to deal with all he does," said Robinson, whose 30 points and 12 rebounds couldn't extend San Antonio's five-game winning streak. "I don't think he realized that with us."

Rodman wasn't talking after the game, but the Bulls were talking about him.

"He's happy that he's winning. He's happy with the attitude of the team," said Michael Jordan, who scored 28 points as the Bulls earned their fifth consecutive victory and improved to 8-0 at home. "He's happy with the respect he's being given from the fans and the city of Chicago.

"As much as (the Spurs) don't want to face it, they didn't have a major rebounder in there and we did. All I can say is I'm glad he's on our team."

Before becoming the first Chicago player to grab at least 20 rebounds in two consecutive games, Rodman had missed a month with a calf injury.

The Bulls outrebounded the Spurs 46-33.

"He obviously makes them better," San Antonio's Avery Johnson said. "Your pride wants to say he didn't do anything, but you've got to put your pride aside. He was outstanding ... and we've been having rebounding problems."

Meanwhile, everything is going Chicago's way. When Jordan went to the bench with four fouls late in the third quarter, little-used Jud Buechler went in and promptly made two 3-pointers.

"We've been just getting abused in practice," Buechler said of the Bulls' reserves. "Last year, the second unit could somewhat hang with the first unit.

Rockets defeat Bullets

HOUSTON (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon may have a new weapon in his already potent arsenal.

The Houston Rockets got an unexpected 3-pointer from Olajuwon with 46.7 seconds left Friday night to seal a 113-107 victory over the Washington Bullets.

"You're still alive if he doesn't hit that '3,'" Bullets coach Jim Lynam said. "I told him that's not fair. He's not supposed to make that shot."

"That was a big one because it was still a tight game and the clock was running down," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said.

Olajuwon finished with 34 points and 11 rebounds and scored seven of Houston's last 14 points. The 3-pointer was just his second of the year in four attempts and the 34 points marked the fourth time in his last six games that he topped 30.

Olajuwon's surge late in the game came immediately after Chris Webber, who paced Washington with 24 points, fouled out. Webber, converting 11 of 15 shots, picked up three fouls over a 3:04 span and was through for the night with 2:56 left and Houston clinging to a 99-96 lead.

Amherst wins

By The Associated Press

No. 1 Amherst and Milford have advanced to the state's six-man finals next week.

Each team won a game played Friday night, ensuring their meeting in the championship game. The location has not yet been set.

Dewayne Miles rushed for eight touchdowns as Amherst defeated No. 2 Klondike 79-34 at Lobo Stadium in Levelland.

Miles, a senior, rushed for 267 yards on 20 carries.

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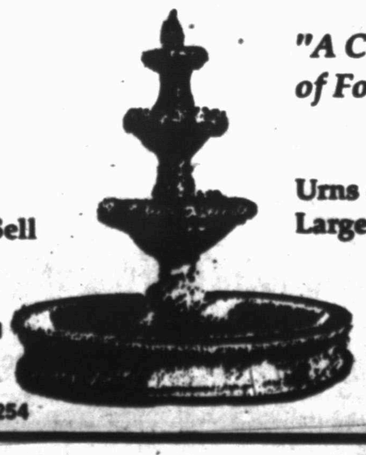
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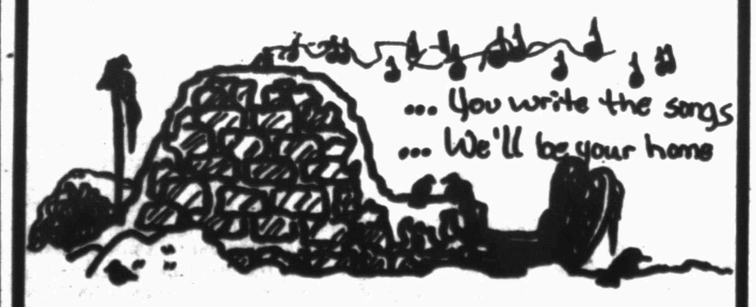

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Internal tobacco firm data compares nicotine, cocaine

NEW YORK (AP) — A major cigarette maker concedes in an internal report that nicotine is chemically similar to cocaine and people smoke primarily to get the substance into their bodies, The Wall Street Journal reported Friday.

The 15-page Philip Morris draft report likens nicotine to a drug in both its composition and effects on the brain, the newspaper said.

In calling nicotine a "similar, organic chemical" to such drugs as cocaine, morphine, quinine and atropine, the document states that "while each of these substances can be used to affect human physiology, nicotine has a particularly broad range of influence."

Steven Parrish, Philip Morris' top spokesman, told the newspaper that the document was written by a non-scientist and does not reflect the views of the company on nicotine or smoking.

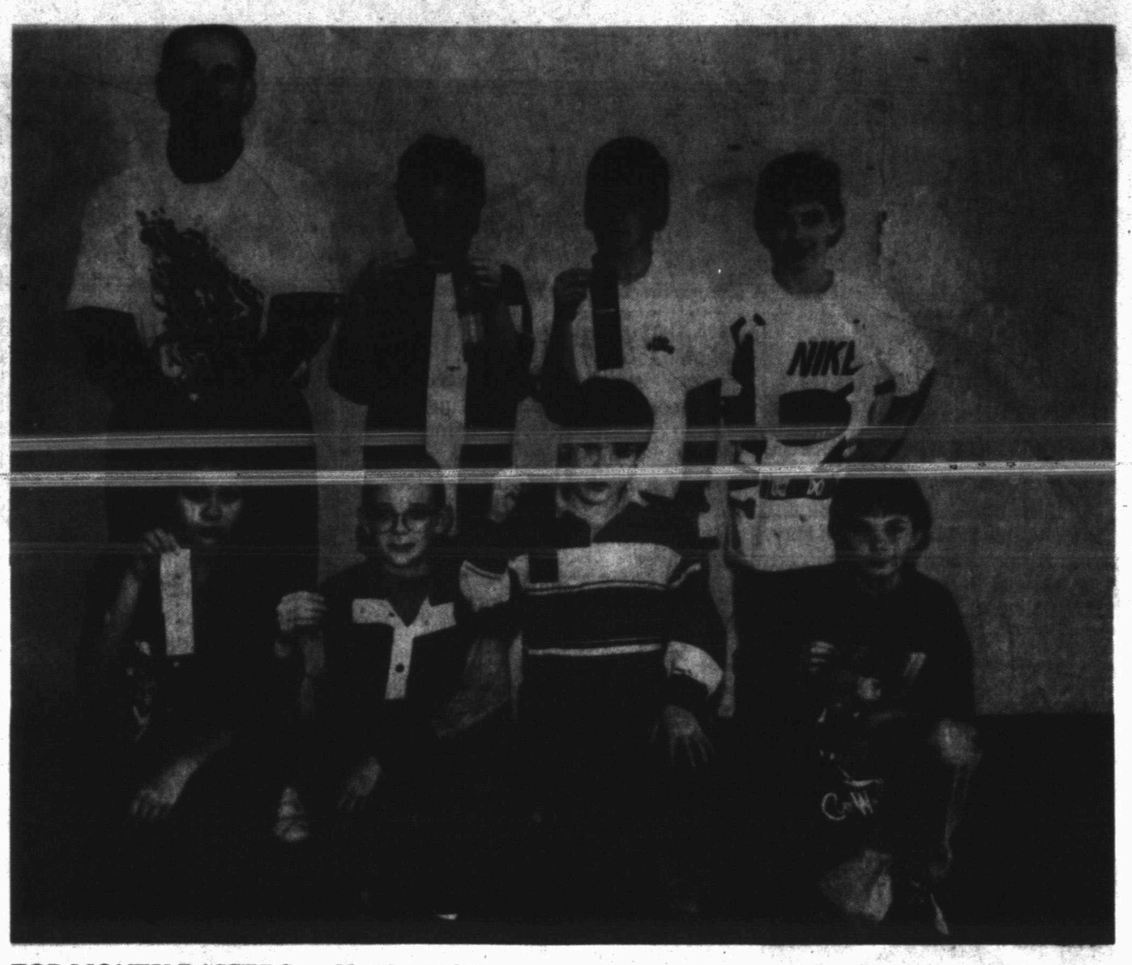
The confidential internal report, which was undated, proposed a safer cigarette with the code name "Table," the paper said. The newspaper quoted an unidentified company spokesman as saying that a task force working on Project Table disbanded in late 1992 after making a presentation to senior management.

The role of nicotine is central to attacks on the tobacco industry by federal regulators and states and individuals bringing lawsuits. Plaintiffs' attorneys and four state governments have filed lawsuits alleging tobacco companies have known for years that smoking is addictive but have hidden the information from the public.

The Food and Drug Administration also is trying to regulate cigarettes as drugs, arguing that cigarettes' main function is to supply nicotine to smokers. Government scientists have said nicotine is the addictive component in cigarettes, a claim that the tobacco industry rejects.

"This is one more example of what tobacco industry officials knew and said about nicotine before we did," FDA Commissioner David Kessler said in response to the newspaper's report.

The document states that nicotine mimics a chemical that controls heart rate and message-sending within the brain, and that it "is used to change psychological states leading to enhanced mental performance and relaxation."



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Widening of 30th Street

The Texas Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the City of Snyder, is planning a public hearing on Tuesday, January 9, 1996, to discuss the proposed plan to widen 30th Street from College Avenue to El Paso Street in Snyder, Texas.

TxDOT wishes to solicit input from the citizens of Snyder on this proposed construction project, expecially those who live along 30th Street, on how to best make this project run smoothly, with the least inconvenience as possible to the people.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Snyder Junior High School auditorium. If you have any information or questions concerning the meeting, please contact: Michael W. Taylor, P.E., Snyder Area Engineer, P.O. Box 396, Snyder, Texas 79550, 915-573-0143.

All interested citizens are invited to attend. The auditorium is handicap accessable.

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POSTPONEMENT NOTICE
OPEN HOUSE & PUBLIC MEETING

TxDOT Route Study: Lubbock to IH-10 and Amarillo to State Line.

The Open House and Public Meeting originally scheduled for December 11, 1995, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, has been postponed. It has been determined that the recent change in the speed limit laws may affect the freeway feasibility results being presented at the meeting. Therefore, further eveluation will be necessary before the results are finalized. The meeting will be rescheduled at a later date. Once it has been rescheduled, a notice will be published in local newspapers, in the study newsletter, and on the Route Study Telephone Hotline (1-800-661-3234).

Questions regarding this postponement should be directed to Mary Beth Kilgore, public information officer, 915-676-6806, at the Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene District Office.

Glaucoma drug gets approved by FDA

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — Glaucoma patients who may get a new drug to battle the blinding disease should be prepared to take long, hard looks in the mirror.

The potion could turn their blue eyes brown and a panel of eye experts says patients should know that before taking the medicine.

Despite the strange side effect of changing eye color, the committee urged the Food and Drug Administration on Friday to approve latanoprost because the drug works significantly better than standard therapy.

A second advisory committee, meanwhile, pressed the FDA to approve an eye implant to help AIDS patients fight a common cause of blindness, saying the capsule appeared to work three times as well as current treatment.

The FDA is not bound by advisory panel decisions but usually accepts them.

The first panel voted 4-2 in favor of latanoprost, but insisted that the eye-color change be clearly labeled so patients understand the risk. It also told maker Pharmacia & Upjohn Inc. to prove just what the drug causes.

"It's just a step away from being a first-line drug, if we had the answer to this problem," said Dr. Joel Mindel of Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Glaucoma, which blinds 80,000 Americans yearly and steals sight from 900,000 others, happens when fluid builds up inside the eyeball and causes dangerous pressure. Over time, the pressure pushes against the delicate optic nerve until it is damaged, and the person begins to lose eyesight.

Standard therapy is timolol, an eyedrop that makes the eye produce less fluid and reduces the pressure. But it has numerous side effects, and people with heart or respiratory problems cannot use it.

Latanoprost is the first of a new class of drugs based on the natural chemical prostaglandin, which helps the eye drain off its fluid. In a study of 829 patients, those who took latanoprost had a 37 percent greater drop in inner eye pressure than timolol patients, and fewer side effects.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Calf pain may be linked to footwear

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from calf pain and was hospitalized 20 years ago because of it. I was treated for phlebitis, but to this day I don't think anyone knew what the problem was or is. Several venograms were negative. I did some research through an herbal healing book, and it stated that calf pain could be caused by varicose veins or hemorrhoids. I do have the latter, but my doctor never indicated the condition could be related to my calf pain. Can you give me an answer as to why I might be suffering with this problem? If so, it would truly be a miracle and you are my last resort.

DEAR READER: With all due respect to your research, hemorrhoids never cause calf pain. However, if you have something such as a tumor or scar tissue in your abdomen that impedes venous return to the heart, the hemorrhoidal veins and the veins in your legs could bulge and cause discomfort.

Other common causes of calf pain include muscle trauma and strain, inflamed veins (phlebitis), arterial blockage, and varicose veins.

You had normal venograms (X-ray studies of the veins), indicating that you don't have phlebitis or — probably — potentially serious varicose veins.

Therefore, your physician will have to test you, using X-rays or ultrasound, for arterial blockage. For your part, make sure that your daily activity (running or walking) is not placing undue stress on your calf muscles. The cause of your calf pain may be so common that it could be cured by changing your footwear.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I teach special education and one 14-year-old boy in my class has Tourette's syndrome. I've tried everything I know and can't seem to reach him. He curses, spits on people, hits them and is rebellious. Can you suggest anything for control?

DEAR READER: Tourette's syndrome is an inherited neurological disease, beginning in childhood, marked by explosive utterances of foul words and multiple complex tics (purposeless movements). For obvious reasons, children with untreated Tourette's syndrome are — to put it mildly — disruptive in school.

However, the condition is treatable with special education classes and drugs such as clonidine. Tranquilizers may be necessary as adjuvant therapy.

Because the boy in your class is so uncontrollably unruly, you probably need some advice from his pediatrician or neurologist. Call the doctor and explain the situation to him. It sounds as though your student needs an adjustment in his medication.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Tourette's Syndrome." 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'm in my early 60s, monogamous, and am troubled by sexual dysfunction (inadequate erection). I take daily medication for hypertension, but my doctor says the particular medication I'm on should not cause the problem. Is this part of the aging process? Are there any vitamins that would help?

DEAR READER: Erectile dysfunction (impotence) has many causes, ranging from emotional disorders, such as depression, to physical ailments, such as aging and diabetes.

From your brief description, I can identify at least three factors that may be contributing to your problem.

First, familiarity. While I applaud your commitment to monogamy, there is no doubt that many men experience impotence with women with whom they've spent many fulfilling years. This has nothing to do with love or the security of a sound marriage. It is merely a question of the familiar, standard sexual approach that many couples settle into. Some men have told me that they feel "in a rut"; they believe they need a little "spice" in their sex lives.

Perhaps you and your partner should discuss this and agree to try novel methods of sexual stimulation. To this end, a sex manual or videotape might provide you with some new ideas that could well re-awaken your (and your wife's) sexual interests; an improvement in performance could follow.

Remember, too, that a woman's sexuality can be affected by menopause. Thus, your partner may find sexual activity uncomfortable because of vaginal dryness and shrinkage. If so, she could be helped by estrogen cream prescribed by her gynecologist.

Second, age. You're in your 60s, a time that most men experience diminished sexual interest and performance. It's been said that the elderly can enjoy sex as much as the young; it simply takes longer.

Age-related impotence can often be helped by treatment, ranging from suction devices (to draw more blood into the penis), injections into the penis (to accentuate blood flow) and other techniques. You should be examined by a urologist to determine if you are a candidate for such therapy.

Third, medication. I don't know of a single drug used for hypertension that does not — at least in some men — alter sexual interest and performance. Therefore, while such a cause is unlikely in your case, it is nonetheless a possibility. You should ask your urologist about this also.

Other common causes of erectile dysfunction include alcohol abuse, stress and chronic pain. These are issues that you should address with either the urologist or your primary-care physician.

While the causes of impotence are legion, many cases will respond to treatment. In general, however, vitamins will not improve the situation. You would do better seeking the advice of a trained professional.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Impotence." 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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Bono criticizes Cher

LONDON (AP) — For years Sonny Bono was the butt of Cher's short jokes. Now, more than 20 years after they split up, he's the one cutting her down to size.

"She's not a brilliant talent," the entertainer-turned-Congressman told Britain's The Guardian newspaper, adding he's sorry to see his ex-wife's career at an ebb.

"Not a great actress or a great singer. The best thing about Cher is the persona, the package," he said. "But you can't stay on glamour all your life. It wears out."

The solution? Bono said she should pursue more roles as a mom.

Bono split with Cher in the early 1970s amid mutual accusations of infidelity. While her career soared, he disappeared from show business and became a restaurateur.

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Grateful's Dead's long and strange journey finally ends

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The long, strange trip is finally over.

The Grateful Dead, the house-band of the 1960s' counterculture, has called it quits after 30 years of making music.

But for Deadheads, the end came in August with the death of Jerry Garcia, the band's founder and guiding spirit.

Band members said in a statement Friday that after four months of "heartfelt consideration" they had come to the conclusion that "the uniquely wonderful beast known as the Grateful Dead is over."

Said drummer Mickey Hart: "We've done it about as good as it can be done."

The decision on whether to carry on without Garcia was hard, he said, but in the end, "Everybody had a feeling. It just wasn't there."

"We put it to pasture, righteously, as it should be," he said. "We went out looking good."

Publicist Dennis McNally said the band officially disbanded to quash any speculation that it would continue without Garcia.

"We had to end the fantasies that were sprouting," McNally said. "We had to end that with our fans in honesty and in good faith."

The Grateful Dead, one of rock 'n' roll's top-drawing acts for three decades, combined rock, bluegrass and folk influences in its songs, which included "Truckin'," "Casey Jones," "Sugar Magnolia" and "Friend of the Devil."

Its only top 10 hit was 1987's "Touch of Grey."

The group rarely recorded in recent years, and its last studio album, "Built to Last," was released in 1989.

Other groups had more hits, but the Dead attracted a doggedly devoted cult following, known as Deadheads, that brought together dropouts, weekend hippies and establishment stalwarts — such as Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Massachusetts Gov. William Weld, a Republican.

The diehard fans followed the band around the country and overseas to attend the long, freeform concerts that became the Dead's trademark.

"This thing was a conversation, a very intimate conversation between us, the band and the audience," Hart said. "It's something you can't really manufacture. ... It was never planned. It was spontaneous, with a giant helping of magic. It was a great ride."

Leahy, who met Garcia about 10 years ago and frequently went backstage at concerts, said: "I think they all knew they had a unique group with Jerry ... but that he was the linchpin."

"I regret not being able to go to another Grateful Dead concert," he added.

The Dead's last concert was July 9 at Chicago's Soldier Field.

At 53, Garcia died Aug. 9 of a heart attack at a Northern California drug rehab center.

The Grateful Dead grew out of an acoustic jug band that Garcia, Bob Weir and others formed in 1965. When Garcia, Weir, Bill Kreutzmann, Ron "Pigpen" McKernan and Phil Lesh switched to electric instruments months later, they called themselves the Warlocks.

Because another group already had the name, they turned to a dictionary at Lesh's house to find another. The first words they saw were "grateful dead."

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Doctors say Jackson could be hospitalized for another week

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jackson will be hospitalized at least another week, until doctors are satisfied he has fully recovered from a viral infection that left him severely dehydrated, his doctors said.

Jackson remained in intensive care Saturday in serious but stable condition. And his personal physician, Dr. Allan Metzger, said the time is required for more tests to be done.

"He has made no commitments to his profession until we give him permission, which we haven't," Metzger said.

Jackson, 37, collapsed Wednesday at the Beacon Theater while rehearsing for a much-hyped HBO special that has since been postponed.

Dr. William Alleyne told reporters at Beth Israel Medical Center that diarrhea from Jackson's viral infection led to severe dehydration, which in turn dangerously quickened his heartbeat while lowering his blood pressure. He said Jackson had been ill for at least a week before his collapse.

The doctors did not say whether Jackson's heartbeat was back to normal. He was still hooked up to a cardiac monitor and another machine that monitors oxygen content in the blood.

Metzger said the singer's condition was "serious but I wouldn't characterize it as life-threatening." However, Alleyne said Jackson's life had been in danger when he arrived at the hospital Wednesday night.

The pop superstar was disappointed about not being able to perform, Alleyne said.

"He tried to convince the medical team that he could give it a go," he said. "We put our foot down."

Promoters had hoped the HBO special, "Michael Jackson: One Night Only," would reach a worldwide audience of 250 million. HBO had planned to tape the two shows Friday night and tonight for Sunday's telecast.

Jackson had pictures of his family and his favorite Disney characters brought into his private room. Some of his hardiest fans braved the cold Friday outside the hospital to wish him well.

Several dozen of them looked up at the hospital windows, shouted and waved. Some from a nearby high school chanted "Michael! Michael! Michael"

Jackson was visited Friday by his wife, Lisa Marie Presley, and Diana Ross, his longtime friend and mentor.

FBI probe: abortion clinic may have rigged med tests

BOSTON (AP) — The FBI is investigating whether the state's largest chain of abortion clinics rigged ultrasound tests so clients would undergo riskier, and more expensive, abortions, The Boston Globe reported Saturday.

The FBI and Brookline police searched the Brookline office of Repro Associates on Nov. 30, seizing medical records and documents as part of an ongoing criminal investigation of clinic owner Dr. Howard J. Silverman, the paper said. It cited anonymous sources.

Silverman did not return telephone messages from the Globe on Friday.

The investigation, believed to be in its preliminary stages, is focusing on whether ultrasounds were falsified in order to charge higher rates for procedures performed in more advanced stages of pregnancy.

Investigators are also examining whether Silverman followed through and performed the more invasive and expensive procedures required for later-term abortions, the Globe said.

Silverman charges between $300 and $500 for a first-trimester abortion, the newspaper said. But after 14 weeks, the procedure gets more complicated and can cost from $650 to $700.

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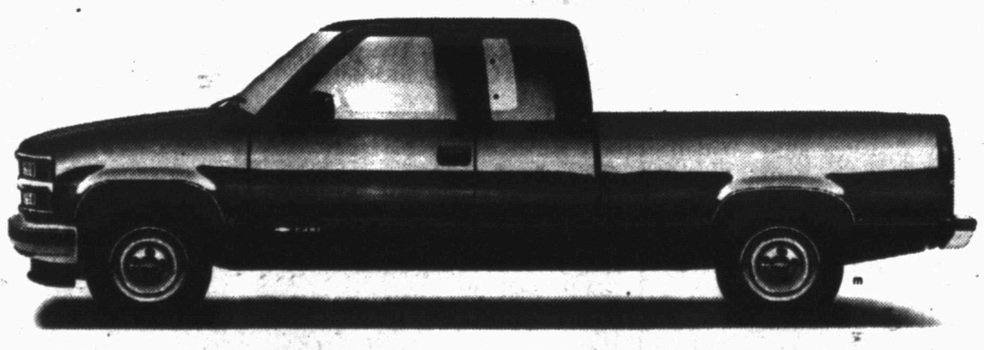

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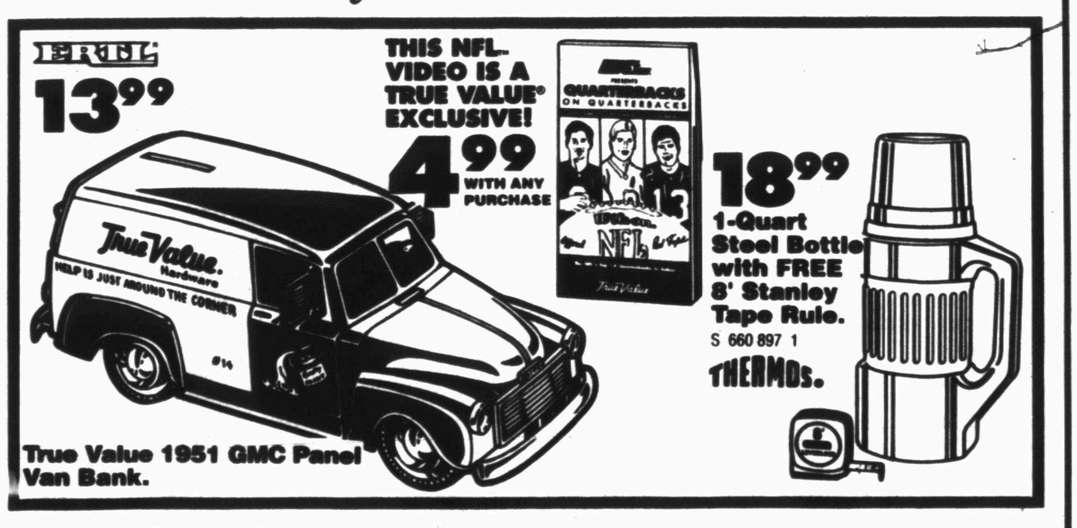

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Downed pilots furor clouds peace pact

LONDON (AP) — France threatened Saturday to "hit" Bosnian Serbs unless it gets information about two pilots missing since they were shot down in August, hardening its stand on an issue casting a shadow over the Bosnian peace process.

"These are our boys, on a NATO mission, and NATO is sending in more troops," said Jacques Rummelhardt, spokesman for the French delegation to a 40-nation conference on implementing the Bosnian peace accord. "We have said we would hit those who have these pilots."

Rummelhardt refused to elaborate, but told reporters he "chose the word carefully."

The two airmen were shot down Aug. 30 during NATO bombing raids over Bosnia. The Yugoslav newspaper Nasa Borba said Saturday they were being held by Bosnian Serb army commander Gen. Ratko Mladic at the Serb stronghold of Pale.

France has been increasingly insistent in recent days that the men be freed, threatening unspecified acts against the Serbs and unspecified changes to Thursday's peace accord signing ceremony in Paris.

The signing of the agreement reached in Dayton, Ohio, will set in motion the deployment of 60,000 NATO-led troops, including 20,000 Americans, who are to keep the peace among Bosnia's Muslims, Croats and Serbs.

France delivered an ultimatum Friday at the start of the conference, giving the Bosnian Serbs until Sunday to produce the pilots or say what has happened to them.

French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette called the issue a "danger to the peace process," but stopped short of saying France would cancel the signing ceremony.

French unease is increased by the dangerous role envisioned for its peacekeepers in the new NATO force. They are to be deployed in Sarajevo suburbs populated by angry and segregated Bosnian Serbs.

The London conference is trying to work out how to reconstruct Bosnia after 3½ years of war and resettle 2.1 million refugees, more than half the country's population.

On Friday the conference appointed Carl Bildt, a former Swedish prime minister and the European Union's peace negotiator in Bosnia, to head the effort. It also gave Bildt an American deputy, Michael Steiner.

U.S. officials are wary of letting reconstruction, costing at least $1 billion a year, get bogged down in bureaucratic tangles over which agency is responsible for rebuilding a highway or a shattered neighborhood.

Major tasks include setting up a new central bank, issuing a convertible currency, and supervising arrangements for elections within a year.

Saturday, the foreign ministers and heads of a dozen United Nations and other international agencies wrestled with practicalities of returning home or finding new homes for refugees.

Sadako Ogata, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said she expected NATO troops to help with that huge exercise. But she said many refugees will be too frightened to return to their old homes.

NAACP board asked to name Rep. Mfume as executive director

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NAACP's board of directors has been asked to name Rep. Kweisi Mfume as the organization's new executive director, board members said today.

Mfume, D-Md., former head of the Congressional Black Caucus, was being presented to the board by a search committee at a meeting in Washington this morning, according to board members who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The action comes more than 15 months after the board fired the controversial Rev. Benjamin Chavis.

Mfume was the only candidate the search committee presented to the board, according to board members.

The search committee met for five hours Friday night in Washington, according to Julian Bond, a member of the committee.

The new executive director will immediately be confronted with several daunting tasks including retiring a $3.2 million debt, and returning the nation's oldest and largest civil rights groups to prominence amid criticism that it is on its deathbed.

"It's an organization which is now moribund, discredited and financially insolvent," said Michael Meyers, a former NAACP assistant national director who now heads the New York Civil Rights Coalition.

"The NAACP is I think now a relic, a dinosaur that is about to be put out to pasture," said Meyers. "All the naming of an executive director will do is give the NAACP some blip on the screen of a faint heartbeat."

Budget veto threatened by Clinton

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wisely," Clinton said, repeating his veto pledge. "But it doesn't end the guarantee of health care for millions of Americans who depend upon it now."

In a joint Republican response, Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma and Rep. John Boehner of Ohio said Clinton's plan relies on higher taxes and excessive spending and does not achieve true balance.

"Despite what he promised, it seems the president just can't deliver, can't live with slowing the growth of Washington spending enough to honestly balance the budget," Boehner said.

Nickles said the vetoed GOP plan would have eliminated income taxes for 3.5 million low-income families "but the president said no."

Congressional Republicans negotiating a budget agreement with Clinton bristled at his promise Friday to kill any plan that revokes the 30-year-old guarantee of Medicaid coverage for the poor and disabled.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Clinton's insistence that the responsibility for the Medicaid program not be shifted to the states could hamper ongoing budget talks because the nation's 30 Republican governors strongly favor the change.

Republicans would achieve their Medicaid savings by giving states set amounts of money and the right to set benefit levels and determine eligibility. Low-income pregnant women, children aged 12 and under and people with disabilities would still have to be covered.

Clinton acknowledged the need to reduce the deficit, saying it was a burden on future generations. "But so is the neglect of our children. And we do not have to sacrifice our children to balance the budget," he said.

To dramatize his point, Clinton talked about Franklin and Denise Striggles of Forestville, Md. The couple has health insurance from Striggles' job as a security guard, but depend on Medicaid to help care for their 7-year-old son, Angelo, who has spinabifida and uses a wheelchair.

Clinton said the "blunt reality" is that up to 4 million children — possibly including Angelo — will be denied needed medical care if the GOP's Medicaid cuts take effect.

"So I'll say once more: If necessary, I'll veto these deep cuts in health care for children again and again and again. I'll do it because they are not necessary to balance the budget," he said.

Commissioners' agenda brief

Texas Department of Criminal Justice Capt. J.D. Smith will meet with the Scurry County commissioners' court Monday at 10 a.m. to discuss the inmate work program from the Price Daniel Unit.

In the only action item on the agenda, the commissioners will consider three line-item transfers.

Cindy Nix is requesting $100 be transferred from lease rental in the health unit's budget to travel and H. V. Walker is requesting that $600 be transferred in the maintenance department from equipment to janitorial supplies.

Also, County Judge Ricky Fritz is requesting that $300 be transferred in his budget from jury expense to physician's fees for court committals.

Christmas Tree winners judged

Winners of the chamber of commerce-sponsored Christmas Tree decorating contest were announced Friday afternoon following judging.

Bennett Chiropractic Clinc won first place in the most beautiful category. Runnerup went to Merle Norman Studio and third place was won by Sisters General Store.

In the Most Unique category, the top honors went to Brenda's Sewing Center. Limmer's Ladies Apparel won second prize, and Lang Tire placed third.

In a special historical category, first place was won by the Sinclair Antique Service Station.

Two felony DWI arrests made in city

One felony driving while intoxicated arrest was made Friday in Snyder and another one early Saturday morning. One person was arrested on an outstanding warrant Friday also.

Charles Ballard, 40, of 2408 26th St. was arrested at 8:42 p.m. Friday in the 2800 block of Avenue E for felony DWI.

Alberto Hernandez, 36, of 1307 22nd St., was arrested at 1:07 a.m. Saturday on felony DWI charge in the 2200 block of 25th Street.

At 12:45 a.m. Saturday, an 18-year-old male was arrested for a Class A assault warrant in the 3400 block of College Avenue.

In other activity Friday and early Saturday morning, a report for Class C assault was submitted at 2:45 p.m. Friday in reference to a female being assaulted in the 400 block of 29th Street.

Officers and deputies responded to a family disturbance at 5:12 p.m. Friday, west of Snyder.

At 5:51 p.m. Friday, deputies were notified by a person that he was being harassed by an individual during school hours and at home on the telephone.

Around 6 a.m. Saturday, the fire department responded to several reports of a grass fire along the railroad right-of-way north of Halliburton and adjacent to U.S. Highway 84. The fire department extinguished the blaze.

Hermleigh farmer suffers leg break

Eric Nachlinger, 27, of Hermleigh was listed in satisfactory condition Saturday morning in Lubbock's University Medical Center following a farm accident around 11 a.m. Friday near Hermleigh.

Nachlinger Saturday morning was undergoing surgery for a broken left leg, said a UMC spokesman.

He was first treated at Cogdell Memorial Hospital before being transferred to UMC by Snyder EMS.

Ira resident still critical

Ira resident Patricia Payne remains in critical condition from injuries received in a one-vehicle accident on Nov. 21 near Southland on U.S. Highway 84.

A University Medical Center spokesman said Saturday morning that Payne continues on a life-support system suffering from severe head injuries.

Payne was the driver of the vehicle in the accident that also injured Hermleigh resident Vickie Reed.

Reed has since been released from the hospital.

Obituaries

Waylen Holder

1928-1995

Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church for Thomas Waylen Holder, 67, of Snyder who died Friday, Dec. 8, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Rosary has been set for 7 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Fr. Liam Sweeney and Fr. Reynaldo Reyes will officiate.

Born Jan. 31, 1928, in Electra, he married Joycelyn Launey on April 26, 1949, in Ville Platte, La. He was co-owner of Holder Construction Co. and a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Mr. Holder was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean Conflict.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tommy Holder, on June 19, 1980.

Survivors include his wife, Joycelyn Holder of the home; two daughters, Michelle Holder of Roanoke and Grace Anne Smedley of Grapevine; two brothers, the Rev. George Holder of Duncanville and C.O. Holder Jr. of Midland; four grandchildren, Brandon Garrett Holder of Roanoke; and Aaron Craig Talbott, Michael Andrew Talbott and Thomas Allan Talbott, all of Grapevine.

Manuel Alderete

1937-1995

Graveside service was set for 3 p.m. Saturday at Snyder Cemetery for Manuel Alderete, 58. Fr. Pat Maher, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, was to officiate.

Mr. Alderete, a resident of Snyder Oaks Care Center, died at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Alderete was born on Jan. 28, 1937 in Gonzales.

Survivors include one son, Jesse Alderete of San Angelo; two stepgrandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; his mother, Susie Alderete of Snyder; and one sister, Lupe Romero of Snyder.

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What's Up?

Treasury of holiday music

The public is invited to see and hear "Because It's Christmas," presented by Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Billed as a treasury of holiday music, "Because It's Christmas" will be presented by Colonial Hill's adult choir and orchestra.

Two performances are set, at 8 p.m. Saturday (following the Lighted Christmas Parade) and again during the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service. The Sunday presentation will be televised on Snyder Cabelvision channel 2.

There will be no admission charged and a nursery will be provided.

Hermleigh Lodge 987

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge 987 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Donate to Toys for Tots

Toys For Tots is still accepting toys for donation. Drop-off places are the fire station, Wal-Mart and chamber of commerce.

Chancel Choir to perform

"Christmas Fantasia, A Celebration of God's Gift," will be presented by the Chancel Choir from Elmwood West United Methodist Church in Abilene at 3 p.m. Sunday at Hermleigh United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited.

Video series continues

The Key To The Kingdom video series is airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The third tape, "Christianity, The Best God Has To Offer — Part I," will be shown at 7 p.m. Monday.

Grand jury meets Monday

Some 16 felony cases will be presented Monday when the Scurry County grand jury convenes at 9 a.m. in 132nd District Court.

DCOS meets Monday

A two-item agenda awaits the directors of the Development Corporation of Snyder when it meets at 4 p.m. Monday in the board room at American State Bank.

In addition to payment of bills, the board is consider a resolution designating depository institutions for proceeds of tax-exempt bond sales, some $565,000. The funds, secured by sales tax revenue received by the DCOS, will be used for infrastructure to serve the industrial park.

SHS choir concert Monday

The annual Christmas Concert by the Snyder High School Choir will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Worsham Auditorium at SHS. Admission is free.

Appraisal District board

Scurry County Appraisal District board will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Agenda items include a mineral valuation contract with Thomas Y. Pickett & Co., an audit report for 1994 tax collections from Hermleigh and Ira ISDs, liability and property insurance bids and bank depository bids.

Boys & Girls Club directors

The board of directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Scurry County will meet 7 a.m. Tuesday at the club building. Election for new board officers for 1996 will be held.

Advent services planned

Advent services at Grace Lutheran Church wil be held on Tuesday evenings at 7 o'clock with the Rev. Jim Wright officiating. A potluck dinner will precede services at 6 p.m.

4-H Horse Club

The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at East Elementary.

Targeting All Parents

The Targeting All Parents (TAP) meeting set for Dec. 14 has been postponed until after Christmas.

Pick 3

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

1-1-3

(one, one, three)

Cash 5

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

5-9-15-23-39

(five, nine, fifteen, twenty-three, thirty-nine)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Two Lotto Texas jackpots have been claimed, the Lottery Commission said Friday.

The Texas Lottery Commission presented a check for $796,464 to Sue Haynes of Dallas on behalf of H.F. Partners.

It's the first of 20 annual installments from the $15.8 million jackpot on Nov. 25, with winning numbers of 10, 24, 31, 42, 47 and 50.

A second check, for $155,355, was given to Troy and Alleen Rudolph of Baytown on behalf of the Knox Trust.

It was the first installment on the $3.1 million jackpot won Nov. 29, with winning numbers of 1, 2, 8, 16, 18 and 47.

Both winners requested minimum publicity, the Lottery Commission said.

United Way Campaign nears $78,000 goal

Scurry County United Way is shooting for the top.

This week, the local agency has reached 77 percent of its goal of $78,000 in donations for 1995-96.

"We're very optimistic about reaching our goal," Gayle Lomax, UW director said. "From the beginning, the executive board has believed that if every citizen gave a token amount it's a makeable goal."

"We are already seeing that people are beginning to give up a dollar or two of candy and Coke money each month to help local agencies, including those that help children," Lomax said.

Even though United Way's projected cutoff date is Jan. 1, Lomax said "I feel I speak for the board when I say that we won't turn anyone away if they want to contribute after the first of the year."

Scurry County United Way provides crucial funds for eight local agencies which assist thousands of children and needy adults. The number rises dramatically when it is considered that helping one child or one parent affects an entire family.

Those agencies are the Boys & Girls Club, Snyder Child Day Care Center, Noah Project Inc., Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Oil Patch Foster Parent Association, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Red Cross.

The Boys & Girls Club of Scurry County provides recreational and social activities, including sports, arts and crafts and woodshop. Counseling in handling peer pressure and drugs as well as homework are other services.

These are provided in a safe, supervised environment. The club serves a yearly average of 600 to 700 boys and girls ages 7 to 18.

The club is open from 3 until 7 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays during the school term, and from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the summer.

United Way funds greatly benefit the Boys and Girls Club in several ways, said Jack McGlaun, executive director.

United Way pays the salaries of McGlaun and Jan McClain, program director, as well as telephone bills, equipment for small games and normal wear and tear on the building.

However, McGlaun stressed that United Way funds do not pay for the club's athletic programs, which are self-supporting.

Besides the UW, the Boys and Girls Club receives some funding from memorial gifts and membership fees.

Oil Patch Foster Parent Association was formed to ensure that each foster child receives adequate care both, physical and mental, for all races and both sexes. The ages involved are birth through 18. The assocation serves 50 children through direct placement and 450 families indirectly.

Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA) offers services in Scurry and four other counties, with offices in Snyder. CADA provides screening and evaluation, referrals, speakers for schools and other public entities and Drug Free Workplace programs for business owners. Targeting education and prevention as well as intervention, CADA offers information and help for thousands of citizens and provides 24-hour assistance through a confidential hotline.

State funds have been drastically cut for Snyder Area CADA similar agencies, and donations are especially needed at this time, said Karon Keller, executive director.

Snyder Child Day Care provides many services to Scurry County children, and therefore, to their parents. Serving some 150 children, the Center provides low cost child care for economically disadvantaged families; total child development activities from birth to 13 years; emergency food, clothing and shelter relief; and parental training and guidance and language skills classes.

The Center also provides three nutritionally balanced meals prepared and served on site, daily; free transportation for those who cannot provide it; care and therapy for disabled children who are mainstreamed into the classroom; and is a county wide referral service for social agencies.

Shirley Fritz, director of Snyder Day Care Center, said that matching funds from the UW added to state funds allow them to serve a four children instead of just one, if no local funds were provided.

Snyder Day Care fills a significant need in the county in that it allows parents to put their children in affordable day care while they work and become self-supporting, she added.

Fritz stressed that SDC's top priority is to prevent abuse and neglect of children. The center works with the local foster care program, the Noah Project and the Department of Human Resources.

Snyder Day Care accepts physically challenged children as well. Fritz said that while they do not have any income criteria for admissions, parents' fees are based on their ability to pay.

Fritz added that Snyder Day Care's entire program is geared for children from birth on. Teachers are specially trained to work with children of all ages, including the physically challenged.

Noah Project West has provided counseling and shelter for some 60 women and 140 children so far this year. Two women and 10 children are currently residing at the facility.

Noah Project, which has a service area of five counties with offices in Snyder, is under the direction of Dee Wilson. Lea Ann Bell serves as administrative assistant.

The Center provides services to victims of family violence and their children, including emergency and long-term shelter, transportation, counseling and referrals without regard to income.

Wilson said all monies from the United Way directly benefit families who uitilize the facility. None of the funds go toward salaries or administration costs, she added.

Wilson said receiving UW funds will be even more critical now because they have been notified that they will not be receiving any funds from FEMA this year.

As cuts are made in the federal budget, Wilson said less money becomes available to agencies which help families. As a result, she said the Noah Project becomes even more dependent on community support and UW funding.

She said, "We are "encouraged by what the United Way and community have done this year. "We appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts."

Scurry County has an active Girl Scout program which includes two Daisy Troops, age five, kindergarten; three Brownie Troops, ages 6-8, first, second and

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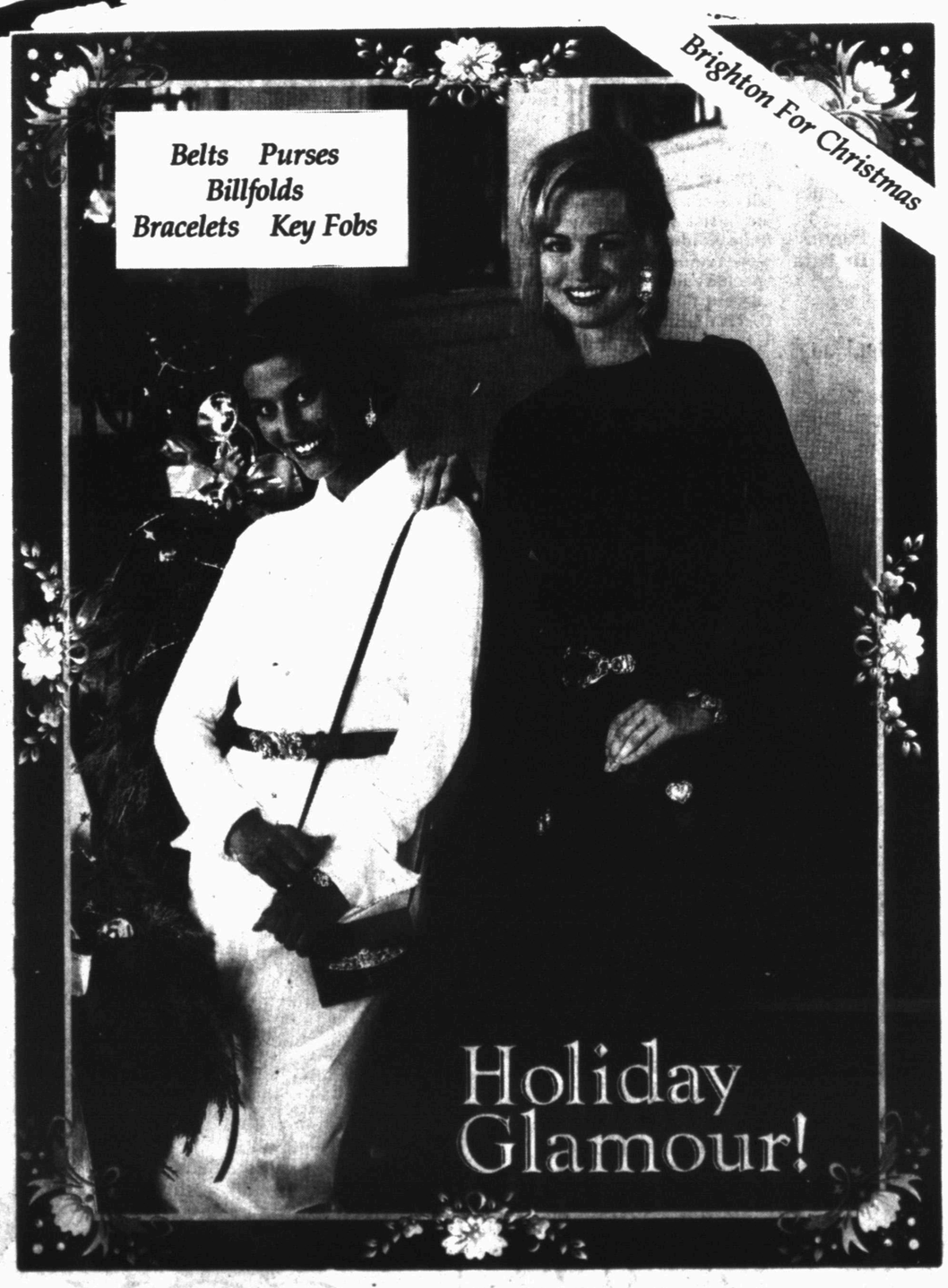
"From the beginning, the executive board has believed that if every citizen gave a token amount it's a makeable goal." — Gayle Lomax, United Way director

UNITED WAY FUNDS AT WORK — These children are enjoying a variety of activities at Snyder Day Care Center, one of several local agencies supported with United Way funds. The 1995 campaign has been so successful this year, that the $78,000 goal is nearing fruition. (SDN Staff Photo)



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DECEMBER VOWS SET — Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Ligon of Portland announce the engagement and approaching marriage of his daughter, Kristy Lynn, to Walter A. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright of Snyder. A Dec. 30 wedding is set to be held in the Portland Church of Christ, followed by a reception in the annex. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-07-95
♠K Q J 8 4
♥10 2
♦10 6 2
♣A J 9

WEST
♠9 6 5 3
♥K Q 9 3
♦J 5 3
♣10 4

EAST
♠A 10 7
♥8
♦Q 9 8 7 4
♣7 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠2
♥A J 7 6 5 4
♦A K
♣K Q 8 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦3

The pleasing result

There is something especially pleasing about taking a safety-play and finding that it was necessary to make your contract. Then, usually the declarer will show that Kin Hubbard was right when he wrote, "There's no secret about success. Did you ever know a successful man who didn't tell you all about it?"

How should you play the heart suit for only two losers in today's deal?

North had an awkward rebid. He didn't like to continue with two notrump as he had no diamond stopper, but every other choice was an underbid, an overbid or a distortion. Probably South should have raised to three notrump, an easy contract to make, but he chose to rebid his six-card suit.

After a diamond lead, South thought everything was easy. He won with the diamond ace, cashed the heart ace and played a second trump. However, when West won with the queen and East discarded, suddenly the contract had died. West had three trump tricks, and East didn't duck his spade ace.

With only one side-suit loser, South could afford two trump losers. If the hearts are breaking 3-2, there is no problem. But what if they are 4-1? If East has a singleton honor, starting with the ace works. Yet East will have a low singleton one-and-a-half times more often than a singleton honor.

Beginning with a low trump toward dummy's 10 (and planning to finesse the jack next) works whenever either opponent holds K-Q-9-8, K-Q-9-3 or K-Q-8-3. It is the best play.

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INSTALLED OFFICERS — AARP officers were recently installed at a luncheon held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Gayle Lomax presented the program and performed the installation. Officers are pictured from left, first row, James Beckham, board member; Eunice Milton, board member; Verdi Kimbro, board member; C.J. Smith, president; second row, Frances Denman, treasurer; Mildred Pevehouse, board member; M.J. Merritt, vice president; third row, Thelma Odorizzi, board member; and Carolyn Cox, secretary. (SDN Staff Photo)

RETIREE HONORED — Sara Reeder recently retired as laboratory technician at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. A large crowd of well-wishers attended and several from the lab department are pictured with her, from left, seated, Jo Terrell, retired chief tech; Reeder; Bill Dickerson, current chief tech; back row, CEO Jeff Reecer; Kay South, tech; Katrina Ledbetter, phlebotomist; Laura Lucke, Carol Walker and Sherri McClain. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Chicken Tenders
Potato Salad
Pinto Beans
Sliced Onion
Banana Pudding

TUESDAY
Steak Fritter
Cream Gravy
Baked Potato
Spinach
Tomato Wedges
Chocolate Cake

WEDNESDAY
Lasagna
Green Beans
Golden Hominy
Tossed Salad
Toasted Garlic Bread
Ice Cream

THURSDAY
Christmas Dinner
Braised Pork Chops
Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Heavenly Delight Salad
Potato Roll
Coconut Cream Pie

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Tater Tots
Stewed Tomatoes & Croutons
Green Pea & Cheese Salad
Cherry Turnover

Beef is leaner these days so roasting it to medium rare (145 degrees F.) or medium (160 degrees f) keeps it tender and juicy. Beef roasts are whole muscle meat; therefore any bacteria would most likely be on the surface. For that reason, a beef roast needn't reach 160 degrees in its untouched center to be safe.

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Games of bridge was directed by Dot Casey on Friday, Sunday and Tuesday at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Dora Blakey, Verdi Kimbro.
2. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott.
3. Dot Casey, Tizzy Hall.
4. Dorothy Rosson, Margaret Birdwell.
5. Sue Reed, Martha Fagin.
6. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.

SUNDAY

Three tables.

1. Margaret Birdwell, J.O. Morrison.
2. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
3. Nona Morrison, Dora Blakey.

TUESDAY

Four tables.

1. Monte West, Charley Blakey.
2. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Nona Morrison, Shirley Stewart.
4. Billisue Stuard, Jane Hinton.

Florist supplies are a real deal

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Can you tell me of a retail or mail-order source for florist supplies like clay, tapes, foam holders, etc.? My local craft stores and florists do not carry the specialty items that are used in the current flower-arranging books. — **CATHY LEECE, Eveleth, Minn.**

DEAR CATHY: Craft King, Inc., P.O. Box 90637, Lakeland, FL 33804 (1-800-769-9494) carries all the florist supplies you are looking for... and more! We have recommended this catalog company before because, almost without exception, they carry items that our "crafters" out there are looking for, and at discounted prices to boot.

While we are on the subject of flowers, Louise Matthews of Sierra Vista, Ariz., writes: "I dry my flowers with silica gel but cannot find a spray that will keep them pliable. I have tried many sprays but the roses in particular remain very brittle." Does anyone have any advice for Louise?

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I hope you can help me. I'm at my wits' end and my TV repair place hasn't been any help. My problem is that my remote channel switcher usually works just fine during the day, but almost always goes on the blink in the evening. My TV people even loaned me a new "remote" but it does the same thing. What's happening here? Gremlins? — **ANDY G., Borger, Texas**

DEAR ANDY: Eureka! We'll bet you dollars to doughnuts that you've installed one of those new, compact long-life fluorescent light bulbs near your TV. These bulbs transmit a frequency very close to that of your remote, and block the remote signal. The solution is to make sure that the light and the television are plugged into different outlets and that the lamp is at least 3 feet from your television.

And a word to the wise: All that writing on packaging and boxes is there for a reason. These new light bulbs do carry a warning message about the possibilities of electronic interference when not used according to directions.

SARAH COVENTRY JEWELRY: Sarah Coventry Jewelry, as we suspected, is still going strong and is sold exclusively through direct sales by Sarah Coventry representatives nationwide. For those of our readers who are interested in buying Sarah Coventry jewelry, hosting a home party or becoming a Sarah Coventry representative, they can call (401) 861-6172.

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings are co-authors of "Ask Anne & Nan" (Whetstone) and "Dear Anne and Nan: Two Prize Problem-Solvers Share Their Secrets" (Bantam). To order, call 1-800-888-1220.

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The Garden Editor

By Dr. Ted Brice

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE GARDENER

Yes, it is that time again to think about Christmas gifts. Now lets look at the Christmas gifts for the gardener. I have labored over this for many years and the best answer to this perplexing question is the word BOOKS. If you give a book or books on gardening to the gardener it will keep giving a very high impact of pleasure for many months. Now, let's look at four new and different books that any gardener would appreciate.

First let's look at "The Garden In Winter," by Rosemary Verey, from Timber Press in Portland, Ore. This book shows summer foliage stripped of the billowing flowers, which is the secret of the successful winter garden which lies in its structure and basic design, the use of space, the patterns created by paths and walls, along with the shapes of shrubs and the shadows of evergreens with the silhouettes of trunks and twisted branches.

"The Garden In Winter" demonstrates how to create an elegant framework and how to plan and plant for maximum affect in this often neglected season. In addition a selective listing of more than 200 plants noted for their winter flowers, berries, foliage or bark is provided. This book is very well illustrated with numerous color photographs, many taken just for this book.

Rosemary Verey is a renowned plants-woman and one of England's foremost garden writers. Over the last 28 years she has created the beautiful gardens at Barnsley House in Gloucestershire, which has been featured internationally in books and magazines. She has authored a number of popular books and lectures regularly in Britain, America and Australia.

Another wonderful book from Timber Press, of Portland, Ore. in "The World of Magnolias," by Dorothy Callaway.

It seems that I have had more questions recently about Magnolias than ever, therefore this book is very timely. Magnolias have a well-deserved reputation as "aristocrats" among landscape plants. Magnolias have a long and romantic history of cultivation. They have been documented in the garden as early as A.D. 650, when Buddhist monks planted Magnolia Denudata at temples for the symbolic purity of its stunning white flowers. Since most magnolias are highly ornamental, their use in the garden landscape is a primary focus of this book. The author points out, however that they also attract wildlife, provide cut flowers, and serve for timber and medicinal purposes.

Dorothy Callaway was born in Alabama and grew up in Bishop, Ga. She was exposed to natural history with plant science in particular. She attended the University of Georgia where she received a bachelor's degree in horticulture and a master's degree in botany from the L.H. Baily Hortorium at Cornell University at Ithica, N.Y.

The third book is entitled "Azaleas," by Fred Galle. This book can easily be described as the bible on azaleas. While the heart of this book is an exhaustive account of the species, other matters of concern to gardeners as well as growers are fully covered. Thus, the reader will also find information on landscaping, companion plants, culture, pest and diseases, hybridizing, bonsai, the introduction into culture and the history of many species and breeding lines.

Fred Galle is the acknowledged world expert on azaleas and this, his most authoriative book on these colorful and popular plants, is a must for serious gardeners.

Another new book is "The Unsung Season Gardens & Gardeners In Winter," by Sydney Eddison, from Houghton Mifflin Company of Burlington, Ma. Welcome to the unsung season, in which all gardeners undaunted by frost, cold and snow turn the spring-to-fall growing season into a year-round pleasure. This book is written by one gardener and photographed by another. "The Unsung Season," introduces us to a wonderful community of experts and individualist who share their ideas about how to expand our gardens and our gardening delights. Some show us how to design landscapes that look spectacularly beautiful in winter while others show how to harvest fresh vegetables in snow and still others how to bring our gardens indoors, by using window sills, spare bedrooms and enclosed porches as makeshift greenhouses. I hope these book suggestions will help you with your Christmas shopping.

Gardeners let me leave you with this thought, God does not deduct from man's allotted time those hours spent gardening. Good gardening until next time from Dr. Ted Brice, "The Garden Editor."

Top tips for the best family holiday photos

Gifts, gatherings and a roll of film featuring Uncle Ned's thumb are holiday traditions shared by families nationwide. This year, Mike Corrado, a photo expert from Nikon, offers some tips to ensure the best holiday photos:

Avoid dark facial shadows. Use the camera's flash when taking people photos.

Use the right film, usually 400 speed film indoors and 100 speed outdoors, For a good general film, 200 speed is an excellent choice.

Turn on as many room lights as possible to eliminate red-eye. This combined with the Red Eye Reduction on many cameras prevent the devilish glow that comes with flash photos.

Candid holiday photos look best. Grandma's spontaneous look of delight is better than any posed photo could be.

Move the subject out of the center of the frame. To make photos more interesting, try moving the subject to the side of the photo. Cameras with focus lock make this easy.

Subjects react better when you are a few steps away. Kids opening gifts look more natural if you stand a few feet away and let a zoom lens bring them to you.

Leave something to wish for, so as not be miserable from every happiness.

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Vegetable Salad
Corn
Crackers
Oranges

TUESDAY
Pinto Beans
Cobbetts
Fried Okra
Corn Bread

WEDNESDAY
Chicken & Dumplings
Mixed Vegetables
Carrot Sticks
Crackers
Peaches

THURSDAY
Christmas Dinner
Ham & Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Sweet Potatoes
Italian Green Beans

FRIDAY
Sandwiches
Potato Chips
Pork and Beans
Bomb Pops

Hermleigh

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Fruit
Pancake Pups
Milk

TUESDAY
Juice
Buttered Rice
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Cinnamon Coffee Cake
Milk

THURSDAY
Juice
Buttered Grits
Toast
Milk

FRIDAY
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast
Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY
Barbecue on Bun
Pork and Beans
Relish Cup
Apricot Cobbler
Milk

TUESDAY
Smothered Steak
Macaroni & Tomatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Apple Wedges
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Texas Hash
Buttered Spinach
Corn Bread
Chilled Pineapple
Milk

THURSDAY
Turkey & Dressing/Giblet Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Fruit Salad
Milk

FRIDAY
Chili
Cheese Sticks
Relish Cup
Crackers
Fresh Fruit
Milk

Snyder

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Toast w/Jelly
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Apple Juice
Milk

TUESDAY
Waffles w/Syrup
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Grape Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Cinnamon Roll
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Orange Juice
Milk

THURSDAY
French Toast w/Syrup
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Pineapple Juice
Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast Pizza
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Fruit Punch
Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY
Barbecue Rib Sandwich
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Burger Salad
Fresh Oranges

TUESDAY
Beef Tacos
Turkey Pot Pie w/Hot Roll
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Fresh Apples

WEDNESDAY
Beef Lasagna w/Garlic Toast
Peas & Carrots
Pineapple Tidbits or Chef's Salad

THURSDAY
Sausage Pizza
Stuffed Potatoes w/Crackers
Tossed Salad
Mixed Fruit

FRIDAY
Turkey & Dressing
Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
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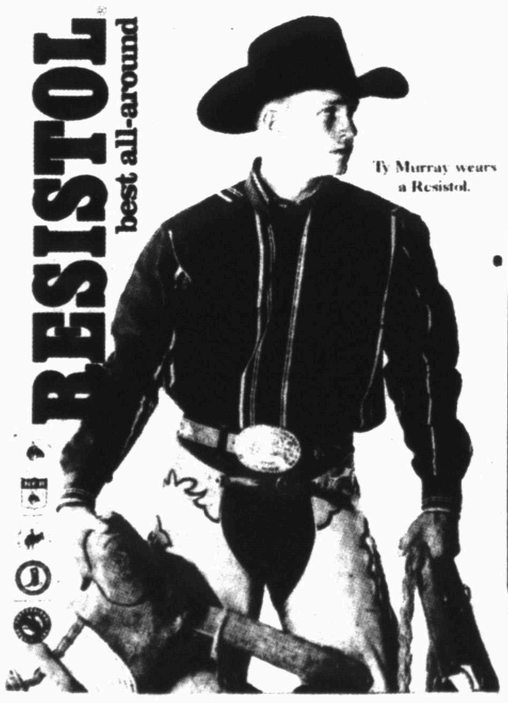

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HERITAGE HOME — Moving the two-story Charlie Wellborn home from 27th St. to a hill overlooking Snyder from the west about 50 years ago created problems when the house reached the square. It looks so "at home" on the high place that only those who know its history would suspect it originated in a different location. The house, known as the Everett House, is one of five which will be open for visitors during the Christmas Tour of Homes from 2-4:30 p.m. on Dec. 10. (SDN Staff Photo)

Christmas Tour of Homes set Sunday

The Everett House, 3200 Lamesa Highway, one of four Heritage Homes included on the Dec. 10 Christmas Tour of Homes, was one of many Snyder buildings damaged in the flood which swept Snyder in June of 1939.

The flood caused an estimated half million dollars in damage, washing out the 27th St. bridge over Deep Creek and routing 200 Snyder residents from their homes.

Charlie Wellborn, who lived west of town, bought one of the water-damaged houses on 27th St. near the RS&P Railroad tracks east of First Baptist Church at a good price. He repaired the water damage, added a second story to the house, and soon the family moved in. He later moved it to higher ground west of Snyder.

Dewey and Faye Everett bought the house about 1948 and it has come to be known as the Everett House. Danny and Linda McCormack bought it in 1993. They have done some renovation and remodeling but have kept much of the original look of the house. Downstairs are a living room, dining room, kitchen, bedroom and bath, and a den which was added by the Everetts. Upstairs are two bedrooms and a bath and a TV room.

Persons taking the Tour of Homes on Dec. 10 can visit the Everett House along with the Leath House at 2300 Ave. A, the Strayhorn House at 2111 30th St., the Joyce House at 3106 Ave. U., and the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark McCormick at 2805 32nd St.

Open House will be held in the Cornelius-Dodson House and the Dermott School. Tickets are $10 each, with the proceeds going to move another structure to Heritage Village on the Scurry County Coliseum grounds.

Study: poorer patients pay more for drugs

NEW YORK (AP) — Drug companies forced to give deep discounts to managed health care plans are making up the difference by raising prices to the elderly, uninsured and others least able to pay, a study shows.

The findings suggest the emergence of a two-tiered pricing structure in the prescription drug industry, which defended the practice as necessary to fund research into new drugs.

Wholesale prices of the top 500 prescription drugs sold in stores rose 4.1 percent in the third quarter compared with a year ago, researchers at the University of Minnesota said Thursday.

During the period, the Consumer Price Index, which is only one measure of inflation, rose just 2.5 percent.

Drug manufacturers give price breaks of as much as 25 percent to garner business from health maintenance organizations. HMO members often pay only a nominal fee of roughly $5 per prescription.

The only patients who pay drugstore prices, however, are those who are not members of HMOs or other insurance plans. Those retail buyers represent about 45 percent of the public, including those over 65 — whose Medicare benefits often don't include drugs.

"What's happening is that old people are subsidizing the discounts being offered to managed care," said Hemant Shah, an independent drug industry securities analyst in Warren, N.J.

That may help companies boost their profits in the short run, Shah said, but it's a risky strategy.

"For the long-term prosperity of a company pricing should not be a major tool for growth. The major tool for growth has to be new products," he said.

The study by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores and the Prime Institute backs up anecdotal reports of price increases earlier this year from drug industry securities analysts and an independent research corporation, Medispan Inc.

Drug industry representatives contacted Thursday were hesitant to address accusations of price shifting to the weakest Americans.

"I'm not going to talk about pricing strategies, which company does what and why they do it," said Pat Korten, a spokesman for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

Korten accused the chain store organization of bias, noting that it has filed a lawsuit against drug makers seeking the same discounts given to HMOs.

He doubted the survey's accuracy, pointing out that the government inflation rate for prescription drugs was just 1.9 percent during the same period.

Several drug companies said that their overall price increases, including HMO discounts, have been within inflation for several years.

State records reveal higher speed limits kill more drivers

AUSTIN (AP) — Even with safer vehicles on safer roads, state accident records show faster speed limits kill more Texas motorists.

The annual Texas Motor Vehicle Traffic Accident Report shows that when legal speed limits are lowered, total deaths drop. Deaths increase with faster limits.

The legal speed limit on parts of Texas interstate highways and large, divided roads increased this morning to 70 mph. That came after federal lawmakers voted last month to abolish the national limit to allow states to set their own.

After President Clinton signed the law, Texas officials took quick steps to allow the state's previous 70 mph speed limit to take effect in some areas.

They also moved to allow the 65 mph limit to remain in effect on parts of interstates and four-lane and larger divided roadways and to maintain 55 mph and 60 mph zones on other sections.

Changes for other parts of those highways and for smaller roads will be recommended and enforced in the coming months, officials said. For now transportation and law enforcement officials are warning drivers to obey posted limits.

"The Texas Department of Public Safety and every local law enforcement agency in Texas should adopt a zero-tolerance level for anyone driving even 1 mph over the posted speed limit," said Jerry Johns, head of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

"The 70 mph speed limit may become a nightmare if the predicted loss of lives on our highways becomes a grim reality," he said.

Johns said up to 560 more people a year could die in traffic accidents under a 70 mph speed limit.

Through last Friday, 2,573 people were killed this year in traffic accidents on Texas roads. That compares to 3,142 accident-related deaths last year.

State records reviewed by The Associated Press showed that when the Texas speed limit increased from 60 mph to 70 mph in 1964, there were 277 more traffic deaths, rising to 3,006 from 2,729 in 1963.

Ten years later, when the 70 mph limit was lower to 55, traffic deaths dropped by more than 600, from 3,692 in 1973 to 3,046 in 1974.

"They illustrate the point," Johns said of the statistics.

He said people pushing for higher limits argue that cars and roads are safer today. But Johns added that no matter how safe cars and roads may be, they are not meant to withstand crashes at 70 mph and faster.

"When you have a crash at 70 mph and above, no matter how good the car is constructed, there are going to be far more serious injuries and more deaths," he said.

David Laney, chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, said the commission allowed the 70 mph limit to take effect on certain sections of interstate and large, divided roads because they are the safest among the state's 77,000 miles of roads.

"I think we have an underlining comfort with the responsibility of drivers in Texas on the safest roads," Laney said. "The engineering on those roads is much different than in the 60s. Nonetheless, we are concerned with safety."

Laney said the Transportation Commission will closely watch the number of accidents and deaths and would move quickly if a problem arises.

But Mack Smith, president of Houston-based Amsco Transportation Inc., said statistics prove there will be more fatalities.

Smith, who said he does not want a higher speed limit for commercial vehicles, said truckers already are concerned about the speed private vehicles travel.

He said a 5 mph speed limit increase won't get trucks or private vehicles to their destination fast enough to warrant the danger and added fatigue.

"There is not enough benefit on any trip to warrant the increase," he said

The 60 mph maximum speed limit for commercial vehicles was not affected by the changes. A spokesman for the Texas Motor Transportation Association said the group had not formed an opinion about pushing for higher limits for truckers.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Patchwork Squares; for information, call Terri Williams at 863-2294; 9:30 a.m.

Targeting All Parents (TAP); "Building Self-esteem in Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Children; child care will be provided, for more information call 574-6012; Humble Smith School; 10 a.m.

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

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

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 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

Alpha Study Club; hostesses, Velma Lunsford and Vera Holsinger; 3 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call Nathalie at 573-0015.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 7 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 7 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

Xi Alpha Alpha Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi; MAWC; 7:30 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 inofrmation call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club; "Christmas Holly-Daze" luncheon; Snyder Country Club; call 573-3996 or 573-3440 for reservations; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Ministerial Alliance; Willow Park Inn; prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m., regular meeting at 10.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Snyder Palette Club Christmas luncheon.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

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

TAP; "Building Self-esteem in ADHD Children;" Northeast Elementary set for Dec. 14 has been postponed, date announced later.

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 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.

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or573-8929; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 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.

SUNDAY

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

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

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

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

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United Way nears goal

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third grades; five junior troops, ages 9-12, fourth through sixth grades; and two Cadette Troops, ages 13-14, junior high.

Others include Lone Star Senior Girl Scouts, ages 15-17, high school; and Campus Scouts, age 18 and over, including Western Texas College's women's basketball team. Around 185 girls and adults are registered in Scurry County.

The county's Girl Scout Service Center is located at 2501 35th St. Peggy Vernon serves as the service unit chairman.

Vernon has only praise for United Way, which allows Snyder to operate a thriving Girl Scout program. Since the local program is very service oriented, Vernon said Snyder's troops assist with several community projects throughout the year, including helping Goodfellows pack boxes of food.

Because Snyder's troops are members of the West Texas Girls Scout Council, UW funds donated in the name of the local organization are returned fourfold, Vernon said. These monies are used to pay for the local club's insurance, utilities bills and to provide training for leaders.

Monies donated to the WTGSC helps pay for about two-thirds of local expenses while the other one-third is paid by the local organization.

United Way funds also help support Camp Boothe Oaks south of Sweetwater. Throughout the year, each of Snyder's many levels of Girl Scout troops will have the opportunity to attend functions there. So far this year, several local troops have already enjoyed activities at the camp. Others are also planning future events.

The WTGSC also trained local women to become adult leader trainers themselves, thereby eliminating out-of-town trips for local leaders, Vernon said.

She added that the WTGSC also provides an important "line to the National Girl Scout Association."

Vernon also said that "when we do not meet our (United Way) goal, our services are cut.

Several Snyder residents are involved with the WTGSC, including Dr. Edward Barkowsky, who is chairman of the board of Girl Scouts of the West Texas Council, and Marilyn Lancaster, who is a board member.

Others include Donna Fowler, a member of the nominating committee for the scouting association, and adult trainers Brenda Clem, Carmen Timora and Zola Schlegel.

Scurry County's Boy Scout troop, along with Colorado City, belongs to the Lone Buffalo District which is included in the Buffalo Trail Council, Inc. B.S.A. Warren Wallace of Big Spring serves as the District Executive.

Currently, Snyder has about 150 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. The Boy Scout Troop is #27. Cub Scouts troops are divided into Pack 61 and Pack 177. Snyder also has a Law Enforcement Explorers Post.

Scouting instills values, builds character, develops citizenship, outdoor, social and leadership skills, career interests through advancement systems activities, camping and exploring programs.

United Way officers include Lomax, president; Alvin Fabre, first vice president; Vernon, second vice president; Ronnie Shields, treasurer; Alessa Fabre, recording secretary; and Zola Schlegel, executive secretary.

Committee members include Anastacio Alvarez, Ed Barkowsky, Carmen Carpenter, Bryan Cave, Rick Hall, Francene Allen-Noah, C.R. Perez, Dayton Robertson, Mike Sanders, Derwin Thompson and Sally Thornhill.

Members of the advisory committee are McGlaun, Fritz, Wilson and Vicky Mahoney.

"We are encouraged by what the United Way and the commmunity have done this year." — Dee Wilson, director of Noah Project, one of the agencies that receives United Way Funds.

Scurry County's UW board meets the second Monday of each month at the chamber of commerce. Members thoroughly screen all agency budgets. All money donated benefits local agencies only.

Of the monies raised in the county, approximately three percent is spent on campaign expenses.

These include pledge cards and envelopes which are printed in Scurry County, postage, office supplies, telephone and a locally produced campaign video.

Campaign expenses are also kept low because of the local volunteers who give of their time and services, including discounts on many UW purchases.

United Way donations may be memorials in honor of the memory of a loved one or friend or an honorarium to honor a relative or friend with a gift in their name.

Donations to Scurry County United Fund, Inc. may be mailed to Scurry County United Way, P.O. Box 1411, Snyder, Tex. 79550-1411.

Parole violators arrested

HOUSTON (AP) — About 90 people who were convicted of violent crimes including murder, rape and aggravated robbery have been arrested in a roundup of parole violators.

Thursday's arrests in the Houston area was the second major parole violator roundup by the Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force since the multiagency group was established three years ago.

Childhood friend gives ultimate gift

NEW YORK (AP) — They took piano lessons together as children and sang in the same high school chorus. But Susan Keams Benner and Bennett Scott lost touch for 32 years, until she gave her old friend the ultimate gift: a kidney to save his life.

"I was so very sick," Scott said, sitting next to Benner in her hospital room at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, where the transplant operation was performed.

When Benner made the offer in a letter in March, Scott and his wife just held each other and cried, he said.

His doctors — surgeon Dr. Mark Hardy and internist Dr. David Cohen — said Scott had a 50-50 chance of surviving another three years without a new kidney. Scott, 51, offered his own diagnosis: "I was dying."

The two were to go home from the hospital Friday, one week after the operation.

Scott, who lives in Midland Park, N.J., learned in 1992 that he was a victim of the most common cause of kidney failure: chronic diabetes. He has had diabetes for 23 years.

In 1994, he began dialysis, a grueling, time-consuming procedure that flushes waste from the body when the kidneys give out. Twice, the cure nearly killed him; he suffered infections caused by long-term dialysis.

Then his angel appeared in the form of Benner, 51, a petite woman with frosted hair, wire-rimmed glasses and a generous smile that makes her eyes crinkle and her face light up.

The two were reunited when Benner, now of Stevensville, Md., began organizing the 33rd reunion for the class of 1962 at Myrtle Beach High School in South Carolina.

Although they were friends since elementary school, "We were never what you'd call bosom buddies," Scott said.

They shared the same piano teacher as children, sang in the high school chorus together and worked on the school's yearbook. They went their separate ways after high school.

Benner and Scott had heard tidbits about each other over the years from the daughter of their childhood piano teacher, but they never got in touch. By the time Benner began work on the reunion, she knew about Scott's illness.

When they first talked on the phone neither of them mentioned it. But later on, after Benner became friendly over the phone with Scott's wife, Sarah, she said she couldn't stand it anymore.

"I wrote him a letter saying basically, 'I have two kidneys, you don't have any. I want to give you one.'

"I just didn't think much about it," Benner said, her words mingling with tears as she reached for a tissue on her hospital tray. "He needed a kidney and he and his wife were so much in love."

Benner knows what it's like to watch a loved one die. A man who almost became her husband died of kidney failure in 1990.

The gift she gave Scott was rare indeed.

In the past 10 years, doctors at Columbia have done about 700 kidney transplants. Nearly all were relatives donating to relatives, Cohen said; only three were friends giving to friends.

Scott still faces the risk of rejection, and the diabetes will probably contaminate his new kidney in 10-15 years. Nonetheless, his illness can be managed with daily insulin shots and a strict diet, Hardy said.

Benner, who works for Pharmacia & Upjohn Co., will be out of work for about six weeks but should have few restrictions after that, the doctors said.

Scott, an English professor at Morris County Community College, plans to devote time to finding more donors for others.

"If even one person can be delivered from the kind of hell I had been living in ..." he said, his voice trailing off softly.

FDA OKs new drug for AIDS

WASHINGTON (AP) — AIDS patients soon will be able to buy a long-anticipated new type of AIDS drug — if they can afford it at $5,800 a year wholesale.

The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday approved saquinavir, the first of a powerful new generation of AIDS drugs called protease inhibitors.

But saquinavir doesn't work alone. So the tab for adding it to older AIDS drugs can quickly reach $10,000 a year, when Medicaid cuts are threatened and state-run drug assistance programs are running out of money, said Gary Rose of the AIDS Action Council.

"We've got a disaster in the making," he said.

Project Inform, which got the price of the AIDS drug AZT dropped from $8,000 to $2,000 several years ago, pledged protests to try to cut saquinavir's cost.

The issue shows the power wielded by AIDS activists. Although heart disease and cancer are the country's top killers, together claiming 1.2 million lives last year, AIDS patients have forced price cuts and record fast drug approvals for the deadly virus. President Clinton even invited them to the White House Wednesday to promise he'll fight cuts in AIDS research funding and Medicaid.

AIDS is the nation's eighth-leading killer, claiming 42,000 lives last year. But it is on the rise and has become the top killer of people ages 25 to 44.

The FDA approved saquinavir in a record 97 days, to become the first protease inhibitor approved anywhere in the world. The FDA has approved the nation's six AIDS medicines in an average of 5.5 months, and three of them still aren't approved in Europe, the agency noted.

The FDA said it wasn't favoring AIDS, although companies making those drugs are more likely to file applications under the special FDA accelerated-approval program. The breakthrough breast cancer drug Taxol cleared in seven months, the first cystic fibrosis drug took nine and the first multiple sclerosis aid took exactly one year.

"The AIDS drugs are a class of drugs that are teaching us how to respond in other cases as well," said spokesman Jim O'Hara.

Saquinavir manufacturer Hoffman-La Roche Inc. is trying to help patients with the new drug's price, announcing a program to push insurers to cover saquinavir fully and promptly. Also, it will provide the drug free to Americans who still can't afford it.

But Roche spent 10 years developing saquinavir and provided it free to 10,000 patients during testing, and it has to recoup, said Vice President Stephen Sudovar.

"Our feeling is we priced the drug very responsibly," he said. But, he added, "we can't allow recovering our investment to deprive people of therapy," so Roche started the assistance program.

Rose welcomed the program but said he feared it could be overwhelmed if government cuts suddenly leave numerous AIDS patients without another alternative.

Protease inhibitors work by crippling an enzyme vital to the late stages of HIV's reproduction, while all other AIDS medicines are active in the virus' early reproductive cycle. Saquinavir, in combination with the older drugs, gives doctors their first chance to fight HIV in two separate places.

But the drug isn't as potent as two competitors now in testing, and AIDS groups are advising patients who can wait another year for them to do so.

Saquinavir will be on pharmacy shelves nationwide by Saturday.

Former state police chemist acquitted in direct verdict

FAIRMONT, W.Va. (AP) — A former West Virginia crime lab chief accused of botching dozens of cases that sent at least four innocent men to prison was cleared Friday of the last of three felony perjury charges.

Despite evidence, overturned convictions and a West Virginia Supreme Court report citing fraud, officials said there may be little else authorities can do in West Virginia to further prosecute Fred Zain.

Zain, 44, now of Daytona Beach, Fla., still faces charges in two Texas cases from when he served as a chemist for the Bexar County medical examiner in San Antonio.

"It's always horrible when any of us feel that justice hasn't occurred, particularly in a case like this where the allegations are so sensational and so horrifying," said Kanawha County Prosecutor Bill Forbes.

"As far as the state's concerned, I don't know of any other charges that can be brought, and that's certainly not justice," Forbes said.

Marion County Circuit Judge Rodney Merrifield agreed with defense attorneys Friday and acquitted Zain for lack of evidence on a felony perjury charge related to his testimony in a 1991 double-murder trial.

Zain had waived his right to appear at the hearing for pretrial motions and was not present in the courtroom. He did not immediately return a message left through his attorney, Arthur Ciccarello.

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Country Life

It wouldn't be Christmas without moms

DEANIE FRANCIS MILLS

If it weren't for moms, there would be no Christmas.

Here's what a guy-Christmas would be like: We would all buy our gifts after five on Christmas Eve. None of the presents would be wrapped — we'd give them to each other still in the sack with the price tag attached. Christmas dinner would be weenies boiled on the stove and a can of chili heated up and eaten out of the pan in front of the TV during a football game.

A guy-Christmas for kids, without wives, girlfriends, secretaries, grandmas or ex-wives to do the shopping, would be lots and lots of cash and a trip to the toy store for the kids to pick out whatever they want. Or, if gifts were actually purchased for the kids by guys, they would be (a) inappropriate; (b) too "old" for the kid, or too big, too small, or too complex; or (c) something the kid never asked for and doesn't want in the first place.

My husband, Kent Scrooge, complains every Christmas season about all the "crap cluttering up the house." He's a big man — 6'4" — and it seems he can't get very far before he bumps his head on a bunch of mistletoe hanging in a low doorway or knocks a stocking off of someplace or bangs into a tree or sweeps a collection of Christmas cards off a shelf with his big hand.

When I light the candles, he frets about the fire hazard and gripes about the "smell" — as if vanilla, cinnamon and spice, and cedar are unpleasant odors stinking up the place. When I wrap gifts, he demands to know how much this or that cost and how much money I've spent THIS Christmas and points out how spoiled the kids are every year. If we take a trip to visit family, he resigns himself to it like a prisoner doing time.

(Christmas dinner, however, well, he's got no problem scarfing that down.)

When we were newlyweds, we used to do all the family Christmas shopping together. We'd wander shopping malls, holding hands and discuss this or that present and laugh and snuggle. Sometimes we'd even take in a movie. Because I was young and foolish and newly wed, I thought it would be that way always.

Somebody should have warned me that, 20 years later, if I was able even to drag him out shopping at all, I'd have to listen to a bunch of whining about the parking and the crowds and the lines and hurting feet — this while whirling through the stores like commandoes on a hit-and-run mission. (Grab this and get out before she spends more money.)

Now, I'm not being mean to my dearly beloved here, because the truth of the matter is, if the secret were told aloud — most men feel that way about the holiday season. Christmas celebrations and decorations and elaborations are a girl-thing, like proms and chick movies and craft stores. Most guys would just as soon do without the mess and the bother and the expense.

Or so they say.

So they saaaaay...

But ship some macho soldier off to the hinterlands of outer Mongolia in December, and what do you hear? How much he misses Christmas at home. Land some outlaw out in the wild wild West and what do they write home about? How much they miss Christmas with the family. In fact, pack up a bunch of guys anywhere anytime without women — ESPECIALLY at Christmas, and you've got a crowd of homesick puppies who can't do anything but snap and snarl at one another and mope around waiting for boxes of goodies from...mom.

Stick a guy in an apartment alone with weenies and chili and a football game on Christmas day and what have you got? The loneliest, saddest guy in the world. Other guys SAY they envy him, they SAY they'd give anything to be alone with weenies and chili and football any day of the week. But the truth of the matter, the bodacious, audacious, you-better-believe-it truth of it all is: guys out there NEED moms — even the ones they're married to — to bring warmth and joy and presents and tenderness and beauty and music and glitter and tinsel and chocolate and softness and fluff and yes, even scented candles, into their lives now and then.

No matter how much it clutters up the place or how much it costs.

But what about all that griping and complaining and demanding and whining and bah-humbugging that goes on throughout the season?

Don't worry about it, girls. It's just a guy thing.

Editorial Roundup

The Texas Sesquiscentennial

The Pecos Enterprise

A special date in Texas history is fast approaching and no one seems to know or care.

That date is Dec. 29 which marks the 150th anniversary — the Sesquiscentennial — of Texas becoming a state and being admitted to the union of the United States.

It was the 28th state admitted to the union.

On July 4, 1845, Congress voted to admit Texas as a slave state after considerable debate and controversy. The admission became effective Dec. 29.

Calls from this newspaper to various elected officials, including the governor's office, met with nonawareness of the anniversary. Gov. George Bush could not be contacted directly to see if the state plans any official celebrations.

As far as we know, nothing is planned, apparently out of a lack of knowledge that this special date is coming up. We weren't aware of it ourselves until a reader brought it to our attention.

In 1986, a massive statewide celebration was held to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the state's independence from Mexico. Texas was a republic from 1836 until it became a state in 1845, with the first members of the U.S. Congress taking office in February 1846.

It seems that Texans need to be aware of this anniversary with some type of celebration planned. However, time is running short.

On health education

The San Antonio Express-News

State Education Commissioner Mike Moses should have done his homework before deciding against applying for a federal grant that would supplement health programs in public schools.

Moses told the Associated Press that grants such as the one proposed by state Health Commissioner David Smith — this one worth $500,000 — often impose teaching methods on health programs such as sex education on local school districts. ...

The concerns are understandable. But all Moses or his staff had to do was ask the (Centers for Disease Control) for more information about the grant before deciding not to apply.

The Austin-American Statesman did. The newspaper's findings: the grant allows schools to provide reproductive health services, but doesn't require it. ...

Explaining why the state did not apply for the CDC grant, state education officials say instructional programs and learning are a higher priority than health programs.

We agree with placing a high priority on instructional programs, but do not think the two concerns are mutually exclusive. ...

While some students learn about health issues at home, many do not. Information on many health issues is too important to be left to chance. If the schools don't provide it, who will?

Buffalo Reef

Barbie, tomato sauce and lack of sleep

by Bill McClellan

There have been some articles in the news this past week that seem to me to have something in common.

Barbie dolls, tomatoes and a lack of sleep.

Barbie dolls? Yep. In Tennessee, police had to break up a fight at a Wal-Mart because there weren't enough Happy Holidays Barbie dolls for the 200 customers waiting for them. In a year in which there are relatively few new toys, Happy Holidays Barbie dolls are a big hit. In fact, inquiries over the Internet offer up to $175 for the doll, which normally sells in the mid-$30 range.

Sounds like a new market for an enterprising ticket scalper.

Anyway, the demand is so high that Mattel, maker of the dolls, will be selling vouchers — rainchecks, sort of. These vouchers, which include a photograph of Barbie which parents can put under the tree, are redeemable for a second production of the dolls, due out by the end of April.

Now, parents have to decide whether to get their Barbie-loving child something else, or a photograph of a gift they will receive three months later.

It's the ultimate kid crusher: a gift that on the outside reads "Don't Open Until Christmas," and on the inside says "Won't Arrive Until April 30."

The second news item concerns a study which finds pizza and spaghetti sauce can protect against prostate cancer.

The study concludes that *cooked* tomatoes may be more protective than raw tomatoes. The study found that prostate cancer was less common in southern Mediterranean countries, such as Italy and Greece, said the Harvard researcher, whose name is Dr. Edward Giovannucci.

It seems that every food survey we see lately conflicts another. Milk is good; milk is bad. Carbohydrates are bad; no, wait — They're good. Cholesterol is good; cholesterol is bad. Popcorn is good for you; popcorn is bad for you.

For now, anyway, a deep dish vegetable style with extra sauce may be the best way to go.

Giovannucci... isn't that the man in the Little Ceasar's Pizza ads?

The third news article concerns another study. This one finds that more and more Americans are having trouble sleeping. Reasons cited by our good friends at the National Sleep Foundation included growing work pressures and an increasingly frantic pace of life.

I suspect there are a couple of other reasons more Americans are getting less sleep — worrying about which foods prevent or cause cancer, and what to get little Suzy for Christmas now that the Barbie doll has sold out.

Anyway, Happy Holidays... or should I wait until spring to say that.

Letters

If you don't use it, you lose it

Dear Editor:

Open letter to Congress.

Why does Congress not pay attention to the American public? Paul Harvey said 90 percent of American people were against going to Bosnia. In the Abilene Reporter-News, Mr. Stenholm said he was for going to Bosnia with a peace-keeping force. He said he had, to the best of my memory, 144 letters or calls, five for going, 139 for not going.

We have legislation in Congress at the present time, supposedly of good intentions, which will hurt every common citizen in my opinion. Both HR 2580, the Republican Form of Government Act, and HR 1710, the Counter-Terrorism Bill, which to me appears to be government power-grabs that will cancel our First, Second and Fourth Amendments to the Constitution.

I ask our Congressmen to pay more attention to the legislation they pass in regards to the rights given us by our Constitution.

May God bless each one with a desire for truth and Constitutional government.

Yours truly,
Surry Gillum
Hermleigh, Texas

P.S. The reason for this letter is to use my rights of expression so everyone will continue to have this right. If you don't use your liberty you lose it.

CWC uplifting

Dear Editor:

I am sure there are lots of Christian ladies in Snyder who do not realize what Christian Woman's Club is.

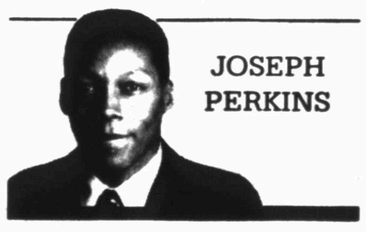
Some people seem to think it is a social club. Some of the most caring, loving ladies I have ever been acquainted with attend each month.

Each time that I am priviledged to attend, I go home uplifted. I would encourage all ladies to attend. The meeting is held the second Wednesday of each month at the Country Club.

Johnnie Pyburn
Box 809
Snyder, Texas

Getting tough with violent teens

By Joseph Perkins



JOSEPH PERKINS

I made a quick trip to Beantown last week, where I had a chance to check out the local news. The one story that leapt out at me concerned a 17-year-old high-school student who punched out a substitute teacher as his classmates cheered him on.

I was expecting that the substitute teacher was some big, bad bully, at least. But as it turns out, he was a kindly 78-year-old, all of 4 feet 6 inches tall. He even wore a hearing aid.

My heart went out to the grandfatherly substitute. Then it occurred to me — he really got off easy. If his teen-age assailant had been packing a weapon — like one of every five public school students — grandpa probably wouldn't have lived to see his 79th birthday.

It will be interesting to see what punishment the violent young offender ultimately receives. He was arraigned in Boston District Court (rather than juvenile court) on charges of assault and battery on a public employee. The wager here is that he gets off with little more than a suspended sentence.

It's because underage offenders are handled with kid gloves in most criminal cases that America is faced with an epidemic of juvenile crime. Indeed, the FBI reported last week that, even as the overall violent crime rate improved slightly in 1994, the number of teen-agers arrested for violent crimes jumped 7 percent.

This continues an ominous trend that began more than a decade ago. Between 1985 and 1994, the number of teens arrested for murder rose a shocking 158 percent, despite the fact that the teen-age population actually declined during this span.

What makes this trend all the more unsettling is that demographers expect the number of teenagers to grow by 20 percent over the next 10 years. So unless lawmakers figure a way to reverse the juvenile crime wave, we can expect to see an explosive increase in the number of kids committing rapes, robberies, assaults and murders.

In recent years, state legislatures throughout the country have started to crack down on the most violent teen-age offenders. In Massachusetts, for instance, a 2-year-old state law calls for the automatic expulsion of students who commit violent crimes, like the young punk who assaulted the substitute teacher.

In California, a new state law lowers the age at which teens may be tried as an adult in murder cases from 16 to 14 years old. And in Minnesota, a year-old law removes the cloak of anonymity from youths charged with violent felonies.

All these measures will help protect the public from hardened young offenders. But lawmakers ought to be thinking about implementing less draconian measures, as well, to deter the kids who commit minor crimes — like vandalism, shoplifting or car theft — from graduating to more serious violent crimes.

A number of cities around the country have come up with pretty good ideas. Here are a few of the more promising:

—New Haven, Conn., has put teenagers in charge of its truancy court, with the assistance of volunteer lawyers. The object is to keep kids from dropping out of school and getting into trouble. While truants often insist that adults can't relate to their problems and feelings, the would-be dropouts can't lay this rap on their teen-age peers.

—Shelby, Miss., is the latest municipality in the country to enact a curfew for teen-agers. Kids must be off the streets by 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and by midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Teens don't much like curfews in the dozens of cities around the country where they have been implemented. But with so many violent young predators on the loose, kids ought not be out to all hours of the night.

—In Kennebunkport, Maine, George Bush's favorite vacation spot, the locals are proposing an ordinance that would require parents whose kids commit two offenses within an 18-month period to pay a $250 fine or to attend a parent-training program. The idea is to make parents more accountable for their kids' misbehavior.

—Davenport is the site of Iowa's second boot camp for deliquent boys. The three-month SUMMIT program (Success Using Morale, Motivaiton, Intensity and Treatment) is meant to straighten out kids who've run afoul of the law before they succumb to a life of crime.

No one suggests that all we need is teen-run truancy courts, juvenile curfews, parent-training courses and boot camps to reverse the rising tide of youth crime and violence. But if more municipalities throughout the country adopt these and similar juvenile-justice measures, we just may prevent some kids from becoming crime statistics.

Sr. Center sets annual holiday meal

The Senior Center will host its annual Christmas dinner on Thursday and senior citizens who have not yet pre-registered are asked to sign the registration sheet by Wednesday morning. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. Thursday.

Special programs are planned in the center Monday through Wednesday. A film about getting the most out of a hearing aide will be shown at 11:15 a.m. Monday.

The Hallelujah Chorus will sing at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday and children from Snyder Day Care Center will perform at 11 a.m. Wednesday. A performance by the First Baptist Church Senior Choir scheduled for Friday has been postponed to Dec. 18.

Bridge and an Eight Ball tournament are scheduled in the center on Monday morning. A bridge tournament will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday. A 42 tournament is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and canasta will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Representatives from the Social Security Administration are to be in the center Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-2 p.m. Commodities will be distributed through the center on Wednesday. Hours will be 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

The mobile audiology unit from the West Texas Rehabilitation Center will be at the Senior Center on Wednesday. This will be its last visit until Jan. 17.

The Kitchen Band will be sharing seasonal music with the residents of Snyder Oaks Care Center at 10 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will go to Snyder Healthcare Center at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Commodities distribution set Sept. 20

Commodities will be distributed Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M.

Eligibility guidelines for citizens of Scurry County are posted at the Senior Center. There will be no make-up day and all individuals are asked to enter through the north door of the Senior Center and to bring paper bags or boxes to transport commodities.

Jury decides on 20-year sentence

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who blasted his wife's legs with a shotgun because she had a job and he did not has been sentenced to the maximum 20-year prison term.

Julio Bustillo, 26, was sentenced Thursday by the same jurors who had convicted him of aggravated assault. In addition to the 20-year term, Bustillo was assessed a $10,000 fine.

State District Judge Michael McSpadden told Bustillo he had seen hundreds of violent criminals in his courtroom, but "you rank right up there with the worst of the predators."

"You are a disgrace to all men everywhere," the judge said.

Bustillo's response to the court was, "I'm very sorry."

In a fit of rage last Sept. 28, Bustillo shot his 24-year-old common-law wife, Ana Canela Prieto in the legs. The woman's legs were so mangled that doctors had to amputate them above the knees.

Prosecutors said Bustillo was angry because his wife had found janitorial work and he couldn't find a job.

"He is the single most sadistic person I have ever encountered," said prosecutor Julian Ramirez, who described the prison sentence as a "Christmas gift" to Bustillo and not nearly enough for the crime he committed.

According to testimony from Ms. Canela Prieto during the punishment phase of the trial, she was not the first woman Bustillo mutilated.

A year ago in his native Honduras, Bustillo poured battery acid on another woman's face and genitals, Ms. Canela Prieto said from her wheelchair.

Several jurors cried during the testimony and later released a note saying they wished the prison sentence could have been even longer.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Carlton M. Starkey III, 1996 Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Todd Derek Granato, 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Jimmy and Jamie Barton, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Brandon Jon Martin, 1996 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Tommy F. Williams, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Pam Butler, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Rhonda G. and John A. Lomax Jr., 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Thelma S. Haley, 1995 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Tennessee Pipeline, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

George and Pam Jones, 1995 Chevrolet van from Big Country Autoland.

Susan Walls, 1995 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Blair and Tommy F. Williams, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jake and Jean Smith, 1995 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

Travis Hatter, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Allena Higgins, 1995 Oldsmobile from Big Country Autoland.

Terry and Martha Beth Martin, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Tracy Wayne and Amy Lee Odom, 1995 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Charlotte Irene Graham, 1995 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

E.D. Walton Construction Co., 1995 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Scott Ray Reed, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

E.D. Walton Construction Co., 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Earl D. Clark, 1995 Ford truck from Wilson Motors.

Lea and Johnny L. Hair, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Jack Dale Sherrod and Robyn Sheree Hornsberger, both of Snyder.

Gary Lee Isenberg and Carol Lyn Browning, both of Snyder.

Dennis Dale Vaughan and Sherry Lynn Comer, both of Ira.

James Wesley Waters of Snyder and Mary Ann Anderson of Hermleigh.

Filed in District Court

Liberty Savings Bank, F.S.B., vs. Nina Carolyn Sutton and Roy E. Sutton, suit on sworn account.

Deed Records

Merchants of Texas Inc. to Merchants Transportation and Logistics Company, a 150-foot by 150-foot tract out of the northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 6, Scarborgh Addition.

Marion Leon and Nina Rae Earles to Charles R. and Juanita H. Tylich, all the east 10.24 acres out of Lot 59 of Round Top Acres, a subdivision of Section 185 and 186 in Block 3, H&GN survey.

Ricky Wayne and Wendy M. Hunter to Glenn B. and Alvie Nell Baker, 1.397 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 129, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Joe W. Sentell to Jeronimo Ruiz Jr., all of Lots 1-6 in Block 27 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Dupree Motors Inc. to David Strunk, the west 2½ feet of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8 in Block 11 of the Replat of the south one-half of Block 7 and the replat of Blocks 6 and 11 of the Highlands Addition.

Anthony and Kathy Jean Wofford to Marcus and Debra McGlouthin, all of Lot 12 in Block 1 of the Eastridge Addition.

Benny Ray Sherrod to Anthony and Kathy Jean Wofford, all of Lot 5 in Block 42 of the Winston Co. replat of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Farm Credit Bank of Texas to Bobby Day, 779.9068 acres, which represents all of Round Top Acres, a subdivision of part of Sections 185 and 186 in Block 3, H&GN survey, subject to parcels already deeded to various individuals.

Beverly Gay Franklin Harris and Pamela Gay H. Dealey, independent co-executrixs of the Henri and Gay Ison Estate, 236 acres in Scurry and Mitchell Counties, being the east 106 acres of the north one-half and the east 130 acres of the south one-half in Section 25, Block Y, T&P survey.

Alexander Payne Lefeuvre to Yosef and Sara Shlezinger, all of Lot 1 in Block 45 of the Blankenship Addition.

Paul Z. and Barbara A. Gilbert to Christopher Ray and Linda Lee Derrick, tract one being 0.715 acre tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 126, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 3.248 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 126, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Wayne Milburn Jones and Julia Evalina Chambers to John and Hilda Rangel, all of Lot 6 in Block 55 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Genaro Lazcano, Linda Hermosillo and Sara Arizmendi to Ramiro Lazcano, all of Lots 10 and 11 in Block 8 of the Cloyes Subdivision of Blocks 12 and 17 of the Cody Addition.

Kinney Hart and Juanita Hart to Ricky Wayne and Wendy M. Hunter, a 492-foot by 255-foot tract out of the north 110 acres of the northeast one-quarter of Section 130, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Kelly Williamson to James Williamson, part of the north side of Lot 1 in Block 14 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Williamson Enterprises to James Williamson, the north 210 feet of the east 154.7 feet of Blocks 33 and 48 of the Scarborough Addition.

Jerry Ray and Lorna Beth Thompson to Wendell and Duffy Wilks, the southeast five acres out of Lot 7 in the Round Top Acres, a subdivision of Sections 185 and 186 in Block 3, H&GN survey.

Waldorf Associates to Dougs A. Newton Jr., 52.25 acres and 0.19-acre tract out of Section 154, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Charles C. and Clara A. Cain to P.R. Brumit, all of Lot 10, Block 39 of the Wilmeth Addition.

P.R. Brumit to J.C. and Joyce L. Moore, all of Lot 10 in Block 39 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Carol Criswell to John Criswell, the south 37.5 feet of Lot 2 in Block 22 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Stanley D. and Sharon K. Allen, to J.B. Tate Jr., Trustee for Snyder Savings and Loan Association, 24.213 acres in Sections 130 and 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

J.B. Tate Jr., Trustee, to Aubrey M. and T.H. Blalock, a 56-foot by 102-foot tract in Lot 2, Block 20, Original Town of Snyder.

Back To Basics

By Ellen Baker

As you reflect upon 1995, take a moment to think back on how you spent your time at work. Are you happy in your job? Do you feel a sense of fulfillment in your chosen vocation? Or are your merely putting in your hours in order to bring home a paycheck.?

Will your answers to these questions likely be the same next December? They don't have to be.

Consider what it would take to be in a career where you are satisfied, recognized and appreciated. The extra education you need in order to advance in your career or to change careers may take less time than you think and could result in a substantial difference in earnings.

Taking a figure of 2,080 hours spent working each year (52 weeks x 40 hours), an average worker puts in 83,200 hours over 40 years. In a job requiring 3 months or less of training, that worker is likely to earn an average of $6,75 per hour, for a total of $561,000 over the course of a lifetime. A worker with 2-4 years of college or vocational training can expect to earn $1,040,832 in that same period of time, a difference of nearly half a million dollars.

Why not start off the new year by taking the first step toward a new, satisfying career? Counselors at Western Texas College can help you assess the skills and experiences you already possess and show you how to get started on your degree or certificate program. Both day and evening classes are available to fit around your current work schedule, and if you first need to complete your high school education, our GED department can assist you. Classes begin Jan. 17 and financial aid is available. Make 1996 the year you change your future.

Western Texas College is located at 6200 South College Avenue. The admissions office is in the Learning Resource Center. The phone number is 915-573-8511, ext. 394.

Man bites off, then swallows ear

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — A man bit off another man's ear during a barroom brawl early Thursday, then swallowed it when police confronted him, authorities said.

Stevon Sutton still had the ear in his mouth when police arrived but refused to spit it out. He sucked it in and out of his mouth several times before swallowing it, police said.

"This is a first, definitely a first," said Sgt. Jim Zamora, a police spokesman.

Sutton bit the back of Emmett Wallace's ear, taking off about 40 percent of it, doctors said.

TCA Cable TV receives award from 'Cablevision' magazine

Archie Kountz, manager of TCA Cable TV in Snyder, recently announced that TCA Cable TV. Inc. has been named Operator of the Year for 1995 by "Cablevision" Magazine.

The award was established in 1988 to recognize one cable company in the nation, based on the company's quality of management, commitment to customer relations and community service, and its financial and operational acumen. The winner is selected each year by the magazine's editors.

"This is one of the top awards given in the cable television industry," Kountz said, "and we are pleased to have earned it during a time of change and consolidation in telecommunications."

In the article outlining TCA's formula for success "Cablevision" highlights the cable company's strong price/value relationship. "Last year, for example, TCA's $29.35 in average revenues (per) subscriber ranked at the bottom in an industry analysis published by Morgan Stanley & Co," according to the article, which was published Oct. 9 of this year.

"We believe in keeping our rates as low as possible so the majority of households in our community can afford the benefits of cable television," Kountz said.

In addition, the company is touted for one of the lowest debt-to-cash flow ratios in the industry, it's fiber optic capital improvement programs, quality customer service, its recent growth from acquisitions, and plans for growth in ancillary businesses such as long distance dialing.

TCA Cable TV is proud of this award, and of the employees in the Big Spring area who helped achieve it," Kountz said. "This is a direct reflection of each employee's committment to excellence for our customers and the community."

Christmas tree fire injures 4

GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — A Christmas tree that was set ablaze before the TV cameras for a demonstration on safety suddenly flared out of control, seriously injuring two firefighters and two cameramen.

The Fire Department in Grand Blanc Township, south of Flint, set the blaze Thursday in an abandoned house while the cameramen videotaped the demonstration. But the fire under the tree spread faster than expected.

Jeff Jenkins of WNEM and Brad Jenks of WEYI apparently became entangled in videotape gear as they ran down a stairway and fell. Both suffered burns to their hands and faces.

Jenkins was in critical condition today at Hurley Medical Center in Flint. Jenks and the two injured firefighters, Frank Tambs and Jim Harmes, were in fair condition.

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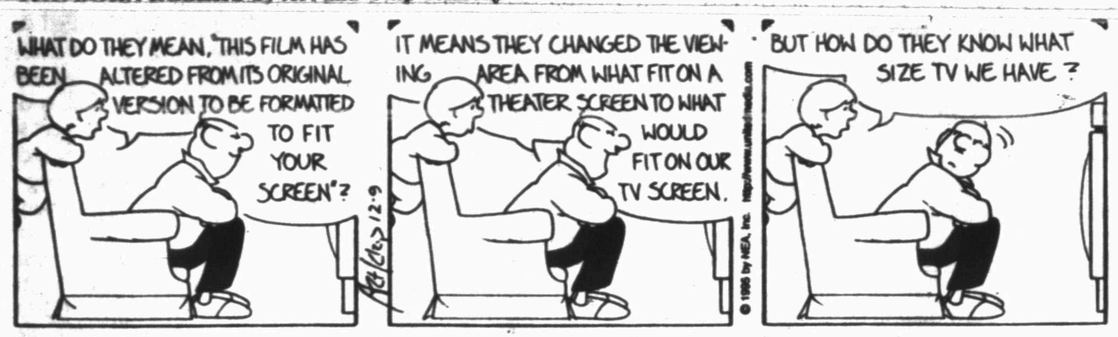

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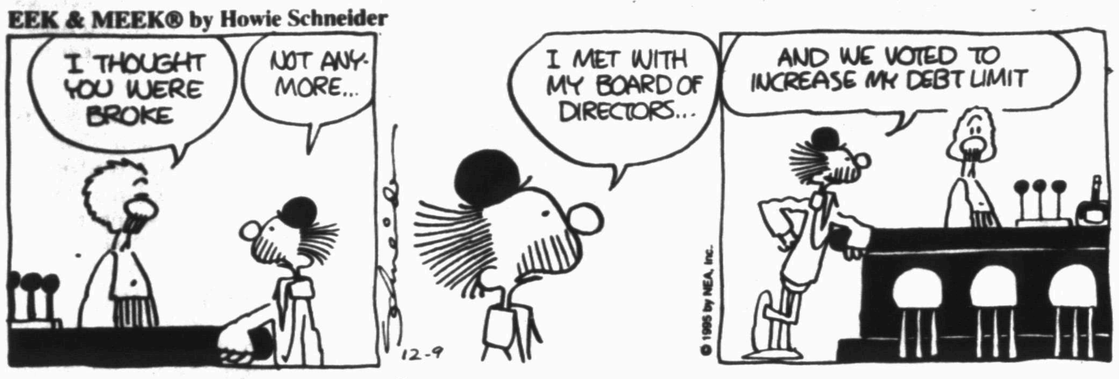

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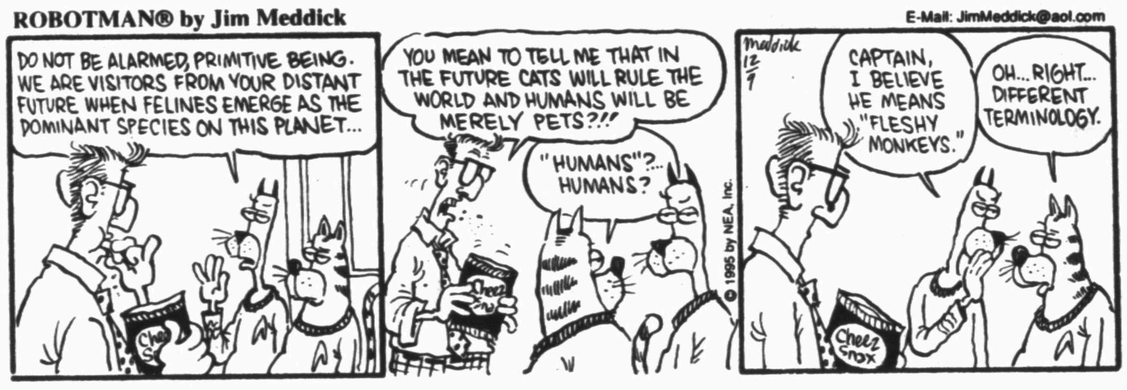

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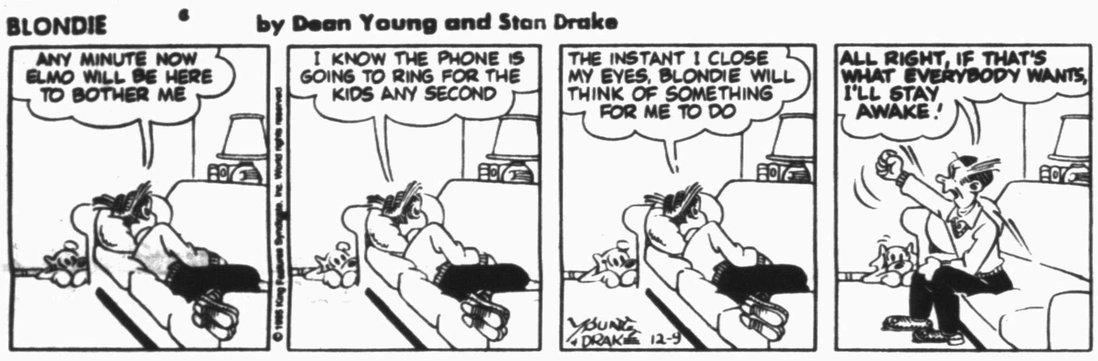

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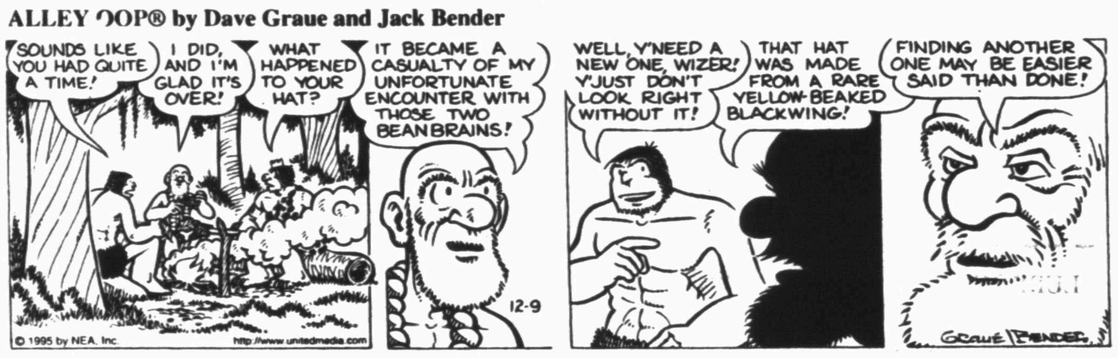

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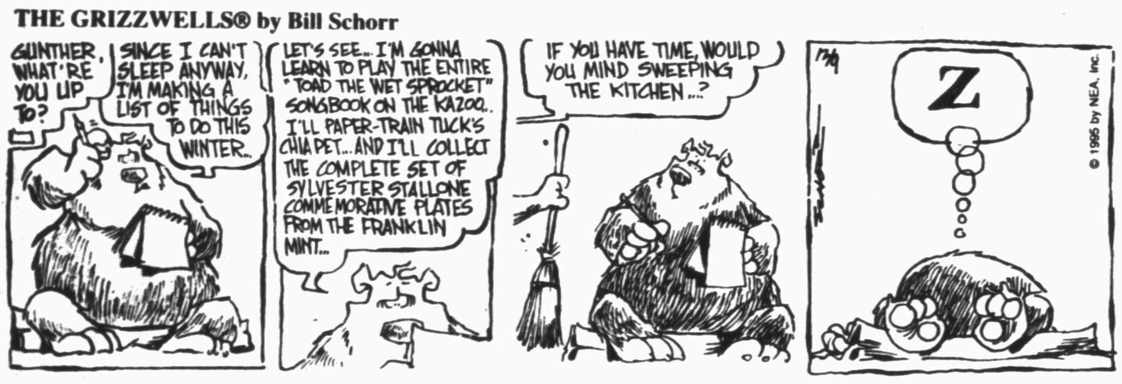

NEA Crossword Puzzle

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1 Sausage
6 Unites by heating
11 Called forth
13 Sillier
14 Playwright — O'Neill
15 King of the Huns
16 Beaver skin
17 Expire
19 Occupied a bench
20 Plant parts
21 Remainder
25 Church calendar
26 Agnus —
27 Crocodile —
30 Demanded (payment)
33 Is apprehensive
34 Smoothly courteous
35 Ibsen character
36 Roman robe
37 Fictional story
39 Lariat
40 Great respect
43 Adult insect
45 Freshwater porpoise
46 North Carolina city
49 Being defeated
51 Leaks
52 Shouter
53 Name
54 Singer Della —

DOWN

1 Cries
2 Palate part
3 Thesaurus name
4 Swerve
5 Half a score
6 Tel. service
7 Record
8 Roman 52
9 Dolores — Rio
10 Mrs. in Madrid
12 Tricks
13 Defeats (sl.)
18 Bustle
20 Brought up
22 Author Ferber
23 Looked at
24 Ocean movement
25 Harem apartment
27 1944 invasion date
28 — Major (constellation)
29 Never (poet.)
30 Control by two
31 Impulse
32 Cagers' org.
36 Dress up
38 Nothing
39 Male sheep
40 Old-womanish
41 Chablis and Chianti
42 Tidal wave
44 Horse's neck hair
45 — of Wight
46 Insecticide
47 Spoon bender — Geller
48 Betrayer (sl.)
50 Above (poet.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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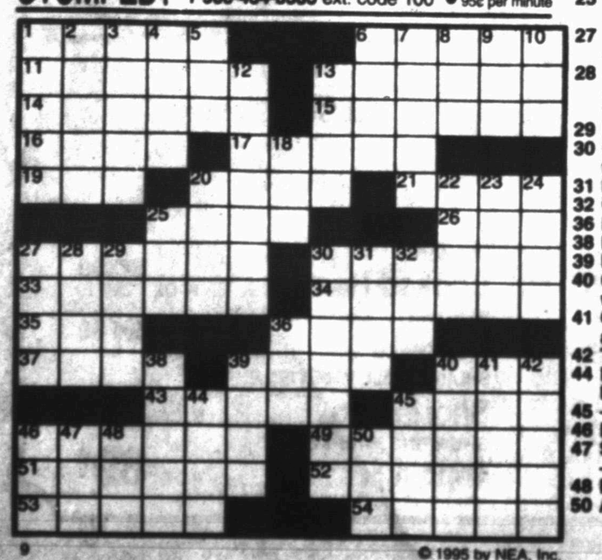

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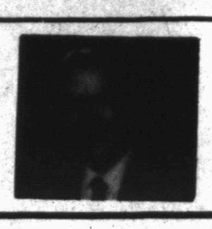
"ME AND MOM HAVE BEEN CHRISTMAS CHARGING."

Family Focus

By James C. Dobson, Ph.D.



Q. My little girl is sometimes sugar-sweet, and other times she is unbearably irritating. How can I get her out of a bad mood when she has not really done anything to deserve discipline?

A. I would suggest that you take her in your arms and talk to her in this manner: "I don't know whether you've noticed it or not, but you have two 'personalities.' A personality is a way of acting and talking and behaving. One of your personalities is sweet and loving. No one could possibly be more lovable and happy when this personality is in control. It likes to work and look for ways to make the rest of the family happy.

"And all you have to do is press a little red button, 'ding,' and out comes the other personality. It is cranky and noisy and silly. It wants to fight with your brother and disobey your mom. It gets up grouchy in the morning and complains throughout the day.

"Now, I know that you can press the button for the neat personality or you can call up the mean one. Sometimes it takes some punishment to make you press the right button. If you keep on pressing the wrong one, like you have been today, then I'm going to make you uncomfortable, one way or the other. I'm tired of that cranky character, and I want to see the grinny one. Can we make a deal?"

When discipline becomes a game, as in a conversation such as this, then you've achieved your purpose without conflict and animosity.

Q. How can I teach my teen the value of money?

A. One good technique is to give him enough cash to meet a particular need, and then let him manage it. You can begin by offering a weekly food allowance to be spent in school. If he squanders the total on a weekend date, then it becomes his responsibility to either work for his lunches or go hungry.

This is the cold reality he will face in later life, and it will not harm him to experience the lesson while still an adolescent.

I should indicate that this principle has been known to backfire. A friend of mine has four daughters, and he provides each one with an annual clothing allowance when they turn 12. It then becomes the girls' responsibility to budget their money for the garments they will need throughout the year.

The last child to turn 12, however, was not quite mature enough to handle the assignment. She celebrated her 12th birthday by buying an expensive coat, which cut deeply into her available capital. The following spring, she exhausted her funds and wore shredded stockings, holey panties and frayed dresses for the last three months before her birthday. It was difficult for her parents not to intervene, but they had the courage to let her learn this valuable lesson about money management.

Perhaps your son has never learned the value of money because it comes too easily. Anything in abundant supply becomes rather valueless. I would suggest that you restrict the pipeline and maximize the responsibility required in all expenditures.

Q. Do you believe that genuine love between a husband and wife is permanent, lasting a lifetime?

A. It can be, and indeed, should be. However, even genuine love is a fragile flower. It must be maintained and protected if it is to survive. Love can perish when a husband works seven days a week . . . when there is no time for romantic activity . . . when he and his wife forget how to talk to each other.

The keen edge on a loving relationship may be dulled through the routine pressures of living. Where does your marriage rank on your hierarchy of values? Does it get the leftovers and scraps from your busy schedule, or is it something of great worth to be preserved and supported? It can die if left unattended.

This column is brought to you courtesy of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. These questions and answers are excerpted from the book, Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions. Dr. Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Send your questions to Dr. Dobson c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (c) 1982 Tyndale House Publishers, Inc

Microsoft has wide-ranging plans for using the Internet

SEATTLE (AP) — In a nutshell, Bill Gates was asked, just what is Microsoft's strategy for the Internet?

"Software," he replied.

Not a surprising answer from the man who heads the world's largest personal computer software company. What was new Thursday was Microsoft's grand strategy for its software: the Internet.

Faced with the huge growth of the global public data network and the possible loss of its own influence in computers, Microsoft said it will make its on-line service available on the Internet.

Microsoft also will take the extraordinary step of adopting another company's program-writing ideas, with an eye toward making its own software — including its industry standard Windows operating system — more Internet-friendly.

In endorsing Java, a computer programming language by Sun Microsystems Inc., Microsoft appears to be hedging its bets that its own software won't gain wide Internet acceptance.

Because Java works on any kind of computer, it threatens the dominance of PC software that Microsoft achieved through Windows. But only test versions of Java are on the market, making Microsoft's bow to the product even more unusual. Microsoft says it will still compete with Java.

Many industry analysts think Microsoft was caught flat-footed by the dynamic rise of the Internet, especially the growth of the World Wide Web, the graphically enhanced, commercially oriented portion of the network.

Gates said it was more a matter of the Internet, now with tens of millions of users, reaching "critical mass" this year.

"In 1993, we saw this as something that is very interesting. In 1994, we saw it as something that is very, very interesting. In 1995, we saw it as something that is very, very, very interesting," he said. "We're giving it our highest priority."

The briefing was designed to show the software community that Microsoft is serious about the Internet.

But the void that led Microsoft to hold an "Internet Strategy Workshop" for reporters and analysts indicated that many people weren't clear until now that the company even had a strategy.

That perception of uncertainty at Microsoft, reflected in a 17 percent stock price decline since July, contrasts sharply with its popular image as a technology juggernaut.

Government antitrust investigators have been questioning Microsoft's aggressive business practices for years.

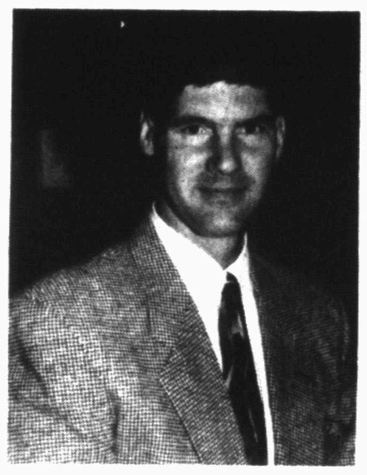
Microsoft also will change The Microsoft Network, an on-line service that will be available on the Internet. Some of the content will be free, although Internet users will have to pay a flat fee for some of the other offerings from the service.

The company also plans a new program to make Windows 95 work more directly with the Internet. It is to be offered free some time next year.

The so-called "add-on" product was conceived by Gates on Wednesday night, said Rich Tong, a general manager of product marketing.

Akins will receive degree from SBTS

FORT WORTH — Martin T. Akins of Snyder will receive the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during commencement ceremonies Dec. 15.



Marty Akins

Akins is the son of Ferris and Ramona Akins of Ballinger. He is married to Deborah (Scott) Akins. Akins serves as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is one of six seminaries affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and is the largest theological seminary in the world. Each year, more than 3,000 men and women train for the ministry at Southwestern.

Dry spell throughout Texas causes more water to be used

LUBBOCK (AP) — A statewide dry spell has left cattle pastures parched, trash-burning outlawed and city water in skyrocketing demand.

The Texas Forest Service warns of extreme or high wildfire danger from El Paso to Texarkana.

"We are looking at going into the Christmas holiday with dry grass and fireworks. That's a lot of concern," said Mahlon Hammetter, fire prevention specialist in Lufkin. "We could see the worst fire season in winter in a long time."

The state forest service issued an outdoor-burning moratorium for 19 counties in Northeast Texas. Hammetter said the agency worries about dormant vegetation that could fuel a wildfire.

An "extreme" danger of wildfires exists from Amarillo to Lubbock and El Paso, as well as a corner of Northeast Texas. A "high" danger exists across north and central parts of the state. Houston, Austin and San Antonio fall into a "moderate" danger zone.

Bruce Blalack, water treatment superintendent for the city of Lubbock, said water consumption in this West Texas city is up 350 million gallons just since October.

The National Weather Service here had to search back to Oct. 2 to find the last measurable precipitation — 0.52 of an inch.

Hot and dry weather caused more water use by landscapers and industrial cooling towers, Blalack said.

"We have plenty of water, and we're able to keep up with the demand," he said. "(But) if we have several years of this, it may become a problem."

Most of Texas is just as dry as Lubbock.

"If you were to take a walk out through those fields, you would see how dry it is just by stepping on the grass and feeling it crunch," said Randall County Judge Ted Wood, who has curtailed trash burning outside of Canyon.

Wood said he hears a repetitive farm report on the radio: Parched soil, no rain.

"It's like a broken record," he said.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Office says soil conditions have deteriorated across the state.

Hall insisted on real footage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Deidre Hall is showing some extremely intimate days of her life for all to see.

The soap opera actress is starring in "Never Say Never: The Deidre Hall Story" about how she hired a surrogate after years of failed attempts to become pregnant.

Hall insisted that actual birth footage of her son David, now 3, be used for the show, airing Sunday on ABC.

"You see me lifting David out of her body, with the cord attached, in the delivery room," Hall said.

TEAMMEMBERS ...of the Month...

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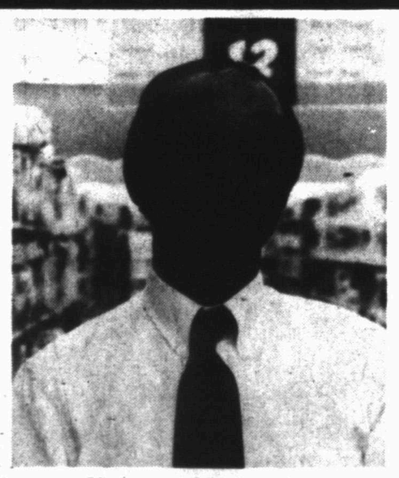

Jimmy Holguin

Jimmy has lived in the Snyder area for 25 years. He and his wife, Nancy, have one son Marcus, 24 years old. He enjoys working in the yard, collectables, and spending time with his four year old grandson.

Jimmy has worked at Lawrence IGA since October 7, 1995 in the frozen & dairy department.

Jimmy was chosen as teammember of the month because he is a hard worker, dependable, very helpful to customers and does any job he is asked to do and does it well.

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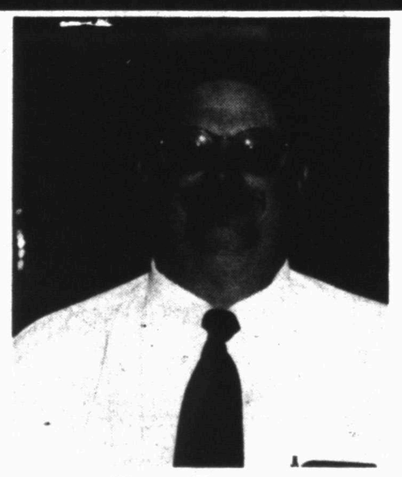

Tom Boley

Tom is manager of the Deli/Bakery at the Lawrence IGA stores in Snyder. He has worked at Lawrence IGA for 10 years and he has been manager for 4 years.

Tom and wife, Brenda, have one child, Sarah, 10 years old. Brenda also works at Lawrence IGA. Tom has lived in the Snyder area since 1971. His hobbies are reading, sports, and watching TV.

He was chosen as teammember because he is hardworking, devoted, and goes out of his way to help customers while running both stores.

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WINS THIRD — Wesley Kellner, Ira third grader, placed third in the eight-year-old division at the Regional Punt, Pass and Kick competition held at halftime of the Dallas Cowboys-Washington Redskins game on Dec. 3. Wesley's parents, Jeff and Kathy Kellner, accompanied him. (Contributed Photo)

Some letters to Santa do get answered

BOSTON (AP) — The letter would break even the grinch's hard heart.

"Dear Santa, I want some toys," wrote Rebecca of Boston. "I wrote to you last year but you gave me nothing at all so I want some toys. Here are them," and a list followed that included a Barbie doll, games and a wish to be the student of the month.

The Santa letter, just one of thousands collected nationwide by the Postal Service, might be answered this year. Boston and many other U.S. cities have programs that allow people to sort through the letters and become Santas to those in need.

The letters in Boston are placed in a big box on the fourth floor of the main post office, where Santa's self-proclaimed helpers can pick a wish to fulfill.

"I like to go Christmas Eve," said Mike Doyle, a postal worker who adopts at least one wish every Christmas. "The feeling you get is just incredible."

Last year he bought presents for four children and a ham for their mother.

In Atlanta, the post office works with nine schools. Information about needy children is written on cutout angels and hung on trees in post office lobbies. Customers or employees pick an angel and grant the wishes.

One letter came from Dony. He wanted a bike and "some food, and what I really need is love."

In Philadelphia, the post office has already received 2,000 letters from needy children. Last year, about 3,000 of the roughly 4,000 letters were answered, officials said.

One of this year's letters came from a 21-year-old mother of two.

"In October I lost my job and I'm behind in all my bills," she wrote. "I cannot afford to give my two children the things they need for the winter months."

In large cities like New York and Los Angeles, where tens of thousands of letters arrive each Christmas, anyone can help by going through the piles of Santa mail held at main post offices.

Two years ago, Boston received about 450 letters from needy children. That number jumped to 1,500 last year, and the post office is expecting more than 2,000 letters this season.

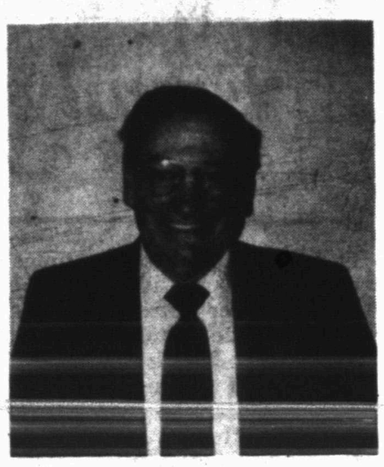
While people answered almost all requests last year — sending at least one gift in most cases — 75 letters were left over on Christmas Eve. This year the post office is calling for more volunteers, fearing that many more letters will go unanswered.

One woman in suburban Boston wrote that she was "in desperate need of some Christmas help."

"I have three sons and their all good kids and deserve the best. But I can't afford much this year," she wrote. "My rent is past due and other bills are due. And if I could just get a little help, it would make all the difference."

Making a difference is what Keith Spatz wanted to do. He responded for the first time this season to a letter written by an 11-year-old girl who wanted a Walkman for herself and Lego blocks for her 4-year-old sister.

"I put a handwritten note from Santa in the package," said Spatz.



Bill Early

Early recognized by 'Farmer's'.

Farmer's Insurance Group of Companies recently named Bill Early as the district agent of the quarter.

Early was recognized for his superior sales and service achievement during the third quarter of this year. Early's office is located at 4201½ College Ave., and he has been a Farmers Insurance agent for 20 years.

We call our local meterologist "the whetherman." He can't decide whether tomorrow will be stormy or sunny.

Telemarketers who target senior citizens rounded up

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The 78-year-old Denver woman had lost her $182,000 life savings to shady telemarketers. She was then promised a $50,000 prize to help her get back on her feet.

"Not everyone that calls you on the phone is a bad person," she was told.

This time, the woman was not fooled. Instead, she secretly tape recorded the sales pitch for investigators who are cracking down on the scam artists across the country.

On Thursday, the FBI began arresting 422 people in 15 states on suspicion of preying on the elderly through phone fraud. At least 276 people were arrested — including 115 in Las Vegas — and 20 were known to be fugitives.

Over two years, investigators used volunteer retirees to tape record thousands of phone calls in Operation Senior Sentinel. The investigation had earlier yielded 114 arrests.

Attorney General Janet Reno said phone fraud costs seniors some $40 billion a year.

"Those who would cheat the unknowing, those who would cheat the frail and unwary, should be put on notice," Reno said at a news conference here.

Reno said the telemarketers used a variety of scams to con the elderly out of money, in some cases promising future wealth or phony prizes.

Victims usually received five or more calls a day from high-pressure salespeople once they made their first purchase or contribution, she said.

The Denver woman, for example, was told a $50,000 cashier's check would be sent to her if she wired the caller $500 as a deposit by midnight. When she began crying, he said he would accept $250.

"I want you to get your $50,000, that's why I'm here on a Saturday night — when I should be with my family — calling you to make sure that you receive your award, ma'am," he said.

Her caller was not one of those identified and arrested.

In another case, a 92-year-old California woman lost $180,000 and then $5,250 more to a man who said he could recover some of her lost money. She was not one of the investigation's volunteers.

Another elderly woman who did not agree to send money irritated her caller, who responded by degrading her.

"You'll never ever be anything," the caller said. "'You're going to your grave a loser. A big loser. I think you're terrible."

One of the 26 "boiler room" phone operations raided Thursday in Las Vegas used the name Feed America Inc. It allegedly defrauded people out of more than $1.3 million by soliciting donations for various causes, including families of those killed in the Oklahoma bombing. John L. Ciccone and 12 of his salespeople were indicted.

Retired law enforcement agents and other volunteers were recruited for the national crackdown through the American Association of Retired Persons.

The tape-recorded calls were forwarded to a computerized collection point in San Diego where they were cataloged and indexed for investigation.

The FBI said arrests also were made in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Tennessee, Texas and Washington.

Defendants face charges of mail and wire fraud, each of which carries up to five years in prison, or 30 years if a financial institution is involved.

Legislation enacted last year provides an additional five years for telemarketing frauds or an additional 10 years if 10 or more senior citizens are harmed or targeted.

Toronto

Toronto, capital of Ontario and Canada's second-largest city, was founded in 1793 on the site of a French fort on Lake Ontario. Originally called York, it was the capital of the British colony of Upper Canada. Incorporated as a city in 1834, the site was renamed Toronto, an Indian name for "A meeting place.'

Date Book

Dec. 9, 1995

Today is the 343rd day of 1995 and the 78th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1992, U.S. troops began landing in Somalia to launch an ill-fated U.N. peacekeeping effort.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Milton (1608-1674), poet; Douglas Fairbanks Jr. (1909-), actor-producer, is 86; Thomas "Tip" O'Neill (1912-1994), Speaker of the House; Kirk Douglas (1918-), actor, is 77; Redd Foxx (1922-1991), comedian; Beau Bridges (1941-), actor, is 54; Dick Butkus (1942-), football great, is 53; Tom Kite (1949-), golfer, is 46; John Malkovich (1953-), actor, is 42; Donny Osmond (1957-), singer, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, Larry Bird and Magic Johnson met for the first time as pros at the Forum in Los Angeles.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The first and wisest of them all professed / To know this only, that he nothing knew." — John Milton

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1992, heavy rains led to rock and mud slides that killed at least 150 gold miners in Tipuani, Bolivia.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 7) and last quarter (Dec. 15).

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Dec. 10, 1995

Today is the 344th day of 1995 and the 79th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Emily Dickinson (1830-1866), poet; Melvil Dewey (1851-1931), librarian; Dorothy Lamour (1914-), actress, is 81; Susan Dey (1952-), actress, is 43; Sinbad (1956-), comedian, is 39; Kenneth Branagh (1960-), actor-director, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1810, U.S. heavyweight boxing champion Tom Molineaux, a freed slave, lost in 40 rounds to English champion Tom Cribb.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Pain — has an Element of Blank — / It cannot recollect / When it begun — or if there were / A time when it was not —" — Emily Dickinson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1991, 67 were injured in auto accidents when the area around in West Yorkshire, England, was enshrouded in a freezing fog that reduced visibility to less than 70 yards.

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Extension plan comes under fire

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A coalition of environmentalists and farmers urged federal lawmakers Friday to scrap plans to extend Interstate 69 from Indianapolis to Evansville.

Proponents of the I-69 extension say it will spur economic development along its route and, with the North American Free Trade Agreement, will be a key route for ferrying goods between Canada to Mexico.

But the loss of jobs, farms, forests and wetlands will outweigh the benefits, opponents said.

Andy Knott of the Hoosier Environmental Council estimated the cost to Indiana's taxpayers and the environment at over $1 billion.

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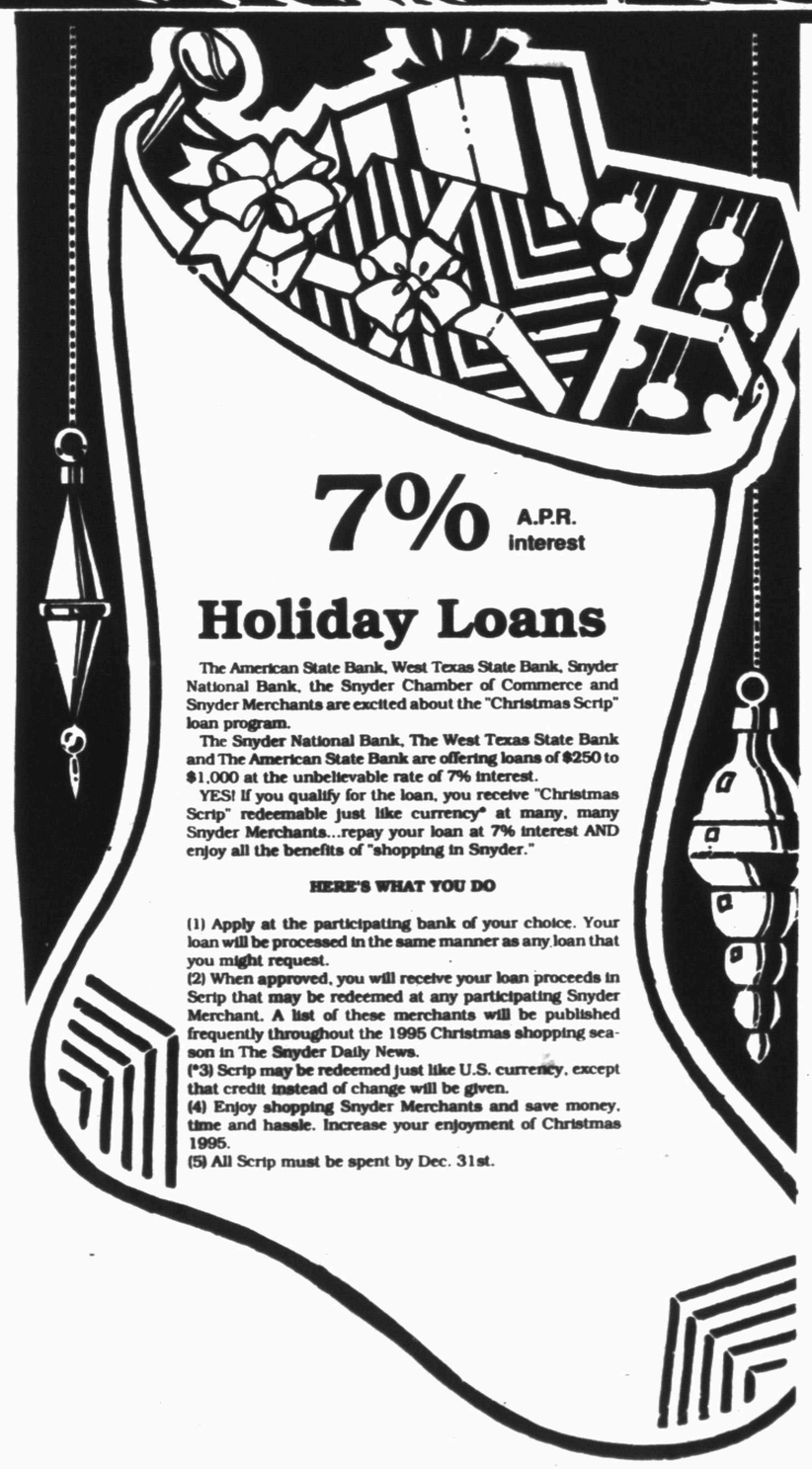

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