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TUESDAY

Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—What places are up for re-election next year on Snyder ISD board of trustees?

A—They are Place 2, held by Geraldine Parker, and Place 3, held by Terry Martin.

DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

In Brief

Secret talks

PARIS (AP) — PLO and Israeli officials were tight-lipped about their talks today at a secret site in the French capital, though they cited progress in meetings in Norway over the weekend.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Mahmoud Abbas, a member of the PLO's Executive Committee, were to head their delegations, officials said, indicating the importance both sides gave to the talks.

A Palestine Liberation Organization spokesman in Paris said the talks were expected to get under way tonight.

In Oslo, Norway over the weekend, the two sides reportedly came closer to agreement on border checkpoints.

Local

SNC council

The family council of Snyder Nursing Center will holds its residents' Christmas party at 7 this evening.

Families are asked to bring cookies and a gift for their resident.

SDN schedule

The Snyder Daily News will distribute its Christmas Eve edition, containing holiday greetings and Santa letters, on Friday morning. There will be no weekend edition. The SDN will resume its regular schedule on Monday, Dec. 27.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 46 degrees; low, 22 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 24 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 16.19 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy with a slight chance of rain, possibly changing to light snow toward morning. Low near 30. West wind 5-15 mph, shifting to north 10-20 mph during the evening. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. Wednesday, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light snow mainly in the morning. High near 40. North wind 15-20 mph. Outlook for Christmas Day, fair. Lows 20-25. Highs in the 50s.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:45. Sunrise Wednesday, 7:39. Of 354 days in 1993, the sun has shone 347 days in Snyder.

CHAMBER — Honored at a reception Monday were, left to right, incoming chamber of commerce board members, seated, Daryl Thomas, Pat Cain and Howard Limmer, and outgoing board members, standing, Pam Browning, Bobby Beard and Betty House. Not pictured are outgoing member Nelda Huddleston and new members Pam West and Tom Restifo. (SDN Staff Photo)

Chamber board oks finances, appoints new board member

Chamber board members on Monday reviewed a positive year-end financial report and unanimously approved a recommendation to appoint Golden Corral partner/manager Tom Restifo to fill a vacancy on the board.

The board also approved the 1994 operating budget, reviewed the Snyder Scrip program and voted to pay off a storage building.

Restifo will replace former board member Randy Perkins, who resigned last month.

Several other new board members attended a reception held at the chamber following Monday's meeting. They were Howard Limmer, Pat Cain and Daryl Thomas, who along with Pam West will be installed in January. The three will replace out-going members Bobby Beard, Pam Browning, Betty House and Nelda Huddleston, who were awarded plaques during the reception for their dedication to the chamber.

Beard, treasurer this year, reported a cash balance for the chamber of $25,000, some $15,000 of which is deferred dues for next year and $9,300 is deferred hotel/motel tax funds.

Without the deferred funds and final salary checks, the chamber will end the year with a balance of about $3,500. The balance includes making up for a $4,000 deficit carried over from 1992, said Ricky Fritz, chamber manager.

Fritz noted that the chamber cut its expenses by $10,000 over the previous year.

"None of our projects were tremendous money makers but none lost much either. Our activity report shows $1,000 profit for the year," said Fritz. "So there is room for improvement as we head into 1994. Some of our projects should be making more and all need to

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Extremists' victory was protest against poverty, says Yeltsin

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin declared the victory of extreme nationalists in parliamentary elections a "protest against poverty," and ordered Moscow officials today to pay more attention to the poor.

It was Yeltsin's first public comment on the victory of Vladimir Zhirinovsky's ultranationalist Liberal Democratic Party in the Dec. 12 elections, which shocked Russian reformers and worried the West.

Yeltsin's long silence about the elections has left the country wondering whether his commitment to reform is wavering. His brief remarks today did not clarify whether he plans to proceed full speed with reforms or slow them down.

Visiting an architectural exhibit on the Moscow of the future, Yeltsin sternly reminded city officials to include affordable housing in their plans.

"Don't forget the poor," the ITAR-Tass news agency quoted Yeltsin as saying. "It was they who voted for the Liberal Democratic Party. They weren't voting for the (LDP's) leader or platform, but in protest against poverty."

For days, newspapers have been speculating about a possible Cabinet shakeup or policy shift to address the public discontent expressed in the elections.

Today a government-owned newspaper said Yeltsin's Cabinet was deeply divided on the future of any economic reform accompanied by more inflation and unemployment.

Yeltsin's ministers have been unable to agree on a plan for further sale of state-owned industry to private investors, according to the daily Rossiiskiye Vesti, which is published by the Cabinet.

Some ministers want to allow factories to "die quietly and peacefully" if they cannot adjust to a free market. Others want to continue government subsidies to keep the factories running, the newspaper said.

The front-page article, under the headline "United Team Is No More," said the debate over privatization at last Friday's Cabinet meeting "revealed serious disagreements among the Cabinet members."

The defeat of reformers at the polls is widely viewed as a reflection of Russians' anger and disillusionment over falling living standards, rising crime and the humiliating loss of the empire.

DOYLE HIGH

Conservative voice needed, High contends

Saying a conservative district needs a conservative leader, Haskell businessman Doyle High is hitting the campaign trail to seek the Republican nomination for the 30th Senatorial District.

"We need a businessman, not a politician, representating us in Austin," said High, who campaigned briefly in Snyder Monday.

As a candidate for the 30th Senatorial District, High will oppose Wichita Falls Republican Tom Haywood in the March primary. The only Democratic candidate is incumbent Steve Carriker, who narrowly defeated Haywood in the last general election.

High said he chose to run on the Republican ticket because his beliefs are best represented by that party. He said his beliefs are conservative — less government, not more bureaucracy; spending cuts, not tax hikes; more local control and less central control, regulation and red tape.

"Three major issues that must be faced are educating our children, reducing crime and tort reform," said High, a registered pharmacist and owner of The Drug Store in Haskell.

"Sending our property taxes to Austin isn't the answer to educating our children," added High, who said school districts and teachers need more freedom and less paperwork.

Although building more prisons is necessary, he said, crime must be stopped at its source. He also pledged to fight abuse of the legal system.

High received a bachelor's degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a master's in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of Kansas. He is a licensed real estate broker, a licensed auctioneer and holds a private pilot's license.

After receiving his master's degree in 1968, he moved to Abilene where he worked as a pharmacist. He bought the Oates Drug in Haskell on Jan. 1, 1970.

He and his wife, Roberta, also a registered pharmacist, have two grown children.

District 30 covers 33 counties, including Scurry, as well as parts of three others.

Warring sides meet again to discuss end of conflict

GENEVA (AP) — Peace talks on Bosnia-Herzegovina resumed today with signs the warring sides could be edging toward agreement on the key issue of the republic's territorial division.

Meeting in Geneva were leaders of Bosnia's three sides: the Muslim-led government and ethnic Serbs and Croats. Also attending were the presidents of Serbia and its allies, Montenegro and Croatia. The leaders are to meet Wednesday with European Community foreign ministers in Brussels, Belgium.

The previous round of negotations collapsed Dec. 2, with Muslims demanding one-third of Bosnia, twice what they now control, as well as access to the Adriatic Sea on the Croatian-controlled coast.

But European Community mediator Lord Owen indicated that after a weeklong round of "private diplomacy," Serbs and Croats are now prepared to make concessions to the Muslim side.

"There are things that are new," he told reporters at the United Nations building in Geneva, where the talks are being held.

"There has been a lot of movement towards 33 1-3 percent," he said. "I am fairly confident that can be reached."

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic also voiced optimism.

"This time I think we can make it if the EC and Croats are sensible and serious," Karadzic said. If so, "We can make a final political settlement."

However, Bosnia's President Alija Izetbegovic, speaking Monday when he arrived for the talks, said he was not optimistic. "I don't see any change," he said.

10 inmates, officer injured in jail riot

LAREDO (AP) — Ten inmates and at least one sheriff's officer were injured in what law officers today described as a riot and fire at a county detention center.

No inmates escaped, but the prisoners and a facility nurse were hospitalized after flames devastated the library, administrative offices and kitchen at the Webb County Detention Center on Monday night, authorities said.

"We had a riot there," said Luis Meza, spokesman for the Webb County sheriff's department. "There were buildings damaged and destroyed. And there were injuries."

Laredo assistant fire chief Jose Mendiola estimated damage at more than $100,000 from the blaze that began about 7:20 p.m. Monday.

"The buildings that burned are inside the detention compound," he said. "We can't get in right now to see just exactly what happened."

Six injured people were taken to Mercy Regional Medical Center in Laredo. Five were treated and released. [illegible] Ortiz-Ortiz-Vigara, a detention center nurse who escaped the flames complaining of dizziness.

Inmate Isaac Cortez remained at Mercy this morning. He was in fair and stable condition after suffering facial lacerations and a concussion, said hospital spokeswoman Carolina Perez.

Five more inmates were treated at Doctor's Hospital of Laredo and later released, a nursing supervisor said.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A jacket is a garment worn by a child when his mother feels cold."

Next thing you know, they'll be wearing dresses...

We've seen and endured a lot of style changes in men's attire. There was a time when ruffles were worn only by gay piano players.

Crew cuts gave the way to long hair back in the 1960s, and now almost any style is acceptable. We may not like it, but we've learned to endure it.

Then the males started wearing neckchains, followed by earrings. We're still adapting to the jewelry bit, especially when we see one of those macho pro quarterbacks take off his headgear to expose a girl thang in his ear.

But enough is enough. We picked up a fashion [illegible] and found the latest trend in formal wear.

It seems that men find a tuxedo boring. About the only variety is changing the color of the cummerbund.

To spice up black-tie affairs, fashion setters are suggesting that men exchange the traditional striped trouser for a pleated, plaid kilt.

The skirt is knee-length, red plaid with white knee socks and black tuxedo jacket. There is also a mini-skirt model.

In defense of the masculinity question, one male wearer says the kilt naturally makes your walk more manly.

We can see the manufacturer's warning label now: "Walk like a man, but sit gracefully — like a lady."

We wonder if our gimme' cap is an acceptable accessory?

The key to good manners, we're told, is not to make a big deal about the unconventional.

[illegible] story about the little boy who came into the classroom with dirty hands. The teacher ordered him to get cleaned up and said, "What would you say if I came into the room with hands like that."

The kid said with a smile, "I think I'd be too polite to mention it."

Immunizations save nearly 4 million children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 4 million youngsters who would have perished from diseases such as whooping cough and measles under world conditions a decade ago were saved by immunizations in 1993, a U.N. report said today.

The report, "State of the World's Children," appears to be the most optimistic survey ever by the United Nations Children's Fund.

"A momentum has been building up behind a great change for children," UNICEF's executive director, James P. Grant, said Monday.

A copy of the report was being given to President Clinton today in a White House ceremony.

Grant credited international private and government immunization programs, disease research and social reform efforts with helping children survive.

He said an increase in immunizations, from 20 percent in the early 1980s to nearly 80 percent today, represent "the greatest public health achievement of this or any other century."

The report called for more effort to end malnutrition, illiteracy and disease with more focus on women and children. A fifth of the world's families still live in absolute poverty, the report said.

The UNICEF report lists big advances against five diseases that kill 8 million children a year: measles, diarrhea, whooping cough, tetanus and pneumonia.

Measles still kills more children every year than all the world's wars and famines put together, but the toll has dropped from 2.5 million a year a decade ago to 1 million a year now, the report said. Nonfatal measles cases have dropped from 75 million a year to 25 million.

The report also said the toll from dehydration caused by diarrheal disease has been cut from 4 million to 2.9 million, deaths from whooping cough from 700,000 to 400,000 and from neonatal tetanus from 1.1 million to 600,000. Deaths from pneumonia have dropped from 3.3 million to 3.1 million.

These results came despite a 20 percent rise in the world population of children under 5.

No new cases of polio have been reported in the Western Hemisphere for the last two years, the report said, and the number of cases is down from 360,000 in 1983 to 140,000 last year worldwide.

"Over 3 million children are running and playing normally who would have been crippled," Grant said.

The report cited several other signs of progress:

— Large-scale programs in Africa and India show that malnutrition among children under 5 years old can be cut in half by the end of the decade. The world has sufficient food supplies but one in three children still is not properly fed.

— Family planning is spreading, particularly in Asia, but it is practiced by fewer than 10 percent of couples in most of Africa.

— The mid-decade goal of iodizing all salt to be consumed by humans as a way of preventing some mental and physical impairments in children, is within reach.

Even the bad news for children — particularly their abuse in the workplace, on the street and in the home — may be reduced by an emerging ethic that puts children first, protecting them from "the worst evils of the adult world," the report said.

RECOGNITION — Walls recently presented service certificates and pins to six employees. From left are, Bobby Lecroy, 10 years; Ruby Newton, five years; Paula Garza, 10 years; Lucia Mendoza, five years; Margaret Martinez, 15 years; Marta Valdez, five years; and Ron Istre, senior vice president of manufacturing and distribution who presented the awards. (Contributed Photo)

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Taking care of a rib fracture

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 61-year-old female who has taken calcium for years. In the last two months I've broken two ribs, one on the left and one on the right, with hardly any pressure. A lung and rib X-ray revealed a hole and deterioration. My doctor seems to think this could be caused by a tumor. A follow-up bone scan revealed arthritis of the neck. While my doctor suggested removal of part of the bone for biopsy to rule out cancer, I don't have any hospitalization insurance and have been reluctant to go through the procedure. Do you have an opinion?

DEAR READER: You need a biopsy. Your doctor is correct.

Osteoporosis and other bone diseases marked by a loss of calcium usually affect the weight-bearing bones (such as the spine, hips and legs), where fractures commonly occur.

On the other hand, non-traumatic rib fractures almost always reflect a more serious condition. For example, a tumor may have started in (or, more likely, spread to) a rib, causing the bone to collapse. Such tumors commonly originate in the breasts or lungs.

A bone biopsy will enable the doctor to identify the presence of a growth in the bone — even, perhaps, to diagnose where it came from. This is important information because therapy varies, depending on the source of the tumor.

For example, breast malignancies that spread to bone can be treated with anti-hormone pills. Also, certain cancers respond to radiation therapy. Therefore, before suggesting treatment, your doctor will need to know if a tumor is present — and its source.

Of course, your fractured ribs may not be due to cancer at all. This would be good news and the treatment would be different — medicine, such as Didronel, to strengthen the bones, for instance.

Don't deprive yourself of necessary medical attention because of insurance problems. Most hospitals and doctors are willing to provide free medical care to patients who cannot afford it. Ask your doctor about this. Make an effort to negotiate a way to obtain the biopsy.

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

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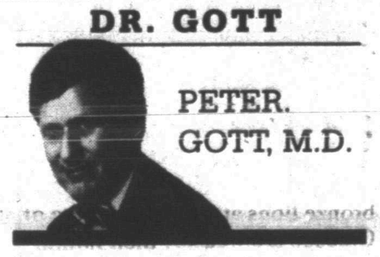

PETER. GOTT, M.D.

WINNING PAIR — Emmitt Askins, left, and Cecil Lankford were recent winners in an Eight-Ball Tounament at the Senior Center. They are wearing the caps they won as prizes. (SDN Staff Photo)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are results of Lotto Texas Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in this order: 3-2-2

(three, two, two)

Suriname, acquired by the Netherlands from Great Britain in 1667 in exchange for New Amsterdam (New York) was formerly called either Netherlands Guiana or Dutch Guiana.

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HONORED — Amy Shoults, fifth from left, bride-elect of Tracy Odom, was honored with a miscellaneous shower in the home of Sue Parham on Sunday afternoon. Also pictured from left are, Julie Odom, the prospective groom's sister-in-law; Eva Britton, his grandmother; Jessica Odom, his niece; the honoree; Cindy Shoults the future bride's mother; Susan Shoults, her sister; Flo Nobles and Anita Shoults, grandmothers of the bride-elect. (SDN Staff Photo)

CAROLS AND MORE — Emily Hataway, left, presented "Christmas Carols and More" for members of the Altrurian Daughters Study Club recently at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Hostesses were Joyce Williamson, Frances Thompson and Dora Blakey, from left. (SDN Staff Photo)

Chicago celebrates with Christmas art

CHICAGO (AP) — The bronze lions at the Art Institute of Chicago are wearing their holiday wreaths and there are plans for a variety of events to mark the festive season in the institute's centennial year.

The museum has organized its first Christmas exhibition, "Glad Tidings of Great Joy: Christmas at the Art Institute of Chicago." This tells the Christmas story of the Gospels of Luke and Matthew with Renaissance and Baroque works from the permanent collection, and it will be on view through Jan. 16, 1994.

"Centennial Treasure Hunts" through Dec. 31 entices visitors to go in search of 100 works of art, with the promise of prizes for winners in a later draw. There will also be carol singing by local schoolchildren, lectures on Christmas-season art, and music and refreshments offered at "Cabaret in the Sculpture Court" during the holiday season.

Any energy left after Christmas? "Holly Days" is a holiday program intended for the whole family, in the days just before the New Year, offering puppet shows, doll-making demonstrations, workshops and storytelling.

Gift exchange held at ABWA meet

Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association met on Dec. 7 for a Christmas party at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Following the invocation by Vern Beasley, Anita Felan gave the vocational talk. She has been employed for 10 years at Snyder Heating and Air Conditioning, Lennox dealers. She said her job duties include keeping records of equipment for customers which they service two times a year, and doing general office work.

ABWA members exchanged gifts. Each also brought a gift for the local nursing homes.

Ruby Deavers was recognized for celebrating a December birthday.

The ABWA spring conference to be held in San Antonio was discussed, followed by the benediction by Carol Young.

"Between the devil and the deep blue sea" does not refer to Satan. The "devil" was the seam in a ship's hull next to the waterline, so-called because it was "the devil to get at" during caulking. So the distance between the devil and the deep blue sea was a very small one.

More birds can be found at the edge of a forest than in its interior.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-21-93
♠ Q 9 8
♥ Q 6 2
♦ A Q 3
♣ Q J 10 7

WEST
♠ 6 5
♥ A 9 5
♦ K 10 8 5 2
♣ 8 4 2

EAST
♠ 10 4
♥ K J 8 4
♦ J 9 6
♣ A 9 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A K J 7 3 2
♥ 10 7 3
♦ 7 4
♣ K 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♦ 5

Trying to find new players

By Phillip Alder

Should bridge teaching be brought up to date or left in the 1950s? The American Contract Bridge League, which organizes tournament bridge in the United States, cannot decide.

The ACBL commissioned Audrey Grant to produce four books and three videotapes explaining the basics of the game. (You might have seen the video programs on your local PBS station. Further information is available from the ACBL at 800-264-2743.) The books are well-written and contain many exercises. They have some modern content: for example, limit raises and weak two-bids. (But the reader learns that it is all right to make a limit raise with three trumps, which is definitely wrong.) However, they also include a one-no-trump opening bid showing 16-18 points, and a two-no-trump opening promising 22-24 points. In North American bridge clubs, the former is an endangered species and the latter is — rightly — extinct.

Here is one deal from the third book, which concentrates on defense.

Declarer wins the first trick with dummy's diamond queen. He draws two rounds of trumps and plays the club king. After winning with the ace, what should East lead?

Everyone is taught to return partner's suit. But here that is fruitless. Declarer can collect at least 11 tricks: six spades, two diamonds and three clubs. The only chance for the defense is to cash three heart tricks now. Although it looks dangerous with the queen in the dummy, East must switch to the heart four, hoping partner has the ace. Here West comes through and the contract dies.

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When the great songwriter Stephen Foster died in 1864, a scrap of paper on which was written "dear friends and gentle hearts" was found in his possession. No one knows why Foster wrote the enigmatic phrase.

There were actually seven women who reigned under the name Cleopatra, although the seventh and last is the most famous.

MRS. SONNY STOVAL
(Nee Jana Harrington)

Harrington, Stoval wed

Jimmy and Frances Thompson announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Jana Harrington, to Sonny Stoval on Dec. 4 in a morning ceremony in the First Presbyterian Church of Snyder.

The Rev. Beth Harrington, aunt of the bride, performed the wedding ceremony. Another aunt, Jane Ann Lambert, served as matron of honor while her husband, Jeff Lambert, served as best man. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Joe Harrington.

Following the ceremony, Jimmy and Frances Thompson hosted a brunch at the Martha Ann Woman's Club, assisted by the bride's other grandparents, Howard and Carolyn Harrington. Some 40 family members and close friends of the bride and groom attended.

The bride is the daughter of Dana Thompson Glossbrenner of San Angelo and Joe Harrington of Lubbock. The groom is the son of Carole Allen and Lewis Stoval, both of Dallas.

The bride is a graduate of Texas A&M with a major in journalism. She is employed by Cherry Lane Hospital and Treatment Center of Fort Worth as community education coordinator. The groom is an RN and is employed at Charter Hospital in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoval will live in Grapevine for the present.

Yuletide tour

WINTERTHUR, Del. (AP) — A guided tour of the Winterthur Museum will take visitors through some 20 rooms highlighting holiday celebrations of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Holiday settings include a period family room complete with Christmas stockings, tree decorations, wrapped gifts, and other traditions. Other rooms recreate New Year's visiting at Thomas Jefferson's White House, St. Lucia Day in a Swedish home, and Hanukkah in early 19th-century New York.

Another room recreates an 18th-century Virginia nursery ready for an infant's holiday christening, with cradle, dress, and gifts.

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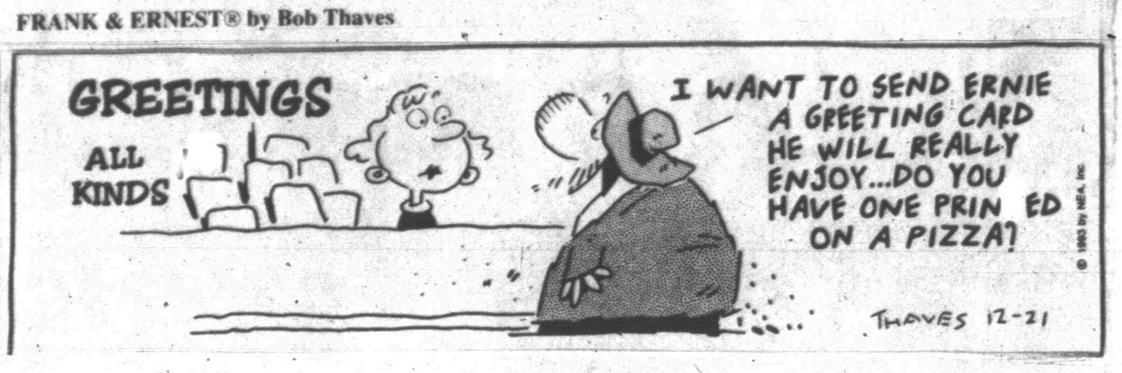

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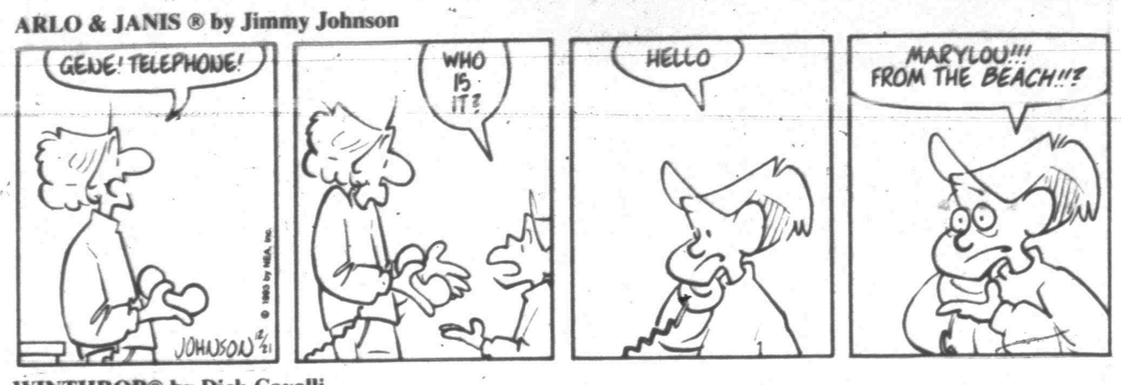

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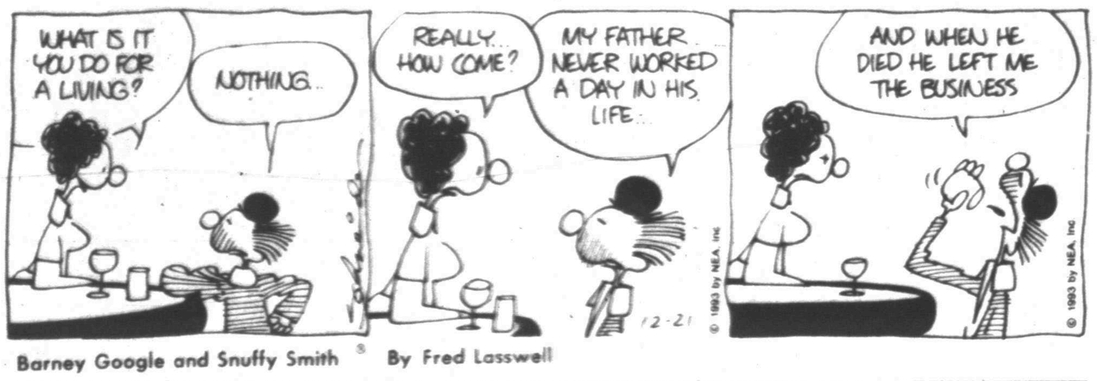

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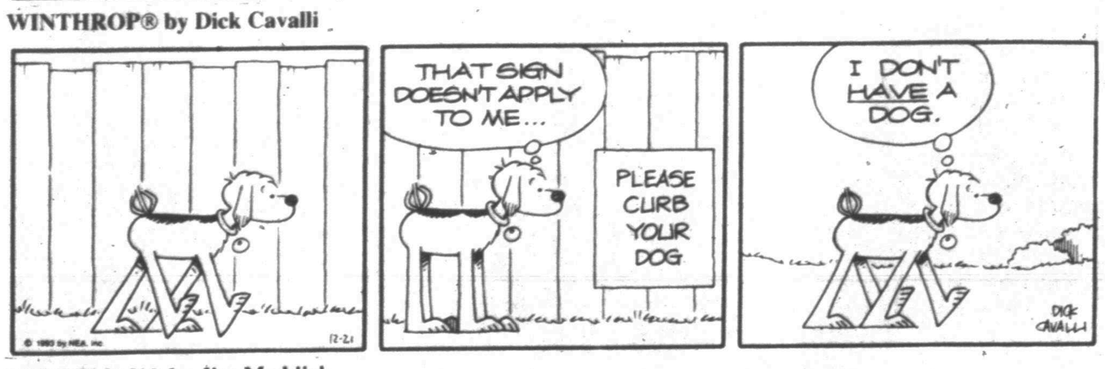

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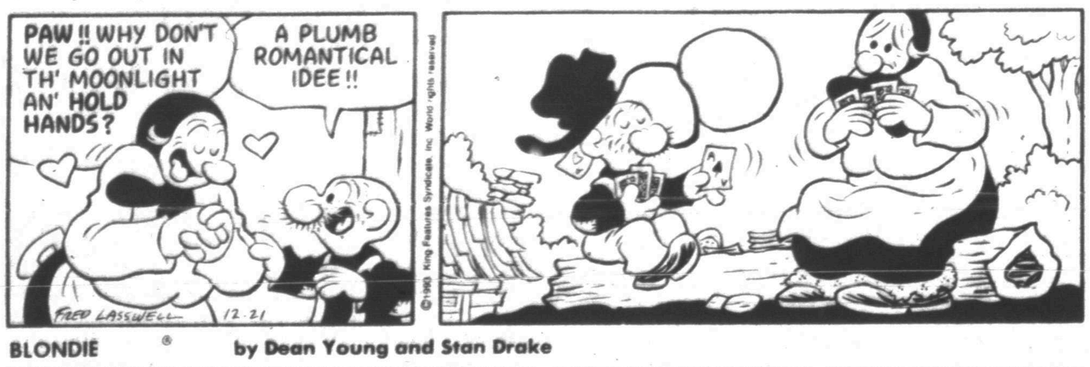

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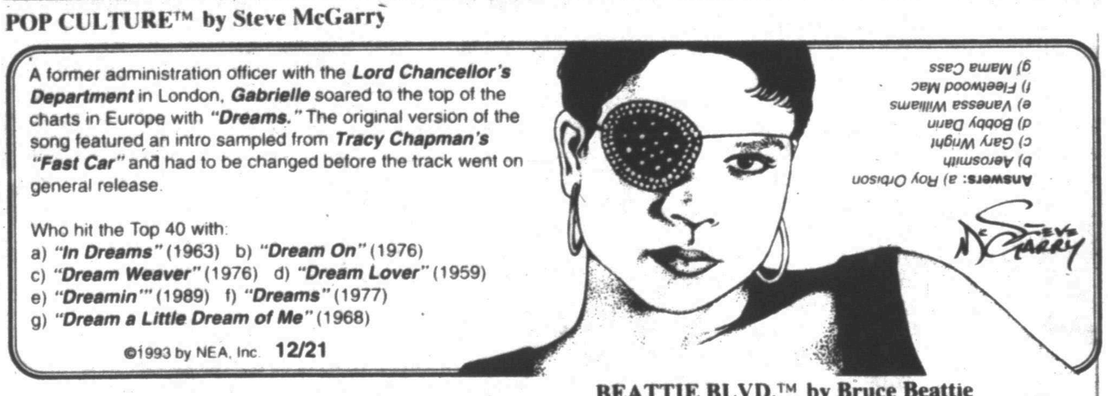

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Mud
5 Grafting twig
9 Ancient
12 Actor — Jannings
13 — — time (never)
14 Zodiac sign
15 Potential trouble source
17 Hotel
18 Terminate
19 Actor — Marvin
20 Ours — — to reason why
22 Ordinance
23 Companion of aah
24 Rubber city
27 Inhumanity
31 Shellfish
32 Cronies
33 Before
34 Part of face
35 Art deco illustrator
36 Out on —
37 Actor Peter —
39 Actor — Flynn
40 Youth org.
41 Eggs
42 Home-run king
45 Poem
46 Kind of curve
49 Bullring cry
50 Becoming whitish
53 Mesh
54 Public disturbance
55 Algonquian Indian
56 Wide shoe size
57 Dregs
58 Film director Joel —

DOWN

1 Distribute
2 — — the Mood for Love
3 Peel
4 Old age
5 Baseballer Rod —
6 Let — — (Beatles album)
7 Yoko —
8 Poisonous
9 TV actor Ken —
10 Comedian Jay —
11 — Wa'k
16 Verve
21 That woman
22 Tennis stroke
23 Heraldic border
24 Legal-aid org.
25 Actor — Kristofferson
26 Engrossed
27 Cablevision (abbr.)
28 Shakespeare's king
29 Small group
30 Shout
32 Type of boat
35 Tangle
36 Lingerie item
38 African native
39 Nights before
41 Playwright Clifford —
42 First-rate (2 wds.)
43 Toward shelter
44 Nerve network
45 Musical instrument
46 Finnish first name
47 Snick and —
48 British machine gun
51 Fib
52 New Deal program

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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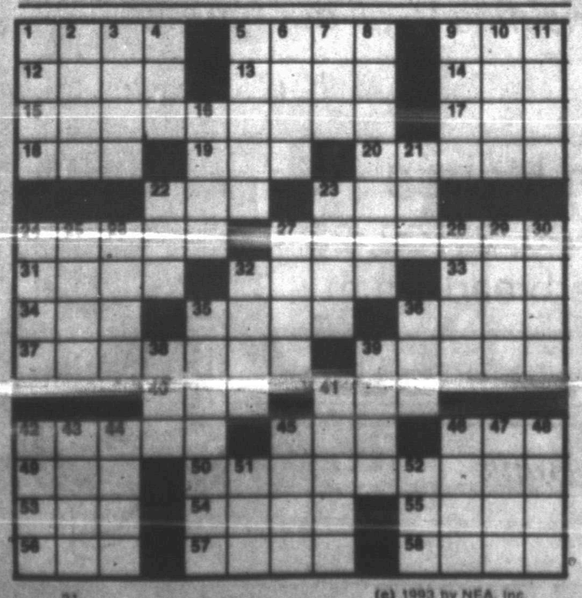

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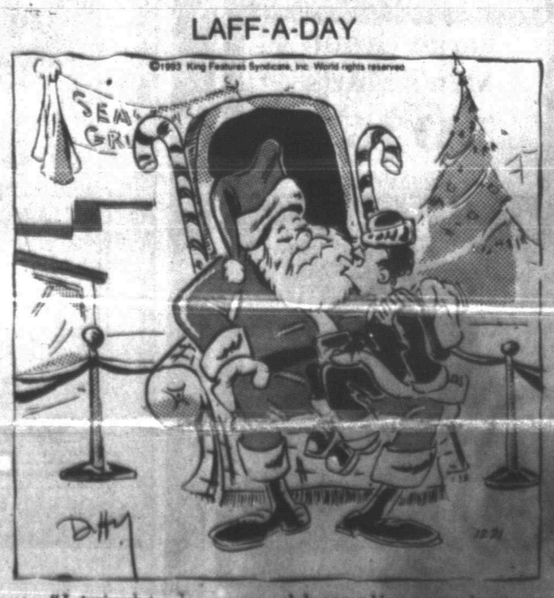


"I tried to be a good boy all year...but around September I cracked."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IF I CAN'T HAVE A PONY, HOW ABOUT IF I GET YOU ONE?"

Tigers surge past Lake View

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

Snyder showed how to take its game up a notch late Monday, when the Tigers broke open a close game with a 19-9 fourth-quarter run to post a 60-44 non-district basketball win over San Angelo Lake View.

The Tigers, led by Adrian Sneed's 29 points, led 41-35 at the end of the third period, before exploding on a 13-0 run to open the fourth.

Snyder's starters all came out with four minutes left in the game.

"I thought our intensity really picked up late in the third and in the fourth quarter," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "It was like, all of a sudden all five guys on the floor were at the same level and we were counteracting everything they were doing on offense.

"The kids were really, really getting after it. Once again, I thought our defense turned the game around in our favor," Birks added. "We were very aggressive on defense and we were patient offensively, but the biggest thing was that little extra effort that we showed late in the game."

Sneed, who scored 17 points in the first half, connected on two free throws just before the first-quarter horn, to give the Tigers a 14-12 lead.

Snyder never trailed after that.

The Tigers went on a 7-0 surge to open the second, including another Sneed freebie, a lay-up by Jimmy Henry off a slick dish from Sneed, and an easy lay-in by Jim Pat Griffin on the break, before Lake View's Alfred Hogeda grabbed a steal and went in for a short jumper to stop the run.

Snyder held a 31-25 lead at the half and battled the Chiefs to a 10-all tie in the third.

The fourth-quarter barrage began with a lay-in by Sneed and a big 3-pointer from Jon Patrick to lift SHS to a 47-35 margin, and seven straight points by Sneed, including a 3-point play with about four minutes left that signalled the Tiger starters off the court.

Sneed's game-high effort was followed by teammates Patrick and Henry with 10 apiece.

The Chiefs were led by Jody Ashley's 16 and 10 from Hogeda.

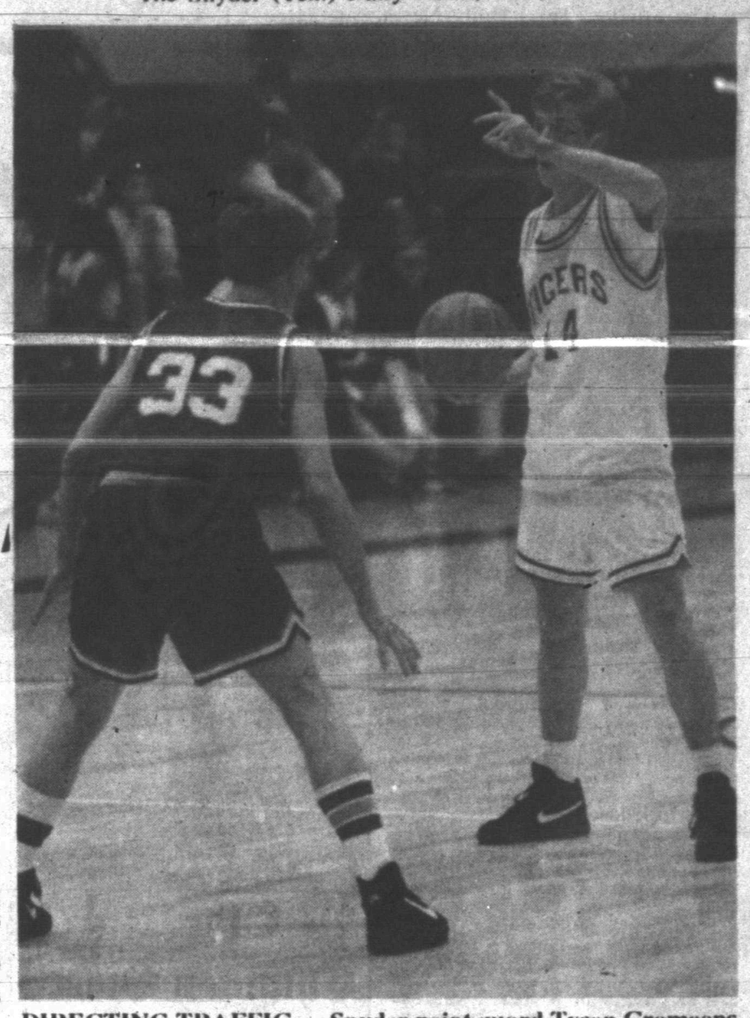
Snyder, now 11-3 on the season, will take a break for the Christmas holiday, then return to the court for the Dec. 28-30 Sweetwater Trail of Lights Classic. The Tigers' opening game in the tourney will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, when they battle Vernon.

SNYDER (60) — Cromeens 0 1-2 1; Griffin 3 0-0 6; Sneed 9 11-14 29; Key 0 2-2 2; Patrick 4 1-2 10; Post 1 0-0 2; Henry 4 2-3 10; Gober 0 0-1 0; TOTALS 21 17-24 60.

LAKE VIEW (44) — Taylor 1 2-2 4; Hogeda 2 6-7 10; Gilbert 2 0-0 4; Ashley 6 3-4 16; Brown 3 1-3 7; Campbell 1 1-1 3; TOTALS 15 13-17 44.

3-point goals: Snyder 1 (Patrick); Lake View 1 (Ashley); **Total fouls:** Snyder 18, Lake View 21; **Fouled out:** none; **Technical:** Post; **Record:** Snyder 11-3.

Lake View	12	13	10	9	-44
Snyder	14	17	10	19	-60



DIRECTING TRAFFIC — Snyder point guard Tyson Cromeens sets up the Tiger offense during Monday's non-district cage encounter with San Angelo Lake View at SHS. The Tigers, on the strength of a 19-9 fourth-quarter run, topped the Chiefs, 60-44. (SDN Staff Photo)

Coahoma edges Snyder girls

COAHOMA — Snyder girls' basketball coach Steve Qualls decided after Monday's 43-42 loss to Coahoma that the time had come to put his foot down.

"The speech I made after the game was not the one I wanted to be making going into the Christmas break," Qualls said. "What I told them was that the time had come to stop making the same mistakes time after time.

"We had the ball back three times in the last minute and we turned it over all three times without ever getting a shot.

"These girls are so close to being a good basketball team," Qualls continued. "I've gotten them to do things I've never been able to get some of my other teams to do. But we have to start performing.

"I'll tell you right now that I'm going to start pushing the girls a lot harder and I will expect them to perform well. If they don't, I'm going to be hard to live with."

The Lady Tigers were playing without starting point guard Meriah Worthen, who was out with the flu.

"That wasn't the reason we lost," Qualls reported. "Marissa Barrera scored 11 points and did a great job filling in.

"There were positives in the game," the coach said. "Marissa showed that she can step up and do the job, and the girls hung in the whole game and never quit."

Another senior, Annie Ragland, fouled out in the fourth after hitting 10 points.

"That was real critical" Qualls said. "Being in that tight a game, you don't want to be without one of your best players."

Snyder trailed 7-5 at the end of the first, but trimmed the lead to just one point at halftime with a 14-13 second quarter.

Each team scored 23 second-half points.

Snyder slips to 4-9 on the campaign with a Tuesday, Dec. 28 home game against Abilene Cooper, an appearance at the Dec. 30-Jan. 1 Jayton Tournament, and a road game at San Angelo Lake View on Jan. 4 left, before beginning District 2-4A competition at home against Lamesa Jan. 7.

With the win, Coahoma improves to 9-5.

The JV battle turned out to be a 1-point affair, as well, with Coahoma downing Snyder, 36-35. Snyder's junior varsity girls will be off until Lake View visits Jan. 4.

Snyder	5	14	9	14	-42
Coahoma	7	13	10	13	-43

Leading scorers: Snyder — Barrera 11, Ragland 10, Williams 7, White 5; Coahoma — Crippin 10, Hernandez 6, Walker 6, Elmore 6; **Records:** Snyder 4-9, Coahoma 9-5.

N.Y. batters Saints in Monday contest

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The New York Giants are:

A, Methodical; B, Boring; C, Good, or ...

D, All of the Above.

The answer has to be "D" after the Giants dismantled the New Orleans Saints 24-14 Monday night behind two touchdown passes by Phil Simms and a 75-yard punt return by Dave Meggett.

It was their sixth straight win and kept them on course for the 1993 regular season's Game of the Century, a meeting Jan. 2 at Giants Stadium with Dallas which probably will decide the NFC East title and home field in the NFC playoffs.

"They looked like what we used to be," said Vince Buck of the Saints, who have now lost seven of nine after a 5-0 start.

Now 11-3, they also looked remarkably like the team that won the Super Bowl three years ago, controlling the ball for 36 minutes, 14 seconds.

The Giants held the Saints to just 11 yards rushing — the third-lowest figure in NFL history. That with a defense minus the injured Michael Brooks, New York's premier run-stuffer.

"We've got something going here that could be real positive if we continue," said center Bart Oates, the 35-year-old veteran of the team's 1986 and 1990 teams that won Super Bowls.

The Giants were 14-18 in two years under Ray Handley before Dan Reeves arrived to blend the current mesh of rookies with veterans.

This one went to some of the veterans led by the 38-year-old Simms, who hit 10 of his first 12 passes and finished 15 of 23 for 166 yards.

Mark Jackson, a veteran of three Super Bowls with Reeves in Denver, caught five passes, including a 9-yard TD; Howard Cross, a 1990 veteran, caught the other, a 17-yarder, and Meggett, one of the NFL's top all-purpose backs for five years, closed it out with his punt return for a touchdown.

"They just put it to us," said Saints' coach Jim Mora, who spent most of his post-game briefing denouncing as "sick, sick, sick," the fans who cheered when quarterback Wade Wilson injured his left knee in the third period.

The pass to Jackson, who tiptoed in the right corner of the end zone, came 10 minutes into the first period after a 51-yard drive. The pass to Cross came at the end of a 96-yard, 13 play drive that consumed 7:23.

The Saints cut it to 14-7 at halftime by parlaying a fake field goal into a 6-yard play that set up Brad Muster's 1-yard touchdown run. That came at the end of an 80-yard drive, the only sustained movement the Saints had on offense until the Giants had clinched the game.

That came after halftime.

First, the Giants used up another 7:26 to plod 60 yards to set up a 22-yard field goal by David Treadwell that made it 17-10. Then, 3:47 into the fourth quarter, Meggett took a punt down the left sideline, used Jessie Armstead's block to get by punter Tommy Barnhardt, and took it into the end zone for his fourth career TD on a punt return.

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Buffalo	10	4	0	.714	283	218
Miami	9	5	0	.643	302	273
N.Y. Jets	8	6	0	.571	256	207
Indianapolis	4	10	0	.286	179	310
New England	3	11	0	.214	167	259
Central						
x-Houston	10	4	0	.714	334	231
Pittsburgh	8	6	0	.571	286	256
Cleveland	6	8	0	.429	253	277
Cincinnati	2	12	0	.143	153	282
West						
Kansas City	10	4	0	.714	284	237
LA Raiders	9	5	0	.643	273	268
Denver	9	5	0	.643	333	234
San Diego	6	8	0	.429	245	253
Seattle	5	9	0	.357	240	274

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
y-N.Y. Giants	11	3	0	.786	269	172
y-Dallas	10	4	0	.714	322	213
Philadelphia	6	8	0	.429	219	255
Phoenix	5	9	0	.357	282	253
Washington	4	10	0	.286	218	293
Central						
Green Bay	8	6	0	.571	292	252
Detroit	8	6	0	.571	248	248
Minnesota	7	7	0	.500	233	271
Chicago	7	7	0	.500	214	190
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	203	334
West						
x-San Francisco	10	4	0	.714	432	248
New Orleans	7	7	0	.500	271	293
Atlanta	6	8	0	.429	289	337
LA Rams	4	10	0	.286	187	319

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games
Denver 13, Chicago 3
Dallas 28, New York Jets 7

Sunday's Games
Washington 30, Atlanta 17
Buffalo 47, Miami 34
Houston 26, Pittsburgh 17
Cincinnati 15, Los Angeles Rams 3
Minnesota 21, Green Bay 17
New England 20, Cleveland 17
Phoenix 30, Seattle 27, OT
Kansas City 28, San Diego 24
San Francisco 55, Detroit 17
Los Angeles Raiders 27, Tampa Bay 20
Philadelphia 20, Indianapolis 10

Monday's Game
New York Giants 24, New Orleans 14

Saturday, Dec. 25
Houston at San Francisco, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 26
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
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Indianapolis at New England, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles Raiders at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.
New York Giants at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Denver, 4 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 4 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 27
Miami at San Diego, 9 p.m.

Lake View JV trips Snyder

Snyder's junior varsity boys fell in their non-district cage contest against San Angelo Lake View Monday, 72-56, in spite of a 17-point game by Page Patterson and Wayne Braziel's 16.

Lake View was led by Jason Wiley's 21 and 18 by Julian Daniel.

Snyder slips to 10-5 on the season.

Bowl lineup

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, Jan. 1
Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Michigan (7-4) vs. North Carolina State (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Penn State (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-1-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Miami (9-2) vs. Arizona (9-2), 1 p.m. (NBC)

Carquest Bowl
At Miami
Boston College (8-3) vs. Virginia (7-4), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas A&M (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
UCLA (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-1-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Southern U. (9-1) vs. South Carolina State (8-3), 4:30 p.m.

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (11-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (NBC)

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida (10-2) vs. West Virginia (11-0), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 15
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 22
Senior Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Hula Bowl
At Honolulu
College All-Stars vs. Hawaii All-Stars, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

CBS shut out in NFL bidding

by The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — At least they've still got Letterman.

CBS, the network that once had everything, has seen the high-roller's worst nightmare come full circle, losing major league baseball and the NFL in one year.

Making matters even worse, the NFL allowed NBC to retain rights to the AFC on Monday even though CBS made a higher bid.

"It's a terrible disappointment. Sadness. And it comes as something of a surprise," CBS Sports president Neal Pilson said.

The announcement came just two days after the NFL confirmed that CBS had lost the NFC to Rupert Murdoch's maverick Fox television network. Fox offered an astounding $1.58 billion, outbidding CBS by about $400 million.

And the old high-roller had been high-rolled.

CBS then immediately offered $250 million a year for the AFC, outbidding NBC by about $30 million per year.

"We didn't worry about that," NBC Sports president Dick Ebersol said. "On Thursday, we made a gentleman's agreement on the AFC." Ebersol said he was never told what CBS bid nor did the NFL ever ask him to up his bid.

Pilson said the NFL accepted the piece of paper on which he had written the bid, but the NFL "didn't indicate whether they would accept the offer."

Both Ebersol and the NFL said the vote by the broadcast committee was unanimous for NBC.

In addition to the AFC games, NBC also will get two Super Bowls, in 1996 and '98. On Saturday, the NFL made the formal announcement about Fox, which also got the 1997 Super Bowl. ABC retains rights to Monday night games, gets the Pro Bowl back from ESPN and will televise the 1995 Super Bowl.

Neither the NFL nor the networks would confirm dollar figures, however, a source close to the negotiations, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the total package was worth about 20 percent more than the old four-year deal, which amounted to $3.62 billion. That would put it in the area of $4.3 billion.

In addition to the $1.58 billion bid by Fox, NBC will pay an estimated $880 million for the AFC, up from the $752 million it paid last time around. ABC will pay about $950 million for Monday nights, up from the $925 million it paid the past four years. And the ESPN and TNT deals remain about $450 million apiece. CBS paid $1.06 billion for four years of NFC games.

Four years ago, it was CBS that wrested major league baseball from NBC and ABC for a preemptive pricetag of $1.057 billion over four years. CBS' competitors, especially Ebersol, villified Pilson for driving the cost of rights fees through an impossibly high ceiling.

Only months later, the three networks signed an NFL deal, and CBS got the blame for inflating those figures, as well.

Rights fees had gone berserk, and Pilson admitted he had made a megamistake. Later, CBS chairman Larry Tisch took full blame.

CBS lost as much as $150 million on its baseball contract, and the three networks combined lost an estimated $300 million on the football deal. Both contracts expired this year, and CBS now finds itself without a major professional sports league.

Last spring, a conglomerate of NBC, ABC and the major leagues — known as The Baseball Network — took baseball from CBS, just when it felt it had mastered the art form.

What's left, besides Letterman? CBS still has a billion-dollar contract with the NCAA for rights to college basketball. It has the Masters and PGA Championship golf tournaments, U.S. Open tennis and the Daytona 400.

Aspermont to entertain Ira cagers

The Ira Bulldogs will try to improve on their 3-9 season record when they visit Aspermont for a non-district basketball clash today.

The Bulldogs wil try to rebound from a 54-36 loss to Dawson on Friday, in which they scored just 10 points in the second half.

Ira was led in the loss by senior Coy Henderson, who canned a game-high 22 points.

Ira's Lady Bulldogs will also battle Aspermont today. Ira's girls sport a 6-8 season mark, including a 60-35 loss to Dawson Friday.

The Lady 'Dogs are led by Jennifer Northcott, who hit seven against the Lady Dragons.

Tonight's games, 6:30 p.m for the girls and 8 p.m. for the boys, will wind up Ira's non-district schedule.

The Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs will open District 21-A play on Jan. 7 when they host Highland.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	16	5	.762	—
Orlando	13	9	.591	3½
Boston	11	12	.478	6
Miami	9	11	.450	6½
Philadelphia	9	14	.391	8
New Jersey	8	14	.364	8½
Washington	7	16	.304	10
Central Division				
Atlanta	16	5	.762	—
Chicago	14	8	.636	2½
Charlotte	12	11	.522	5
Indiana	10	12	.455	6½
Cleveland	8	14	.364	8½
Detroit	8	14	.364	8½
Milwaukee	6	18	.250	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midwest Division				
Houston	21	1	.955	—
Utah	17	7	.708	5
San Antonio	15	9	.625	7
Denver	9	13	.409	12
Minnesota	8	15	.348	13½
Dallas	1	22	.043	20½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	19	2	.905	—
Phoenix	17	4	.810	2
Portland	14	10	.583	6½
Golden State	12	10	.545	7½
LA Clippers	9	13	.409	10½
LA Lakers	8	16	.333	12½
Sacramento	5	17	.227	14½

Monday's Games
New York 101, Dallas 92
Philadelphia 121, Detroit 92
Washington 99, Minnesota 84
Chicago 109, Charlotte 97
Phoenix 102, Indiana 94
Milwaukee 10[illegible]

Tuesday's Games
New York at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Seattle, 10 p.m.

College hoops

By The Associated Press

EAST
Bucknell 86, Cornell 74
North Carolina 106, Pittsburgh 93
Penn St. 81, Md.-E. Shore 54
St. Joseph's 65, Drexel 64, OT

SOUTH
Alabama St. 70, Spring Hill 66
Florida 83, Cent. Florida 69
Florida St. 90, Morgan St. 67
Georgia Tech 79, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 62
James Madison 83, Arkansas St. 67
Memphis St. 78, Texas-San Antonio 72
N.C. Charlotte 78, Old Dominion 76
NW Louisiana 95, Henderson St. 81
South Carolina 94, S. Carolina St. 89, 2OT
South Florida 70, Sam Houston St. 54
Virginia Tech 80, E. Tennessee St. 61

MIDWEST
Chicago St. 95, W. Illinois 78
Detroit Mercy 83, Florida Atlantic 73
Illinois 79, Jackson St. 63
Iowa 104, Dartmouth 65
Kansas 101, Furman 60
Loyola, Ill. 82, Bethune-Cookman 62
Michigan 86, Cent. Michigan 44
Nebraska 86, Florida A&M 61
Northwestern 90, Holy Cross 64
Ohio U. 85, Youngstown St. 42
St. Louis 70, Samford 68
Toledo 79, Alcorn St. 53
Xavier, Ohio 82, N.C.-Asheville 55

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 87, SW Louisiana 82
Oklahoma St. 73, Tulsa 61
Oral Roberts 85, Marshall 69
Rice 84, Southern U. 75
Texas A&M 90, Texas Southern 72

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Guns...

Administration considering much higher fees on dealers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen says the administration will seek congressional approval for a sharp rise in the licensing fee paid by gun dealers as a way cutting down on the number of people selling firearms.

But the National Rifle Association said the administration simply was trying to harass dealers and drive up the cost of firearms.

Bentsen said increasing licensing fees was among a number of proposals being considered in the administration's effort to fight violent crime. He said he favors a ban on the most lethal types of ammunition.

Since 1968 gun dealers have paid $30 for a three-year license or $10 per year. The recently enacted Brady gun control law increases that to $200 for three years for new licenses and $90 for three years for renewal of a license.

President Clinton has offered general support for national licensing and training of gun owners, but Bentsen, in an interview Monday with The Associated Press, sidestepped a question on whether that would be a part of the administration's recommendations.

Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has expressed reservations about the feasibility of federal licensing for gun owners.

Bentsen predicted that an increase in the licensing fee would win approval in Congress as a way to make it easier for federal officials to regulate the sale of firearms.

"It makes no sense at all to have over 250,000 dealers in guns today and to have a very minimum payment where you have people even operating out of their kitchens," the Treasury secretary said.

He said that number, which has soared in recent years, made it impossible for the firearms bureau to "supervise them and see that they are abiding by the laws."

The NRA said it would oppose any effort by the administration to increase gun dealer registration fees beyond those in the Brady bill.

"Any fees in excess of that amount are clearly designed just to harass gun dealers and make it difficult for people to get licenses," said Richard Gardiner, the NRA's legislative counsel.

He said higher fees would make guns more expensive.

"We don't believe it is fair or appropriate for people of lesser income to be deprived of their ability to purchase firearms," Gardiner said.

The study being done by the firearms bureau is part of a broader interagency review of ways to combat violent crime. In addition to increased oversight of gun dealers, the administration is studying such issues as further controls on assault weapons and raising mandatory penalties on first-time gun offenders.

Bentsen would not indicate how high the registration fee might go, but Jack Killorin, a spokesman for the firearms bureau, said one possibility under consideration was to establish a fee that would reimburse the government for running the licensing program.

He said the bureau estimated if the fees were raised to $500 the number of gun dealers would be reduced to around 60,000.

Killorin said the bureau's 240 inspectors can inspect 20,000 dealers a year.

Chinese flowering shrub is heading for U.S. market

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Chinese flowering shrub with colored petals — a close relative of the witch hazel — is being introduced to the United States by the U.S. National Arboretum here.

Two types of the bush, called the Blush and Burgundy Loropetalum, bear pink flowers and their foliage starts off reddish-brown and matures to olive green. Loropetalum previously cultivated in the United States bears only white flowers and has green foliage.

"The process of introducing pink-flowering Loropetalum is similar to that when the first pink-flowering dogwoods were introduced after only white ones were available," said chief horticulturist Sylvester March. "Although not as commonly used as the dogwood in landscaping, Loropetalum really should be used more, as it has many favorable traits."

The shrub can grow as high as a small tree and has graceful arching branches, closely resembling the witch hazel, he said.

March said he first noticed the pink-flowering strain in 1989 in a Japanese horticulture magazine and asked a former director of the National Arboretum to bring back samples after a visit to Japan.

The two types of shrub have been distributed to about 40 nurseries and gardens and should be commercially available in about two years, March said.

The new shrubs are easy to grow and prefer slightly acid, peaty soil and full sun to partial shade. They do well in warm climates and are hardy, but they lose their leaves in colder zones.

Teen-ager pleads guilty in arson case

HOUSTON (AP) — A Louisiana teen-ager faces up to 10 years in prison and a maximum $250,000 fine after pleading guilty to setting a fire at a Houston abortion clinic Oct. 10.

Joshua David Graff, 19, of Sulphur, La., an anti-abortion activist, told U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt he now realizes his actions were not a "proper response" in dealing with the abortion issue.

"This is something that will not be repeated," Graff told the judge after pleading guilty to one count of arson in a plea bargain.

Defense lawyer Tom Zakes said Graff will likely be sentenced to 24-30 months in prison in part because he accepted responsibility.

Government prosecutors agreed to dismiss two counts of interstate travel in aid of racketeering.

Hoyt said he will consider whether to release Graff on bond pending sentencing March 14.

Graff was arrested after he left his wallet on the roof of the West Loop Clinic and admitted pouring gasoline down an air-conditioning vent and dropping a Molotov cocktail into the vent.

No one was injured in the fire, which forced the clinic to shut down for a day.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Bert Isaacs said Graff has not admitted to starting fires at other clinics.

"This kid has deep convictions," Isaacs said. "How organized they (groups Graff has associated with) are will [illegible] determined."

Graff told Hoyt his religious beliefs are nondenominational.

Yogurt juice popular

WASHINGTON (AP) — A popular new yogurt-juice beverage that captured more than a 5 percent share of the juice market in a major U.S. metropolitan area has the National Dairy Board scrambling to help marketers.

The board is funding in-store sampling across the country and providing matching funds for companies starting in the new dairy category to promote the new product.

The project began a year ago when the [illegible] to help market "Kemps Yo-J," a yogurt-juice beverage competing with juices.

Hermleigh presents Christmas program

Hermleigh School students presented a Christmas program last Friday.

Kindergarten through third grade students staged *A Storybook Christmas*. Characters included: Justin Williamson, Santa Claus; Reecie Sauceda, Mrs. Claus; Shawn Roemisch, wolf; Amelia Hermosillo, Willie Mae Weasel; Courtney Bridges, Little Red Riding Hood; Valerie West, Georgeanne; Jimmy Luna, Felix; Jessica Hernandez, Ashley Swan and Rachel Alfaro, three pigs; Whitney Stewart, Narrator #1 and Bianca Sookraj, Narrator #2.

Other characters were eleves played by first graders Amy Botts, Justin Kelly, Tyler Rogers, Cassie Harbin, Terry Chamblis, Lennon Lane, Shae Rinehart, James Coonrod, Atasha Arrendale, Branda Torres and Karl Smith.

More eleves included second graders Toni Jackson, Dustin Williamson and Edward Arellano; as well as third graders Stephanie Chambliss, Roy Torres and Danny Elder.

Kindergarten students who played reindeer were Scotty Arellano, Sam Berry, Crystal Bridges, Curtis Hosler, Bobby Lane, Frank Smith, George Smith, Erica Torres and Danni Webb.

Fourth graders who sang Christmas favorites were Christina Arellano, Ashley Arrendale, Crystal Atkinson, Ben Barrera, Jeremy Brady, A.J. Frizzel, Tony Garza, Candace Gonzalez, Julie Mireles, Adam Roemisch, Jeremy Roemisch, Whitney Rogers, Casey Roy, Amber Swan, Sabrina Terry and Randy Thomason.

Fifth graders who sang Christmas songs and recited Christmas poems were Shannon Barnes, Kami Bates, David Digby, Janet Eckert, Lori Eckert, Ramon Granado, Amber Harbin, Billy Lambaren, Salvador Luna, Toni Martinez, Lisa Sanchez, Samantha Smith, Chris Sookraj, Bryan Thomason and Mary Spruill.

Sixth grade students presented *Super Claus*. They included Pablo Alfaro, Amy Arrendale, Jennifer Brady, Kendra Dacus, April Digby, Joey Garza, Rocky Gill, Leslie Hernandez, Brandi K. Harrington, Jaren Higgins, Crystal Jackson, Andy Luna, Tracey Luna, Tony Molina, Tiffanie Moore, Jason Presley, Trey Roemisch, Julie Torres and Brandy Wood.

Seventh graders presented *The Animals' Christmas* They were: Jake Alexander, a boy; Summer Barnes, sparrow; Jason Bates, raccoon; Mario Gonzales, skunk; Josh Higgins, grandfather; Randell Price, rabbit; Randell Reed, crow; Brad Roemisch, deer; Jennifer Roemisch, a girl; Eric Arellano, a tree; Andrea Rodriguez, a tree; and Joe Romero, also a tree.

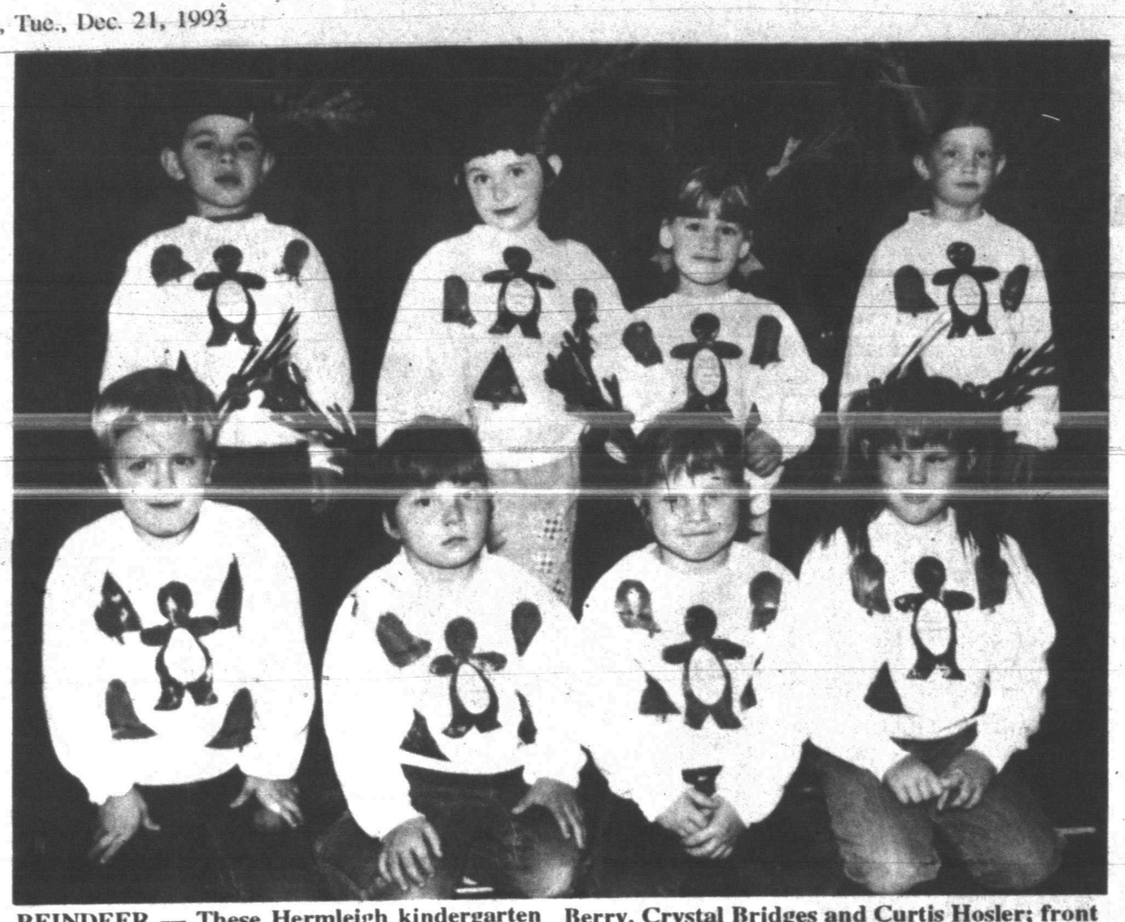
Summer Barnes and Jennifer Roemisch read *The Nightmare Before Christmas — Texas Style*.

Mario Gonzales and Brad Roemisch read a poem, *Jest 'Fore Christmas*.

Jake Alexander and Jason Bates read *The Night Before Christmas*.

Eight grade students presented *The Rap Before Christmas*, written by Ester Martinez. Students included Michael Matthews as Tom; Johnny Garza, Brad; Larry Lambaren, dad; John Koski, Jessie; Ricky Luna, Ray; Brandy Smith, Nicole; Casey Frizzell, Summer; Ester Martinez, narrator; Larry Lambaren, Bartholomew; Jason Hernandez, Mark; and Casey Frizzell, John Koski, Ricky Luna, Brandy Smith, Miranda Terry and Ester Martinez, all angels.

Teachers who helped coordinate the program include Karen Whittenburg, kindergarten; Lori Williamson, first grade; Debra Dennis, second grade; Cindy Rogers, third grade; Brenda Kuss, fourth grade; Cathy Beckman, fifth grade; Beth McDaniel, sixth grade; Joyce Buchanan, seventh grade; and Letha Boston and Terry Powell, eighth grade.



REINDEER — These Hermleigh kindergarten students portrayed reindeer during the elementary school's presentation of *A Storybook Christmas*. From left, back row: Scotty Arellano, Sam Berry, Crystal Bridges and Curtis Hosler; front row: Bobby Lane, Frank Smith, George Smith and Danni Webb. Erica Torres is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

ELVES — Hermleigh first, second and third graders were elves during a recent Christmas program, *A Storybook Christmas*. Back row, from left, Stephanie Chamblis, Roy Torres and Danny Elder, all third graders; Toni Jackson, Dustin Williamson and Edward Arellano, all second graders; middle row: Amy Botts, Justin Kelly, Tyler Rogers, Cassie Harbin, Terry Chambliss and Lennon Lane, all first graders; front row: Shae Rinehart, James Coonrod, Atasha Arrendale, Branda Torres and Karl Smith, also first graders. (SDN Staff Photo)

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM — Hermleigh's kindergarten through third grade students all presented *A Storybook Christmas*. Students pictured are from left, back row: Justin Williamson, Santa; Reecie Sauceda, Mrs. Claus; Shawn Roemisch, Wolf, Courtney Bridges, Little Red Riding Hood; and Valerie West, Georgeanne; front row: Jimmy Luna, Felix; Jessica Hernandez, Ashley Swan and Rachel Alfaro, three pigs; and Whitney Stewart, Narrator #1. Not pictured are Amelia Hermosillo as Willie Mae Weasel and Bianca Sookraj, Narrator #2. (SDN Staff Photo)

Births

Miranda Wilson announces the birth of her son born at 7:13 p.m. on Dec. 20 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, 3¼ ounces.

Iceland was proclaimed a republic in 1944.

Private services set for gunman

HUGO, Okla. (AP) — Private services were scheduled today for a man who opened fire on Christmas shoppers at a shopping center, as were open services for one of his victims.

The funeral home handling David Mack Flinn's funeral refused to tell more than the day of the services, at the family's request. A source said graveside services were set for 2 p.m. at a cemetery near Paris, Texas, about 30 miles from the scene of Friday's shooting.

Flinn, 39, pulled up to a Wal-Mart in Hugo and fired about a dozen shots at the shoppers in the parking lot. Mary Shehan, 49, and husband Luke Shehan, 52, were killed, one woman was shot in the leg and two people were injured by flying glass.

Flinn drove down a nearby dead-end dirt road and killed himself with a shot to the head.

Four days of investigation have left authorities with some gaps still remaining in their tracking of Flinn's movements that morning, said Larry Grant, Choctaw County assistant district attorney.

"I haven't given up, but we'll probably never know," Grant said. "We lose an hour or two here and an hour or two there. There are a couple hours we don't know that anybody can account for."

Flinn started out the day before dawn with an argument with a neighbor who had driven across his property, Grant said. He lied later in the morning about a long criminal record to buy the .223 rifle he used in the shootings.

Grant said Flinn's rampage could have ended even worse than it did.

Investigators found out the 12-gauge shotgun Flinn had with him in his pickup truck was loaded with 00 buckshot, which holds nine .32-caliber pellets.

"Had he taken that thing into the store, it probably would have been more lethal" than the rifle Flinn used, Grant said. "00 buck is not a sporting round."

Services for Mrs. Shehan were set for 4 p.m. at Spring Hill Cemetery in Lamar County.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Michael Alewine, 4503 College Apt. 14; Doris Nixon, Hermleigh; Mona Pierce, 2812 W; Sandy Pruitt, 2906 Ave. F; Miranda Wilson, P.O. Box 282.

DISMISSALS: Jannette Green, Ennis; [illegible]

Census: 51 (Med.-15, Long-Term Care-33, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Talks continue in South Africa

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — An alliance of conservative whites and blacks appeared to give some in talks with the African National Congress and government today, grasping at a last chance to help shape the new constitution.

The Freedom Alliance said it was considering a document that would commit its leaders, including Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, to take part in the country's first multiracial election on April 27.

That would be a considerable concession by the Alliance, but with a new constitution due to be approved by Parliament on Wednesday and the national elections coming up, its options were limited.

At stake was whether the Alliance would rejoin the democratic process that is to end apartheid, or whether its members would boycott the vote and perhaps plunge the country into civil war.

The concession seemed designed to keep negotiations going in the Alliance's effort to win autonomous homelands for its supporters, something the ANC strongly opposed.

As negotiators resumed their meeting after a lunch break, their statements seemed designed to lower expectations of a breakthrough.

"Hopefully we will be able to resolve something," said Alliance chairman Rowan Cronje.

ANC negotiator Mohammed Valli Moosa was less optimistic. He accused the conservatives of trying to force the ANC to make last-minute concessions in the draft constitution.

"The threat that they are holding over us is that they will not participate in the elections," Moose said. "My personal view, and the view of many of us, is that they cannot afford not to participate in the political process."

The Alliance, comprised of diverse groups that include the Zulu-based Inkatha and several pro-apartheid white parties, has vowed not to back down on its demands for regional autonomy for its supporters. The groups are united in their opposition to the ANC, the expected victor in April's election, and say they will not take part in the vote unless their demands are met.

The ANC wants all parties to take part in the election and to support the new post-apartheid constitution, saying this is the only way to ensure a peaceful transition to democracy.

But the ANC and the government also have said the constitution will be approved and the elections held without the Alliance if necessary.

Despite some optimism in Cape Town, a right-wing leader in Johannesburg said today he saw a "red light" to reconciliation.

Chamber

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break even. But we did come out on the plus side due to a lot of hard work from the board and committees."

Board members were told that the Snyder Scrip program, which allows local citizens to make low-interest loans for holiday gifts, has reached $50,000. Local financial institutions expect many more citizens to take advantage of the program this week, the board was told.

Directors also voted to pay off $1,803 owed on the chamber's storage building.

Board president Donna Gray thanked the board for its work this year, saying, "I feel honored and have enjoyed being president and would ask that the board support (incoming president) Pearlene Stewart."

In turn, board member Max von Roeder thanked Gray for her leadership over the past year.

Present for the business meeting were Gray, Beard, House, Browning, Stewart, von Roeder, Joel Hook and Travis Bunch. Also present were Limmer, Cain and Fritz.

Obituaries

Ruth Mae Bell

1909-1993

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Ruth Mae Bell, 84, of Lubbock, formerly of Snyder.

Mrs. Bell died at 1:45 p.m. Monday in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Born on Nov. 1, 1909, in Erath County, she married Oran H. Bell on July 1, 1948, in Clovis, N.M. He died on March 19, 1969.

Mrs. Bell had lived in Snyder most of her life prior to moving to Lubbock three years ago. She was a housewife.

Survivors include one son, Lewis Davis of Coalinga, Calif.; two brothers, Raymond Way of Colorado City and Andrew Way of Whitney; five sisters, Bessie Bowen of Houston, Josephine Evers of New Orleans, La., Pallie Singer of Colorado City, Dovie Ware of Carthage and Dorothy Cloud of Odessa.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	67	663/8	67	+1/2
Albtsn s	27	263/4	267/8	+1/8
Alldsignal	771/8	765/8	77	-1/2
Alltel s	271/2	271/4	271/4	
AmStores	423/4	421/2	421/2	
Amer T&T	547/8	545/8	543/4	+1/8
Ameritech	783/4	783/8	781/2	-1/8
Amoco	531/8	523/4	53	-1/4
AndarkPtr	42	411/2	415/8	-1/8
Arkla	73/4	75/8	75/8	-1/8
Armcolnc	61/4	61/8	61/8	
AtlRichfld	1043/8	1031/8	1031/8	-7/8
ATMOS	261/2	26	261/2	+3/8
BakerHughes	193/8	191/8	193/8	+1/4
BancTexas	11/2	11/2	11/2	
BellAtl	615/8	611/4	611/4	-1/8
BellSouth	581/8	577/8	58	-1/8
Beth Steel	185/8	183/8	183/8	-1/8
Borden	191/4	187/8	191/8	+1/2
Brit Pet	633/4	631/2	631/2	-1/8
Caterplr	875/8	865/8	863/4	-7/8
CenSoWst	311/2	311/4	311/2	
Chevron	865/8	853/4	853/4	-3/8
Chrysler	541/8	537/8	54	+1/8
Coastal	273/4	273/8	273/8	-3/8
CocaCola	43	425/8	423/4	-1/8
ColgatePalm	601/8	593/4	60	-3/8
ComlMetl	363/4	363/4	363/4	
Cooperln	487/8	481/2	487/8	+1/4
CyprusAmax	253/4	251/4	251/4	-3/8
DallSemicn	15	145/8	145/8	-1/2
DeltaAirl	551/4	543/4	551/4	+1/2
DigitalEq	355/8	351/4	353/8	
Dillard	371/4	367/8	37	-1/4
DowChem	583/8	573/4	581/8	+1/8
DresserInd	205/8	203/8	201/2	-1/8
DuPont	491/2	49	491/4	-1/4
EstKodak	561/4	555/8	561/4	+3/8
EljerInd	73/8	71/8	71/4	+1/8
Enserch	16	155/8	155/8	-1/8
Exxon	641/8	633/4	64	+1/4
FlowerInd	20	191/2	191/2	-1/2
FordMotor	633/8	623/4	631/4	+1/2
GTE Cp	355/8	351/4	353/8	
GnDyn	941/8	931/4	931/4	—11/8
GenElct	1047/8	1041/4	1043/4	+1/2
GenMills	61	601/2	601/2	-1/4
GenMotors	543/4	541/4	541/2	+1/4
GenMotors E	273/4	271/2	271/2	-1/8
GaPacif	703/4	70	703/8	-1/4
GlobalMar	37/8	33/4	33/4	
Goodrich	415/8	411/4	411/4	-3/8
Goodyear s	447/8	441/4	445/8	+5/8
GtAtlPac	281/4	277/8	281/8	-1/4
Gulf StaUt	191/2	193/8	193/8	-1/8
Haliburtn	303/4	301/8	305/8	+3/8
Hanson ADS	201/2	201/4	203/8	
HoustInd	473/4	471/2	475/8	-1/8
IBM	585/8	581/8	583/8	
IntlPaper	673/4	671/8	671/2	-1/8
JohnsnJns	423/4	421/2	423/4	+1/8
K mart	213/8	203/4	21	-3/8
Kroger	207/8	205/8	207/8	+1/8
Litton	653/4	651/2	651/2	-1/4
vjLoneStar	21/8	2	21/8	
Lowes	561/8	555/8	561/8	-3/8
Lubys	221/4	217/8	217/8	-1/8
Maxus	45/8	41/2	41/2	-1/8
MayDS s	403/8	397/8	40	-1/4
Medtronic	805/8	80	801/2	+1/2
Mobil	755/8	751/8	753/8	
Monsanto	721/2	721/4	721/2	-1/8
Motorola s	87	843/4	851/8	+1/8
Nationsbk	491/4	483/4	48//	-5/8
Navistar s	23	225/8	225/8	-1/4
Nynex s	403/4	401/4	401/2	-7/8
OryxEngy	171/8	165/8	167/8	+1/4
PacTelesis	551/2	551/8	553/8	-1/4
PanhECp	22	213/4	22	
PenneyJC s	53	52	521/4	-3/4
Pennzoil	521/2	523/8	523/8	
PepBoys	27	265/8	267/8	+1/8
PhelpDodge	501/2	493/4	497/8	-3/8
PhilipPet	271/2	271/8	273/8	+1/4
PilgrmPrd	67/8	63/4	63/4	-1/8
Polaroid	335/8	331/4	331/2	+1/4
Praxair	163/8	161/8	161/4	
Primerica s	391/2	385/8	383/4	-3/4
ProctGamble	561/4	551/4	561/8	+5/8
PubS NwMx	103/4	103/4	103/4	
RoyalDutch	1043/8	1035/8	1033/4	-1/2
SFePacCp	22	213/4	217/8	+1/8
SaraLee	261/4	26	261/8	+1/8
SearsRoeb s	541/2	531/2	537/8	—1
SherwinW	353/4	351/2	355/8	-5/8
SmthBchADS	295/8	295/8	295/8	
SmthBc eqt	271/4	267/8	27	
Southern Co	445/8	443/8	443/8	-3/8
SwAirlines s	361/2	353/4	357/8	-1/2
SwBell s	433/4	43	43	-5/8
Sprint	331/4	323/4	33	+1/8
SterlingChm	43/8	43/8	43/8	
SunCo	305/8	303/8	303/8	-1/2
TNP Ent	171/4	171/8	171/8	-1/4
Tandy	477/8	473/8	473/8	-5/8
TemplInl	493/4	495/8	493/4	
Tenneco	52	501/4	507/8	—11/4
Texaco	635/8	633/8	633/8	-3/8
TexasInd	31	293/4	301/2	+1
TexasInst	591/2	59	591/4	-1/4
Tex Util	44	437/8	44	
Textron	58	573/4	58	+1/8
Trinty s	417/8	411/2	413/4	
TritonEngy	295/8	291/2	291/2	+1/4
Tyler	5	47/8	47/8	
US West	465/8	463/8	465/8	+1/4
USX Delhi	151/2	151/4	153/8	+1/4
USX-Marathn	167/8	165/8	165/8	-1/8
USX-USS	40	395/8	393/4	
UnCarbde	223/8	22	223/8	+1/8
UnPac	603/4	601/4	603/4	+3/4
UnitedTech	611/2	611/4	613/8	-1/4
Unocal	261/2	261/8	261/4	+1/8
WalMart s	27	261/2	263/4	-1/8
WstnDigRs	293/4	295/8	293/4	
Westvaco	33/8	33/8	33/8	-1/8
Weyerhs	331/2	331/4	331/2	
Woolwth	24	235/8	235/8	-3/8
Xerox Cp	885/8	875/8	88	-7/8
ZenithE	73/8	71/8	71/4	

HELPING OUT — Marvin Applin, right, of Gentle Dove Ministries accepted a donation last week from Deep Creek Cruizers. Kerry Bredemeyer presented the check on behalf of the organization. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE GRIZZWELLS CHRISTMAS by Bill Schorr

White House: Inman didn't pay housekeeper's Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bobby Inman received many accolades during his Pentagon years, but two things that detract from his track record have come to light since he was nominated to become secretary of defense.

The White House revealed Monday that Inman didn't pay Social Security taxes on a part-time housekeeper. Then the administration moved quickly to defuse an issue that had derailed the nomination of two women to be attorney general.

After revealing that Inman had paid about $6,000 on Monday to settle the tax issue, the White House said Inman had revealed the tax question when his name first came up for the Pentagon's top job.

"At the outset of his discussions with the White House, Admiral Inman fully disclosed this situation and made clear his intent to come into compliance with administration policy on this issue," a statement by White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers said.

Inman had filed appropriate forms with the Internal Revenue Service on Monday and made the payment, Myers' statement said.

Any interest and penalties on the back taxes will be calculated and assessed by the IRS, the statement said. The exact amount of the back taxes owed was not revealed; the statement said Inman "has made payment on approximately $6,000 in taxes owed" since the worker was employed in 1986.

The statement said the housekeeper worked between one and three times per week, but offered no further details.

Mark Gearan, the White House communications director, said the administration did not anticipate trouble for Inman, even though that despite the publicity surrounding Zoe Baird's situation in January, Inman did not pay the tax bill until he was up for the Pentagon's top job.

"I think people here are impressed that he was quite clear and straightforward right from the beginning of our conversations," Gearan said. "It's best characterized as a lapse to pay and it's been corrected."

In accepting Clinton's nomination to head the Pentagon, Inman vowed to bring his experience as a private-sector businessman to the Defense Department, where the post-Cold War priorities are running a more efficient and economical national defense system.

However, Inman's stewardship of a defense contracting firm ran into severe financial troubles in part because of a leveraged buyout he helped arrange.

According to records on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Inman earned nearly $1 million from Tracor Inc. in 1989, a year in which the defense contractor was struggling under debt service created when the company was taken private in a deal that Inman helped engineer and manage.

SEC documents show Inman received $422,000 in salary from Tracor in 1989, plus $250,000 in deferred compensation and a $300,000 bonus from the previous year.

There are no records for 1988, Inman's first year with the company.

The leveraged buyout came when Westmark Systems Inc., an investment group formed in 1986, purchased Tracor for an amount more than 20 times its earnings during that period. Inman was on the board of Westmark and an executive at Tracor.

The goal was to make Tracor more efficient and then, several years later, return it to the public market at a profit for the investors.

But Tracor went bankrupt. While it has since emerged from Chapter 11 protection and is now considered financially healthy,

Dallas Co. jails at 140 percent capacity

DALLAS (AP) — Much to the chagrin of law enforcers, overcrowded jails are as common in Texas as armadillos and bluebonnets and for Dallas County, the problem continues to grow.

In Dallas County jails, about 9,000 inmates sleep on mats on the floor in quarters designed to hold 6,600.

"We're not only out of room, now we're operating hour by hour, minute by minute," said Dallas County Sheriff Jim Bowles. "It's as dangerous as a heartbeat."

In efforts to combat the problem, the county has taken steps to find solutions. Residents, law enforcement officers and elected officials have formed a task force.

Legal action has been taken against the state, asking that it stop what the county perceives as unequal treatment of Dallas. But despite these measures, the problems of overcrowdedness persist.

State prisons, which should be housing two-thirds of the inmates in Dallas County jails because they've been convicted, remain blocks.

But the state is turning them away in part because the settlement of a long-running federal lawsuit over state prison conditions says the state will not exceed its capacity.

"I think we learned our lesson," said David Nunnelee, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. "That lawsuit cost the people of Texas millions and millions of dollars."

Authorities say tight living spaces increase the risk for potential conflict. Federal and state rules also require clean conditions and inmate privacy protections must be observed. Convicted inmates must be kept separate from those awaiting trial and prisoners charged with felonies are kept away from those charged with misdemeanors.

"It's a delicate balance," Bowles said.

He recently asked Gov. Ann Richards to call a special session of the Legislature to discuss overcrowding.

Jails conditions have even solicited responses from inmates, who express fear at the hardships the conditions bring.

"While jail and prisons are not supposed to be luxury hotels, the Constitution forbids cruel and unusual punishment," wrote Donna Sterner, an inmate housed in the Decker Detention Center, a hotel-turned-jail in Dallas.

"Sleeping on a cold, hard floor, ineffective medical treatment and inadequate nutrition (sometimes spoiled meat!) is cruel and unusual punishment," she wrote.

David Kuhn, a Decker detention officer, said:

"People are just crowded into tanks. They're sleeping underneath beds. People are even sleeping on mats in the bathrooms. It's dirty and filthy. There are rats. It makes it a lot harder to control the inmates."

Factors contributing to the problem include more crimes than the justice system can handle, a cap on the number of inmates state prisons will take and a move to keep violent offenders behind bars longer.

Dear Abby

Host's Lament Could Be Sent To Forgetful Pest of a Guest

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: The late Ethel Jacobson, whose light verse appeared in Reader's Digest, Good Housekeeping and other publications, was a sometime guest of ours.

The day after she left after a visit, I mailed several things she had forgotten to take with her. Shortly after, she sent me the following poem. I don't think it was ever published. I think it should be.

DOROTHEA JENSEN
BELLISIME, CHANNEL ISLANDS, CALIF.

DEAR DOROTHEA: So do I, and I'm taking care of it right now. Thanks for sending it. Suggested title:

LEFTOVERS

Perennial pest
To haunt our nest
Is the featherbrained
Forgetful guest
Who comes for the day
Or a three-month stay
And leaves behind
When she flits away
A scarf, a veil
Her keys, her kale
Which you must hunt
And wrap and mail.
Her shoes, her comb
Her bubble foam
By post, prepaid,
Must trail her home.

Such folks, in fairness,
Should be branded
Or travel naked
And empty-handed.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married six years. Our biggest problem is her two cats. She loves cats and I am not a cat lover. We recently purchased a home for $250,000 and furnished it with new furniture. Both of her cats have long hair and constantly shed everywhere — furniture, floor, counters, etc. They have thrown up and urinated on our new carpeting and furniture, leaving everything permanently stained and discolored. My wife has tried medicine for the hair balls and shedding — nothing works.

I would like to give the cats away, but my wife would not tolerate it. Please help.

CALIFORNIA READER

DEAR READER: According to Dr. Erwin David, my veterinarian consultant: "The hair ball problem can be managed with regular grooming and oral laxative products. Inappropriate urination may be a behavioral problem (your cats may be trying to tell you something), or there could be a bladder problem."

If you haven't consulted a veterinarian, I would advise you to do so. If you have, and the problems are continuing, perhaps a second opinion is in order.

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DEAR ABBY: May I put in my two cents' worth about stepmothers? I am one. Last year, my stepdaughter and I overheard a mother loudly reprimanding her son in a busy store.

I commented, "I hope you never make me angry enough to yell at you like that."

She responded, "You can't yell at me — you're not my real mom."

I gently said, "Whew, what a relief ... that means I don't have to drive you to and from your swimming class, shop for clothes for you, help you with your homework, or buy you anything for Christmas."

The look on her face was priceless.

MRS. C.R. IN TUSTIN, CALIF.

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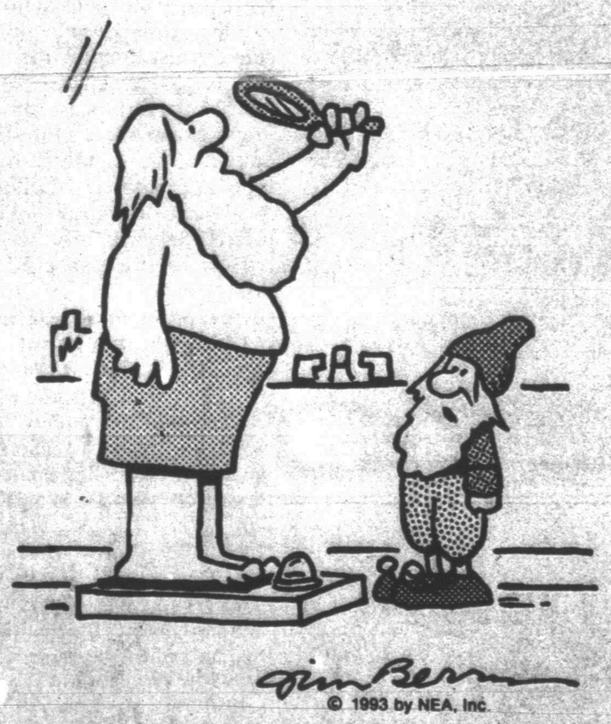

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Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1993

Friends who have proven loyal to you in the past will be your reliable standbys once again in the year ahead. Nurture these associations and be supportive of them whenever you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In your involvements with friends today, be extremely careful not to play favorites. If you do, knowingly or unknowingly, you'll have to take the consequences. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you might become involved in something important where the real power resides in the hands of others. Don't fight what you can't change. Instead try to derive benefits from it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Historically, when you submit to your impulsive buying inclinations you seldom walk away with a good deal. Today might be one of those days where you repeat this pattern.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Persons who want to be in your corner might become reluctant supporters if they feel you're too self-serving today. To succeed, you must do for others as well as for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your biggest impediment today could be your own lack of belief in your capabilities. Instead of worrying about things that may never happen, at least give them a try.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Not everyone with whom you'll be involved today will be in accord with your way of doing things. Unfortunately, your antagonist might be very low keyed and difficult to uncover.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, you might find yourself in an unenviable position where others may be making decisions for you. If you lose control, it will be difficult to get it back.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others who observe you closely today might see you as a better talker than a doer. This can be corrected if you act first and leave the conversation until later.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Exercise restraint in your commercial dealings today and don't jump to conclusions. Study situations thoroughly, both that which is obvious and that which is beneath the surface.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Associates who have to deal with you in critical situations today could become unnerved if you are too indecisive. Make your best judgment and abide by it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Manage persons in your charge with a gentle hand today, because they will respond favorably to kindness. If you're inconsiderate or unreasonable, the opposite will be true.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Instead of managing your resources with prudence at this time, you might succumb to your more extravagant impulses. What you waste now may be needed later.

DATE BOOK

Dec. 21, 1993

Today is the 355th day of 1993 and the first day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1988, Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, in a terrorist bombing; more than 258 people were killed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881), British statesman; Joseph Stalin (1879-1953), Soviet dictator; Joe Paterno (1926-), football coach, is 67; Phil Donahue (1935-), talk-show host, is 58; Jane Fonda (1937-), actress, is 56; Frank Zappa (1940-), musician, is 53; Chris Evert (1954-), tennis player, is 39; Florence Griffith-Joyner (1959-), track star, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, the University of Cincinnati defeated Bradley, 75-73, in seven over times — the longest game in college basketball history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." — Anne Bradstreet

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1990, the following were results of a shallow, bitterly cold air mass overrun by warm air: Des Moines, Iowa, reported freezing drizzle while at 2 degrees; McAlester, Okla., reported a thunderstorm with sleet and 1/2-inch hail while at 13 degrees.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL - 1994 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (Dec. 20).

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New faces may mean shift in course

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — New man, old problems — that's usually the way it is when there's a shakeup at the top, and President Clinton's change in Pentagon management fits the pattern.

But now there are suggestions that a shift in course, or at least emphasis, ought to accompany the change in faces in one of the most visible of Cabinet posts.

After a year of concentration on domestic economic concerns, some people are calling for Clinton to give higher priority and profile to foreign policy now. "I would tear down the sign that says it's the economy, stupid," says Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy.

Maybe they shouldn't tear it. Clinton may want to get back to his winning 1992 issue at reelection time. But at this point, foreign policy and defense concerns are bearing down on him.

If confirmed as expected, Bobby Inman takes over as secretary of defense late next month facing the same Pentagon budget gap that figured in the timing of Les Aspin's resignation. At issue is a shortfall of at least $31 billion between administration budget aims for the next five years and the sums the Pentagon deems vital to defense needs.

Aspin wanted the money restored, and Republicans say that getting it back will be a litmus test of Inman's new leadership. Sen. Sam Nunn, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said he agreed with Aspin, and hopes Clinton will decide to put the money into defense.

That would force additional curbs on domestic spending to meet deficit control commitments.

Along with that go national security concerns ranging from the threat of nuclear weapons development by North Korea, to the unexpected vote for an extreme nationalist in Russian parliamentary elections, to continuing problems like Bosnia, Haiti and Somalia.

AP analysis

Those are all pieces of a broader issue, the framework for U.S. foreign and defense policies in the era beyond the Cold War, that remains to be settled.

Ironically, as secretary of defense, Aspin absorbed criticism that might otherwise have gone directly at Clinton.

After the botched Somalia street battle that cost 18 American lives, Aspin took the brunt of blame for failing to approve heavy weapons sought earlier by the U.S. commander.

The ill-defined policy that put the Americans at risk was Clinton's, although the whole operation was inherited. But on that and on other problems, the buck stopped short of the White House.

A nationwide poll this month showed that Clinton inspires less confidence as a manager of foreign affairs than on any of 10 other major concerns. That Dec. 6-8 survey by the Tarrance Group and the firm of Mellman, Lazarus, Lake, showed only 31 percent more confident in Clinton than in congressional Republicans on foreign affairs. On that question, 52 percent preferred the GOP. That's the mirror image of attitudes on who best to trust on job creation — Clinton 52 percent, Republicans in Congress 32 percent.

The attitudes reflect Clinton's emphasis. He was, as he has said, elected to deal with economic woes, and things have been looking up since he took over.

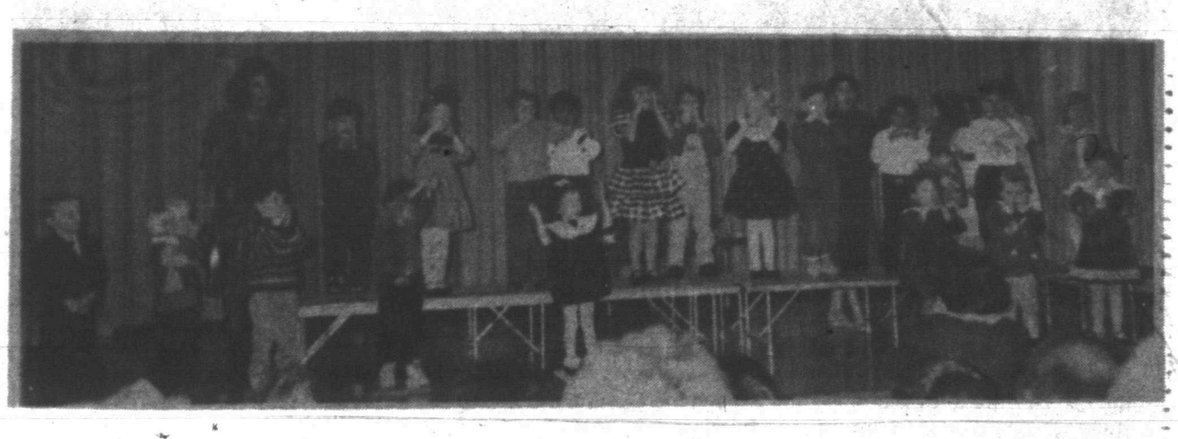
It is not coincidence that changes — the replacement of Aspin and of the No. 2 man at the State Department a month earlier — were in the national security and foreign affairs specialties that were neither Clinton's strengths nor his major interests.

On the foreign policy side, they may now be doing more. Clinton is going to summit conferences at NATO and in Moscow early in the new year. Tending to business at home, he limited his foreign travel in 1993 to conferences in three countries. The first year he was president, George Bush went to 15.

There are Democrats who say they hope foreign and defense concerns keep moving higher on the Clinton agenda. Leahy, of Vermont, for example.

"I think it is now high time to have a lot more concentration by the president and his chief advisors on foreign policy," he said in a CNN interview. "It cannot run itself."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.



CHRISTMAS PARTY — Kids' Kampus preschool and pre-kindergarten classes presented a Christmas program last week at East Elementary. (Contributed Photo)

Homeless problems listed

WASHINGTON (AP) — In Los Angeles, a growing number of homeless veterans have taken to living in cars. In Salt Lake City, most avoid federal programs for veterans, turned off by bureaucracy.

In Trenton, N.J., only three to four homeless veterans a month sought help, while a thousand times as many piled into the local veterans shelter in Boston on a monthly basis.

This is part of a portrait of homelessness offered in a study released today by the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It found wide disparities in the nature of homelessness from city to city, suggesting a need for programs tailored to each city's problem.

The reasons for homelessness, however, were consistent: a lack of jobs or marketable skills, substance abuse, mental illness or rent that is too expensive.

The mayors said the demographic disparities stem from several factors, ranging from the types of jobs or shelter space available to the amount of services offered in each city.

Even within a specific population, homeless veterans, the nature of the problem varied greatly.

"The local veterans shelter serves between 40,000 and 50,000 men per year who come to Boston from around the country," Boston officials reported. "The men are veterans of wars that span the century, from World War II to the Gulf War."

In Cleveland, the average homeless veteran is a 39-year-old black man, who fought in the Vietnam War. In Seattle, more than half of the homeless veterans are white men about the same age.

Officials in Los Angeles reported "a small but rising percentage" of its homeless veterans are "mobile homeless." "These are individuals or families who have lost their jobs and homes and are living in their vehicles," the survey said.

Several cities cited successful Department of Veterans Affairs programs for homeless veterans. But officials in Salt Lake City, where veterans are 35 percent of the homeless, said they have trouble getting veterans into the programs.

"They view the (department) as a very bureaucratic organization, and they don't deal well with bureaucracies," Salt Lake City officials said in a statement.

The mayors based their survey on responses from 26 cities, along with data from the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The study covered the period from Nov. 1, 1992 to Oct. 31 of this year.

Donald Trump & Marla Maples wed

NEW YORK (AP) — The bride's tiara was borrowed, the groom's children refused to attend, and the most commonly asked question was "How long do you think it'll last?"

But for one night the tabloid saga of Donald Trump and Marla Maples read more like a fairy tale. After six years of exhaustively chronicled breakups and makeups, they gazed into each other's eyes Monday night and — finally — said, "I do."

As she walked down the aisle in the Grand Ballroom of Trump's Plaza Hotel, Marla blew little air kisses to her intended. The ceremony included the singing of "Ave Maria," the reading of poetry by Kahlil Gibran and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

"Very nice, very nice," Trump said hoarsely after the 15-minute ceremony, from which most reporters were barred.

"I liked the part about 'Lead us not into temptation,'" cracked gossip columnist Liz Smith. She sided with Trump's former wife, Ivana, in her bitter split with Trump over Marla three years ago, but in the spirit of the season — and for publicity — she was invited anyway.

Maples, 30, a model and showgirl, wore a long, white satin, off-the-shoulder gown designed by Carolina Herrera. A $2 million diamond tiara borrowed for the occasion from jeweler Harry Winston anchored her lace veil.

Trump, 47, wore a traditional tuxedo designed by Brioni.

"There was no question about it, Donald was a little tense," observed Henry Hackel, an old friend of the developer. "I know Donald, and I saw it in his eyes. He felt a lot of pressure here."

Not Marla. "It was just right," she explained, "When it feels right, the nerves take care of themselves."

When the ceremony began, "They stared into each other's eyes as they said 'for richer or poorer, better or worse,'" reported gossip columnist and guest Richard Johnson.

Then came the kiss, which Howard Stern described as "quite remarkable."

"A real smacker," agreed Broadway choreographer Tommy Tune.

Police note one arrest

Snyder police made one arrest, investigated a burglary and filed several reports with regards to stolen or damaged Christmas ornaments Monday.

Police arrested a 27-year-old woman at Allsup's at 6:49 p.m. on a charge of forgery by passing.

At 4:19 p.m., Craig Pippin of 3010 Ave. F reported that his house had been burglarized. Police are still investigating. A report for burglary of a residence was filed.

Between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., officers handled six calls regarding stolen or damaged outdoor Christmas lighting. Four residents filed reports. Class B theft was filed in reference to ornaments stolen from 4016 Irving; Class C criminal mischief was filed in reference to damaged lights at 2213 40th St.; and Class B criminal mischief was filed in reference to damaged lights at 2215 40th St. and 2212 40th St.

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