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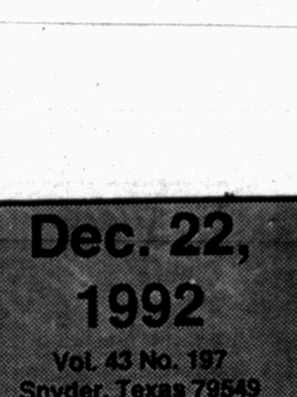
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TUESDAY
Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—Are the Snyder Jaycees having a Christmas lighting contest this year?
A—No.



3 days until Christmas

In Brief

Jury no-bills

AUSTIN (AP) — A grand jury has chosen not to indict former Houston Oiler Richard Johnson in the sexual assault of a woman 20 months ago.

"It's about time," said one of Johnson's attorneys, Dick DeGuerin of Houston. "I don't think it would have been a case except for the fact that he was and is an athlete of some renown."

The no-bill in the investigation that begin in April 1991 was returned Monday.

Johnson, a former defensive back, was accused by a 22-year-old Austin woman of sexually assaulting her in his hotel room.

The two had met at what was then Club XS in Austin.

Local

Snyder Oaks

Snyder Oaks Christmas party will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Santa will pass out gifts. Families should bring a gift and candy and either cake, cookies or pie.

Snyder Center

Snyder Nursing Center's Christmas party will be held at 7 this evening.

Families are asked to attend and bring a gift for their loved one and cookies for a social.

No paper

The Snyder Daily News will not publish on Christmas Day. The annual Christmas greeting edition will be delivered Thursday morning. Regular publication will resume with the weekend edition.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 64 degrees; low, 42 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 48 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 27.71 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows from mid to upper 30s. Light winds. Wednesday, partly cloudy and a little cooler. Highs in the upper 50s. South wind 10-15 mph shifting to north 10-20 mph during the late afternoon. Christmas day forecast, mostly clear. Lows in the lower to mid 20s. Highs in the upper 40s to near 50.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:46. Sunrise Wednesday, 7:40. Of 357 days in 1992, the sun has shone 332 days in Snyder.



MEXICO MINISTRY — Marvin Applin, Little Joe and Ruben Munoz, left to right, load boxes of clothes and toys that were taken to Mexico from Gentle Dove Ministries on Monday. A group from the Snyder organization will distribute the items to needy persons in Acuna. (SDN Staff Photo)

Airliner crashes; all aboard killed

ROME (AP) — A Libyan plane on a domestic flight crashed today, killing all 157 people aboard, Libya's JANA news agency said.

The agency in a brief report said the victims were on a morning flight from Benghazi, Libya's second-largest city, to the capital, Tripoli, when the plane crashed at about 10 a.m.

It said authorities have opened an investigation into the cause of the crash, which occurred a day after the fourth anniversary of the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The Pan Am crash led to U.N. sanctions against Libya, including an air embargo, barring flights by foreign airliners to Libya and blocking flights by Libyan airliners abroad.

JANA's Rome office said the crash today involved a Boeing jetliner owned by Libyan Arab Airlines. Flight schedules list the craft serving that route as a Boeing 727.

There was no immediate report from other Middle East news agencies on the crash.

The U.N. sanctions against Libya were imposed last April for its refusal to hand over the suspects in the bombing of Flight 103, which killed 270 people.

Two Libyans are charged in the United States and Britain as suspects in the bombing. Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi has refused to turn them over for trial.

France also wants Libya's cooperation in the investigation of four other Libyans suspected in a similar attack on a French UTA airliner in Niger in 1989, which killed 170 people.

Libya's 4 million residents have been under Gadhafi's rule since 1969.

Gentle Dove group leaves to donate items in Mexico

Representatives of Gentle Dove Ministries left early Monday morning to deliver over 130 boxes of clothing and toys to needy persons in Mexico.

Sharon and Marvin Applin and Andrea and Willie Jaramillo were traveling to Acuna, Mexico, to deliver clothing that has been in storage at Gentle Dove Ministries, at 1411 25th St., and will not be used in Snyder due to new clothing being brought in.

Also traveling with the group will be the Applin's children; 13-year-old Charlie, 14-year-old Lochie and 16-year-old Kassie.

"We feel very privileged to be able to do this," said Sharon Applin, Gentle Dove director. "Other groups have tried, and the people in Mexico have said they will only work with Gentle Dove."

According to Mrs. Applin, there was a lot of paperwork involved with being able to go on the trip.

The two couples will stay with families in Mexico during their trip, in which they will leave some of the clothing and toys with the governmental affairs department to help supply those in need, and then travel into Mexico, taking the remainder of the supplies to families in the villages where they visit.

"We would like to thank the Snyder community," said Mrs. Applin. "If they didn't give and without their support, we would not be able to do this."

Two hospitalized following wrecks

Two people have been admitted to Cogdell Memorial Hospital as a result of injuries received in automobile accidents Monday and early this morning.

Cogdell emergency room treated five motor vehicle accident victims in the past 24 hours, three of whom were released following treatment.

Twenty-one-year-old Jim Cerda Torres of 324½ 29th St. was admitted to Cogdell this morning with lacerations and contusions to the face after the 1990 Chevrolet Corsica he was driving went out of control and struck a utility pole.

Police, firemen and emergency personnel rushed to the scene along the Lamesa Highway near El Paso Avenue following the accident, which occurred about 7:24 a.m. Emergency personnel said the roof of the Corsica had to be cut off so that Torres could be removed from the vehicle.

Firefighters were dispatched because leaking gasoline was suspected. There was no fire, however.

Monday afternoon, Cindy J. Arnette of 404 28th St. was admitted to Cogdell with a fractured pelvis following a two-car collision in

(see INJURED, page 8)

Clinton set to name foreign policy team

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President-elect Clinton has selected a national security-foreign policy team anchored by former Carter administration diplomat Warren Christopher as secretary of state and Wisconsin Rep. Les Aspin as defense secretary, transition and congressional sources said today.

Clinton scheduled an afternoon news conference to announce his team, and the sources said it would include Madeleine Albright, a former Carter administration national security aide, as ambassador to the United Nations, a post Clinton plans to elevate to Cabinet level.

Anthony Lake, another former Carter administration adviser, is Clinton's choice for national security adviser, the sources said.

Also, Clinton has selected James Woolsey, former under secretary of the Navy, to head the Central Intelligence Agency, the sources said. One or two additional appointments to deputy posts were likely as well, one of the sources said.

Ambassador to India Thomas Pickering, a Republican who previously served as U.N. ambassador, was interviewed by Clinton on Sunday. Pickering is a prospect for the State Department's No. 2 job.

Six cabinet posts remained empty Monday after Clinton named former South Carolina Gov. Dick Riley to head the Education Department and Minnesota utility executive Hazel O'Leary as secretary of the Energy Department.

County oks bids to renovate annex

County commissioners accepted a bid Monday afternoon for material for structural changes at the county coliseum annex building.

Only two bids were received for materials, which will be used to widen the distance between support poles in the annex building, allowing more room for a wider variety of events. Both of the bids were lower than the almost $20,000 estimated cost presented to the court at a Dec. 7 meeting.

Commissioners voted to purchase the materials from General Steel Warehouse of Lubbock at a total cost of $11,096. The court also received a bid of $12,216 from Great Plains Steel, Inc.

The structural changes will include moving six pairs of support poles farther apart to provide over 20 feet of additional arena width, which would provide space for events such as rodeos and cutting horse competitions.

Coliseum director Jay Wesson told commissioners at that meeting that the annex building is limited to stock shows and sales due to a limited amount of arena space.

Western Texas College rodeo coach Bob Doty told the court that if there were more room in the building, AJRA events and rodeo clinics could be held at the annex. Billie Franks, president of the West Texas Barrel Racing Association, said that the changes in the annex would be a plus for her association, as barrel racing events could be held in Snyder as well.

The materials are to be delivered by Dec. 31, with construction on the project to begin shortly after the first of the year.

Monday afternoon's action followed a morning session in which Wesson was named coliseum director.

Present at Monday's meeting were County Judge Bob Doolittle and commissioners Jerry Morgan, Jerry Gannaway and C.D. Gray Jr. Roy Idom was absent.



SOPHOMORE OFFICERS — Snyder High School sophomore class officers for 1992-93 are, left to right, Sarah Johnson, treasurer; Tracie Morris, secretary; Jason Miller, vice-president; and Bobby Griffith, president. (SDN Staff Photo)

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Deception is paying cash for Christmas gifts after using a credit card for an advance."

If you've gotten a fruitcake this year, chances are it was somebody's gift last year. We are told, however, there are actually people to eat them, but we've never seen it — even in an employee break room..

We ran across a list of uses for the fruitcake which may be helpful in the coming year:

--Use it as a doorstop.
--Cut it in half and use as bookends.
--Replace tire on golf cart.
--Throw in ocean and soak up oil spills.
--Give to neighborhood kids for puck in game of stickball.
--Use as yard ornament.
--Put in trunk of car for extra traction.
--Spray paint gold and use as wall hanging.
--Leave in insect-infested room to use as flypaper.
--Use as tire chock when parked on incline.
--Wrap it in colorful paper and leave it in a public place.
--Cut it in slices and leave it near coffee pot for unsuspecting co-workers.
--Use as shim for short leg on table.
--Use it to replace broken bricks in patio.
--Use it as boat anchor.
--Use to hold tarp down.
--Give it to brother-in-law next year.

One guy observed that times are so tough that Santa Clauses are not saying "ho ho ho" any more. They've cut it down to a single "ho."

In addition, the real Santa Clause is down to only six reindeer and the Twelve Days of Christmas are being cut in half.

We're gonna take shortcuts at our house this Christmas. To speed up eating, ole what's-her-name has suggested that everybody bring their own can opener.

ACLU protest halts Nativity postmark

NAZARETH, Texas (AP) — Thousands of Christmas cards were postmarked with a special nativity scene before the mailings were halted because of an American Civil Liberties Union protest, the postmaster of this predominantly Catholic community says.

Most of the cards were sent to the Nazareth post office by collectors and by people who wanted their Christmas cards to be mailed with a Nazareth postmark, town postmistress Stephanne Dobmeier said.

The post office last offered the special postmark in 1990 when more than 5,000 postmark requests were received.

"We probably ended up with as many this year," Ms. Dobmeier said Monday night.

But the ACLU complained after seeing a story and picture distributed nationally last week by The Associated Press on the Nazareth postmark.

Joe Cook, ACLU director for the northern region of Texas, called the postmark a promotion of the Christian religion in clear violation of constitutional protection of the separation of church and state.

Cook said it was indefensible for postal officials to have allowed the postmark to be used. He said he complained Friday to Don Frisbee, supervising postmaster in Lubbock, requesting "an immediate end to the ... clear violation of the law."

"To his credit, Mr. Frisbee ... did act promptly, within 30 minutes of my notice, to order the Nazareth personnel to cease and desist use of the Christian postmark," Cook said.

The postmark, drawn by a local woman, shows a nativity scene: Mary and her husband, Joseph, adoring the infant Jesus. Two doves encircle the figures with a ribbon that proclaims "Love" and "Peace."

The postmark's bottom is dated Dec. 15, 1992, with Nazareth's name and zip code.

Ms. Dobmeier said the postmark was used in 1990 and again this year only after postal officials in Washington gave their approval.

Ms. Dobmeier declined to comment Friday night about Frisbee's order or about the ACLU's intervention. She deferred comment to her direct supervisor, Don Jones, in Lubbock or Frisbee.

The Associated Press was unable to reach Frisbee or Jones Friday night by telephone for comment.

The link from Jesus' hometown to the farming community about 60 miles southwest of Amarillo reaches back to its colonization by a German priest. A history of Holy Family Catholic Church says the Rev. Joseph Reisdorff in 1902 "wanted the parish to have a biblical name and be under the protection of the Holy Family."

Even though Jesus was born in Bethlehem, residents say, Nazareth's "Holy City" reputation shines this time of year.

People "seem to relate the town with the season," Ms. Dobmeier said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Man Mourning Pet Snake Is Not Ashamed of His Grief

DEAR ABBY: I had to write when I read the letter about David, the 9-year-old boy who was laughed at for crying when Prettyboy, his parakeet, died. People would say, "It was only a bird."

I'm a 24-year-old man. Two years ago I moved to California. In my fully packed car, I brought my mother and Poobo — my 4-foot boa constrictor. I had Poobo for 3 1/2 years.

A month after I arrived in San Francisco, I moved into a warehouse in Oakland. It was great, except it was very cold inside, and boa constrictors need at least 75-degree temperatures. Unfortunately, I couldn't come up with a way to keep Poobo warm until it was too late, and he died of pneumonia.

I found him dead during my lunch break from work. I cried so hard, I couldn't return to work that day. When I went back to my job, I was depressed and teary-eyed and people would say, "It was only a snake; how can you cry over a snake?"

Abby, I had had Poobo since he was a baby. I watched him grow. I could tell when he was hungry or in a bad mood. If I left him for too long, he would "pout" and refuse to come near me. He had feelings just like any other pet. To this day, I get a lump in my throat when I think of him. I've had snakes as pets all my life, but after losing Poobo, I don't think I'll get another one. Losing him was too hard on me.

So, David, cry all you want over Prettyboy. Real friends will understand what you are going through, and they will sympathize with you. All 9-year-olds cry, 29-year-olds cry, and 99-year-olds cry when they lose a beloved pet.

Abby, please put this in your column for David to see.

KELLY ARNAUDON,
PITTSBURG, CALIF.

DEAR KELLY: Here's your letter. I hope David finds comfort from it. No one should be ashamed to cry. Tears come naturally, and are healing.

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DEAR ABBY: This is for "X-Ray 'Tech'" who wrote to say that numerous women, while having a mammogram, will say to the technician, "My, what a disgusting job you have!"

For my 35th birthday, as a gift to myself, I took your advice and got my first mammogram. When I walked through the door at Sky Park Mammography Center in Torrance, Calif., the receptionist congratulated me for taking good care of myself.

In the X-ray room, your column was posted on the bulletin board. It said: "The temporary discomfort of a mammogram is a small price to pay for possibly saving your life."

The technician was obviously very well-trained. She put me at ease, explained the procedure, answered all my questions and made me feel very comfortable. A "disgusting" job? Hardly!

Abby, there will always be people who can't find anything positive to say about anything.

Please pass along my heartfelt thanks to those dedicated, hard-working technicians.

KATHY HUNNICUT,
REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR KATHY: I'm printing your letter. All mammogram technicians deserve the boost.

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DEAR READERS: On Nov. 30, the address for the American Social Health Organization (for sexually transmitted diseases) was incorrect. The correct address is: The American Social Health Association (ASHA), P.O. Box 13827-H, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709. Please include a self-addressed, stamped (52 cents) envelope.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO EDWARD JAY PHILLIPS IN MINNEAPOLIS: Happy birthday, son. Love —

MOM

* * *

For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Governor keeps talking to prospects

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards continues interviewing possible U.S. Senate appointees, with aides saying a decision could come this week.

Texas Republicans, meanwhile, charged that Richards would be "running away" from the state's problems if she takes the post herself.

Richards' press secretary, Bill Cryer, said Monday that the governor was talking with several people about the vacancy created by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen's selection as the next U.S. Treasury secretary.

"I don't know what her time schedule is" to name a replacement, Cryer said. "I think — and this is an informed guess — it will be either Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday. If that deadline passes, then it'll probably be after the holidays."

Richards will name an interim successor to serve until a special election, probably in May, chooses a senator to finish out the term that expires in 1994.

Cryer said the governor was keeping her own counsel on the choice.

"By and large, she's talking with people who've asked to see her," he said. "She's keeping this very close to herself."

Bentsen was a top Democratic vote-getter, and Democrats are anxious to keep control of the seat. The state's other senator is a Republican, Phil Gramm.

But two leading Democrats, state Comptroller John Sharp and former San Antonio mayor Henry Cisneros, dropped out of the running. Cisneros is to head the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Sharp is staying put.

Richards says pressure is mounting for her to name herself to the Senate, but she insists she doesn't want the job. Attorney General Dan Morales, occasionally mentioned for the Senate himself, last week called on Democrats to start a "Draft Ann" movement.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Drug reactions aren't allergies

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm allergic to all types of sinus, pain and antibiotic medication. My doctor recommended an allergist who, in turn, told me there are no tests for allergic reactions to medications. My main fear is entering a hospital in an emergency situation and being given antibiotics that will have an adverse reaction.

DEAR READER: Allergies to many medications should not be confused with (non-allergic) reactions to them. You may be merely sensitive to certain drugs, not allergic.

Because there are no reliable tests to document your "allergies," I suggest that you make a list of the medications to which you adversely react and carry it with you. In the unlikely event that you require emergency antibiotics and are unable to participate in the decision about which one, the list could save your life.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been having severe mid-thigh bone pain for over a year. After enduring and undergoing a lot of tests, my orthopedic specialist diagnosed the problem as a possible stress fracture. He's now considering Paget's disease. What is this and how is it treated?

DEAR READER: Paget's disease of bone causes excessive bone turnover. Thus, patients have patchy areas of bone loss with surrounding areas of new bone formation. Unfortunately, this new bone is structurally weaker than normal, so patients with Paget's disease often suffer spontaneous (non-traumatic) fractures of weight-bearing bones.

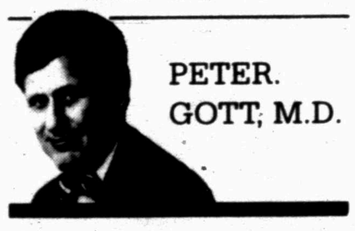
The diagnosis is established by the typical X-ray appearance ("moth-eaten" bones), in conjunction with an elevated level of the bone enzyme alkaline phosphatase. The diagnosis may be confirmed by biopsy or by a bone scan.

There are amazing new developments in the treatment of this disorder. Calcitonin, etidronate and other drugs show great promise in retarding the abnormal bone turnover; they cause the defective bone tissue to calcify, thereby restoring its normal strength. (This is one reason that these drugs are now being used to treat osteoporosis, a bone disease marked by loss of calcium.)

It sounds to me as though your orthopedic surgeon is on the right track. However, once the diagnosis of Paget's disease is established, I believe you should be under the care of an endocrinologist, because the treatment is medical, not surgical.

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ATHENEUM CHRISTMAS MEETING — Students from Dorothy Kayser's music classes at Northeast Elementary played several holiday selections for Atheneum Study Club at the home of Doris Spikes. From left are Raymond Gutierrez, Courtney Rinehart, Vanessa DePaz, Randi Reed and Kasey Nachlinger. (SDN Staff Photo)

Christmas was celebrated with music at club

Members and guests of the Atheneum Study Club met in the home of Doris Spikes for its December meeting.

Members of Vanessa Taylor's fifth grade class, and Dorothy Kayser's music students at Northeast Elementary entertained with holiday music. They were Raymond Gutierrez, Courtney Rinehart, Vanessa DePaz, Randi Reed and Kasey Nachlinger.

During the business session, members voted to donate money to the Noah Project and Toys for Tots.

Mmes. Kayser and Spikes were hostesses to club members, the entertainers and other guests, Ruby Lee Small of Loraine, Suzy Reed and Evalia DePaz.

The club will meet Jan. 12 for a program by Virginia Lowrance on China Painting.



CO-OP ANNOUNCES WINNERS — Creative Friends, an arts and crafts co-op, has been operating "Just 'til Christmas Store" since November. It will remain open until Dec. 24 from 10 to 6. Members of the co-op are from left, back row, Frances Daniel, Myrle Gafford, Angelea Carey; front row, Clorette Faulkenberry, Margaret Watkins and Peggy English. Guests who register at 11:30 a.m. each day are eligible to win a grab bag. Winners have been Janna Davis, Irene Masters, Carolyn Cox, Phyllis Tucker, Toni Shields, Paula Fox, Terri Whitney, Carolyn Hamby, Janet Pair and Melissa Lee. (Contributed Photo)

Polly's Pointers By Polly Fisher

A Merry Christmas to you and yours

DEAR READERS — Merry Christmas! My present to you is a few ideas for having fun today — without worrying about spots, stains and problems! After the presents have lost their novelty, gather the family and try some of these old-fashioned activities.

Take a tip from our English neighbors and play participation games such as charades or blind man's bluff. It's a chance for everyone to relax and be silly for a while, young and old together.

Cook up a simple but special treat as a family activity. The whole family can make popcorn balls, stir fudge, or mix together the ingredients for granola — and everyone enjoys munching on the results. If you're going to Grandma's for dinner, take along a package of your homemade treat.

Add to the family store of Christmas decorations by turning holiday cards into tree ornaments. This is a great project for keeping little ones happy while you're preparing dinner or just relaxing. Give them cookie cutters to use as patterns and show them how to draw around the cutter on the Christmas card, then cut out the shape with safety scissors. Punch a hole in the top and loop a ribbon through to make a simple but pretty tree bauble.

If you have some peanut butter and popcorn handy, the kids can make bird feeders to hang on the Christmas tree when you take it out of the house and leave it for a temporary bird sanctuary in your yard. Stuff pine cones, paper cups, the cups from paper egg cartons or other containers with a mixture of peanut butter and popcorn and attach a string or ribbon. You can add bird seed if you have it. Stash these in the refrigerator until you take down your Christmas tree, then put the tree in a corner of the yard and decorate it with the little feeders.

Gather around the piano, electronic keyboard, guitar or record player and sing along to holiday carols.

However you spend your holiday, may it be peaceful and loving! — POLLY

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CHRISTMAS DINNER — Gayle Wittie, Francene Noah, Melinda Owens, Joann Snider and Susan Hughes, (from left) attended the University Women's recent dinner meeting. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

Beta Delta Phi; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Recipe Box

When it comes to chili powder, award-winning cook Bob Griffith of Garden Grove, Calif., doesn't hold back! He uses 1/2 cup in his recipe for Buns Burger Chili, which won the American Spice Trade Association's 15th annual Golden Chili Pepper Award at the World Chili Cookoff in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Griffith's recipe can be served over pasta or rice, tucked in baked potatoes or crusty rolls, or used as a topper for burgers, hot dogs, or pizza.

BUNS BURNER CHILI

1-3rd cup instant minced onion
1 tsp. instant minced garlic
21/2 pounds coarsely chopped ground chuck or sirloin
1/2 pound country pork sausage
1/2 cup chili powder
141/2-ounce can ready-to-serve chicken broth
8-ounce can tomato sauce
2 tablespoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon oregano leaves
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground coriander
¼ tsp. ground white pepper
⅛ to ¼ tsp ground red pepper
1 bay leaf

In a cup, combine onion, garlic and 1/2 cup water; set aside until softened, about 10 minutes. In a large nonstick spray skillet, cook ground chuck and pork sausage until brown, stirring frequently, about 5 minutes; drain off fat. Add chili powder and onion-garlic mixture. Cook, stirring occasionally, until meat is coated, about 1 minute. Stir in chicken broth, tomato sauce, cumin, oregano, salt, coriander, white pepper, red pepper and bay leaf. Simmer, covered, until flavors are well blended, about 1 hour. Remove bay leaf before serving. Makes 4 servings.

Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-22-92
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♥ 9 8 7 2
♦ J 6 3 2
♣ Q 5

WEST
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♥ J
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EAST
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♦ 9 8
♣ K 10 2

SOUTH
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♥ K 3
♦ A K Q
♣ 8 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

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3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

Keeping matters under cover

By Phillip Alder

Thomas Pickering once said: "In archaeology you uncover the unknown. In diplomacy you cover the known." He might have gone on to add that, as a declarer in bridge, you cover the unknown. It is important not to make it easy for the defenders to read your hand.

Today's deal is a good example. Against your contract of four spades, West leads the heart jack. How should you plan the play?

East opened with a classic weak two-bid in hearts. South's sequence, a take-out double followed by three spades, showed a hand too strong to overcall with two or three spades. Even so, he was cautious in not jumping to four spades.

West led the heart jack: two, ace, three. Knowing his partner had led a singleton, East returned the heart four, his lowest card being a suit-preference signal for clubs. West ruffed South's heart king, cashed the club ace and led a second club to his partner's king: one down.

Now suppose South drops the heart king under East's ace at trick one. What conclusion will East draw? Probably that it is South, not West, who has the singleton. Looking at the club queen in the dummy, East is unlikely to lead that suit. He is almost certain to switch to the diamond nine.

That is all the help South needs. He wins with the diamond ace, draws two rounds of trumps, unblocks the K-Q of diamonds, crosses to dummy with a spade and discards a loser on the diamond jack.

Always play the card you are known to hold. It keeps the unknown card(s) unknown.

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University Women met at the Martha Ann Woman's Club for its regular meeting and later met for its Christmas program.

Sue Travis, from Travis Flowers, presented a "hands on" program by demonstrating bow making, using various types and sizes of holiday-style ribbons. Joann Snider was hostess.

At the organization's Christmas meeting, members exchanged gifts and were entertained by the WTC Bell Choir which was directed by Jerald Garner, music director at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

UW will meet again on Jan. 8 with Freda Shepard as hostess.

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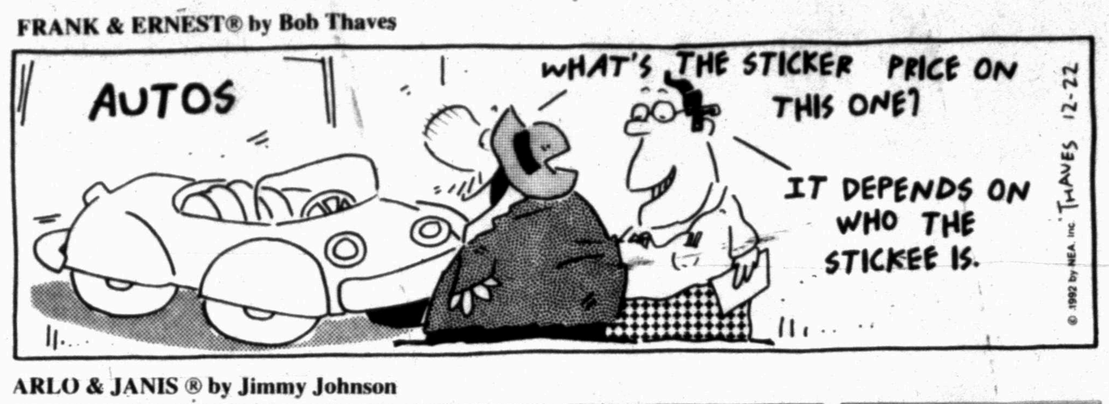
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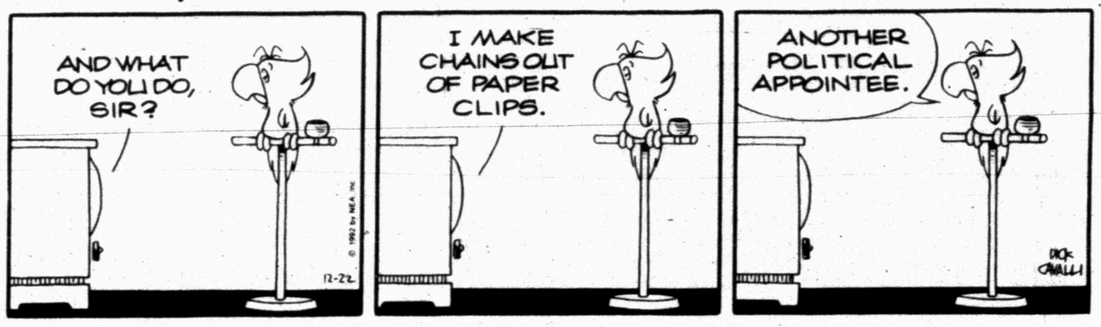
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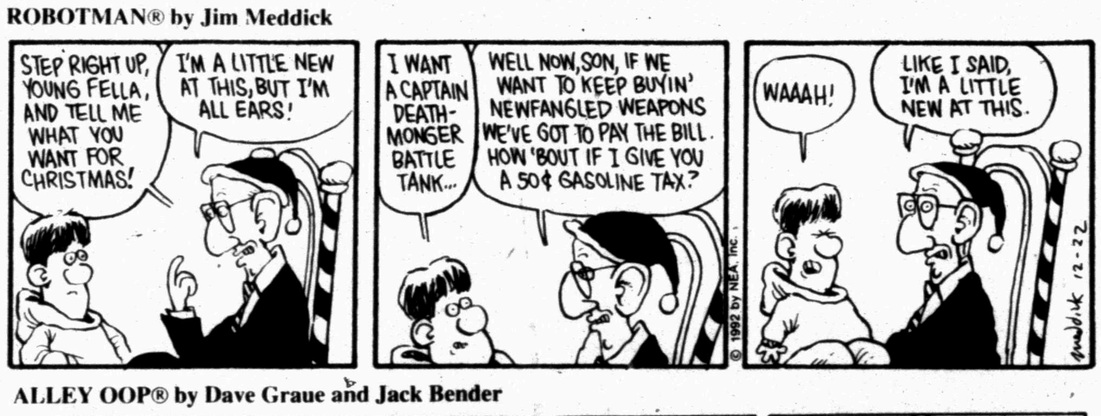
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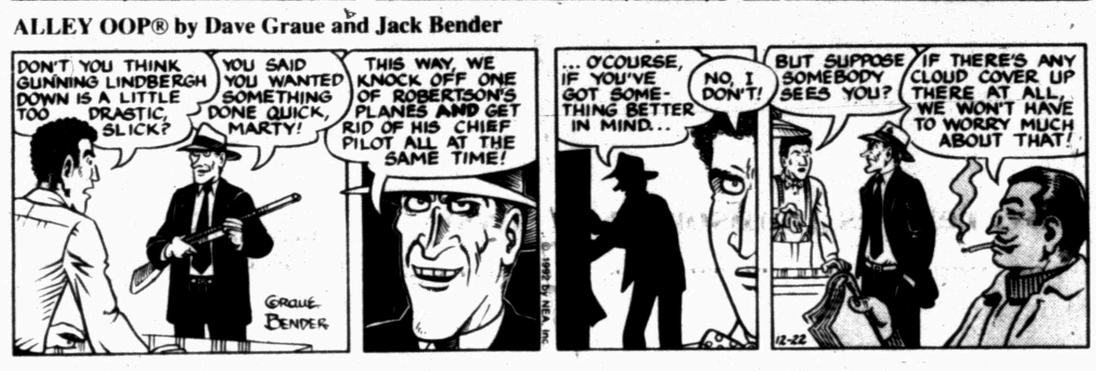
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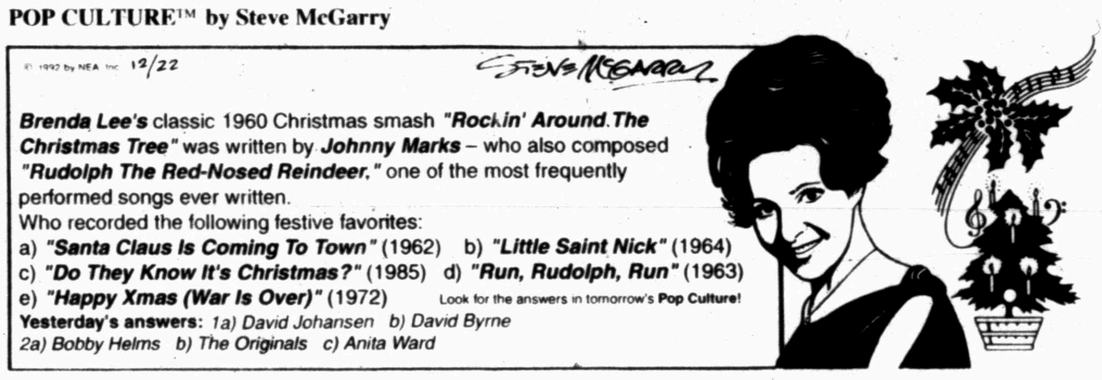
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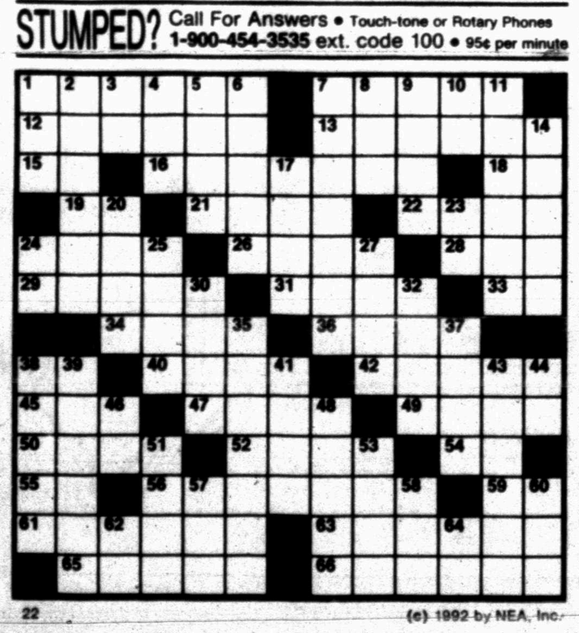
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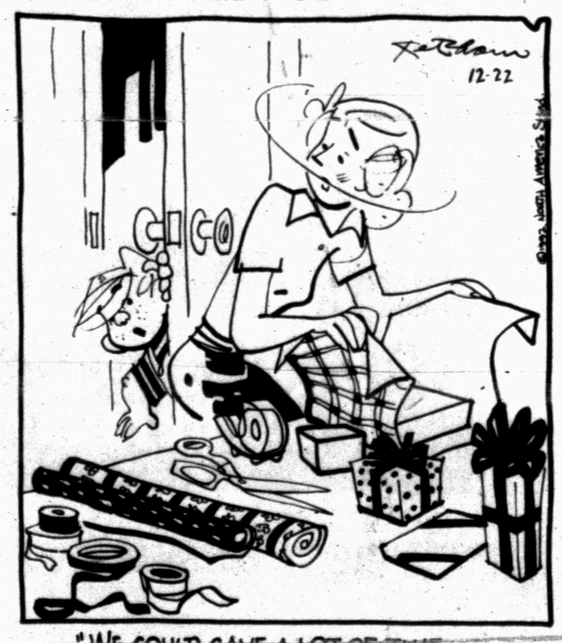
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Ted Sitton added to ACU staff

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Abilene Christian has named longtime former Wildcat coach Ted Sitton as offensive coordinator for new head football coach Bob Strader.

Sitton previously served 20 years on the coaching staff, including six years as head coach from the 1979 season through the 1984 season, with a record of 32-28-1.

Sitton was a member of the ACU staff from 1967 through the 1986 season and has been director of the university's quality control and safety program since 1987.

The appointment is effective Jan. 1.

Saints Hebert receives death threat

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans quarterback Bobby Hebert received a telephoned death threat after the Saints' 20-16 loss to Buffalo on Sunday. He was escorted off the field and later to his car by armed guard and police officers.

Montana to play against Detroit

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Joe Montana will return from a nearly two-year absence with an elbow injury when the San Francisco 49ers finish the regular season against Detroit on Monday night. San Francisco coach George Seifert said Montana will play in relief of starter Steve Young.

Sierra re-signs with Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Free agent outfielder Ruben Sierra re-signed with the Oakland Athletics, agreeing to a five-year contract for about $30 million.

Sierra, 27, was acquired by Oakland on Aug. 31 along with pitchers Jeff Russell and Bobby Witt in a trade that sent Jose Canseco to Texas. He hit .278 with 17 homers and 87 RBIs overall last season.

No. 9 is jinxed spot in AP poll

A few words of caution to teams gunning for the Top 10: Avoid No. 9

Since the regular season began, no ninth-ranked team has won a game. The quirk continued Monday night as No. 9 Oklahoma lost to Brigham Young in the opening round of the Maui Invitational tournament in Hawaii.

Arizona was ranked ninth during the week of Dec. 6-12, and lost to then-unranked Arkansas. Louisville was No. 9 the next week, and lost to Vanderbilt and Kentucky. Oklahoma was ranked ninth last week, but did not play.

Florida State fits in as an asterisk. The Seminoles were ranked ninth in the preseason poll, but won twice in the Preseason NIT tournament.

The Sooners (5-1) were done in Monday when BYU's Kevin Nixon rebounded a missed 3-pointer, and hit a fallaway from the foul line with less than a second to play for a 76-75 victory.

NBC rehires Johnson as analyst

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NBC-TV has rehired Magic Johnson as an NBA commentator, the Los Angeles Times reported today. Johnson will serve as an analyst on nine of NBC's regular-season telecasts plus the All-Star game on Feb. 21 and the playoffs.

Lubick takes Colorado State job

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Miami defensive coordinator Sonny Lubick was named coach at Colorado State, succeeding Earle Bruce, who was fired amid controversy last month. Lubick, 55, signed a five-year contract that will pay him a base salary of $100,000 annually.

Bowe to defend title against Dokes

NEW YORK (AP) — Madison Sqauare Garden will be the site of Riddick Bowe's first defense of his heavyweight title against Michael Dokes on Feb. 6. Bowe, 32-0 with 27 knockouts, won the title by outpointing Evander Holyfield on Nov. 13. Dokes is 50-3-2 with 33 knockouts.

Clayton released from hospital

MIAMI (AP) — Miami Dolphins receiver Mark Clayton was released from a hospital after receiving favorable test results regarding his bruised lung sustained in Miami's 19-17 victory over the New York Jets on Sunday night.

Munoz announces his retirement

CINCINNATI (AP) — Anthony Munoz, the Cincinnati Bengals' 11-time Pro Bowl offensive tackle, will retire after Sunday's game against Indianapolis. Munoz, 34, has been hampered by injuries the past three years and has been on the disabled list twice this season with shoulder and knee injuries.

Green finishes drug suspension

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Tight end Eric Green returned to the Pittsburgh Steelers after a six-game suspension for violating the NFL's drug policy. Green had 14 receptions for 152 yards and two touchdowns in five games before the suspension.

Boston inks pact with Rockies

DENVER (AP) — Free agent outfielder Daryl Boston signed a one-year contract with the Colorado Rockies for $550,000. Boston, 29, hit .249 with 11 home runs and 35 RBIs for the New York Mets last season.

Ewing named player of the week

NEW YORK (AP) — New York center Patrick Ewing, who averaged 23 points and 12.3 rebounds in four victories last week, was named NBA player of the week.

Hancock Bowl may jump coalition

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The John Hancock Bowl is undecided whether it will return to the College Football Bowl Coalition because of the coalition's limited options, officials said.

Tom Starr, a Hancock Bowl spokesman, said Monday the New Year's Eve bowl game in El Paso is happy with this year's matchup of Baylor (6-5) and Arizona (6-4-1). But he said Hancock officials were severely limited in their choices.

"Had we been working in the old system, I think our selection process would have taken a different scope," Starr said in a telephone interview.

Burn Atlanta, 41-17...

Cowboys claim NFC East title

ATLANTA (AP) — Coach Jimmy Johnson of the Dallas Cowboys decided before the game that he didn't want his linebackers chasing Atlanta's fleet wide receivers all over the Georgia Dome.

As things turned out, it was a good decision.

"We put a couple of extra defensive backs in there in the nickel package and played with six defensive backs most of the night," Johnson said. "They're going to be able to get a little better movement. They're a little more active than the linebackers.

"They can run with those wide receivers. A couple of times we were able to strip the ball just because of the speed we had on the defensive side."

The move helped the Cowboys come up with three fumble recoveries that led to scores as Dallas routed the Falcons 41-17 Monday night and won the NFC East championship — the 14th division crown, but first since 1985 for the Cowboys.

Safety Thomas Everett came up with the first recovery on Atlanta's first play from scrimmage, a 14-yard pass from Wade Wilson to Mike Pritchard. Ken Norton stripped the ball away, and Everett returned it 15 yards to the Atlanta 35 to set up a 47-yard field goal by Lin Elliott.

Atlanta was still in the game at halftime, trailing 20-10. Ironically, the time of possession for each team was absolutely equal to its score at the break.

Less than four minutes into the third quarter, the Cowboys had taken control, striking for two quick touchdowns in a span of 25 seconds for a 34-10 lead that shattered Atlanta's hopes of an upset.

With 13:18 left in the third, one of the extra defensive backs, Kenneth Gant, stripped the ball from Steve Broussard at the end of an 11-yard run. Larry Brown recovered on the Atlanta 48, and it took the Cowboys three plays and just over 3 minutes to score.

The Cowboys got there on runs of 8 and 17 yards by Emmitt Smith, and a 23-yard scoring pass from Troy Aikman to Alvin Harper.

Atlanta's two-sport star, Deion Sanders, fumbled the ensuing kickoff, and Everett was there again, recovering on the Falcons' 29. Smith bounced out of a stack at right tackle, headed for the sideline and went the distance on the Cowboys' first play.

A&M investigation continues

DALLAS (AP) — The president of Texas A&M University has pledged a diligent inquiry into reports that five varsity football players received money year-round for work at a Dallas housing project that they didn't perform.

The university has found no evidence yet that payments from a prominent booster were excessive or were for work that wasn't performed, university President William H. Mobley said Monday during a news conference.

Among the players is the Aggies' leading rusher, sophomore Greg Hill, an honorable mention Associated Press All-America running back. The other players on the housing project's payroll for purported maintenance work were wide receiver Percy Singleton, linebacker Jessie Cox, wide receiver Brian Mitchell and lineman Darius Smith.

Warren Gilbert, who arranged for the payments to the athletes, is one of the largest Dallas operators of HUD-subsidized housing for the poor. A football player at Texas A&M in 1946 and 1947, he also serves with A&M head football coach R.C. Slocum and athletic director John David Crow on the board of the A&M Letterman Association.

The Dallas Morning News, which reported the allegations in its Sunday editions, said money paid to the players was written off as maintenance fees for Dallas low-income housing projects.

"We have demonstrated our willingness and ability to aggressively pursue rumors of any possible infraction and to fully self-report and deal promptly and decisively with such situations when the facts warrant," Mobley said.

University auditors have gone through the books of Gilbert for four straight days because of allegations reported to the university last Wednesday by the Morning News.

"We are anxious to reach closure on the matter as soon as possible. This has become the No. 1 priority of my executive staff, and we are exploring every aspect of the story," Mobley said.

The records search will take time and information will not be released until the investigation is finished, Mobley said.

Although the review of Gilbert's books is complex, Mobley said he hopes the process can be completed before the Mobil Cotton Bowl game on New Year's Day. The classic matches unbeaten and untied A&M, ranked No. 4 nationally, against No. 5-ranked Notre Dame.

Gilbert has said he has provided jobs at his housing projects to about 100 high school and college students for maintenance work over the past five years, including 15 to 30 A&M football players.

In every instance, he said, the players earned the money during summers and school breaks, in accordance with Southwest Conference and NCAA regulations.

But if the newspaper's allegations are true it would be a violation of the NCAA's rules against extra benefits.

If proven, Texas A&M could be subjected to major sanctions. Possibilities include the NCAA's "death penalty," which can be assessed on a university's second major violation within five years.

Jordan leads Bulls to win over Miami

CHICAGO (AP) — One word describes Michael Jordan when he misses all 10 of his shots in the first three quarters and the Chicago Bulls trail by 15 points.

Dangerous.

Jordan, held to three free throws for three periods, scored 15 points on 6-for-9 shooting in the fourth quarter as the Bulls outscored Miami 30-11 in the final 12 minutes and beat the Heat 86-82 on Monday night.

"I have to say that I will take the blame for the first three quarters, the way I was shooting," said Jordan, whose 18 points was far below his NBA-leading 31.7 average. "But it was a good team effort and I have to thank my team for their support. We're in a struggling period right now. We might not be playing to expectations right at the moment."

Miami led 71-56 entering the fourth quarter thanks to Jordan's miserable shooting.

In Monday night's only other games, Cleveland edged Washington 111-107 in overtime and Philadelphia defeated Indiana 113-101.

Scottie Pippen, who led the Bulls with 22 points, broke the tie with two free throws with 42 seconds left.

Mark Price scored seven of his 31 points and backcourt partner Craig Ehlo nine of his 16 in overtime as Cleveland had 21 points on 7-for-7 field-goal shooting in overtime against Washington, extending its winning streak to six.

Rex Chapman scored 37 points, including 11 in overtime, but it wasn't enough to prevent the Bullets from losing.

76ers 113, Pacers 101

Ron Anderson scored 17 of his season-high 25 points in the fourth quarter as Philadelphia beat Indiana for its third victory in 13 home games.

Detlef Schrempf had 23 points and 17 rebounds for the Pacers.

Cavaliers 111, Bullets 107, OT

NBA glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	16	7	.696	—
Orlando	11	9	.550	3½
New Jersey	13	11	.542	3½
Boston	10	13	.435	6
Philadelphia	7	15	.318	8½
Washington	7	17	.292	9½
Miami	6	16	.273	9½
Central Division				
Chicago	16	7	.696	—
Cleveland	14	11	.560	3
Indiana	13	11	.542	3½
Detroit	11	10	.524	4
Charlotte	12	11	.522	4
Atlanta	11	12	.478	5
Milwaukee	10	13	.435	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	14	7	.667	—
Houston	13	7	.650	½
San Antonio	10	11	.476	4
Denver	7	14	.333	7
Minnesota	5	15	.250	8½
Dallas	2	17	.105	11
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	16	4	.800	—
Portland	15	7	.682	2
Seattle	15	7	.682	2
LA Lakers	14	8	.636	3
LA Clippers	13	10	.565	4½
Golden State	11	12	.478	6½
Sacramento	6	16	.273	11

Monday's Games
Philadelphia 113, Indiana 101
Cleveland 111, Washington 107, OT
Chicago 86, Miami 82

Tuesday's Games
Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

NFL glance

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Buffalo	11	4	0	.733	378	256
y-Miami	10	5	0	.667	324	268
Indianapolis	8	7	0	.533	195	285
N.Y. Jets	4	11	0	.267	220	295
New England	2	13	0	.133	192	347
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	10	5	0	.667	276	212
y-Houston	9	6	0	.600	325	255
Cleveland	7	8	0	.467	259	252
Cincinnati	5	10	0	.333	257	343
West						
y-San Diego	10	5	0	.667	304	227
Kansas City	9	6	0	.600	306	262
Denver	8	7	0	.533	242	287
LA Raiders	6	9	0	.400	228	261
Seattle	2	13	0	.133	126	281

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Dallas	12	3	0	.800	382	229
y-Philadelphia	10	5	0	.667	334	235
Washington	9	6	0	.600	280	234
N.Y. Giants	6	9	0	.400	296	347
Phoenix	4	11	0	.267	240	325
Central						
x-Minnesota	10	5	0	.667	347	242
Green Bay	9	6	0	.600	269	269
Chicago	5	10	0	.333	281	334
Detroit	5	10	0	.333	267	308
Tampa Bay	4	11	0	.267	260	362
West						
x-San Francisco	13	2	0	.867	407	230
y-New Orleans	11	4	0	.733	310	202
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	300	376
LA Rams	5	10	0	.333	275	356

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games
New York Giants 35, Kansas City 21
San Francisco 21, Tampa Bay 14

Sunday's Games
Buffalo 20, New Orleans 16
Houston 17, Cleveland 14
Green Bay 28, Los Angeles Rams 13
Minnesota 6, Pittsburgh 3
Cincinnati 20, New England 10
Indianapolis 16, Phoenix 13
Philadelphia 17, Washington 13
Detroit 16, Chicago 3
San Diego 36, Los Angeles Raiders 14
Denver 10, Seattle 6
Miami 19, New York Jets 17

Monday's Game
Dallas 41, Atlanta 17

Saturday, Dec. 26
New Orleans at New York Jets, 12:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Raiders at Washington, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
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For many people diversity means us

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The problem in promising to choose a Cabinet that looks like America is that so many people think that means them — or ought to.

That's behind the protests of activist women who obviously are irking President-elect Clinton, who says he is organizing the most diverse Cabinet and administration in history but isn't going to deal in quotas.

Ironically, the dispute flared Monday as he appointed the second woman, and third black, to the Cabinet lineup he hopes to complete before Christmas. Clinton said pointedly that he didn't get her name from the activists who had been complaining.

Clinton said he recruited Hazel O'Leary, a Minnesota utility executive, because he was convinced that there had to be women with the qualifications and experience to become secretary of energy.

AP news analysis

"I did not receive her name from a single women's group, or a single minority group," he said. But he did get a lot of very public advice, and chiding, from both, and he obviously didn't like it.

He said it was astonishing, amazing, that there were complaints from women's groups that seemed to diminish the significance of his choice of women to head the Environmental Protection Agency and the Council of Economic Advisers.

"They're playing quota games and math games," Clinton said. "They would have been counting those positions against our administration, those bean counters who are doing that, if I had appointed white men to those positions."

At the same time, representatives of six women's groups were meeting with transition chairman Vernon Jordan in Washington, to make their case for the appointment of more women. Patricia Ireland of the National Organization for Women said she expects more, including the first female attorney general.

There already had been a more direct, public complaint from Eleanor Smeal, president of the Fund for a Feminist Majority. She wrote Clinton on Friday that "to make a real change from the past" there should be no fewer than six women among the 14 Cabinet members.

She later said that wasn't a quota, although she also noted that women make up 44 percent of the work force. Ireland said women are 53 percent of the population and should have a commensurate role in the new administration as a whole.

"There are more than numbers at stake here," Clinton said. "This counting of the Cabinet issue has been amazing to me, the way they do it."

He said the roles, influence and impact of women, Hispanics, African Americans and other minorities are a vital concern, whatever their numbers. Clinton said the female and minority officials in his government will be far more powerful than in any before.

"I think that we'll have the most diverse Cabinet that has ever served America, which is the only thing I ever said," he said.

In the final presidential campaign debate, Clinton said he had appointed more minorities to high office in Arkansas than all the governors before him, and would continue that course as president.

"I think I owe the American people a White House staff, a Cabinet and appointments that look like America, but that meet high standards of excellence, and that's what I'll do," he pledged.

Campaign promises about Cabinet choices have haunted candidates and sometimes presidents before. Richard Nixon's vice presidential nominee in 1960, Henry Cabot Lodge, said during that campaign that if the Republican ticket won, there would be a black Cabinet member. Nixon tempered that by saying his choices would be based on qualifications, not race. Since he lost, it was moot. The first black Cabinet member, Robert Weaver at Housing and Urban Development, was appointed by Lyndon B. Johnson in 1965.

When he ran and won in 1968, Nixon said he would have Democrats in his Cabinet, but couldn't recruit the men he wanted.

In his 1976 campaign, Jimmy Carter said his Cabinet wouldn't be made up of insiders who had been "wandering through Washington's quiet corridors of power or strolling along the plush green fairways of privilege."

But he needed some seasoned Washington hands in the administration, and he got some criticism for it. Clinton has too.

But as Clinton said, he's the president, and he has to worry about getting the job done.

That, after all, is the test that counts.

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.



BANDSMEN OF THE MONTH — Snyder Junior High's bandsmen for the month of December are eighth grader; Jay Holley and seventh grader Windy Wood. (SDN Staff Photo)



OUTSTANDING BANDSMEN — LaTrish Lee, eighth grader, and Traci Eicke, seventh grader, (from left) were named November bandsmen of the month for Snyder Junior High. (SDN Staff Photo)

Program airs tonight...

NBC eyes Wal-Mart's Buy America policy

NEW YORK (AP) — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. vehemently denied allegations in an NBC report that its commitment to sell American products is phony.

The "Dateline NBC" report says that despite Wal-Mart's fervently patriotic image, the nation's No. 1 retailer imports increasingly vast quantities of merchandise, exploits sweatshop child labor in Bangladesh, has done business with a suspected garment smuggling operation in China and displays foreign-made clothes on racks that proclaim "Made in the USA."

Wal-Mart stock dropped $1.75 a share to $63.871/2 Monday on publicity about the report, which airs tonight.

Wal-Mart spokesman Don Shinkle said that imports account for only 5.8 percent of the chain's total marketed goods. He also pointed out that some of the NBC report was attributed to organized labor, which has fought Wal-Mart before over its non-union policies.

"Wal-Mart stands behind its Buy America program," Shinkle said from the company's Bentonville, Ark., headquarters. "We find it incredible that NBC and a coalition of labor unions would attack a program designed to do nothing more than create jobs in this country."

Wal-Mart is one of the biggest success stories of American business. Its founder, the late Sam Walton, parlayed a dimestore into the world's biggest discount chain. It has more than 1,700 outlets in 42 states.

Walton and his subordinates made the "Made in America" theme a cornerstone of Wal-Mart's success, with promises of products made by Americans, for Americans.

Wal-Mart touts American merchandise in commercials that speak of "Bringing It Home to the USA." Walton's own best-selling autobiography is titled "Made in America, My Story."

The "Dateline NBC" account says a two-month investigation revealed that Wal-Mart is one of the Asian textile industry's biggest customers.

As an example, it cites Wal-Mart imports of 288 million pounds of goods from Hong Kong and China last year, 8,000 times greater than its import volume before the Buy American program began in 1985.

Going undercover, an NBC crew also visited what it said was a Bangladesh sweatshop where children were making Wal-Mart clothes. In footage shot inside some Wal-Mart stores, the telecast shows racks full of clothes from Korea, China and other Asian countries under American flags and "Made in the USA" signs.

Chief Executive David Glass, Walton's successor, said in the telecast that the company has converted more than $6 billion worth of Wal-Mart merchandise to domestic manufacturing over the past seven years.

He also said that Wal-Mart is "comfortable with what we have done" in Bangladesh and that NBC's undercover pictures "mean nothing to me."

Police note two arrests

Snyder police arrested two people late Monday and early today and filed reports of theft, criminal mischief and assault.

Police arrested a 20-year-old man at 9:41 p.m. Monday in the 500 block of 37th Street for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

At 1:30 a.m. today, officers arrested a 25-year-old man in the 3600 block of Avenue I for disorderly conduct.

Police transported a 28-year-old man from Municipal Court to the county jail at 10:11 a.m. Monday to lay out fines for three city warrants.

Bennie Hellums contacted police at 10:04 a.m. Monday in reference to someone stealing his television. A report for Class B theft has been filed.

At 10:55 a.m., Diane Arnold notified police that someone had damaged some Christmas decorations at 4501 Galveston. A report for Class C criminal mischief was filed.

A man came to the police department at 3 p.m. Monday to file charges against another man for Class A assault. According to the report, the assault took place Sunday in the 3400 block of Avenue M.

In one other call to police, employees of McD's 66 reported a gas drive-off of $10.02 at 8:22 p.m. Monday.

Texas Southern studies ideas for new band

HOUSTON (AP) — A new band may be formed to replace Texas Southern University's Ocean of Soul band that was dissolved in the wake of scandal over shoplifting and non-student performers, a school spokesman says.

University officials will discuss a possible successor to the famed band next month, university spokesman Chuck Smith said Monday.

It's unknown when a new band will march again at TSU, whether it will carry on the same popular, energetic style or what it might be called.

"We will begin thinking about having a new band and exploring various facets that may lead to the organization of a new band," Smith said. "There will be no timetable."

"The Ocean of Soul has passed into oblivion," he said.

State Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, said he hopes the university retains the 23-year-old attention-grabbing name.

"The band has a really fine history that's associated with that name," he said.

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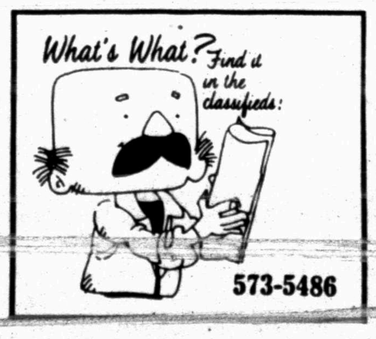
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NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	645/8	64	641/8	+3/8
Albtsn	531/4	525/8	525/8	-1/8
AlliedSignal	603/4	597/8	603/4	+1
ALLTEL Cp	49	487/8	49	
AmStores	451/2	451/4	451/2	-3/8
Amer T&T	501/2	501/4	501/4	+1/8
Ameritech	723/8	721/4	723/8	+1/4
Amoco	511/2	505/8	507/8	-1/4
AndarkPtr	281/8	273/4	273/4	-3/8
Arkla	81/2	83/8	83/8	-1/8
ArmcoInc	63/8	61/8	63/8	+1/8
AtlRichfld	1155/8	1143/4	1143/4	-1/2
BakerHugh	185/8	181/8	181/4	-3/8
BancTexas	13/4	15/8	13/4	+1/8
BellAtl	533/8	53	53	
BellSouth	53	527/8	53	+1/8
Beth. Steel	16	151/2	157/8	+3/8
Borden	291/2	291/8	293/8	+1/4
Caterpllr	543/4	543/8	541/2	
Centel	333/4	333/8	331/2	
CenSoWst s	291/8	283/4	29	+1/4
Chevron	701/8	691/2	691/2	-5/8
Chrysler	323/4	321/8	321/8	
Coastal	233/4	231/2	231/2	-1/8
CocaCola s	433/4	431/2	435/8	+1/8
ColgP	573/4	571/8	571/4	
ComlMetl	251/2	251/2	251/2	-1/4
CooperIn	48	473/8	475/8	-1/4
CyprusMn	291/2	29	29	-1/4
DallSemicn	131/2	131/2	131/2	-1/8
DeltaAirl	52	511/2	513/4	+7/8
DigitalEq	311/2	305/8	303/4	-3/8
Dillard s	495/8	49	491/8	-1/4
DowChem	583/8	573/4	577/8	-3/8
DresserInd	181/8	177/8	177/8	-1/8
DuPont	501/8	491/4	493/8	-1/2
EstKodak	41	403/4	403/4	-1/8
EljerInd	91/8	9	9	
Enserch	15	143/4	147/8	-1/8
Exxon	627/8	621/8	623/8	-1/2
FlowerInd	193/8	191/4	191/4	-1/8
FordMotor	415/8	403/4	411/2	+1/2
GTE Cp	34	333/4	333/4	-1/4
GaDynam	105	1043/4	1047/8	+1/4
GenElct	871/4	865/8	871/8	-3/8
GaMill	71	703/8	71	+5/8
GenMotors	331/8	327/8	33	-1/8
GenMotrE s	34	331/2	333/4	+1/4
GaPacif	621/2	613/4	617/8	
GlobalMar	23/8	21/4	23/8	+1/8
Goodrich	467/8	465/8	467/8	
Goodyear	651/2	645/8	645/8	+3/8
GtAtlPac	247/8	233/4	247/8	
Gulf StaUt	163/8	163/8	163/8	
Haliburtn	291/2	291/8	291/4	
Hanson	177/8	173/4	177/8	-1/4
HoustInd	461/4	46	461/8	+1/8
IBM	507/8	49	503/4	+17/8
IntlPaper	66	651/2	655/8	+1/4
JohnsnJns s	543/4	533/4	533/4	+3/8
K mart s	243/4	24	241/4	-1/2
Kroger	143/4	145/8	145/8	
vjLTV Cp	9-16	1/2	1/2	
Litton s	455/8	451/4	451/4	-1/4
vjLoneStar	25/8	25/8	25/8	
Lowes s	247/8	245/8	245/8	-1/4
Lubys	221/4	217/8	221/8	-1/8
Maxus	61/2	63/8	63/8	
MayDSt	693/4	693/8	693/8	
Medtronic	945/8	94	941/8	-5/8
Mobil	627/8	621/2	625/8	-1/4
Monsanto	567/8	561/2	567/8	+3/8
Motorola	1035/8	1031/8	1031/2	+1/4
Motorla wi	521/4	52	52	
Nationsbk	523/8	52	523/8	+3/8
Navistar	23/8	21/4	21/4	-1/8
Nynex	87	863/8	87	+5/8
OryxEngy	20	195/8	197/8	+1/4
PacTelesis	467/8	461/2	465/8	
PanhECp	167/8	161/2	167/8	+1/4
PenneyJC	755/8	751/4	751/2	—11/8
Pennzoil	517/8	513/4	513/4	-1/8
PepBoys	231/2	231/8	231/4	-1/4
PhelpD s	47	463/8	463/4	+1/4
PhilipPet	251/2	251/4	251/4	-1/8
PilgrmPrd	61/4	6	61/4	+1/4
Polaroid s	323/4	323/4	323/4	-1/8
Praxair n	167/8	161/2	165/8	+1/8
Primerica	491/4	483/4	487/8	+1/4
ProctGamb s	543/4	543/8	541/2	+1/4
PubS NwMx	121/4	121/8	121/8	
SFePacCp	133/8	131/4	133/8	+1/8
SaraLee s	32	313/8	315/8	-5/8
SearsRoeb	445/8	437/8	441/2	+13/8
SherwinW	313/4	311/4	313/8	
SmthBck s	403/4	403/8	401/2	+1/4
SmthBc eqt s	353/4	353/8	351/2	
Southern Co	381/2	381/8	381/2	+3/8
SwAirl s	293/4	291/4	295/8	+1/8
SwstBell	741/4	74	741/4	+1/4
Sprint	255/8	253/8	251/2	
SterlingChm	33/4	31/2	35/8	
SunCo	281/4	281/8	281/4	-1/8
TNP Ent	187/8	181/2	185/8	-1/8
Tandy	301/2	301/8	301/2	+3/8
TemplInl	521/8	52	52	-1/4
Tenneco	39	385/8	39	+1/4
Texaco	595/8	591/4	593/8	-1/4
TexasInd	21	21	21	+1/4
TexasInst	461/4	46	46	-1/4
Tex Util	427/8	425/8	427/8	+1/4
Textron	43	425/8	425/8	-1/4
Tyler	41/2	41/2	41/2	-1/8
US West	393/8	39	391/4	+1/4
USX-Marathn	175/8	171/2	175/8	
USX-USS	325/8	313/4	325/8	+5/8
UnCarbde	171/8	163/4	17	+1/4
UnPac	595/8	587/8	593/8	+1/8
UnitTech	473/4	471/2	475/8	
Unocal	251/8	247/8	25	-1/8
WalMart	633/4	631/4	633/8	-1/2
WstnGasRs	25	233/4	233/4	—11/4
WestghEl	133/8	13	131/4	+1/4
WinnDixie	78	771/2	773/4	+1/4
Woolwth	32	313/4	313/4	-1/8
Xerox Cp	787/8	781/4	787/8	+3/8
ZenithE	61/8	6	6	

Sight begins when even a single particle of light energy from a distant star enters the eye and splashes down on one of a thousand raftlike cellular disks stacked in a rod photo-receptor in the retina, says National Geographic.

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Mauro files for bankruptcy; now faces $3.4 million debt

AUSTIN (AP) — General Land Commissioner Garry Mauro says he will not abandon his career in public life even though he has been forced into personal bankruptcy, a move that leaves about $3.3 million of debt to taxpayers.

"I spent 20 years trying to affect public policy and 10 of those running for public office and I expect to run again," Mauro said.

Mauro filed for bankruptcy Monday, a move caused by his involvement in bad business dealings during the 1980s, he said.

Because all but about $100,000 of Mauro's debt is held by financial institutions taken over by the federal government, taxpayers probably will be left picking up some of the tab, said Gray Jolink, Mauro's attorney.

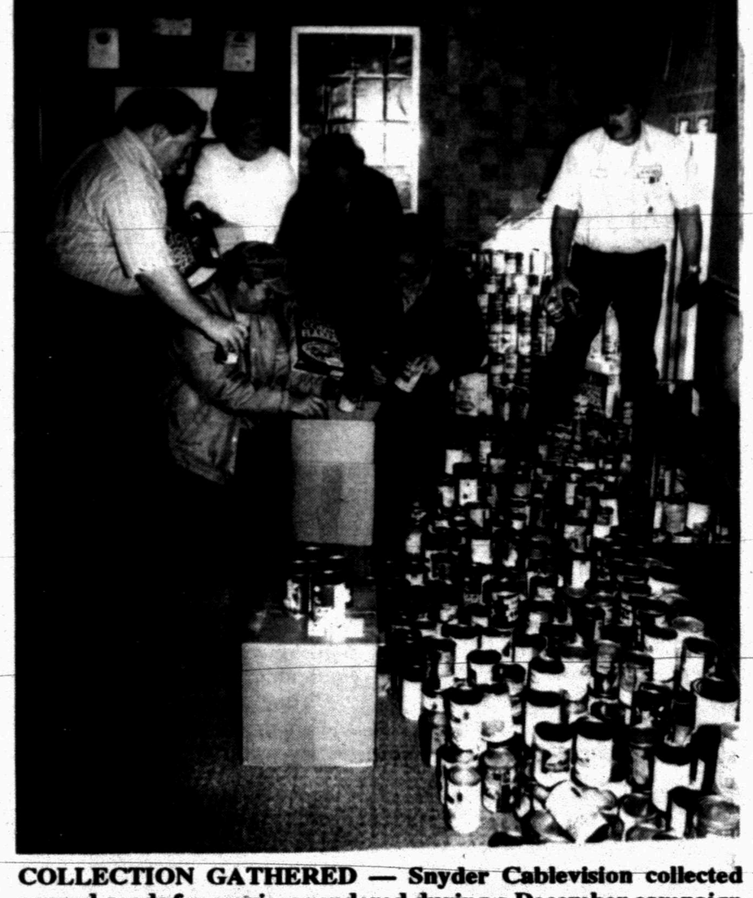
"It's a step that I detest," Mauro said. "I was raised to honor my obligations and pay my debts. For four years, I've pursued every avenue at my disposal to do just that. I've expended all my cash — more than $300,000 — and liquidated all my assets. I don't have anything left except my home, my car and my family. I've gone as far as I can go."

Mauro said the problems grew out of his decision to create a blind trust in 1984. That step was aimed at ending questions about possible conflicts of interest.

The trust, managed by his cousin Don, handled all Mauro's investments, most of which were in real estate ventures such as strip shopping malls, office buildings and apartment complexes. Most of the investments were limited joint ventures with other partners.

"When I started out things were going well, I thought I was smart. A couple of years later, I figured I was lucky. I found that I was neither smart nor lucky," he said.

"I learned that in business, well, business isn't something you dabble in, that having your affairs in a blind trust is not the best way to go. I learned business success depends on being able to devote all your time and energy to it," Mauro said. "I take full responsibility."



COLLECTION GATHERED — Snyder Cablevision collected canned goods for services rendered during a December campaign to benefit Goodfellows. Kneeling from left are, Russell Fisk and Speedy Prince, Goodfellows volunteers. Standing are Larson Lloyd, general manager; Joyce Buchanan, office manager; Steve Bell, Goodfellow volunteer; and Kyle Shankles, Cablevision employee. (SDN Staff Photo)

'Mystery winners' claim $7.9 million lottery prize

AUSTIN (AP) — While the rest of the state waited and wondered, Peter Luong was well aware he had become very rich.

He just wanted to tell his family and friends first.

Luong on Monday claimed $7.9 million, half of the $15.8 million Texas Lotto jackpot from Dec. 16.

He claimed it on behalf of himself and a group of eight friends and relatives who pitched in with him to purchase lottery tickets.

A Kerrville couple, who also picked the six winning numbers, claimed the other share of the jackpot last week, worth an identical $7.9 million.

Luong, a Houston businessman, had been dubbed the "mystery winner" by lottery officials because it took five days for him to claim the prize.

He said he watched the drawing and knew he won right away, but waited to come forward until everyone who had helped buy tickets had been notified.

"I felt very excited, and I couldn't believe it happened because the chance was so small," said Luong, who added that he wants to keep publicity about the winnings to a minimum.

"Our mystery winners finally came to town, just in time to go home with a sleigh full of cash," Texas Comptroller John Sharp said.

Luong said each member of his group contributed up to $10 each per drawing to buy lotto tickets, with each member picking some of the numbers.

The winning numbers in the Dec. 16 drawing were 14, 23, 24, 31, 38 and 42.

Luong accepted his first payment of $395,658 on Monday and said it would go towards a new house. He will receive a payment of $394,000 every Dec. 15 through the year 2011, and lottery spokesman Steve Levine said Luong plans to share each installment with the other members of his group.

Luong's winning ticket was purchased in Houston at Diamond Shamrock No. 265, which will receive a 1 percent jackpot bonus of $78,816.

Meanwhile, the search continued Monday for the winner of the Texas Lotto's $2 million jackpot drawing on Saturday. Blair's Supermarket on Highway 79 north of Franklin sold that winning ticket with the numbers 9, 15, 21, 23, 33 and 37.

Report: Prison internal affairs chief will step down in January

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The chief of the state prison system's internal affairs department, who has drawn the ire of Gov. Ann Richards over questionable state investigations, reportedly will step down from that post next month.

James Gant, 53, will assume the duties of assistant warden of the Ellis I Unit near Huntsville on Jan. 4. The change comes a little more than a month after Richards reportedly demanded his resignation.

The move is part of an employee shuffle announced Monday by Prison Director James A. "Andy" Collins, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Gant, who formally holds the title of assistant director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for internal affairs, stumbled into controversy earlier this year when his department investigated a gubernatorial appointee. His office also was reported to have investigated Richards.

Gant will succeed Assistant Ellis Warden Richard Belanger, who will assume "overall responsibility for the inmate transportation system at the Wynne Unit," Collins said in a statement.

TDCJ Executive Director James Lynaugh said he will announce an interim replacement for Gant on Jan. 4. A permanent replacement must be approved by the prison board.

State Rep. Allen Hightower, chairman of the House Corrections Committee, said Gant's removal likely is "the result of (the governor's) concern that internal affairs needed to have a different direction."

Richards was angered by reports that Gant had conducted an investigation into Beaumont businessman Joshua Allen, a member of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, at the insistence of former board chairman Selden Hale. Hale resigned under pressure from the governor after it became public that he had ordered the investigation.

Richards also had heard rumors that Gant had investigated her and that her criminal justice adviser, Travis County Sheriff Doyne Bailey, had been followed by some of Gant's investigators when Bailey met with a whistleblower.

But Lynaugh said Gant was transferred because he asked to be.

"He asked for (the assistant warden's job) when he heard it was available," Lynaugh said. "He had talked to me over a year ago about the potential of going into security."

Passport case prosecutor will follow any lead to White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal court ordered an independent counsel to pursue any leads that point to White House involvement in the pre-election search of Bill Clinton's passport files.

The special three-judge court responsible for appointing independent counsels confirmed Monday that White House aide Janet G. Mullins is the main target of the probe. But the panel authorized independent counsel Joseph E. diGenova to pursue any evidence that points to other White House officials.

"The independent counsel ... shall have prosecutorial jurisdiction to fully investigate ... all matters and individuals whose acts may be related" to the passport case, said the court order.

DiGenova is now authorized to find out whether Mullins, and possibly other White House officials, prompted the search of Clinton's State Department files and later sought to cover up their actions.

The search occurred Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 amid Republican attacks on the Democratic nominee's anti-Vietnam War activities when he was a student at England's Oxford University in 1969-70.

The three-judge court on Monday also made public Attorney General William P. Barr's formal request for an independent counsel in the case.

Barr told the court there is "evidence that Mullins was aware of the interest in Clinton's files before the search occurred and that Mullins helped encourage and direct the search."

At Barr's urging, the court appointed diGenova on Dec. 14, one day before the law authorizing such independent prosecutions expired.

Only Mullins, assistant to President Bush for political affairs, was named in the documents made public Monday.

But White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III and Margaret Tutwiler, the White House communications chief and a longtime Baker aide, have hired criminal attorneys.

Neither has been listed as a target of the independent probe.

Mullins, Tutwiler and Baker were among eight White House employees questioned by State Department Inspector General Sherman Funk and his investigators during their probe of the passport search and its aftermath.

State Department officials initially said they conducted the search to answer news organization requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

Funk's Nov. 18 report concluded the searches were improper and aimed at finding material that would damage Clinton's campaign. Funk later said he had discovered potential criminal violations that he turned over to the Justice Department.

Funk's report said Steven K. Berry, then an acting assistant secretary of state, had spoken frequently to Mullins about Freedom of Information Act requests for Clinton's passport files. Berry has since been reassigned.

Funk's report also said Mullins told investigators that all she knew about the Freedom of Information Act requests was what she had read in newspapers.

The assistant secretary of state who carried out the search, Elizabeth Tamposi, was fired.

SO investigates tool theft report

County deputies investigated the theft of tools from a Scurry County residence Monday.

John Boren contacted the sheriff's office at 3:55 p.m. Monday to report the theft of a cutting torch, power and hand tools and a kerosene heater from his property two miles north of highway 180 on county road 1269.

Boren said that the tools, valued at $1,000, were taken sometime between 12:30 p.m. and 3:55 p.m. Monday.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Kathy Block, 105 Browning; Cindy Arnette, 404 28th; Melvin Kellner, Ira.

DISMISSALS: Ava Lapour, Joe Lapour.

Census: 51 (Med.-12, Long-Term Care-36, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Allen calls video tape child abuse

NEW YORK (AP) — Woody Allen says a videotape in which his adopted daughter supposedly accuses him of molesting her is itself child abuse.

Allen said Monday through a spokeswoman that Mia Farrow, his former lover, committed the "worst kind of child abuse" by manipulating the child into making "this ludicrous and wicked cassette" and allowing "snickering friends at social gatherings" and TV stations to see it.

"If ever tangible proof was needed demonstrating the unfitness of this mother, Mia has provided it," he said.

Farrow's lawyer, Eleanor Alter, said the tape "is the most convincing thing I've ever seen. I watched it at home alone and I ended up in tears."

Allen, 57, and Farrow, 47, have two adopted children — son Moses, 14, and daughter Dylan, 7 — and a biological son, Satchel, 4.

Farrow claims Allen molested Dylan, and she is seeking to void Allen's adoptions of Moses and Dylan because of Allen's affair with her oldest adopted daughter, Soon-Yi Previn, 21.

Wants watch back

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Singer Peggy Lee sold her high school graduation watch for a train ticket to stardom more than 50 years ago.

Now she wants the watch back.

"It really wasn't much of a watch, but it got me to Chicago," Miss Lee, who was born Norma Delores Egstrom in Jamestown, N.D., in 1920, recalled Monday in a telephone interview from her Beverly Hills, Calif., home.

Injured

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the 4500 block of College Avenue.

Arnette, 20, was driving a 1978 Chevrolet Chevette which was in collision with a 1979 Chevrolet Malibu driven by Angel Lopez of P.O. Box 33.

Lopez, 55, and Delfina Lopez, 58, a passenger in the Malibu, were also taken to the hospital by Snyder EMS. Both were treated for various contusions and abrasions and released from the emergency room.

The accident occurred about 3:03 p.m.

Thirteen-year-old Jessica Shafer was brought to Cogdell by private vehicle following another two-vehicle collision at 3:59 p.m. in the intersection of Avenue Q and 25th Street. Shafer was treated for contusions and abrasions to her left lower leg and released.

She was a passenger in a 1985 Mercury Topaz driven by Marcey Lynette Gemes of 410 36th St. which was in collision with a 1984 Renault Alliance driven by Misty Dawn Murphy of 3105 Hill Ave.

At 4:48 p.m., officers worked a minor accident in the 3200 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1987 Honda driven by Darrell Clyde Mize of P.O. Box 570 and a 1991 Lincoln driven by Helen Dillaha of P.O. Box 450.

Obituaries

Dod Rains

1912-1992

Services are set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Dod M. Rains, 80, who died at 11 a.m. Monday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Officiating at the service will be the Rev. Buck Hatfield, former pastor of Faith Baptist Church, with burial to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born April 11, 1912 in Comanche, Mr. Rains had been a resident of Snyder since 1925. He was a retired master sergeant in the U.S. Army.

During World War II, Mr. Rains served in Australia, New Guiena, the Phillipine Islands and Japan. He also served during the Korean Conflict. He was awarded the Silver and Bronze Stars and numerous other decorations.

Survivors include one brother, Dale Rains of Ballinger; and several nieces and nephews.

Madie Glazier

1897-1992

DE LEON — Services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Christian Church for Madie Bell Glazier, 95, who died Monday in a De Leon hospital. Burial will follow in the De Leon Cemetery.

She was the sister of Alma Browning of Snyder.

Born in Cross Plains, Mrs. Glazier had lived in De Leon for 79 years. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church. Her husband, William F. Glazier, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, Clifford Glazier of Bedford; three daughters, Hortense Stolworthy of Washington City, Utah, Claunese Branum of De Leon and Maudona Parsons of Hobart, Okla.; one brother, J.M. Harlow of Abilene; another sister, Flore Wright of Fort Worth; six grandchildren; 12 great-granchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

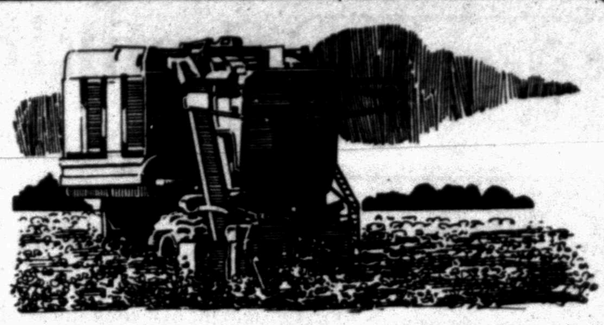
Wednesday rites

Services have been set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Hollis A. Randell, 83, of Snyder. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt won a landslide victory in 1936 over Republican challenger Alfred M. Landon.



Scurry County Country





SCS Notes

By Michael Squires
Range Conservationist

Do the compliance provisions allow for me to plow up some or all of my windstrips so that I can rebuild and maintain my terrace system?

Yes, there are always provisions which allow an individual to maintain his or her farm in a good farmable condition. This includes making any necessary terrace repair in a timely manner.

It is important to visit with the Soil Conservation office so that necessary documentation can be included in the compliance plan to determine why any or all of the plan isn't being followed, and also for us to explain what must be done to remain in compliance.

When maintaining terraces on a farm, sometimes it works out best if a procedure of doing a few terraces each year is followed rather than building them up all at once. By doing preventative maintenance on a few terraces each year you can avoid having to destroy all of your windstrips at the same time.

Since spot checks are completed each year at different times, it is very important that the SCS be notified of any planned changes in your conservation plan before the fact. If a field is determined not to be following the compliance plan there is a distinct possibility that the person or persons involved will become ineligible for all USDA farm program benefits until such time as the problem can be corrected.

It is always a good idea to review your conservation plan with the Soil Conservation personnel at least once yearly. You may wish to make changes in the original plan.

Remember, the conservation plan that is on file at the SCS office is for the land and not the land owner or operator and these plans can be revised and changed for justifiable reasons. If you drop one farm and pick up another, be sure to check with the SCS office to see that a plan has been developed on the new farm and that you can live with the requirements of that plan.

The Food Security Act is a complex program. In order for us to remain abreast of the current requirements and changes, regular visits should be maintained between the farm operator and the SCS field office.

Anytime you have questions concerning conservation compliance don't hesitate to call the SCS office for assistance. If we can't give you an answer right away, we will find out and get back to you as soon as possible.

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District and the Snyder Soil Conservation Service field office are constantly striving to work towards improving the natural resource base in our area. We cannot succeed without the assistance and ideas from you. There are many ways which we can support each other if we try.

On behalf of everyone here at the SCS office, and the directors of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, we hope that you and your family have a safe and joyous holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

It happens. Last minute changes in holiday plans leave you with no alternative but to purchase an already prepared turkey meal with all the trimmings. Or perhaps you choose to go this route to reduce the time stress.

For those who decide to buy a prepared meal, follow these tips.

•If you're buying a cooked, ready-to-eat turkey or other prepared meat, pick it up within two hours of serving time, or plan to refrigerate it immediately after the purchase and reheat later.

•Try one of the convenient packaged stuffing mixes.

•Salad bars in delicatessens offer a convenient way to create a tossed salad or vegetable tray. Plan space in the refrigerator to store these until serving time.

•Frozen side dishes or appetizers can be cooked quickly and served at a moment's notice.

•The deli or cafeteria also may have choices for desserts, as will the frozen food section of the grocery store.

Convenience foods are sometimes a lifesaver, but they can be a potential for foodborne illness if not properly handled.

Keep hot foods hot, cold foods cold, and everything clean. Don't leave any foods in the danger zone temperature range of 40 degrees to 140 degrees for more than two hours.

This means that any foods containing meat, poultry or dairy products must remain refrigerated until serving. After serving, any leftovers need to be refrigerated or tossed.

None of these foods should remain at room temperature for extended periods. This includes pumpkin or cream-type pies, cakes with cream cheese or egg white icings, dairy product-based dips, deviled eggs and party sandwiches.

Perishable leftovers should be put away as soon as possible, but not necessarily within the two-hour time limit.

FCS assistance board votes to dissolve itself

WASHINGTON (AP) — The three-member Farm Credit System Assistance Board has voted to dissolve itself and transfer its remaining legal obligations to the Farm Credit System Insurance Corp.

The recent vote formally authorized an action the board announced in October.

"When we announced our intent in October, I said this would be a case where the government stepped in, did its job and now is stepping out," said Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan.

The board consisted of Madigan, Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and William W. Erwin, a working farmer from Indiana.

The board was created by Congress in 1987 as part of the Agricultural Credit Act to aid the recovery of financially stressed lending institutions within the Farm Credit System.

The Farm Credit System is a 75-year-old financial cooperative for farmers, ranchers and rural cooperatives. It finances about one-third of all agricultural credit in the United States.

Earlier this year, because the Farm Credit System has recovered relatively quickly from the 1980s recession, two system banks prepaid their assistance debt 11 years ahead of schedule.

The board said no further financial assistance has been requested by Farm Credit System institutions and none will be provided.

U.S. giving feed wheat to Belarus

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will donate 50,000 metric tons of feed wheat to Belarus, one of the independent states of the former Soviet Union.

"This donation will help achieve two objectives," Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan said. "It will supplement Belarus' animal feed supply to help ensure adequate production of meat, poultry and dairy products. Second, proceeds from the sale will fund projects to provide nutrition and health assistance to the needy, including victims of Chernobyl, and help promote free and competitive markets for private agribusiness."

Madigan said the $5 million donation will be delivered to Belarussian government mills, where it will be mixed with other feed components and sold as animal feed.

Protection fee will see hike to cover costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department says it is increasing the fee for issuing a plant variety protection certificate from $2,400 to $2,600 to cover administrative costs.

The plant variety protection program provides patent-like security to developers of new and distinctive seed-reproduced plants ranging from food crops to ornamentals.

Administrative costs include processing the application, searching for information that might challenge the uniqueness of the variety and processing the certificate, said Daniel D. Haley, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

The fees will increase from $250 to $275 for the application, from $1,900 to $2,050 for the search and from $250 to $275 for processing the certificate. An applicant denied a certificate pays no processing fee.

Current fees have been in effect since 1989, Haley said.

The 1970 act authorizing plant variety protection requires collection of fees to cover the costs of issuing certificates. Required salary changes and changes in the federal retirement system account for most of the cost increases, Haley said.



ASCS Report

By Joe Hefner, County Executive Director

The election process for the Scurry County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee has been completed.

Lance Autry has been re-elected to a three-year term as representative to the county committee from Local Administrative Area 2 (LAA 2). Also elected to serve as first and second alternates to the committee for LAA 2 were David Shifflett and Sidney Wall, respectively. Other members of the committee for 1993 will be Morris Light from LAA 3 and David Beaver as representative for LAA 1.

The county committee is responsible for administering designated federal farm programs at a local level. The committee is also responsible for hiring a county executive director, approving or denying funds within established guidelines and regulations, determining eligibility for payments, hearing appeals, and making recommendations on programs.

Thanks to all who voted and participated in the election process and congratulations to Lance Autry and the other members of the committee.



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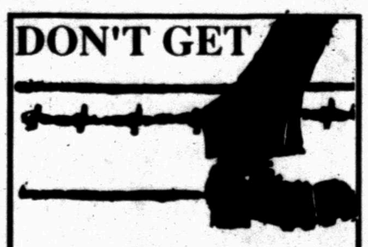
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Astrograph
By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 22, 1992

Enterprises or ventures that you become involved in in the year ahead could be larger in scope than your past endeavors. Your participation could be substantial, even if you play a minor role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may encounter a surprising twist today regarding a situation where you begin as the giver and end up being the receiver. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You should do well in new ventures at this time. However, don't discard traditional methods and procedures just because the enterprise is fresh. Old ways still work.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your possibilities for success are stronger than usual today, because the aspects indicate you might have people working on your behalf who are as capable as you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Get in touch today with people who are indispensable to your material welfare, especially those who are separated by distance. Hearing from you will stimulate their support.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Since you have the ability today to enhance what others start, you might take a so-so situation and turn it into something rather promising.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A restricted imagination brings meager rewards today, so don't limit your thinking to petty terms. Grandiose ideas might not impress others, but the end results surely could.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're the type of individual who tries to be helpful to others and today probably will not be an exception. However, the rewards for your good deeds might be unusual.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others will want to cooperate with you today, because you will know how to make what you're doing seem fun and important. These are the elements that magnify your attractiveness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Use quality materials, merchandise or furnishings if you are refurbishing your surroundings at this time. The splendor will be more enduring if the goods are top of the line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Unattached Librans who are looking for a new relationship are wise if they take advantage of any social invitations they get today. Your ideal might be in attendance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A shopping excursion could turn out to be a fruitful experience today. You might be able to acquire items you desire at the prices you can afford.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Compliments from you will have considerable impact on your friends today. If a pal does something worthy of acknowledgment, be lavish in your praise.

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THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Dec. 22, 1992

Today is the 357th day of 1992 and the second day of winter.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1941, the Japanese captured Wake Island.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James E. Oglethorpe (1696-1785), English general-colonizer of Georgia; Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924), opera composer; Edward Arlington Robinson (1869-1935), poet; Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson (1912-), U.S. first lady, is 80; Steve Carlton (1944-), baseball player, is 48; Diane Sawyer (1945-), broadcast journalist, is 47; Steve Garvey (1948-), baseball player, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1957, the Detroit Lions overcame a 24-7 halftime deficit to defeat the San Francisco 49ers, 31-27, in a Western Conference playoff football game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The first lady is, and always has been, an unpaid public servant elected by one person, her husband." — Lady Bird Johnson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1969, six waterspouts hit the southern coastal sections of Cyprus; several continued inland as tornadoes with damage paths to 300 yards wide; four died.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Dec. 23).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
The coffee shop in the building does not serve instant coffee. It takes 10 minutes just to catch the waitress' attention.

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Perot gets award

NEW YORK (AP) — Ross Perot, who waged a presidential campaign that relied almost exclusively on "infomercials," has been named Advertising Age magazine's Adman of the Year.

The Texas billionaire used media in "unconventional but highly effective ways to market his candidacy and has altered the American political landscape and political marketing, perhaps for good," the magazine said.

Smoking inmates lose out

HOUSTON (AP) — It is not a violation of constitutional rights to prohibit inmates from smoking in the Harris County Jail, a federal judge has ruled.

In making the ruling, U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes dismissed two lawsuits in which inmates said being forced to suffer nicotine withdrawal is cruel and unusual punishment.

"Smokers required to quit on arrest will suffer," Hughes wrote, "but their suffering is only slightly different from the mental and physical disruption that other prisoners suffer from the loss of their eating, exercise, sex, drinking and sleeping patterns when they are free.

"Like nicotine withdrawal, these reactions will be uncomfortable, but they are not hazards to health. On the contrary, smoking is a health hazard."

The inmates represented themselves in the lawsuits, filed against the Harris County Sheriff's Department and the city of Houston.

It's unfortunate the plaintiffs were not represented by legal counsel because of the issue's importance, Jim Otzinger, who has represented inmates in other matters, said of last week's ruling.

The prohibition is not tantamount to punishment, the judge said.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL by The Joe Kubert School



Some people actually like lengthy newspaper strike

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Not everyone is upset about the strike that has idled the city's two daily newspapers for the past seven months. Fumble-fingered athletes and political incumbents couldn't be happier.

But funeral directors, real-estate agents, job hunters and moviegoers wish the strike would be settled so they can go back to business as usual.

The papers have published only two days since May, when delivery drivers struck The Pittsburgh Press Co., which published the afternoon Pittsburgh Press and printed and distributed the morning Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

For athletes, the strike silenced the jury of columnists who routinely tried and convicted them when they booted a ground ball, fanned on a slap shot or dropped a touchdown pass.

"After a game, you see it in bold print. It could be two or three days later, and we'd still see it in bold print," said Gerald Williams, a defensive tackle with football's Pittsburgh Steelers.

By Election Day, some incumbent politicians were downright giddy about the strike. Most of their opponents had no money to advertise, and their names meant nothing to voters.

"Around here all the anti-incumbency sentiment peaked in the spring," said Byron King, who ran unsuccessfully against U.S. Rep. William Coyne for the district that represents the city. "Without the news to keep those fires stoked, those fires went cold."

But unadvertised apartments have sat empty.

"Get them back, or get another paper in this town," said Bernard Pinsker, a real estate agent. "It's very troublesome."

And funerals have been missed because they weren't announced in the paper. Death announcements that have been made on radio and television since the strike began are easily missed.

"A lot of times we bury a person in the morning, then we'll get a lot of calls that afternoon from people who ask when the services will be," said Mike Rzasa, a funeral director.

Broadcasters said they have been picking up the slack. But their shows often are laden with crime and traffic accidents, which are picked up easily on police scanners and make good video.

"It got to the point where I was afraid to drive to the mall because any fender-bender in the parking lot stood a reasonable chance of becoming news for the broadcasters," said Dennis Roddy, a Press reporter.

The Teamsters walked out because the Press Co. planned to revamp its distribution system and eliminate 75 percent of the union's jobs. In October, E.W. Scripps agreed to sell the Press to the owners of the Post-Gazette, Blade Communications, which plans to close the Press and print only the Post-Gazette.

Blade has reached agreements with the Teamsters and other unions.

Monies to 'Army' decrease

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A sluggish economy, hurricane disasters and negative feelings toward charitable organizations are to blame for a 20 percent drop in donations this year, an area commander for the Salvation Army says.

Maj. Henry Gonzalez, San Antonio-based area commander, said Monday that the 20 percent drop in donations comes as the need for services has increased 35 percent over 1991.

"We're seeing more families coming to us for assistance," Gonzalez said.

About 4,500 families signed up for Christmas assistance this year, he said, and more would have signed up if the organization had not stopped taking applications in late November.

"If you add all those up, and you have four to five in a family, that's a lot of people," Gonzalez said.

The Salvation Army will help about 40,000 people this year, compared with about 29,500 in 1991, said Irma Mellon, director of social services for the Salvation Army.

"There are people out of work, and people are holding on to whatever they have," Gonzalez said, explaining the dwindling donations.

Others "may be employed, but they're having a tough time making ends meet," he said.

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