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Ask Us

Q—Has the city had any customers to drop sanitation service since it went up on the rates in October?

A—Officials said the city has 92 fewer customers than it did before the rates went up.

In Brief

CF drug ok'd

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration announced approval today of a drug offering the first new treatment for cystic fibrosis in 30 years.

The agency said it has licensed the production of the drug dornase alfa, commonly called DNase, a product of recombinant DNA technology.

Cystic fibrosis, an inherited disorder, affects about 30,000 people in the United States.

"Although this new product is not a cure for cystic fibrosis, the clinical data show that it can make a real difference in the quality of life for many patients, FDA Commissioner David Kessler said.

"This is the first treatment that specifically improves lung function in cystic fibrosis patients," he said.

DNase is manufactured by Genentech Inc. of San Francisco and will be marketed under the trade name Pulmozyme.

Local

Closings

Most county offices will not take a holiday Friday, New Year's Eve, but others will.

Snyder City Hall will be closed Friday, officials said. Also closing Friday will be Scurry County Health Unit.

West Texas State Bank, Snyder Savings & Loan and Snyder National Bank will close at noon Friday. American State Bank and AmWest will keep regular hours.

Scurry County Courthouse will be open Friday. The Senior Center will have its annual New Year's Eve party at 10:30 a.m. but will close Monday in observance of New Year's.

The Snyder Post Office will be closed Saturday and no mail will be delivered.

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh public schools are still out for the holidays. Snyder and Ira students return to the classroom on Monday, while Hermleigh students will return Tuesday. A teacher workday is planned Monday at HISD.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 54 degrees; low, 31 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 36 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 16.29 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low around 30. South wind 10-15 mph. Friday, increasing high clouds. High 60-65. Southwest wind 10-20 mph and gusty. New Year's weekend forecast, fair. Lows 30-35. Highs in the upper 50s to the mid 60s.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:50. Sunrise Friday, 7:43. Of 363 days in 1993, the sun has shone 356 days in Snyder.

Court rejects stop-loss bids

Scurry County Commissioners Court unanimously rejected all bids for health care stop-loss insurance in a special meeting this morning.

The decision came on the recommendation of County Judge Bob Doolittle who said he and Auditor Eddie McHaney and Treasurer Charlie Bell had concluded, after hours of review, that none of the four proposals surfaced as a clear winner.

Judge Doolittle acknowledged that much of the problem had to do with the short period in which companies had to submit proposals and in unclear specifications.

"We didn't have our ducks in order," Doolittle said. Precinct 3 Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr., who made the motion to reject the bids, concurred and thanked the insurance representatives present for their work and said the court had learned much from the process.

In rejecting the four proposals submitted by three local agents, the county will work with its current carrier for 1994. The stop-loss company and third-party administrator is Healthcare Benefits Inc., represented by Jeff Fowler of Fowler and Associates.

Other bids submitted included Boon-Chapman and Insurance Marketing Resources, each represented by Steakley Insurance Agency; and Ted Parker and Associates, represented locally by Stewart Insurance Services.

The court postponed action on year-end line-item transfers and

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SHARING FUN — Lesa Pierce pulls her friend, Tanner Bragg, in a wagon at Kid's Kampus' playtime in the early morning sun. (SDN Staff Photo)

County treasurer's race now contested

With the filing deadline approaching on Monday, a second candidate - a life-long resident of Scurry County — has announced as a Republican candidate for county treasurer.

Janet Merritt, former chief deputy in the treasurer's office, Wednesday afternoon became the first Republican in the treasurer's race. Charlie Bell, current treasurer who was appointed last year, is seeking election to a full-term as a Democrat.

Merritt served two years as chief deputy for Rita Staton. "I feel like already having a working knowledge of this office is a very valuable asset to serving the people of Scurry County," Mrs. Merritt said.

Merritt said her previous financial and accounting work experience would also be helpful. She worked for Snyder Savings and Loan Association and earlier for Yorgensen and Blakey, certified public accountants.

Born in Scurry County, her parents are Mr. and Mrs. O.M. (Jack) Martin and the late Jeffie D. Martin of Snyder. She attended Fluvanna schools and Snyder High School, graduating in 1965

Her husband, Craig Merritt, is a self-employed oilfield trucker. They have three children — Dr. Cotton Merritt, a chiropractor in Lubbock; Brett Merritt, a photographer in Lubbock; and Elyse, a 9th grader at Snyder High School.

Mrs. Merritt is a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

JANET MERRITT

Process of hiring economic director to begin Thursday

The Development Corporation of Snyder's five-member board will meet at 10 a.m. next Thursday to begin the process for the employment of a director of economic development.

Wednesday, the published deadline for receiving applications, some 14 formal applications had been received by the Austin-based executive search firm hired to assist the DCOS board.

A representative in the office of Johnson and Associates said Wednesday afternoon that 14 applications were on hand, but that some calls had been received during the holidays, indicating some other applications would be received in the mail. Other resumes received between now and the board's meeting next Thursday will also be considered, she said.

In October, the DCOS board engaged Johnson and Associates to conduct a nation-wide search for a person to head up economic development in Snyder.

The advertisement, run in related professional publications, called for a college degree in a field related to economic development, a certified economic developer and three to five years experience in the field.

The position calls for leadership roles including the supervision of people, planning, initiating and directing action, handling administrative details and performing professional and technical specialities.

The person wanted by the DCOS should have a "upwardly progressive and stable career history; capacity to identify opportunities, cultivate interest and initiate a high level of success."

The ad described the position as "chief operating executive targeting new business and retaining and expanding existing business, implement policies and directives, responsible for research, marketing and site facilitating programs; responsible for creating job opportunities..."

Salary range was advertised at $40,000 depending on qualifications and experience. Benefit package would include a car allowance, medical insurance, professional membership, expense reimbursement and moving expense.

The DCOS board will convene at 10 a.m. next Thursday in the board room at American State Bank to review resumes, work product samples and view a two-minute video of each applicant giving an overview of his or her education, training and experience.

Chloe Johnson said the DCOS board is expected to narrow the fild to approximately five with personal interview starting about Jan. 27.

No other item is on the DCOS board agenda. Bill Seale is chairman and other board members include John Fagin, Roy Baze, Dan Cotton and Miller Robinson.

Hollis campaigning on 1% tax platform

An Abilene man who has made a living out of wrecking buildings says it's time to tear down the government's system of taxation, and he's joined the race for governor of Texas in an attempt to do just that.

"One penny for every dollar you spend, everybody tells me that's a fairer way," says Ray Hollis, who was campaigning Wednesday in Snyder, between checking on possible job contracts.

Hollis is running on the "1% Fair Tax" platform espoused by the People's Voice of Texas, which he founded in 1988.

He believes that a 1 percent tax would raise three times the revenue the present tax system is generating. In addition, it would put an end to taxes on property, income, gasoline, alcohol and cigarettes. It would also replace

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RAY HOLLIS

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Medical progress is great. It's no longer the common flu, we can now get a virus we can't even pronounce."

Normally, we don't read those abominable Christmas newsletters. But this one came late, and we kinda liked it, because of some of the multiple choices..

"Happy holiday greetings from our house to yours...

"We hope this cheery letter finds you and yours having a great holiday season as we are, which of course, is extremely unlikely since we are considerably more successful than you can ever hope to be.

"Bubba has been (promoted again/fired for gross incompetence/jailed for DWI), which really got the yuletide season off to a jolly start at our (mansion/heavily mortgaged house/hovel).

"He is now making (more than the chairman of GM/excuses/license plates) and throughly enjoying every moment of it.

"As always at this festive season, Fannie Annie is involved in a whirlwind of activities. Just last night, she (got her $20,000 mink out of storage/discovered yet another enticing recipe for macoroni and cheese/picked up a sailor at the corner tavern), which enabled her to catch (the Christmas spirit/Salmonella/other...).

"As you might expect during this busy season, the kids are doing (super in the very best schools/as little as possible/time in a correctional facility).

"Following an old family custom, our Christmas tree is (the envy of the entire neighborhood/scrawny and short on branches/stolen in the dark of the night).

"Bubba is winding up a particularly rewarding year. Just this week, he (foreclosed on seven widows/filed for unemployment/spent $73 bucks to win $4 in the lottery).

"Despite a grueling social schedule, Fannie Annie found time to make (delicious cookies for the Junior League/time with the delivery man/a quick getaway). Even though she is busy, busy, she never neglects Bubba and vows to visit him at least weekly in 1994.

"We sincerely hope this cheerful note finds your loved one (richer than we are/reasonably sober/out on bail.

"Yours for a joyous holiday season and an improved New Year."

Year in review...

Economic proposal, trial mark 3rd quarter

EDITOR'S NOTE — The following is the third in a four-part series which reviews key events in Scurry County during 1993. Today's article looks at July, August and September.

The drudgery of budgets — school, city and county — dominated July and August in 1993 but as September rolled around, attention moved to economic development, and, to the courtroom again.

Scurry County residents had already witnessed two murder trials in 1993, but the jury that convened on Sept. 13 was in 132nd District Court for another reason — an elementary school teacher was being tried for molesting one of his students.

Floyd Garcia Jr., a first grade teacher at Stanfield, had been suspended since February, when allegations were made by a male student that his teacher had fondled him. Following an indictment in May and weeks of hearings, the trial got underway.

Testimony took a week, although Garcia himself did not take the stand. After final arguments, it took the jury just three hours to return a verdict of not guilty. Garcia supporters — many of whom were fellow school teachers, erupted in an emotional exchange of tears and hugs.

September brought a change in economic focus for Scurry County. The change was brought about, in part, by a conception that although there were several boards which had the authority to seek economic development, there was no direction, or unity as a group. After several meetings, a "Unified Economic Development Proposal" was announced by community leaders early in September.

Under the plan, the executive director is to work with a seven-member committee composed of the Development Corporation of Snyder chairman and one other DCOS member, the Board of County Development chairman and one other BCD member, plus the county judge, mayor and

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Two candidates file for state office

KRISTI HEAD

Head graduates from Texas Tech

LUBBOCK — Kristi Head, daughter of Morris and Karen Head of Snyder, graduated from Texas Tech University on Dec. 18, receiving a bachelor of business administration degree in finance.

She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and will attend graduate school at Tech during the spring semester.

Flights stopped

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Houston-based Continental Airlines no longer will fly to or from Wichita starting Feb. 1, ending 54 years of service to the largest city in Kansas.

The airline has handled 10 percent of the traffic at Wichita's Mid-Continent Airport.

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican state District Judge Pat Lykos, a former Houston police officer, has filed her candidacy for Texas attorney general, vowing to get tough on crime.

Also, Sulphur Springs dairy farmer Marvin Gregory, a Democrat, filed his candidacy for Texas agriculture commissioner Wednesday, saying he wants to help expand international markets for independent farmers.

Ms. Lykos said that the attorney general should have the greatest impact of any state official on issues of crime, education, welfare and illegitimacy.

Ms. Lykos recently announced her candidacy from a blue-collar Houston neighborhood at the scene of a brutal murder case to "lead the crusade to take back our streets."

Ms. Lykos criticized Democratic Attorney General Dan Morales for allowing his office to become "mired in a political swamp." She referred to an investigation into whether one of Morales's assistants, Gary Bledsoe, has separated political work from his state chores.

However, Mary Jackson, campaign director for Morales, said: "We believe the people of Texas recognize the professional and legal expertise that has been brought to the agency under Dan Morales. That is one of the reasons we expect to be re-elected."

Meanwhile, Gregory, 55, is attempting to earn the Democratic nomination and the right to challenge Republican Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, a man Gregory voted for in 1990.

A former Republican himself, Gregory said Perry has lost touch with the everyday farmer by focusing too much attention on big agricultural corporations.

Gregory said Perry has filled the Texas Department of Agriculture with "bureaucrats and lawyers" who don't help farmers find new markets for their products.

"The farmer in this state hasn't made a profit in 10 years," said Gregory, the only Democrat so far to have filed as a candidate in the race. "My major objective will be to assist our farmers, ranchers and processors with their international marketing efforts.

Gregory criticized Perry for supporting the North American Free Trade Agreement. Gregory said the pact "only hurts farmers" and may threaten the safety of food products brought in from Mexico and sold in the United States.

Perry said Wednesday, "I am proud of what we have accomplished for the farmers, ranchers and consumers of Texas. My record reflects that I am totally committed to making Texas the nation's leader in agriculture."

Perry reiterated his support of NAFTA and welcomed "the potential it affords all Texans."

Also:

— Republican attorney Steve Mansfield of Houston filed his candidacy for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Mansfield said there should be term limits for judges and said the Court of Criminal Appeals has contributed to a rise in crime due to a "never-ending expansion of rights for criminals."

Brothers separated 47 years ago reunite

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Brothers Michael and Denny Ryther don't know exactly when or why they were separated 47 years ago. Anyone who might have the answers has died.

When Harry and Margaret Ryther divorced in 1946, it was as if a family photograph had been ripped in half. Michael, then 4, went to live with their mother's parents, and 6-month-old Denny was cared for by their father's mother.

The Ryther brothers had no further contact with each other until last fall, when a chance meeting with a mutual acquaintance put them back in touch. Michael called Denny on Dec. 12, and the brothers decided to reunite.

Michael and his wife, Gloria, drove from their Saginaw, Mich., home this week to visit the younger brother in San Antonio he hadn't known existed.

"Needless to say, this was the greatest Christmas present ever," Denny said.

Denny, 47, is director of the Palo Alto College Natatorium. Michael, 51, is a Saginaw police officer. Until this reunion, that was about all they knew about each other.

Michael was told he was an only child.

"We had no contact with my father's side of the family," he said.

Denny knew he had a brother, but his grandmother told him she didn't know where he was.

The split-custody arrangement was "real unusual, especially for 1946," Denny said. "We're a little bitter about all this."

Although both families lived in Hazel Park, Mich., a suburb of Detroit, the boys never met. Both boys attended Hazel Park public schools, although not at the same time. Both were honor-guard members, Michael in the Coast Guard; Denny in the Army.

About five or six years ago, Denny said, he discovered that a distant relative on his father's side was working on a family tree.

Denny learned from him that Michael was a Saginaw police officer and obtained what he thought was his brother's address. Michael neither returned nor answered his letters.

"I just assumed he didn't want anything to do with me," Denny said. "What we didn't know is that Michael was going through an awful divorce. He never got the letters."

Last year, when friends from San Antonio moved to Saginaw, "My wife told them, "If you ever run into a policeman named Michael Ryther, that's Denny's brother, but he may not want to talk about it.'"

Within a few months, Denny's friend met Michael at a nature preserve near Saginaw.

"He said, 'I know your brother,'" Denny said. "And Michael told him, 'I don't have a brother.'"

Weeks later, Michael was trying to find his baptismal record for his wedding and turned up a copy of his parents' divorce decree, which stated that the couple had two children.

She's a sweet 16 today

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LISA

We love you,
Mom, Joe, Doug,
Robert, Sandy & Nancy

Pick 3

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

5-8-7

(five, eight, seven)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are results of Lotto Texas winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

15-24-28-34-47-49

(fifteen, twenty-four, twenty-eight, thirty-four, forty-seven, forty-nine)

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $3 million

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Dear Abby

Woman Insists Her Diary Should Not Be Open Book

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I have just had a huge argument with my boyfriend that was very disturbing. We are both 22. He is angry because I refused to let him read my diary. He said that when two people are in love (and we are), there should be no secrets from each other.

Abby, I don't write dark and dirty secrets in my diary; I record certain events and also express my feelings rather then keep them bottled up inside. It also helps me blow off steam and sort out my thoughts.

He says, "That's what I'm here for!" He thinks if he reads my diary, he can help me sort out my problems. He doesn't see that it makes me feel violated.

Abby, I tried explaining that one's privacy is part of being an individual. He said that two should be the same as one, and maybe I didn't want to become part of his life. He says he doesn't keep anything from me, and I shouldn't keep anything from him.

No matter how I try to reason with him, he doesn't understand. We really love each other, but his insisting that he must know my most private thoughts is driving me away. What are your thoughts on this?

PRIVATE PERSON

DEAR PRIVATE PERSON: This argument is not about your diary — it is about his need to deny you the right to have private thoughts. After you told your boyfriend that his reading your diary would be a violation of your privacy, he should have backed off.

In the words of Kahlil Gibran when speaking of love, "... let there be spaces in your togetherness."

He is your love interest — not your therapist. Don't let him bully you into caving in.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: Today my adult son, who is here visiting me, bawled me out!

As he was leaving the house for a bike ride, I called after him, "Be careful, son!"

Stopping short, he shot back, "For heaven's sake, Ma, I am a 44-year-old man, but every time I go out, you or Dad warn me to be careful!"

You know what, Abby? He has a point. We parents get into a rut, warning our kids always to be careful.

I am going to try hard to cut that out — and to say instead, "Enjoy yourself" or, "Have a good ride!"

That may surprise him so much, it just might make his day!

NANCY L. FOX, ASHLAND, ORE.

DEAR NANCY: No harm in repeating a warning, but try this: "Have a good ride and enjoy yourself, but there are a lot of nuts driving around, so be careful, son. I love you!"

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CONFIDENTIAL TO "NEW MOTHER OF PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED CHILD": Helen Keller once made this statement: "I believe every child has hidden away somewhere in his being noble capacities which may be quickened and developed if we go about it in the right way."

* * *

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JULIE ZECK

Zeck marches with band at Vanderbilt

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Julie Zeck, daughter of Paul and Pam Zeck of Snyder participated this fall semester in the Vanderbilt University Marching Band, "The Spirit of Gold." Zeck is a 1993 Snyder High School graduate.

Under the leadership of Dwayne Sagen, director, and J. Joseph Laird, assistant director, this year's 170 piece band is one of the largest in the history of the university. The band performed at all home football games and traveled to Columbia, S.C. for the Vanderbilt-South Carolina football game.

Stansell mamed to Who's Who

CANYON — The 1994 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* will include the names of 70 West Texas A&M University students — including one from Scurry County — who were selected as outstanding campus leaders.

Johnny Glen Stansell of Fluvanna, a senior majoring in nursing, is among the 70 selected for this recognition.

For consideration, nominees had to be full-time students with at least 60 hours of college credit (junior standing) and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Babe Ruth drew 170 walks in 1923, a year in which the Yankees won the American League pennant.

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NEW OFFICERS — American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) recently installed officers for the new year. They include, from left, Eunice Milton, president; M.J. Merritt, vice president; Ben Odorizzi, treasurer; Lois Leech, nominating chairman; and not pictured, Sue Griffin, secretary. (SDN Staff Photo)

New Year's Day is not always January 1st

There's a lot of history and culture associated with the new year. Did you know, for example, that the Chinese New Year is not January 1st.? The Chinese celebrate this day sometime between Jan. 10 and Feb. 19. It is their most important holiday.

There are many other interesting facts about New Year's. Here are just a few:

—*Get the date straight:* In the Middle Ages, most European countries used the Julian calendar (ours, based on the moon and the sun, is called the Gregorian calendar) and observed New Year's Day on March 25.

It wasn't until 1582 that Roman Catholic countries began to celebrate the day on Jan. 1st. Scotland accepted the Gregorian calendar in 1600; Germany, Denmark and Sweden about 1700; and England didn't change until 1752.

—*Pet peeves:* An old Vietnamese superstition was to use animals to predict the year ahead. They said: If the buffalo bellowed, the year would be filled with hard work; when a dog barked, burglars stayed away from your home; a rooster crowing signified a bad farming year ahead.

—*Tropical traditions:* In the Bahamas, New Year's Eve is celebrated with a parade called *Junkanoo*. When the parade is over, prizes are awarded for the most unique and colorful costumes.

—*Pet peeves:* Chinese astrologers name each year after one of 12 animals. They believe that everyone has the same qualities as the animal of the year in which they were born.

For example, those born under the year of the dragon are eager, enthusiastic and strong. Year of the rabbit people are artistic, sensitive and peace-loving.

—*The name game:* January (or *Januarius* in Latin) is named after Janus, the two-faced Roman god of entryways. He presided over opening the new year.

—*What month is New Year's?:* The Mayans and Aztecs both used two calendars — a sacred or ceremonial calendar of 260 days and a 365-day secular calendar that was divided into 18 months of 20 days each.

An additional five days were added to complete the 365-day year. The Mayans were able to approximate the true length of the tropical year with greater accuracy than we can with the Gregorian calendar.

—*All tied up:* Rope is used as a New Year's decoration in Japan. This is related to the story of the sun goddess. She once hid in a cave and Earth turned to darkness.

To lure her out, the town's people danced and sang in front of the cave. When she poked her head out, they put a rope across the cave's entrance so she couldn't re-enter. After that, the world brightened up and warmth returned once again!

Make the dress of your dreams

By The Associated Press

The sure way of getting the wedding dress you dream of and getting it without spending a small fortune is to make it.

About 40 percent of brides have their gowns sewn at home or by dressmakers, estimates the Sewing Fashion Council. Cost is a factor, but getting custom fit, style, fabric and color also are strong reasons, says Caryl Svendsen Deiches, council spokeswoman. Some brides, family members, or local dressmakers can design and execute original gowns from scratch. Others can individualize commercial patterns; home sewers can find bridal designs by Alicyn Wright from McCall's and by Jessica McClintock from Simplicity, for example.

A defined silhouette is currently popular with brides, says Susan Khalje, a bridal couturier. "Simpler styles call for sophisticated material. Rich fabrics such as silk, silk peau de soie and satin are ideal when creating a gown. Complemented with a French lace, these fabrics offer simple elegance."

If you're going to sew your own, pick a style that's within your range, the council advises. Otherwise, turn the job over to an experienced dressmaker; a fabric store or tailor is a good source for referrals to those who specialize in bridal wear.

Other advice from the council:

— Ask to see samples of the dressmakers' work. Get an estimate based on the pattern and fabric you've selected. The number of fittings or the amount of handwork involved will affect the price.

— Get the best fabric and findings you can find, whether from a local fabric shop or by mail order. The local shop usually stocks veiling, laces, and accessories, and its sales staff can give you ongoing support. If you plan to use lace, it's a good idea to shop for the lace first, then match the fabric to it.

— Store your gown-in-process in a bridal bag — available at the fabric shop — to protect it from dirt and dust between sewing sessions. Keep your hands and the sewing area clean while you work.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-30-93
♠ Q J 10 8
♥ A Q
♦ K 7 6
♣ 10 6 4 3

WEST
♠ 5
♥ J 10 9 8 6
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ A J 8

EAST
♠ 9 2
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ Q J 10 2
♣ 9 7 5

SOUTH
♠ A K 7 6 4 3
♥ K 2
♦ A 4
♣ K Q 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

Seeing is believing

By Phillip Alder

G.K. Chesterton wrote, "What a glorious garden of wonders the lights of Broadway would be to anyone lucky enough to be unable to read." In bridge, though, we must watch all the lights — the cards — and read the information they are broadcasting.

North's response of two no-trump was the Jacoby Forcing Raise. Holding such a powerful hand, South launched into Blackwood and bid the small slam.

West led the heart jack. If the dummy had included a third heart, the contract would have been laydown. With the actual layout, it seemed that South needed to find East with the club ace. As you can see, that wasn't the position, but South gave it the old college try.

After winning trick one with dummy's heart queen, declarer drew two rounds of trumps. He cashed the diamond ace, played a diamond to dummy's king, ruffed the diamond seven in hand and played the heart king over to dummy's ace. His preparations completed, South led a club to his king.

West paused to take stock. South was known to have started with six spades, two hearts and two diamonds. Therefore, he held three clubs. West saw that if South had the club queen and he, West, won this trick, the contract would make. A club lead away from the jack would be won by dummy's 10; a heart return would concede a ruff-and-discard. So West played his club eight. Now South couldn't avoid losing two club tricks and finished one down.

Was that well defended? Here, yes — but wait until you see tomorrow's deal.

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By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

How to remove stubborn stick-ons

DEAR READERS: We have several letters from people with problems relating to sticky adhesives. Some of you have old bathtub stick-ons you want to get rid of. Others are plagued with bumper stickers you want to remove, and others have price tags that won't come off.

Thanks to our readers, we have loads of new ideas for removing sticky adhesives. We recommend nail polish remover for removing bath stick-ons. Goo Gone is also good at removing sticky substances.

Here's a compendium of our Dear Readers' suggestions:

Blanch Smith of Ocala, Fla., wrote to tell us about a product called Lift Off. It's made by Lift Off Inc., P.O. Box 90947, San Diego, CA 92109. Blanch said that when she couldn't find the product locally, she wrote to the company and was told that her Home Depot carries it. She used it to remove adhesive that the installer left on her new linoleum.

D. Stanish of Uniontown, Pa., says, "The best way I have found (to remove stickers) is to take a cotton ball and rub the stickers with Williams Electric Razor Pre-shave."

Rita Hein of Newton, Kan., writes that she blots sticky residue with very sticky tape, and it requires very little cleaning up.

Melanie Murphy of Crystal Lake, Ill., suggests using Avon's Skin-So-Soft for removing tape residue.

Linda Shannon of Hoffman Estates, Ill., notes, "I have an excellent adhesive solvent, which I use to remove any adhesive-related products such as price tags, masking tape residue, etc. It is used in the graphic arts industry for dissolving rubber cement. It is called 'Bestine Solvent and Thinner' and is available at art stores."

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I would like to write former President George Bush. I could use your help in finding his new address in Houston. — **CHERYL MCEWAN, Mendon, Vt.**

DEAR CHERYL: Former President Bush's address is 1000 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Is there an alarm clock with an extraordinary loud alarm that's made for the hard of hearing? Those of us who wear hearing aids need clocks with alarms that meet our needs, as many on the market don't. — **R.V. LEHATS, Ely, Minn.**

DEAR R.V.: We haven't been able to find an extra-loud alarm clock, but here's a suggestion. Get a wind-up alarm clock and put it in a metal baking dish. This trick will amplify your alarm considerably.

Another idea is to use a clock radio with the volume turned up. If we find out about any very loud alarm clocks, we'll publish the information.

FEEDBACK: Lawn fertilizer for Kathy Cook of Ocala, Fla. Several readers sent the following recipe from the book "The Impatient Gardener" by Jerry Baker (Ballantine, 1983).

LAWN TONIC
1 cup Epsom salts
1 cup Listerine mouthwash
1 cup liquid soap
1 cup household ammonia

Put this in a quart jar and fill the rest of the jar with beer.

Spray this on up to 2,500 square feet of lawn with a hose-attached sprayer in May and again in late June.

SUMMER TONIC
1 cup of ammonia
1 cup Epsom salts
1 cup Listerine
1/2 cup liquid soap
2 cans beer

Spray as you did earlier with your hose-attached sprayer.

FALL TONIC
2 cups Epsom salts
2 cups liquid soap
3 tablespoons baking powder
1 cup tobacco juice

Fill the balance of a quart jar with beer. Spray lawn as before. We recommend wearing a mask when spraying anything with tobacco juice.

To make tobacco juice, tie three fingers chewing tobacco in an old nylon stocking and soak it in a pint of hot water overnight.

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

Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings are co-authors of 'Ask Anne & Nan' (Whetstone) and 'Dear Anne and Nan: Two Prize Problem-Solvers Share Their Secrets' (Bantam).

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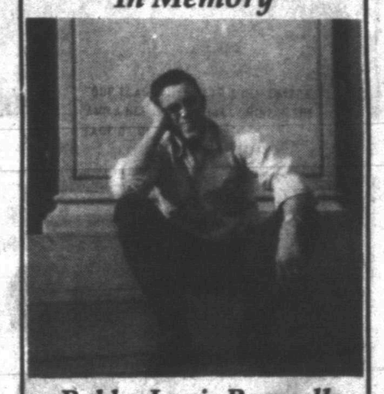
The bagpipe is not native to Scotland. It was known to the ancient Persians and was introduced into the British Isles by the Romans.

Ethan Allen originally organized Vermont's Green Mountain Boys not to fight the British during the American Revolution, but to fight off settlers from New York. In fact, before the Revolution, New York put a price on Allen's head.

In Memory



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Your Wife Vera
and Son Larry

Dried berries make silky sauce

For AP Special Features

I'm always on the lookout for recipes that are amazingly simply to make, yet make everyday foods look and taste extraordinary. This sauce is one I've added to my collection. Tangy dried cherries or cranberries become plump and juicy again when simmered in this satiny, rich dessert sauce. Ladle the sauce over bread pudding, ice cream, cheesecake or cake.

BRANDIED BERRY SAUCE

1/4 cup margarine or butter
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1-3rd cup water
1/2 cup dried cherries, cranberries or raisins
1 tablespoon cold water
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 tablespoons brandy or 1/4 teaspoon rum extract

In a small saucepan melt margarine or butter. Stir in brown sugar, 1-3rd cup water and dried cherries, cranberries or raisins. Cook and stir until bubbly. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, about 5 minutes or until fruit is plump and sugar is dissolved, stirring often.

Stir together 1 tablespoon cold water and cornstarch; stir into fruit mixture. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir for 1 minute more. Remove from heat. Stir in brandy or rum extract.

Makes 11/4 cups.

Nutrition information per tablespoon: 56 cal., 2 g fat, 0 mg chol., 0 g pro., 9 g carbo., 0 g fiber, 29 mg sodium.

Our minister says he sometimes wonders how truly repentant some folks are when they look so smug while telling their sins.

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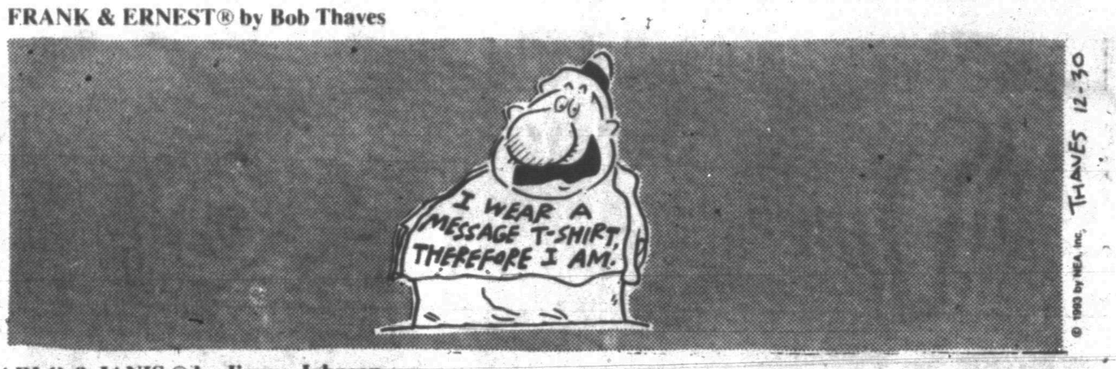

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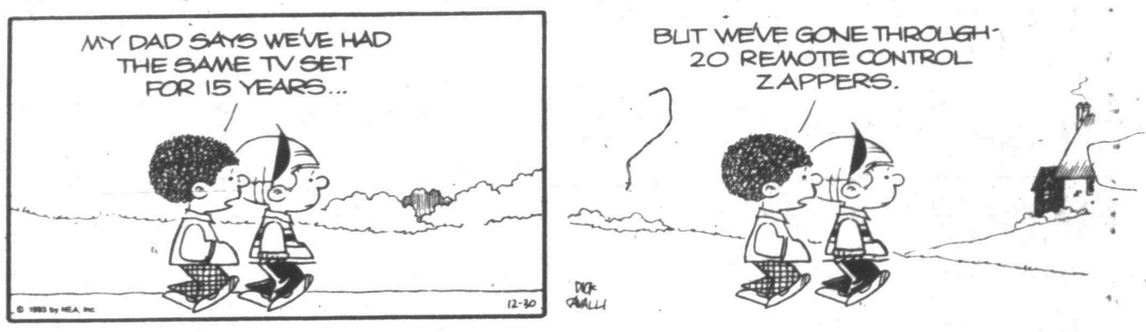

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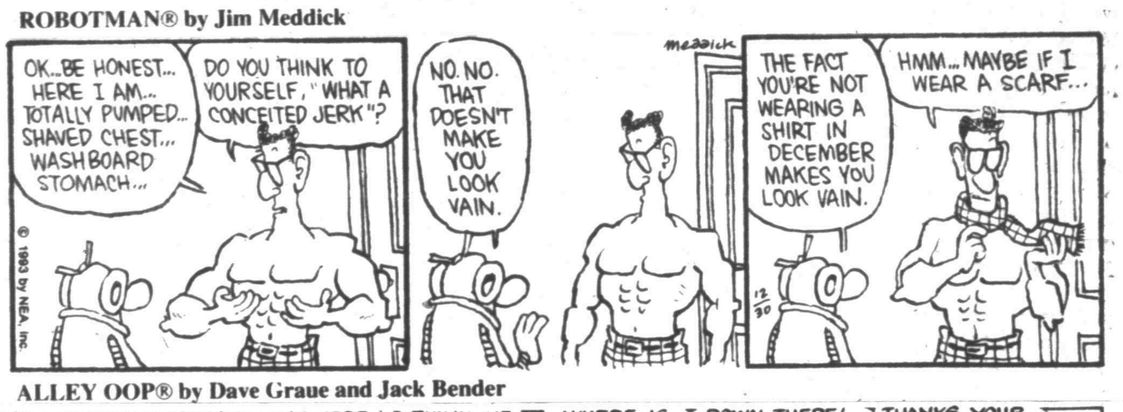

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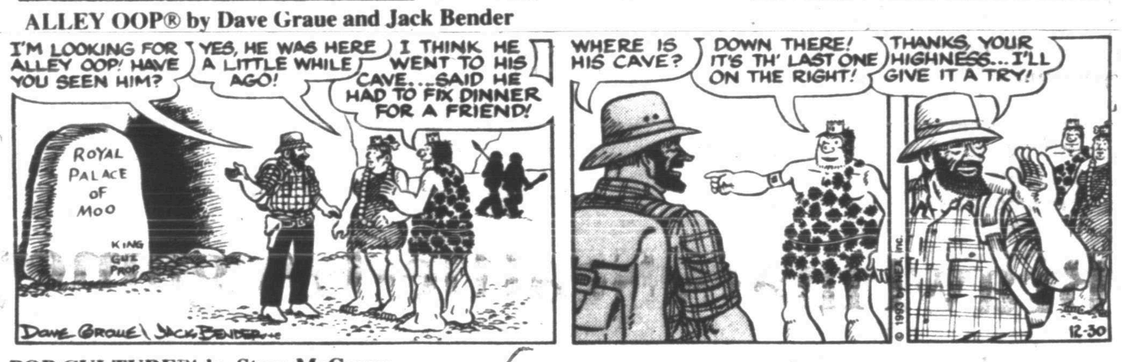

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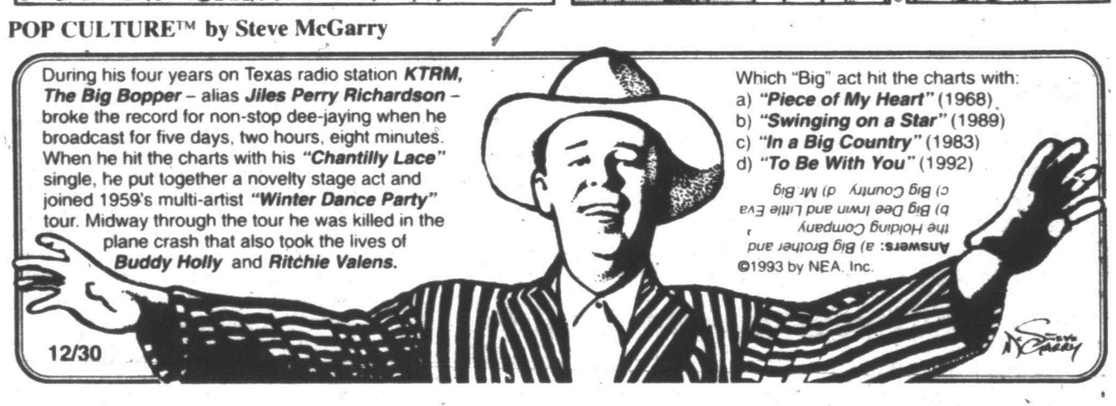

NEA Crossword Puzzle

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6 Not easily excited
11 Being defeated
13 Sharper
14 Worker in a stable
15 New York lake
16 Aunt in Spain
17 Merits
19 Pas' mates
20 Abel's brother
22 Small rug
23 Surfeit
24 Part of a harness
26 Skin eruption
28 Hurricane center
30 New Zealand parrot
31 Energy unit
32 Olympic org.
33 Get lost! (2 wds.)
36 Shed tears
39 Fuel
40 Lump
42 Architect Mies van der —
44 — Alamos, N.M.
45 Performed
47 George Gershwin's brother
48 Lazy
50 Not so tight
52 Dissertations
53 Hereditary
54 More withered
55 Tropical sea bird

DOWN

1 Conspires
2 More optimistic
3 Real — agent
4 Yellow ocher
5 Snick and —
6 Gazzara and Kingsley
7 Robert E. —
8 Beast
9 Staid
10 Eliminate
12 Small weight
13 Famous raft
18 Knock
21 Wintry
23 Typewriter bar
25 Russian's "no"
27 Kitten's cry
29 Shows plainly
33 Clare — Luce
34 Simpler
35 King —
37 Balanced
38 Needle and —
39 Coagulates
41 Clear as a —
43 Not late
45 Jacob's son
46 Ruin (2 wds., sl.)
49 Gravel ridge
51 Yoko —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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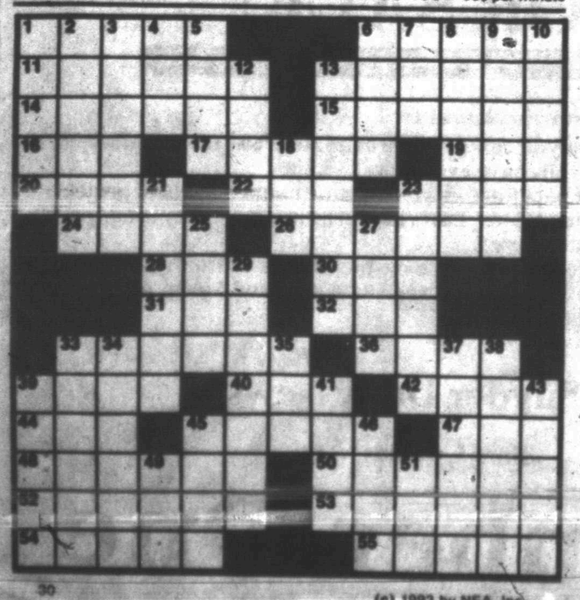

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"Hey! Stop licking all the filling from the cookies!"

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"WHEN YOU WERE A LITTLE BOY, DID YOU LIVE NEXT DOOR TO A GROUCHY OL' MAN?"

Lady Tigers play in Jayton tourney

Snyder's Lady Tigers will face Paducah at 1 p.m. today in the opening round of the Jayton Holiday Basketball Tournament.

The tourney, which lasts through Saturday, features an eight-team field with four first-round games today.

Guthrie squares off against Spur at 10 a.m., followed by the Snyder-Paducah contest. Klondike will play Rotan in the event's 4 p.m. tilt and host Jayton will take on Aspermont at 7 p.m..

Jayton Holiday Tournament
Jayton High School
Girls
Thursday, Dec. 30
Guthrie vs. Spur, 10 a.m.
Snyder vs. Paducah, 1 p.m.
Klondike vs. Rotan, 4 p.m.
Aspermont vs. Jayton, 7 p.m.

Snyder carries a 4-9 season record into the tourney, including a 45-36 loss to Class 5A Abilene Cooper on Tuesday.

"Paducah should be a tough challenge for us," said SHS coach Steve Qualls. "They are a lot like Cooper. They have a good team. It should be an interesting game."

Senior Annie Ragland paced the SHS girls on Tuesday, scoring 18 points, including three 3-pointers.

A win by the Lady Tigers would have them face the Guthrie-Spur winner at 1 p.m. Friday.

The tourney winds up with Saturday's 7 p.m. championship matchup.

The Snyder girls will visit San Angelo Lake View on Jan. 4 then will open District 2-4A play Jan. 7 when Lamesa visits.

Play Sweetwater for title...

Tigers roll past Wylie, 65-53

SWEETWATER — Snyder coach Bud Birks was excited about his team's play in their 65-53 win over Abilene Wylie in the second round of play at the Trail of Lights Classic basketball tournament Wednesday.

"I was really pleased," Birks said. "We looked a lot better than we did against Vernon (a 59-49 win in the first round Tuesday).

"It was a team win," the coach continued. "Everybody that stepped on the floor contributed and did a good job.

"Wylie has a good team. They have several good perimeter shooters and we did a good job on them defensively. We frustrated a good offensive team.

"It was one of our best efforts this year," Birks said. "We're back playing at the level we were before the break."

Snyder's win over Wylie puts the Tigers in today's 7 p.m. championship final against tourney host Sweetwater.

The key to the Tigers' win was their domination in the middle of the game. SHS outscored the Bulldogs 38-20 in the second and third periods.

Wylie held a 33-27 advantage in the first and fourth stanzas.

Snyder was led by senior wing Adrian Sneed, who canned a game-high 23. Senior Jon Patrick chipped in 14 for the 13-3 Tigers.

Wylie, which slipped to 12-2, was paced by Jason Anderson's 22 points.

Sweetwater, 9-8, claimed a berth in today's final by handing Midland Greenwood a 69-46 defeat, led by Brian Dowell's 19 and 16 from Zollie Steakley.

In other games Wednesday, Wylie trimmed Vernon, 89-80, and Stephenville, which will face Wylie for third place at 5 p.m. today, downed Greenwood, 63-49.

Greenwood and Vernon square off for the consolation title at 3 p.m. today.

Snyder	10	19	19	1[illegible]	65
Wylie	12	13	7	2[illegible]	53

Leading scorers: Snyder — Sneed 23, Patrick 14; Wylie — Anderson 22, Anders 14; Records: Snyder 13-3; Wylie 12-2.

Trail of Lights Classic
Sweetwater High School
Tuesday, Dec. 28
Pool play
Snyder 59, Vernon 49
Sweetwater 79, Stephenville 73
Wednesday, Dec. 29
Wylie 89, Vernon 80
Stephenville 63, Greenwood 49
Snyder 65, Wylie 53
Sweetwater 69, Greenwood 46
Thursday, Dec. 30
Consolation final — Vernon vs. Greenwood, 3 p.m.
Third place — Stephenville vs. Wylie, 5 p.m.
Championship final — Snyder vs. Sweetwater, 7 p.m.

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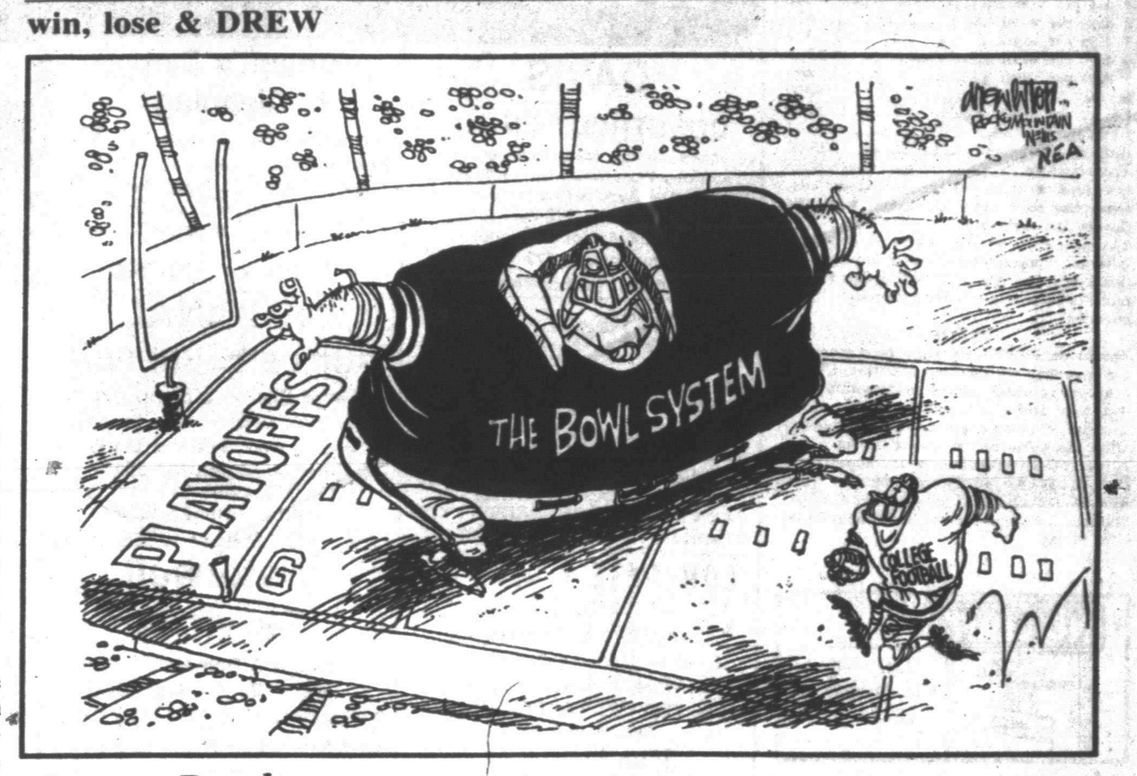

Super Bowl ad time selling in spite of $900,000 price tag

NEW YORK (AP) — It's worth it.

That's the refrain of advertisers who are forking over a record $900,000 for each 30 seconds of commercial time during next month's Super Bowl on NBC.

The price of a spot on the National Football League championship is up 5.9 percent from $850,000 for the 1993 game, a lopsided Dallas Cowboys win that disappointed advertisers hoping for a close game to retain viewers.

A month before the Jan. 30 contest, NBC has less than eight of 56 half-minute spots available. If all sell at around the $900,000 price, the network would bring in $50.4 million in revenue, exceeding the approximately $41 million it paid for broadcast rights.

While the Super Bowl — which drew 133.4 million American viewers last year — always attracts innovative ads showcasing new products, new celebrity sponsors or technological gimmicks, the buying this year comes during an ad rebound in an improving economy.

"This has been a season which has seen some recovery in the pricing doldrums of the past few years," said Arnold Chase, director of national broadcast media for Vitt Media International Inc., which buys commercial time. "Demand this year has picked up."

Despite the rising price — up from $500,000 for 30 seconds in 1985 — most spots sold far in advance of the game, indicating advertisers aren't waiting for last-minute markdowns.

Regular Super Bowl advertisers will return, including Anheuser-Busch Cos. and its Bud Bowl with competing gridiron beer bottles; sneaker makers Nike Inc. and Reebok International Ltd.; and soft-drink makers Pepsico and Dr Pepper-Seven-Up Cos.

"It's worth it if you feel like you can compete in the Super Bowl of advertising," said Dave Ropes, a marketing vice president for Reebok, which will have one 60-second spot featuring Orlando Magic basketball star Shaquille O'Neal singing his rap song "Shoot Pass Slam." For the 1993 game, the company bought two 60-second Super Bowl spots.

One newcomer is athletic shoe competitor Converse Inc., which will debut a 30-second spot starring its pitchman, Larry Johnson, the Charlotte Hornets star, in his familiar get-up as a basketball-slamming grandmother.

Chrysler Corp. also will appear for the first time on the Super Bowl, introducing its highly touted small car, the Neon.

Several 1993 advertisers have dropped out of the lineup because of concerns over the cost of time.

Copper Bowl...

Kansas State routs Wyoming

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — It's about time.

Ninety-seven years after it began playing football, Kansas State finally won a postseason game. Albeit, it was only the Wildcats' second bowl game in its history.

But the 52-17 trouncing of Wyoming in Wednesday night's Copper Bowl capped an unparalleled turnaround for the 20th-ranked Wildcats.

"It was an extremely important win," coach Bill Snyder said.

From 1987 to 1989, including Snyder's 1-10 first year as head coach, Kansas State was 1-31-1. Five seasons later, Snyder's fifth-year seniors capped the season with the Copper Bowl crushing of Wyoming and raised the Big Eight's third-place team's record to 9-2-1, K-State's best mark since 1910.

"They've been through some tough times, but they've built a foundation, and they did something that has never been done in college football," Snyder said.

Wyoming, a tri-champion of the Western Athletic Conference, ended the season 8-4, losing its sixth consecutive postseason game, dating to 1968. The loss dropped the Cowboys to 4-6 in bowl play.

Kansas State lost 14-3 to Wisconsin in its only other postseason contest, the 1982 Independence Bowl, while Wyoming's most recent such loss was to California in the 1990 Copper Bowl.

Keys to the lopsided win included a 502-yard offensive performance led by quarterback Chad May's 275 passing yards for two touchdowns and his 2-yard scoring run, a 227-yard rushing attack and a defense that held Wyoming to 36 yards on the ground and 302 in all.

But the most critical play may have been Andre Coleman's 68-yard punt return for a touchdown shortly before halftime, which put Kansas State ahead 24-10.

May said the runback, in which Coleman broke to the right sideline and picked up a four-player escort to score untouched, was the turning point. "It got the momentum back on our side," he said.

"When I caught the ball, there was one guy to beat," Coleman said. "When I got outside, I turned the corner and I had a wall."

"We haven't had anything like that happen against us this year," Wyoming coach Joe Tiller said.

Wyoming fullback Ryan Christopherson, who rushed for 1,014 yards this year, gained only 28 yards on 15 carries, including a 3-yard touchdown that pulled Wyoming within 16-10 in the second quarter.

May completed both his scoring passes in the third quarter, a 61-yard play to Coleman and a 30-yarder to Kevin Lockett.

J.J. Smith ran for a Copper Bowl-record 133 yards on 20 carries, scoring Kansas State's first touchdown from the 2-yard line after Wyoming had taken a 3-0 lead on Taylor Sorenson's 35-yard field goal.

Coleman caught eight passes for 144 yards. And Wildcats cornerback Kenny McEntyre, who had 11 tackles, finished the scoring when he returned an interception 37 yards for a touchdown with 6:09 left in the game.

Penalties nullified a first-possession 52-yard Cowboys' touchdown pass play from Joe Hughes to Ryan Yarborough; another mistake cancelled a fumble recovery that would have ended a Kansas State touchdown drive.

The Wildcats also picked off a Wyoming pass in the end zone.

In the fourth quarter, Wyoming's Eddie Pratt scored on a 14-yard pass from backup quarterback John Gustin, but Kansas State's Leon Edwards responded with a 13-yard touchdown run before McEntyre's interception runback.

Bowl lineup

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

Wednesday, Dec. 29
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Kansas State 52, Wyoming 17
Thursday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Brigham Young (6-5) vs. Ohio State (9-1-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Southern Cal (7-5) vs. Utah (7-5), 9 p.m. (Raycom)
Friday, Dec. 31
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Virginia Tech (8-3) vs. Indiana (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Clemson (8-3) vs. Kentucky (6-5), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Alabama (8-3-1) vs. North Carolina (10-2), 7 p.m. (TBS)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Iowa (6-5) vs. California (8-4), 9:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 1
Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Michigan (7-4) vs. North Carolina State (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Penn State (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-1-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Miami (9-2) vs. Arizona (9-2), 1 p.m. (NBC)
Carquest Bowl
At Miami
Boston College (8-3) vs. Virginia (7-4), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas A&M (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
UCLA (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-1-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Southern U. (9-1) vs. South Carolina State (8-3), 4:30 p.m.
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (11-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (NBC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida (10-2) vs. West Virginia (11-0), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Brawl mars Seattle-LA game

by The Associated Press

The Seattle SuperSonics were rolling along to their 22nd victory in 25 games in lackluster fashion.

How about a brawl to liven things?

The Los Angeles Lakers, whose 99-92 loss was their 10th in 12 games and fifth straight defeat at home, cut a 12-point deficit to 75-72 late in the third quarter Wednesday night.

Then a couple of blocked shots increased the emotional temperatures of both teams, and on the Lakers' next possession, Ricky Pierce committed a flagrant foul against Sedale Threatt with 10 seconds left in the period.

Pierce stood over Threatt and glared at the Lakers guard as he was on his back, prompting Lakers forward Doug Christie to grab Pierce by the jersey. Both benches emptied and Anthony Peeler tumbled over the press table during the ensuing melee.

Christie, Peeler and Pierce were ejected with technical fouls.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Sacramento 103, Washington 97; Atlanta 92, Orlando 90; Chicago 94, New Jersey 86; Utah 110, Boston 107 in overtime, and Portland 114, the Los Angeles Clippers 98.

Shawn Kemp scored 12 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter and grabbed 13 rebounds for Seattle.

Elden Campbell had 20 points and a season-high 13 rebounds for Los Angeles.

Bulls 94, Nets 86

Chicago won its 10th consecutive game and ninth straight at home as B.J. Armstrong scored 25 points and Toni Kukoc hit 11 of his 16 in the fourth quarter against New Jersey.

Jazz 110, Celtics 107, OT

Utah blew a 19-point lead to Boston, then dominated the overtime period to hand the Celtics their seventh straight loss overall and ninth in a row on the road.

Karl Malone had 25 points and 15 rebounds, Jeff Malone scored 22 points and John Stockton had 17 points and 17 assists for the Jazz.

Trail Blazers 114, Clippers 98

Terry Porter tied his season high with 25 points, 17 of them in the first half, as Portland took control early against Los Angeles.

Buck Williams had a season-high 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Blazers, who led 19-4, extended the margin to 32-12 after one quarter and led by as many as 27 in the second period.

Hawks 92, Magic 90

Kevin Willis missed 13 of his first 15 shots, then scored twice in the final minute, including the game-winner with 4.4 seconds left, as Atlanta won at Orlando.

Shaquille O'Neal was not in the middle to defend against Willis' shots after being ejected in the third quarter for arguing an official's call.

Willis, who finished with 15 points and 15 rebounds, gave the Hawks a 90-88 advantage with a short hook shot with 58 seconds remaining.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	17	7	.708	—
Orlando	15	12	.556	3½
Miami	12	12	.500	5
New Jersey	11	16	.407	7½
Boston	11	17	.393	8
Philadelphia	10	16	.385	8
Washington	8	19	.296	10½
Central Division				
Atlanta	19	7	.731	—
Chicago	18	8	.692	1
Charlotte	15	12	.556	4½
Cleveland	12	14	.462	7
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Phoenix	20	5	.800	2
Portland	17	11	.607	6½
Golden State	14	12	.538	8½
LA Clippers	11	15	.423	11½
LA Lakers	9	19	.321	14½
Sacramento	7	19	.269	15½

Wednesday's Games
Sacramento 103, Washington 97
Atlanta 92, Orlando 90
Chicago 94, New Jersey 86
Utah 110, Boston 107, OT
Seattle 99, LA Lakers 92
Portland 114, LA Clippers 98
Thursday's Games
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Boston at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Hermleigh cagers fall in tournament openers

HAMLIN — Both Hermleigh basketball teams were sent to the consolation brackets Wednesday with first-round losses at the Hamlin Invitational tournament.

The Lady Cardinals fell to host Hamlin, 47-29, and the HHS boys were topped, 77-40, by the Pied Pipers.

Hermleigh's girls were paced by Kelly Gonzales and Connie Payne, each with nine points. Hamlin's Candice Sonnier hit a game-high 10.

Hermleigh, 7-5, will take on Trent, a 28-26 loser to Munday in overtime, today at 1 p.m.

In other girls' games Wednesday, Brownfield thumped Roby, 58-41, and Eastland edged Seymour, 40-38.

Today's games begin at 10 a.m. when Roby takes on Seymour in an elimination contest. Brownfield battles Eastland at 4 p.m. and Trent faces Hamlin at 7 p.m. in semifinal action.

The Cardinals' top producer was Chris Lambaren, who canned 10 against the Pipers. Eric Brown had 13 and Roy Coleman put in 12 for Hamlin.

Hermleigh's boys are scheduled to square off with Trent today at 2:30 p.m.

Trent fell to Munday, 76-43, in its first-round tilt.

Also on Wednesday, Roby ripped Hamlin's JV, 73-27, and Eastland got by Seymour, 51-45.

Today's games include Hamlin's JV vs. Seymour at 11:30 a.m., and the semifinal games between Roby and Eastland, at 5:30 p.m., and Munday and Hamlin, at 8:30 p.m.

Hamlin Invitational
Girls
Wednesday's games
Munday 28, Trent 26 (OT)
Brownfield 58, Roby 41
Eastland 40, Seymour 38
Hamlin 47, Hermleigh 29
Thursday's games
Roby vs. Seymour, 10 a.m.
Trent vs. Hermleigh, 1 p.m.
Brownfield vs. Eastland, 4 p.m.
Trent vs. Hamlin, 7 p.m.
Boys
Wednesday's games
Munday 76, Trent 43
Roby 73, Hamlin JV 27
Eastland 51, Seymour 45
Hamlin 77, Hermleigh 40
Thursday's games
Hamlin JV vs. Seymour, 11:30 a.m.
Trent vs. Hermleigh, 2:30 p.m.
Roby vs. Eastland, 5:30 p.m.
Munday vs. Hamlin, 8:30 p.m.

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Schlinder's List lives on

by The Associated Press

The sequel to "Schindler's List" already exists. In Alex Rosner's determination. In Sol Urbach's children. In the laugh of Edzia Wertheim.

It can be found in the people of Steven Spielberg's movie, the Jews who worked in Oskar Schindler's factories and were protected from the Nazis by the industrialist. It can be found in their rebirth, their professional success, their families, their triumphs of the spirit.

"This is my second life. I'm very, very thankful. I got another chance," said Wertheim, who was saved by Schindler along with her husband. "We are having a wonderful life."

Mila Page, whose husband, Leopold, was an adviser on the movie, agreed.

"The people that I know mostly did move forward," the 73-year-old woman said. "They will always remember that terrible suffering, but most of them were able to build lives and go on."

The Pages, who built a successful handbag business in Beverly Hills, Calif., encouraged Thomas Keneally to write a book about Schindler, who died in 1974. That led to the acclaimed new movie about the more than 1,000 workers Schindler protected at his factories in Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Edzia Wertheim's future began at Schindler's first factory, near Cracow, when she begged him to bring her friend Sam to work there.

After a time, Edzia and Sam were separated, but Schindler saved her and other women employees from the gas chamber. Later, she was reunited with her lover. When they married in 1946, Schindler gave the bride away.

"It's very romantic even now. I'm laughing with my husband, what a lucky coincidence," said Wertheim, 70, who now lives with her husband in Fort Lee, N.J.

Most of the survivors, now past retirement age, have shared their struggles, and their zest for life, with their children and grandchildren.

"I'm so happy you asked me about my children," said Sol Urbach, a retired builder from Flemington, N.J. "It's such a good ending to my story."

His oldest son is a cardiologist on Cape Cod, his daughter a lawyer in New York City, his youngest son a Ph.D. candidate in architecture at Princeton University.

Jack Mintz, 69, of Beechwood, Ohio, lost his parents, two brothers, four sisters and a sister-in-law to the Nazis. He said his only wish after being liberated was "to do what comes normal" and have a family.

He did — a son and a daughter. But his family is not whole.

"Comes a holiday, the kids don't have grandparents. No uncles, no aunts. It's cut down like a limb," he said.

Alex Rosner, who as a boy hid in latrine waste to save his life — a moment featured in the movie — said he never looked back until now, and does so only to praise Schindler, who saved Rosner's mother.

"I think you go on with your life," said Rosner, who was shipped to Auschwitz and Dachau and kept alive by his father, a violinist who agreed to play for the Nazis if they would not kill his boy.

Rosner had high praise for Spielberg's film, as did about half a dozen recently interviewed people on the list who had seen the movie.

"I've seen so many documentaries on the Holocaust, and none of them had the realness and the impact this had to touch the viewers," Rosner said.

The most powerful tribute to Schindler, however, may be the family pictures like those in the hallway at Rena Finder's home in Framingham, Mass. Pointing to her children, grandchildren and cousins, she said, "It's a whole future."

Family money

Top 10 U.S billionaire dynasties, 1993

	Billionaire	Wealth (billions of U.S. dollars)	Sources of wealth
1	Helen R. Walton, S. Robson Walton, John T. Walton, James C. Walton, Alice L. Walton	$23.5	38% of Wal-Mart Stores
2	Forrest Mars Sr., Forrest Mars Jr., John Mars, Jacqueline Mars Vogel	$14.0	100% of Mars Inc.: M&M/Mars, Uncle Ben's Rice, Pedigree pet food, Mars Electronics
3	Samuel Newhouse Jr., Donald Newhouse & family	$10.0	100% of Advance Publications
4	John Werner Kluge	$8.8	95% of Metromedia Co.: telecommunications, restaurants, real estate, cash
5	William Gates III	$6.7	30.1% of Microsoft; 7.6% of Icos Corp.
6	Warren Edward Buffett	$6.4	44% of Berkshire Hathaway
7	Ronald Owen Perelman	$5.9	MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings: 100% of Revlon, 82% of Coleman Cos., 80% of Marvel Entertainment Group, 21% of National Health Labs
8	Anne Cox Chambers, Barbara Cox Anthony	$5.8	98% of Cox Enterprises
9	Phyllis Bronfman Lambert, Edgar M. Bronfman, Charles R. Bronfman & family	$4.9	37.2% of Seagram Co.; 5.7% of Time Warner; commercial real estate; cash
10	Charles Koch, David Koch	$4.7	80% of Koch Industries

Source: Fortune — NEA Graphic

As a result of a nearly 40 percent controlling interest in Wal-Mart stores, the Walton family is America's largest billionaire dynasty, with total wealth estimated at over a whopping $23 billion.

Republicans scoff at Clinton's pledge to simplify health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton promises to simplify health care and free Americans from "the most bureaucratic system that exists anywhere in the world." But Republicans see less choice for patients — and even more red tape.

"Simplicity is, 'I will do what I am told by the government. They'll tell me what I can buy, where I can buy it and how much I'll pay for it,'" complained Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas.

"Thirteen hundred pages of red tape," sputtered House Republican Whip Newt Gingrich.

Clinton's critics are attacking two key features of his health reform plan. One is the creation of a powerful National Health Board that could set limits on private health insurance premiums; the other is a requirement that most Americans buy their coverage through new, government-run health alliances.

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala told a congressional panel in October that the National Health Board would be a "relatively minor oversight board." But an internal memo from HHS lawyers indicated the board would have 250 employees and a $2 billion budget to start.

The board, consisting of seven fulltime presidential appointees, would decide whether new treatments were "medically necessary" and pass judgment on changes in the basic benefit package.

It would have a committee to monitor the prices of breakthrough drugs and pressure companies to keep prices down.

And it would tell the health alliances and corporate health plans how much they could spend on Clinton's benefit package. It would compute premium targets and develop a way to "risk adjust" payments to reward health plans that enrolled sicker, higher-cost patients.

Laura D'Andrea Tyson, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, has estimated that the alliances may need to hire 50,000 people. But Walter Zelman, an architect of the Clinton proposal, says those workers will be replacing staff who now perform similar tasks at higher costs.

He estimates the alliances' overhead will take 2 cents to 2.5 cents from each health care dollar, with the health plans themselves running up 10 cents in administrative costs. But many small and medium-sized businesses now watch 16 cents to 20 cents of their premium dollars go for overhead.

Zelman says there could be as many as 250 alliances nationwide. They could achieve economies of scale by enrolling 500,000 to 5 million people each.

"From the consumer's point of view, it's incredibly simple," said Zelman. "The consumer gets a brochure that says, 'Here are the 10 to 15 plans in your region in which you can enroll. Here's the price you and your family have to pay to enroll in that plan. And here's some information to help you choose between the plans.'"

The alliance collects the money from employers and dispenses premiums to the health plans. It also would figure out the subsidies for small businesses and low-income families.

Supporters of the Clinton approach say consumers and caregivers would be better off because doctors no longer would have to worry about whether a patient was insured or what procedures were covered.

Two men arrested

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — An ex-convict who was said to be bent on revenge against his estranged girlfriend's family was arrested along with a friend in the parcel bombings that killed five people across New York.

Michael Stevens and Earl Figley were charged Wednesday with transporting across state lines the explosives used in two of the slayings. They could get the death penalty if convicted on the federal charges.

Investigators said the bombs were targeted at members of the family of Brenda Lazore, who had been Stevens' girlfriend. Among those killed in four nearly simultaneous blasts Tuesday night were her mother, her stepfather and a sister; an uncle was wounded.

An unidentified law enforcement source told the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle that Stevens "felt the family had turned his girlfriend against him."

The Buffalo News and The New York Times said relations between Stevens and Ms. Lazore's family became particualry strained around the holidays.

"If there was a precipitous act," an investigator told the News, "it might have been a (family) Christmas party where Stevens was asked to leave."

Stevens, 51, of Rochester, and Figley, 56, of Farmington, were ordered held without bail. The men could also face state murder charges.

Investigators said that at Stevens' request, Figley bought nearly 200 sticks of dynamite and 50 blasting caps for $233.17 from the Kentucky Powder Co. in Mount Vernon, Ky., in June, using a Vermont driver's license with an alias.

Figley told police he brought the explosives to Stevens in Rochester and that both men built several bombs, according to court papers.

On Tuesday night, six bombs hidden in tackle boxes were delivered by the mail or by delivery services to four homes, an armored car depot and a prison. Four went off within 90 minutes. Two others were intercepted and disposed of.

On Sept. 22 — more than three months before the attacks — authorities found 112 sticks of the dynamite bought by Figley that had been abandoned at a suburban Rochester home, the court papers said. Authorities refused to say whether an investigation was begun at that time into where the dynamite came from.

Stevens served two years in prison in New York for a telemarketing fraud scheme.

Peace officers are kept busy

Local peace officers worked a burglary, two theft cases and made one arrest Wednesday.

Brian Bohannon contacted sheriff's deputies at 9:30 a.m. to report the theft of some items at the Cooper Apartments. A report for burglary of a residence was filed.

At 11:10 a.m., deputies were contacted by the Beacon Lodge in reference to a guest leaving without paying. A report for theft of services was filed.

Police were informed of a juvenile shoplifter at IGA at 12:36 p.m. The juvenile was later released to relatives.

At 1:22 p.m., police arrested 33-year-old Max Tanner Aucutt in the 4200 block of College on a warrant for probation revocation.

At 1:37 p.m., officers worked a two-vehicle accident at 2300 Ave. R. Involved were a 1978 Chevrolet driven by Tennye Griggs of P.O. Box 1147 and a 1985 Oldsmobile driven by Helen Tate of 2711 Ave. T.

[illegible] at 11:24 p.m. from the Skinny's on 37th Street to report someone taking some property. A report for felony theft was filed.

At 1:27 a.m. today, police were called to a disturbance in the 300 block of 34th Street. A report for assault/family violence was filed.

Monte Peitchinsky contacted police at 3 a.m. today in reference to someone throwing a brick through a bedroom window at 316 32nd St. The subject or subjects also left a wooden snowman at the front door of the residence. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Miranda Benitez, P.O. Box 262; Juan Benitez, P.O. Box 262; Lonnie Elder, Rt. 3 Box 289; Mary Mireles, 2809 Ave. Q.

DISMISSALS: Margie Ellis.

Census: 56 (Med.-13, Long-Term Care-38, CCU-2, OB-2, Nursery-1).

Births

Announcing the birth of a six-pound, four-ounce son are Bonificio and Cirila Ramirez of Hermleigh. He was born at 1:20 a.m. on Dec. 29 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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Israel, Vatican sign mutual recognition pact

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel and the Vatican recognized each other today, trying to put behind them a "history full of hatred, fear and ignorance" between Jews and Roman Catholics.

The accord caps a series of diplomatic breakthroughs for Israel and gives the Vatican what it hopes will be a voice in Jerusalem's future.

Israel's deputy foreign minister, Yossi Beilin, and Monsignor Claudio M. Celli, the Vatican undersecretary of foreign relations, signed an agreement of principles this afternoon at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

"The signing was a victory for sanity, the Jewish people and the state of Israel," Beilin said.

"Behind the agreement there are thousands of years of history full of hatred, fear and ignorance, with a few islands of understanding, of cooperation," he said.

Celli called the accord an important historical event "of fundamental religious and spiritual significance for millions of people."

While Beilin was hailing the agreement as opening a new era in relations, dissenting voices in Israel said there was too much bloodshed caused by the Roman Catholic Church to be erased by a scrap of paper.

Outside the building, about 80 religious Israelis demonstrated against the agreement. They chanted "The people of Israel live" and waved signs recalling the Inquisition.

"In the name of Christianity, they killed us and persecuted us," said Amichai Eliash, 22. "The Christian church was silent during the Holocaust ... We must not sign an agreement with them until they express regret."

Critics argued the Catholic Church must not be forgiven for 2,000 years of doctrine that said the Jews suffering was God's punishment for their refusal to accept Christianity, which they said fostered anti-Semitism and planted the seeds for the Holocaust in which 6 million Jews perished during World War II.

Haaretz, Israel's influential liberal daily, said the Church "persecuted the Jews in the Middle Ages and the pages of its history are stained with Jewish blood... (it) should not be forgiven for this."

Other papers voiced suspicion that the Vatican took the step after so many years only to elbow into the final status talks on Jerusalem that are supposed to be completed by 1998 under the PLO-Israel peace accord.

Hollis in governor's race

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building permit, vehicle registration and hunting and fishing fees, among others.

"It does away with all the mandates and controls, and we have more of those than we need. We've got the bureaucracy bigger than we've got income to afford," says Hollis.

Hollis is the owner of Hollis Recyling Building Materials, headquartered in Abilene. He's been in the business for about 50 years and written a book about his life and his profession, "Wrecking Texas."

He's a Republican, but says parties don't mean a lot. "It's really the person themselves now. The party doesn't do it anymore," says Hollis. "The working man needs to get together and get some relief."

It's the first time Hollis has ever run for office, but that doesn't phase him. "I don't even know what the job pays," he says. "It doesn't make any difference to me. I'd still want it. We've got to have a change."

Hollis says he's not obligated to any special interest groups. He's received some $600,000 in campaign donations, and plans to begin airing some commercials next week. Currently, he's concentrating on smaller communities.

The response has been great, Hollis says.

"People are tired of taxes. You pay 76¼ cents out of every dollar right now for taxes. There are more people in the hospital from stress caused by taxations, mandates and controls that ever been in history."

Taxes are the root of all evil, he says.

"Everyone of our legislators ought to be filed on for child abuse.

Our system has raised taxes to the point where parents can't put bread on the table to feed the baby. Taking away from kids is not what made Texas great," says Hollis.

Hollis was born in Eastland County. His family farmed peanuts and cotton before he moved to Abilene 51 years ago.

County rejects bids

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budget amendments. The court also tabled an addendum to this morning's agenda asking for commissioners to authorize the advertisement for bids on surplus property from the living quarters at the Scurry County Jail.

The court recessed until 10 a.m. Friday when those items will be considered, Judge Doolittle said.

Attending the meeting were Doolittle, Gray and Commissioners Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.

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chamber president. That committee was in place before the end of the year, and a contract had been reached with a firm to search for an executive director. American State Bank donated office space for the director's office.

In addition, other parts of the plan called for the BCD to give $45,000 to the DCOS, and for the city to give 95 percent of the hotel/motel funds to the chamber for operations and to help fund specific tourism events.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital took a step toward becoming a regional health care center with the arrival of two physicians. Dr. Mark L. Weaver, general surgeon joined the CMH staff in August. His wife, Dr. Kathleen Weaver, an orthopedic surgeon, joined him in mid-September after completing advanced trauma training in Germany.

Cogdell also added four specialty clinic physicians during the year.

Despite a key economic agreement and Snyder's ability to attract skilled medical doctors, there was some disappointing — although not unexpected — news in the third quarter of 1993. The appraisal district's office announced that taxable values for the county fell $68.9 million from the previous year.

It came as no surprise in September when Snyder City Council approved an ordinance in which residential sanitation rates doubled and commercial rates tripled. Council members had repeatedly discussed the high cost of bringing the landfill into compliance with new regulations. The increase in rates was the result.

In the oilfield, Texaco took over as operator of the Snyder Gas Plant in July, then announced in August it was resigning. Torch Energy Advisors eventually took over later in the year.

Ira School marked its 100th anniversary in September, along with traditional crowning of the homecoming queen.

Deaths during the third quarter of 1993 included Gene Best, owner and manager of Caprock Material company, who died Aug. 6 at age 82. Best was founder and president of Snyder Savings & Loan and past president of Scurry County Industrial Foundation and chairman of the Board of County Development.

William Franklin "Bill" Atwood, a longtime Snyder businessman and former major league baseball player, died Sept. 14 at age 81.

In other developments during the third quarter:

JULY

—Furr's Supermarket, a fixture in Snyder for 43 years, announced it would be selling to Don Newsom of Big Spring.

—Cogdell Memorial Hospital board approved a 1994 budget which included an increase in room rates and ancillary rates and an increase in tax subsidy of $20,000 — up to $395,000 from $375,000 the previous year.

AUGUST

—After deciding to put a baseball program on hold for another semester at least, Western Texas College trustees adopted a $6.7 budget and set a tax rate at 25.13 cents per $100 valuation.

—School trustees, meeting Aug. 12, voted to make Snyder Independent School District a tobacco-free district, banning tobacco on all school property and at [illegible]

—Hermleigh ISD board approved a $1.2 million budget for 1993-94 in mid-August.

—Les Woods, who opened the Price Daniel Unit and served as its senior warden for four years, announced that he had been promoted as senior warden in Beeville, effective Sept. 1. He was replaced by Bob White, who came from the 500-bed Diboll Detention Center. Also, PDU assistant warden James Black was named warden at the Diboll Unit. Art Villarreal, assistant warden at the Fort Stockton detention center, took his place as assistant warden in Snyder.

—It took a special election, an agreement with Snyder ISD to educate transfer students and "a lot of cutting," but Ira ISD board accepted a budget of $1.4 million for the 1993-94 school year. Ira was pegged by the state as being a "wealthy" school district, and had to reduce its wealth below $280,000 per weighted average daily attendance. To do so, Ira ISD residents had to pass options designed to distribute the wealth. They did so by a 114-1 vote on Aug. 28. On Sept. 7, the board approved a tax rate of $1.4040.

Snyder ISD board got some good news on Aug. 23, when trustees learned of an error in the way the Texas Education Agency was calculating special education students. That $320,000 error, plus an agreement with Borden County ISD for $300,000 meant no tax increase for 1993-94, plus additional funds to be earmarked for technology.

—Meeting on Aug. 30, Snyder ISD trustees approved a $14.6 million budget for 1993-94, keeping the tax rate at $1.36 per $100 valuation.

SEPTEMBER

—In a hearing that took little more than 15 minutes on Sept. 1, 132nd District Court Judge Gene Dulaney sentenced Dorsey Lee Johnson to die Nov. 12 by lethal injection. However, the judge later granted a stay, and set a new execution date for Jan. 27, 1994. Johnson had been convicted of capital murder in the March 1986 death of a Snyder convenience store clerk and his appeal went all the way to the Supreme Court, which upheld his sentence in June of 1993.

—Snyder City Council approved a $7 million budget and a tax rate of 39.45 cents on Sept. 7. The budget included $1.4 million for bringing the landfill into compliance with state and federal regulations.

—Former mayor and longtime civic leader Rod Waller was elected president of United Way as the organization reorganized in September. Other officers selected were Jack Gorman Jr., first vice president; Linda Franklin, second vice president; and Glen Gray, treasurer.

—Scurry County commissioners approved a three percent tax increase in adopting a budget of $5.8 million. The adopted tax rate was set at 49.87 cents. The court also agreed to impose a half-cent sales tax on telephone services in the county.

—County commissioners contracted with Gary Haltom to serve as manager of Winston Field airport.

—Angie Robinson was named homecoming queen at Ira, during the school's 100th anniversary. Ira exes crowned king and queen were Robert Erwin and Leona Clark Smallwood.

—Cerise Covey was named SHS homecoming queen with [illegible] Sheri Sandefur was named Hermleigh sweetheart and William Gray was named HHS football hero in ceremonies held Sept. 24.

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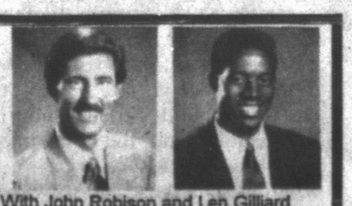
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Firemen note several calls

Snyder firemen responded to the report of a pickup on fire at 8:54 a.m. Wednesday at 1817 26th St.

Firefighters said the call was a smoke scare. They were able to disconnect the battery, and end the threat. The vehicle, a 1981 Ford, is owned by Delwyn Davis.

Firemen had responded to another smoke scare at 4400 Avenue U, apartment 4C-1 at noon Tuesday. Firefighters said someone had apparently left some food in the oven too long. The occupant is Linda Tippens.

At 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, firemen responded to a grass fire nine miles west of Snyder along Highway 180.

Obituaries

Ruby Durham

1906-1993

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Services are to be held at 3 p.m. Friday in Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Albuquerque for Ruby L. Durham, 87, who died at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Survivors include two sons, Willard Jones Jr. of Snyder and Dan Durham of Albuquerque; and five grandchildren, Wenona Evans and Mitch Jones, both of Snyder, Marla Carpenter of Midland and Jerry Jones of Lubbock.

W.H. Strickland

1909-1993

HOBBS, N.M. — Graveside services were conducted at 10 a.m. today in the Prairie Haven Cemetery for W. H. "Bill" Strickland, 94, who died Tuesday at his home in Capitan.

He was the father of Sue Simpson of Snyder.

Born in Hood County, Mr. Strickland was a retired welder and a Baptist. His wife, Lida Jean Strickland, died in 1976.

Survivors include three sons, David Strickland and Terry Strickland, both of Capitan, and Joe Strickland of Roswell; another daughter, Judy Green of Jal, N.M.; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Ray Cole

1922-1993

TUSCOLA — Services are set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Tuscola Church of Christ for Ray T. Cole Sr., 71, who died Tuesday in an Abilene hospital. Burial will follow in the Tuscola Cemetery.

He was the twin brother of Roy Thomas Cole of Snyder.

Born in Trent, Mr. Cole graduated from Abilene Christian University in 1951 and worked for Hughes Tool Co. in Abilene and Odessa. He then owned and operated a machine shop in Roby for eight years.

Mr. Cole had been a resident of Tuscola since 1986. He was a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, the Abilene Amateur Radio Club and a member of the Church of Christ. He was also a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Survivors also include his wife, Lucille Cole of Tuscola; two daughters, Cheryl Lynn Sutter of Hurst and Mary Elaine Cole of Round Rock; a son, Ray Thomas Cole Jr. of Mesquite; two stepdaughters, Judith Hall Buffaloe of La Jolla, Calif., and Cheryl Hall Owens of Missoula, Mont.; a step son, Dr. Christopher Hall of Midland; a sister, Emma Fay Terry of Roby; 14 grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

3 plead guilty in district court

Three persons Wednesday entered pleas of guilty in 132nd District Court to charges of driving while intoxicated.

Pleading guilty were Daniel Salazar, 28, of 414 34th St.; David Garcia Lopez, 29, of 708 26th St.; and Billy Gene Pylant, 59, of 4511 El Paso.

District Judge Gene Dulaney assessed each defendant a three-year probated prison term and a $750 fine.

Markets

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	68	673/8	675/8	+3/8
Albtsn s	273/8	267/8	273/8	+1/4
Alldsignal	801/8	795/8	793/4	-1/4
Alltel s	285/8	281/2	281/2	-1/8
AmStores	44	435/8	44	
Amer T&T	531/2	525/8	527/8	-3/8
Ameritech	791/4	785/8	783/4	-5/8
Amoco	531/2	533/8	531/2	+1/4
AndarkPtr	451/2	45	45	-1/2
Arkla	81/8	77/8	77/8	-1/8
ArmcoInc	61/8	57/8	57/8	-1/8
AtlRichfld	1043/4	1041/8	1043/8	+1/4
ATMOS	273/4	271/2	271/2	
BakerHughes	203/4	203/8	203/8	+1/8
BancTexas	13/8	13/8	13/8	
BellAtl	605/8	603/8	601/2	-1/4
BellSouth	593/8	587/8	59	-3/4
Beth Steel	197/8	193/4	197/8	
Borden	173/8	171/8	171/4	+1/8
Brit Pet	645/8	641/4	645/8	-1/8
Caterplr	903/4	901/4	903/4	+1/4
CenSoWst	313/8	311/4	311/4	-1/8
Chevron	881/2	881/8	881/4	+1/4
Chrysler	541/8	531/2	535/8	-3/8
Coastal	28	275/8	277/8	+1/4
CocaCola	45	445/8	45	
ColgatePalm	611/2	607/8	611/2	+1/2
ComlMetl s	281/4	281/4	281/4	-1/8
CooperIn	49	483/4	487/8	-3/8
CyprusAmax	263/8	26	261/4	+1/8
DalSemicn	15	143/8	147/8	+5/8
DeltaAirl	553/8	541/2	541/2	-1/8
DigitalEq	341/2	341/8	341/4	-1/8
Dillard	363/8	361/8	361/8	-1/4
DowChem	571/4	567/8	571/8	+1/4
DresserInd	207/8	201/2	207/8	+1/4
DuPont	495/8	487/8	491/8	-1/8
EstKodak	563/8	56	561/8	-1/8
EljerInd	65/8	61/2	65/8	-1/8
Enserch	161/4	16	161/4	+1/8
Exxon	641/8	633/8	641/8	+1/2
FlowerInd	191/8	191/8	191/8	-1/8
FordMotor	643/4	635/8	645/8	-1/8
GTE Cp	351/2	351/8	353/8	-1/8
GnDyn	931/2	931/2	931/2	
GenElct	1065/8	1063/8	1065/8	+1/8
GenMills	611/8	603/4	61	+1/8
GenMotors	561/4	557/8	561/8	+1/8
GenMotors E	293/8	291/4	293/8	
GaPacif	691/4	683/4	69	-1/8
GlobalMar	37/8	33/4	37/8	
Goodrich	401/2	40	40	-1/2
Goodyear s	451/2	45	453/8	-1/4
GtAtlPac	281/8	275/8	275/8	-3/8
Gulf StaUt	197/8	193/4	193/4	-1/8
Haliburtn	321/2	321/8	321/4	-1/2
Hanson ADS	201/8	197/8	20	-3/8
HoustInd	48	473/4	473/4	-1/2
IBM	583/8	573/4	573/4	-3/8
IntlPaper	681/8	675/8	68	+1/8
JohnsnJns	45	443/4	447/8	+1/8
K mart	215/8	211/4	211/2	+1/8
Kroger	201/4	20	20	-1/4
Litton	641/2	641/4	643/8	
vjLoneStar	21/8	21/8	21/8	
Lowes	585/8	583/8	585/8	+1/8
Lubys	221/4	22	221/4	
Maxus	6	55/8	57/8	+1/4
MayDS s	391/4	383/4	391/8	+1/8
Medtronic	85	843/8	843/8	-5/8
Mobil	791/4	787/8	791/8	
Monsanto	747/8	741/4	747/8	+3/8
Motorola s	921/4	913/8	921/8	+1/4
Nationsbk	487/8	483/4	487/8	-1/8
Navistar s	231/8	227/8	227/8	-1/8
Nynex s	407/8	401/2	403/4	+1/4
OryxEngy	171/2	171/4	171/4	+1/8
PacTelesis	551/8	547/8	551/8	-1/8
PanhECp	231/8	227/8	23	-1/8
PenneyJC s	531/4	521/2	521/2	-7/8
Pennzoil	543/8	533/4	541/8	+1/4
PepBoys	261/2	263/8	263/8	-1/4
PhelpDodge	49	485/8	485/8	-3/8
PhilipPet	291/4	291/8	291/4	+1/8
PilgrmPrd	67/8	67/8	67/8	
Polaroid	343/8	337/8	337/8	-1/2
Praxair	167/8	165/8	163/4	+1/8
Primerica s	381/2	381/4	383/8	-1/2
ProctGamble	585/8	581/4	583/8	-3/8
PubS NwMx	107/8	107/8	107/8	-1/8
RoyalDutch	106	1051/2	1051/2	+3/8
SFePacCp	213/8	211/8	211/4	+1/8
SaraLee	253/8	251/8	251/4	-1/8
SearsRoeb s	533/4	531/4	535/8	
SherwinW	371/4	36	371/4	+1 1/8
SmthBchADS	301/8	291/2	291/2	-5/8
SmthBc eqt	273/8	271/4	273/8	+5/8
Southern Co	445/8	441/2	441/2	-1/8
SwAirlines s	371/4	37	371/8	-1/8
SwBell s	431/2	425/8	43	-5/8
Sprint	343/8	34	341/4	-1/8
SterlingChm	41/8	41/8	41/8	-1/8
SunCo	297/8	295/8	293/4	
TNP Ent	167/8	165/8	167/8	-1/8
Tandy	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco	517/8	513/8	513/4	+1/4
Texaco	651/8	643/4	65	
TexasInd	32	311/2	311/2	
TexasInst	537/8	635/8	633/4	+3/8
Tex Util	433/4	431/2	431/2	-1/2
Textron	583/8	58	583/8	+1/4
Trinty s	433/4	431/4	431/2	+1/4
TritonEngy	30	293/4	297/8	
Tyler	5	5	5	-1/8
US West	467/8	463/8	463/8	-3/8
USX Delhi	151/2	151/4	151/2	
USX-Marathn	163/4	161/2	165/8	
USX-USS	423/8	42	423/8	
UnCarbde	225/8	223/8	221/2	-1/8
UnPac	633/8	63	63	-5/8
UnitedTech	615/8	613/8	613/8	-1/4
Unocal	273/8	271/8	273/8	+1/8
WalMart s	257/8	255/8	253/4	-1/8
WstnGasRs	315/8	311/2	315/8	+1/2
Weyhslr	14 1/4	14	14 1/4	
WinnDixie	537/8	535/8	537/8	+1/8
Woolwth	25	241/2	247/8	+3/8
Xerox Cp	887/8	881/8	883/4	1/8
ZenithE	71/4	7	71/8	

Some Clinton controversies do not have staying power

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — When rankled Republicans blocked renewal of the law for court-chosen special prosecutors, they were warned they'd rue the day.

Now it's told-you-so time.

Without the law, the House Republicans who want an independent counsel to investigate a case involving President Clinton and a failed Arkansas land deal can't get it done. And so far, they haven't been able to make much of an issue of it. The Justice Department already is investigating, and the attorney general says politics won't influence the inquiry.

Nor is there staying power in another controversy that reflects what came to be called the character issue when Clinton was seeking the White House: the allegations of two Arkansas state troopers that they facilitated extramarital sexual affairs for him when he was governor.

Either could flare with fresh disclosures. Otherwise, they will be old business in the new year.

Clinton has dealt with those questions before, in more trying circumstances — when he was running, with rival Democrats raising them.

Voters opted for him anyhow, first in 29 presidential primary elections, then with the 43 percent vote that made him president.

"What's the point of slashing up the president with three years to go in an administration, when the American people voted for him knowing that he was not a perfect person," Henry Cisneros, the secretary of Housing and Urban Development, said in challenging media coverage of the troopers' allegations.

Cisneros said in a television interview Sunday that the media went too far too fast on the word of two men with questionable credibility.

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published by the conservative American Spectator, the troopers also claimed Clinton had offered jobs to keep them quiet. The allegations gained mainstream media coverage after the two men appeared in a CNN television interview.

Clinton called their assertions outrageous: "We did not do anything wrong."

As a candidate, Clinton acknowledged that he hadn't been a perfect husband, this after Gennifer Flowers claimed they'd had a 12-year affair, which he denied. "I have acknowledged wrongdoing ... causing pain in my marriage," he said on CBS "60 Minutes" program right after the 1992 Super Bowl.

He said he thought people would get the drift and that the voters would have to decide what to do about it. What they decided was to nominate and elect him.

The land deal came up early in the campaign too. It involves Clinton investments in an Ozark development beginning in 1978; it failed and they lost the money. Their partner in that deal later bought a state savings and loan; it failed in 1989 and became part of the federal savings and loan bailout.

The inquiry involves state banking regulation while Clinton was governor and campaign contributions by the S&L operator. But as the White House has noted, there has been no suggestion of improper conduct by Clinton or his wife, Hillary.

That investigation had been proceeding quietly until it was disclosed that after the summer suicide of a deputy White House counsel, Vincent Foster, documents on the deal were taken from Foster's office and given to the Clintons' personal lawyer. When that stirred controversy, the president ordered them released to the investigators.

But Rep. Jim Leach, the ranking Republican on the House Banking Committee, demanded the appointment of a special counsel so that Clinton's Justice Department wouldn't be investigating a matter linked to Clinton.

Attorney General Janet Reno said no, calling it better to leave the inquiry with career prosecutors who have worked in administrations of both parties.

The old special counsel law lapsed a year ago after 15 years on the books. Under that law, an attorney general would have risked political trouble by refusing to turn to an outsider in circumstances like these.

It expired because Senate Republicans, angry at the seven-year Iran-Contra arms and money investigation, blocked it with a filibuster threat.

Ironically, they did so with a Democratic administration taking over. Of 13 special prosecutor cases under the post-Watergate law, only two had involved Democrats, simply because Republican administrations had been in charge.

Sen. William Cohen of Maine, a Republican who favored the law, said his colleagues wrremmaiin ammitake and would rue the day they let it expire. He recalled that warning as Republicans relented this fall and the Senate passed an extension bill.

It is to come up in the House early next year.

Clinton favors revival.

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.

President named

DALLAS (AP) — Zale Corp. has named a new president and chief operating officer.

Larry Pollock, 46, will begin his duties with Zale on Jan. 10. The company said Wednesday that Pollock will be responsible for overseeing the overall daily operations of the entire corporation, including its headquarters and its four operating divisions.

Pollock has almost 25 years of experience in jewelry operations, including serving from 1981-86 as president and chief executive officer of J.B. Robinson Jewelers, with whom he began working in 1969 as a management trainee.

Pollock will leave his current position of president and CEO of Kartens Jewelers.

DATE BOOK

Dec. 30, 1993

Today is the 364th day of 1993 and the 10th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1853, the Gadsden Purchase — in which the United States bought from Mexico southern parts of present-day Arizona and New Mexico — was ratified by the two countries.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936), writer; Al Smith (1873-1944), U.S. politician; Bo Diddley (1928-), musician, is 65; Jack Lord (1930-), actor, is 63; Sandy Koufax (1935-), baseball player, is 58; Paul Stookey (1937-), folk singer, is 56; Tracey Ullman (1959-), entertainer, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1936, Stanford defeated Long Island University, 45-31, to end LIU's 43-game winning streak in basketball.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The night was dark, the sky was blue, / Down the alley an ice wagon flew / Hit a bump and somebody screamed / You should have heard just what I seen." — Bo Diddley

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1972, an 86-foot-high wave in the Atlantic Ocean was recorded as the world's highest ever measured.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 28) and last quarter (Jan. 4).

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Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 31, 1993

Social contacts, both old and new, could play very important roles in your affairs in the year ahead. You might even involve yourself in a business arrangement with two different pals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're not likely to be easily deceived in your commercial dealings today, because you won't take people or things at face value. If you do get warning signals, they shouldn't be ignored. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N. Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Instinctively you're likely to know today what is the real value of things to others, as well as yourself. This could be a big asset if you should be doing a little old-fashioned trading.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't be bashful about accepting a helping hand today if it's offered. If others give you things or do things for you, you can balance the account at a later date.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There's a situation in which you're involved that requires a firmer hand in its management. You can do what needs doing without agitating other.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Early in the day you might be a bit aimless and drifting. However, once you establish your objectives, your probabilities for fulfilling them are very good.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Persons important to your present plans who have been difficult to reach lately should be accessible today. Get out your list and begin at the top.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Profitable results are indicated today, but not necessarily from aany one large thing in particular. The gains may be small, but they'll be accumulative.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to advance your personal interests today heavily on others. If anything is going to get done, you'll have to do it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your influence over your peers tend to be substantial today, provided your intentions aren't too obvious. Additionally, what you want for yourself you must also be prepared to get for others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to focus your efforts today on your people interests instead of your material interests. You will fare much better making friends than you will trying to make money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Unless you are subjected to some form of challenge today, you are not likely to push too hard. However, if there is something you really want to achieve, it's another story.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try to treat people, life and developments philosophically today, without taking yourself or events too seriously. If you are calmly positive, favorable results are likely.

Berry's World

"How sweet! Why don't I have my people call your people."

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

How pulmonary disease progresses

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from COPD and would like your comments about this disease. I find I become fatigued when walking any distance, and have become unable to exercise as I once did.

DEAR READER: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is a chronic and common lung disorder, marked by breakdown of normal lung tissue and trapping of stale air, which hinders the body's ability to exchange carbon dioxide for oxygen. Consequently, patients with COPD initially experience breathlessness during exercise.

This intolerance to activity often progresses to difficulty breathing at rest. In the final stages, such patients require supplemental oxygen or, in the most serious cases, assisted ventilation with a respirator.

In the United States, almost all patients with COPD have either smoked cigarettes or experienced air pollution, such as the chronic inhalation of harmful substances in the workplace. COPD is also associated with a variety of lung disorders, including asthma and alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency, an inherited lung disease.

The progression of your disability is not surprising; as you age, your lung function will diminish anyway and this is aggravated by COPD, especially if you continue to smoke.

In my opinion, patients with chronic lung ailments should be examined by pulmonologists. Such lung specialists often can identify underlying, treatable pulmonary diseases, such as bronchitis and asthma, which are treated with antibiotics and bronchodilating drugs, respectively. Ask your doctor for a referral.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I would like to understand why there must be a continual increase of medicine in order to keep an arrhythmia under control. I've been all right for a year and now a new one has cropped up, requiring more medication.

DEAR READER: Many diseases worsen with age. Heart disease is no exception and can cause increasingly troublesome heart irregularities (arrhythmias), particularly if arteriosclerosis is to blame. Therefore, your worsening arrhythmia may merely be a function of the aging process, or you may be developing a tolerance to a drug you have taken for years.

In either case, a change to a different medicine may solve your problem. Ask your doctor about this and, if indicated, request a referral to a cardiologist for a second opinion.

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DR. GOTT

PETER. GOTT, M.D.

54-year sentence for first-time drug offender spurring debate

KINGSVILLE (AP) — A migrant worker's 54-year prison sentence for a first-time drug offense has led to a debate over whether richer defendants get off easier than poorer ones.

Hoping for probation, Pablo Diaz, 31, pleaded guilty to smuggling 54 pounds of marijuana through Kleberg County last spring.

Instead, Judge Manuel J. Banales of the 105th state District Court sentenced Diaz to a year in prison for every pound of marijuana he was caught with on May 8 at the U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint in Sarita.

"I suppose, compared to everybody else who has come up with similar offenses, it might be harsh," the judge was quoted as saying in the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

"I recognize that this person had no prior criminal history. For him, I felt sorry. I regret the impact it's going to have on him and his family," Banales said. "But for society as a whole, it was an appropriate decision."

Jaime Carrillo, Diaz's court-appointed attorney, said he was shocked.

"I was so angry that tears fell from my eyes," Carrillo said.

Carrillo said the system provides probation to those who can pay a fine, but prison time to those who can't.

Last month, Assistant District Attorney Susan Snyder offered a plea bargain to Diaz. Under the terms, in exchange for probation, he would have to pay $2,000 on the day he pleaded guilty and an additional $3,400 over the next five years.

Carrillo said his client wasn't able to pay.

Snyder said the issue is not Diaz's sentence but a prevailing attitude that drug defendants deserve probation.

"Plea bargaining is the tool of the overworked prosecutor," she said. "We were arguing about how cheaply the defendant could get out of the courtroom, and Judge Banales put it all in perspective."

Tom Krampitz, executive director of the Texas District Attorneys and County Attorneys Association in Austin, said it was the toughest sentence he's ever heard of in Texas for a first-time drug conviction.

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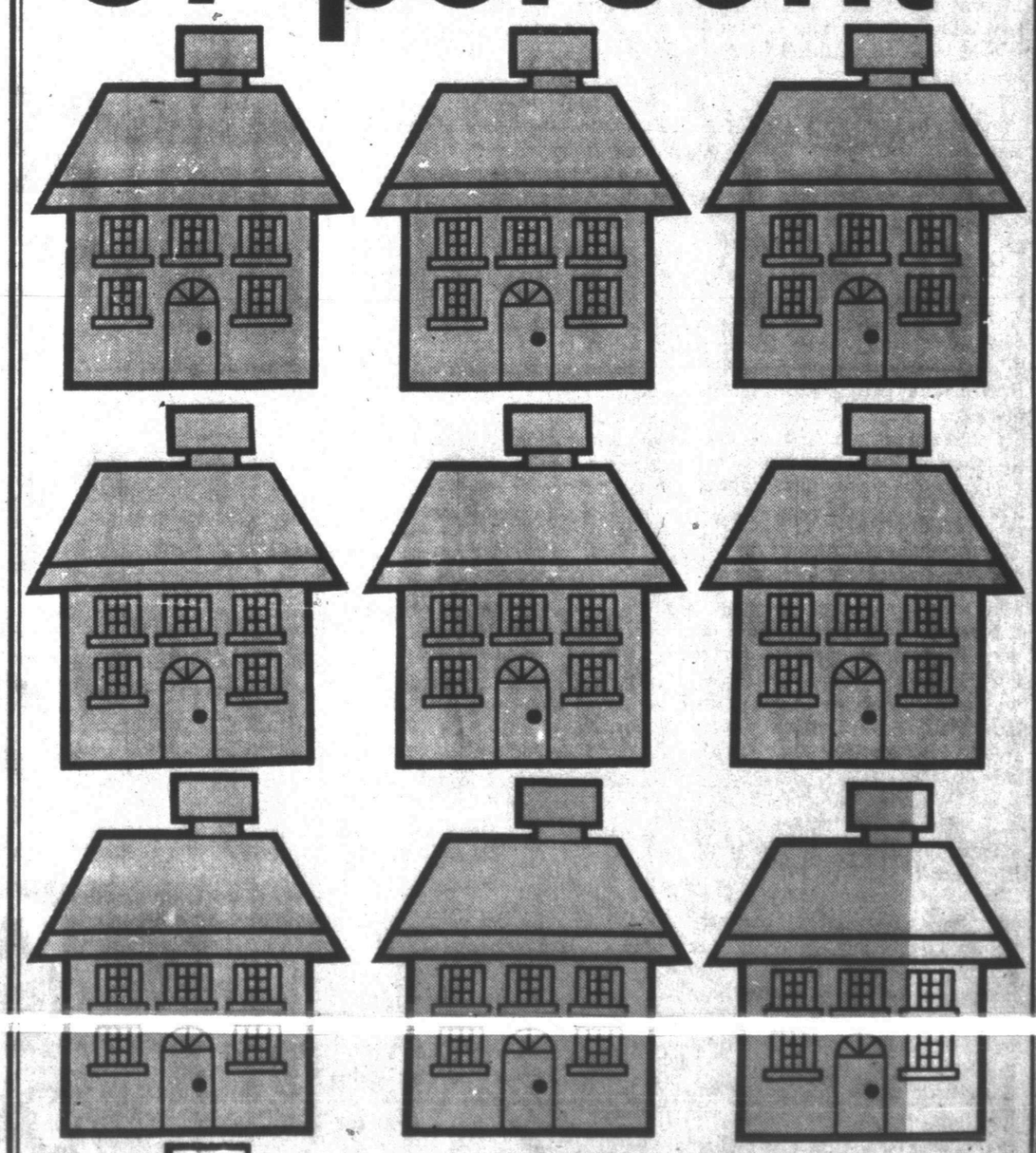

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Places in the News

NORTHERN IRELAND

After 25 years of bitter sectarian violence between Catholics and Protestants, some small steps have been taken toward peace in Northern Ireland.

In 1921, in an attempt to stop centuries of religious violence between Protestants and Catholics, Britain divided Ireland. Twenty-six southern, mostly Catholic, counties became an independent country: the Republic of Ireland. Six counties in the north, about two-thirds Protestant, was granted "commonwealth" status and remained part of the United Kingdom.

The Catholic minority in Northern Ireland, claiming discrimination and demanding reunification, has battled the Protestant majority. Violence is a daily staple, and acts of terrorism are common, often carried out by the Catholic paramilitary Irish Republican Army and the Protestant militias.

British troops have patrolled the streets of the North since 1968, ostensively to keep the peace. But Catholics charge that the British are there to support the Protestant cause. The British government's policy has been to refuse to negotiate with the IRA and its political wing, Sinn Fein, as long as the groups remain committed to violence. But now British Prime Minister John Major admitted that secret contacts have been undertaken with the IRA over a possible long-term cease-fire and substantiative peace negotiations.

It is clear, however, from public and political reaction that peace is a very long way away. The Protestants in Northern Ireland immediately denounced Major and accused him of planning to sell them out. They said they would oppose any peace talks that included either the IRA or Sinn Fein.

Some review sought in military gay case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Battered on all sides by the issue of gays in the military, the Clinton administration plans only a limited challenge to a major court victory for a gay midshipman who had been forced out of the Naval Academy, his lawyer and a Justice Department official say.

The Nov. 16 ruling for Joseph Steffan undermines the administration's new compromise policy on gays in the military, but the Justice Department is not going to attack the core issue in the Steffan case.

Three federal appeals judges had ruled that the Navy cannot expel a midshipman solely on the basis of his sexual orientation — declaring that forcing Steffan out violated the equal protection guarantee of the Constitution.

In a narrowly focused appeal that could come today, the government will assert that the judges exceeded their authority when they ordered that Steffan be granted a commission to serve in the U.S. Navy, the department source said Wednesday night, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The three judges ordered the Navy to give a diploma and officer's commission to Steffan.

A senior Justice Department official made a "courtesy phone call" Wednesday to one of Steffan's lawyers, Marc Wolinsky, saying that the government would seek review "on a limited issue" by the full U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, said Wolinsky.

"We are pleased that the government apparently is not challenging the key principles of the Steffan decision," said a statement issued by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which is representing Steffan.

"We are disappointed by the petty effort ... to deny this outstanding midshipman his commission," the statement added.

Justice Department spokeswoman Julie Anbender declined to comment on what the government planned to do, or when. The deadline for seeking appeals court review is Monday.

Faced with opposition in the armed services and on Capitol Hill, President Clinton has crafted a policy that forbids gay service members from openly declaring their sexual orientation.

Regulations implementing the Clinton compromise were announced last week — and the Clinton administration is girding to defend them in court.

Lambda and the American Civil Liberties Union are preparing a new court challenge "to the latest version of the anti-gay policy in the next few weeks," Lambda's statement said.

The court in the Steffan case was dealing with the old Defense Department ban on homosexuals, but its decision brought into question the administration's new policy: permitting homosexuals to serve in the armed forces as long as they don't tell their sexual orientation.

Steffan had confided to a midshipman and a chaplain about his sexual orientation, later admitting to a disciplinary board that he was homosexual. He resigned from the academy six weeks before graduation in 1987, after the board recommended he be dismissed.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice prohibits homosexual conduct. Under the new "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the military no longer asks recruits or service members about their sexual orientation.

Steffan, now 29, is in law school at the University of Connecticut.

Capital murder charges filed

ODESSA (AP) — The suspect in a December killing walked away from the confines of an electronic monitoring program minutes before the shooting, Ector County Sheriff's Department officials say.

Joe Daniel Boisse, 18, has been charged with capital murder in connection with the Dec. 4 fatal shooting of Ronnie James Olvera, 32, who was dating Boisse's former girlfriend. Officials said Olvera was shot as he stepped out of the shower at the woman's house and died in a hospital a week later.

Boisse had been arrested in October on a charge of evading arrest. After a background check showed no previous arrests, he was released from jail and placed under a program that went into effect 10 months ago to alleviate jail overcrowding.

Boisse was allowed to return to his home with an electronic ankle-bracelet to monitor his movements. County officials say Boisse was a model participant in the monitoring program, with no violations reported until Dec. 4, when he left his home at about 9 p.m.

His monitor sent a signal to the program's employees, who began trying to locate Boisse, sheriff's Capt. Eldon Blount said.

Boisse's ex-girlfriend told authorities that he burst into her residence, shot Olvera and fled.

Boisse was arrested within minutes.

County officials said Boisse is the only person accused of committing a crime while on the program in Ector County. However, "there have been some arrested for violating the program by leaving the perimeter," Blount said

Poll finds wide support for gun control in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans by a wide majority want tighter controls on the sale of firearms and a ban on assault weapons and think handguns should be registered, according to a poll published today.

But the USA Today-Gallup Poll found that six out of 10 people oppose an outright ban on handguns.

The poll comes a day after USA Today, the nation's second-largest daily after The Wall Street Journal, devoted a significant portion of the paper to articles focusing on gun violence in America.

In an editorial Wednesday, the newspaper called for the creation of a national system to register firearms and license gun owners, just as cars are registered and drivers are licensed after demonstrating they can drive safely.

"Treat guns as cars and shooters as drivers, and then watch the blood mist slowly, surely, lift," it said.

The poll today found wide support for gun control.

Sixty-seven percent of respondents said they favored stricter laws controlling firearms sales, with only 7 percent saying the laws should be less strict. Twenty-five percent said the laws should stay as they are.

And with 81 percent favoring the registration of handguns, only 18 percent opposed such a move. The rest had no opinion.

Fully 87 percent of respondents said they approved of the new Brady law requiring a five-day waiting period for a background check before the purchase of a firearm.

polled said people should be required to take safety classes before qualifying to own a gun, and 69 percent said people should be limited to purchasing no more than one gun a month.

Seventy-seven percent favored a ban on assault weapons. And 60 percent would ban all handguns, while 39 percent opposed such a move and 1 percent had no opinion.

Well over half — 59 percent — said they wouldn't feel any less safe if only police officers were allowed to have handguns. Twenty-five percent said they would feel more safe, 34 percent said they

percent said they would feel less safe.

The poll was conducted between Dec. 17-21 and sought the opinion of 1,014 people. Its margin of error was plus or minus three percentage points.

In USA Today's Wednesday edition, the newspaper devoted 18 pages of stories in all four sections to a comprehensive exploration of the gun issue.

It reported that there are now 211 million firearms in the United States, one for every adult and half the children. It said 22 major American cities have set homicide records this year.

The newspaper said 15,377 people were killed in firearms homicides in 1992 — 12,489 of them with handguns. That is twice the number killed by handguns in 1966.

And it said homicides among Americans under 18 rose by 143 percent over six years, from 602 deaths in 1986 to 1,468 in 1992.

"A handgun homicide is committed every 42 minutes in the USA," the newspaper said. "In 1982, it was 62 minutes."

David Colton, the USA Today deputy managing editor who helped direct the coverage, said the newspaper's unusual single-edition focus on guns in America was energized by the Dec. 7 rampage on a commuter train in New York in which a man shot 23 people, six of them fatally.

Protest rejected

AUSTIN (AP) — Officials

Government have rejected a protest by the Texas Railroad Commission over a printing services contract awarded to the General Services Commission.

The Railroad Commission contended it submitted the low bid of 1.9 cents per copy for the right to perform printing duties of the Texas comptroller's office.

But the Council on Competitive Government awarded the contract to the General Services Commission, which the Railroad Commission claimed put in a more costly bid of 2.6 cents a copy.

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