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Ask Us

Q—When is the Scurry County Jr. Livestock Show scheduled?

A—It will be held Jan. 18-22 at the county coliseum.

DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

In Brief

46 missiles

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine will scrap all 46 of its long-range SS-24 nuclear missiles by next year, officials said today.

It was the first sign that Ukraine might be moving again toward complying with its international treaty obligations to become a nuclear-free nation. But there was no mention of Ukraine's SS-19 long-range missiles or its short-range, battlefield nuclear weapons.

Summit starts

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — The government and the African National Congress sat down with black and white opponents today for talks focusing on proposals to grant some of their demands for autonomy.

The negotiations were the first attended by all three. They were just beginning when the ANC and the white, pro-apartheid Afrikaner Volksfront announced in Pretoria they were closer to resolving their differences.

A statement said the two sides would sign an agreement Tuesday acknowledging the need to address the demand of right-wing whites for their own homeland.

Local

VFW Post

VFW Post 8231 and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 this evening at the post home.

SNC council

The family council of Snyder Nursing Center will holds its residents' Christmas party at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

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

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 54 degrees; low, 24 degrees; high Sunday, 39 degrees; low, 31 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 32 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 16.19 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the lower to mid 20s. Light and variable wind. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High in the mid 50s. Southwest wind 10-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:44. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:39. Of 353 days in 1993, the sun has shone 346 days in Snyder.

CHRISTMAS JOY — Cindy Nix and Donna Fowler, with microphones, sang Christmas songs for the children at Snyder Day Care Center recently. Singing along were, from left, Adrian Padron, Christian Tippens, Tasha Ball and Jessica Kindrick. Also spreading cheer was Stephanie Knipe, RN, as "Immy," donned with a Christmas cap. Immy promotes immunizations for children at the Scurry County Health Unit. (SDN Staff Photo)

For sanitarian...

County okays stop-gap pact

A stop-gap contract with a retired sanitarian was approved this morning by Scurry County Commissioners Court.

The court authorized the agreement with Louie T. Vaughan to provide sanitarian services in the county until a full-time employee is hired.

The court said the temporary arrangement is necessitated to make required spectic tank inspections for loan closures and necessary inspections of restaurants.

The county will be out no money under terms of the contract, but the agreement allows Vaughan to charge an individual or business up to $75 for each inspection.

In other business, commissioners met with Leland Pack, representing American Heritage Life Insurance Company, who had asked that the company be added to the cafeteria plan for county employees.

Commissioners said the letter informing employees of approved companies had already been sent, therefore it would be too late for the company to be included in the 1994 cafeteria plan.

County Judge Bob Doolittle cited the need for a policy stating an application deadline and other minimum requirements for a company to be added to the plan.

The court also reviewed minutes of county boards and committees. The court specifically noted minutes of the airport board which requested repairs and cleanup of the old terminal building. Commissioners indicated that the work could be done as part of the inmate work program as soon as work is completed on community centers. Also noted was the need to seal cracks in the runway.

Numerous line-item transfers for the year-end were approved. The tax office asked that $2,018 be moved from postage to bonds and insurance. Also $2,000 was moved from postage to supplies.

The justice of the peace was given approval for a transfer of $100 from maintenance agreement to supplies. For the Board of County Development, $500 was transferred from advertising to agri-promotion. The extension service transferred $500 from supplies with $150 going to repairs, $150

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Elders' son arrested on drug charge

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — The son of U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders surrendered to police this morning on a charge that he sold cocaine to undercover agents.

Kevin Elders, 28, is accused of selling an eighth of an ounce of cocaine to undercover police on July 29 for $275, said Lt. Charles Holladay of the Little Rock Police Department.

Police issued a warrant for his arrest last week, a week after Elders' mother said legalizing drugs could reduce the country's crime rate and suggested the government study the idea.

In a terse statement Friday, Mrs. Elders said she supported her son.

Only two weeks left to file for candidacy in primaries

Anyone considering running for county or state office has two weeks to file as a candidate in the March Democratic and Republican parties.

The filing period ends on Monday, Jan. 3.

Locally, no one has filed for candidacy since the period opened Dec. 3. On that day, 11 people filed, including seven incumbents.

The list of those filing includes County Judge Bob Doolittle, a Republican, who is seeking a second term. He'll be opposed in the primary by Chamber Manager Ricky Fritz.

There has been no Democratic candidate file for county judge as yet.

The incumbent for Precinct 2 commissioner, Republican Roy Idom, filed for a second term. Also filing for the post was area farmer Wayland Huddleston, who is running on the Democratic ticket.

The race for Precinct 4 commissioner has two Democrats and one Republican candidate. Incumbent Jerry Gannaway, a Democrat, has filed for a second term. Also filing on the Democratic ticket was Forrest Wemken. Filing on the Republican ticket was Charles Henderson.

Also filing last Friday were Democratic incumbents Frances Billingsley, for county clerk; Wanda Rushing, for Pct. 1 peace justice; Elois Pruitt, for district clerk; and Charlie Bell, for county treasurer. Bell, who was appointed to the post in January, is seeking his first full term.

Currently those four incumbents are all unopposed.

No one has filed for the Pct. 2 JP's post, which is currently vacant.

Anyone wishing to declare themselves as a candidate for office must file with Earl Hassie Sneed, county Democratic Party chairman, or Drew Bullard, county Republican Party chairman.

Sneed can be reached at 573-7334; Bullard at 573-4801.

Candidates must also file with the county clerk's office and designate a campaign treasurer. The clerk's office will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week for the Christmas holidays.

Early voting begins Feb. 16 and the election is March 8.

Further Social Security cuts not anticipated, says Bentson

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is ruling out additional cuts in Social Security benefits including any further benefit reductions for the wealthy, says Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen.

Bentsen said Sunday that while government "entitlements" such as Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare benefits must be controlled, further changes in Social Security are not anticipated.

"We think we have done ... what should have been done" by requiring high-income Social Security recipients to pay taxes on up to 85 percent of their benefits, Bentsen said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Bentsen said, however, that it is "certainly worth looking at" the possibility of eventually raising the age at which people would become eligible for Social Security benefits, possibly to age 68 by the year 2006.

But Bentsen said Social Security already has been "tilted" to the benefit of low-income Americans by the enactment earlier this year of a provision that makes up to 85 percent of such benefits taxable above certain incomes.

Linking Social Security benefits to income and curbing automatic increases because of inflation have been cited as possible ways to help reduce the federal deficit.

"I believe in the principle that if you pay into Social Security, you get something back, that we don't get it into a welfare mode," Bentsen said when asked about "means" testing.

The treasury secretary also said the administration has abandoned thoughts of tinkering with the Social Security cost-of-living provisions, saying the issue no longer is on the table as an option for lowering government entitlement spending.

Pro-Yeltsin block narrows gap with Zhirinovsky Party

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's main pro-reform bloc has narrowed the gap with the ultranationalist party led by Vladimir Zhirinovsky, but still remains a distant second in parliamentary voting, election officials said today.

More than a week after Russians voted on Dec. 12, final election results still have not been released. Election workers are continuing to sift through the mounds of paper ballots cast in the multiparty voting.

With 214 of 225 constituencies reporting, Zhirinovsky's Liberal Democratic Party led with 23.2 percent of the votes, followed by Russia's Choice with 15.74 percent and the Communist Party with 11.89 percent.

Last Friday, Zhirinovsky had 23.5 percent, Russia's Choice 14.8 percent and the Communists 13.3 percent.

The new tallies reflect late vote counting in Moscow, Russia's largest city and a stronghold for supporters of President Boris Yeltsin.

The final figures will determine how the parties split up 225 of the 450 seats set aside in the State Duma for party candidates. Another 225 seats are reserved for candidates elected on an individual basis.

Russia's Choice is expected to pick up enough seats in the individual races to give it the largest number of seats of any bloc in parliament, but it likely will be far outnumbered by opponents of Yeltsin's political and economic reforms.

Some newspapers have predicted that anti-reform elements will get up to two-thirds of the seats in the Duma, the powerful lower chamber of parliament.

The Central Election Commission also said today that 170 deputies have been elected in 80 constituencies to the Federation Council.

Smiths win Xmas contest

Lynn and Billie Smith, who reside at the intersection of West 37th Street and FM 1611, were first place winners in the Goldcoats' lighted Christmas decorations contest, judged over the weekend.

Second place went to Mr. and Mrs. O.K. Fletcher of 3004 Crockett.

There was a tie for third place between Mike Lindsey of 1302 Lear Street and Bill and Jill Edwards of 2811 Ave. U.

Israelis confirm talks to continue

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel and the PLO took a day off from negotiations today amid contradictory reports on progress in their effort to overcome differences holding up the Palestinian autonomy accord.

Israeli officials said some progress had been made, but a Palestine Liberation Organization official said talks were hung up on several issues, including security for Jewish settlers in the occupied territories.

Two days of discussions ended late Sunday in Norway and the quick decision to reconvene Tuesday was interpreted by an Israeli official as a positive sign. Palestinians and Israel radio said the talks would likely be in Cairo, Egypt.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said on his return from the Oslo talks that progress was made, but not enough to set a date for a summit between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

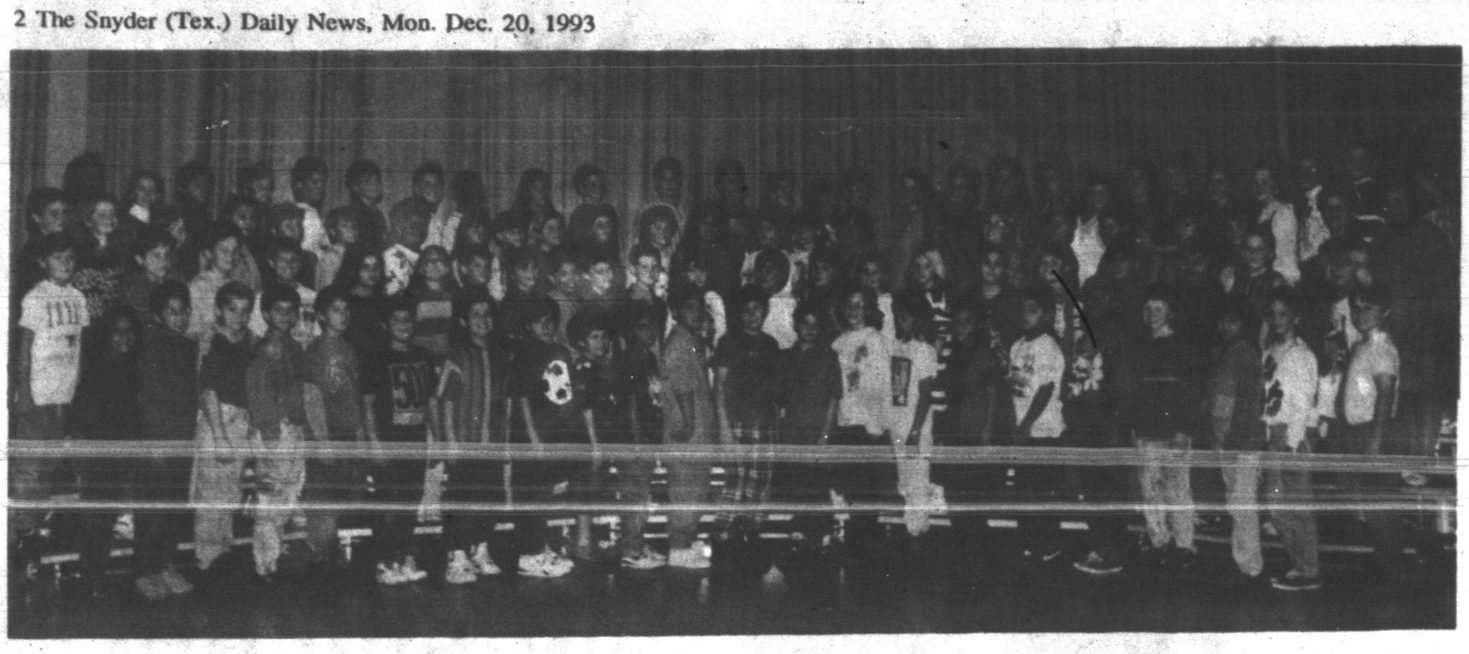
"Progress was definitely made, but the extent of it we will only know after the two sides meet again," Sarid said on Israel army radio.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who met in Norway with senior PLO officials at the same mansion where they worked out their Sept. 13 peace accord, said that "interesting proposals were presented on both sides." He declined to elaborate, but said the agreement to continue talks was positive.

But a member of the PLO ruling committee, Ali Ishak, said negotiations foundered in several areas, especially over security for Israelis living in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank city of Jericho, the first occupied territories from which Israeli troops are to withdraw under the autonomy plan. Ishak opposes the peace talks and is not one of the negotiators.

He said the PLO would call Arab League nations to a meeting of their foreign ministers to map out a unified Arab position.

An Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed a radio report that the talks would resume Tuesday, but could [illegible] cial said the negotiations would move to Cairo.



MUSICAL REVUE — "A New World Christmas," a musical revue bringing the ideals of Christmas past to the children of Christmas future, was presented by Northeast Elementary fifth grade students of Ann Uptergrove, Susan Scott, Paige Shaw, Theresa Madore and Theresa Wall. Dorothy Kayser is the music teacher. From left are, front row, Crystal Lujan, Matt Coronado, Jason Dennis, Orlando Castelan, Robert Stanley, Michael Grametbaur, Luis Guzman, Ernest Flores, Jennifer Lara, Vincent Flores, Jesse Guzman, Joseph Johns, James Corley, Michael Garcia, T'Leah Eicke, Latisha Lara, Ruben Sosa, Joey Martinez, Virginia Luna, Andy Grove, Lupe Martinez, Kimberly Key, Adam Blair; second row, Will Henderson, Ernest Sosa, Cole Minter, Trey Castenada, Kyle McCle dón, Amanda Bernal, Kristin York, Toby Trammell, Rina Geiger, Fernando Candanoza, Bryce Wilkins, Tovarres Brandon, Pace Milhollon, Kymberly Nelson, Juan Aguilar, Charli Boone, Casey Callaway, Patricia Brzozowski, Christi Linn, Zack Burns, Melissa Perez, Manuel Barrera, Scott Reston, Bryan Long; third row, Chris McClure, Cody Keller, Victoria Ramas, Michael Compton, Matthew Sanchez, Patrick McKamey, Karynn Rodriguez, Crystal Rivera, Bryan Coffman, Sheri Phillips, Missy French, Christi Buchanan, Valerie Pena, Gonzalo Yescas, Jennifer Jones, Brandon Leatherwood, Toyka Green, Kara Harrison, Miguel Infante, Dana Stribling, Carissida Tyler, Kara Herrley Robert Martin, Angelica Guiterrez; fourth row, Renita Jackson, Lacey Crawford, Joshua Smith, Jamie Martinez, Grant Gonzales, Robert Essery, Jennifer Newman, La-Bow Rivers, Sandra Guzman, Mathew Grimmett, Chad Thomas, Martin Villarreal, Cary Brown, Amy Deloera, Callie Bane, Levi Mandrell, Christina Arriola, Cheryl Reed, Chanel Luera, Shahala Massingill, Melissa Hicks, Melissa Pulattie, Jeana Tafelmayer, Riley Tatum, Destini Crawford, Brandon McCraw and Termain Johnson. (SDN Staff Photo)

U.S. Senate says Clinton appointees are violating rules

By Jim Abrams
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican senators say the Clinton administration is infringing upon the Senate's constitutional "advice and consent" authority by moving certain presidential nominees into jobs before they are confirmed.

The issue has come to a head over several controversial appointees — including the still-unconfirmed Defense Department nominee Morton Halperin — who were said to have carried out official duties while the Senate was weighing their qualifications.

But GOP senators also fault the administration, and the system, for dragging out the nomination process and forcing appointees into compromising positions.

When Republicans held the White House, it was Democrats who defended the Senate's constitutional prerogative of "advice and consent" over presidential nominees.

When controversy arose over nominees to the courts or the Cabinet, Republicans argued that Presidents Reagan and Bush were entitled to make appointments with little interference from the Senate.

Now the roles are reversed and it's Republicans who are arguing that the Senate is not a rubber stamp for presidential appointments.

"The advice and consent clause of the Constitution is not something that can be simply brushed aside by an impatient administration," Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said in a speech. The Senate, "should jealously guard this power and not give it up without a fight."

Dole was upset by the administration's decision to name Duke University law professor Walter Dellinger acting assistant attorney general in August, two months before the Senate confirmed him for the job.

"They completely subverted the advice and consent clause of the U.S. Constitution," agreed Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. "They put him on the job anyway."

The administration, which also gave Webster Hubbell the title of acting associate attorney general more than a month before he was confirmed, pointed to similar practices in the Bush, Reagan and Carter administrations.

But Republican indignation mounted when it was revealed, that Halperin, the nominee for assistant secretary of defense for democracy and peacekeeping, might have represented himself as a Pentagon official rather than as a consultant in expressing views on the issue of gays in the military.

Halperin apologized in November to the Senate Armed Services Committee, saying that in his eagerness to begin his work, he "failed to brief (himself) fully about the committee's expectations."

Although the White House has said it will resubmit Halperin's nomination next year, his fate grew less clear with last week's announcement that Defense Secretary Les Aspin is resigning.

Among the hundreds of other "consultants" who work in unofficial capacities before they are confirmed, Ashton Carter, now an assistant defense secretary, ran into trouble for signing an official memo on funds to help Russia dismantle nuclear weapons.

The Pentagon, which already had guidelines saying consultants could offer advice only on a "strictly informal basis," subsequently issued tougher rules. The new guidelines stated that no political appointee "will become a consultant to the department for the purpose of rendering advice."

Editors: Jim Abrams covers foreign policy and defense in Congress for The Associated Press.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1993

In the year ahead you might have some splendid opportunities to make changes which could offer greater material rewards. Even if you don't initiate these endeavors, you're likely to play a role in guiding them to fruition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You're a good promoter and sales person today and you'll instinctively know how to arouse customer interest in your wares, yet you may not be equally as sharp in handling money matters. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your greatest asset today is your ability to do things for others they cannot do for themselves. If you utilize this gift, you can generate a lot of good will.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Chores of a mental nature will be much easier for you to handle today than physical ones. If there is some type of heavy work that needs doing, hire helpers.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you assert yourself today you should have a very good chance of adding to your material resources. Don't be afraid to try to make money from things that weren't profitable previously.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Success in your endeavors is likely today, provided you're permitted to use your own ideas and initiative. If these are thwarted, it will dilute your performance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're in a good achievement cycle today, but your victories may not come in ways you initially envision. Effective, last minute changes are indicated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A friend might lean on you a bit today in hopes of being able to do something he/she couldn't do on their own. Reciprocity is likely, because, you, in turn, might lean on someone else.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Where your career is concerned, there is something from which you may derive benefits if you could figure out a way to change it. Fortunately, concerned associate might do it for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Profit from your own past experience today and don't allow yourself to be penalized by something that penalized you previously. Old mistakes don't have to be repeated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you may be able to do much better in joint endeavors than anything you attempt to do single-handed. Look over your agenda of objectives to see who would make an effective ally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're capable of working very well with others today on a one-to-one basis. This is because you're as much of a giver as you are a taker. Your attitude inspires cooperation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In order to feel personally gratified today, you must be engaged in some form of productive pursuits that produces real benefits for you, as well as for others.

Mercury is the only metallic element that remains a liquid at ordinary temperatures. It is extracted commercially by subjecting the ore to high temperatures, then condensing the vapor.

A year after couple left kids...

Authorities still want to know 'why?'

CHICAGO (AP) — The case that took its name from a comedy was the stuff of childhood nightmares — two young sisters left alone in their family's suburban home while their parents jetted off to Mexico for a Christmas vacation.

A year later, the girls live in an adoptive home while their parents' troubles mount. David and Sharon Schoo were prosecuted, served as the impetus for tougher child neglect laws, have separated and now face bankruptcy.

But the question asked over and over remains unanswered: How could it happen?

"You wanted them to say something, 'I'm sorry, I made a mistake,'" said Joyce Johnson, spokeswoman for the Child Welfare League of America. "Instead ... we never found out why."

The Schoos have never explained why they left the girls at home in St. Charles, a well-to-do suburb west of Chicago, while they spent nine days in Mexico last December.

Diana and Nicole, then 4 and 9 years old, were to have spent Christmas alone, but authorities discovered them Dec. 21, the day after their parents left, when the girls called 911 because a smoke alarm had gone off accidentally.

Their parents were arrested upon their return Dec. 29, unaware of the uproar they had created. The case acquired a catchword from "Home Alone," the hit movie about a boy accidentally left at home by parents jetting to Paris.

"This case hit the nation right in the gut because I think it was so easy for people to almost identify with this family and say, 'Those look like parents that could almost be like me,'" said Ann Cohn Donnelly, executive director of the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse.

David Schoo, 45, then an engineer with a smoke-alarm maker, and Sharon, a 35-year-old homemaker, "really caused people to think about when is it appropriate to leave children home alone," Donnelly said.

The Schoos pleaded guilty in April to child neglect and received two years' probation in a plea agreement. Kane County State's Attorney David Akemann consented to the plea arrangement so the girls could avoid testifying against their parents. The Schoos had been charged with 64 felony and misdemeanor counts, and if convicted each could have faced more than 100 years in prison.

The Schoos relinquished their parental rights this summer after failing to comply with a family reunification plan that included counseling and supervised visits with their daughters. They also sold their home and moved into separate residences. Earlier this month, they filed for bankruptcy.

David Schoo now does maintenance work and lives in St. Charles. Sharon Schoo is unemployed and lives in nearby North Aurora. They have received numerous death threats and "don't want any publicity, they want it to end," said defense attorney Scott Sheen.

The case prompted the Illinois General Assembly to enact the so-called "Home Alone" bill, which strengthens the state's abandonment law and toughens penalties against violators. The Schoo case also played a role in passage of a new law that puts children's best interests ahead of family reunification.

"There have been many positives," said David Clark, chief administrator for Akemann's office. "In addition to the changes in the two laws ... the girls had a happier ending."

Adopted by a suburban family, they "are loved and love being where they are," Clark said. Information on the girls is limited by a gag order imposed by a judge because the case involves juveniles.

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth $8 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 13, 18, 31, 36, 42, 48.

There were 91 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $2,071. There were 5,448 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $124. And there were 107,914 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $15 million.

Pick 3

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

4-1-4
(four, one, four)

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Clara Allen, Rt. 2 Box 39; Ila Campbell, 100 37th Apt. 11; Twilla Durett, P.O. Box 1043; C.D. Jones Fluvanna; Annette Martin, 3405 Houston; Ennis Powell, 509 35th.

DISMISSALS: Adalberto Jaimes, Samuel Lee, Susie Martinez, John Mathis, Lloyd Rinker.

Census: 53 (Med.-17, Long-Term Care-33, CCU-3).

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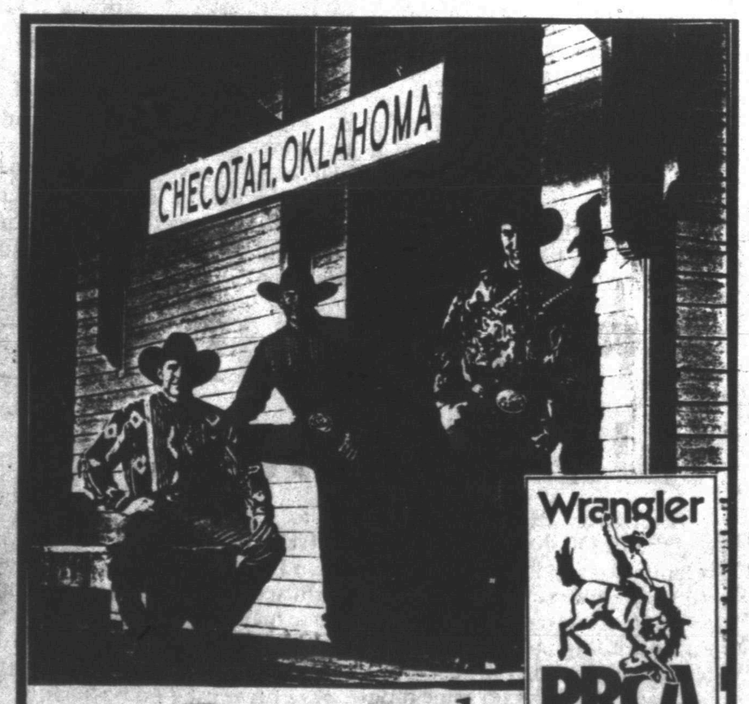

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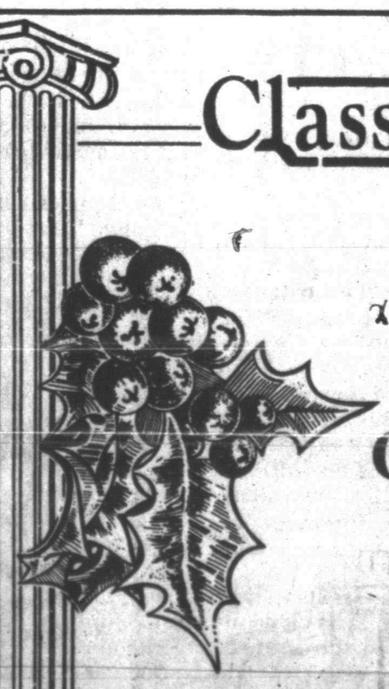

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Son killed dad; then partied

HOUSTON (AP) — Police say a teen-ager shot his father during an argument, stuffed the body in a car's trunk and then threw parties at his house while his father remained in a morgue unidentified for days.

Jose Gonzales' body was found in the trunk of a stolen car parked in a southwest Houston parking lot Dec. 12, but it was not immediately identified.

Meanwhile, his 17-year-old son, Jose James Gonzales, was entertaining friends at their southwest Houston home, police said.

Houston homicide Sgt. Bill Stephens said family members called police saying Gonzales was missing and that every time they asked his son about it, he made excuses to explain his father's absence.

"At one point he told some of the family (his father) was in the mental hospital for a nervous breakdown. He was telling different people different things," Stephens said.

"Family members also said that the boy was having parties every night in the house," he said.

When friends asked about blood stains on the floor and a bullet hole in a wall, the youth bragged he had shot some intruders.

Stephens said the youth also made different excuses when his father's employer called. Gonzales, 40, was a computer programmer with the Houston Independent School District.

Police said when detectives questioned the teen-ager, he told them that on Dec. 10, he went back to the house and got into an argument with his father. Police said the youth has said he shot his father with a .22-caliber pistol he bought on the street a week earlier.

Gonzales was arrested on a murder charge Friday and has been released on $10,000 bond.

THE GRIZZWELLS CHRISTMAS by Bill Schorr

Program will allow students to adopt piece of wetlands

FREEPORT (AP) — A wildlife official hopes a wetlands adoption program for students will help instill a sense of the importance of saving the delicate nature systems.

If everything goes according to plan, area pupils from kindergarten through 12th grade may be able to take care of their own piece of wetlands by February.

They will monitor monthly pollution levels, salinity and temperature for nine months to a year, depending on the schools' schedules.

The Adopt-a-Wetlands program is designed to bring students into an open-air science classroom. The experience could leave them with a lasting impression that may make the difference in whether the wetlands survive, said Tom Schneider, outdoor recreation planner with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"They need to have an understanding of the wetlands — about their diversity and what animals and plants are in different areas," Schneider said.

Children also need to learn why it is vital to preserve the nation's eroding wetlands as much as possible, he said.

That's why he is offering pieces of the wetlands in the Brazoria and San Bernard national wildlife refuges for adoption.

A similar program that has been in Corpus Christi for two years reaching 17,000 students, officials said.

Schneider has applied for $25,000 in pilot program funding for next year, but whether the federal money becomes available won't be known until late January or February.

Meanwhile, efforts are under way to attract private funding, which would allow the program to expand more rapidly or get off the ground even if public funding is unavailable.

Sue Magnuson, a science teacher at Brazoswood High School in Clute, said the concept is overdue.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

ACS will not meet until Jan. 17.

AARP Chapter 2063 banquet at Martha Ann Woman's Club; officers will be installed; guest speaker will be the Rev. Miller Robinson; reservations must be made by noon Monday, tickets $5 each; 5:30 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters will not meet again until Jan. 3; the meeting will be held at TU Electric; 6 p.m.

Stargazers Extension Homemakers Club; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; Cogdell Hospital board room; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-1141 or 863-2349.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 8 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-1141, 573-5867.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308 or 573-1141.

FRIDAY

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

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-1141. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

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

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-20-93
♠ 9
♥ A K Q 2
♦ J 10 6
♣ A K 7 4 3

WEST
♠ K 8 3
♥ J 9 5 4
♦ 8 4
♣ 10 9 8 6

EAST
♠ 10
♥ 10 7 6
♦ A K Q 7 5 2
♣ Q J 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 7 6 5 4 2
♥ 8 3
♦ 9 3
♣ 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♦
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 8

Go back to square one

By Phillip Alder

The other night I ate some Chinese food. My fortune-cookie motto was: "Apply yourself to the basics and progress will follow." I never realized Confucius was a bridge player. But it is true — if you apply the basics of bridge correctly, you will get at least 95 percent of deals right. The hard part, of course, is applying the right basic at the right moment.

Take today's deal, for example. You are sitting West. Against four spades, you lead the diamond eight. Partner wins with the queen, cashes the diamond ace and continues with the diamond king, which declarer ruffs with the spade queen. How do you continue the defense?

You have two diamond tricks in the bag, so you need two more tricks to defeat the game. The powerful dummy makes it clear that these must come from spades.

Did you overruff with the spade king and try to give partner a club ruff? It might work, but it isn't likely. South started with two diamonds. If he has eight spades for his vulnerable overcall, he cannot have four clubs as well. Also, with a club void, East should play his diamonds in ascending order: queen, king, ace; not queen, ace, king.

Instead, you must apply the axiom that unless you have something vital to do, you shouldn't take an overruff with a card that will always win a trick. Here you should discard a club or heart. Then, as partner holds the singleton spade 10, however declarer wriggles, he must lose two spade tricks. Your eight will be promoted to a winner.

Erudition in the essentials produces progress.

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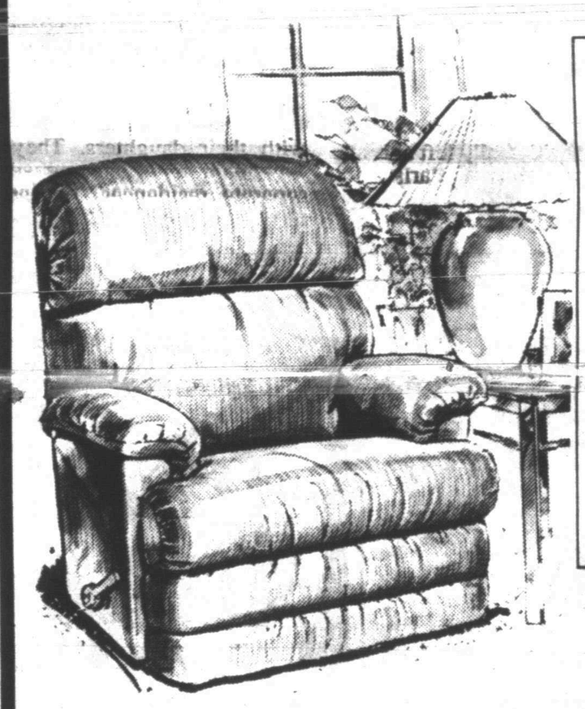

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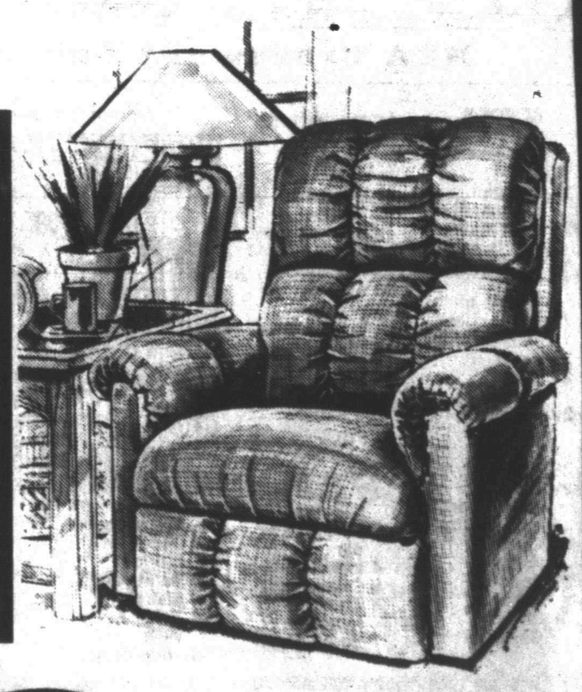

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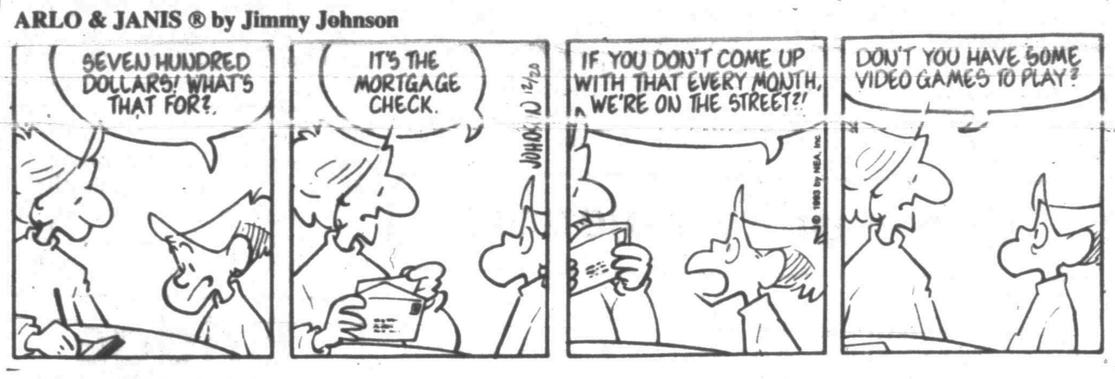

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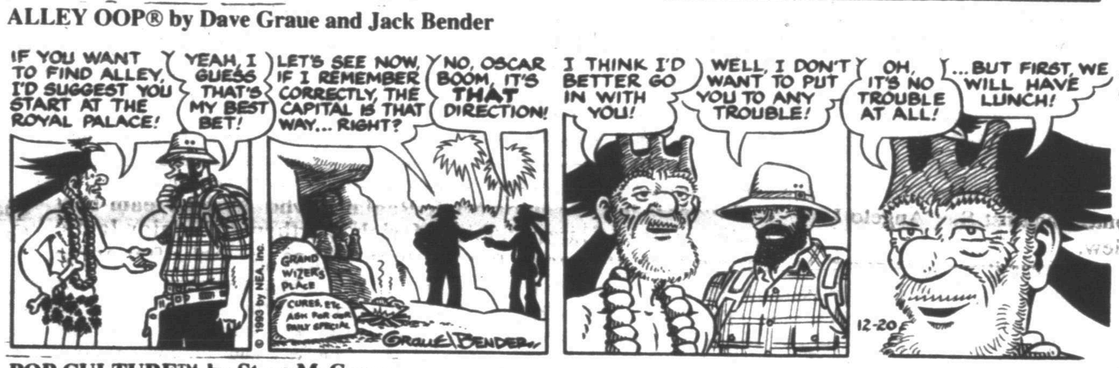

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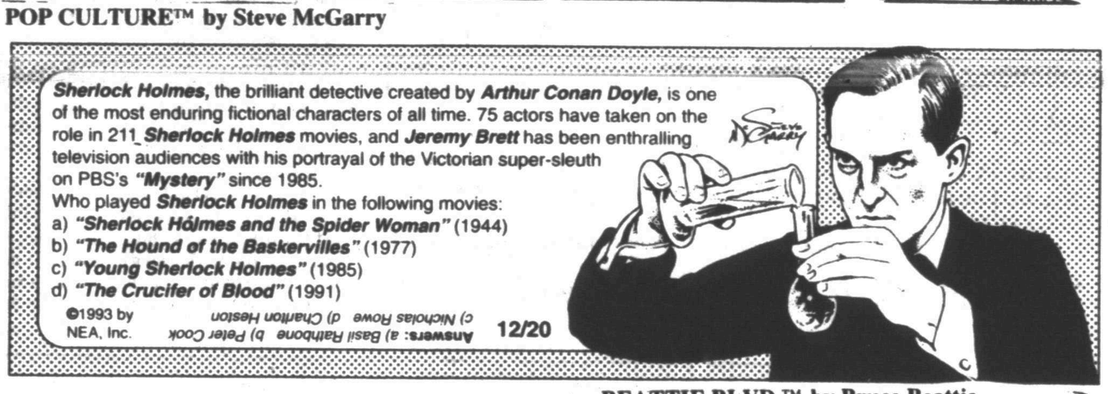

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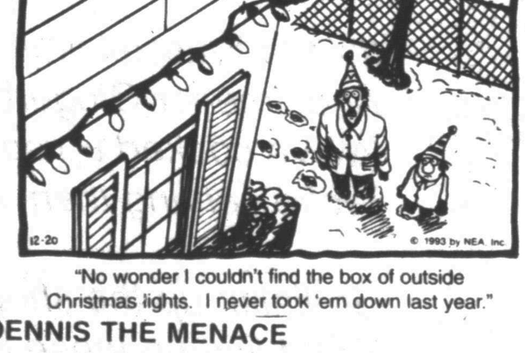

"No wonder I couldn't find the box of outside Christmas lights. I never took 'em down last year."

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Competent
5 Ripe
11 Stringed instrument
13 What mascara is put on
14 Receded
15 Cold symptom
16 Arab or Jew
18 Beef or lamb
19 Uncle
20 Small organisms
22 Bernstein, for short
24 Servant
26 Many oz.
29 Military installations
31 Noteworthy
33 Range of hearing
35 Reddish brown
36 River in Germany
37 The Wizard — —
39 — Vegas
40 Permit to
41 Comedian — Philips
43 Opp. of mini
46 Actor Harvey —
49 All together (2 wds.)
52 Pigs' homes
54 Foolishness
55 Brief
56 Prayer beads
57 Observed

DOWN

1 Wide St.
2 Tops of overalls
3 Part of the ear
4 Ingredients
5 Clam genus
6 Eternally (poet.)
7 South American animal
8 Decorative fabric
9 Safety agcy.
10 Sharpen
12 Take — — view
13 Wide shoe
17 Pro — (for the time being)
20 — code
21 River in Germany
22 Clayey earth
23 Sins
25 Concerning (2 wds.)
26 Actress — Bonet
27 Sports implements
28 Crafty
29 Toll
30 Footwear
32 Woman's garment
34 Frequently (poet.)
38 Last letter
40 Climbing plant
42 Fog
43 Israel's Golda —
44 — Domini
45 Dec. holiday
46 Lock opener
47 Ireland
48 — majesty
50 Title of respect
51 Pippin
53 De —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

H	O	P			C	O	D			H	O	G
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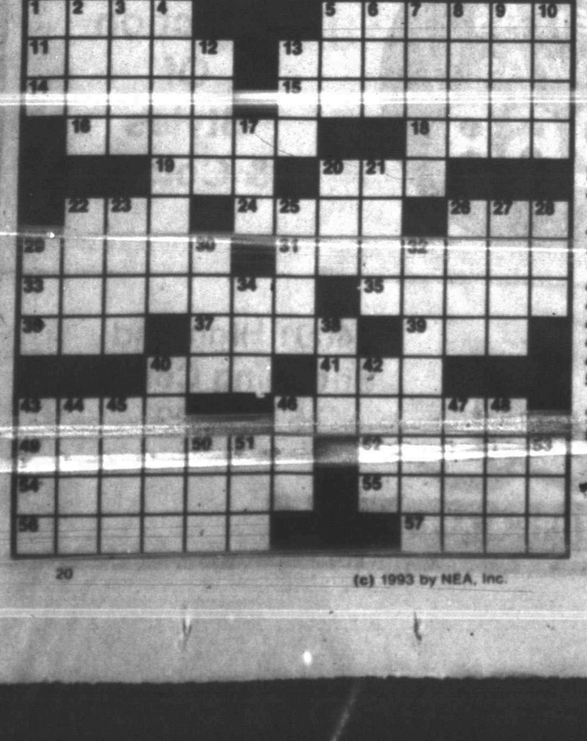

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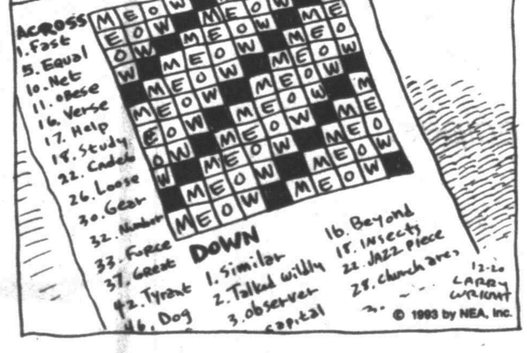

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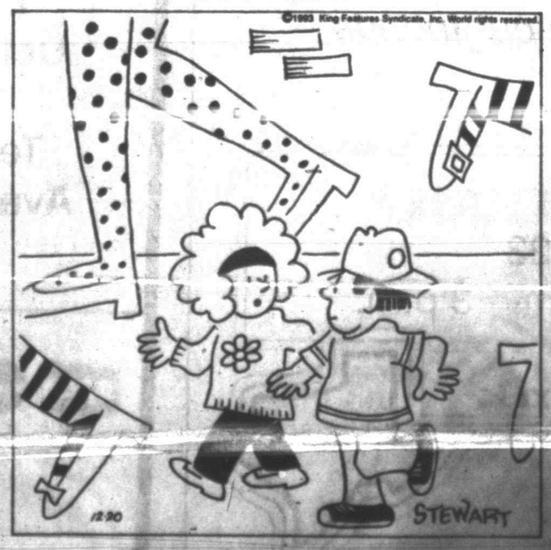

"Remember, if we get lost, Mom's a leopard."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"EXCEPT FOR NEW CLOTHES, I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING I DON'T WANT FOR CHRISTMAS."

Tigers grab crown at B'field tourney

BROWNFIELD — The Snyder Tigers killed three birds with one stone Saturday at the Brownfield Rotary Invitational basketball tournament.

Snyder, behind a stifling defense and all-tournament performers Adrian Sneed and Jon Patrick, claimed the championship of the tournament, avenging recent losses to Andrews and Brownfield on the way.

The Tigers ripped Andrews, 53-35, in the semifinals Saturday, then knocked off Brownfield, 55-48, in the title game.

"We really played excellent defense," Snyder coach Bud Birks reported. "The kids really played well as a team. They used the team concept the whole tournament. Everybody contributed.

"It was a deal where everybody was on the same track."

"We played very aggressively on both ends of the floor," Birks continued. "We had the two kids make all-tournament and Tyson Cromeens was under consideration for the team. He impressed a lot of the coaches at the tournament."

The Tiger defense allowed an average of just 39 points in their three games here.

Sneed, who was selected the event's MVP, scored 17 to lead the Tigers in the championship win over Brownfield.

Jim Pat Griffin and Ricky Post each chipped in 12.

Brownfield, ranked No. 4 in the state in Class 3A, had defeated SHS, 44-40, earlier in the season.

Patrick was Snyder's top scorer in the semifinal victory over Andrews with 17, followed by Sneed's 13.

The Tigers win over the Mustangs avenged a 58-55 home loss just over a week ago.

In other tourney action Saturday, Andrews copped third place wth a 59-45 win over Pecos, and Slaton tripped Dimmitt, 61-57, for the consolation title.

Snyder will carry its 10-3 season record into tonight's home contest against San Angelo Lake View.

Junior varsity action tips off at 6 p.m., followed at 7:30 p.m. by the varsity game.

Brownfield Rotary Invitational

Thursday, Dec. 16

Andrews 71, Slaton 68
Brownfield 65, Muleshoe 30
Pecos, bye

Friday, Dec. 17

Snyder 46, Dimmitt 34
Slaton 61, Muleshoe 41
Brownfield 80, Pecos 52

Saturday, Dec. 18

Championship semifinal

Snyder 55, Andrews 35

Consolation

Slaton 61, Dimmitt 57

Third place

Andrews 59, Pecos 45

Championship

Snyder 55, Brownfield 48

SPORTS

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	15	5	.750	—
Orlando	13	9	.591	3
Boston	11	12	.478	5½
Miami	9	11	.450	6
New Jersey	8	14	.364	8
Philadelphia	8	14	.364	8
Washington	6	16	.273	10

Central Division

Atlanta	16	5	.762	—
Chicago	13	8	.619	3
Charlotte	12	10	.545	4½
Indiana	10	11	.476	6
Detroit	8	13	.381	8
Cleveland	8	14	.364	8½
Milwaukee	5	18	.217	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	21	1	.955	—
Utah	17	7	.708	5
San Antonio	15	9	.625	7
Denver	9	13	.409	12
Minnesota	8	14	.364	13
Dallas	1	21	.045	20

Pacific Division

Seattle	19	2	.905	—
Phoenix	16	4	.800	2½
Portland	14	10	.583	6½
Golden State	12	10	.545	7½
LA Clippers	9	12	.429	10
LA Lakers	8	16	.333	12½
Sacramento	5	17	.227	14½

Saturday's Games

Utah 102, Washington 96
Miami 113, Philadelphia 90
Atlanta 102, Denver 96
Detroit 98, Cleveland 92, OT
Indiana 108, New Jersey 98
Chicago 102, San Antonio 90
Houston 104, Dallas 93
Phoenix 116, LA Clippers 109
Seattle 126, Golden State 111
Portland 105, Minnesota 95

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 122, LA Lakers 92
Orlando 97, Sacramento 91
Portland 93, Milwaukee 81

Monday's Games

Dallas at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Milwaukee at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

College hoops

By The Associated Press

EAST

Cornell 99, Cortland St. 63
Harvard 92, Vermont 64
Maine 112, E. Illinois 82
Marist 101, Army 89
Miami 63, Buffalo 57
St. Francis, Pa. 86, Canisius 71
Virginia Union 89, Claflin 68

SOUTH

Davidson 82, Clemson 79
Wake Forest 83, Appalachian St. 78

MIDWEST

Illinois St. 74, N. Iowa 61
Minnesota 79, W. Carolina 61
Missouri 64, Coppin St. 63

FAR WEST

Hawaii Pacific 98, Rio Grande 84
Montana 67, Creighton 58
Rocky Mountain 99, Mary 78
Washington St. 79, E. Michigan 64

TOURNAMENTS

Holiday Inn-Coca-Cola Classic Championship

Lincoln Memorial 77, Lenoir-Rhyne 63

Third Place

Wingate 59, Dist. of Columbia 54

Top Steelers 26-17...

Oilers win AFC Central title

PITTSBURGH (AP) — They could barely think about playing a few days beforehand, and they didn't even think of losing after that. Jeff Alm would have wanted it that way.

The Houston Oilers knew nothing they did on the football field could bring Alm back, so they decided there was only one way to honor the teammate who took his own life last week.

And that was to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers. And they did, taking a 26-17 victory on Sunday.

They've had trouble doing that in so many Decembers past, with the winds whipping off the three rivers and the snow blowing and the Steelers' fans jeering and taunting. No matter how many hot-air blowers and hot-seat benches they toted with them, the Oilers could never warm to playing in Pittsburgh.

Not this time. Not this year. Not this team.

Drawn together by the singular goal of honoring a teammate whose life ended too tragically and too soon, the Oilers (10-4) not only took to playing in Pittsburgh, they took it to Pittsburgh (8-6).

Playing with a fire, passion and emotion that's often lacking from their computer-precise run-and-shoot offense, the Oilers blitzed and battered and beat the Steelers to win their second AFC Central title in three years.

"We really wanted to win for Jeff," quarterback Warren Moon said. "It was a very tough week for us, a very emotional week."

The Oilers also seriously jeopardized Pittsburgh's chances of returning to the playoffs. The Steelers couldn't even get any help from the cloudy, 40-degree weather, which was hardly the confidence-draining cold and snow they wanted.

"It was a very tough week for us," Moon said. "It was hard to put it out of our minds, but I think the team did a great job of staying focused."

The Oilers didn't fully regain their concentration until Friday, Moon said, and even then they didn't know how they would respond on the field.

It took just 51/2 minutes to answer that as Moon's 38-yard scoring pass play to Gary Brown and Bo Orlando's 38-yard interception return touchdown in a 1:30 span of the first quarter put them up 14-0.

The Steelers also trailed New England at home 14-0 Dec. 5 before they rallied to win 17-14, but that was against a one-win team going nowhere. The Oilers have spent nine weeks, and a franchise record-tying nine straight wins, proving they're a team that belongs in the playoffs.

"Right now, they're the best team in the conference, and maybe in the league," the Steelers' Merril Hoge said.

The Oilers, wearing No. 76 stickers on their helmets in tribute to Alm, used an almost nonstop blitz to force two point-producing turnovers and sacked Neil O'Donnell six times. O'Donnell finally left with a strained hip muscle before Mike Tomczak led a too-late comeback in the fourth-quarter following four Al Del Greco field goals.

With Leroy Thompson gaining just 19 yards on 13 carries in place of the injured Barry Foster, and O'Donnell too banged up to carry the offense by himself, the Steelers didn't have nearly enough to catch up after trailing 20-0 and 23-3.

Snyder visits Coahoma for girls' cage contest

Snyder's Lady Tigers will close out the first half of the 1993-94 basketball season with a trip to Coahoma for a non-district encounter today.

The Lady Tigers carry a 4-8 season mark into this afternoon's battle with the Lady Bulldogs, including a 53-22 loss to a powerful Slaton team Friday.

Snyder is led by senior Annie Ragland, who scored a team-best eight points at Slaton. Senior Meriah Worthen and junior Jamie Brown each pitched in four in their first game back after ankle injuries.

Coahoma is 8-5 on the season, including a win and a loss within District 6-2A.

Action begins at CHS with the 2 p.m. JV tilt. The varsity game tips off at 3:30 p.m.

The Lady Tigers' next outing will be a 2 p.m. varsity battle against Abilene Cooper on Dec. 28, followed by an appearance at the Dec. 30-Jan. 1 Jayton Tournament and a Jan. 4 visit to San Angelo Lake View.

District 2-4A competition starts Jan. 7 when the Snyder girls host Lamesa.

Drexler suffers injury in win over Milwaukee

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — What began as a great game for Clyde Drexler turned into a near-disaster as the seven-time All Star severely sprained his left ankle, sustaining an injury that will keep out of action for up to three weeks.

Drexler was injured with 2:22 left before halftime. He played only 17 minutes but had eight points, eight assists, six rebounds, a steal and a blocked shot.

The Portland Trail Blazers went on to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 93-81 Sunday.

Drexler, who missed 33 games last season with a variety of injuries, rebounded a Milwaukee miss and was headed up the floor on a fast break when he appeared to slip as he jumped. He came down writhing in pain and was taken off the floor on a stretcher.

"There was some incidential contact on the play," Milwaukee guard Eric Murdock said. "He must have just twisted it but I knew he wouldn't return to the game. It's an unfortunate thing."

In the only other NBA games, Cleveland beat the Los Angeles Lakers 122-92 and Orlando beat Sacramento 97-91.

Drexler's injury will keep the 11-year veteran sidelined for an important road trip against Houston, Charlotte, Atlanta and New York in the first week of January.

"I'm relieved that Clyde's injury isn't more serious," Portland coach Rick Adelman said. "We can get by without Clyde, but it's nice to know that it wasn't more serious."

Drexler actually was off to the worst start to a season of his career.

He was 4-of-14 in Saturday's game against Minnesota, had 10 points against San Antonio and a career-low five against Orlando a week ago. He was shooting only .408 from the field, the lowest percentage of his career.

Despite a 19.6 per game scoring average, Drexler is behind Clifford Robinson's 21.1 per game average for team scoring honors.

"Certainly, we'll miss Clyde," point guard Rod Strickland said. "A lot of things in our offense went through Clyde."

Strickland, who has come off the bench to spell both Terry Porter and Drexler, will have more minutes now and rookie James Robinson will step into the third guard spot.

Portland held Milwaukee to 18 points in the third quarter, the fewest points an opponent has scored against the Blazers in the third period this season. Portland outrebounded the Bucks 54-29, but with team rebounds added in the total was even more one-sided, 70-33. The Blazers had 15 offensive boards.

Porter scored 17 points to lead the Blazers.

State grid champs

Class 5A Division I

Converse Judson 36, Plano 13

Class 5A Division II

Lewisville 43, Aldine MacArthur 37

Class 4A

Stephenville 26, La Marque 13

Class 3A

Southlake Carroll 14, Cuero 6

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Sudan 54, Bremond 0

Six man

Panther Creek 56, Dell City 28

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'Pokes clinch playoff berth with Saturday win over Jets

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — To get a feel for how distinctly different the Jets and Cowboys are, look at what their coaches were concerned with following their game:

Bruce Coslet of New York was angry about the Cowboys blitzing with a 21-point lead in the fourth quarter Saturday in a game Dallas won 28-7.

Jimmy Johnson was worried about his team's return to the Meadowlands in two weeks for a game with the New York Giants that likely will decide the NFC East.

The Cowboys (10-4), who clinched at least a wild-card berth, broke a scoreless tie with a 78-yard march that took just 52 seconds at the end of the first half, capped by a 52-yard touchdown pass from Troy Aikman to Michael Irvin.

Then they broke the game open in the third quarter with a 4-yard TD pass from Aikman to Irvin and a 32-yard interception return by Kevin Smith 51 seconds later.

The only consolation for the Jets, 8-6 and currently outside the AFC playoff picture?

There are two.

They scored their first touchdown in almost four games when Brad Baxter went over from the 1 some five minutes into the fourth quarter Saturday.

And they play their final two games on the road, where they're 5-1 this year compared to 3-5 at home.

But those two are against two 10-4 teams, Houston, which clinched the AFC Central on Sunday and is playing for home-field advantage in the playoffs, and Buffalo, which will be attempting to clinch the AFC East.

Six teams — the playoff minimum — have five losses or fewer. That means that even if the Jets win both games, they'll need help, preferably in the form of losses by Miami. The Jets beat the Dolphins twice this season and hold the tie-breaker advantage.

"We're not out of this by any stretch of the imagination," safety Ronnie Lott said. "But we keep gambling and you can only roll the dice so many times. We've only got a few rolls left."

As for the Cowboys, they pulled within a half-game of the Giants, who play at New Orleans tonight and have Washington at home before returning for the final regular-season game.

The Cowboys won the first meeting with the Giants 31-9 in Dallas before going on a two-game losing streak that cost them the division lead.

They had five turnovers Saturday — there were nine by the two teams — but Johnson was encouraged, particularly by the defense.

"We're starting to play better again, particularly on defense," he said.

He'll be back in two weeks to put that to the test.

NFL glance

By The Associated Press

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	10	4	0	.714	283	218
Miami	9	5	0	.643	302	273
N.Y. Jets	8	6	0	.571	256	207
Indianapolis	4	10	0	.286	179	310
New England	3	11	0	.214	167	259

Central

x-Houston	10	4	0	.714	334	231
Pittsburgh	8	6	0	.571	286	256
Cleveland	6	8	0	.429	253	277
Cincinnati	2	12	0	.143	153	282

West

Kansas City	10	4	0	.714	284	237
LA Raiders	9	5	0	.643	273	268
Denver	9	5	0	.643	333	234
San Diego	6	8	0	.429	245	253
Seattle	5	9	0	.357	240	274

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East

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y-N.Y. Giants	10	3	0	.769	245	158
y-Dallas	10	4	0	.714	322	213
Philadelphia	6	8	0	.429	219	255
Phoenix	5	9	0	.357	282	253
Washington	4	10	0	.286	218	293

Central

Green Bay	8	6	0	.571	292	252
Detroit	8	6	0	.571	248	248
Minnesota	7	7	0	.500	233	271
Chicago	7	7	0	.500	214	190
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	203	334

West

x-San Francisco	10	4	0	.714	432	248
New Orleans	7	6	0	.538	257	269
Atlanta	6	8	0	.429	289	337
LA Rams	4	10	0	.286	187	319

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games

Denver 13, Chicago 3
Dallas 28, New York Jets 7

Sunday's Games

Washington 30, Atlanta 17
Buffalo 47, Miami 34
Houston 26, Pittsburgh 17
Cincinnati 15, Los Angeles Rams 3
Minnesota 21, Green Bay 17
New England 20, Cleveland 17
Phoenix 30, Seattle 27, OT
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Mize claims $550,000 prize at Walker event

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP) — Larry Mize has a little last-minute holiday shopping to do.

"I guess I ought to get Greg Norman a present," Mize said Sunday after winning $550,000 for his 10-shot triumph in the $2.8 million, season-ending Johnnie Walker Championship.

If it weren't for Norman, Mize wouldn't have made the elite 28-man field for this ambitious event that is self-billed as the World Championship. He got in as an alternate three weeks ago when Norman, the British Open champion, withdrew.

Mize, 35, for 12 seasons a journeyman on the American tour, made the most of his unexpected opportunity.

After establishing a three-shot lead after three rounds, he ran away from the field with a 6-under-par 65 Sunday over the final 18 holes. He did not make a bogey and did not have a "5" on his card.

"That's as good as I've ever played. The other guys will kill me if I don't say that. I won't soon forget this round today," Mize said after completing four rounds over the Tryall Club course in 266, 18 under par.

"I never even thought about catching Larry," said Fred Couples, who eventually gained the runner-up spot.

"I'm second and I'm 10 shots back. That's hilarious."

AP cage poll

By The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 19, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous rankings:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Arkansas (50)	6-0	1,604	1
2. North Carolina (9)	8-1	1,526	2
3. Duke (3)	5-0	1,498	3
4. Temple (2)	4-0	1,431	4
5. Kentucky	4-1	1,305	5
6. Kansas	9-1	1,264	6
7. Michigan	5-1	1,170	7
8. Massachusetts	7-1	1,140	8
9. UCLA (1)	5-0	1,130	9
10. Purdue	8-0	957	11
11. Louisville	4-1	954	10
12. Indiana	5-1	880	12
13. Arizona	6-0	868	13
14. Georgia Tech	6-1	703	14
15. Connecticut	6-0	685	16
16. Minnesota	6-2	642	15
17. Wisconsin	5-0	544	18
18. Boston College	6-0	502	20
19. Illinois	5-1	443	19
20. Cincinnati	7-2	363	17
21. Syracuse	6-1	317	21
22. Oklahoma St.	6-2	291	22
23. George Washington	5-1	242	23
24. Marquette	5-2	111	—
25. W. Kentucky	3-1	92	—

Others receiving votes: Vanderbilt 90, California 89, LSU 47, Washington St. 31, Florida St. 29, Virginia 25, Xavier, Ohio 24, Ala.-Birmingham 20, Penn 14, Oklahoma 12, Maryland 11, Va. Commonwealth 9, Georgia 8, Stanford 8, Missouri 6, Iowa St. 5, New Mexico St. 5, Ohio St. 5, Villanova 5, New Orleans 4, Mississippi St. 3, St. Louis 3, Baylor 2, Georgetown 2, West Virginia 2, Northwestern 1, Old Dominion 1, Tn.-Chattanooga 1, Weber St. 1.

Frosh claim tourney title

ANDREWS — Snyder's freshmen A team captured the championship of the weekend Andrews Tournament, topping the host Mustangs, 59-39, in Saturday's title game.

Patrick Cumbie scored 22 and Ricky Henderson added 18 to pace the Tigers.

Snyder posted a 68-18 hammering of Pecos in the first round Friday, and followed with a 49-43 decision over Seminole in Saturday's semifinal round.

Matthew Fambro poured in 12 to lead SHS against Pecos, trailed by 11 each from Henderson and Cumbie.

Henderson was good for 24 against Seminole. Cumbie added nine.

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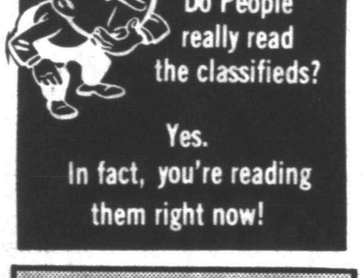

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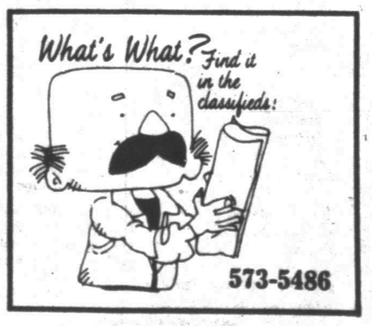

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More than 80 Americans, including four excavation teams, will launch the operation Jan. 6 with their Vietnamese counterparts. They will be in the field through Jan. 28.

"This will be our most ambitious yet," said Army Lt. Col. David L. Fredrikson, a military spokesman for MIA operations.

Washington is moving slowly toward diplomatic relations with Vietnam. But President Clinton has made clear that Vietnam must account to the best of its ability for Americans missing in the war before the United States lifts its 19-year trade embargo.

U.S. officials say it is unlikely that they will ever know what happened to all the 2,239 Americans still unaccounted for in southeast Asia, including 1,648 in Vietnam, 505 in Laos, 78 in Cambodia and 8 in China.

Some of the men have been missing for 25 years or more and the landscape has changed. Many of them were lost over water or in mountainous terrain.

Last week the Vietnamese turned over the remains of eight Americans found during searches in October and November.

CHRISTMAS AT OK CORRAL — East fourth graders in Debra McNair's and Donna Griffin's classes recently presented *Christmas At The OK Corral.* Students pictured are (first photo) from left, first row: Lacie Green, Crystal Martinez, Jason Williams, Stormy Orsak and Amy Juarez; second row: LaTrisha Rollin, Carlos Martinez, Alicia Bolin, Shawn Childs, Jay Scott and Wade Pinson; third row: Jarrod Tanner, Marci Kruger, Justin Stokes, Bernice Ornelas, Ryan McKamie, Brand Gentry, Heath Conner and Katie Voss. Those pictured in the second photo are from left, first row, Kyle Blum, Kaya Burks, Asley Gayer, Amanda Turnbo, Crystal Gutierrez and Ray Hernandez; second row: Melonie Adams, Zach Billingsley, Adam Jones, Corey Clay, Ty Runnels, Timothy Wallace and Marcos Gutierrez; third row: Richard Martinez, Freda Jackson, Damen Wood, Veronica Lara, Brandon Cox, George Sinclair and Rocky Lasso. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ex-soldier sentenced in slayings

LONDON (AP) — Former soldier Colin Ireland was sentenced to life in prison Monday after admitting to being the serial killer who stalked London's homosexual community and murdered five men, including an American businessman.

Ireland, 39, pleaded guilty to five charges of murder at the start of his trial in London's Old Bailey Central Criminal Court.

Sentencing Ireland to life in prison, Judge Michael Sachs said: "To take one human life is an outrage. To take five is carnage."

Prosecutor John Nutting said Ireland set out to become a serial killer, telling people he would have to kill at least four people to be classified as one. He said the murders were "premeditated and meticulously planned."

Ireland strangled or suffocated the men in their London homes between March 8 and June 15. Each time, he telephoned police, a national newspaper or a suicide hotline with precise details of the crime. He also threatened to kill a new victim every week.

Police said four of the victims were known to be homosexuals and three carried the AIDS virus. They said they had no evidence that his other victim, Perry Bradley III, an American businessman who lived in London, was gay.

Bradley, 35, was from Sulphur Springs, Texas.

But prosecutor John Nutting told the court Monday: "The victims all had in common the fact that they were homosexual" and all frequented a pub popular with homosexuals in south London.

"These murders were premeditated and meticulously planned. It would seem the defendant set out to be a serial killer. He told others, in order to be so classified, he knew he would have to commit at least four murders," Nutting said.

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Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 8-MA L.M. Wilson in the Diamond M field, 12 miles southwest of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 17 barrels of 32.4 gravity oil and 34 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,374-3,320 feet, and location is in Section 183, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Fisher County

Remington Oil has completed the No. 1 Martin in the Ida West field, 10 miles northwest of Hamlin. The well was completed to produce 59 barrels of 36 gravity oil. Perforations were from 5,271-275 feet, and location is in Section 112, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Centaur Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 1 Headrick in the Bob Swanson field, seven miles south of Longworth. Planned for a depth of 6,050 feet, location is in Section 16, Block 21, T&P survey.

Cholla Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 1-R Arco Hill in the Newman field, eight miles south of Roby. Planned for a depth of 3,999 feet, location is in Section 11, Block K, T&P survey.

Cholla Petroleum will drill the No. 19 Arco Hill in the Newman field, eight miles south of Roby. Planned depth is 3,999 feet, and location is in the N.G. Shifflet survey.

Cholla Petroleum will drill the No. 3-1 Tex-Star in the Newman field, eight miles south of Roby. Also contracted for 3,999 feet, location is in Section 231, James Vaughn survey.

Danc Inc. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Gibson, a 3,430-foot wildcat located one-half mile west of McCaulley. Location was in Section 58, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Marshall R. Young Oil Co. will drill the No. 1 Douthit, 5.5 miles northeast of Rotan. Planned for a depth of 5,600 feet, location is in Section 176, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Palmer Oil Properties will drill the No. 1205-H J. F. Lott in the Coulter field, 11 miles southwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 6,000 feet, location is in Section 12, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Nolan County

Enrich Oil Corp. will plug and abandoned the No. 9 Stewman Ranch, a wildcat located six miles southwest of Maryneal. Drilled to 7,400 feet, location was in Section 96, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Clinton accused of using security staff to arrange affairs

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Two members of the security detail of then-Gov. Bill Clinton told Cable News Network that they helped Clinton facilitate extramarital affairs. The interviews prompted an angry denunciation from the White House.

The allegations by state troopers Larry Patterson and Roger Perry also are the subject of a lengthy article published today by The American Spectator, a journal of generally conservative commentary.

Bruce Lindsey, a senior White House official, called the charges "ridiculous" and said "similar allegations were made, investigated and responded to during the campaign." Asked if Clinton has denied having troopers assist any affairs, Lindsey told The Associated Press, "Yes, he has."

The interviews were arranged by the troopers' attorney, Cliff Jackson, a persistent Clinton critic who was at Oxford with Clinton in the 1960s. He made frequent accusations in 1992 that Clinton dodged the draft during the Vietnam War.

On Friday, Jackson refused to have Patterson and Perry speak with AP. On Sunday night, Jackson explained that he agreed to the television interviews because he "felt we needed the national TV hammer at this time."

Allegations and rumors of extramarital relations dogged Clinton before and during his 1992 campaign, but he overcame them to win the presidency after he and Hillary Clinton acknowledged rough patches during their marriage.

The American Spectator piece, by author David Brock, said the reports came from four troopers, two of whom chose to remain anonymous but who were identified by security supervisor R.L. "Buddy" Young as Danny Ferguson and Ronnie Anderson. Neither could be reached for comment on Sunday.

During AP inquiries in 1991 and 1992, at least 11 troopers from the Clinton security details said they never saw any illicit conduct. Patterson, Perry, Ferguson and Anderson were not among the 11.

The American Spectator said there was "an element of self-interest and score-settling in their decision to speak to the media," citing the possibility of a book contract and anger that Clinton did not pick them for federal jobs.

The allegations were sometimes graphic.

"At Booker Elementary School, I saw the governor engaged in a sexual act with a female" Patterson told CNN in an interview broadcast Sunday.

Peace officers kept busy over weekend

Local peace officers made three arrests and investigated cases ranging from burglary to assault during the weekend.

Snyder police arrested a 20-year-old man at 4:19 a.m. Saturday along Towle Park Road for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 9:53 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 34-year-old man along North Avenue Q for evading arrest.

And at 12:05 a.m. today, police arrested a 22-year-old man in the 2700 block of Avenue F for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license.

At 8:49 a.m. Saturday, Carla Coffee contacted police in reference to the theft of some wheel covers at Wilson Motors. A report for Class B theft was filed.

At 12:13 p.m. Saturday, police were informed of some subjects removing property from 5503 Cedar Creek. A report for burglary of a residence was filed.

Officers worked a hit-and-run accident at 2:41 p.m. Saturday in the 1600 block of Coleman. Involved were a parked 1991 Oldsmobile owned by Shirley Long of Jayton and an unknown vehicle which left the scene.

A woman contacted sheriff's deputies at 1:55 p.m. Sunday to report that she had been assaulted at a Dunn residence. A report for Class A assault was filed.

At 2:01 p.m. Sunday, Melvin Davenport contacted deputies in reference to someone stealing a bicycle from his FM 473 residence. A report for Class B theft was filed.

Snyder police responded to disputes in the 3700 block of Avondale at 6:12 p.m. Sunday and the 3200 block of 40th Street at 12:14 a.m. today. In each case, a report for assault/family violence was filed.

Police also investigated a rash of Christmas lighting thefts. Ornaments, lights and other decorative items were stolen from 4502 Garwood, 5601 Cedar Creek, 1601 Augusta and 4101 Kerrville. Cases for Class B theft were filed.

Police also received calls from several other subjects who reported stolen lawn ornaments and lights, but who declined to file a report.

In one other report, DPS troopers worked a one-vehicle rollover on FM 1611 north of the gas plant at 11:50 p.m. Saturday. Involved was a 1984 Ford pickup driven by Marie Rachael Shipp of Fluvanna.

Sentence

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domasochistic sex, thus enabling him to tie them up with no resistance from them before killing them."

Before every murder, Ireland emptied his pockets of everything but money so nothing could fall from his clothing and incriminate him, Nutting said. After each killing, he spent hours at the scene removing all traces of his presence, even taking away half-eaten food and dishes. He cut up and destroyed the clothes he wore.

Nutting said Ireland stressed in his interviews with police that he was not a homosexual and did not have sexual relations with any of his victims.

Ireland turned himself into police on July 20 after they released a security camera picture of him walking behind his fifth victim at a subway station shortly before his death.

He was charged with one murder on July 21, a second on July 23, and the remaining three on Aug. 20. He was denied bail and has been held in jail since. Testimony in court indicated that Ireland had confessed to police in August.

He was not required to enter a plea until his trial opened Monday.

Ireland's mother, Pat, sobbed when he was sentenced, but his stepfather, Alan Williams, said the life sentence was "justified." Williams said he "didn't have a clue" why Ireland committed the murders.

Besides Bradley, Ireland's victims were theater director Peter Walker, librarian Christopher Dunn, social worker Andrew Collier and chef Emanuel Spiteri.

Donations replace stolen gifts for children with AIDS

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Try as they may, two thieves couldn't steal Christmas from children with AIDS.

Money and presents poured into the Jersey City Police Department after $500 worth of gifts were stolen from under the Christmas tree at St. Clares House. The donations were more than enough to replace the stolen presents.

"I think this whole thing has been a blessing in disguise," Detective Martin D'Angelo said Sunday.

Two men broke into the basement of St. Clares House in Jersey City Thursday night and locked two workers in a bathroom, said Terry Zealand, executive director of the AIDS Research Foundation for Children, which operates the home.

Five children, all under age 5, slept on the second floor as the thieves stole a television, VCR and gifts intended for about 40 families with AIDS-infected children.

"They cleaned us out," Zealand said. "We had gifts in a closet and they took those, too."

D'Angelo said police alone have contributed about $400 so far and with the help of media coverage, many people donated toys and sent in checks.

Zealand said his foundation will use some of the extra money to buy gifts for children at other programs it runs in Elizabeth and Neptune.

The owner of an electronics store offered a new VCR and TV, D'Angelo said, but someone already had donated those items.

"He was determined to give something and decided on some video tapes for the new VCR, things like 'Aladdin,'" D'Angelo said.

Even "members of the criminal element" have called in tips on the robbery, he said.

"Hey, they have families, too," D'Angelo said. "A lot of them were not happy to hear about this."

Markets
Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	671/4	661/2	671/4	-1/8
Albtsn s	267/8	261/2	267/8	+1/8
Alldsignal	771/2	763/4	771/8	-1/8
Alltel s	273/4	271/2	273/4	+3/8
AmStores	425/8	42	425/8	+5/8
Amer T&T	55	541/2	547/8	+1/4
Ameritech	787/8	785/8	787/8	
Amoco	527/8	521/8	527/8	+3/8
AndarkPtr	423/8	42	421/4	
Arkla	73/4	75/8	75/8	-1/8
ArmcoInc	61/4	6	61/8	-1/8
AtlRichfld	1041/4	103	1033/4	+1/2
ATMOS	263/4	261/2	261/2	-1/8
BakerHughes	191/4	19	19	-1/8
BancTexas	11/2	13/8	13/8	-1/8
BellAtl	611/2	601/2	61	+1/4
BellSouth	577/8	575/8	573/4	+1/8
Beth Steel	181/2	18	183/8	-1/8
Borden	191/4	181/2	187/8	+7/8
Brit Pet	637/8	631/4	631/2	+5/8
Caterpllr	867/8	865/8	863/4	+3/8
CenSoWst	311/8	303/4	311/8	+1/8
Chevron	853/4	851/8	855/8	+3/4
Chrysler	543/8	533/4	541/8	-1/4
Coastal	277/8	271/2	275/8	-1/2
CocaCola	427/8	421/2	423/4	+1/8
ColgatePalm	605/8	601/8	601/2	-1/8
ComlMetl	367/8	363/8	367/8	+1/4
CooperIn	483/4	485/8	485/8	-1/8
CyprusAmax	257/8	251/4	257/8	+1/2
DallSemicn	151/4	15	15	-1/4
DeltaAirl	56	555/8	555/8	-1/8
DigitalEq	355/8	351/8	351/4	-1/8
Dillard	371/2	37	373/8	-1/8
DowChem	583/4	571/4	581/4	+1/2
DresserInd	205/8	201/2	201/2	-1/4
DuPont	493/8	49	491/4	-1/8
EstKodak	551/2	547/8	551/4	
EljerInd	7	67/8	7	+1/8
Enserch	157/8	155/8	155/8	-3/8
Exxon	64	633/4	633/4	-1/4
FlowerInd	197/8	193/8	197/8	+3/8
FordMotor	631/2	627/8	63	+3/8
GTE Cp	357/8	351/4	353/8	-1/2
GaDyn	953/4	941/4	945/8	-13/8
GenElct	1043/4	1041/8	1043/8	-3/4
GenMills	611/4	605/8	607/8	-3/8
GenMotors	543/4	543/8	545/8	-1/8
GenMotors E	277/8	271/2	273/4	
GaPacif	721/8	711/4	717/8	+1/8
GlobalMar	37/8	33/4	37/8	
Goodrich	417/8	413/4	417/8	-1/8
Goodyear s	447/8	441/4	445/8	+11/4
GtAtlPac	291/4	283/4	291/4	+1/4
Gulf StaUt	195/8	191/2	191/2	
Haliburtn	301/4	30	301/8	-1/4
Hanson ADS	201/2	201/4	203/8	+1/8
HoustInd	477/8	471/2	473/4	+1/8
IBM	593/8	585/8	587/8	-7/8
IntlPaper	683/8	671/2	681/8	+1/4
JohnsnJns	43	423/8	421/2	-5/8
K mart	22	213/4	213/4	
Kroger	205/8	203/8	205/8	+1/4
Litton	661/8	653/4	66	-1/2
vjLoneStar	2	17/8	17/8	-1/8
Lowes	553/4	551/4	551/2	+1/4
Lubys	221/4	221/8	221/8	
Maxus	43/4	45/8	43/4	+1/8
MayDS s	421/2	413/4	413/4	-5/8
Medtronic	811/4	805/8	803/4	-1/2
Mobil	751/4	741/2	75	+3/8
Monsanto	723/4	721/4	721/2	
Motorola s	873/4	863/4	87	-1/2
Nationsb	491/4	487/8	491/4	-1/4
Navistar s	231/8	23	23	-1/8
Nynex s	413/4	41	415/8	+1/2
OryxEngy	163/4	165/8	165/8	-1/8
PacTelesis	561/2	561/8	561/8	-1/4
PanhBCp	221/2	221/8	223/8	-1/8
PenneyJC s	533/4	531/4	533/8	
Pennzoil	53	521/4	521/4	-3/4
PepBoys	265/8	261/2	261/2	-3/8
PhelpDodge	501/8	493/4	501/8	+3/8
PhilipPet	273/8	271/4	271/4	-1/4
PilgrmPrd	7	67/8	7	
Polaroid	341/8	335/8	335/8	-3/4
Praxair	165/8	163/8	161/2	-1/4
Primerica s	397/8	395/8	393/4	
ProctGamble	561/8	551/8	56	+3/4
PubS NwMx	107/8	105/8	105/8	-1/4
RoyalDutch	1043/8	104	1041/4	+1/4
SFePacCp	22	213/4	217/8	+1/8
SaraLee	263/8	255/8	261/8	+1/4
SearsRoeb s	551/2	547/8	55	-3/8
SherwinW	351/2	351/4	351/2	+1/8
SmthBchADS	295/8	295/8	295/8	-1/2
SmthBc eqt	27	267/8	27	-1/8
Southern Co	445/8	443/8	441/2	-1/8
SwAirlines s	361/8	355/8	357/8	-1/4
SwBell s	437/8	431/4	437/8	+1/4
Sprint	333/8	321/2	331/4	+5/8
SterlingChm	43/8	41/4	41/4	-1/8
SunCo	307/8	301/2	303/4	-1/4
TNP Ent	171/4	171/4	171/4	-1/8
Tandy	485/8	477/8	481/8	-1/4
TemplInl	501/8	495/8	50	-1/8
Tenneco	51	501/2	507/8	
Texaco	631/2	631/4	633/8	
TexasInd	291/2	29	29	
TexasInst	603/4	593/4	601/8	-1/2
Tex Util	431/2	431/4	433/8	-1/8
Textron	581/8	575/8	581/8	+1/4
Trinty s	427/8	421/2	421/2	
TritonEngy	283/4	281/2	283/4	
Tyler	5	43/4	5	+1/4
US West	465/8	461/4	465/8	
USX Delhi	151/2	153/8	153/8	-3/8
USX-Marathn	17	163/4	163/4	-1/4
USX-USS	401/4	395/8	395/8	-3/8
UnCarbde	221/4	215/8	221/4	+7/8
UnPac	603/4	601/2	605/8	+1/8
UnitedTech	615/8	611/8	611/4	-1/2
Unocal	263/8	257/8	257/8	-3/8
WalMart s	27	263/4	267/8	-5/8
WstnGasRs	293/8	29	291/8	-1/8
WestghEl	14	133/4	137/8	
WinnDixie	531/2	531/4	533/8	-1/8
Woolwth	24	233/4	24	+1/4
Xerox Cp	887/8	881/2	883/4	+1/8
ZenithE	73/8	71/4	71/4	-1/8

Investigators search for answers as families finalize funeral plans

HUGO, Okla. (AP) — Funeral services will be held Tuesday for the first of two people killed when an ex-convict opened fired on Christmas shoppers at a small-town Wal-Mart.

Luke Shehan, 52, and his wife, Mary, 49, were gunned down Friday morning as they walked into the store at Hugo to do some Christmas shopping. Three other people were injured when David Mack Flinn, 39, opened fire in the store parking lot. Flinn shot himself to death a short time later.

Meanwhile, the sister of the gunman has apologized to the victims.

Jan Wyatt of Claremont, Calif., said she couldn't say enough to comfort families of the victims.

"We're very, very sorry for anyone that was killed or hurt, and we're just devastated about the loss of our brother," she said Sunday. "We loved him very much."

Graveside services will be held for Mrs. Shehan at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Spring Hill Cemetery in Lamar County, Texas, Ben Holland, director of Bright-Holland funeral home in Paris, Texas, said Sunday.

Services for Shehan were not expected to be completed until sometime today, said Linda Miller of Miller and Miller Funeral Home in Hugo.

"It's been a really sad situation," Mrs. Miller said.

Don Prater, director of Lampton, Mills and Coffey Funeral Home in Hugo said a Texas funeral home would conduct a private service for Flinn, but he did not specify where or when.

Meanwhile, the only person still hospitalized following the shootings was improving in a Paris, Texas, hospital, officials said Sunday.

The condition of Kathryn Stidham, 62, of Valliant was upgraded to good, said Paul Swasko, director of customer relations at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

"She's really done pretty well," Swasko said. "I think they're just watching her really close now."

Swasko said Mrs. Stidham may have to undergo additional surgery to repair damage done to one of her legs by a bullet that exited the other leg.

"One of our doctors said he'd seen the bullet in Vietnam," he said. "It's kind of made to tumble when it's in the body. It does extensive damage."

State and local law enforcement agencies still had no definite leads as to why Flinn opened fire with a .223-caliber semiautomatic rifle outside the Wal-Mart store, said Larry Grant, a Choctaw County assistant district attorney.

"I really think they've worked all the leads at this point," Grant said. "As these things go along, they'll probably get pretty bizarre calls and check them out."

Grant said it may be some time before autopsy and toxicology tests on Flinn and the local couple he killed are in.

Authorities found no record of mental illness in Flinn's medical history.

Flinn's rap sheet lists a string of burglary and theft convictions in Pomona, Calif., and Dallas between 1976 and 1987.

In September, 1986, Flinn led 20 police cars on a chase through parts of San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties in California after punching a police officer who tried to arrest him for selling stolen property. Flinn was charged with evading a police officer.

He also pleaded guilty in 1979 to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon in San Bernardino, records show.

Obituaries

J.C. Eppers

1914-1993

Graveside services were set for 1 p.m. today in the Pyron Cemetery near Hermleigh for J.C. Eppers, 79, of Abilene who died Friday in an Abilene hospital. E.B. McCowan was to officiate.

Born in Hopkins County, Mr. Eppers graduated from high school in Dike. He moved to Abilene from Olton in 1954. He worked for Mrs. Baird's Bakery 23 years and three years for the Olton Bakery. Mr. Eppers was a member of the Highland Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma Eppers of the home; two daughters, Linda Lightfoot of Abilene and Barbara Scheller of Dumas; one brother, R.C. Eppers of Fort Worth; one sister, Minnie Pearl Vaughn of Dike; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Rose Park Senior Citizens Center or to the Highland Church of Christ.

Velma Hollaway

1912-1993

SUDAN — Graveside services were set for 2 p.m. today in the Sudan Cemetery for Velma D. Hollaway, 81, who died Friday at her home in Lubbock.

She was the sister of Grace Fowler of Snyder.

Born in Marietta, Okla., Mrs. Hollaway moved to Lubbock from Durant, Okla., in 1976. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Benton Morgan and Bobby Joe Morgan, both of Odessa; four daughters, Jean Webb and Patsy Lang, both of Lubbock, Yvonne Johnston of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Naomi Slagle of Paris; two brothers, Odess McNeme of Odessa and D.W. McNeme of [illegible], three other sisters, Jewell Wright and Martha Roberts, both of Monahans, and Dovie Miller of Boise City, La.; 16 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

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for supplies and $200 for travel.

Library line-item tranfers included $292 from supplies, $328 from postage, $76 from copier lease and $200 for copier supplies, all going for purchase of books. Other library transfers included $128 from building to equipment and $47 to audiovisual.

Due to the ambulance contract not being budgeted, $3,372 was transferred from personal study to maintenance and repairs. Also $430 was moved from copier supplies to rural fire equipment and $91 was shifted from copier supplies to street lighting. Also $5,077 was transferred from insurance to appraisal district fees.

In Precinct 4, $400 was moved from utility to telephone, $2,000 from machine hire to supplies, $1,000 from equipment to fuel, $500 from tires and tubes to road maintenance, $3,000 from capital outlay to road maintenance, and $3,000 from capital outlay to salaries.

Judge Doolittle presided at the meeting and commissioners present were Jerry Gannaway, Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom and C.D. Gray Jr.

Man dies after antelope stabs him in the leg

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Authorities say an 800-pound antelope may have been trying to play when it used its antlers to fatally stab a man who was petting and feeding it at an exotic game ranch.

An African nilgai slashed Gary Bellew's left leg with its short, curved horns, tearing his femoral artery. The man bled to death as his 9-year-old son watched.

"This is a case of an animal being too accustomed to its surroundings of people feeding it," said Burnet County sheriff's Sgt. Allen Corporon.

Corporon arrived at the site shortly after the Friday attack at Moffitt Ranch, located about 150 miles north of San Antonio. He says there's no way to tell for sure, but the animal may have stabbed Bellew out of playfulness.

"We're not sure why the animal butted him, but people have to remember that these animals still have wild tendencies even though they seem tame," Corporon said.

The Bellews saw the antelope shortly after their arrival at the ranch, then petted and fed it for about 30 minutes, Corporon said.

The antelope made an "aggressive move," then Bellew ushered his son, Ryan, back to their truck, Corporon said. But Bellew, who was at the ranch to hunt, continued to feed and pet the nilgai, Corporon said.

The boy called 911 on the truck's cellular phone, but officials didn't arrive for another hour because of the remote location of the incident. Ryan Bellew also unsuccessfully tried to save his father by [illegible] his leg.

Bellew was pronounced dead on arrival at Lampasas County Hospital due to severe blood loss, Corporon said.

Authorities later killed the animal.

FDA oks wider test

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Building on two successful transplants here, doctors at five centers around the country, including one in Texas, are preparing to test an artificial heart once banned by the government.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved a privately funded study of the CardioWest heart to keep terminally ill patients alive until human donor hearts can be found to give them transplants.

If the results warrant it, the agency would allow CardioWest to sell the air-driven, plastic and metal pumps to be used as a so-called "bridge" to heart transplant.

"We got the artificial heart back in our arsenal, and that was goal No. 1," says Richard Smith, biomedical engineer at the University of Arizona's University Medical Center, which will coordinate the study.

Other centers, each of which will implant at least seven of the devices: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee, Loyola University Medical Center in suburban Chicago and San Antonio Regional Hospital. Smith said he hoped one of the centers would begin within a month on the study, which has no set end date.

The FDA authorization issued Nov. 19 covered six centers, and another will be added, he said.

The CardioWest heart is nearly identical to the device invented by Dr. Robert Jarvik and implanted amid media fanfare in Seattle dentist Barney Clark at the University of Utah on Dec. 2, 1982.

Two dead, eight injured in wreck in Central America

BEAUMONT (AP) — A South Texas church is mourning the deaths of two teen-age missionaries who were killed when their truck collided with an 18-wheeler during their Central American holiday mission.

Teresa JoAnn O'Neil and Baron Patrick Vicars, both 16, died Saturday morning following the head-on crash near the city of Belmopan in Belize, said Ron Waters of the Kenefick Church in Liberty County.

Eight other people also were injured in the wreck, which occurred on a narrow, one-lane bridge as the missionaries returned from a supply run.

"It's a sad situation," Waters said. "They (O'Neil and Vicars) had pure hearts of gold and they loved God and wanted to do his will.

"There was no way we could have stopped them from taking this trip and helping these people if we wanted to." Waters said.

The names of seven injured missionaries and their driver were not released. Three of them were flown to Houston after the accident and admitted to Hermann Hospital.

A 14-year-old boy and a man were in intensive care Sunday night. The man had a broken hip and a broken leg. A woman was also hospitalized; her condition was unknown.

Their driver, a resident of a village near Belmopan, suffered serious injuries and was being treated at a Belize hospital Sunday, Waters said.

The 11-member church party had traveled to Central America to deliver food and Christmas gifts to a church mission near Belmopan.

The missionary party, made up of eight adults and three teens, left Thursday and was originally scheduled to return today, Waters said.

Church members say the tragedy will not let it stand in the way of helping the Belize mission in the future.

"We'll go back," Waters said. "It was our first trip there but it won't be our last."

Liberty County is about 40 miles northeast of Houston.

Some warn crackdown could violate the rights of youth

MIAMI (AP) — Order them home at night. Search them in the classroom. Lock them up. Lock their parents up. Buy their guns.

In Florida, the increasing number of violent crimes committed by youths has generated a slew of drastic proposals. Critics warn "the state of fear" could be transformed into a state of siege for teens; others see the changes as vital.

People realize that extreme measures are needed to get back control," said Dade County Commissioner James Burke, who last week gained initial passage of a teen curfew for the Miami area.

Burke's crusade became personal last month when he and his wife were held up by an armed teen who stole their car.

Burke also proposed neighborhood patrols by non-police county employees and prosecuting parents of repeat curfew violators. He said the main goal of the curfew, set for a final vote Jan. 18, is to force parents to take responsibility for their children.

Not everyone buys the idea.

"They don't want to give us a job or give us something to do, and now they're going to take our rights away," said high school student Nikado Jean-Pierre.

John Thomas, 16, said: "All it's going to do is cause more people to get locked up."

The proposed Dade curfew is 11 p.m. week nights and midnight on weekends for youths under 16, with exceptions for those on the way to or from work, school, church and civic events.

In Tampa, the city council also is considering a curfew, and Attorney General Bob Butterworth has proposed one for the entire state.

Civil libertarians warn that basic freedoms are getting trampled.

"You don't take away the rights of an entire group of people," said Robyn Blumner, state director of the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU opposes curfews on constitutional grounds, and Blumner warned that enforcers will likely target young blacks.

The state's soaring juvenile crime was spotlighted in October when teens were arrested in the slayings of two tourists. One of the suspects is 13 and already has a lengthy criminal record.

"It is the juvenile crime that's exploding," U.S. Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., said last week after discussing crime with students at Citrus Grove Middle School.

The students had been searched with metal detectors as part of a program of random weapons searches in Dade County schools.

Berry's World

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"You want ammunition for your AK-47?"

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Is there relief from neck spasms?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently read a magazine article about the use of botulinum toxin to help victims of torticollis, or wry neck. Two requests for further information have gone unanswered; therefore, I am looking to you for information on this subject.

DEAR READER: Spasmodic torticollis, which many readers have reminded me is much more serious and incapacitating than mere wry (stiff) neck, is a condition of unknown cause, marked by agonizing spasms of the neck muscles.

This causes extreme tilting of the head and may be difficult to treat. Although physical therapy, biofeedback, analgesics, and muscle-relaxing drugs (such as Baclofen) have been used as the traditional therapy, they are often ineffective.

In the past few years botulinum toxin, a substance derived from bacteria, has proved to be an effective remedy for many torticollis patients. The compound is injected directly into the spastic muscle and may give relief for up to three months, after which the treatment must be repeated.

You can obtain more information from the National Spasmodic Torticollis Association, P.O. Box 476, Elm Grove, WI 53122. Telephone 1-800-714-6732.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can you tell me about a nutritional supplement for men over 40 to help shrink the prostate and improve sex life in later years? It contains an extract mixture of zinc, pyridoxine, serona, Panax, L-alanine, glutamic acid, apis mellifoca pollen, silica and hydrangea. I've ordered a 30-day supply, yet would like your comments before taking it.

DEAR READER: The only product that has been scientifically proved to shrink the prostate gland in men with benign prostatic overgrowth is the prescription drug Proscar. Ask your doctor about this. Natural or herbal remedies are not appropriate for this purpose.

In addition, promoters of these products often claim that sexual functioning can be improved. This is not true. Such a claim is merely a marketing scheme.

To give you more information, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "The Prostate Gland" and "Where to Find Sex Information." Other readers who would like copies should send $1.25 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title(s).

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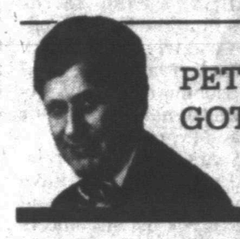


PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Downtown stores try new way to compete with malls

DALLAS (AP) — Sprawling suburban malls continue to attract throngs of holiday shoppers, but at least one Dallas department store has remained competitive by focusing on downtown commuters.

The downtown Neiman Marcus flagship store adopted the strategy about 18 months ago, targeting the more than 100,000 office workers who come downtown every weekday. The rewards are showing up this holiday season, said Gerald Barnes, vice president and general manager of the store.

"Traffic and sales are up from last year," he said.

The store is promoting itself with monthly mailings to 6,000 office workers, whose names have been collected during new-customer appreciation weeks. The mailers include offers for free delivery, parking and food.

Although the Neiman Marcus store's efforts are paying off, results for other downtown merchants are mixed, said Kent Collins, manager of Dallas City Center, a newly formed group to promote downtown shopping.

This year the group has concentrated on Main Street's improvements and billboard advertising that targets downtown workers. It also is sending downtown workers fliers "trying to get more people outside," he said.

Pedestrian traffic has increased since a Dec. 6 event promoting the "new" Main Street, Collins said. "But we're not at a point where we can compete with the malls."

The postal card was first suggested in 1865 by Heinrich von Stephan, director of the Royal Prussian Post. However, the first postal cards did not appear until 1869 — in Austria.

Business and Industrial News

Pat Gray offers European technology

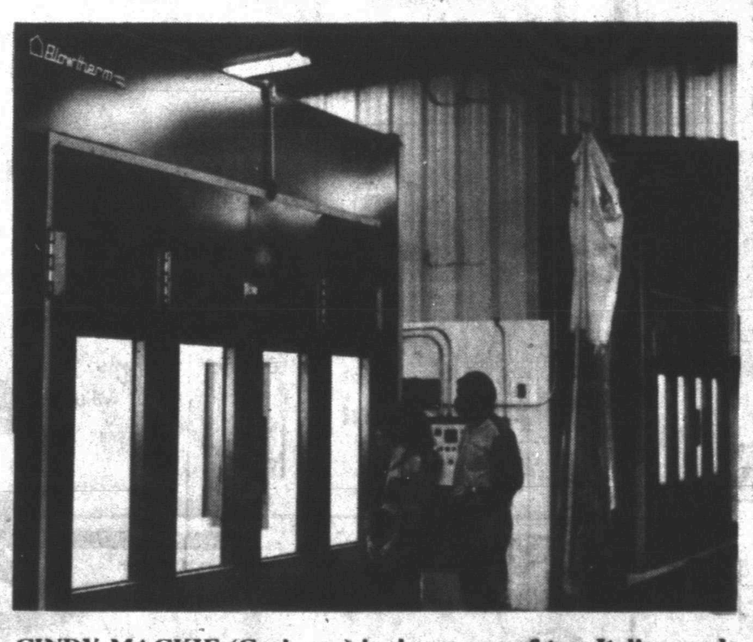
Your vehicle can be painted to perfection in Big Spring. Pat Gray Body Works provides the finest of equipment and craftsmanship — whether you need a complete paint job or restoration.

"I believe our experience with state-of-the art technology and proven procedures is the best anywhere," states owner Pat Gray. "Many other shops are only just beginning to invest in the tools that we already know thoroughly."

Gray's business employs 14 local people and the facilities are first-rate. Investing in continuing employee training has won the I-Car Certified Gold Class award, one of the most prestigious awards in the industry. Customers can immediately see that the level of professionalism merits their confidence. "In a sense we are also in the design business," Pat says. "Especially if the customer wants guidance on color and finish selection we offer a wide variety of samples and recommendations. We minimize the chance of unwelcome 'surprises.' Satisfaction is guaranteed." Gray's is the only certified **Herbert Standox** painting and refinishing facility in the area.

Because cars are so much more expensive in Europe, those countries developed renowned painting technology. Though it's costly, Gray has acquired European equipment; he has found that customers appreciate quality results. Two downdraft painting booths provide all-in-one control of painting: dust free air and temperature tuned to the finest degree during 'baking.' "I realize that customers are most impressed by the final product, but many people are also interested in learning about the processes that lead to the beautiful outcome they expect."

The company is a member of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce. Since 1977, excellence has been the standard at Pat Gray Body Works: 700 North Owens; Phone 263-0582.



CINDY MACKIE (Coahoma) is shown one of two Italian-made Blowtherm Ultra paint booths by owner Pat Gray. Total environmental control of the painting process has been practiced by Gray's highly-trained employees operation since 1988. This downdraft, clean air technology is one more assurance of customer satisfaction.

Denzel Washington 'hot property'

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Denzel Washington says his roles in "The Pelican Brief" and "Philadelphia" are helping to make Hollywood colorblind.

But he's not handing out much credit to those who cast him in parts not necessarily written for black actors.

"I'm marketable now," Washington said in Sunday's Orange County Register. "It's not like they're doing me a favor by giving me these roles."

He teams up with Julia Roberts in the legal thriller adapted from John Grisham's "The Pelican Brief." In the AIDS drama "Philadelphia," with Tom Hanks, Washington plays a homophobic lawyer.

"Frankly, I guess we did picture a white guy in the role," said "Philadelphia" director Jonathan Demme. "But when Denzel said he was interested, there was no question we wanted him."

Scott will not tell Rudolph's story

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Willard Scott won't be telling Rudolf's story when he reads a new children's book called "The Reindeer Christmas" on NBC's "Today Show" on Christmas Eve.

Scott, the show's affable weatherman, will read about lesser known reindeer who help Santa deliver presents.

"The Reindeer Christmas" tells how Santa and his head elf Elwin, who tire of making their annual journey on foot, pick a herd of reindeer to help after auditioning various animals.

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Dear Abby

Foreign Visitors Discover Rude Treatment to Be U.S. Custom

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I came to the United States from the Netherlands in 1960 with a fairly good knowledge of the English language, but I took quite a ribbing about my pronunciation, and ignorance of your slang words and expressions.

Over the years, friends and relatives from the Netherlands have come over to visit me, and they all agree that the U.S. Customs officers give foreigners a very hard time. (Not all foreigners are terrorists, drug dealers or thieves, you know.)

My 87-year-old mother was made to wait while the customs officer rewrote all her forms. (If he could read them, they must have been legible, right?)

Recently my nephew came over with his wife. Their plane had been delayed eight hours, arriving at Kennedy Airport at 3 a.m., where the customs officers were downright nasty!

I don't know if the same is true at other international airports, but I'd like to know if other travelers have had problems with customs officers. Perhaps they should all be sent to charm school.

Abby, if you print this, please don't use my name, as I fly back home every year, and I don't want to be "strip-searched" next time I fly.

FREQUENT FLIER
IN NEW YORK

DEAR FREQUENT FLIER: It would take more than "charm school"; it would take "reform" school.

I, too, had a nasty run-in with a U.S. Customs officer: On returning from the Orient in 1963, a customs officer in Honolulu insisted that the pearl necklace I was carrying in my purse had been purchased in the Orient.

I told him that I had owned it for 10 years. He refused to believe me, so I telephoned my insurance agent in San Francisco, who verified the fact.

This occurred on a Sunday. All the telephone circuits were busy, so it took four hours to complete the call; consequently, I missed my plane and had to take a later flight home.

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DEAR ABBY: Our daughter married a man with two children who lived with them. They later had one child together. For many years, we included the stepchildren in our family gatherings. After they were grown, we decided that the stepchildren should be excluded. (We asked our daughter to handle this.)

Our son-in-law and his children were very hurt and angry. (Can you believe they nearly divorced over this?) Now, he no longer speaks to us, and neither he nor our daughter comes to family parties. She insists that we were wrong, but we don't believe we were.

What do you think? And how can we rectify this situation?

PERPLEXED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR PERPLEXED: I think you were not only wrong, you were incredibly insensitive, tactless and cruel. You owe your daughter, her husband and the children you offended an apology.

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DEAR ABBY: I've been reading about all the crybabies who are angry and disappointed because they did not know their biological parents.

Abby, did they ever stop to think that they might have been the aftermath of a drunken party?

I was adopted by two of the finest people who ever lived. They picked me from a multitude of babies, and they doctored, cared for and loved me with all their hearts.

I would not have walked next door to see my natural mother or father. I am 71 years old. Please withhold my name.

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For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DATE BOOK

Dec. 20, 1993

Today is the 354th day of 1993 and the 90th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1907, physicist Albert Michelson became the first U.S. scientist to receive the Nobel Prize.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Harvey Firestone (1868-1938), tire manufacturer; Walter Adams (1876-1956), astronomer; Branch Rickey (1881-1965), baseball executive; Irene Dunne (1901-1990), actress; Sidney Hook (1902-1989), philosopher-educator; Max Lerner (1902-1992), journalist; George Roy Hill (1922-), director, is 71.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Dennis Potvin of the New York Rangers scored his 916th point, breaking Bobby Orr's NHL career scoring record for defensemen.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Problems are the price you pay for progress." — Branch Rickey

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1836, a cold wave with 70 mph winds dropped temperatures from the mild 40s to near zero in several hours in Illinois. Folklore told of animals frozen in their tracks.

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TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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Lack of response may stymie referendum

DALLAS (AP) — Texas lawyers may face future state laws regulating their advertisements if they fail for a third time to approve rules of their own, some lawmakers say.

The Texas State Bar Association last month asked the state's more than 57,000 lawyers to vote on a proposal to ban lawyer advertising that appeals to emotions or contains unsubstantiated claims. The referendum fails automatically if at least 51 percent of the ballots aren't returned by Monday.

State Bar President Lonny Morrison said 42 percent of the state's lawyers had returned their ballots by last week.

Several lawmakers, meanwhile, say that if lawyers don't regulate themselves, they state will do it for them.

"By failing to vote on this referendum, Texas lawyers are shooting themselves in the foot, and they may need emergency treatment in the legislative emergency room come January 1995," said Rep. Kim Brimer, R-Fort Worth, chairman of the House Committee on Business and Industry.

Democratic Rep. Steve Wolens, a Dallas attorney who sponsored a bill on lawyer advertising last session, agreed that the Legislature will not continue to wait on the State Bar to police its own.

The State Bar has circulated referendums on the issue twice before, failing both times to get a 51 percent response. This time, Morrison blames the holiday and organized opposition for the poor ballot showing.

"I think lawyer advertising has been devastating to the image of our profession," said Morrison. "I think it's the single most contributing cause of the negative image that people have of lawyers."

Lawyers opposed to the referendum, known as Texans Against Censorship, have asked lawyers who advertise not to return their ballots.

"This whole thing was started by a bunch of trial lawyers who don't advertise, and they want to make our ads ineffective," said Dallas lawyer and opposition leader Brian Loncar. "It's an economic thing, not a public perception thing."

The State Bar currently prohibits lawyers from making false or misleading statements in advertisements, but the proposed rule is designed to better define what is misleading, Morrison said.

Ira School collects 862 cans

Once again, Ira's Future Homemakers of America chapter (FHA) has sponsored a canned food drive for the holiday season. Members asked each grade to bring canned goods from their home.

The freshman class brought the most cans — 213 — and was treated to a pizza party. The school collected 862 cans in all.

All canned goods collected were donated to The Goodfellows.

CANNED GOODS — The Future Homemakers of America chapter (FHA) at Ira School organized its annual canned food drive to benefit The Goodfellows. Pictured with the canned goods are from left counter clockwise, Michelle Gernandt, chapter president; and members Wendy Wilson, Shawna Payne, Rebecca Johnston, Eddie Brasuel, Kasey Calley, Jessica Williams, Nikki Hudson, Coy Henderson and Tammi Hudson. (SDN Staff Photo)

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