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Winter returns to Scurry County

More snow forecast

Just three days ago, Scurry Countians were comfortable in short sleeves. It was 82 degrees and sunny, if a little windy.

The wind is still around, but the short sleeves aren't, and neither is the warm weather.

Winter weather rolled back into the area Sunday afternoon and evening, smattering the county with light sleet and snow. According to forecasters, that was just a prelude as to what is to come.

The forecast calls for snow through Tuesday — as much as eight inches is possible — with temperatures in the low 20s tonight and just 25 to 30 degrees tomorrow.

If the snow arrives as scheduled, motorists are advised to be especially cautious and to carry a blanket in their vehicle in case of a breakdown.

Travelers can expect adverse weather throughout the area. Winter storm watches have been posted for the Permian Basin, Trans Pecos, Concho Valley, Edwards Plateau, Big Bend and far West Texas mountains.

And rain is predicted for South Texas as Pacific moisture overrides cooler surface air.

The cold front stretches from New Orleans to near Brownsville and El Paso.

Sunday's weather brought a little moisture to the county. The city reported receiving four-tenths of an inch. It was the first moisture for the county in a month.

School days near for ISD, Western Texas

Western Texas College and Snyder ISD reopened their offices this morning, signaling the end of the holiday break.

Local public school employees went back to work today for staff training. Students return to class Tuesday.

Western Texas College Faculty and staff return for in-service on Wednesday.

Registration for the spring semester at WTC is set for Jan. 13-14 and classes will begin Jan. 15.

Classes began today for Hermleigh ISD students. In-service for HISD faculty was held Friday. Ira ISD students and faculty returned to classes last Thursday.

MONDAY MORNING AT THE OFFICE — City crews were out early this morning finishing repairs on water lines which ruptured Saturday night and Sunday evening in the 3400 and 3700 blocks of Avenue M. Parts of the city were without water while repairs were made on this 12-inch main line. Alvin Dodson is shown removing water from the main line break. (SDN Staff Photo)

United Way funds slowly trickling in

Donations to Scurry County United Way are slowly trickling in, and organizers will be considering ending the current drive soon.

Donations are at 66 percent of the goal of $73,000.

As of the weekend, $48,230.18 had been pledged.

United Way agencies are Scurry County Boys and Girls Club, Snyder Child Day Care, Noah Project-West, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Scurry County Food Cupboard, the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the American Red Cross.

Anyone wishing to help out can donate in person at Anderson & West, 4208 College Ave., or by mail to P.O. Box 1411 in Snyder.

For more information, call 573-5311.

Divisions	Pledged
Advance	$3,200.00
City/County	$1,231.40
Commercial	$10,947.00
Education	$9,477.15
Hospital	$4,864.34
Oil/Technical	$1,324.00
Professional	$4,475.88
Special/Other	$12,710.41
Total	**$48,230.18**

Social Security...

Panel recommends investing funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a long-awaited report, a prominent advisory panel today recommended that part of the billions in payroll taxes collected for Social Security each year be invested in the stock market to help rescue the program from bankruptcy in the next century.

The 13-member Advisory Council on Social Security could not agree on a single set of recommendations and instead issued three competing plans.

Each of the three plans contained a recommendation for investing a portion of Social Security taxes in the stock market as a way to boost investment returns. Social Security payroll taxes collected from workers and their employees are invested only in government bonds.

The panel's report, originally scheduled to be released a year ago, is certain to spark a fierce debate over the future of the government's biggest benefit program.

The amount Social Security collects in benefits exceeds annual payments by $60 billion. By 2012, that surplus will end as the baby boom generation starts retiring and without corrective action, the Social Security trust fund will be broke by 2029. At that point, payroll taxes will cover only about 76 percent of promised benefits.

The advisory commission was given the task of recommending fixes to the impending financial troubles. But supporters who had hoped for a unified plan were disappointed. Instead, the panel could never reconcile differences that are certain to be at the center of the upcoming debate over the issue.

Supporters of so-called privatization, investing Social Security taxes in the stock market, argue that stocks traditionally have paid much higher returns than U.S. Treasury securities.

Opponents argue that investing in the stock market carries big risks and would leave many Social Security retirees in the lurch financially if the value of their investments went down.

On Sunday, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said he favored a pilot project to test the profitability of investing some Social Security trust funds in the private sector.

He called the most radical ideas to privatize the Social Security program a "nonstarter."

"I am not in favor of the privatization of the Social Security system," Daschle said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, also on CBS, said private investment was "an attractive option for younger people." But he said the government's first obligation is to protect its commitments to those already dependent on Social Security.

In releasing the final report, Edward M. Gramlich, the chairman of the 13-member panel, stressed that no one studying the problem would disagree that some changes had to be made.

The three competing plans were laid out as options in the final report.

Gingrich predicts he will win post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Emerging from weeks of self-imposed silence, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said today the last few months have not been much fun but predicted he will win re-election to the House's top post.

Addressing a hometown audience before heading to Washington, Gingrich declined to discuss his ethics case in a morning speech in Marietta, Ga., before the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm not going to talk about the whole ethics case today because we have an agreement not to talk about it until it's done," he said. But he did refer to the ordeal later, saying, "I have been through in the last month all sorts of emotions, as you can imagine — from going to my mother's and having TV cameras outside as we talked about what she's going to do now that my dad's dead, going to my mother-in-law's and having TV cameras outside as we try to celebrate Christmas.... This has not been as much fun as people sometimes think."

He matter-of-factly predicted he would win a new term. "Tomorrow, when I'm sworn in, I will be the first Republican speaker to be sworn twice in a row in 68 years," he said.

Gingrich joins his Republican colleagues tonight at a Capitol Hill rally where the majority party is expected to endorse his return to the speakership despite lingering concerns over a still-unfinished ethics investigation.

Republican leaders made clear Sunday that Gingrich was their man and there was no question that they had the votes to re-elect him. House Republicans command a narrow 19-seat majority in the new Congress, and so far only one GOP lawmaker has said publicly that he will vote against the speaker. "The members know what's going on and are going to put Newt Gingrich back in the speakership tomorrow," Republican whip Tom Delay of Texas said on NBC's "Today" show.

Several GOP rank-and-file members said they remained troubled by the rush to reseat the Georgian and suggested he step aside, at least until the ethics issue is resolved.

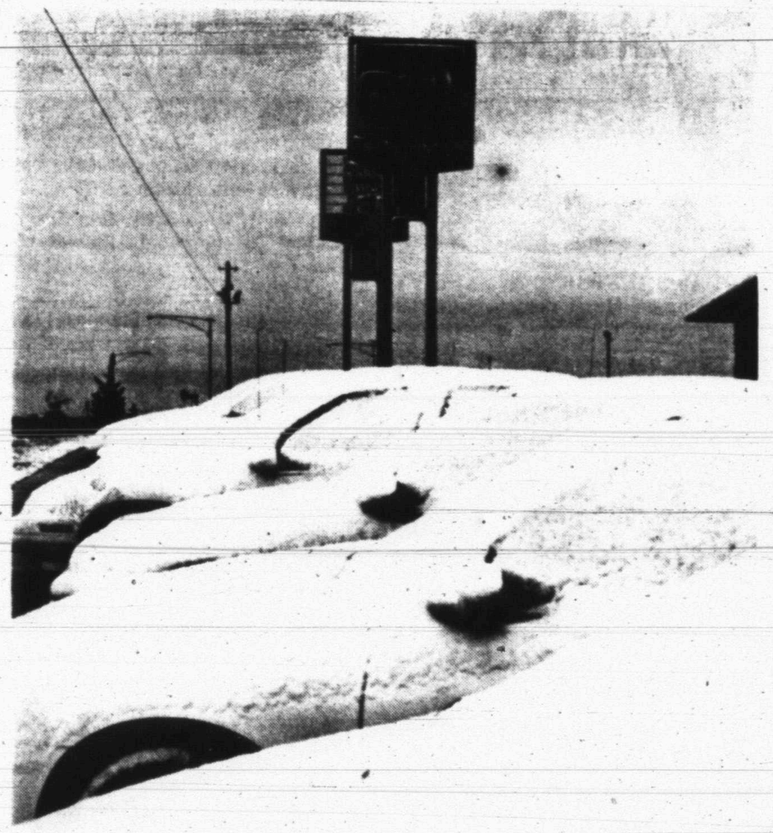
At the White House, spokesman Mike McCurry said President Clinton has ordered his staff not to comment on Gingrich's case.

"It's a matter for the House, not the White House," McCurry said.

Gingrich had avoided public comment while actively joining other GOP leaders in lobbying within the party for his re-election.

Tonight, on the eve of the convening of the 105th Congress, he was to explain to his Republican colleagues why they should back him in the speakership vote on Tuesday.

Last month, Gingrich said he unintentionally misled the House ethics committee. The panel is to decide in about two weeks whether to recommend sanctions.



WHITE SALE — Scurry County got its first cover of snow of 1997 Sunday and early Monday morning as it gave a wintry look to the area. Forecasters are predicting more precipitation during the week, including snow accumulations up to eight inches. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

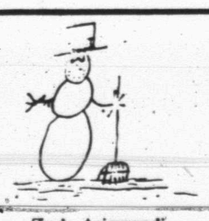
Q—What is the cost of the 30th Street widening project?

A—Total cost is $1.227 million, and includes work done on the bridge at 27th Street, behind the senior center.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 70 degrees; low, 40; high Sunday, 44; low, 31; 7 a.m. Monday, 31; .40 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, .40 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Heavy snow warning in effect for this afternoon through Tuesday. Tonight, heavy snow possible. Low, lower 20s. NE wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, 70% chance of snow. Up to 8 inches possible. High 25-30. NE wind 10-20 mph.



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Snow Possible

Sunset:
5:56 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:44 a.m.
Of 5 days in 1997, the sun has shone 5 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

(Psa 4:7 NKJV) You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

Court will decide sexual assault protections

DYERSBURG, Tenn. (AP) — First, they put up with the judge's incessant gropings and demands for sex, fearing all the while he would use his family's political clout to wreck their small-town lives.

Next, they had to testify in federal court and endure neighbors' snide remarks before winning a gratifying conviction and watching the mighty judge stripped of office.

Then, not three years after he was put behind bars, they had to stomach an appeals court ruling that freed their attacker on grounds the U.S. Constitution does not guarantee freedom from sexual assault.

Now the women who helped knock the judge from what appeared to be an unassailable perch have hope for a second victory. The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Tuesday in the case of former Tennessee Judge David Lanier.

"He raped me and he's going to pay for raping me," said Vivian Forsythe-Archie, who was attacked in Lanier's office while he had control over custody of her young daughter.

Lanier, 61, was convicted in 1992 of violating the civil rights of five women through sexual abuse, under a federal law covering government officials who use their official power to deprive someone of constitutional rights.

He went to prison on a 25-year sentence, but in January 1996, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals voted 10-5 to overturn the conviction, ruling that the Supreme Court has never specifically said sexual assault violates any rights granted by the U.S. Constitution.

The Justice Department and civil rights activists attacked the Circuit Court decision, saying the courts have long held that "bodily integrity" is protected by the Constitution.

It's a well-established legal concept, said Lynn Hecht Schafran, a lawyer with the National Organization for Women, and has even been used to prevent forced physical examination of crime suspects, such as stomach-pumping.

One of the appeals court dissenters, Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey, said it seemed obvious to her that "a citizen's right not to be deprived of life, liberty and property ... encompasses the right not to be intentionally and sexually assaulted."

The majority, however, found that the offenses for which Lanier was convicted were violations of state law, not federal law.

But the judge's victims say there was no way state charges would stick, with the power he and his family held in northwestern Tennessee.

"We couldn't even go to the police against him. His brother was the district attorney," Forsythe-Archie said. "He really believed nobody could get him."

Lanier's family gained political power in the early 1900s and were known as people who could get you a job or cost you one.

His father, James P. Lanier, was Dyer County's political boss for 30 years. His brother, James O. Lanier, was a state senator and prosecutor. Both are now dead.

David Lanier was mayor of Dyersburg, a town of 16,000 about 80 miles north of Memphis, for 12 years before he was elected state Chancery Court judge in 1982.

The Legislature removed Lanier from office after a federal court jury convicted him on five misdemeanor violations, each punishable by one year in prison, and two felonies, each punishable by 10 years. He got the maximum sentence.

Nine women, most of them courthouse employees, testified against Lanier, saying he repeatedly pressured them for sex, grabbed their breasts or buttocks or exposed himself.

One woman, who said she went to see Lanier about child support payments from her ex-husband, said the judge coerced her to have sex on a sleeping bag he pulled from under a desk in his office.

She said Lanier told her, "I'm always prepared."

Lanier said the sex was consensual, and the jury acquitted him in that instance.

He was found guilty, though, of twice physically forcing Forsythe-Archie to perform oral sex in his courthouse office, the felony charges against him.

In tearful testimony, she said the attacks occurred when she went to ask the judge for help finding work.

Lanier, the father of one of her childhood friends, had presided over Forsythe-Archie's divorce in 1989. Just before the sexual attacks, she said, he reminded her that her parents wanted custody of her daughter.

"Had he really wanted to take my daughter, he could have," she said from Florida where she now lives. She said community emotions stirred by Lanier's trial made it impossible for her to remain in her hometown.

At trial, Lanier tried to paint himself as the victim of vengeful women and political enemies. Divorced for adultery the year before his indictment, he admitted to sexual indiscretions but denied criminal wrongdoing.

Lanier, free on bail between his conviction and sentencing, was discovered contacting and threatening the women who had testified against him. Bond was revoked and he was jailed for the two months before sentence was pronounced.

Sandy Sanders, a court employee whom Lanier molested, said she hoped getting the case before the Supreme Court would help convince doubting Dyersburg residents.

"There will be people who still won't understand why we did what we did, but speaking out is therapy for us," she said. "We're gradually getting our lives back, but it's never going to be like it was."

Attorney General Janet Reno says...

Tough policies helped reduce crime rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno credits a "tough, smart crime-fighting strategy" for reducing the nation's serious crime rate for the fifth straight year.

FBI figures released over the weekend showed a 3 percent decrease in serious crimes reported to police during the first six months of 1996 compared with a year earlier. Murders led the list with a 7 percent drop, while robbery and aggravated assault fell by 5 percent.

Reno said the nation is in the longest period of declining crime rates since 1969.

"Our tough, smart crime-fighting strategy is making a difference, with more police on the streets, fewer guns in the wrong hands, more prosecutors and more jail cells to keep criminals behind bars. We have made progress, but we have much more to do," she said in a statement.

Crime specialists said greater community awareness, a relatively small population in the crime-prone teen-age years and changes in the drug market also figured in the crime reductions.

"We are making a difference," said President Clinton, who made crime-fighting a bedrock issue of his first term. "Today our neighborhoods are safer, and we are restoring the American people's confidence that crime can be reduced."

Clinton said he has placed curbing juvenile violence at the top of his anti-crime agenda in the new year. "We must continue to move in the right direction by adding more police officers, cracking down on gangs and reducing gun and drug violence," he said in a statement.

Among property crimes, reported burglaries fell by 5 percent between the first half of 1995 and the period of 1996, motor vehicle theft declined by 4 percent and larceny-theft dipped by 1 percent. Arson was the only property offense to show an increase, 2 percent.

Eight cities with populations of more than a million boasted an average 6 percent drop in serious crimes over the same period in 1995. There was no change for cities of a half-million to one million population.

The FBI's figures showed New York with 507 murders in the first six months last year, in the same period in 1995, there were 574. The city's own count, covering all of 1996, showed murders dipping below 1,000 for the first time since 1968, with 983.

By contrast, there were a record 2,245 slayings in New York City in 1990.

The FBI tracks trends in a "crime index," which includes murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny theft, motor vehicle theft and arson. By region, it showed an 8 percent drop in the index in the West, 7 percent in the Northeast and 2 percent in the Midwest.

The South, however, had a 3 percent increase in reported crime, due to rises in property crimes. Murders and forcible rapes decreased in the region.

"Policing is getting smarter, but that is not the main reason" for the crime decline, said Dennis Nowicki, chief of the Charlotte, N.C., metropolitan police department. "The community is beginning to pay more attention and getting involved, dealing with crime at the neighborhood level."

Eric Sterling, president of the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation, a research group, said the aging of the population has an effect on the lowered crime rate. "The number of 16- and 17-year-olds is relatively low. The number of young men in the violent crime-committing years is low," he said.

The maturing of the crack cocaine market also is a factor, he suggested.

"Crack exploded on the American scene in the mid-1980s," said Sterling, whose foundation publishes a newsletter on drug policy. "Markets have stabilized; they have become more sophisticated with less competition." As a result, he said, there are fewer attempts at robbing drug dealers and fewer homicides.

New method developed that will extract hydrogen from gasoline

DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler Corp. says it has developed a way to extract hydrogen from gasoline, bringing prototypes of "fuel-cell" electric cars 10 years closer to reality.

By 2005, the No. 3 domestic automaker hopes to have a model of an electric car that gets its power from hydrogen and is 50 percent more fuel-efficient than cars with conventional internal-combustion engines.

The hydrogen would be processed in the cars from cheap, low-octane gasoline, offering a far cleaner alternative to engines powered by burning gasoline.

"We believe hydrogen needs to be processed from gasoline on board vehicles because hydrogen isn't a practical fuel choice today," said Francois Castaing, Chrysler vice president of vehicle engineering. "Simply put, there are not any filling stations supplying it to a mass market."

The technology, which Chrysler was expected to announce today at the North American International Auto Show, could move up production of prototypes of fuel-cell electric cars by a decade, to as soon as 2005, Chrysler officials said.

Last month, General Motors Corp. became the first big automaker to roll out an electric car, introducing the EV1 to 24 California and Arizona dealerships. But the two-seater is powered by batteries, not by hydrogen fuel.

A fuel cell produces electricity from a chemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen, using a platinum catalyst and an on-board fuel processor which breaks down the gasoline. A series of fuel cells would produce enough electricity to power a car's motor, air conditioner and other equipment.

The technology was first developed for use in spacecraft, but problems in supplying and storing hydrogen have hampered plans to use it for cars. Developing a practical processing system to extract hydrogen from gasoline would eliminate those problems, Castaing said.

"People will still refuel their vehicles the same way they always have, and the gas tanks on their vehicles may actually be smaller than they are today, not bigger and more cumbersome," Castaing said.

Fuel cells have great potential to replace the internal-combustion engine because they can produce electricity at atmospheric temperatures with virtually no dangerous emissions, said Christopher E. Borroni-Bird, an advanced technologies specialist at Chrysler.

'Jerry Maguire,' 'Michael' tie for top box office spot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Jerry Maguire," starring Tom Cruise, and "Michael," starring John Travolta, tied for first place at the weekend box office with $12.5 million each in ticket sales, according to industry estimates.

"Michael" features Travolta as an angel with a libido. In "Jerry Maguire," Cruise is a sports agent with a conscience.

In third place was the new Wes Craven slasher film, "Scream," with a $10 million gross, followed by "101 Dalmatians" with $7.4 million, according to the estimates released Sunday.

In limited release, "Evita" grossed $1.1 million on 22 screens. It played on just two screens last week.

"The People vs. Larry Flynt," a critically praised film about Hustler magazine's publisher, grossed $600,000 on 16 screens.

The top 10 films and their estimated grosses for Friday through Sunday (final figures were due out later today):

1. "Michael," $12.5 million (tie).
1. "Jerry Maguire," $12.5 million (tie).
3. "Scream," $10 million.
4. "101 Dalmatians," $7.4 million.
5. "One Fine Day," $6.8 million.
6. "Beavis and Butt-Head Do America," $6 million.
7. "Ghosts of Mississippi," $5.3 million.
8. "The Preacher's Wife," $5.2 million.
9. "My Fellow Americans," $3.6 million.
10. "Mars Attacks!" $3.6 million.

Beaten to death

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A 100-year-old World War I veteran was beaten to death at a hospital by a 77-year-old patient who went after him with a walker, police said.

George Gilbert Beaty Jr. died late Saturday, one day after the attack at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

The patient became angry because Beaty was making too much noise and fractured his skull with a walker, police told The Herald-Sun.

Date Book

Jan. 6, 1997

Today is the sixth day of 1997 and the 17th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1838, Samuel Morse demonstrated the telegraph publicly for the first time.

On this day in 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state in the union.

On this day in 1994, U.S. Olympic ice skater Nancy Kerrigan was struck in the knee by an assailant at Cobo Arena in Detroit.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joan of Arc (1412-1431), saint; Carl Sandburg (1878-1967), writer; Tom Mix (1880-1940), actor; Sam Rayburn (1882-1961), U.S. politician; E.L. Doctorow (1931-), writer, is 66; Lou Holtz (1937-), football coach, is 60; Louis Freeh (1951-), FBI director, is 46; Nancy Lopez (1957-), golfer, is 40; Howie Long (1960-), football player-commentator, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, Ted Turner bought the Atlanta Braves for $11 million.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I am the people — the mob — the crowd — the mass. / Do you know that all the great work of the world is done through me?" — Carl Sandburg

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1993, up to 18 inches of ice accumulated at the top of Hawaii's Mount Haleakala.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 2) and new moon (Jan. 9).

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Williams-Boone in the Cabello Draw field, three miles north of Camp Springs. The horizontal well will be drilled to a depth of 6,500 feet, and location is in Section 98, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

SDX Resources Inc. will drill the No. 6 Tom Morrison in the Turner-Gregory field, five miles northwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 36, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

SDX Resources will drill the No. 7 Tom Morrison in the Turner-Gregory field, seven miles northwest of Westbrook. Planned depth is 3,200 feet, and drill site is in Section 36, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

SDX Resources will drill the No. 6 Morrison-Jones in the Turner-Gregory field, six miles northwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 35, Block 29, T&P survey.

Howard County

Lakewood Operating will drill the No. 1 Pequin Chile in the Gunn field, 20 miles northeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 7,800 feet, location is in Section 13, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Marathon Oil will drill the No. 19 Scott in the Howard-Glasscock field, eight miles east of Forsan. Contracted for a depth of 4,000 feet, drill site is in Section 87, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Marathon Oil will drill the No. 31 Scott in the Howard-Glasscock field, eight miles east of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 29, Block 86, W&NW survey.

Marathon Oil will drill the No. 10 Stockton in the Howard-Glasscock field, eight miles east of Forsan. Also planned for 4,000 feet, location is in Section 87, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Marathon Oil will drill the No. 5-B Stockton in the Howard-Glasscock field, eight miles east of Forsan. Planned depth is 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 66, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Marathon Oil will re-enter the No. 2-B Wallace in the Howard-Glasscock field, seven miles east of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 86, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Kent County

Dynamic Production will drill the No. 2 Stewart, a 7,000-foot wildcat located 12 miles northwest of Clairemont. Location is in Section 4, John Rodman survey.

Nolan County

Lytle Creek Operating Inc. will drill the No. 1-43 Mink, a 7,200-foot wildcat located 10 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 43, Block X, T&P survey.

Berry's World

"Julian is EXTREMELY excited about the Consumer Price Index thing."

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime at Scurry County Library will be held for four- and five-year-olds; 1916 23rd Street; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; hostesses, Elizabeth McCloskey, Jimmie Cummings and Leona Davis; 3:15 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

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

Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mothers' Club Dutch treat dinner; 103 SW Georgia, Sweetwater; families are invited too; 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; guest artist, Tony Brown from Abilene; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

LLL Club; fellowship First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Ministerial Alliance; community room of Snyder Savings and Loan; 7 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving, community room of Snyder Savings and Loan, 27th and College; for information, call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

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

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Diplomat suspected in fatal accident sends his apology

WASHINGTON (AP) — The family of a teen-ager killed in a car crash has received an apology from the Georgian diplomat suspected of causing the fatal accident.

"I cannot express adequately in words my sorrow for having been part of this horrible tragedy, or for the pain it causes and will continue to cause to the family and friends of Jovianne Waltrick," said the statement issued Sunday on behalf of Gueorgui Makharadze, 35, who is attached to the Republic of Georgia Embassy in Washington.

Waltrick, 16, of Kensington, Md., was killed in a multi-car accident Friday night near the Embassy Row area of the nation's capital. Police have said they believe excessive speed and alcohol were factors in the accident.

A Washington police detective said the diplomat's car sped into Dupont Circle, a major traffic interchange, and crashed into the rear of another car. The second car sailed through the air and landed on top of a third vehicle, then continued on to hit two other vehicles, the detective said.

Waltrick, a front-seat passenger in the third car, was killed.

Secret Service spokesman Marty Ratchford said Makharadze is a minister at the Georgia Embassy. He was released from Georgetown University Hospital Saturday night, officials said.

David Richin, an attorney retained by the Waltrick family, said Sunday he did not want Makharadze to hide behind his diplomatic immunity.

Army trainee accused of rape kills self

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. (AP) — Fellow Army trainees remembered a private dead of an apparent suicide as a skinny Texan with a knack for billiards, as his scandal-plagued battalion returned to business Sunday.

Pvt. Alan M. May, 22, who had been in the Army for less than a year and would have faced a court martial Tuesday on a rape charge, was found hanged in his barracks by his roommate Saturday morning as members of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion returned from holiday leave.

The trainee's death brought a new dimension to an already wide-ranging sex scandal that has plagued the Aberdeen training center, about 30 miles north of Baltimore, in recent months.

"It's pretty devastating for everybody," said Lt. Col. Gabriel Riesco, chief of staff for Gen. Robert Shadley, commander of the Army's ordnance center and school at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The scandal broke in November when the Army announced two drill sergeants and a captain in the 143rd Ordnance Battalion had been charged with raping and sexually harassing female trainees, prompting an investigation that identified dozens of victims and led to the suspension of 15 other instructors.

But base officials insisted the previously unreported rape charge pending against May, of San Antonio, Texas, was not related to the highly-publicized sex scandal.

Unlike the wide-ranging investigation of Army bases that has focused on charges that instructors sexually assaulted trainees, May's case involves a charge that he raped a fellow trainee.

May, a graduate of the school's wheeled vehicle maintenance course who was performing odd jobs at the base pending his court martial, was charged with raping a female trainee last June.

Riesco said as a soldier charged with a crime, May had been under observation by authorities but had shown no signs of any psychological problems.

And fellow members of the 143rd's "Charlie" company said May, who spoke of his fiancee with fellow soldiers and often played pool in his free time, appeared happy. But none would speak about the rape charges against him.

"He was a nice guy. He was just a nice guy all around — did what he was told, never whined about it," said Pvt. Jason Cooper, of Houston, Texas. "He was a good soldier."

But one female soldier who would identify herself only as "Lady" and said she was a close friend of May's and member of the 180-soldier "Charlie" company, said he had become depressed as his court martial approached.

"Why wouldn't he be depressed?" she said. "Wouldn't you be all stressed out and upset if you were going through that?"

May had spoken of suicide before, "Lady" said, but she had thought nothing of it.

"I never thought..." she said, trailing off. "He mentioned that he wanted to get out of this place. But it was nothing to be alarmed about."

Trainees were assembled Saturday afternoon and were told about the apparent suicide and offered counseling, Riesco said.

Sunday, members of May's company were keeping to their routine.

"The company is highly motivated," said Staff Sgt. Robert Edwards, a drill sergeant with the company. "Sure it's a tragedy. But motivation is the key and we are dedicated to the cause of being motivated."

Dick Morris' wife walking out after 20-year marriage

REDDING, Conn. (AP) — Former presidential adviser Dick Morris, who resigned after a $200-an-hour prostitute said she had a longtime affair with him, said he is saddened his wife has decided to leave him.

"I am devastated and deeply upset," Morris, 48, said in a statement released Sunday. "More than anything else I wanted to stay married to Eileen, and I feel sadder than I can say that my own conduct made that impossible."

In an interview from her Connecticut home Sunday, Eileen McGann told The Associated Press she decided to leave Morris after 20 years of marriage, saying she was under endless public pressure because of the charges against him.

"I want to be able to live my life without having to read about everything I do or say or everything that affects me," she told The New York Times in a story published today.

"I want my personal space back, and I don't think I can have that as long as I'm married to Dick."

Shortly after her husband resigned in August, Ms. McGann, 48, appeared at his side during a news conference at their Connecticut home.

She was further scandalized by a subsequent report of another Morris infidelity, this one involving a 15-year relationship with a Texas woman with whom he had a child.

"I felt loyalty, but I didn't think I wouldn't be thinking later about what's best to do here," Ms. McGann, a lawyer, told the Daily News in a story published Sunday.

"I had really hoped and believed that as time went by, this would disappear as a public issue and become a private issue between Dick and me, but that didn't turn out to be true," she said.

Newsweek's Jan. 13 issue, in newsstands today, reports that Ms. McGann has asked Morris for a divorce. She would not comment when asked by The Associated Press if divorce papers had been filed.

A top political adviser to President Clinton, Morris resigned when Washington prostitute Sherry Rowlands claimed he had hired her many times. She said he even shared sensitive information with her and let her listen in on phone calls with the president.

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By Phillip Alder

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	♦ 4		
	♣ A K Q J 10 8 4		
West		East	
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♦ J 10 9 3		♦ 8 2	
♣ 7 6 5 2		♣ 9 3	
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	♠ 7 6 4 2		
	♥ A K 3		
	♦ A K Q 7 6 5		
	♣ ---		

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		3 NT	Dbl.
6 ♣	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♥ J

tricks for plus 50.

When East doubled, though, South, Colin Simpson, knew it had to be on a solid spade suit. What else could he have? But West didn't know that, so Simpson jumped to six clubs. As you can see, *seven* clubs is laydown by South, as West doesn't have a spade to lead. To add frosting to the gateau, West doubled, giving North-South 1190 points and, as it was high-stake Chicago, some $1,920.

Finally, the gambling three no-trump is almost three times more likely.

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Bridge over the internet

By Phillip Alder

Last November, I decided it was time to go online. First stop: The Times newspaper in London. Wonderfully, I could compose my own paper, extracting the pieces from the printed version that interested me. And every day it is waiting for me to download. After asking for too much the first day, I trimmed my requirements to Robert Sheehan's bridge article, the chess column, the cryptic crossword, the readers' letters and some sports.

Here is the first Sheehan deal that I received. What do you need for a three-no-trump opening bid? In the United States, a common answer is a balanced 25-27 points. In England, most play that it shows a long, solid minor with no side ace, king or void — the gambling three no-trump. Which is the more likely, do you think?

Over North's opening bid, East made a stupid double. If he had passed, South was planning to bid four diamonds, a conventional inquiry for a singleton, hoping North was that short in spades. Here, North would have rebid five clubs, showing a singleton diamond. South would have passed and East would have cashed the first three

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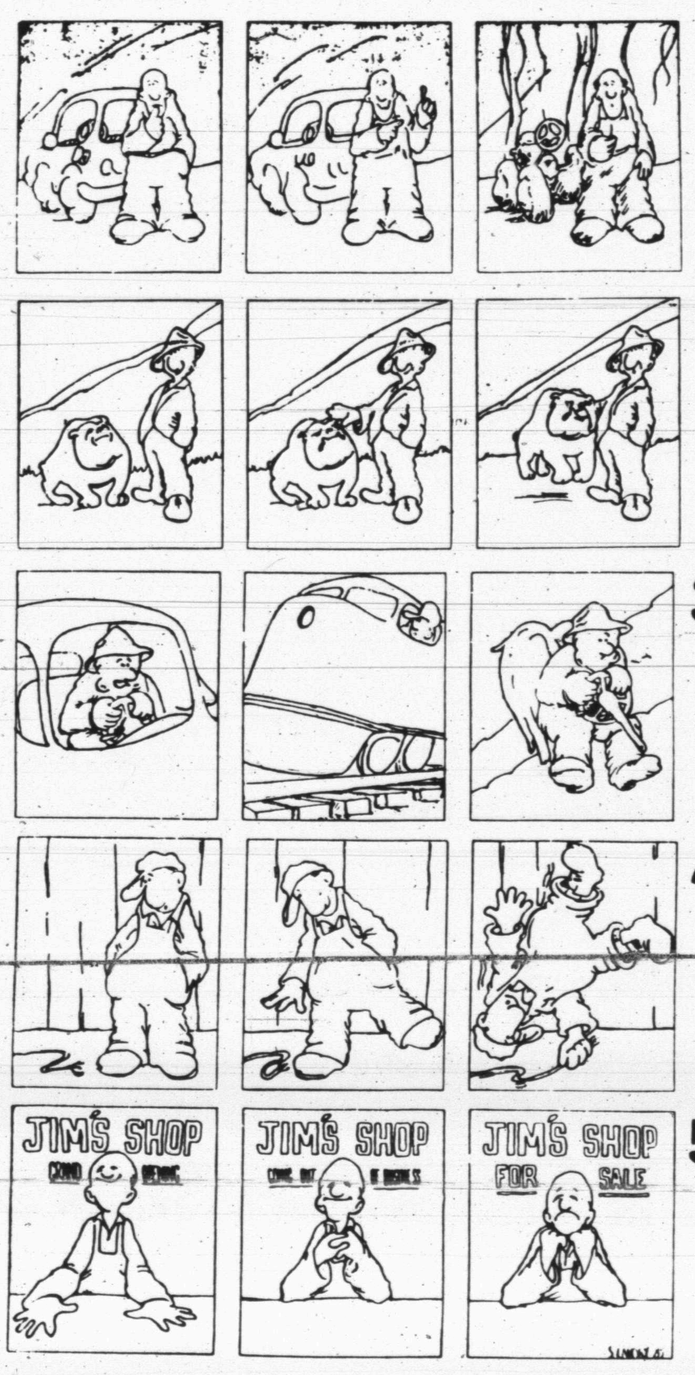

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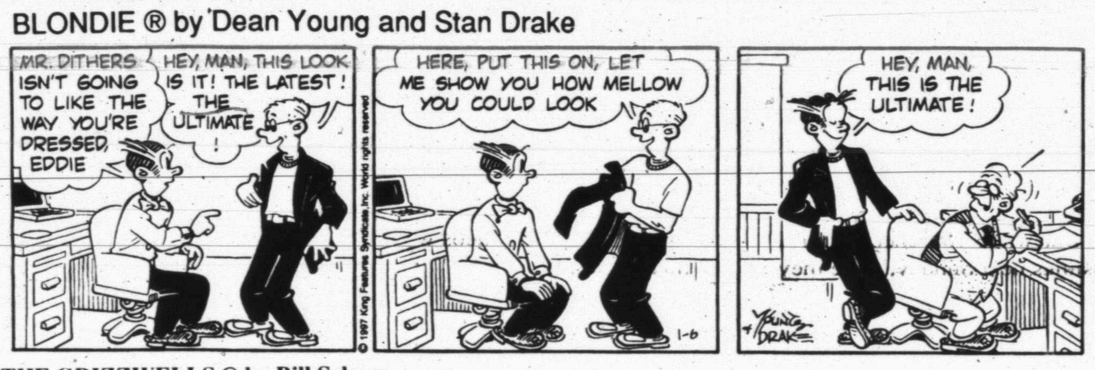

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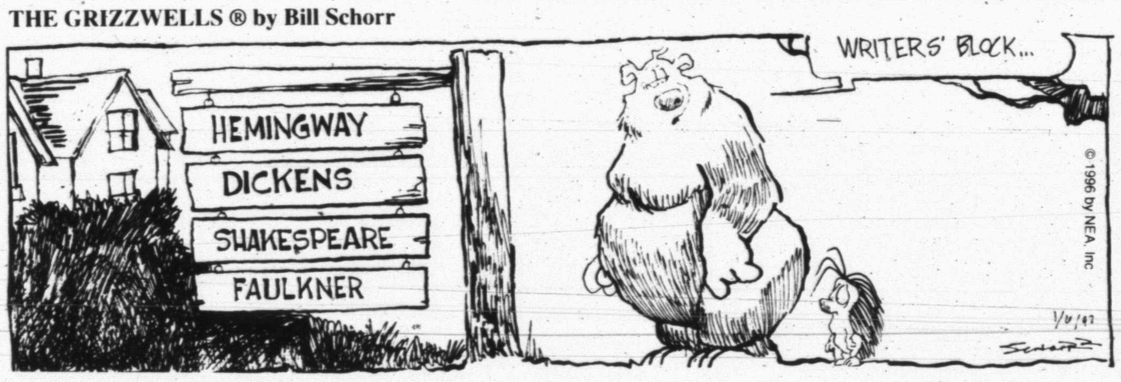

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ACROSS

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5 Mention
9 Accelerate (a motor)
12 Stony precipitation
13 Nursery item
14 Light — — feather
15 Amorous look
16 Arrive
17 Garfield, e.g.
18 Rhymes
20 Edgy
22 Tennis pro Nastase
24 Type of can
25 Soak (flax)
28 Time — — half
30 Plains Indian
33 Veer
35 Except
37 Facade
38 Tangible effect
39 Baby carriage
40 Certain Asian
42 Caviar
43 Spanish hero El —
45 Olympic gymnast Korbut
47 Copy
50 Glad
54 — de Janeiro
55 Racetrack fence
57 Irritate
58 Flightless bird
59 Heating apparatus
60 — — even keel
61 — Moines
62 Droops
63 Negatives

DOWN

1 Mall unit
2 Villain in Othello
3 Floor covering
4 Varnish ingredient
5 Roman 300
6 Pressed
7 Duration
8 Siskel's partner
9 Storyteller
10 Jacob's twin
11 Tubs
19 Drudge
21 String instruments
23 Inactive
25 Inv. inits.
26 Water pitcher
27 Persistent
29 Of the ear
31 European capital
32 Ancient Italian family
34 Send in payment
36 Whinny
41 Using a garden tool
44 Challenges
46 TV hotshot
Spelling
47 Made angry
48 Act without words
49 Bye-bye
51 — colada
52 Broadway offering
53 Urgee
56 — Vegas

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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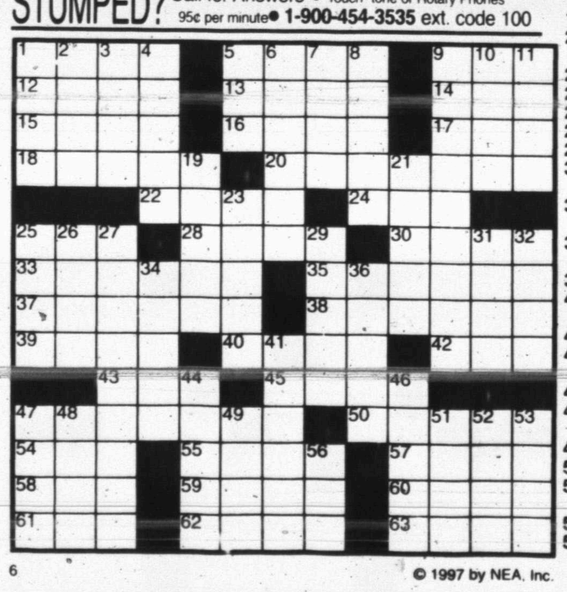

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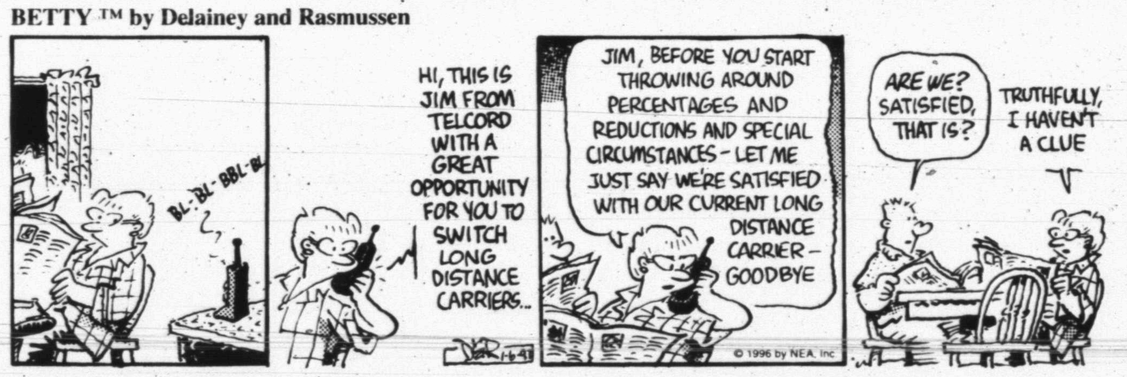

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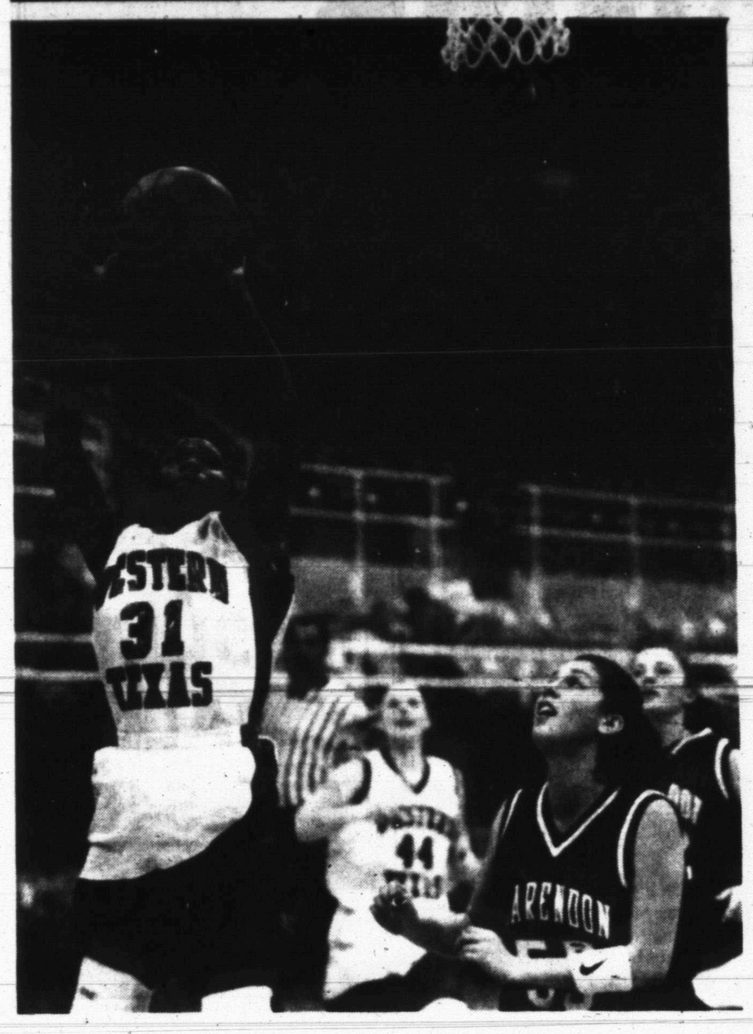

LAYUP — WTC freshman Freda McKnight of Colorado City drives for the basket in last weekend's Holiday Classic. The Lady Westerners bowed to Clarendon on Thursday and then ripped Paris JC, 69-48, Saturday afternoon. WTC resumes conference play against Howard College at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Big Spring. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Westerners top Paris, 69-48

Caitlin Behrens and Shanna Gathright combined for 29 points to propel the Western Texas College Lady Westerners to a 69-48 victory over Paris JC Saturday afternoon in the final game of the Holiday Classic in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The win upped WTC's season record to 5-10 following a Thursday night loss to Clarendon College, 50-48. On Friday, Paris edged Clarendon 61-59.

Coach Anthony Portley's Lady Westerners resume Western Athletic Junior College Conference play at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, facing the Howard County Hawks in Big Spring. WTC is 2-3 in conference play.

The victory over Paris was an optimistic turnaround for WTC who had fallen to Paris, 73-50, in the Thanksgiving Classic.

Leading 35-21 at intermission, Behrens canned four three-pointers in the second half to pace WTC to the tournament victory. Behrens had two points in the first half and finished the afternoon with 14 points.

Gathright was WTC's leading scorer with 15 points, including one trey in the first half. Also in double figures was Shanna McKee, a newcomer from Roby. McKee, a freshman, joined the team after the holiday break and was good for 12 points. Celestine Otuoro added 10 points.

Other WTC scorers were Angelica Brooks with eight and Jessica Jeffrey with six. Kelley Willson added four points.

Tracey Jeffrey of Paris was the game's top scorer with 20 points.

NBA at glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	24	8	.750	-
NewYork	23	9	.719	1
Washington	16	15	.516	7½
Orlando	11	17	.393	11
NewJersey	8	21	.276	14½
Philadelphia	8	23	.258	15½
Boston	7	23	.233	16
Central Division				
Chicago	28	4	.875	-
Detroit	24	7	.774	3½
Cleveland	21	10	.677	6½
Atlanta	18	11	.621	8½
Charlotte	17	14	.548	10½
Milwaukee	15	16	.484	12½
Indiana	14	16	.467	13
Toronto	10	21	.323	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	24	8	.750	-
Utah	23	8	.742	½
Minnesota	14	18	.438	10
Dallas	10	19	.345	12½
SanAntonio	9	21	.300	14
Denver	8	23	.259	15½
Vancouver	6	27	.182	18½
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	25	9	.735	-
Seattle	23	11	.676	2
Portland	18	15	.545	6½
Sacramento	14	20	.412	11
L.A.Clippers	13	19	.406	11
GoldenState	12	18	.400	11
Phoenix	10	22	.313	14

Saturday's Games
Washington 104, Charlotte 93
Atlanta 88, New York 71
Cleveland 99, Indiana 91
Detroit 118, Toronto 74
Portland 110, Dallas 104
L.A. Clippers 95, Houston 91
Minnesota 97, Milwaukee 91
Utah 83, Miami 80

Sunday's Games
L.A. Clippers 93, San Antonio 84
New York 97, Milwaukee 92
Boston 109, Phoenix 102
Sacramento 107, Philadelphia 106
L.A. Lakers 95, Vancouver 82

Monday's Games
Utah at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Dallas at New York, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Season ends in disarray

No excuse Sunday for Dallas

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Excuses. There were precious few. It was like the Dallas Cowboys knew what was coming.

Their dream of winning a fourth Super Bowl in five years stopped two games short, killed off by injuries and distractions and a Carolina Panthers team that played the opportunistic type of football the Cowboys showed last year.

"We can't make any excuses," said Dallas owner Jerry Jones. "We had injuries but other teams have injuries, too. We know how it feels to win like Carolina did. But we also know how it hurts to lose. Now, we just have to put it all back together again."

Losing Michael Irvin to a first quarter broken collarbone put the Cowboys offense in a funk. Then they lost Deion Sanders to a blow to the head in the fourth quarter and any chances of a rally fizzled out.

After a year of injuries, suspensions, distractions, and a lost offense, having Irvin and Sanders go down just about told the story of the season.

It was a wonder the Cowboys won the NFC East and beat Minnesota 40-15 in a wild-card game.

It was a disastrous year starting with training camp in July when Irvin was notified he had been suspended for five games by the NFL for drug use in a case where he pleaded no contest and got four years' probation.

Irvin, a big tear streaming down his cheek, hugged Jones, and mumbled, "I'm sorry. ... I'm sorry."

A red-eyed Jones, the Cowboys' season of discontent now over, grabbed Irvin around the shoulders and said, "I know. ... I know. ... We'll talk later."

Sanders spent the night in the Carolinas Medical Center but results of a CAT Scan were negative and he was to return to Dallas today.

"Everything bad happened," said offensive tackle Nate Newton. "It was like we had fate or something against us this year."

Quarterback Troy Aikman said the loss of Irvin threw the offense for a big loss in the 26-17 whipping by Carolina.

"The injury hurt and then we lost Deion Sanders in the fourth quarter and that hurt some more," Aikman said. "Still, we had our opportunities. I missed some throws. We had some throws dropped. We couldn't score touchdowns and had to settle for field goals. It was that way all year."

Aikman said the Cowboys went about as far as they could go, considering the almost weekly distractions.

"Considering what we went through this year, we gave it a good battle," said Aikman, who was intercepted three times. "It was disappointing. It could have been a much better year."

"We didn't make things happen, and that's the bottom line," running back Emmitt Smith said. "We were down there three times and didn't score touchdowns. We had to settle for field goals. That was the story all year. We struggled all season and struggled today."

Dallas coach Barry Switzer said, "We battled against tough odds. It was the same old story we had all year long, and it finally caught up with us. We got into scoring position, but had to kick field goals."

Switzer said he would be back to try to put everything together again next season.

"That's bad news for some of you, I know," he said.

Aikman refused to say he would definitely be back.

"As long as I enjoy myself and this team is committed to winning I'll keep playing," Aikman said. "I'll have to evaluate these things."

Aikman said the image black-eye the Cowboys received could influence his decision.

"It could be a part of it," Aikman said. "I'm ashamed about some of the things that happened this year from an image standpoint. I'll have a talk with Jerry at some point about it."

But Aikman added, "I don't really see any reason why I won't be back."

It was the only good news the Cowboys got in Charlotte.

Snyder JV wins 3 tilts

Snyder's junior varisity won its first three tourney games over the weekend before losing to Sweetwater in the finale, 45-40.

Both teams started slowly in the Saturday afternoon game as the Mustangs had a 6-2 lead at the end of the first quarter. The visitors had stretched their lead to 23-17 at halftime, and led by five at the end of the third period.

The Tigers had whittled the margin to three, 43-40, with six seconds left, but the Mustangs hit both ends of a one-and-one for a 45-40 win.

Ian Hobbs led the Tigers with 14 points while Cory Mandrell tossed in 10. Brady Cobb scored five as did Brock Durham while Tyler Warren had four. Jacob Hodges added two.

In an earlier game, Snyder defeated Lamesa, 45-39.

Snyder led throughout and enjoyed a halftime lead of 25-19.

Mandrell had 10 points in the win while Hobbs tossed in eight, Cobb had seven and Warren six. Durham added five while Sam Bedell had four and Ben Caldwell tossed in three. Hodges added two points.

In other games Saturday, Abilene Wylie defeated Lamesa, 58-52; Andrews lost to Wylie, 69-35; and Andrews squeaked by Sweetwater, 34-33.

Tough...

Big 12 basketball is much like Big 8

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Top-ranked Kansas and No. 4 Iowa State are used to the dogfights of the old Big Eight.

The Jayhawks and Cyclones found out Saturday, in the first weekend of Big 12 play, that nothing has changed going from eight to 12. Each struggled to win on the road in the first weekend of basketball in the new conference.

Kansas held on against rival Kansas State 62-59 in Manhattan and the Cyclones stopped Missouri 68-65 in Columbia.

Kansas turned in its worst effort of the year, shooting just 28 percent and grateful for some powerful inside play by center Scot Pollard, who blocked a career-high seven shots while scoring 17 points.

"You can write anything negative about our play and our coaching and I'll agree with you," a fuming Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "We can't feel fat and happy coming into a game again."

In other Big 12 openers, No. 18 Texas beat Oklahoma State 92-58, No. 23 Texas Tech defeated Baylor 86-75 and Colorado downed Nebraska 79-73.

On Sunday afternoon, Corey Brewer had 17 points and 10 rebounds as Oklahoma beat Texas A&M 78-59.

If Kansas manages to go undefeated this season, the game in Manhattan will be remembered as one the Jayhawks got away with.

"We stunk it up and we were very lucky to come away with a win," Williams said. "I feel bad for Kansas State — they deserved it."

Jacque Vaughn made two free throws with 13.5 seconds left to save the game for Kansas (13-0 overall, 1-0 Big 12).

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Green Bay Packers only favorite left

By The Associated Press

Remember back in August when everyone was picking the four favorites for the NFL's conference championships?

Most people picked the Green Bay Packers, and they got that one right.

Some took Dallas or San Francisco as the other NFC finalist. Sorry.

How about Detroit, or Philadelphia or Minnesota? Wrong.

Carolina? Not many, if any, went that route.

In the AFC, Pittsburgh, Denver, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Buffalo and even Jimmy Johnson's Miami Dolphins all got support.

New England and Jacksonville? Probably no one but the hardest of die-hards chose those two teams, neither of whom won even half of their games in 1995.

But when you check your TV listings next Sunday, there they'll be: Green Bay, Carolina, Jacksonville and New England.

The Patriots and Panthers put the final touches on the conference championship contenders Sunday, knocking out last year's Super Bowl finalists — Pittsburgh and Dallas.

New England romped past the Steelers 28-3, taking a 21-point lead at halftime and easily holding on to grab the host spot in the AFC title game against the Jaguars next Sunday.

The Cowboys, winners of three of the last four Super Bowls, including last year, were beaten 26-17 by the second-year Panthers. Carolina is headed to Green Bay for the NFC Championship game next Sunday.

On Saturday, Green Bay beat San Francisco 35-21 and Jacksonville advanced to the AFC final by winning in Denver 30-27.

Patriots 28, Steelers 3

After taking a 21-0 lead in heavy fog at Foxboro Stadium, New England turned the game over to its defense, rated 19th in the league. With either Mike Tomczak or Kordell Stewart at quarterback and an ailing Jerome Bettis at halfback, the Steelers couldn't do anything.

Stewart, a multi-threat talent, misfired on all 10 passes he threw.

Terry Glenn caught a 53-yard pass from Drew Bledsoe on the Patriots' first offensive play, setting up Curtis Martin's short TD run. Keith Byars rambled 34 yards with a screen pass to make it 14-0, and Martin burst free for a 78-yard TD run early in the second quarter on the first play after Pittsburgh punted after its best drive of the day.

Martin finished with 166 yards rushing, and his 109 yards at halftime was already more than the team's playoff record of 105 set by Craig James in New England's drive to the Super Bowl in 1986.

The quick start by New England stunned the Steelers, who never got untracked. Bettis wound up with 43 yards rushing.

Jaguars 30, Broncos 27

Natrone Means rushed for 140 yards and a touchdown, Mark Brunell threw for two TDs and Mike Hollis kicked three field goals as Jacksonville won its seventh straight.

In the playoffs, the Jaguars won at Rich Stadium, where the Buffalo Bills never had fallen in the postseason, and at Mile High Stadium, where the Broncos were 8-0 this season.

"We just tried to pound, pound, pound and wear them down," said Means. "It's been like that every game since eight weeks ago."

While Jacksonville was scoring on six straight drives, the Broncos floundered after taking a 12-0 lead.

Packers 35, 49ers 21

At Lambeau Field, where the Packers never have lost a postseason game, Desmond Howard got them off to a sensational start. He went 71 yards with a punt return for the first score, then returned another one 46 yards to set up another TD.

San Francisco had five turnovers in the rain and mud, and Steve Young was replaced by Elvis Grbac in the first quarter. Young later revealed several ribs were broken, not bruised.

Still, the 49ers closed to 21-14 in the second half before Green Bay marched 72 yards to a clinching TD.

"That drive proved what a great team they really are," said 49ers coach George Seifert, who fell to 0-3 against Packers coach Mike Holmgren, his former offensive coordinator. "That drive was the sign of a championship team."

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By The Associated Press

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What will effects of balanced budget be?

By CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A balanced budget is coming in six years, they say. It's against the grain and in defiance of modern history, but it must come, they say.

What shall we do when it arrives? Roll out the bargain-basement red carpet remnant? Will anyone feel its presence?

As insidious as the $5 trillion-plus national debt is said to be, the benefits of balanced federal books may be largely unseen and unfelt even as they snake through the economy — if that goal is actually reached.

Deficit fighters agree they face a challenge convincing people of the benefits they can expect from a balanced budget because citizens will indeed feel the sting of spending cuts along the way.

It's always tough to sell short-term pain for eventual gain.

Even now, after four years of sharp deficit reduction, budget writers are hard-pressed to pinpoint the positives actually achieved.

Billions probably have been saved in federal interest costs and consumer and business interest rates may be a bit lower for what has been done so far. But so many variables exist that firm numbers are not available.

The Congressional Budget Office, or CBO, has forecast a $170 billion "fiscal dividend" from a balanced budget, to be gained from now through 2002 by lower interest payments on the federal debt and more taxes to the government from a growing economy.

What would $170 billion buy?

—A chicken in every pot ($500 million).

—A pot for every kitchen ($2 billion).

—A stove in every home to cook the bird ($40 billion).

—A refrigerator for the leftovers ($60 billion).

That leaves more than enough to pay for a year's highway construction.

But the qualifications around that forecast mount like the flashing numbers on the ominous National Debt Clock near New York's Times Square.

In the end, the CBO says, "it may be impossible to disentangle the effects of balancing the budget from other forces operating at the same time in the U.S. economy."

Indeed, it says, positives accrue over time and "the major beneficiaries of a balanced budget may be future generations."

"People are not going to get a check written to them from the federal treasury because we balance the federal budget," said Jamie Ridge of the deficit-fighting Concord Coalition. "It's very difficult, especially in the short run, to show the positive impact that reducing the deficit has."

President Clinton and congressional Republicans both rate a balanced budget in six years as their priority.

After an election that brought more penny-pinchers to Congress, Republicans also believe they can muster enough votes to pass a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution. They will find out in one of the first big legislative battles of the year.

Amendment or not, both Republicans and Democrats are focused on 2002 as the year of balance but have a huge task reconciling their approaches.

Few doubt that getting there will require both sides to accept cuts in benefits of the sort Clinton used to bludgeon GOP challenger Bob Dole in the fall campaign.

It may be hard to find sustained political will for balancing the budget. It can take year after year of "stringent" steps to achieve small shifts in this country's massive fiscal and economic forces, the CBO warns.

After all the toil and trouble, a balanced budget could allow the economy to grow "modestly" faster, perhaps an extra 0.1 percentage point, some analysts say. The nation's productive capacity might grow an extra 0.5 percent by 2002.

Interest rates could drop by up to two percentage points, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan estimates. That would make homes, cars, college, manufacturing plants and everything else bought through borrowing noticeably more affordable.

But other factors affect interest rates, too, and the CBO says "caution about the likely speed of reductions ... seems warranted."

All that and more could be thrown off by inartful decisions on budget cutting. Analysts say special care must be taken not to discourage productive government spending or private saving.

Still, consensus is developing that it's time to deal with the deficit.

So far, debt-busting advocacy has been a doomsayer's errand, focused more on the dangers of falling deeper into the sinkhole than on the advantages of climbing out.

The deficit for the fiscal year that ended last Oct. 30 was $107.3 billion, down by one-third from the year before and nearly two-thirds below the 1992 record shortfall of $290 billion.

But without agreement on further cuts, the deficit is expected to climb to $169 billion in a year and to $212 billion in 2002.

Interest payments on the debt were estimated at $344.5 billion in the last fiscal year. That exceeds federal spending on education, transportation, the environment, foreign affairs, medical research and job training combined.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Calvin Woodward reports on the workings of Washington for The Associated Press.

Madonna interview

LONDON (AP) — Madonna may not be your everyday symbol of family values, but her baby daughter Lourdes is going to read the Bible and have TV strictly rationed.

Married motherhood, however, is not part of the plan, the star of "Evita" says in an interview with a British monthly magazine, "She."

"She'll certainly know about Catholicism," Madonna, 38, said of Lourdes, who was born Oct. 15. "I want my daughter to read the Bible, but I will explain to her that these are stories that people made up to teach people — it's not the rule."

Madonna, who plays Eva Peron in the new movie of the musical, said she is getting tired of people being sniffy about her not marrying Lourdes' father, Carlos Leon.

"For some réason I'm being held up as some anti-family symbol," said Madonna. "I know lots of married people who have terribly unhealthy relationships — marriage isn't a guarantee of anything."

Television, however, is pure "poison," added Madonna.

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Six people are jailed by area peace officers

Four people were arrested on various charges over the weekend, and two others were jailed early this morning.

Officers arrested two people in the 2600 block of Avenue F at 1:05 a.m. Sunday on drug and alochol-related charges. A 39-year-old female was taken into custody for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and for making alcohol available to a minor. A 19-year-old male was arrested for consuming alcohol by a minor and possession of drug paraphernalia.

At 7 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 40-year-old male at the Plaza Restaurant for public intoxication. The man had been involved in a motor vehicle accident in Garza County and had been brought to the restaurant by passing motorists. He was transported to Cogdell Hospital for treatment after being arrested, then booked into jail.

A 27-year-old female was arrested at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the 200 block of Hickory on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants from Abilene for following too close and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 58-year-old male at 1:11 a.m. today in the 400 block of 33rd Street for assault/family violence.

At 1:47 this morning, officers arrested a 28-year-old male in the 500 block of Coliseum Drive for driving while license suspended.

In other activity over the weekend, an offense report for Class A assault was filed at 1:24 a.m. Sunday in reference to a 25-year-old male being involved in an altercation in the Plaza Restaurant parking lot. The man was taken by private vehicle to Cogdell Hospital where he was treated and released.

A report of a gas drive-off was made at 11:38 a.m. Sunday from Wes-T-Go in reference to someone not paying for $13.60 worth of gas. The people did return and pay later.

A report for telephone harassment was made at 6:14 p.m. Sunday.

An offense report for family violence was made at 7:06 p.m. Sunday.

A report that the railroad crossing arm at 24th Street and Avenue E was broken and malfunctioning was made at 1:05 a.m. today.

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AlldSignal	69⅜	68¾	69⅜+ ⅜	
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Caterpillar	75⅛	74⅛	75 + ⅛	
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Chevron	66⅛	66¼	66⅜ ⅛	
Chrysler s	35¼	34⅛	35⅛+ ⅛	
Coastal	49⅛	48¾	49⅛+ ⅛	
CocaColas	53⅜	53⅛	53⅜+ ⅛	
ColgatePalm	91⅜	91⅛	91⅜+ ⅛	
ComclMetals	29¼	28⅛	28⅛	
CooperIn	41⅛	40	40⅜— ⅜	
CyprusAmax	24⅛	24	24 + ⅛	
DallSemicn	23¼	23⅛	23⅛+ ⅛	
DeltaAirl	70⅛	69⅜	69⅜— ⅛	
DigitalEq	37⅛	36⅛	37⅛+ ⅛	
Dillard	30¼	30⅛	30⅛— ⅛	
DowChem	81⅛	80⅜	81 + ⅛	
DresserInd	32⅛	31⅜	32⅛+ ⅛	
DuPont	100	98	99¼+1⅛	
EastmanChem	55⅜	55⅛	55⅛+ ⅛	
EstKodak	80⅜	79⅛	80⅛+1⅛	
EDS Corp	44⅜	44	44⅛+ ⅛	
ElPasoEngy	23⅜	23⅛	23⅜	
Enserch	22 9-16	22⅛	22⅛+ ⅛	
Entergy	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛+ ⅛	
Exxon	100	98⅛	100 +1⅛	
FstBksAm	10¼	10¼	10¼	
Flowers	21⅜	21⅛	21⅛	
FordMotor	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛+ ⅛	
GTE Cp	45¼	44¼	44¼— ⅛	
GenDynam	70	69⅛	70 + ⅜	
GenElec	100¼	99⅛	100⅛+1	
GenMills	64	63⅜	63⅜+ ⅛	
GenMotors	59⅜	59⅛	59⅛+1⅛	
GaPacif	74¼	73⅜	74⅛+ ⅜	
GlobalMar	20⅜	20	20⅛+ ⅛	
Goodrichs	40⅜	40¼	40⅜+ ⅜	
Goodyear s	52⅞	52⅜	52⅝+ ⅛	
GtAtlPac	31⅜	31¼	31⅜+ ⅛	
Haliburtn	61⅞	60⅜	61⅞+1⅛	
Hanson ADSs	7⅛	6¾	7 — ⅛	
HarteHanks	26¼	26	26¼+ ⅛	
HoustonInds	22⅜	22¼	22⅛— ⅛	
IBM	161	158⅛	160⅝+1⅜	
IntlPaper	41⅜	41⅛	41⅜+ ⅜	
JohnsnJn s	51⅛	50⅜	51¼+1	
K mart	10⅜	10⅛	10⅜+ ⅛	
Kroger	48¼	47¼	48¼+ ⅛	
Litton	47⅞	46¼	46¼+ ⅛	
LockhdMart	90⅛	90¼	90¼+1⅛	
Lowes Cos	34⅞	34⅜	34⅜— ⅛	
Lubys	20⅛	20¼	20⅛+ ⅛	
LucentTech n	46¼	45⅜	45⅜— ⅛	
MayDeptStrs	46⅛	46¼	46¼+ ⅛	
Medtronic	69⅜	69	69¼	
Mobil	124⅛	123⅛	124¼+ ⅛	
Monsanto s	40⅜	40	40⅛+1⅛	
Motorola	62⅜	61⅛	61⅛— ⅛	
Nationsbk	99⅛	99	99⅛+ ⅜	
Navistar	9⅜	9¼	9⅜+ ⅛	
NoramEngy	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	
Norwest	44½	44¼	44½+ ⅜	
Nynex	50 3-16	49⅜	49⅜— ⅛	
OryxEngy	24¾	24¾	24¾+ ⅜	
PacTelesis	37¼	36¾	36¾— ⅛	
PanEnergy	44¼	43¾	43¾— ⅛	
Penney JC	49	48¼	48½— ⅜	
Pennzoil	56⅛	56¼	56⅜	
PepBoys	29¼	28¾	28¾—1⅛	
PepsiCo s	30	29¾	29⅞+ ⅛	
PhelpDodge	72⅜	71⅛	72⅜+ ⅛	
PhilipPet	45¼	44¼	44¼	
PilgrmPrd	9	8¼	9 + ⅛	
Polaroid	43 11-16	43¼	43⅜— ⅛	
Praxair	47¼	47	47⅛+ ⅛	
ProctGamble	110⅜	108⅜	110⅛+2⅛	
PubSNwMx	19¼	19⅛	19¼	
RoyalDutch	172⅛	172⅛	172⅛+ ⅛	
SBC Comm	53⅛	52⅜	52⅜— ⅛	
SaraLee	37⅞	37⅛	37⅛+ ⅛	
SearsRoeb	45¾	44¾	45 — ⅛	
SherwinW	56	55⅛	55⅜— ⅛	
SmthBchADS	67⅛	67	67⅛	
SouthernCo	22⅛	22¼	22¼	
SwstAirlines	22⅛	22¼	22¼+ ⅛	
Sprint	39⅛	39 7-16	39⅜— ⅛	
SunCo	24⅜	24⅛	24⅛	
TNP Ent	27⅞	27⅛	27⅞	
Tandy	43¼	42⅞	42⅞— ⅛	
TemplInl	55	54⅛	55 + ⅜	
Tenneco	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛— ⅛	
Texaco	101⅛	101	101⅛+ ⅜	
TexasInd	50 3-16	50	50 + ⅛	
TexasInst	68⅛	67⅛	68⅛+1⅛	
TexUtil	40⅝	40⅛	40⅝	
Textron	93⅛	93⅛	93⅛+ ⅜	
Travelers s	46⅛	45	45⅛+ ⅜	
TrinityInds	36⅞	36⅜	36⅞	
TritonEngy	48⅜	48⅜	48⅜— ⅛	
Tyler	2	1⅞	1⅞— ⅛	
US WestCm	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛+ ⅛	
USWstMda	18⅜	18⅜	18⅜	
USX Delhi	16⅛	16⅛	16⅛	
USX-Marathn	24⅛	24¼	24¼+ ⅛	
USX-USS	32⅛	31⅜	31⅜— ⅛	
UnCarbde	42	41¾	42 + ⅜	
UnPac s	61⅜	61⅛	61⅛+ ⅛	
UnitedTech s	68	67¼	67⅜+ ⅜	
Unocal	42⅛	42	42⅛+ ⅜	
WalMart	23	22⅞	22⅞	
WstnGasRs	19⅜	19⅜	19⅜— ⅛	
WestghEl	19⅜	19⅛	19⅜	
WinnDixie	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛— ⅛	
Woolworth	21 9-16	21⅜	21⅜— ⅛	
XeroxCp s	53⅜	52⅞	53⅜+ ⅜	
ZenithE	11⅜	11⅜	11⅜— ⅛	

Births

Irma Madera of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter at 9:12 p.m. on Jan. 3 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, seven ounces.

Pavlo and Mariana Benitez of Snyder are parents of a seven-pound, 10-ounce daughter born at 6:22 p.m. on Jan. 4 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Terry and Rue Brem announce the birth of their son. He was born at 4:05 p.m. on Jan. 5, weighing seven pounds and 13 ounces, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Jeff and Dena Reecer announce the birth of their 7 lb. 15 oz. son, Aaron Marc. He was born at 4:05 p.m. on Dec. 30 in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock. He was welcomed home by a four-year-old sister, Chloe.

Maternal grandparents are C.H. and Rudene Adams of Stephenville and paternal grandparents are Paul and Zora Reecer of Lockney. Great-grandparents are Cecil Pack of Stephenville and Clara Reecer of Lockney.

Winners named in stock show conducted in Ira

Jackie Beck showed the grand champion lamb and Wesley Kellner exhibited the top market hog at the Ira FFA Stock Show, held over the weekend.

Reserve champions were a lamb entered by Colton Long and a hog shown by Richard Wilkins.

Jose Juarez received the Top Hand Award. Beck received the Senior Showman Award and Tyler Frey was presented with the Junior Showman Award.

Snyder FFA will hold its chapter show Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Ira FFA Stock Show
Lambs

Grand Champion: Jackie Beck; Reserve: Colton Long.

Fine Wool: 1. Colton Long, 2. Jackie Box, 3. Tyler Frey.

Champion Fine Wool: Colton Long, Reserve: Jackie Box.

Lightweight Cross: 1. Audra Oliver, 2. Colton Long, 3. Travis Frey; Heavyweight Cross: 1. Travis Frey, 2. Colton Long, 3. Tyler Frey.

Champion Cross: Travis Frey, Reserve: Colton Long.

Lightweight medium wool: 1. Celeigh Sterling, 2. Travis Frey, 3. Audra Oliver; Heavyweight: 1. Jackie Beck, 2-3. Colton Long.

Champion Medium Wool: Jackie Beck; Reserve: Colton Long.

Swine

Grand Champion: Wesley Kellner; Reserve: Richard Wilkins.

Lightweight Hampshires: 1. Wesley Kellner, 2. Nathan Wilkins, 3. Seth Sanchez; Heavyweight: 1. Celeigh Sterling, 2. Katie Howard, 3. Richard Wilkins.

Champion Hampshire: 1. Celeigh Sterling; Reserve: Katie Howard.

Lightweight Durocs: 1. Amber Sanchez, 2. Korby Calley, 3. Amber Haameyer; Heavyweight: 1-2. Katie Howard, 3. Brook Wilkes.

Champion Duroc: Amber Sanchez, Reserve: Korby Calley.

Lightweight OPB: 1. Richard Wilkins, 2. Loryn Brown, 3. Richard Wilkins; Heavyweight: 1. Rikki Wilkes, 2. Nathan Wilkes, 3. Travis Frey.

Champion OPB: Richard Wilkins, Reserve: Rikki Wilkes.

Lightweight Crossbreds; 1. Korby Calley, 2. Richard Wilkins, 3. Leisha Leatherwood; Mediumweight: 1. Colter Brown, 2. Katie Howard, 3. Brandon Crane; Heavyweight: 1. Wesley Kellner, 2. Celeigh Sterling, 3. Loryn Brown.

Champion Crossbred: Wesley Kellner, Reserve: Colter Brown.

Oil industry hit by many race, sex bias cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Something pretty crude is oozing from the nation's oil industry, critics say.

From Texaco's agreement to pay a record $176 million to settle racial discrimination complaints to a $100 million racial bias complaint pending against Shell, the nation's largest oil companies are on the defensive these days, battling growing allegations of intolerance and insensitivity.

"Oil companies and their collective image is in crisis now," said Gail Baker Woods, chairman of the University of Florida's Department of Public Relations. "It used to be restaurants a few years back, when Denny's and Shoney's were having problems. Now it's the oil companies."

The problems at Texaco and Shell, along with Chevron — which has paid millions in recent years to settle sexual discrimination complaints — are not isolated cases in the oil industry, according to the head of a consulting firm that tracks minority performance in business.

"It's an industry-wide problem," said Lawrence Otis Graham, president of Progressive Management Associates Inc. in White Plains, N.Y. The petroleum group is always among the bottom three industries when it comes to minorities and women in senior management, recruitment and entry-level positions, he said.

Industry officials deny any intentional discrimination.

While some corporate leaders such as Paul Allaire, chairman and chief executive officer of Xerox Corp., have made names as champions of diversity in the workplace, no one in big oil has taken it on, Graham said.

"I can't think of one oil executive who has been outspoken on the issue of bias in the workplace. That tells you something," Graham said.

Texaco agreed to the record settlement payment after a disgruntled former executive released a tape in which top company officials were heard using racial slurs, mocking the black cultural festival Kwanzaa and plotting to hide or shred documents sought by the plaintiffs.

At Shell, a group of black workers is suing for $100 million, alleging a system of racial and sex discrimination. A second group of Shell employees filed suit last February charging racial discrimination by the company.

Plaintiffs like Wilson Jackson, 49, say the company has held down black employees by withholding deserved promotions and merit awards and has lowered positive evaluations for black workers. They also charge Shell failed to reprimand workers for racist conduct at work.

The first trial is scheduled for September in U.S. District Court in San Francisco.

"Caucasians ... move up faster than blacks who do the same or a better job," said Jackson, who still works at Shell.

Jackson, who has worked in Oklahoma, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan in 27 years at the company, said he believes that if he were white he would have been promoted to senior management years earlier.

"They do things like give the African-Americans the toughest territories to work in, they bust their humps and then get moved when they become successful," he contended. "You get left with nothing."

Jackson said he stayed at the company for nearly three decades "because I'm not a quitter. Once years passed by, I felt I had too much invested here to just walk away."

Shell denies the charges and said in a statement, "We take the issue of diversity and equal opportunity very seriously."

Pete Brown, a spokesman for the Independent Petroleum Association of America, acknowledged a lack of minorities in the upper reaches of the oil industry but denied racism is to blame.

"Most of the major oil company top executives and CEOs come from the geophysics or chemistry fields, and we haven't seen minorities attracted there," Brown said. "Minorities usually are in the downstream areas of the company like marketing and accounting."

Brown added: "I think most people in the oil business are smart enough to know that racism can cost you money, not only in a discrimination suit but also because you might be holding back someone who can make you money."

8 prison doctors have troubled pasts

DALLAS (AP) — Viewed by some as a place of rehabilitation, Texas prisons have also become a refuge for several doctors with troubled pasts, according to a newspaper report.

The Dallas Morning News on Sunday identified a former Michigan doctor, now a psychiatrist in East Texas, as one of eight physicians who practiced at state prisons last year after discipline by medical review boards.

The state of Michigan in June 1990 revoked Dr. Robert A. Komer's medical license for sexually abusing six patients. One attempted suicide after an encounter with Komer, according to the newspaper.

Komer did not contest allegations made in sworn affidavits that he drugged several severely depressed patients and then fondled them. Or that he instructed a woman with a personality disorder to perform oral sex on him at the end of therapy sessions.

Five of the cited doctors are practicing with restrictions ordered by the Texas Board of Medical Examiners, with three others on probation as recently as 1994, records showed.

State medical officers said the doctors were hired before a change initiated two years ago that has moved prison units into a managed care system.

With almost 140 doctors on staff, it is not unusual that some would have problems, said Dr. Michael Warren, health care director for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

He said quality medical care at prison units is carefully monitored by supervisors, with backup available where needed.

Prison medical staff members previously were state Department of Criminal Justice employees. In the new system, doctors and hospital and emergency services are provided under blanket contracts with the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and the Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

Medical personnel of the criminal justice department, including the cited doctors, were retained in the transition, said Dr. Jason Calhoun, medical director at the UT Medical Branch, which oversees prison units where all eight cited doctors work.

"I think it's a quality issue, and I think it's appropriate that it's raised," he said. "At the same time, I think the university is slowly trying to raise the quality of physicians at the prison units."

Komer, who came to Texas and began working with prisoners in 1990, was placed on probation for three years by the Board of Medical Examiners and ordered to undergo psychiatric treatment. He is now a psychiatrist for troubled inmates at the state Pack and Ferguson prison units. He declined comment.

Salaries of the eight cited doctors ranged from $111,000 to $130,000 annually, according to state records the newspaper obtained under the Texas Public Information Act.

Since inmates have no choice in their medical care, an incompetent doctor could mean a death sentence, said Marta Glass, a nurse and prisoners' advocate with Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants.

"I think the amount of tax money we're paying to provide for these doctors dictates that we provide good medical care," she said.

Singer says he's worried about image

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The head of the punk rock group Social Distortion is worried about becoming socially acceptable.

Jim Guerinot is spending more time in the business end of music with his 2-year-old record label, Time Bomb Records, and he worries he's becoming uncool.

"When I was 19, I was going to 250 shows a year and had no clue how (the industry) worked," Guerinot says.

"Now I don't go to that many shows and have a really good idea how it works. And in 15 more years, I'll know exactly how it works and I'll be completely out of touch."

Social Distortion's latest Billboard hit is "I Was Wrong," from the 1996 album "White Light, White Heat, White Trash."

Pregnancy and kidnapping faked

KILLEEN (AP) — The reported kidnapping of an infant at a Killeen shopping mall turned out to be a ruse by a woman who didn't have a baby to begin with, police say.

Michelle Suzanne Ernst of Georgetown told police that she had brought her 5-week-old son to Killeen to visit his father, a soldier at Fort Hood, and that the child had disappeared while she was shopping Saturday evening.

But Ms. Ernst was jailed Sunday on a misdemeanor charge of making up the entire story, including the existence of a child. Killeen police said she could still face felony charges of fabricating physical evidence.

Officers said the kidnapping story was apparently part of an elaborate scheme by the woman. She had faked a pregnancy, going as far as padding herself to look pregnant. The supposed father of the baby wanted to help out and send money, but he also wanted to see the baby.

Police said she agreed to let the man see his son but resorted to the kidnapping ploy.

The scheme included buying a car seat and baby bottles, and showing police pictures of her nephew. Officers said the story fell apart under questioning.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Mom's Boyfriend May Cause Downsized Family Reunion

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DEAR ABBY: My mother married when she was 15. She had six children. When she was 36, she got a divorce and announced that it was time she lived her life as she saw fit.

Mom always kept herself in great physical condition. For the last two years she has been dating a man who is 33 years her junior. Mom's son is four years younger than her boyfriend! This repulses me. I do not want my younger children around such craziness.

This part I can handle, but my siblings are planning a family reunion this summer. I have not seen some of my brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews for six years. My mother plans to attend this reunion with her young lover. I believe it is totally inappropriate to flaunt her carefree lifestyle in the presence of these young people.

I don't know how to handle this. If Mom insists on bringing her boyfriend, my husband refuses to go. Please help me.

ASHAMED AND HEARTBROKEN

DEAR ASHAMED: If your husband refuses to attend the family reunion because your mother and her young boyfriend will be there, tell him you'll miss him.

As adults, your mother and her boyfriend are entitled to make their own decisions. "Judge not, lest ye be judged."

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DEAR ABBY: In reference to an article titled "Lawyer's Courtroom Goofs Are Good for a Laugh," which recently appeared in your column, I was reminded of a church bulletin that had our congregation in stitches one Sunday morning. I'm not sure where it originated. Our pastor announced at the beginning of the service to be sure to read the back of the bulletin before he began his sermon so that he would not think our laughter was directed at the sermon itself.

LISA SPRADLING, FULTONVILLE, ALA.

DEAR LISA: Thank you for the day-brightener. It's certainly worth sharing:

"Most people don't realize how much editing goes into producing a church bulletin or newsletter. Some announcements have to be completely rewritten because if they appeared the way they were submitted, it would lead to total confusion. Below are some examples:

"— Don't let worry kill you — let the church help.

"— Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

"— For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

"— This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Martin to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

"— Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet may come forward and do so.

"— A 'Bean Supper' will be held next Sunday evening in the fellowship hall. Special music will follow.

"— At the evening service tonight, the topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

"— The flower on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Hunter, the sin of Rev. and Mrs. Hunter.

"— The United Methodist Women have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the church basement this Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m."

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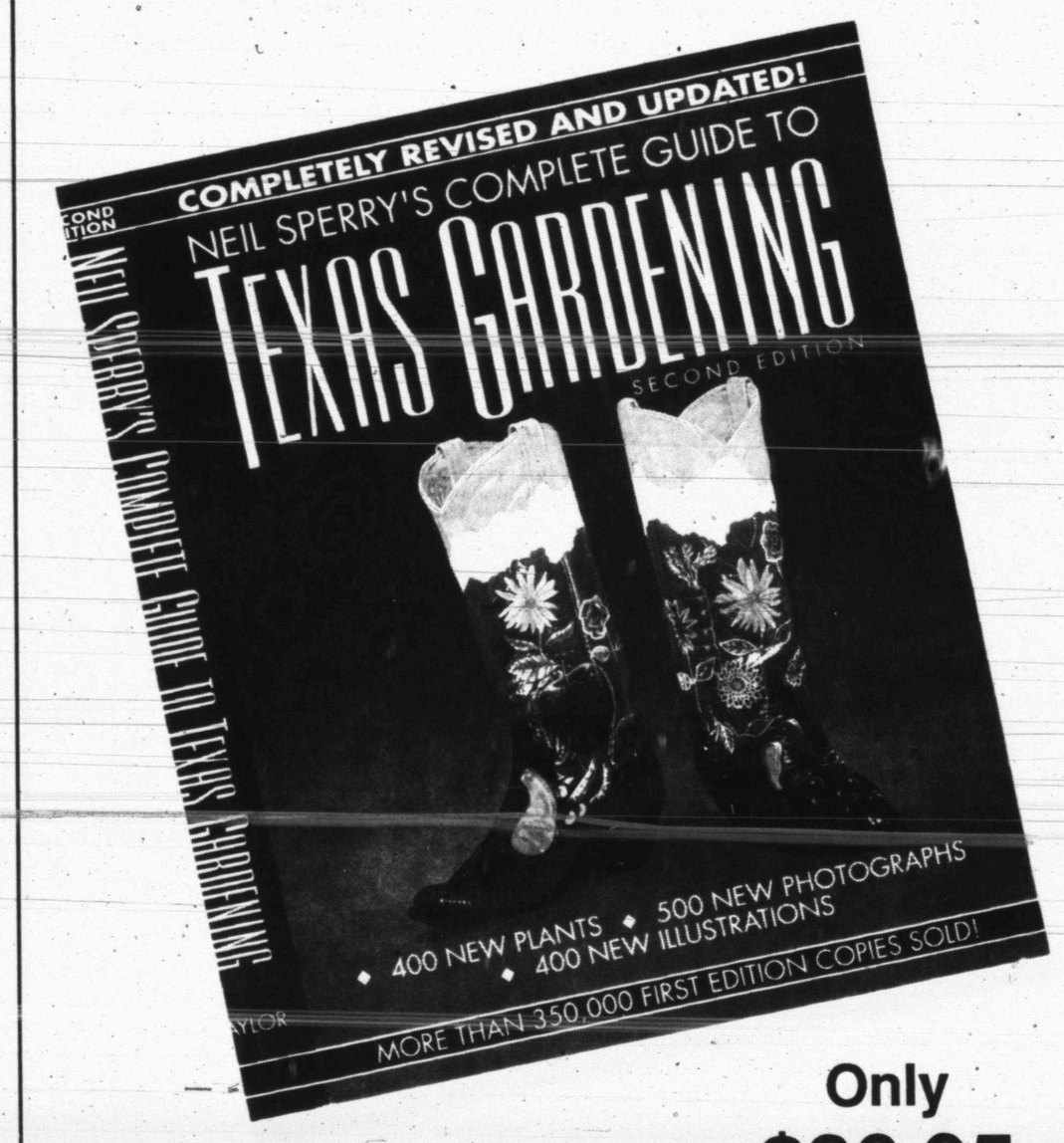

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Blood pressure needs attention

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 62-year-old man with treated hypertension. About a month ago, I suddenly went partially blind in my left eye. My ophthalmologist called it a "vitreous hemorrhage" and said it will clear up over time. However, I still cannot see and am afraid my other eye may bleed, too.

DEAR READER: The eyeball is filled with a clear gel, called the vitreous. If a blood vessel within the eye ruptures, blood may spill into the vitreous, causing visual difficulties.

With time, this blood will be reabsorbed and sight usually returns. The process may take months, so I believe that your ophthalmologist is correct. Be patient; you should recover.

However, you must pay close attention to your hypertension. One of the complications of high blood pressure is hemorrhage; when arterial pressure is too high, small blood vessels can burst. This can happen in the eye — as it did in your case — or in the brain, causing a hemorrhagic stroke.

Therefore, it's vital that your blood pressure be maintained in a normal range. Perhaps you are undermedicated or need a change in your prescription drug.

You should be examined by your family physician, who can monitor your blood pressure and make the necessary alterations to your therapy to prevent a recurrence of the eye problem or a potentially more serious complication. And, of course, please follow up with your ophthalmologist as well.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Hypertension." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother and grandmother lost much of their hair after menopause. At 42, I haven't yet entered the change of life, but I don't want to go bald in 10 years. Is there any preventive therapy that I could employ?

DEAR READER: Some hair loss in women is common after menopause, probably due to the normal depletion of female hormone in middle age. Moreover, some forms of female baldness are clearly genetically determined.

I don't know of anything you could do to reverse a genetic pattern. The use of supplemental hormones after menopause may help retard hair loss, but I wouldn't consider this option until you cease having your periods.

Finally, products — such as Rogaine, now available without a prescription — can encourage new hair to grow and are often a boon to women with hair-loss problems.

In short, I don't believe that there's much to be done unless you begin to lose significant amounts of hair. At that point, you should be examined by a dermatologist who may recommend the treatment options I mentioned.

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GOP, Demos seek common ground on labor

WASHINGTON (AP) — A week before the November election, AFL-CIO President John Sweeney was at a New Hampshire union rally taunting Congress' Republican leaders in his speech: "You are headed to the bottom!"

Yet, even though the labor federation spent $35 million on an advertising campaign slamming GOP positions, Republican leaders will be back in control when the 105th Congress convenes Tuesday, albeit with a narrower majority in the House.

And the AFL-CIO president is talking bipartisanship.

"We are going to be striving for a new relation between moderate Republicans and working people," Sweeney said after a recent executive council meeting.

Republicans, too, are talking about bipartisan cooperation on issues ranging from changes in pension laws to compensatory time rules. But they also made clear in interviews they won't end their attacks on the unions' political spending and investigations into alleged links between labor and organized crime.

Republicans will renew their push to enact legislation requiring unions to obtain members' written permission each year before dues money can be used for political purposes. Republicans have been introducing such bills since the mid-1980s but intensified their effort after the AFL-CIO launched its advertising campaign.

"We believe workers should have greater control over the use of their union dues. We're very serious about the issue," said Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, chairman of the GOP caucus.

Boehner said Republicans also will continue to look for links between organized crime and unions. Last summer, a House Judiciary subcommittee questioned the propriety of the Laborers International Union's 1995 settlement with the government to avert a trial on civil racketeering allegations.

Peggy Taylor, AFL-CIO legislative director, dismissed organized crime hearings as "annoying but certainly not fruitful." GOP lawmakers, she said, have "no interest in being reasonable" on union dues legislation but won't be able to get it enacted.

Even when Republicans talk of bipartisanship, it sometimes means working with President Clinton to make an end run around unions and liberal Democrats.

Rep. Bill Goodling, R-Pa., chairman of the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee, said his first legislative priority will be a bill allowing employers to give their employees an hour and a half off, in lieu of money, for every hour of overtime worked.

In an election-year appeal for support from so-called soccer moms, Clinton offered his own version. And Goodling said his willingness to work with the Congress on the issue will be an early test of how serious he is about bipartisanship.

"The president has finished running. Now where does he really stand on the issues?" Goodling said.

Union officials, while finding Clinton's version less objectionable, oppose both. Supporters portray comp time as a blessing for time-strapped working parents, but unions contend it will be too easy for employers to pressure workers into giving up overtime pay and into scheduling time off at the company's — not the worker's — convenience.

The senior Democrat on Goodling's panel, Rep. William Clay of Missouri, said some Democrats would like to support a comp time bill but complained about Republicans' unwillingness to change their bill from a version that passed in the 104th Congress.

Chances of cooperation appear better in the Senate, where moderate Republican James Jeffords of Vermont is replacing Labor and Human Resources retiring chairman, Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan.

Jeffords said he will set the committee's priorities with GOP leaders before opening discussions with his Democratic counterpart, Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts.

One common interest is expanding private pension coverage, now at less than 50 percent of the work force. It's an AFL-CIO goal, and Kennedy said it will be an early focus for Democrats.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1997

In the year ahead, you might assume additional responsibilities in several areas. You will handle these assignments effectively, and the results will enhance your reputation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Unfortunately, most of the people with whom you deal today might not be eager to do things your way. Do not insist on calling the shots. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, try to distinguish between caution and pessimism. Negative thinking could prevent you from accomplishing even the easiest tasks.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If everything is going your way at this time, don't gloat in front of a less-successful friend. Later the roles may be reversed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your demeanor might be judged harshly by others today, so mind your behavior, especially when in the company of people who work in the same field.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not be embarrassed today if you have to do something you've never tried before. Ask questions if you don't understand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make an effort to help a friend today, especially if he has helped you in the past. However, take care not to assume all of this person's responsibility.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not ignore your intuition today, because you will exercise good judgment. Pay attention to warning signals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A matter you've been eager to resolve might have to be shelved again today. Instead of wasting time, do something else that is equally productive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might not be as lucky as usual today in endeavors that have elements of risk. Keep this in mind before taking any gambles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, if your mate doesn't agree with you on an important issue, put it on the back burner until you both are in the mood for a compromise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you demand too much from subordinates, you might demoralize your troops today. If you want their cooperation, try to be charming instead of cranky.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You are the kind of person who is usually generous with others. Today, however, you might not loosen your purse strings until you get something first.

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Harry Helmsley, real estate mogul, dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Harry Helmsley, who went to work at 16 as a $12-a-week office boy and built a real estate empire that included the Empire State Building, once said he owed his success to his mother.

"The best advice I ever got was from my mother. It was simply, 'Buy real estate.' And like a dutiful son, I bought and bought and continue to buy throughout the country," Helmsley, who died Saturday at age 87, had recalled.

A billionaire whose success was overshadowed in recent years by his wife Leona's highly publicized conviction for tax evasion, Helmsley died of pneumonia at a hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"My fairy tale is over. I lived a magical life with Harry," Mrs. Helmsley, who was married to her husband 25 years, said in a statement.

Mrs. Helmsley, who was at his side when he died, ordered the lights on the Empire State Building turned off at night for one week to mark her husband's passing. He had no children.

"My properties are my children," he once said.

Son of a dry goods buyer who went under during the Depression, Harry Brakmann Helmsley never attended college, taking his first job at age 16 as a $12-a-week office boy at the real-estate company he eventually came to head.

While working as a rent collector, Helmsley made a small fortune buying up old buildings in the city's Garment District. He took his methods nationwide, his Helmsley-Spear Inc. winding up with 27 hotels, 50,000 apartments and several architectural landmarks such as New York City's Flatiron Building

Unlike modern-day real estate speculators, Helmsley kept what he bought, becoming one of the biggest landlords in the country.

But his final years were stained by Mrs. Helmsley's conviction on federal charges of tax evasion. She spent 18 months in federal prison. Similar charges against him in 1988 were dropped when he was declared incompetent to stand trial.

Forbes magazine, in its annual rating of America's richest, put Helmsley's net worth at $1.7 billion in October 1996, ranking him as the 67th richest American.

His crowning achievement was the purchase of the Empire State Building in 1961 through syndication for a then-record price of $65 million.

"Every morning, you would look out of the window and the building is staring you in the face. So, you'd say, 'Well, I gotta buy it,' " he said in explaining his purchase of the skyscraper.

By the end of his life though, Helmsley was best known not as a powerful businessman, but as the senile husband of a woman who came to symbolize the greed of the 1980s.

Helmsley hired the former Leona M. Rosenthal as a real estate executive in 1971, and married her a year later after divorcing his wife of 33 years.

In 1980, Mrs. Helmsley took control of Helmsley's hotels — six luxury hotels in New York and the Cleveland-based Harley chain.

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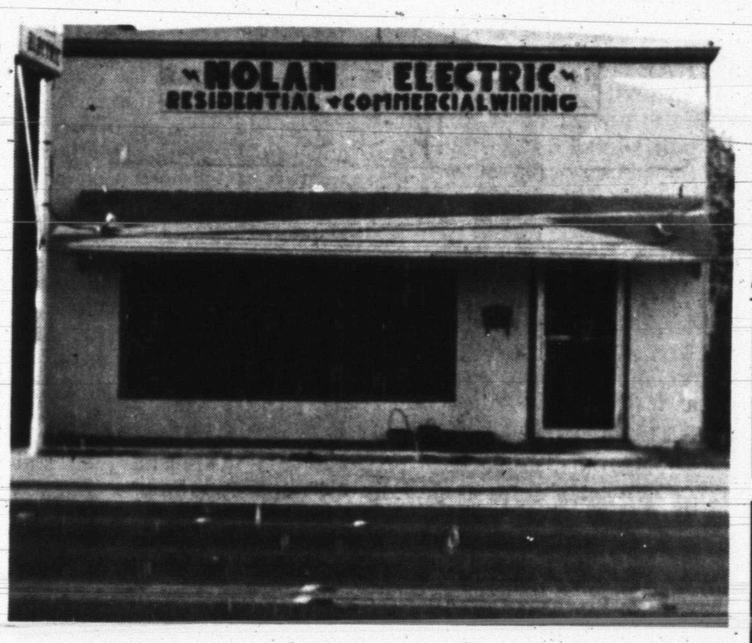

NOLAN ELECTRIC — Located at 1010 25th Street for 16 years, Nolan Electric specializes in residential and commercial wiring. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ex-O.J. lawyers headed to TV jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — O.J. Simpson defense lawyers Johnnie Cochran and Barry Scheck are both headed for television jobs, yet each had problems with how small screen legal eagles handled coverage of their closely watched trial.

"The Simpson case created a new industry for legal pundits," Scheck says in the Jan. 11 TV Guide.

This month, Cochran will begin a nightly talk show, "Cochran and Grace," on Court TV. Scheck has been signed by "Dateline NBC" to do a series of reports on possible cases of miscarriages of justice.

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Part of upper Midwest gets more snow

Two feet, plus drifts keep traffic at standstill

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Travel remained at a standstill today in part of the upper Midwest as crews scrambled to clear roads blocked by a storm that left more than 2 feet of snow and drifts up to 12 feet high.

Some snowbound travelers got breakfast today from the farm family that took them in out of the storm. Dozens of schools were closed, including the University of Minnesota at Morris.

The storm struck Saturday, shutting down major highways and forcing motorists to seek shelter in motels and truck stops in Minnesota and eastern North and South Dakota.

It dumped as much as 27 inches of snow and piled it up with wind gusting over 40 mph. It began winding down on Sunday, allowing crews to begin clearing roads.

About 120 miles of Interstate 94 from Sauk Centre to the North Dakota border reopened late Sunday afternoon after being closed Saturday. Still, the state Department of Transportation recommended no travel.

Interstate 29 from Fargo, N.D., south to Watertown, S.D., remained closed today. Interstate 90 was reopened through western South Dakota.

Near New Effington, S.D., Lynn Bredvick used his snowmobile during the weekend to rescue motorists stuck on I-29 alongside the family farm. He and his mother, Dorothy Bredvick, ended up opening their two farm homes to more than a dozen people for the weekend.

"We're feeding them in shifts because everyone's getting up at different times," Mrs. Bredvick said this morning. A few of their guests were able to leave today but others were still stuck.

One of those rescued by the Bredvicks was 19-year-old Dale Eames, from Mesa, Ariz. "All of a sudden, this guy on a snowmobile comes by, and thank goodness he did," Eames said.

Mrs. Bredvick said some of the travelers were surprised. "One boy said to me, 'I just don't understand you people. Why would you invite strangers into your home?'" she said.

North Dakota crews were using highway-size snow blowers today to cut through snowdrifts that stood as much as 12 feet high in the state's southeast corner.

"We've got some 8-footers east of Enderlin that run probably 50, 60 yards in length," said Bruce Nord, a maintenance supervisor for the state Department of Transportation in Fargo.

Three traffic deaths were blamed on the storm in South Dakota, and one man fell to his death in Minnesota while clearing snow from his roof.

In Breckenridge, Minn., a tour bus with nine passengers was stranded for about 10 hours before another bus could reach it. Many other motorists also had to be rescued.

"Then there was a gal and another guy ... they were out there for a long time without gas," Dayle Peterson, a Minnesota State Patrol dispatcher told WCCO in Minneapolis. "There's no farms, no nothing out there. You're out there by yourself."

On a northern Minnesota lake, rescuers found a snowmobiler who had been missing for 15 hours frozen into the ice. Brad Lidtke, 30, was in serious condition at a Bemidji hospital with severe frostbite.

Farmer Brad Olson, 35, of Garfield about 130 miles northwest of Minneapolis, barely escaped being crushed by a barn roof that collapsed Saturday night under more than 20 inches of snow.

High court revives 11-year-old lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today revived an Alabama woman's civil rights lawsuit against the Army, extending a legal odyssey that began 11 years ago.

In the latest chapter of a strange story, the justices set aside a federal appeals court ruling that would have ended Sherryl Goffer's case. She now gets to file a new appeal in the appeals court, which had ruled she waited too long to file her original appeal.

She sued in 1985 over her firing from a high-level civilian job at the Pentagon.

Goffer, who is black and now a lawyer in Huntsville, Ala., contended that the firing had been retaliation for her challenging the Army's handling of discrimination complaints.

A five-day trial before U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson in the District of Columbia ended on Dec. 17, 1987. By Feb. 8, 1993, Jackson still had not issued a ruling, and Goffer's lawyers asked the a federal appeals court to order him to rule in the case.

While that request was pending before the appeals court, Jackson on Feb. 23, 1993 ruled against Goffer, concluding she had not proved her allegations of illegal job bias.

Somehow, Goffer never learned of Jackson's ruling until June of 1995, when her lawyers were preparing to ask the appeals court again to force Jackson to rule. Goffer's lawyers say they never were notified about the 1993 ruling.

Her lawyers then asked Jackson to issue a formal judgment from which they could appeal, but the judge said his 1993 ruling had contained such a judgment.

Obituaries

Wayne Cain

1938-1997

Services were set for 2 p.m. today in the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church for Wayne Cain, 58, a former resident of Snyder. The Rev. Danny Williams, pastor of the church, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Cain died Friday, Jan. 3, in Albuquerque's University Hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Dec. 6.

Mr. Cain was a resident of Irving and was employed as a program engineer with Bell Helicopter.

Born April 29, 1938 in San Angelo, he was a graduate of Hermleigh High School.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Cain of Irving; two sons, James Cain and Joe Cain, both of Irving; two brothers, Bill Cain and James Cain, both of Snyder; a sister, Virginia Smith of Flower Mound; and his parents, Charles and Clara Cain of Snyder.

Queenie Brown

1908-1997

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Queenie V. Brown of Albuquerque, formerly of Snyder, who died Friday, Jan. 3, in Albuquerque after a lengthy illness. She was 88.

Born on Nov. 25, 1908 in Taylor County, she married O.C. Brown in 1982 in Snyder. He died on Dec. 26, 1995.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Paula Louise Taylor on Sept. 17, 1981.

Survivors include two sons, Joe R. Taylor of Albuquerque and Larry K. Taylor of Midland.

Sam Brickell

1917-1997

HALTOM CITY — Sam J. Brickell Sr., 79, a retired trucker, died Sunday, Jan. 4, in a Fort Worth hospital.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at a Mount Olivet Funeral Home, and burial will follow in the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Brickell, born on Oct. 13, 1917, in Johnson County, was the sister of Laura Jones of Snyder.

Mr. Brickell served in the Army during World War II, and was retired from Jones Truck Lines in Dallas. He was a member of Trinity Assembly of God.

Other survivors include his wife, Rhea Brickell of Haltom City; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Starr Brickell of Fort Worth; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Dennis Brown of Azle; a brother, Walter Brickell of Haltom City; two other sisters, Helen Crockroft of Granbury; Florence Morphew of Richland Hills; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Loveda Scott

1916-1997

WICHITA FALLS — Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Elmwood Chapel in Abilene for Loveda Tidwell Scott. E.V. Johnson, retired chaplain, will officiate, and burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Mrs. Scott, 80, died Saturday, Jan. 4, in Bethania Regional Healthcare Center in Wichita Falls. She was the mother of Doug Scott of Snyder.

Born in Jones County, she married George W. Scott on Nov. 28, 1941 in Roby. He died in 1966. She was a homemaker and had moved from Abilene to Wichita Falls eight years ago. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include another son, George Wayland Scott of Wichita Falls; a sister, Annie Beth Melin of Abilene; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Clinton enlisting help of clergy in new term

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reflecting on the spirit of his second term, President Clinton today asked religious leaders to help create a "sense of reconciliation" that would help Americans move forward together.

The president also asked the clergy to support his efforts on welfare and immigration reform. "If we do the right things right now, we'll get enough of the right answers," Clinton said at his annual ecumenical breakfast with about 100 clergy.

Though barely tracing his second-term themes, the State Dining Room address kicked off Clinton's new year's resolution to turn campaign promises into action. In the days leading up to the Jan. 20 inauguration and the State of Union address in early February, the president will stress his top priorities: education, welfare, family values, the economy and foreign policy.

He told the church leaders that America is "on the cusp" of "turning a lot of our social problems around." Nothing can be done unless Americans put aside political, racial, religious and ethnic divisions, he said.

"How can we prove in America that we can all get along, not giving up on our basic beliefs but in finding a ground of mutual respect?" He said that may be the most significant question facing the nation.

Clinton urged churches to hire welfare recipients and capitalize on his proposal to give benefit checks to employers who hire from welfare rolls. He also asked the clergy to support his efforts to soften the blow to legal immigrants under the new welfare law.

"But, most of all, I ask for your help in creating a sense of reconciliation — the right sort of spirit in which we can deal with these issues," he said in the brief remarks.

Four suspects in murder of two Americans released

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Four of the five Filipino men arrested in the murder of a Texas couple in Saudi Arabia last month have been released, an official at the Philippines Embassy said Monday.

Saudi police are still holding Bernie Morante in the Dec. 8 killing of Berry Bailey, 50, and his wife, Mary Ann, said the official in a telephone interview from the Philippines Embassy in Riyadh.

Bailey, former public works chief in the Liberty County town of Dayton, Texas, moved to Saudi Arabia four years ago to work as an airport systems manager.

The official said Bernie Morante's father, Rogilio, and three other men, identified as Faustino Comadizo, Serafin Navarro and Apolonio Menez, were released during the last week of December.

Bernie Morante, 25, was arrested on the day of the killing, while trying to board a flight to the Philippines.

He was transferred Dec. 26 from the police station, where the four men were held, to Malaz Prison, said the embassy official, who requested anonymity.

"I think he has been charged with murder, and that's why he's been imprisoned, but we have not been officially notified by the Saudi authorities," the official said.

Bailey was Morante's supervisor at King Khaled International Airport in Riyadh, where the accused worked as a computer operator in the facilities and utilities department. The four released men worked with Morante at the same airport. They have since gone back to work.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Samir Kouttab said Bailey had identified his assailant before he died in hospital.

The U.S. embassy has said the murders were not politically motivated but due to a personal grudge.

Bailey had planned to return to the United States next summer, U.S. officials said. The bodies of the two victims were flown for burial in Dayton last month, an American embassy official said.

What's Up?

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "God's Glorious Church" (Part I), will air at 7 p.m. today.

VFW and Ladies Auxiliary

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

FFA Booster Club to meet

Snyder FFA Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school ag building.

Baptist association meeting

The quarterly Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association meeting will be held Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Colorado City. An executive board meeting will be held at 6 p.m., followed by the meal at 6:30 and a worship program at 7:15.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Canyon Reef 4-H to meet

Canyon Reef 4-H will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the East Elementary Cafeteria. Shelly Henington will give a program on her recent trip to Ireland.

Scurry Youth Center

Scurry Youth Center, located at the Boys & Girls Club, will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 until 11. To participate, you must have a current Boys & Girls Club membership or pay $1 admission.

Volleyball fund-raiser

Snyder's Lady Tigers volleyball team is holding its annual fund-raiser. The team is offering a Win Win Discount Card, good for savings at 15 local businesses. The cards are $5 each and good for one year. For information, call Patty Grimmett at 573-6301 or 573-9416.

SNS accepting applications

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is accepting applications for its 1997 workday. Applications may be picked up at Sam Robertson's Insurance Agency, the chamber of commerce or West Elementary and returned to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Texas, 79550. Applications will also appear randomly in the Snyder Daily News.

Applications are due by Jan. 15. To be considered, applicants must own and be living in the house, be current on taxes and be age 65 or older or disabled.

Pick 3

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

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(four, eight, zero)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-6-11-17-40-50.

Estimated jackpot: $12 million.

Number matching six of six: none

Matching five of six: 149. Prize: $1,394.

Matching four of six: 7,887. Prize: $94.

Matching three of six: 147,681. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: $18 million.

Japanese PM says both sides made mistakes in Peru crisis

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Japan's prime minister today criticized both Peru's government and the Tupac Amaru rebels holding 74 hostages, and said he didn't expect a solution soon as the crisis entered its 21st day.

"There have been miscarriages on the guerrillas' side and also on the Peruvian government's side," Kyodo News quoted Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto as saying.

The Tupac Amaru rebels have been holed up inside the Japanese ambassador's residence since Dec. 17.

Hashimoto, who spoke to reporters at his official residence in Tokyo, did not elaborate on what the mistakes were. But he said it was not likely there would be a solution soon.

"It will be a protracted war. I am worried about an unexpected accident," Kyodo quoted Hashimoto as saying.

Officials at Hashimoto's residence would not comment on the report.

Media reports said the Red Cross was delivering 110 meals at a time to the diplomatic residence, raising the possibility that there are more than the 20 guerrillas originally thought to be holding the hostages.

The archbishop of Ayacucho, Juan Luis Cipriani, visited the residence for more than three hours Sunday and Michel Minnig, the head of the International Red Cross in Peru, went in twice. The last hostage release was Wednesday, when seven men were freed.

Bolivia's foreign minister, Antonio Aranibar, arrived Sunday to talk with Peruvian officials about ending the crisis. Bolivian Ambassador Jorge Gumucio is among the hostages and is said to be in ill health.

"My presence here is intended to bear witness to the concern of the Bolivian government about our ambassador," Aranibar said. "The ambassador suffers from hypertension and diabetes, which require special care."

Red Cross meals include special foods for those who require them.

Bolivia holds four Tupac Amaru prisoners but has said it will not exchange them for its ambassador's freedom.

The rebels' main demand is that the government free some 300 jailed comrades, which President Alberto Fujimori says he will not do. The rebels are also concerned about the harsh treatment given rebel prisoners in Peru.

The hostage crisis began Dec. 17 when the rebels took over a posh cocktail party. At least 400 hostages have been freed.

On Sunday, a small stream of people prayed at a makeshift shrine decorated by red and white balloons, the colors of the Peruvian flag.

One woman, Maria Teresa Peruana, left baskets of fruit and small furry vicuna dolls at the shrine. The vicuna, a smaller version of the llama, is closely associated with Peru. She said the fruit and dolls represent the good things about Peru.

"When I think of those hostages inside I think of their families and their children. This is all very sad and it should come to an end," she said.