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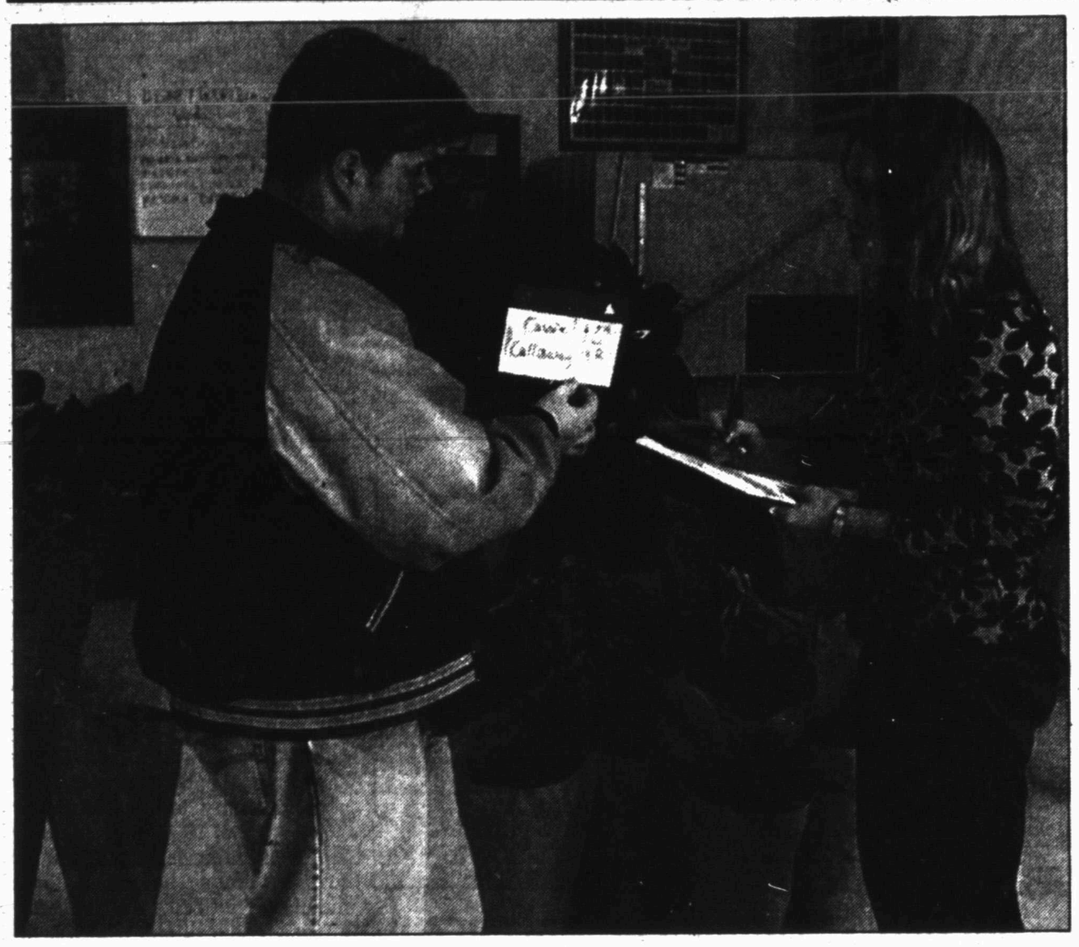
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POINSETTIAS — Snyder High School A Cappella students (from left) Josh Burney and Mary Hollis sort through poinsettias. Students are raising money to help support the choir trip to Disney World next spring. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Snyder resident indicted in Lubbock for murder

## *As former resident awaits murder charge in San Marcos*

A Snyder resident Wednesday was indicted for a murder in Lubbock while, while a former resident's murder case is expected to go before a Hays County grand jury Wednesday.

Ruben J. Martinez, 20, of 2507 Ave. X was indicted for the Oct. 24 murder of Lubbock resident Rudy Hernandez.

Martinez was arrested in Snyder on Oct. 29 after being questioned here by Lubbock police.

He is currently being held in the Lubbock County Jail on $300,000 bonds.

If convicted of murder, a first degree felony, Martinez and a 19-year-old accomplice, Oscar Martinez of Lubbock, could each receive up to 99 years or life.

Martinez has served time in the local jail for public intoxication and failure to maintain liability insurance.

Former Snyder resident Cindi Ann Mendoza was arrested in San Marcos on Oct. 10 and charged with the murder of an 85-year-old man.

She has been in jail since her arrest with bond set at $500,000.

Her case is expected to be presented to a grand jury in San Marcos on Wednesday.

While in Snyder in the late 1980s, Mendoza lived on Route 3 of the Andress Heights Addition.

During that time, she had brief stays in the Scurry County jail for public intoxication and for a traffic offense.

Mendoza is charged with the murder of Castulo Martinez of San Marcos.

The man died of multiple stab wounds on Oct. 10.

According to San Marcos police records, Mendoza was arrested for public intoxication about the same time a 911 call came in on the stabbing.

Her bloody clothes led to the issuance of a search warrant, said officers, and she was later arrested on the murder charge, as well.

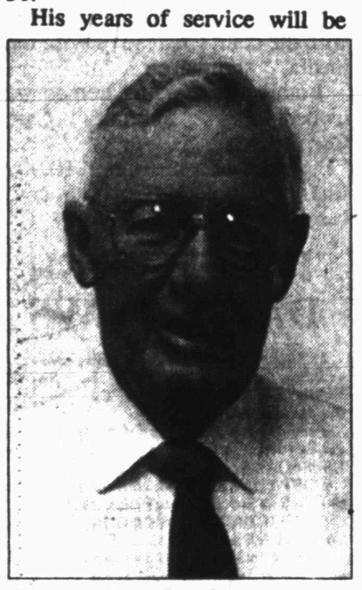
Investigators said she was said to be the girlfriend of the dead man's son.

*To be honored Friday...*

# Peveler serves appraisal district for many years

After serving 18 years as Scurry County's chief tax appraiser, Ray Peveler is retiring, effective Dec. 31.

His years of service will be recognized Friday as the appraisal district will have an open house from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. in his honor.



Ray Peveler

Peveler began work in 1980 as chief appraiser when the appraisal district was formed.

"I had been working for the Snyder Consolidated Independent School District as tax assessor-collector since 1966, so the transition to the appraisal district was an easy step," Peveler said.

An easy step, perhaps, but Peveler had a large job ahead of him when the district was formed.

"It involved combing the records of the city, county and three school districts and coming up with one description for property with the same ownership and same value," he explained.

Scurry County was one of six counties that started appraisal roles in 1980 after the state legislature created appraisal district a year earlier, Peverler noted.

The long-time appraiser added that he was "ahead of the game" when the change was made.

"I had all the preliminary work done because I had started reevaluating the school district in about 1976," Peveler said. "But there still was a lot of work to be done."

Peveler attended high school from 1941 until 1945 in Carlsbad, N.M. He received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M in 1951 with a major in range management.

Peveler's job as chief appraiser is to place a value on every piece of property in Scurry County and the properties of the three independent school districts — Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh.

"There have been many challenges, but we have made a lot of progress. The legislature has seen fit to require us to do more and more and more. They have also made it more expensive on local counties. They didn't ask us — they told us what to do."

Although there have been many changes and challenges, Peveler said he has enjoyed his years at the appraisal office.

"People have been very, very good to me. It's been difficult with all the changes in the laws, but people have been very cooperative during all the years I have been here."

Even though he'll be "retired", Peveler said he plans to keep working.

"I intend to do fee appraisal work which is valuation of property on an individual basis. It's along the same lines, but without a time clock. That will make my schedule more flexible."

Peveler and his wife, Jenny, have one daughter, Dee Sales of California, and three grandchildren.




## Two men arrested following sexual assault in Abilene

Two employees of an Abilene firm which provides counseling to at-risk teens and has an office locally in the county-owned Diamond M building, were arrested Tuesday and charged with sexual assault on a 14-year-old female.

The two worked at Harmony Family Services in Abilene where the girl was living, and they were arrested in that city.

Neither employee had ever been associated with the office here, said Ben Gray, the agency's director.

# EPC annual meeting scheduled on Friday

The Extension Program Council of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will hold its annual meeting Friday in the Baptist Student Center on the Western Texas College campus.

The event gets underway at 11:45 a.m. and will conclude by 1 p.m.

The annual meeting will include recognition of members and volunteers as well as summary reports from various extension committees. Dana Stribling, Scurry County 4-H Gold star winner, will tell about her 4-H experiences and what 4-H means to her.

The event is sponsored by the EPC executive board, the county extension office and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson, an extension committee board member, will preside.

All members of the agriculture community, consumer science and the 4-H youth and development program area committees are invited.

Persons may make reservations by calling the extension office at 573-5423.



Dana Stribling

*In civil trial...*

# Defense presenting case

Testimony continued this morning for the defense in 132nd District Court in a civil suit involving a contract dispute over mineral interests in the north part of Scurry County.

The plaintiffs rested their case late Wednesday afternoon, and the defense began presenting evidence.

A seven-woman, five-man jury is hearing the case.

Hrubetz Operating Company is the plaintiff and is represented by Thomas Taylor of Dallas.

Defendants are C.K. Oil Properties of Post, Rocker A Operating Company of Post, Kerr-McGee Corporation and Curtis Phillips.

The suit was filed on Dec. 1, 1997 and involves petroleum production near the Scurry-Garza county line. Lead attorney for the defendants is Charles King of Houston. Numerous other attorneys are involved.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

# Weekend craft show set at Scurry Co. Coliseum

The eighth annual Scurry County Arts and Crafts Show will be held Saturday and Sunday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will be in Snyder with original art and handcrafted items.

Hours for the show are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday, and from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday. There is no admission charge.

The Snyder chapter of the American Business Women's Association will be in charge of the concessions.

Funds raised by the local ABWA go to college scholarships for students from Scurry County.

## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "The farsighted often get blindsided by the nearsighted."**

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He was a sergeant in the Marine Corps, but he forgot he had married a general.

The anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Marine Corps passed quietly, as it usually does.

On the eve of the anniversary, a newspaper friend of ours recieved a call at home from an ex-leatherneck who had apparently already started celebrating the event.

The proud former Marine told our friend that the next day would be the Corps' birthday, and asked if the newspaper planned to do anything about it.

The newsman, eager to return to watching Monday night football, asked if the Marine had a suggestion.

The caller said he was going to have a party at his house for all former Marines in the area. He asked the publisher to put a news item in the paper announcing the event.

The next day, all Marines in the area were invited to the man's house for the big celebration.

There was only one problem — the party host had neglected to discuss those plans with his wife, who had already scheduled a meeting of her sorority at their home the same evening.

When the ex-Marine got home that night, his wife put him on guard duty, posting him outside to tell any guests who showed up that there had been a change in plans.

Following orders, just like he had learned in the Marine Corps, the husband diligently stood sentinel. Several responded to the news item, including one man who was passing through town and had read the news item in his motel room.

The party went on as planned — outside. It was the first-ever Marine Corps party in that town — and possibly the last.

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It may also be the last time that Tommy Culwell picks at Wal-Mart pharmacist Vicki Johnson.

Culwell is minister of Colonial Hill Baptist Church where Vicki is a member.

On frequent trips to the pharmacy, Culwell enjoyed harassing Vicki and her staff. Vicki doesn't get mad — but she gets even.

Recently, Vicki spied her pastor at a crowded checkout counter. The pharmacists raced to the front and announced, "Brother Tommy, here's those big size Depends you wanted."

The minister was uncommonly speechless, but reports indicated his red face said it all.

## ASK US

**Q—Who does a person call for water or sewer problems when city hall is not open?**

**A—Call 573-2611. Law enforcement dispatchers will contact the appropriate department.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Wednesday, 73 degrees; low, 56; 7 a.m. Thursday, 56; trace precipitation; total for 1998, 10.24 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, mostly clear. Low, mid 40s. SW wind 5-10 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. High, mid-upper 70s. S-SW wind 5-15 mph.

Cayelea Rhodes
**Mostly sunny**

**Sunset:** 5:40 p.m.
**Sunrise:** 7.27 a.m.
**Of 336 days in 1998, the sun has shone 333 days in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**"It is not the going out of port, but the coming in that determines the success of a voyage."**

**Henry Ward Beecher**

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# Part of TR System in danger of bankruptcy

AUSTIN (AP) — A part of the Teachers Retirement System that pays health-care costs for more than 100,000 retired Texas school employees is on the brink of bankruptcy, according to a report due out today.

The report, by a special joint committee in the Texas House, says the TRS-Care program will require a major bailout to remain afloat, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Insolvency will hit in September 2000 if nothing is done.

"The state could pay the initial deficit of $64-plus million, but this would only be a temporary solution," the report says. "Due to the increasing number of retirees, the system is projected to need more than $2 billion to be solvent by fiscal year 2008."

TRS-Care was created by lawmakers in 1985 to plug a major gap in health-care coverage for retired public school employees, most of whom are not covered by Medicare.

Of Texas' 1,043 school districts, only about 20 contribute to Social Security for employees. Without the contributions, retirees are not eligible for Medicare coverage.

The funding crisis may require drastic action.

"For the retired teachers out there, we have no choice. We have to address it," said House Public Education Chairman Paul Sadler, who co-chaired the special panel.

"I was floored," he said. "I had no idea the teachers were not eligible for Social Security."

The report says just about every option should be on the table.

"Ultimately, the policy issue facing the state is to offer catastrophic care only or build an affordable system of health care with the current systems provided," the committee concluded.

But James Moore of Amarillo, chairman of the Teachers Retirement System board that oversees TRS-Care, said the crisis is no surprise.

"We knew that claims would outstrip the money over a period of time," he said. "Legislators began inquiring about it two years ago, but it was not a high priority because it had some years remaining before the funds were expended."

The system now serves 101,853 retirees and 17,252 dependents. The number of participants has tripled since the program was created.

*Defense says...*

# Crime not capital offense

FORT WORTH (AP) — Robert Neville Jr. gave several confessions to the torture and murder of a retarded woman. He and an accomplice even gave TV interviews in which they seemed to snicker about the slaying.

But a defense attorney says Nevillem, 24, didn't kidnap Amy Robinson, so he can't be convicted of capital murder.

Sam Smith told jurors during his opening statement Wednesday that Neville was involved in Ms. Robinson's "completely inexcusable, senseless death" — but that he did not kidnap her.

In every one of Neville's numerous confessions, Neville admits to his part in the slaying but consistently says he "never had an intent to restrain, to abduct or to kidnap Amy Robinson."

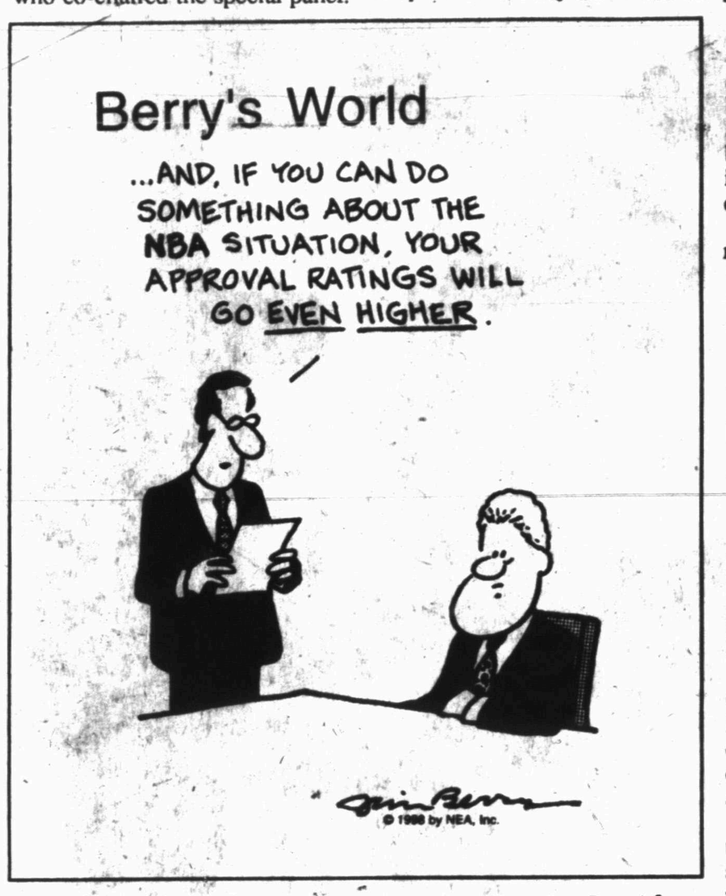
Neville cannot be found guilty of capital murder — and put to death — if the jury does not find that he kidnapped Ms. Robinson. He still could be found guilty of murder, punishable by up to life in prison.

Neville and Hall were caught March 3 during a customs check at the Mexican border. Prosecutor Alan Levy said in opening statements that Neville "seemed almost to be gloating" when he was caught.

Texas Rangers Sgt. Leslie Brooks Long, the last of 16 witnesses to testify Wednesday, said Neville gave him a full written confession.

In the statement, which was read in court, Neville wrote that he had been frustrated after losing his supermarket job and was unable to find other work. He said he told Hall that, "I would like to kill somebody because I am just pissed off."

The pair then went out and bought two .22-caliber rifles from a pawn shop, according to the statement.




## Baylor gets $25 million to study brain

HOUSTON (AP) — Baylor College of Medicine will receive a $25 million, five-year grant to study mental illness, school officials said Wednesday.

The Houston-based Brown Foundation, set up by the family that founded Brown and Root construction company, offered the grant to allow the medical school to create a Center for Brain and Behavior.

"This institute will provide special care for specific brain-related ailments and will really be an excellent setting for clinical basic research into the genetic basis of mental illnesses," said Dr. James Patrick, the school's vice president and dean of research.

"It's important because mental illness has been poorly served by research funding in the past," he said.

Among the topics the center will study are addiction, depression, problems of learning and memory, and psychotic disorders such as schizophrenia.

## Nursing home in Big Spring faces charges

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales sued nursing homes in Big Spring and Fort Worth on Wednesday, alleging in one case that a company's neglect caused a resident's death.

In his lawsuit against Cityview Care Center of Fort Worth, Morales said the nursing home didn't follow a doctor's orders concerning a patient dependent on a tracheotomy tube to breathe.

On Aug. 6, 1997, the resident's tube was improperly plugged for several hours before a staff member noticed, the lawsuit alleges. The resident, who was not named, died later than night.

Carla Cox, attorney for the center, said she had not seen the lawsuit, but "based on our past experience with similar lawsuits filed by the attorney general, such suits often contain false and exaggerated claims."

In his lawsuit against the Comanche Trail Nursing Center of Big Spring, Morales alleges that the company's staff didn't prevent or treat pressure sores on three of nine residents.

Silvia Casas, administrator at the nursing home, said they had not received a copy of the lawsuit and declined to comment.

"We will be filing our response with the courts instead of with the media," she said.

Both of the nursing homes are owned by Summit Care Corporation.

Morales is asking for $10,000 fines per violation in both civil cases.

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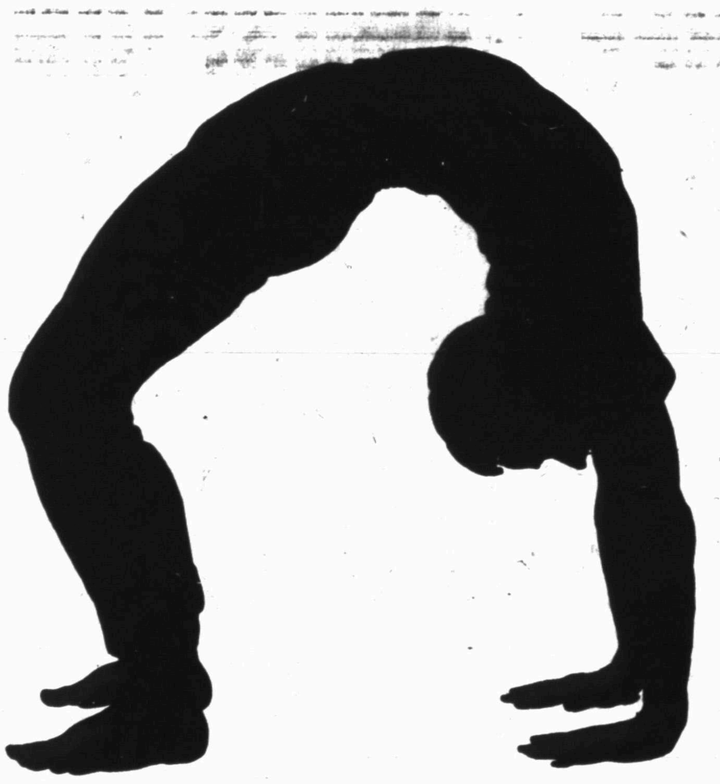
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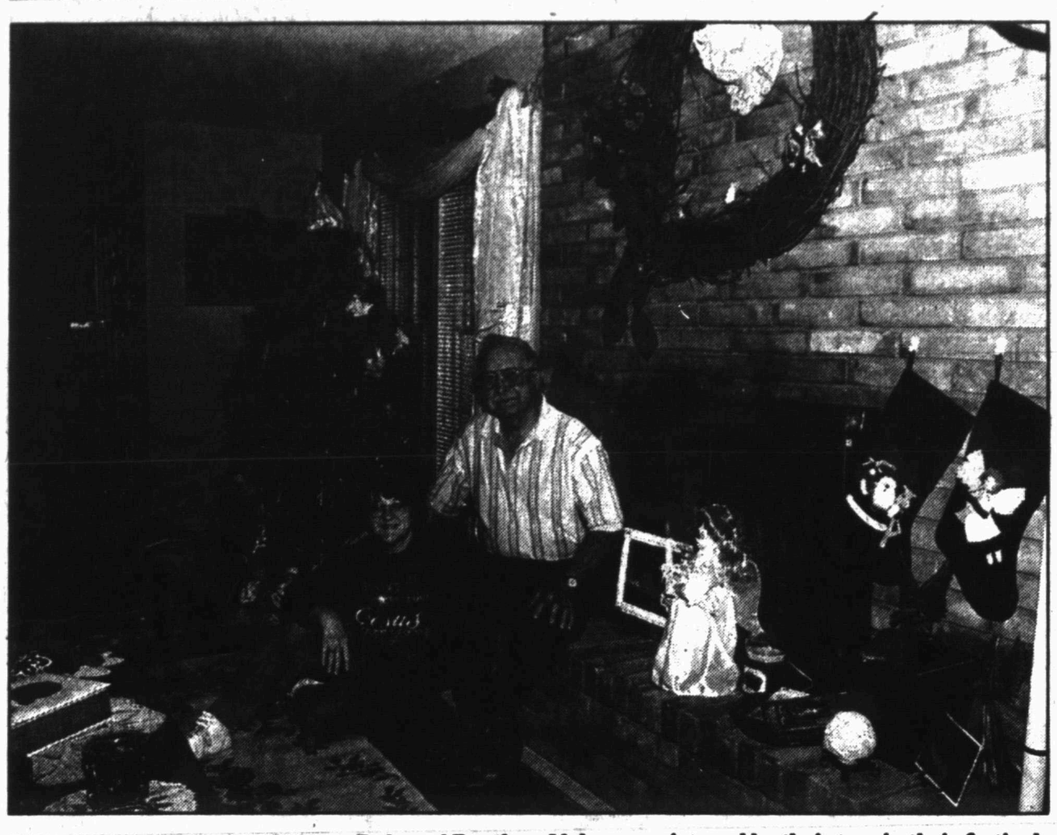
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NOLAN'S HOME ON TOUR — Dale and Pearlene Nolan are pictured by their tree in their festively decorated home at 2308 32nd Street which is ready for the Historic Scurry County and Historical Commission's Lighted Christmas Tour of Homes on Dec. 12. The tour will also include homes of Jack Greene, 1496 CR 466; Marge Mathis, 5231 CR 2128; and Millard and Shannon Grantham. Hors d'oeuvres and entertainment will take place in the historic Dodson House. For those needing transportation, three vans will leave the Dermott School, located on the coliseum grounds, at 4:45 and 5:45 p.m. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at Countryplace, Eddie Peterson's Pharmacy and American State Bank. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

# Party planned Sunday to honor Mr. Fenton

Myron Fenton will celebrate his 80th birthday from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Union Methodist Church.

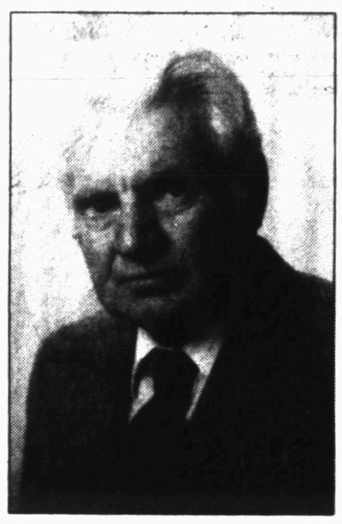
Mr. Fenton has been an active rancher and owner of Pioneer Furniture for 30 years.

A longtime resident of Scurry County, Mr. Fenton was born on Dec. 6, 1918 in Tahoka, moving to Snyder when he was one year old. He attended the Crowder and Turner Schools.

Mr. Fenton began his career working for the Economy Store until it sold to Anthony's. He sold many pairs of drillers' boots and insulated coveralls during the oil boom years.

In 1951, he quit Anthony's and he and the late Gene Thompson opened a small shoe store. A year later they moved the shoe store to a larger building on 2526 Ave. R and used the upstairs rooms for a boarding house for oilfield workers.

Thompson and Fenton opened another shoe store in 1953 in Brownfield which Fenton later owned and managed and Thompson owned and operated the Snyder store. Fifteen years later in 1968, the Fentons moved back to Snyder and opened Pioneer Furniture Store on Ave. C, and later to the present location on College Avenue. He has recently sold several farms where he raised cattle and sheep. But, he still owns the home place on Highway 84.



Myron Fenton

His wife, Gale, and his family invites friends to help him celebrate and ask that "your presence be his birthday gift."

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The joys of fatherhood: Take your child to your workplace and introduce to friends and co-workers.

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# Community Calendar

**THURSDAY**

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; pot luck supper; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180; 6 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 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.

# Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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| ♣ A 10 8 6 5 3 | |

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| ♥ K Q 4 | ♥ J 10 7 6 5 2 |
| ♦ K 10 4 | ♦ --- |
| ♣ Q 7 | ♣ K J 4 2 |

South
♠ A 8 2
♥ A 8 3
♦ A Q 9 8 7 6
♣ 9

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

| South | West | North | East |
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| 2 ♦ | Dbl. | 5 ♦ | Pass |
| Pass | Dbl. | All pass | |

Opening lead: ♥ K

## Thinkers, not parrots

When beginners learn bridge, they are taught high-card and distribution points. To the honor points, they add a point for every card over four in any suit. Then, when a good fit is uncovered, they also add points for shortages. This allows them to bid reasonably. Yet an expert never counts distribution points. Why? Because he prefers to evaluate his hand using different criteria.

If you would like to find out about these criteria, buy Brian Senior's book "Hand Evaluation in Bridge" (Batsford). Although his discussions assume the reader uses the Acol system, that doesn't affect his guidelines. You will still learn how to become a thinking bidder, not a robot.

Here is a deal declared by Senior when representing England against Wales in 1996. How would you have played in five diamonds doubled? West leads the heart king.

The British like to open light; hence East's one-heart bid. West made a negative double because two spades would have been nonforcing: a so-called negative free bid (which I don't recommend). North's five diamonds was on the "who knows?" basis, aided by the favorable vulnerability. West doubled again because he had 11 points with a trump trick and his partner had opened the bidding.

After winning with the heart ace, Senior ruffed a heart, played a spade to the ace, ruffed his last heart, and gave up a spade trick. Winning the club switch in the dummy, Senior ruffed a club, ruffed a spade, and ran the diamond jack. Contract made.

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5:30-6:45 pm — MGMT 3013 Organizational Behavior — BAAS
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**Tuesday**
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**Wednesday**
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## NEA Crossword Puzzle

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7 Moisten
13 Silly talk
14 Develop
15 Agree (to)
16 Women
17 Chatter
18 Dog doc
20 Annapolis grad
21 Typical
25 Marking with tiny points
28 Shadow
32 Sends out (light)
33 Concerning
34 Boredom
35 Actress Adoree
36 Stevie Wonder's instrument
37 Actress Ursula —
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41 CEO's deg.
44 Hearing organ
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55 Winter sight
56 Literary works
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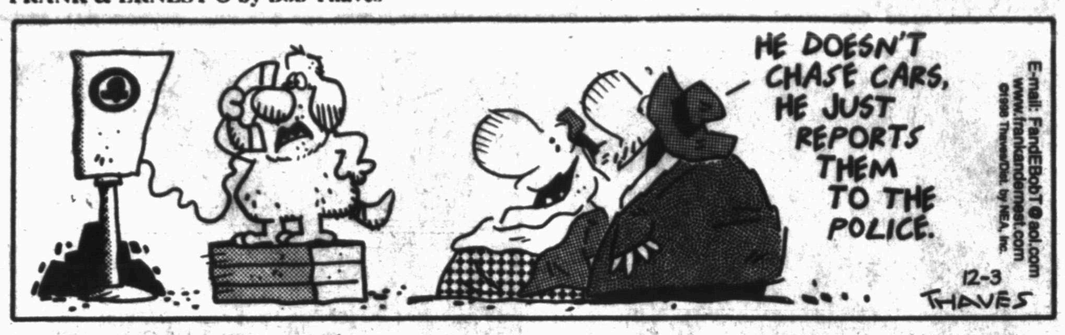
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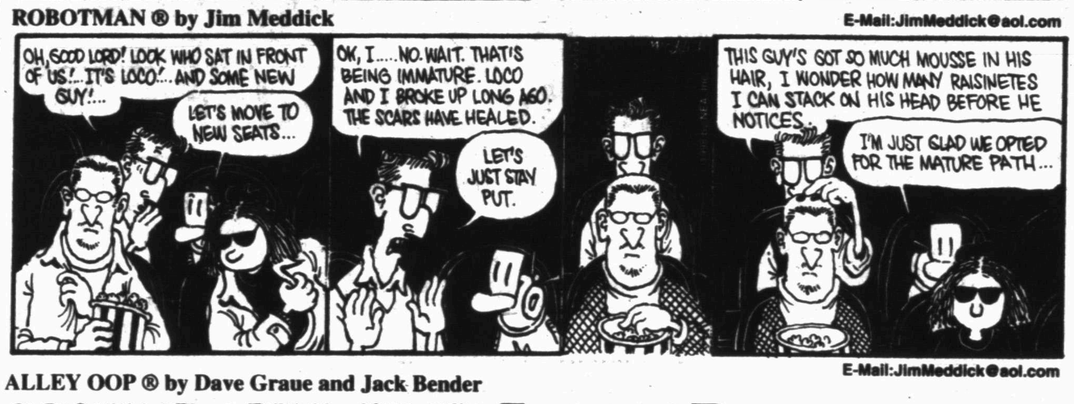

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## Plainsmen trip Tigers at tourney

WOLFFORTH — The Plainsmen must have caught the Tigers sleeping.

In a game which tipped-off at 10:30 this morning, Lubbock Monterey knocked off Snyder, 62-40, in opening round action of Frenship's Cotton Pickin' Shootout.

The setback moves Snyder into the consolation bracket where it will face Lubbock Trinity at 10:30 Friday morning.

Monterey took control from the start, claiming a 43-19 lead by halftime.

The Tigers, who slip to 2-4 on the season, continue tourney play Saturday, before returning home Tuesday to host Lubbock High.

**Cotton Pickin' Shootout at Frenship**

Seminole def. Lubbock trinity
Lubbock Monterey 62, Snyder 40
Brownfield vs. Abilene High, 12:15
Lubbock Cooper vs. EP Coronado, 2 p.m.
SA Central vs. New Mexico MI, 3:45
Slaton vs. EP Burgess, 5:30
Lamesa vs. Frenship, 7:15



HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE THE REST — Snyder guard Brady Cobb takes a jump shot, while teammates Sonny Cumbie (4) and Brock Durham (20) prepare to rebound during action Tuesday night at Seminole. The Tigers opened play today in the Frenship tournament against Monterey. (SDN Staff Photo)

## *Coyotes nab grid honors*

As Borden County prepares for its upcoming playoff game, three Coyotes were recognized on the All-South Plains six-man football squad.

Senior quarterback Colt McCook and senior linebacker Fernando Baeza were named to the team, while senior defensive lineman Ryan Grant received honorable mention.

McCook has completed 58 percent of his passes this season for 1,297 yards and 23 touchdowns, while tossing just six interceptions.

Baeza led the Coyotes in tackles, spearheading a defense that surrendered just 225 yards per game.

Borden County carries a 12-1 record into the state semifinals where it will square off with 8-3 Balmorhea at 7:30 Friday in Kermit.

A victory would advance the Coyotes to their second consecutive state title game. Trinidad and Strawn do battle in the other semifinal contest.

## With secondary riddled by injuries, Cowboys re-sign Brown for $76,000

IRVING (AP) — With their secondary ailing, the Dallas Cowboys have re-signed Larry Brown, their MVP in the Super Bowl three years ago.

Brown played his last game for the Cowboys in the Super Bowl, where he had two interceptions of Neil O'Donnell against Pittsburgh. He was signed Wednesday for $76,000 for the remainder of the regular season.

Brown, who became a millionaire playing for the Oakland Raiders after his five-year Dallas career, will get additional money if the Cowboys make the playoffs and they still need secondary help.

"Things didn't work out in Oakland like I thought they would," said Brown, who did not live up to his Super Bowl standard. "It wasn't a fit for them and for myself. It feels good to have a job. I'll be ready for any role the Cowboys want me to play."

Cornerbacks Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith will miss Sunday's game at New Orleans, so Brown should see much action right away.

"He's familiar with the system and we expect him to play Sunday," owner Jerry Jones said. "Larry should be able to contribute immediately."

Dallas players greeted Brown with much razzing before Wednesday's workout.

"They've been dogging me pretty good, giving me a hard time and cracking jokes," Brown said.

Brown had a $12.5 million, five-year deal with Oakland. He was kicked off the team midway of the 1997 season for what Oakland claimed was "conduct detrimental to the team."

"That was a joke," Brown said.

Safety Darren Woodson said it was good to have Brown back.

"He'll help the team, he knows the system," Woodson said.

Brown played five preseason games with the Minnesota Vikings before injuring an ankle and was put on the waiver wire. Nobody claimed him.

"It was a bad injury and it took me about seven weeks to get my strength back," said Brown, who played 74 games for the Cowboys from 1991 to 1995 and had 13 regular season interceptions. "I'm glad Dallas gave me a chance again."

Dallas needs whatever help it can get in the secondary. Quarterbacks have thrown for nine touchdowns and 984 yards in the past three games. The Cowboys' secondary ranks No. 23 in the NFL.

Meanwhile, wide receiver Ernie Mills, who sustained a severe intestine injury two weeks ago, will be put on injured reserve and be out for the year.

"It was a reach for us to think Ernie would be ready if we get to the Super Bowl," Jones said. "He has been a major contributor for us."

## Running game has vanished for A&M

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — No. 10 Texas A&M is having a tough time doing what it usually does best-run the football.

The Aggies were held to a minus-7 rushing yards last week by the Texas Longhorns, ranked 57th nationally in total defense and 45th against the run.

Now, the Aggies' depleted running backs corps has to get ready for a monster challenge in Saturday's Big 12 championship game against No. 2 Kansas State (11-0, 8-0), whose defense ranks No. 2 nationally in total defense and No. 7 against the run.

The Aggies had their least productive day rushing against Texas since Kansas State held them to minus-35 yards rushing last season in the Wildcats' 35-17 victory.

The Aggies (10-2, 7-1 in Big 12) aren't getting caught up in statistical talk.

"Our defense was No. 2 (total defense) last week and look what they (Texas) did to us," running back Dante Hall said. "You can throw out all the stats and stuff. That's just paper stuff. Unfortunately, we lost to Texas but we can still win the Big 12 championship and go to a big bowl game. That's the positive. We bounced back from Florida State."

The Aggies started losing runners last spring when starting fullback Marc Broyles suffered an eye injury. Broyles' replacement, Tiki Hardeman, was declared ineligible, and the next backup, Jason Bragg, suffered his third concussion of his career and has been sidelined with recurring headaches. Tailback Eric Bernard suffered a season ending knee injury five games into the season.

Hall, the Aggies' leading rusher last season, and his backup Sirr Parker, have been left with the tailback responsibilities. True freshman Ja'Mar Toombs, the second leading rusher, is the starting fullback and his backup is former walk-on Will Simpson.

The Aggies have tried to turn more to their passing game but that didn't work against the Longhorns either until the fourth quarter when the Aggies almost pulled out the game before losing 26-24.

"Kansas State's defense is designed to stop the run," Parker said. "We are known as a running team but we pride ourselves in being balanced. But if we can't run the ball we're going to have a hard time winning the game."

The Aggies rushing is down from last season's 205 yards per game average to 156 yards.

Offensive coordinator Steve Kragthorpe is just as concerned about the Aggies passing attack.

"The big thing last week was we didn't take advantage of the opportunities we had throwing and catching," Kragthorpe said. "If a team decides to neutralize your running game, you've got to take advantage of your passing opportunities."

The Aggies also had a bad rushing day in last year's Big 12 title game when Nebraska held them to 13 rushing yards and won the game 54-15.

## Local Sports Schedule

**TODAY**

**Basketball:** Snyder varsity boys vs. Lubbock Monterey, Frenship tourney, 10:30 a.m.
**Basketball:** Hermleigh varsity boys & girls at Wilson-New Home tourney.
**Basketball:** Ira varsity boys & girls at Coahoma tourney.
**Basketball:** Snyder JV boys at Coahoma tourney.
**Basketball:** Snyder 9th boys & girls at Colorado City tourney.
**Basketball:** Andrews at Snyder 7th & 8th boys, 5 p.m., 6:15.

**FRIDAY**

**Football:** Borden County vs. Balmorhea, six-man semifinal at Kermit, 7:30.
**Golf:** Snyder varsity girls at San Antonio tourney.
**Basketball:** Frenship at Snyder varsity girls, 6:30.
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## Junior varsity girls fall, 54-37

LUBBOCK — Despite a strong offensive performance from Whitney Webb, Snyder's junior varsity girls fell to Lubbock High, 54-37, Tuesday at Westerner gym.

Webb posted almost half of the Lady Tigers' points, pouring in 16 to lead all scorers.

Meagan Hatley drained nine points for Snyder, with Amber Alexander and Kallie Billingsley adding four apiece.

Amber Haarmeyer chipped in three points, while Taylor Daniell finished with one.

The Lady Tigers will be in action again Tuesday when they travel to Abilene Cooper for a 5 p.m. contest with the Lady Cougars.

## Sports Briefs

### Little dribblers sign-ups

Sign-ups for boys' 8-year-old little dribblers will be today and Friday at the Boys & Girls Club.

Boys who will be 8-years-old before Sept. 1, 1999 are eligible to register. Players must be accompanied by a parent and bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Registration fee is $20. For more information contact the Boys & Girls Club at 573-3344.

### Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will host a double-elimination 9-hole match play tournament Saturday and Sunday.

Golfers may play either Saturday or Sunday. Rounds begin Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., with Sunday's play starting at 1 p.m. and 3:30.

Entry fee is $7. For more information, all the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

### Iowa chooses Fry's successor

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Baltimore Ravens assistant coach Kirk Ferentz, who worked under Hayden Fry during some of the best years of Iowa football, is returning as Fry's successor.

Ferentz, an assistant from 1981 to 1989, was with the Hawkeyes for eight consecutive bowl appearances, two Big Ten titles and a five-week stay at No. 1 in 1985. He will be introduced as Iowa's 26th coach on Thursday night in Iowa City.

### Bowden headed for Clemson

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Everyone associated with Clemson can't wait until the Tigers open their 1999 season against Marshall.

That's when they get to see new coach Tommy Bowden's high-powered offense, modeled after the one he built at Tulane, which went 11-0 this season.

Bowden, who was to be introduced today as Clemson's 23rd head football coach, has the Green Wave averaging more than 300 yards passing and more than 200 yards rushing this season. Tulane also has averaged 45 points.

### Ex-USC coach takes UNLV job

LAS VEGAS (AP) — John Robinson is returning to college football as coach of downtrodden UNLV.

Robinson was to be officially announced as UNLV's coach today, after agreeing to a three-year deal at a reported $375,000 a year.

The former Southern California coach flew to Las Vegas Wednesday to talk with UNLV officials and finalize the deal for the vacant job.

## NCAA Basketball Scores

**EAST**
Fairleigh Dickinson 85, Dominican, N.Y. 64
George Washington 97, American U. 76
Georgetown 67, Morgan St. 49
Georgia 75, West Virginia 63
Lafayette 75, Swarthmore 56
Siena 96, Loyola, Md. 88
South Florida 67, Duquesne 57
St. John's 70, Hofstra 49

**SOUTH**
Appalachian St. 83, S.C.-Spartanburg 53
Ark.-Little Rock 83, Fla. International 77
Cent. Florida 79, Winthrop 57
Centenary 69, SE Louisiana 62
Elon 70, VMI 69
Furman 88, Charleston Southern 85
James Madison 111, Liberty 77
Kent 53, N.C. Charlotte 50
Mississippi 95, NE Louisiana 62
Mississippi St. 73, Jacksonville St. 54
N.C.-Wilmington 59, Campbell 50
Radford 73, Marshall 65
S. Carolina St. 59, N. Carolina A&T 58
Tennessee 68, Memphis 67
The Citadel 62, William & Mary 59, OT
Wofford 72, Army 64

**MIDWEST**
Akron 72, E. Michigan 54
Creighton 73, Baylor 59
Duke 73, Michigan St. 67
Fairfield 86, Cent. Michigan 85
Illinois St. 86, Alcorn St. 73
Michigan 74, Bradley 44
N. Iowa 61, Iowa St. 57
Ohio U. 64, Bowling Green 57
Rhode Island 70, Utah 63
Valparaiso 104, Norfolk St. 69
Wisconsin 67, N. Illinois 52
Xavier 64, Miami, Ohio 56

**SOUTHWEST**
Lamar 114, Loyola, NO 59
Stephen F. Austin 78, Texas Coll. 62
Texas 87, Oral Roberts 77

**FAR WEST**
Cal St.-Fullerton 74, Loyola Marymount 61
Colorado 78, Va. Commonwealth 76
New Mexico 97, Ark.-Pine Bluff 72
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Bird Houses • Stamps • Loveseats • Recliner • Chairs • Queen Bed
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Leather Chair with Ottoman • Tappen Microwave • Fish Cooker
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# Parties disagree on SS action as White House session nears

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both Republicans and Democrats say they want to agree on action they could take next year to save Social Security from a cash shortfall expected after the nation's huge baby boom generation retires.

But so far they disagree on how to reach agreement.

Republican lawmakers say they are skeptical that much can be accomplished at a conference on Social Security to which President Clinton has invited them next week.

"It's going to be difficult," said Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., who will attend. "To me the White House has a lot of work to do in the trenches."

On Wednesday, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and incoming House Speaker Bob Livingston, R-La., were completing lists of Republican delegates to send to the two-day White House conference on the future of the nation's retirement system. But neither had decided whether to attend personally, according to aides.

Republican leaders want Clinton to submit a blueprint for Social Security reform to Congress, but administration officials say the president is not sure that would encourage compromise.

"You have to have as good a feel as possible for what the different dynamics in the House and Senate and within each of the different parties to have the best sense possible of what actions the president takes that will be unifying as opposed to polarizing," said White House adviser Gene Sperling. "We are trying to learn as much as we can about that environment so we can be as effective as possible."

The White House conference, scheduled for Dec. 8 and 9, will begin with a public meeting hosted by Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

In Washington, the audience will be limited to about 250 people invited by the administration from a broad array of groups representing different views on Social Security. The Social Security Administration's branch offices in all 50 states, however, are inviting the public to gather to watch the event live via satellite.

Sperling said Clinton will participate in the opening event and a public closing session. "He may decide to do more," said Sperling. Top White House advisers will participate in the private sessions with lawmakers, but it is unclear whether Clinton will.

The administration has asked congressional leaders — both Republicans and Democrats — to give opening statements at the public meeting, and to choose up to a dozen more lawmakers from each party to participate in closed-door talks that will follow.

Twice before, Clinton has refused early release for Pollard.

# Markets

## Midday Stocks

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| | High | Low | Last | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMR Corp s | 69⅛ | 68¼ | 68 | 15-16— 1 |
| AT&T Corp | 62⅝ | 52 | 7-16 | 62 1-16— ¼ |
| AirTouch | 57⅛ | 56⅝ | 56 | 15-16— ¼ |
| Albertsons | 60 | 59 | 5-16 | 59⅝— ⅜ |
| AlldSignal | 42 | 13-16 | 42 | 1-16 42⅝+ ⅜ |
| Alltel | 53⅛ | 51 | 7-16 | 52 15-16+ 1⅜ |
| AmOnline s | 90 | 1-16 | 86⅜ | 88⅛+ 1-16 |
| AmStores | 34 | 15-16 | 34⅛ | 34⅜— 1-16 |
| Ameritech s | 56⅛ | 55 | 1-16 | 56 5-16+ 1⅜ |
| Amoco s | 55¼ | 54 | 7-16 | 55⅛— 5-16 |
| AndarkPtr s | 25 | 11-16 | 25⅛ | 25 9-16— ⅛ |
| Armcolnc | | | 3⅛ | 3 13-16 3⅜ |
| AtlRichfld | 67¼ | 66 | 11-16 | 66 15-16—11-16 |
| ATMOS Egy | 30 | 3-16 | 30 | 1-16 30⅛— 1-16 |
| Aviall | | | 12¼ | 12 12 — 3-16 |
| BakerHughes | | | 17⅛ | 16¾ 17⅜+ 3-16 |
| BankAmerica | 64 | 13-16 | 63¾ | 63 5 16— 1⅜ |
| BellAtl s | | | 56⅛ | 55 1-16 5c⅜+ 1⅜ |
| BellSouth | 90 | 88 | 3-16 | 89 15-16+ 1⅜ |
| BellSouth wi | | | 45⅜ | 44⅜ 45 1-16+11-16 |
| BethSteel | | | 8¼ | 7⅞ 8 1-16+ ⅜ |
| BritPet | | | 86⅛ | 85 85⅞— 3-16 |
| BurlNoSFe s | 34 | 3-16 | 33⅛ | 33⅞+11-16 |
| CBS Corp | 31 | 15-16 | 31 | 7-16 31¼+ ⅛ |
| Caterpillar | 50 | 11-16 | 50 | 5-16 50⅜— 3-16 |
| CenSoWst | 27 | 15-16 | 27 | 11-16 27⅜— ⅛ |
| Chevron | 80 | 5-16 | 79 | 9-16 80⅛— 5-16 |
| Citigroup | | | 50 | 49 49¼—1 1-16 |
| Coastal s | | | 34 | 1-16 33⅜ 33 15-16 |
| CocaCola | 69¼ | 68 | 5-16 | 68⅝—11-16 |
| ColgatePalm | | | 84⅜ | 83 83⅜— 9-16 |
| ComclMetals | | | | 25⅜ 25⅛ 25⅜ |
| CooperIn | 50 | 13-16 | 49 | 7-16 50⅛+ ⅜ |
| CyprusAmax | | | 11 | 3-16 11 11⅜— 1-16 |
| DaimlrChry n | 89¼ | | 87⅛ | 88 1-16— 3-16 |
| DallSemicn | | | 39¼ | 36⅞ 39¼+2 3-16 |
| DeltaAirl s | 57 | 7-16 | 55⅞ | 56 5-16— 1¼ |
| Dillards Inc | | | 32¼ | 30 15-16 32 + ⅜ |
| DowChem | | | 94⅛ | 93⅞ 93⅞— ⅛ |
| DuPont | 57 | 1-16 | 56 | 7-16 56 9-16— 9-16 |
| EastmanChem | 58⅜ | 57 | 15-16 | 58 5-16— 1-16 |
| EstKodak | 72 | 15-16 | 72⅜ | 72⅝— 7-16 |
| EDS Corp | 38⅛ | 38 | 5-16 | 38 11-16+ ⅛ |
| Entergy | 30 | 3-16 | 29⅞ | 30 3-16+ ⅛ |
| Exxon | 71 | 70 | 1-16 | 70 5-16—15-16 |
| FstBksAm | | | 17⅜ | 17⅜ 17⅜— ⅛ |
| Flowers | 23 | 5-16 | 22 | 11-16 23 — 5-16 |
| FordMotor s | 56 | 3-16 | 55 | 5-16 55 15-16— ⅛ |
| GTE Cp | 65 | 5-16 | 63 | 15-16 65 3-16+2 11-16 |
| GenDynam s | | | 59⅜ | 57 1-16 57⅛— 2⅛ |
| GenlElec | | | 90⅝ | 89½ 90 —15-16 |
| GenMills | | | 77⅞ | 76 76⅜+ 9-16 |
| GenMotors | | | 70⅛ | 69 9-16 69⅜— ⅛ |
| GaPacGP s | 56⅜ | 55 | 7-16 | 55 7-16— ⅛ |
| GlobalMar | | | 9⅛ | 8⅛ 8 15-16+ 1-16 |
| Goodrich | 34¼ | 33 | 5-16 | 33⅞— 9-16 |
| Goodyear s | | | 57 | 3-16 56⅜ 56¾+ 5-16 |
| GtAtlPac | | | 27 | 3-16 26⅞ 27 3-16+ ⅛ |
| Halliburtn | 29 | 11-16 | 28 | 3-16 29 9-16+1 9-16 |
| Hanson ADS | | | | 36 3-16 36⅛ 36⅛ |
| HarteHanks s | | | 23¼ | 23⅛ 23 3-16+ ⅛ |
| HomeDepot | 51 | 1-16 | 49⅞ | 50 3-16+ ⅛ |
| HoustonInds | | | 32⅞ | 32⅛ 32⅛+ 1-16 |
| IBM | 169⅛ | 167 | 3-16 | 168 9-16+ 1⅛ |
| IntlPaper | | | 44 | 43 5-16 43 9-16— ⅛ |
| JohnsonJn | 81⅛ | 80 | 1-16 | 80 15-16+ 7-16 |
| K mart | | | 15 | 1-16 14 11-16 14⅜— ⅜ |
| Kroger Co | 55 | 9-16 | 54 | 11-16 54 15-16+ ⅜ |
| Litton | | | 60⅛ | 59¼ 60 3-16+11-16 |
| LockhdMart | 103¼ | | 100⅛ | 100⅝—2 7-16 |
| LockhdM wi | | | | 52 52 52 — ⅛ |
| Lowes Cos s | 44 | 13-16 | 44 | 1-16 44 9-16+ ⅜ |
| Lubys | | | | 14⅛ 14 14⅜— ⅜ |
| LucentTech s | | | 89¼ | 85¼ 89½+ 2¼ |
| MayDeptStrs | | | 58⅜ | 56⅛ 58¼+ ⅛ |
| MediaOne | 41 | 11-16 | 40 | 3-16 40⅝—1 1-16 |
| Medtronic | 71⅛ | 70 | 11-16 | 70 15-16— 7-16 |
| Mobil | | | 84⅛ | 83⅛ 84 — 3-16 |
| Monsanto | | | 44⅝ | 43 9-16 43⅝— 1-16 |
| MorganJP | 110⅝ | | 107⅜ | 108 1-16— 3⅛ |
| Motorola | 63 | 3-16 | 61 | 1-16 62 5-16— 7-16 |
| NCR Corp | | | 38⅛ | 37⅛ 38 7-16+ 7-16 |
| Navistar | | | 27⅛ | 26⅛ 26⅝+ 2 |
| OryxEngy | | | 13⅜ | 13⅜ 13⅜— 1-16 |
| Penney JC | 54⅛ | | 53⅜ | 53 13-16+ 1-16 |
| Pennzoil | | | 36 | 11-16 36⅛ 36½+ ⅛ |
| PepBoys | | | | 13 12⅝ 12 15-16 |
| PepsiCo | 40⅛ | 39 | 5-16 | 40 3-16+ 7-16 |
| PhelpDodge | | | 54⅛ | 54⅛ 54⅛— 9-16 |
| PhilipPet | | | 42¼ | 41⅛ 41 15-16— 3-16 |
| PilgrmPrd B | | | | 23⅛ 23⅛ 23⅛ |
| Polaroid | | | | 21 7-16 21⅛ 21⅜ |
| Praxair | | | 36 | 1-16 35⅜ 35 15-16 |
| ProctGamb | 90 | 11-16 | 89 | 11-16 90 + ⅛ |
| PubSNwMx | 18 | 5-16 | 18⅛ | 18 3-16+ 1-16 |
| RoyalDut | 44 | 5-16 | 43⅜ | 43⅝—1 5-16 |
| SBC Comm s | 48⅞ | 47 | 15-16 | 48⅜+11-16 |
| SaraLee | 57 | 15-16 | 57⅜ | 57½— 5-16 |
| Scripps EW | 50 | 15-16 | 50⅜ | 50 15-16+ ⅛ |
| SearsRoeb | 43 | 11-16 | 41 | 9-16 43⅜+ ⅜ |
| SherwinW | | | 28⅜ | 28⅛ 28⅜+ 1-16 |
| SmithklBchm | | | 63⅛ | 62¼ 63 1-16+ ⅜ |
| SouthernCo | 29 | 11-16 | 29 | 5-16 29⅜— 3-16 |
| SwstAirl s | 22 | 3-16 | 21 | 15-16 22 1-16— 3-16 |
| Sunoco Inc | | | 33⅜ | 32¾ 32⅝— ⅛ |
| TNP Ent | | | | 38¼ 38 38⅛+ 3-16 |
| Tandy | | | 40⅜ | 39⅝ 40 11-16— 5-16 |
| TempleInland | | | 53 | 13-16 53⅜ 53⅜+ 5-16 |
| Tenneco | | | | 35¼ 34⅝ 34⅝— ⅛ |
| Texaco | 54 | 13-16 | 53 | 15-16 54⅜+ ⅜ |
| TexInd | 27⅞ | | 27 | 9-16 27 9-16— ⅛ |
| TexasInst | | | 82¼ | 78⅛ 81⅛+ 2⅜ |
| TexUtil | 46 | 1-16 | 45 | 11-16 45 11-16— 7-16 |
| Textron | | | 78 | 7-16 77⅜ 77 7-16— 7-16 |
| TriconGlbR | 45 | 15-16 | 45⅜ | 45 13-16+ 7-16 |
| TrinityInds | | | 39 | 3-16 38⅜ 38¾—11-16 |
| TritonEngy | 9 | 1-16 | 8 | 13-16 8 15-16— ⅛ |
| Tyler | 6 | 13-16 | 6 | 13-16 6 13-16— ⅛ |
| US West Inc | | | 64⅛ | 62⅝ 64 1-16+1 3-16 |
| USX-Marathn | | | 28⅛ | 28 7-16 28 13-16+ ⅜ |
| USX-USS | | | 23 | 22⅜ 22 13-16— 3-16 |
| UnCarbde | | | 44⅛ | 43¾ 43 15-16+ 1-16 |
| UnionPacif | | | 49¾ | 48 11-16 49 1-16+ ⅛ |
| UnitedTech | 102⅜ | 101 | 1-16 | 101 7-16— 3-16 |
| Unocal | | | 31⅜ | 31 3-16 31⅜— ⅛ |
| Venator Grp | | | 7⅛ | 7⅛ 7 7-16+ ⅛ |
| WalMart | | | 75 | 3-16 73⅜ 74¼+ 3-16 |
| WellsFargo | | | 37⅜ | 36⅛ 36 11-16— ⅛ |
| WstnGasRs | | | 8 | 11-16 8¼ 8⅜— 7-16 |
| WinnDixie | | | 42¾ | 41 5-16 42¼+ 9-16 |
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# Clinton seeks advice about Pollard's fate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wrestling with a decision important to Israel, President Clinton has asked senior officials to offer recommendations by Jan. 11 on whether convicted spy Jonathan Pollard should be granted clemency, a White House official said today.

The president will make his decision "in a timely manner" after receiving the recommendations, National Security Council spokesman David Leavy said.

Pollard's release was sought by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a last-minute condition in the Mideast peace agreement at Wye River Plantation on Maryland's Eastern Shore in October. The issue threw the talks off track until Clinton promised to take a fresh look at clemency for Pollard.

The extraordinary handling of the case reflects its highly charged political sensitivity. "It's fair to say that other clemency cases do not raise the same questions as the case of Mr. Pollard," Leavy said.

# Loud music sends one subject to jail

Loud music sent one subject to jail early this morning while a second was arrested on outstanding warrants.

Officers received a report of loud music at 11:52 p.m. Wednesday in the 800 block of 27th Street. Contact was made with the subject and he did turn the music down.

However, a second call was received at 12:16 a.m. of the loud music playing again. Officers responded and a 26-year-old male was taken into custody for disorderly conduct/loud music.

At 1:14 a.m., officers arrested a 19-year-old male in the 800 block of 27th Street on outstanding city warrants for no drivers license, public intoxication, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and three counts of failure to appear.

In other activity, a woman in the 1700 block of Avenue I advised at 4:30 p.m. that her two teenage daughters, age 14 and 15, had run away again. An offense report for runaway was filed.

Officers also responded to numerous requests Wednesday to assist motorists who had locked keys in their vehicles.

# Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

## Seek treatment for mitral murmur

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After a bout of rheumatic fever as a child, I was left with a grade 3 systolic mitral murmur. Now, as a 27-year-old, I frequently suffer from shortness-of-breath, weakness and fainting. What can I expect as I grow older? Will I need surgery?

DEAR READER: The mitral valve is one of the four cardiac valves that prevent backflow of blood. Years ago, when rheumatic fever was a common consequence of strep infections, patients were likely to develop mitral disease, as you did. In most cases, mitral stenosis (a rigid valve that doesn't completely open) or mitral insufficiency (a flail valve that doesn't completely close) are complications that need correction.

Murmurs are extra sounds in the heart, caused by eddy currents and turbulence in the blood as it passes through a damaged valve or is squirted backwards through a valve that fails to close. In both instances, the heart has to work harder to do its job.

Special tests, such as ultrasound exams and cardiac angiography, enable specialists to determine precisely which heart valve is malfunctioning and to what extent.

Your murmur is loud (grade 3 on a scale of 1 to 4) and your symptoms suggest that your circulation is faulty because of mitral insufficiency. Surgery may be your best option. However, this decision can be made only after you have had further cardiac testing.

In my opinion, you need treatment: medicine to reduce the work of the heart or surgery to replace or repair the damaged valve. As you grow older, the situation is likely to worsen, because few health problems improve with age. Eventually, your heart will tire after many years of overwork. I suggest that you seek a consultation with a cardiologist and agree to have the necessary tests to determine which type of treatment would be best for you.

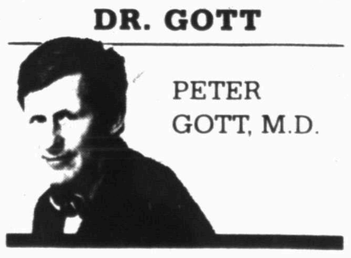
To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife had a sinus infection that left her with pain on the right side of her jaw, just in front of the ear. Her dentist and an otolaryngologist can find nothing wrong. Sometimes she can barely open her mouth. What could the problem be?

DEAR READER: Your wife could have a common ailment called temporomandibular joint dysfunction. This condition is not related to dental or sinus disease but can imitate it. TMJ dysfunction is due to an inflammation of the jaw joint on one or both sides of the face, where the mandible attaches to the cheekbone. TMJ dysfunction causes facial pain, headache and difficulty opening the mouth. There are many treatments for it, including anti-inflammatory medicine, biteplates or surgery, depending on the severity of the disorder. Ask your wife's dentist to refer her to an oral surgeon who diagnoses and treats TMJ dysfunction.

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# Espy acquitted on corruption-related charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Each day at his federal corruption trial, former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy opened a Bible he kept shielded from jurors and turned to a favorite verse.

"Whom shall I fear?" asks the 27th Psalm.

Upon his acquittal Wednesday on 30 corruption-related charges brought by Independent Counsel Donald Smaltz, Espy defiantly declared his answer. "Certainly, not Donald Smaltz," he said on the federal courthouse steps.

Espy was forced to resign in 1994 after being accused of accepting illegal gifts on the job and trying to cover it up. He maintained his innocence throughout, arguing he was the target of an overzealous prosecutor. Smaltz spent four years and $17 million on his investigation.

"I stood before the jury several months ago and said that I was not guilty," Espy said. "I don't believe I've lost my good name because I never believed that I was guilty of anything."

Interviewed on NBC's "Today," Espy said: "I've admitted some lapses in judgment. I've admitted some appearance problems. There are a number of things if I could do it all over again that I would not do."

Another major regret: As a House member, he had voted to reauthorize the law creating the independent counsel. "I wish I could take it back," Espy said of that vote.

After fighting federal corruption charges for four years and facing the possibility of at least three years in prison, Espy declared himself a "much stronger person," physically and mentally. Although he now practices law in Mississippi, he was uncertain about his future plans.

He recalled for reporters during a news conference a conversation he had with President Clinton in the Oval Office just before he left his post.

"He made a promise to me," Espy said. "I will not reveal what he said — that was man to man, person to person — and I'm hopeful that he will keep that promise."

In a statement, Clinton said he was pleased with the verdict and praised Espy for serving the country with distinction.

"After what have been challenging times for Mr. Espy, both personally and professionally, I am heartened that he has, as he said, emerged from this ordeal stronger," Clinton said. "I hope that as he moves forward he will continue his notable record of service to the country."

Espy had faced 30 counts stemming from about $33,000 worth of gifts and entertainment he received from companies such as chicken giant Tyson Foods Inc. U.S. District Judge Ricardo Urbina threw out an additional eight charges before the jury began its deliberations.

Espy was a Democratic congressman from Mississippi when Clinton nominated him to the Cabinet in 1993. He was the first Cabinet-level official to face trial since Raymond Donovan, labor secretary under President Reagan. Donovan was acquitted in 1987 on charges involving old business deals.

Henry Cisneros, who was Clinton's secretary of housing and urban development, faces trial in February on charges involving payments he made to an ex-lover.

Espy's trial was the culmination of work by Smaltz, who tried much of the case himself. His investigation traced sports tickets, travel, meals and trinkets such as a crystal bowl and an oil painting that came from companies regulated by Espy's department.

Several charges involved trips Espy took to the 1994 Super Bowl, a Chicago Bulls playoff game and the U.S. Open tennis tournament.

Among the 70 prosecution witnesses called were farm executives who testified that they expected nothing in return for their gifts and that Espy had never showed any favoritism.

Espy's lawyers did not call any witnesses.

Federal ethics laws prohibit expensive gifts to public officials. Espy also faced potentially more serious violations of the Meat Inspection Act, which could have meant three years in prison if he was convicted.

"While we are disappointed with the jury's verdict, we accept it," Smaltz said. "We met our obligation and the jury has spoken."

Smaltz continued to defend his investigation, saying that "when a public official accepts gratuities it calls the impartial execution of his judgment into question."

Outside the courthouse, Espy likened Smaltz to a "schoolyard bully."

"You've got to stand up to him. You have to let him know you're not going to back down," he said.

After hearing evidence for two months, the jury spent less than two days reaching a verdict.

The forewoman faced Espy and slowly answered "not guilty" as the judge read out each charge.

## 2 teens charged with killing tourist

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Two 18-year-olds were charged with killing a German tourist during a robbery attempt outside a luxury hotel.

Neither woman is believed to have pulled the trigger, according to authorities who refused to elaborate on their roles in the crime.

Horst Fietze, 50, was killed Oct. 12 when he, his wife and another couple were confronted by three men and a woman near the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel.

Fietze's was the first of seven killings in a six-week span that shattered the feeling of security in this normally peaceful coastal city, where only one person was killed in all of 1997.

Roshana Latiesha Roberts, 18, was charged Tuesday and held without bail, accused of murder and attempted robbery, a special circumstance that could lead to the death penalty. Her arraignment was postponed to Dec. 15.

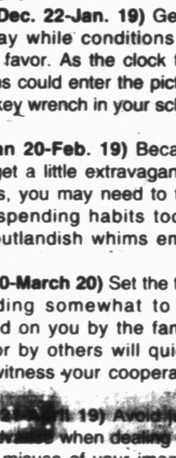
An unidentified 18-year-old woman was charged Wednesday in Inglewood Juvenile Court with murder, attempted robbery and assault with a firearm, said Los Angeles County district attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons.

The woman's name was not released because she was 17 when Fietze was killed. She denied the charges during a hearing Wednesday and was held pending a Dec. 7 hearing to determine whether she should be prosecuted as an adult, Gibbons said.

Roberts' attorney, Deputy Public Defender Stuart Gloving, declined to discuss specifics of the case.

## Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



**Your Birthday**

Friday, Dec. 4, 1998

Small gains may be felt from time to time in the year ahead. These profits will not be stemming from your usual sources of income. Instead of treating them with little interest, find ways to develop them further and you could yield some larger returns.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** If you want cooperation today, you must first show a willingness to cooperate with others. The response of your associates will be gauged from the way you treat them. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the zodiac. Mail $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state all zodiac signs you desire.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Get an early start today while conditions are working in your favor. As the clock ticks on, complications could enter the picture, throwing a monkey wrench in your schedule.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 19)** Because we all tend to get a little extravagant as Christmas nears, you may need to take stock of your spending habits today. Don't let any outlandish whims empty your purse.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Set the tone today by yielding somewhat to the demands placed on you by the family. Selfish behavior by others will quickly wane as they witness your cooperative spirit.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Avoid judging anyone in advance when dealing with others today. A misuse of your imagination could cause you to harbor preconceived notions about them, which will turn out to be false.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** What should be a good day could turn out to be a bummer if you let purely materialistic things govern your emotions today. Life's greater values are found elsewhere.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your desires will be recognized and granted if you don't insist on having everything your way today. Others will make reasonable concessions to you, as long as you're equitable with them.

**CANCER (June 21- July 22)** Don't dodge issues today, even when they might appear to be a bit complicated. You're a much better problem solver than you give yourself credit for.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Keep things on an even plane today when dealing with financial or business affairs. Your chances for rejection are a trifle higher than usual if you start to get too aggressive.

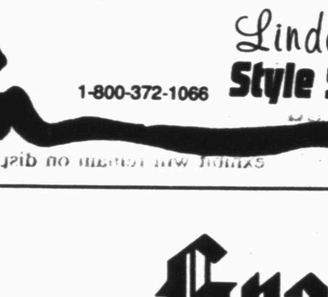
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** If you want for others what you want for yourself, everyone could end up in the winner's circle today. Conversely, displays of selfishness will be met in kind.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Alter your routines a bit today by temporarily setting aside demanding assignments. Refurbish your outlook by pursuing things that relax you both mentally and physically

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Study all transactions in detail and read the find print. An observant and realistic posture will be required today to formulate a workable, beneficial joint endeavor.

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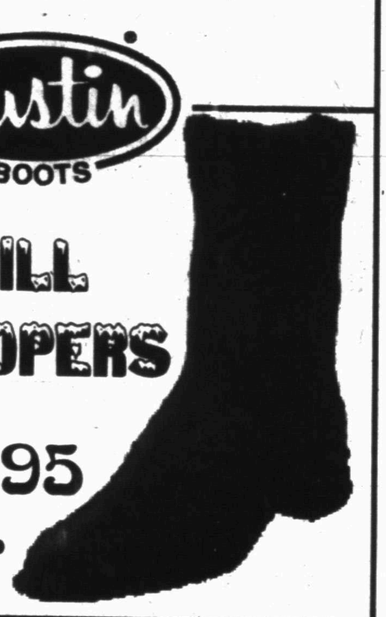


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# Parolee set to die for killing 3 people

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Two days short of his 31st birthday, convicted killer Andrew Cantu is headed to the Texas death chamber Thursday evening for a murder-for-hire scheme in which three people were fatally stabbed and then had their house set on fire in an attempt to hide the murders.

Cantu's lethal injection would be the 18th this year in Texas and the first of six executions scheduled in the state over the next 12 days.

Testimony at his trial showed Cantu stabbed Gene Summers and his wife, Helen, both 64, and Summers' mentally retarded 60-year-old brother, Billy Mack Summers, who lived with them at their home in Abilene. All were attacked as they slept the night of June 11, 1990.

"He is a terribly dangerous man completely without remorse," said Taylor County District Attorney James Eidson, who prosecuted the case. "This is a large price to pay for justice but I think justice is served by this. But it's a sad comment that you pay the price of a human life."

Cantu, a high school dropout who worked in construction, represented himself in many of his appeals. A federal district court judge last month, in refusing to delay the execution, ruled Cantu deliberately allowed appeals deadlines to pass in hopes of stalling the punishment. A federal appeals court Wednesday rejected Cantu's arguments he had been denied the opportunity to contest a one-year time limit to file appeals. Cantu then took his case Thursday to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I'm ready for it to be over," Tina Becker, whose aunt and two uncles were murdered, told the Abilene Reporter-News.

# White house seeks documents seen by GOP investigators

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House lawyers are demanding sensitive fund-raising memos and other material gathered by GOP impeachment investigators for a "vigorous defense" of the Republican allegations against President Clinton.

But an administration official, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said the defense of the president would go on regardless of whether Republicans provide the information.

Republican aides and House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde were not saying whether they would expand the inquiry to include information on Clinton's campaign finances and a woman who says the president groped her.

Democratic committee officials, meanwhile, predicted the GOP had not found enough evidence of Clinton's wrongdoing to include those issues in articles of impeachment.

Chief Democratic counsel Julian Epstein, who talks daily with his Republican counterpart, Thomas Mooney, predicted after a conversation with Mooney Wednesday night that the GOP would drop the campaign fund-raising and Willey matters. Epstein declined to comment about any specific conversations with Mooney.

The White House legal team accepted an invitation from the committee Wednesday to make a defense before the inquiry next Tuesday and possibly even call witnesses, but demanded access to the fund-raising memos and additional investigative material related to Monica Lewinsky and Kathleen Willey.

Ms. Willey, a former White House aide, contends that Clinton made an unwanted sexual advance, and the committee is trying to determine whether anyone tried to intimidate her from testifying about the alleged incident. Clinton denies making the advance.

"We will of course accept your invitation to appear before the committee and to present a defense on behalf of the president," White House lawyers Gregory B. Craig and Charles F.C. Ruff wrote Hyde, R-Ill.

## Exxon, Mobil are both very different partners

NEW YORK (AP) — Mobil sponsors "Masterpiece Theatre" and runs newspaper ads espousing its views on various issues.

Exxon, by contrast, keeps a low profile. Its response to the Exxon Valdez oil spill has been derided as a textbook example of how not to handle a public-relations disaster.

The merger of the nation's two biggest oil companies combines very different corporate cultures — from their public images to how they explore for oil. As Exxon and Mobil come together, that could be a stumbling block to forming one smoothly running oil giant.

"Exxon and Mobil are both competitors, they both have a lot of pride and they would like to see their own way of doing things prevail. That obviously can't happen in both cases," said Howard Bonham, who heads an energy research firm in Houston that bears his name.

Finding ways to bring together disparate cultures has become a vital skill for companies as increased competition produces mergers at a record pace across many industries.

"The reason most mergers fail has nothing to do with the fact the strategy didn't make sense, or that the economics didn't make sense," said Dennis Carey, vice chairman of the executive search firm Spencer Stuart U.S. "It has everything in almost all cases to do with the integration of people and cultures into a new combined entity."

## Births

Drew and Malli Travis announce the birth of their seven-pound daughter, Alexandra Tate, at 8:54 p.m. on Nov. 30 in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock.

Maternal grandparents are Bill and Lana Galloway and paternal grandparents are Bob and Sue Travis, all of Snyder.

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# Obituaries



Inez Wilson

## Inez Wilson

**1911-1998**

Inez Wilson, 87, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, at her home in Ira following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Wilson, 87, is set for 4 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating will the the Rev. June Strickland, Methodist Hospital chaplain, and the Rev. Rocky Alexnader, pastor of the Ira Church of God. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Born July 2, 1911 in Hartsville, Ala., she married M.L. "Woodrow" Wilson on Oct. 30, 1927 in Westbrook. He died in 1958.

Mrs. Wilson was a homemaker and a member of the Ira Church of God.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Dunn of Ira; a son, Jimmy Wilson of Ira; two sisters, Katherine Weir of Sundown and Lucille White of Ira; a sister-in-law, Leona Smallwood of Ira; a stepbrother, J.W. Smallwood of Big Spring; five grandchildren and their spouses, Dee Dee and Charles Rice of Colorado City, Lisa and Stacey Forbes of Laredo, Kirk and Jodi Dunn of Ira, Rebel and Cynthia Royall of Dimmitt and Wendy and Kyle Scott of Ira; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, 79720.

## Linnie Andrus

**1923-1998**

KRESS — Linnie Andrus, a Scurry County native, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, at her home in Kress.

Funeral service for Mrs. Andrus, 75, was scheduled this morning in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ron Kelley officiating. Burial was to follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulia.

Born Jan. 20, 1923 in Hemleigh, she moved to Kress in 1929 and graduated from Kress High School and Lippert's Business College.

She married J.E. Andrus on Feb. 12, 1941 in Hollis, Okla. Mrs. Andrus was a farmer and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, J.E. Andrus of Kress; two sons, Charles Andrus of Tulia and Marlin Andrus of Kress; two sisters, Evelyn Kerby of Abilene and Irene Trotter of Amarillo; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## James E. Byus

**1925-1998**

James E. Byus of Snyder died at 5:10 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1, in Lubbock Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Byus, 73, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Marvin Applin will officiate and Wright Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Born on July 17, 1925 in Fort Worth, Mr. Byus married Doris June Davis on June 9, 1990 in Snyder. A retired Halliburton employee, he had served in World War II and the Korean War and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Doris June Byus of Snyder; a stepson, Howard Murphree of Snyder, two stepdaughters and sons-in-law, Lila and Billy Cantrell of Snyder, and Ina and Ken Friday of Midland; eight step grandchildren; and four step great-grandchildren.

Pall bearers will be Neil Manlief, Joey Arnold, Rudy Trujillo, Bill Tune, Wendell Barrett, Larry Early, and honorary pallbearer is Billy Cantrell.

## Frances McCelvey

**1914-1998**

LUBBOCK — Frances McCelvey, a graduate of Snyder High School, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, in Lubbock's University Medical Center.

Graveside service for Mrs. McCelvey, 83, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Resthaven Memorial Park. The Rev. Sam Estes will officiate, and arrangements are under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Born on Dec. 5, 1914 in Snyder, she was valedictorian of her graduating class at SHS. She also graduated from Draughan's Business College and taught at the school. She married C.P. McCelvey on April 5, 1941 in Clovis, N.M. He died in 1984.

Survivors include a son, C.P. McCelvey of Lubbock; and a sister, Gladys Drinkard of Brownwood.

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### Snyder Junior High Choir Concert

The junior high school choir concert will be at 8 tonight in the SHS Worsham Auditorium.

### Noah's Attic ribbon cutting

A ribbon cutting and grand opening for Noah's Attic, a re-sale shop of Noah Project West, is set for 9:45 a.m. Friday. The public is invited, and the shop is located at 1503 26th Street.

### Spanish Club crafts fair

The SHS Spanish Club will sponsor a Christmas crafts fair from 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday at the high school for students in kindergarten through fourth grade. Advanced reservation is required. Contact Kathye Parker at 573-6301.

### Lighted Christmas parade

Entries are needed for the annual Lighted Christmas parade set for 6 p.m. Saturday. All entries must have lights. For more information call 573-3558 or in evenings call 573-3822.

### Benefit roping and dance

A benefit team roping and dance will be held Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum annex to help pay for medical bills for Richard Reid. Ropers may sign up at 11 a.m. with the events starting at noon. The dance is at 8 p.m. For more information, call Shannon Blair at 573-2066, or Shana May at 573-3005.

### Dealing with grief

Family Hospice of Big Spring will sponsor a seminar, "Dealing With Grief Through the Holiday," from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Bring a brown bag for lunch and drinks will be provided.

### SHS Christmas choir concert

The SHS Christmas choir concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Worsham Auditorium.

### Museum exhibit to end

Scurry County Museum's Christmas exhibit will remain on display through Tuesday.

### LVN testing dates set

LVN testing dates for the March session at Western Texas College are set for 1:15 p.m. Tuesday. Call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313 to make an appointment.

### WTC Planetarium hours

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is now available for star shows. Three different programs are available — one for pre-kindergarten children, one for children in grades K through 4, and one for general audiences (grade 5 through adult). Any of these programs can be shown Friday mornings and afternoons, by appointment. Evening and weekend shows can also be arranged. Appointments can be made by calling Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312. There is no admission charge.

### Ira junior class selling spice

Ira's junior class is selling "Watkins 130th Anniversary" spice packages containing black pepper, cinnamon and double strength vanilla in a glass collector's bottle. These gift packages cost $22.99. To purchase contact any junior class member or call the school at 573-2628.

### SHS choir sells poinsettias

SHS Choir members are selling Christmas poinsettias. Cost is $10 poinsettias come in red, white and the jingle bell variety. Students are raising money to help support the choir trip to Disney World next spring.

### Spanish Club fundraiser

SHS Spanish Club members are selling $2 chances to win a $100 gift certificate from Bealls or a Brighton watch from Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters. Proceeds will be used to send club members to the state convention in April.

### Tour of homes

The annual lighted Christmas tour of homes, sponsored by Historic Scurry County and the Historical Commission, will be held from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 12. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at Countryplace, American State Bank and Eddie Peterson's Pharmacy.

### Christmas lighting contest

Noon Friday, Dec. 18, is the deadline to enter the residential outdoor Christmas Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Call 573-3558 to enter. Judging will begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 18.

### Medical fund

A medical fund for heart patient Sherylyn Timora has been established at West Texas State Bank. Make contributions to the Sheryln Timora Medical Fund.

### Pick 3

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

7-4-6

### Lotto Texas

**By The Associated Press**

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 2-18-31-34-43-50.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $14 million.

# NASA reschedules launch for Friday

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An alarm went off inside space shuttle Endeavour's cockpit minutes before today's planned liftoff, forcing NASA to delay its first space station construction flight.

By the time launch controllers figured out what was wrong and concluded they could launch safely, they had run out of time and Endeavour was grounded for another day. They missed the cutoff by only one to two seconds.

Launch director Ralph Roe, while disappointed, was convinced his team did the right thing. He said they would try again Friday.

"We want to err on the conservative side," Roe said. "We don't want to launch with something we don't understand."

The master alarm began flashing and beeping about 4½ minutes before the scheduled predawn launch. Unsure of what caused it, shuttle managers counted down to the 31-second mark while discussing the problem.

Endeavour's pilots reported that the alarm sounded right around the time the shuttle hydraulic power units were turned on. But launch controllers quickly determined that one of the three units had experienced a momentary dip in pressure, and so they counted down 12 more seconds before having to give up for the day.

"Please cut off," a launch controller urged his colleagues.

The six astronauts crawled out of the shuttle an hour later. Two threw up their hands.

"We'll try again another time," said commander Robert Cabana. He held up his left thumb and index finger a half-inch apart. "We were that close."

The one-day delay cost NASA about $600,000, mostly in fuel and overtime pay. "It's an expensive turnaround, but that's part of the price we pay to be conservative and make sure that we don't have unsafe situations," said Donald McMonagle, a shuttle manager.

## Teacher sues board over use of Clinton scandal in class

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A high school teacher is suing a school board that barred her from discussing Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's report and President Clinton's grand jury testimony in class.

Linda Manning, who teaches government at East Lake High School, filed the federal lawsuit Wednesday against the Pinellas County School Board, arguing the issue boils down to her First Amendment rights of academic freedom and uncensored speech.

"I don't think that someone who loves the Constitution, and loves teaching it as much as I do, can stand by and not question this," she said.

School board officials said the dispute hinges on a different issue.

"The question here is whether or not sexually explicit materials can be used in the classroom," said school board attorney John Bowen.

The debate began in September when Ms. Manning sent letters to her students' parents giving them the option of having their teens excused from the discussions about the Monica Lewinsky affair. None of the 18 families objected, according to the lawsuit.

But the administration did. In a memo to the school principal, director of school operations Nancy Zambito explained the decision.

"Since even television broadcasts and websites use a disclaimer identifying the materials as sexually explicit and inappropriate for children, it is not proper material for us to use with the students," Ms. Zambito wrote.

All but one of Ms. Manning's students are in their senior year, and the course offers students with high grade-point averages a chance to earn college credits.

## Date Book

Dec. 3, 1998

*Today is the 337th day of 1998 and the 72nd day of fall.*

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1947, "A Streetcar Named Desire" by Tennessee Williams opened on Broadway, starring Jessica Tandy and Marlon Brando.

On this day in 1967, Dr. Christiaan Barnard of South Africa performed the world's first successful heart transplant, in Capetown, South Africa.

On this day in 1991, White House chief of staff John Sununu resigned.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Stuart Gilbert (1755-1828), painter; Joseph Conrad (1857-1924), writer; Jean-Luc Godard (1930-), film director, is 68; Andy Williams (1930-), singer, is 68; Ozzy Osbourne (1948-), singer, is 50; Katarina Witt (1965-), figure skater, is 33.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1991, Bobby Bonilla signed a five-year contract with the New York Mets for $29 million.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Example is the school of mankind, and they will learn at no other." — Edmund Burke

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1983, an intense low caused winds up to 92 mph at an altitude of 600 feet near San Francisco's airport.

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**TODAY'S MOON:** Full moon.

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## Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



### *House too small to hold in-laws, criticism*

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law, "Bert," and his wife of 10 years, "Mary," will be coming to town for a family reunion. My husband wants to invite them to stay with us. I'm reluctant to extend the invitation for a number of reasons. After the birth of our last child, we no longer have a spare room. The other reasons are emotional.

When Bert and Mary moved across country nine years ago, they would return every year for a 10- to 14-day visit. They always stayed in our guest room. Their last visit was three years ago, while I was pregnant with our youngest.

Mary actually told me she thought I was too old to be having another child. During their visits, I had to endure much criticism of my child-rearing skills from Mary, who is childless. They'd invite their friends and family to our home for dinners and barbecues that my husband and I had to provide. When our baby arrived, there was no acknowledgment from them. My husband didn't even get a phone call from them acknowledging his 40th birthday. I send them cards for every holiday and flowers at Christmas. I also send them pictures of the kids, which they never mention when we call.

Bert is always mentioning all his stocks and bonds, so I know they can afford a motel room. However, my husband thinks the "right" thing to do would be to invite them to stay in our home. I would much prefer inviting them for dinners and spending some time with them, and avoiding the stress of their staying with us. What do you think, Abby?

FRUSTRATED IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR FRUSTRATED: I don't blame you for feeling frustrated. Mary appears to be one of those people who leave discord in their wake. However, since your husband would feel guilty if an invitation isn't extended to his father and Mary, invite them. In view of the fact that you no longer have a guest room to accommodate them, offer them a choice that includes reservations for them at a motel that's not too far away.**

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DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to confirm your advice to "Confused," who lost her boyfriend in a motorcycle accident and is wondering if it's too soon for her to get involved with another man.

I lost my husband of six years the same way. I can tell her from experience that six months is too soon to become involved. Grieving people are very vulnerable. The first advice grief counselors give is, "Make no serious life decisions for at least one year after the death of a loved one."

Some very poor decisions can result if they are made while grieving. I married my second husband two years after my first husband died because of an overwhelming need to feel connected. I divorced him two years later.

My advice to "Confused" is: Involve yourself with a group of people so you don't become emotionally dependent on one person. Although loneliness can become overwhelming and the need to reach out is very powerful, give yourself some time. You will be doing yourself — and the young man — a favor.

A WISER WIDOW NOW

**DEAR WIDOW: Thank you for writing. I hope "Confused" sees your letter. Your hard-won wisdom could spare a younger woman unnecessary pain.**

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