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WEDNESDAY
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Ask Us

Q—Is it illegal to shoot squirrels within the city limits?

A—Yes. It is illegal to discharge a firearm within the city limits. If you are having problems with squirrels, contact the animal control warden who can set traps to catch them.



DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

In Brief

Peacock quits

AMARILLO (AP) — Potter County and much of the Texas Panhandle again are in the market for a forensic pathologist.

Dr. Elizabeth Peacock, who worked for Potter County sinee July 1992, submitted her resignation Tuesday. Her predecessor, Dr. Sparks Veasey, also quit less than two years into the job.

Peacock's letter to county Judge Arthur Ware said she will resign March 31 to work in another state.

Teens to trial

HOUSTON (AP) — First-time juvenile offenders can forget about plea bargins and other deals in the court of one state district judge.

In recent weeks, Judge Mary Bacon has been spurning the notion of plea bargains that would let 17- and 18-year-olds off with probation.

Now, all are going to trial.

"We're going to find out what juries think," Ms. Bacon said. "We don't have a guideline."

Local

SDN schedule

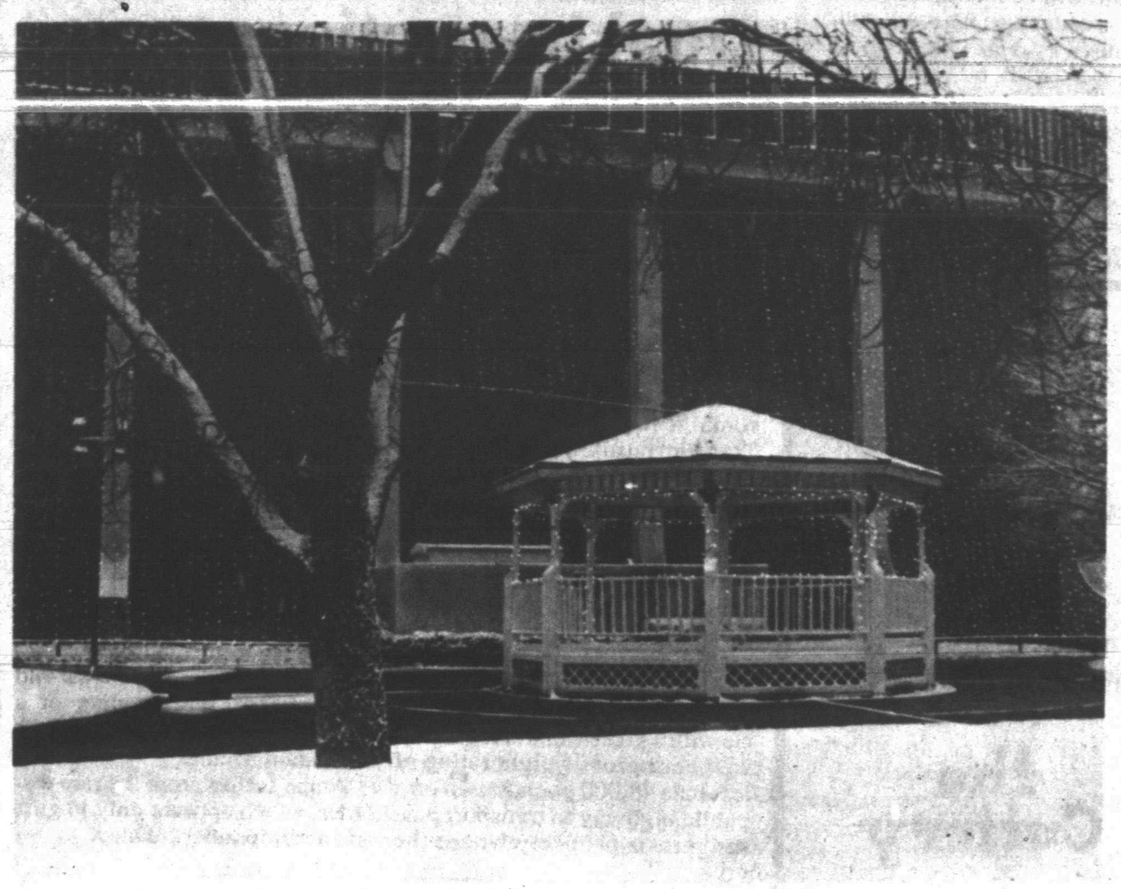
The Snyder Daily News will distribute its Christmas Eve edition, containing holiday greetings and Santa letters, on Friday morning. There will be no weekend edition. The SDN will resume its regular schedule on Monday, Dec. 27.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 45 degrees; low, 24 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 28 degrees; 1 inch snow; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 16.29 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low around 20. Northwest to west wind 10 mph or less. Thursday, partly cloudy. High in the mid 40s. Southwest wind 10-20 mph, shifting to the north during the afternoon. Outlook for Christmas weekend, fair. Lows 15 to 25 Friday, warming to 25-35 Sunday. Highs in the 40s Friday, warming to 55-65 Sunday.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:45. Sunrise Thursday, 7:40. Of 355 days in 1993, the sun has shone 348 days in Snyder.



SNOWY MORNING — Scurry County was blanketed with a light snow which fell Tuesday evening and early this morning, creating some wintery scenes. (SDN Staff Photo)

VFW circulating petition to call for bingo election

The call of "B-19" and "N-22" will be heard in Snyder again if members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are successful in their drive to get bingo approved on a ballot early next year.

"It's something that is good for the community, especially in these times we're in, with a declining oil base," said John Fair, VFW junior vice commander.

"It's something to increase revenues for the non-profit groups," added Fair, who pointed out that Scurry County United Way has only received about 40 percent of its goal this year.

Organizers of the election have been told they need 464 signatures from registered voters in Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 by Feb. 2 to get bingo placed on the May 7 ballot. The JP Precinct 1 encompasses all of Scurry County except the Hermleigh area. The signatures needed represent 10 percent of persons in that precinct voting in the last governor's election.

A state law making bingo a local option was passed in 1981. Almost immediately, VFW members began planning for a city-wide election. The VFW filed a petition containing 300 signatures with the city in January of 1982. There was organized opposition to bingo and the proposal was defeated 782 votes to 411 in a city-wide election held on April 3, 1982.

Bingo was passed in Hermleigh (Justice Precinct 2) in an Aug. 9, 1986 vote by a count of 56 for and 47 against. However, no organization has actually held bingo in Hermleigh since it was approved.

Fair said today that the group began circulating petitions Tuesday evening, and hopes to have enough signatures by Jan. 24. The signatures will be verified by the county clerk the commissioners court would be responsible for calling the election.

"We're wanting to enlist the help of other agencies in this," said Fair. Fair wants anyone or any group interested in helping to call him at 573-2194 or Sandra Chambers at 573-0156. The group will also deliver a petition to any business that would like one.

Fair stressed that approval of

(See BINGO, Page 8)

Flu bug taking some joy out of holiday season

'Tis the season to be jolly, but the flu bug is doing its best to change that this holiday season in Scurry County.

"For the flu, influenza, this is the most I've seen in several years," said Dr. Paul Thompson, M.D.

Local doctor's offices have been flooded with patients complaining of body aches, coughing and fever, commonly associated with the virus.

Dr. Thompson said most of those with flu-like symptons probably have type A influenza.

Most notable is how quickly it strikes, and that it effects the whole body.

"The main thing is a quick onset. People will be feeling well one hour, then aching all over the next," Dr. Thompson said. "The body ache is one of the first things we see. People say they feel like they've been run over by a truck."

Symptoms include headache, coughing, fever, sore throat and body ache, particularly in the area of the back.

Local physicians are treating the symptoms with a prescription drug, Amantadine. "It is fairly specific for type A influenza and it seems to be working pretty nicely with most people," Dr. Thompson said.

In some cases, Amantadine is being given as a preventative to getting the flu. "If someone is at particularly high risk we're encouraging them to go ahead and take it to hopefully help prevent getting the flu," Dr. Thompson said. These might include the elderly, particularly if other family members have the flu, as well as persons who are susceptible to getting the flu.

The flu is caused by virus, and is extremely contagious, said Dr. Thompson. It is spread in a variety of ways, but most commonly by coughing or drinking or eating after someone. Most people who are treated respond within three to five days.

Scurry County Health Unit officials said that citizens can reduce their chance of getting the flu by practicing good health habits — get seven to eight hours of sleep a night, eat well-balance meals and drink plenty of liquids.

If you are around someone who has the flu or a common cold, wash your hands frequently. Patient's dishes and towels should be washed.

Dr. Thompson said that he has heard neighboring communities are also battling the flu. The good news is, the worst may be over.

"I feel like probably the big crest has already hit. Hopefully we're on the down side of it now," he said.

South Africa...

New constitution gives blacks equal rights for 1st time

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — The white-led Parliament overwhelmingly approved a new constitution today giving blacks and whites equal rights for the first time.

The document, vehemently opposed by pro-apartheid white groups, replaces a constitution that for generations denied the black majority the right to vote, hold political office, or have any voice in national affairs.

"Now, for the first time, the future holds the promise of a brighter tomorrow," ANC President Nelson Mandela said in a written statement issued by ANC headquarters in Johannesburg. Mandela was en route to a Christmas vacation in the Bahamas.

President F.W. de Klerk's government and the African National Congress, the country's main black group, worked out the new constitution during two years of negotiations and heralded its approval. But right-wing whites warned of a violent backlash.

"This constitution is a monster," said the leader of the pro-apartheid Conservative Party, Ferdi Hartzenberg, whose supporters stood up in Parliament and sang the Afrikaner national anthem, Die Stem, just before the vote.

"Our liberation struggle will start and it will end in a success," he warned earlier.

The vote was 237 in favor and 45 opposed.

Shouts of anger erupted from the Conservatives' seats as they saw their efforts to force last-minute amendments to the document quashed. In addition to the Conservatives, several white members of the Inkatha Freedom Party, the ANC's bigger rival, opposed the constitution.

The groups, part of the anti-ANC Freedom Alliance, had sought changes that would have weakened the powers of the central government and allowed the possibility of a white homeland, or "volkstaat," and autonomous regions.

Holiday closings start on Thursday

Local schools have been on holiday break since since last Friday, and they will be joined as early as Thursday by some offices in Snyder.

The Scurry County courthouse and other county offices will be closed Thursday and Friday. This includes the Scurry County Library, Health Unit and Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

Snyder city hall will be open Thursday, but will close all day Friday.

All financial institutions in Snyder, with the exception of American State Bank, will be closed all day Friday, Christmas Eve. This includes Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank, Snyder Savings and Loan and AmWest Savings. ASB will close at noon Friday.

At the U.S. Post Office, regular service will be offered on Friday with postal windows closing at noon. There will be no mail delivery on Saturday, with normal schedules resuming on Monday.

All offices, with the exception of Scurry County's three public schools and Western Texas College, will reopen Monday morning.



MANGER SCENE — This manger scene is just one of the interesting holiday displays set up at the home of Bill and Jill Edwards of 2811 Ave. U. (SDN Staff Photo)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "This might have been an effective weight-loss reminder, if it were not so late in the season: "We are what we delete.'"

A group of third grade students were discussing the validity of Santa. The teacher asked them to describe how they could tell if the jolly gentleman from the North Pole is real or a fake.

--If he can't name all the reindeer.

--If he kisses your mom.

--If he rides a motorcycle or arrives in a helicopter or fire truck.

--If he doesn't have blue eyes and wear wire-rimmed glasses.

--If he isn't fat all over. His tummy should feel like Jello.

--By smelling his breath. If if smells like Cheese Puffs, get down and go look for the real one.

--If you can see the things that hold his beard on.

--If he won't show you his ID.

--If he's cranky.

--If he is suntanned.

--If you hug him real hard and he feels like your pillow.

--If he has freckles.

--If he asks you what you want for Christmas, again.

--If you ask for a whole bunch of stuff and he says something like, "I don't know if I can give you that much."

--If you have to pay money to see him or have your picture taken with him.

--If his cheeks aren't old.

--If his sleigh and reindeer aren't in the parking lot.

--If his breath smells like cigarettes.

--If the tag inside his suit says, "Made in Taiwan."

We liked the story abodt the English teacher who sent out Christmas cards containing nothing but 25 letters of the alphabet.

When friends admitted they failed to understand the message, she pointed to the card and said: "Look! No L!"

Page applications due Jan. 15

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Charles Stenholm has announced that high school sophomores interested in serving as congressional pages for the 1994-1995 school year can now apply to his office in Abilene.

The opportunity to serve as a congressional page is open to students who reside in the 17th Congressional District, will be juniors in September 1994, and have a "B" average in four major courses, excluding electives.

"The Congressional Page Program provides young people with a unique opportunity to learn how the Congress works, and to observe representative government firsthand," said Stenholm.

Pages perform a variety of duties, including the delivery of mail packages or correspondence within the Capitol complex, taking messages to members and answering the telephone. A monthly salary covers basic expenses.

School plays a prominent role in the lives of the pages, and they study a junior level curriculum at the U.S. Capitol Page School in the Library of Congress. Students are expected to maintain at least a "B" average.

Pages live in dormitories on the capitol grounds, and are supervised while in their quarters which are guarded by Capitol Hill police 24-hours-a-day.

Congressman Stenholm will not be the page's employer, nor will he have daily contact with the page. Pages answer directly to the Director of Page Services.

The deadline to apply for a page position is Jan. 15, 1994. Applications will be forwarded to a selection committee who will notify finalists by Feb. 22, 1994. Interviews will be conducted in Abilene on March 19, 1994, and pages will be selected on that date.

Application forms and additional information are available from the congressman's Abilene office at 915/673-7221.

THE GRIZZWELLS CHRISTMAS by Bill Schorr



Dual inspections may no longer be required

AUSTIN — A new law that goes into effect Jan. 1, 1994, will eliminate the need for commercial vehicle operators to have their commercial vehicles undergo dual inspections.

The new inspection program, to be overseen by the Texas Department of Public Safety, will combine the U.S. Department of Transportation inspection with the State of Texas safety inspection.

Beginning January 1, inspections obtained at other than an official commercial Texas State Inspection Station will not be accepted.

Commerical motor vehicles means any self-propelled or towed vehicle except a farm vehicle with a gross weight, registered weight or gross weight rating of less than 48,000 pounds used on a public highway to transport passengers or property when: the vehicle or combination of vehicle has a gross weight, registered or gross weight rating in excess of 26,000 pounds, or the vehicle is designed to transport more than 15 people including the driver; or the vehicle is used to transport an amount of hazardous materials requiring placarding under the federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.

Pearl Jam gives gift

SEATTLE (AP) — Pearl Jam offered a gem of a holiday gift to help little girls disabled by Rett syndrome.

The $25,000 donation to the International Rett Syndrome Association was inspired by 6-year-old Annie Leeds, the daughter of a vice president at Epic Records, Pearl Jam's label.

Annie suffers from the rare disorder, which appears only in girls and develops after infancy.

DATE BOOK

Dec. 22, 1993

Today is the 356th day of 1993 and the second day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1956, Colo, the first gorilla born in captivity, weighed in at 3 pounds, 4 ounces at the Columbus, Ohio, zoo.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James E. Oglethorpe (1696-1785), colonizer of Georgia; Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924), composer; Edward Arlington Robinson (1869-1935), poet; Steve Carlton (1944-), baseball great, is 49; Diane Sawyer (1945-), broadcast journalist, is 48; Steve Garvey (1948-), baseball player, is 45; Jan Stephenson (1951-), golfer, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1894, the United States Golf Association was formed.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Sometimes I hit him like I used to hit Sandy Koufax, and that's like drinking coffee with a fork." — Willie Stargell on pitcher Steve Carlton

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

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Dec. 20) and full moon (Dec. 28).

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Voight speaks out

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Convicted spy Jonathan Pollard's heart was in the right place, so cut him some slack, Jon Voight says.

The actor on Monday asked President Clinton to free Pollard, an American Jew serving a life sentence for spying for Israel.

Voight reasoned the sentence was unfair because Pollard committed espionage to "defend the Jewish homeland."

Berry's World



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Business Mirror

By John Cunniff

NEW YORK (AP) — Passage of the administration's tax bill by a two-vote margin in the House and by one vote in the Senate was largely attributed to President Clinton's persuasiveness.

But, says a political economist with a right-wing think tank, a better explanation might be that a Treasury Department study of the bill's financial impact was withheld from early distribution.

Had the study been released before the vote, as was possible, said Daniel Mitchell of the Heritage Foundation, it might have defeated what he calls the biggest tax increase in U.S. history.

The study details the added costs to residents of each congressional district over the coming five years because of income and medicare tax increases.

The House passed the bill by two votes on Aug. 5 and the Senate by one vote on Aug. 6. The study was dated Aug. 4, but Mitchell said it took him two months to obtain a copy, "which could have been faxed in a day."

He said that when asked to make public a copy of the report, the Treasury Department declined and even denied its existence. He said it took efforts by him and a dozen congressional staffs before a copy was received in October.

Because information was withheld, he said, members of Congress may have been unaware of the impact on their districts. He said some legislators voted for the bill unaware their districts were 10 times more adversely affected than the median district.

"Had this information been in the newspapers Aug. 5, I cannot imagine how some in Congress could have voted for it," he said. "Had they known, the president might have lost his budget battle."

He cited the last-minute switch by Rep. Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, a Democrat who supported the bill although her suburban Philadelphia district had the 14th highest number of taxpayers subject to the increase.

Mitchell said the Treasury report would have shown that "her constituents will send an extra $1.2 billion of income and payroll taxes to Uncle Sam during the next five years."

In delaying release of the report, Mitchell said the administration was "covering up data and compromising the careers of Treasury staffers," and "using taxpayer money to lobby Congress."

Mitchell first requested the report on August 20 under the Freedom of Information Act after learning of it days earlier. Within the alloted 20 days he received a reply saying the request would be looked into. "Then nothing."

He said he enlisted the support of a dozen congressional offices, and that several staff members were told by Treasury that the study didn't exist. As the number of data seekers grew, Mitchell said he received the report Oct. 21.

However, he said, "two or three days before the report was received I got a plain brown envelope containing it, apparently from a staff member."

In a telephone interview, Randy Peeler, special assistant to the assistant secretary for economic policy, said "it is correct that he (Mitchell) made a FOIA request and we responded."

SDN Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In the last few weeks the news has been filled with stories of people helping others in need. Wouldn't it be great if we could extend our feelings of sharing and kindness throughout the year. So many in Scurry County have done so much to help those less fortunate.

Our group would like to thank all those who helped us this year. We had a Spaghetti Dinner in November to raise money. Even though we have a very small class, with the help and support of others we were able to help 11 children and 22 nursing home residents this Christmas. A special thanks to Kmart and manager Bill Edwards who helped us with our "Christmas shopping."

Thanks again to everyone who helped us this year. We hope we made Christmas a little brighter for a few more people. It certainly will make our Christmas happier and more meaningful.

Betty Sorrells
St. Elizabeth Adult Bible Class
Snyder, Texas

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-22-93
♠Q 9 8 4
♥A K 4
♦7 6 3
♣7 6 4

WEST
♠K 3
♥Q J 10 9 5 2
♦Q J 4
♣Q 10

EAST
♠5 2
♥7
♦10 9 8 5
♣J 9 8 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠A J 10 7 6
♥8 6 3
♦A K 2
♣A K

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Cliches grow on you

By Phillip Alder

There are many lines from famous authors that have gone into the vernacular as misquotes. What "from little acorns grow"?

On today's deal, South played as if the bidding had gone in at the one ear and out at the other, as John Heywood actually wrote. Against four spades, West led the heart queen: king, seven, six. How should South have played from there?

Three no-trump would make with an easy overtrick, but it is always hard to get to that contract when you have a good major-suit fit.

South made quick work of the deal. At trick two, he finessed the spade queen. West won with the king and returned the heart jack. When East ruffed dummy's ace, South threw up his arms and exclaimed: "I despair. No creature loves me. And if I die, no one shall pity me."

North wasn't impressed with South's knowledge of Shakespeare or bridge. South could afford to lose three tricks: one spade, one heart and one diamond. So the correct line is to lead the spade queen from the dummy (just in case East has the king and can't resist covering) and put up the ace. Maybe the monarch will fall. And if he doesn't, playing another round of trumps guarantees the contract.

West's bid should have helped South, but he ignored the warning signs. A two-level overcall is usually made with a six-card suit and opening values. Here South was missing only 12 high-card points, so West was a heavy favorite to hold the spade king.

To finesse or not to finesse, that is the question; and if you know the answer, tall oaks will grow from the little acorns of your mind.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

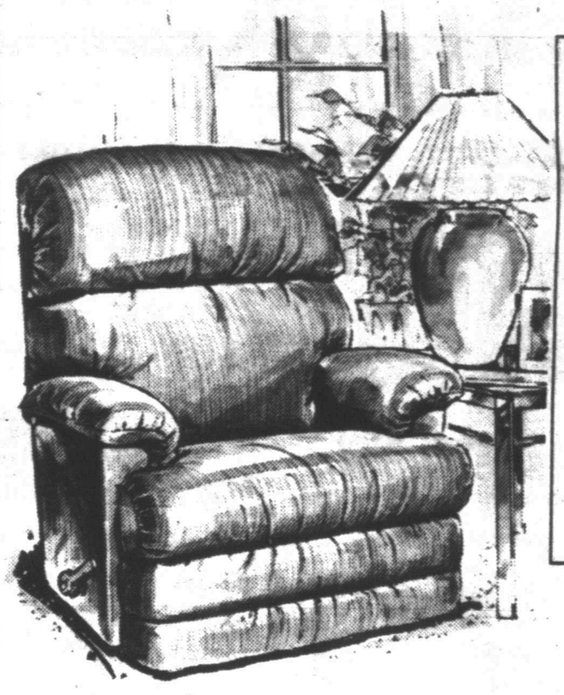


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Counselors: victims' kin face long recovery

HUGO, Okla. (AP) — Families burying the victims of last week's shooting rampage in southeastern Oklahoma may face years of grief, rage and anguish left in the echo of gunfire, counselors say.

The parking-lot slayings in Hugo include elements that make the already tragic shootings epecially hard on survivors:

—The victims were random, including two married couples whom the gunman had never met.

—The slayings occurred exactly one week before Christmas Eve.

—The shooting took place in a rural town of only 6,000 people, where residents were likely to know the victims personally.

"These are senseless killings with no grudge, no history between the victims and the gunman," said Dr. Shelley Neiderbach, a Brooklyn Heights, N.Y.-based counselor who is president of the International Association of Trauma Counselors.

"It makes for a universe that doesn't make sense. People try to rationalize, but it's impossible to do that. The survivors play it again and again. They have a hard time accepting the irrationality."

Funerals for gunman David Mack Flinn, 39, and victim Mary Shehan, 49, were Tuesday in Texas. Services for Ms. Shehan's husband, Luke, 52, were scheduled for later today in Rattan, about 20 miles north of Hugo.

Authorities say Flinn bought a .223 caliber Norinco rifle at a pawn shop Friday, then hours later opened fire in a shopping center only three blocks away. He committed suicide after driving away in his pickup.

A third victim, Kathryn Stidham, was shot in the leg and hospitalized. Her husband, J.W., was hit by shattering glass, and Sheila Church was grazed by a bullet in the forehead and cut by glass.

"People are supportive for the first few months," said Geralita Costa, an assistant director at the non-profit National Victim Center in Arlington, Va. "After a while, that will dwindle off.

"They will find themselves very lonely, very separated. Coworkers and friends don't want to talk about it because they don't want to hurt them, make them cry, which isn't true.

"One of the things victims need is the opportunity to vent, to talk. Every time they talk, it gives them the ability to go put this into perspective."

Ms. Neiderbach said victims often feel rage, helplessness, fear, anxiety, guilt, shame and humiliation, "like there was something they could have done, even though logically, there was nothing."

The time and place of the shootings — in a small town near Christmas — make dealing with the crisis especially difficult.

"The whole town is going to suffer," Ms. Neiderbach said. "They have a personal stake. The town becomes contaminated by homicide. There were co-victims, who were not there (at the shootings) but whose emotions are there.

"In a small town, it tends to be exaggerated."

"When you live in a rural community, you think this only happens in big cities," Ms. Costa said. "Reality hits home. It can happen anywhere. Everyone in that community is going to feel very unsafe."

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Sarcoidosis is marked by inflammation

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with sarcoidosis. Do you have any information relative to the treatment of this disease and the physical and mental effects of it?

DEAR READER: This disease, of unknown cause, is marked by areas of inflammation (called granulomas) in many of the body's organs, primarily the lymph nodes, eyes, liver, skin, and lungs; virtually, any organ can be affected, however.

In most patients, early sarcoidosis produces no symptoms; the disease is often discovered by chance in routine chest X-rays. When the disease progresses, it advances slowly and many years may elapse before patients notice symptoms, such as cough, breathlessness, diminished vision, arthritis, fever, weight loss, and malaise.

The diagnosis is made by biopsy.

Sarcoidosis is rarely fatal; many patients recover, without treatment, in a matter of years, even in the presence of widespread tissue involvement. The major complications of sarcoidosis are lung scarring (pulmonary fibrosis) eye damage (leading to blindness), heart irregularities, disfiguring skin lesions, and an excess of calcium in the blood — all of which are treated with cortisone steroids. Methotrexate, an anti-metabolite drug, is also used in therapy.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a palate lesion on the roof of my mouth as large as a lima bean. Should this be removed if it doesn't cause pain, or can I leave well enough alone?

DEAR READER: Although many "growths" on the hard palate are simple bone cysts or other benign tissue, malignancies can arise in this area. You should be examined by your dentist, who may be able to reassure you that nothing serious is present — or may recommend a biopsy. Don't "leave well enough alone" without first checking it out with a trained professional.

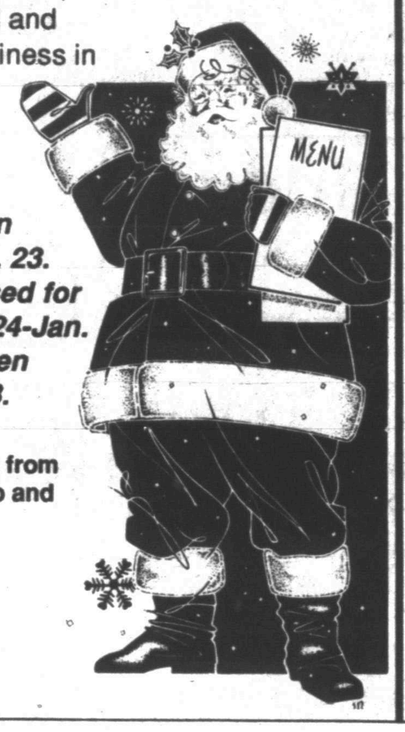
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Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Dec. 23, 1993

Something that seemed a long time coming might finally break through for you in the year ahead. It will be a development that could change your life both materially and socially.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An old debt you've thought about writing off several times might be repaid you in this cycle. Don't erase it from the books for awhile yet. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Access to persons who are key to your present plans should come rather easily for you today, even individuals who have been deliberately trying to dodge you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Where your career is concerned you are in a much stronger position at this moment than you may realize. Don't let self-doubts cause you to believe otherwise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Discussions with wise friends today is the key to helping you unravel a bind in which you found yourself. If you talk to the right people, you'll have the answers you'll need.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A difficult objective you've been anxious to achieve is reachable today, but it will take true dedication and effort on your behalf to attain it. If you're tough enough, it's yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't be reluctant to revise long standing plans at this time if they have proven to be unproductive. Age does not improve or make them more mellow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're likely to fare better today if you respond to developments rather than precipitating them. Be a counter puncher, instead of leading with your left.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to advance your self-interests today, bolder than usual measures may be required on your behalf. Don't be afraid to take a calculated risk if you've thought it through carefully.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An unresolved matter that could produce potential benefits for you can be finalized to your satisfaction today. You're the one who has left this dangling.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There is a duty call you have put off several times. What you think may be a dull experience could turn out to be otherwise. Take a chance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This is a good day to revise your household budget. Ways can be found to get better mileage from the monies you spend, but you'll have to figure them out yourself, however.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't treat serious matters indifferently today, but, by the same token, don't approach life in such a somber manner you depress others.

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Domino's drops 30-minute delivery ad

DETROIT (AP) — Less than a week after a jury awarded nearly $79 million to a woman injured by a Domino's Pizza driver, the company has dropped the 30-minute-or-less guarantee that made it the world's No. 1 pizza delivery business.

"That certainly was the thing that put it over the edge," Domino's founder and owner, Tom Monaghan, said Tuesday of the verdict. "We've been debating continuing this 30-minute guarantee policy for a number of years."

Scores of lawsuits have been filed against Domino's over accidents involving delivery drivers.

In place of the pledge to deliver the pizza within 30 minutes or take $3 off, Domino's will offer a refund if a customer is dissastified for any reason.

Domino's, with 5,400 stores in more than 30 countries, built the world's largest pizza delivery business on its 30-minute promise, but Monaghan said he thinks he will do fine without it.

"Eighty percent of getting a pizza delivered in a timely manner is getting the pizza in the oven fast," he said. "The speed of driving is a very insignificant part of it."

On Friday, a Circuit Court jury in St. Louis awarded Jean Kinder $78 million in punitive damages in addition to $750,000 in actual damages. She suffered head and spinal injuries in 1989 when her car was struck by a Domino's driver who ran a red light.

Kinder's attorney, Paul Kovacs, said the jury's message to Domino's was to stop the delivery policy.

The delivery driver settled with Kinder for $150,000.

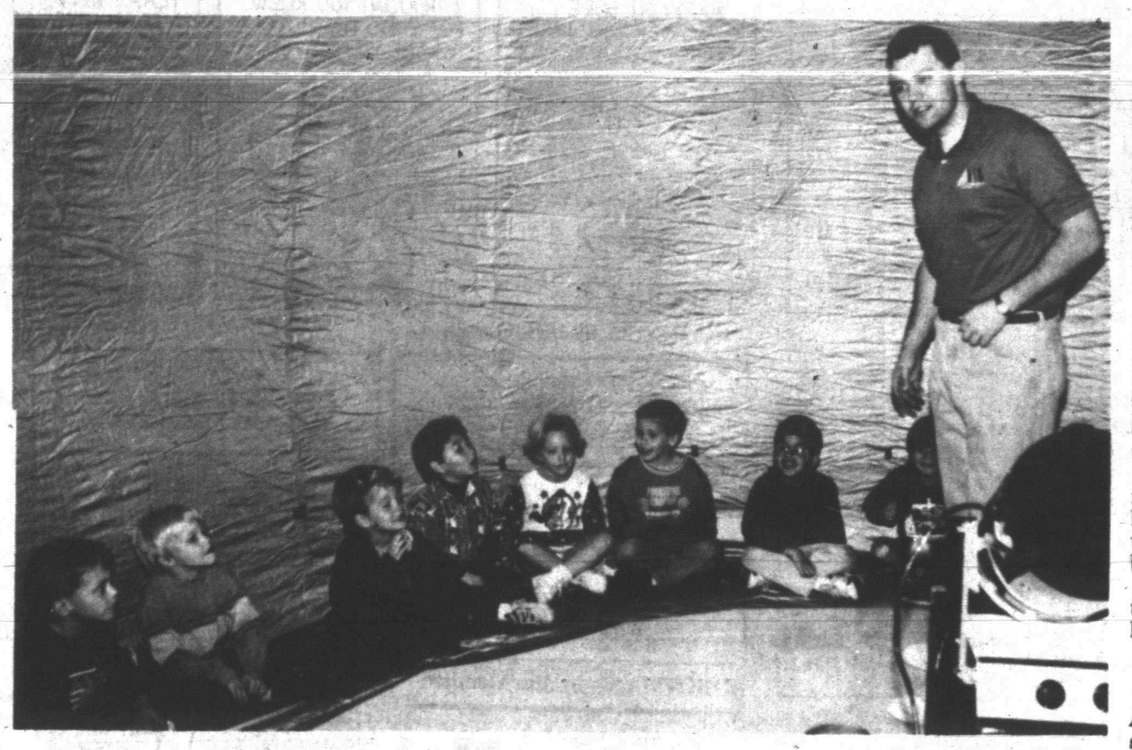
Domino's, founded in 1960, began guaranteeing delivery within a half-hour in 1984. From 1984 until 1986, a late pizza was a free pizza.

The company never charged its driver for late pizzas, but Jack Simpson who has delivered on and off for Domino's over the past four years, said he won't miss the guarantee.

"I know I tended to rush a little more when it looked like the pizza was going to be late," he said.

"We're absolutely estatic," Keith Mestrich, spokesman for People Against Dangerous Delivery, a Washington-based coalition of consumer groups opposed to the 30-minute policy.

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STUDENTS SEE STARS — Inside the Science Spectrum's space bubble, a portable planetarium, Harvey Madison, right, gave Stanfield Elementary children a journey through the solar system recently. It was sponsored by the Parent Council. Shown inside the inflated polyvinyl dome awaiting a program are several of Lisa Hartzog's kindergarten students, from left, Luke Riddle, Chad Nickerson, Brett Vaughn, Tyler Price, Lindsey Jarnagin, William Banks, Marcus Torres and Nicholas Martinez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dear Abby



Happily Married Wife Wonders If What's Up Front Still Counts

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Ten years ago, after 18 years of marriage, my husband left me for a silicone princess. My college-age son said, "Fight fire with fire," so I went to a plastic surgeon and had a "UTES" — upper torso enhancement surgery. I went from a 32B to a 36DD. You cannot believe how it changed my life.

I needed a job, and was hired on the first interview. My first day on the job, I was asked to dinner by three single men. A year later, I married a man 10 years my junior. He's wonderful; he doesn't smoke, drink, swear or nag, and he adores me. I am in heaven!

He told me after we were married that he was attracted to me because of my figure. I was tempted to tell him it wasn't always this way, but I couldn't get the words out.

I love the way I look, but sometimes I feel as though I've been dishonest. Should I tell him?

FEELING GUILTY

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: Absolutely not; there is no reason to feel guilty.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for nine years, and although we tried to have a child, we were not so blessed, so we adopted a beautiful baby girl.

A nosy neighbor asked, "Is she illegitimate?" My husband spoke up and said, "Of course not; we've been married for years!"

PROUD MAMA

DEAR MAMA: What a snappy comeback. Congratulations to you and your quick-thinking husband.

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DEAR ABBY: Here's my pet peeve: Parents who insist on bringing their small children to high-class restaurants. Why they do this is beyond me. It's unfair to the children, the establishment and the other patrons.

If the tykes are well-behaved, they quietly play with their food and make a minor mess, which the restaurant personnel must then clean up. At worst, the children yell, cry, throw food, and/or run around the restaurant — disrupting the servers as they deliver food to the tables, and destroying the ambiance for those who are trying to dine in peace. More than once, I have left a fine restaurant with a headache from trying to ignore the earsplitting racket while entertaining important guests.

It is unfair to put children in adult situations, expecting them to act like adults for two hours or more. I am sure the children would rather have a hamburger in a fast-food restaurant any day.

One of my co-workers recently complained to me that he and his family (his wife, 2½-year-old twins and a newborn) had been turned away by a restaurant that would not admit small children. I immediately asked for the name and location of the place. Now I know where my wife and I can go for a quiet dinner. Sign this ...

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DEAR A.O.: I'm sure there are many others who feel as you do. However, don't blame the children; blame their parents for failing to teach them the difference between acceptable and unacceptable behavior in "fine restaurants," and for failing to enforce proper behavior.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO EDDIE PHILLIPS IN MINNEAPOLIS: Happy birthday, Son. Love, Mom and Dad.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Patten graduates from AF training

Keesler Air Force Base — Air Force Airman William A. Patten has graduated from the wideband communication equipment specialist course here.

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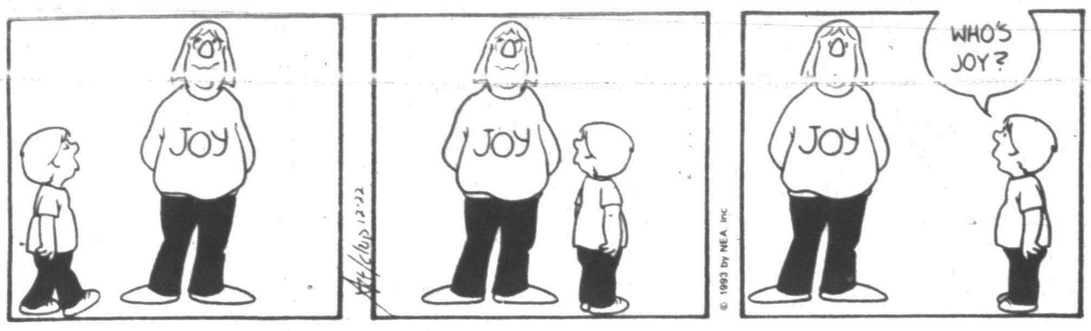
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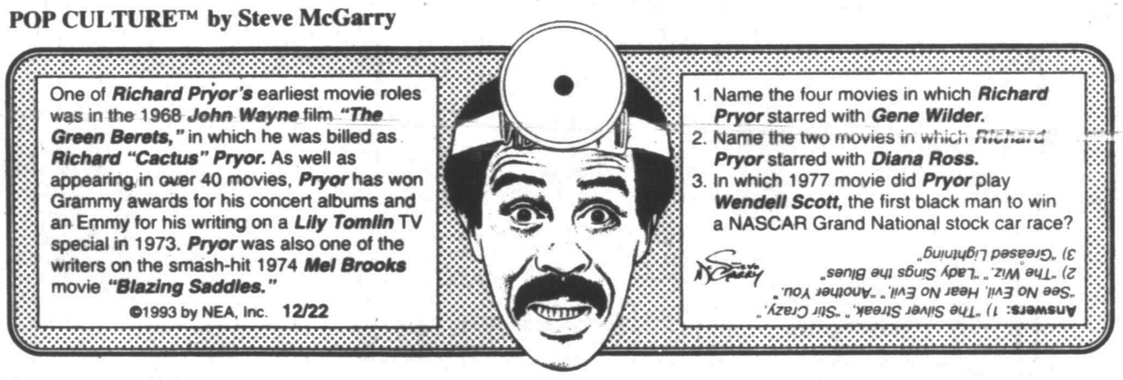
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14 Gilded
15 In addition to
16 Medical suffix
17 Soot
18 Fond du —, Wis.
19 Striped cat
21 How was — — know?
22 Babylonian hero
24 Financier Carl —
26 Make into law
28 — up: becomes lively
29 Hawaiian instrument
30 Bullring cry
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32 Salad herb
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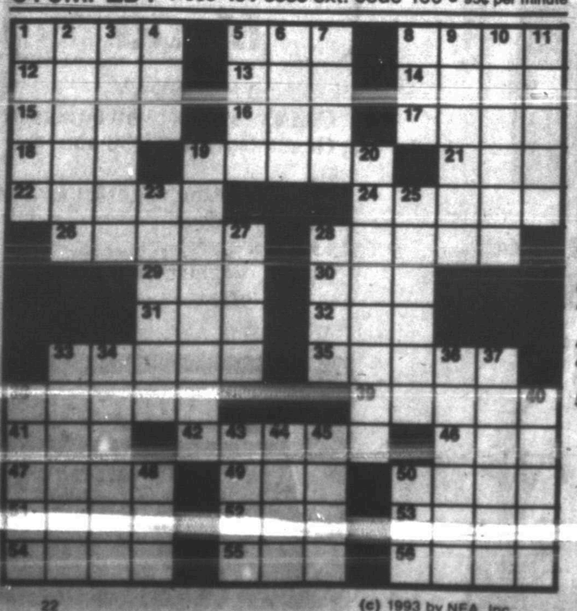
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5 Command to a horse
6 Poetic foot
7 Pierce with sword
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9 Eskimo boat (var.)
10 Realities
11 — Hall University
19 In the worst taste
20 Giving up
23 Nothing
25 Louisiana French
27 Narrate
28 Look sullen
33 Lobe
34 Sleeping-sickness fly
36 — — street
37 Safe
38 Rich soils
40 Less able to walk
43 Large piece
44 S-shaped molding
45 Midday
48 Baseball player Mel —
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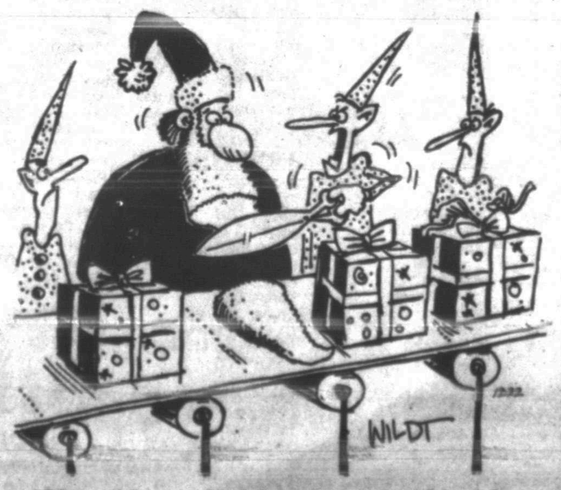
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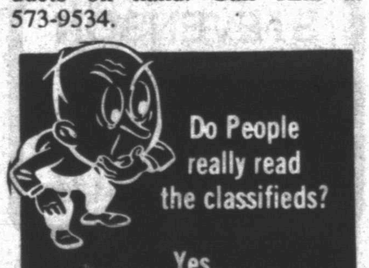
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'Soap' nominees listed below

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Drake Hogestyn plays a hunk who lost his memory and his wife. Is he the father of Marlena's baby?

Hogestyn, the paternity mystery and the show he is on, "Days of Our Lives," were among the nominees Tuesday for the Soap Opera Digest Awards.

Hogestyn, Frank Dicopoulos of "Guiding Light" and AntonioS-Saaat J.. ff 'General Hospital" are candidates for hottest male star.

The contenders for hottest female star are Jensen Buchanan of Another World," Melina Kanakaredes of "Guiding Light" and Melissa Reeves of "Days of Our Lives."

"Days of Our Lives" competes against "Guiding Light" and "The Young and The Restless" for favorite show.

In addition to Marlena's baby, the nominees for favorite story line are "Which Brother Is Mine? Vicky's Choice" from "Another World" and "Victor's 'Death'" from "The Young and the Restless."

Peter Bergman of "The Young and the Restless," Robert Kelker-Kelly of "Days of Our Lives," and Peter Simon of "Guiding Light" are nominees for outstanding lead actors. Their female counterparts are Elizabeth Hubbard of "As the World Turns," Jess Walton of "The Young and the Restless" and Sharon Wyatt of General Hospital.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Vada Burleson, P.O. Box 1141; Joe Lopour, 4202 Ave. U; Ava Lopour, 4202 Ave U; Donald Smith, 2709 Ave. O; Crystal Youngblood, 2506 Ave. F; Amy Luera, 2709 Ave. F.

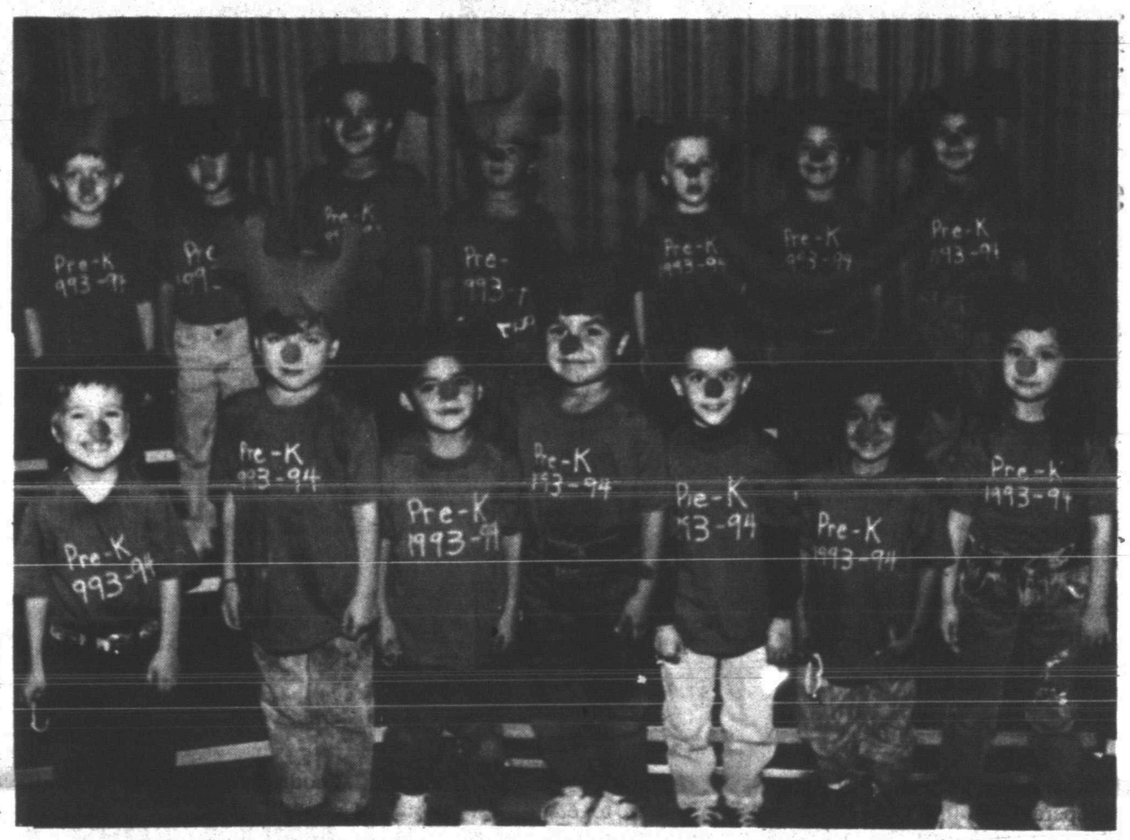
DISMISSALS: Clara Allen, Minnie Love, Austin McQueen, Lora Moore, Sandy Pruitt.

Census: 62 (Med.-21, Long-Term Care-35, CCU-1, OB-3, Nursery-2).

During the Spanish-American War, the Spaniards surrendered to the Americans July 17, 1898, at Santiago, Cuba.



PRE-K PROGRAM — Northeast Elementary a.m. pre-K students of Barbra Jones and Nancy Higgins, aide, (in top photo) presented a Christmas musical program recently for parents and students. From left are, front row, Jeremy Mills, Vanessa Pena, Sebastian Zamora, Angie Massey, Christopher Gutierrez, Levi Jackson, Charone Hill; back row, Jeremy Rodriquez, Amber Loyola, Justin Flentge, Monica DuBois, Fabian Contreras, Henry Michael Ramos and Keith Manlief. In the bottom photo are, front row, Josh Keller, Joey Groce, James Hernandez, Justin Thamez, Jonathon Lowery, Joe Robert Garza, Kimi McQuerry; back row, Randy Nolan, Toni Tovar, Ricardo Oliva, Justin Guzman, Steven Hembree, Rudy Martinez and Veronica Martinez. (SDN Staff Photo)



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Obituaries



KATIE OLA JACKSON

Katie Jackson

1903-1993

Services have been set for 2 pm. Thursday at the First Baptist Church Chapel for Katie Ola Jackson, 90, of Snyder. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery. The Rev. T.O. Upshaw will officiate.

Mrs. Jackson died at 7:30 a.m. today in Snyder Nursing Center after a lengthy illness.

Born on Aug. 29, 1903, in Tioga, Tex., she was married to Alvin H. Jackson on June 6, 1926, in Fluvanna. He died in 1965. She had lived in West Texas most of her adult life. She graduated from Snyder High School and attended Hardin-Simmons University and taught school in the Fluvanna area as well as the Grapeland School in Borden County. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one sister, Margarita Lacey of Nederland; three sisters-in-law, Buena Jackson, Lois Jackson and Blanche Jackson, all of Snyder; one brother-in-law, Louie Jackson of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

Esther Jenkins

1917-1993

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Esther Jenkins, 76, of Snyder who died at 9:56 p.m. Tuesday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born on March 11, 1917, in Hot Springs, Ark. Mrs. Jenkins had been a resident of Snyder 40 years, moving from Naples, Tex.

Survivors include three sons, Delbert Jenkins of Dunn, Wayne Jenkins of Midland and Freddie Jenkins of Snyder; three sisters; and five grandchildren.

Ruth Mae Bell

1909-1993

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Ruth Mae Bell, 84, of Lubbock, formerly of Snyder. Burial will be in Snyder Cemetery. Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate.

Mrs. Bell died at 1:45 p.m. Monday in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Born on Nov. 1, 1909, in Erath County, she married Oran H. Bell on July 1, 1948, in Clovis, N.M. He died on March 19, 1969.

Mrs. Bell had lived in Snyder most of her life prior to moving to Lubbock three years ago. She was a housewife.

Survivors include one son, Lewis Davis of Coalinga, Calif.; two brothers, Raymond Way of Colorado City and Andrew Way of Whitney; five sisters, Bessie Bowen of Houston, Josephine Evers of New Orleans, La., Pallie Singer of Colorado City, Dovie Ware of Carthage and Dorothy Cloud of Odessa; and three grandchildren.

Rap star not happy

NEW YORK (AP) — Rap star Tupac Shakur offered Christmas greetings to reporters covering his sodomy trial. And it was not exactly a wish for peace on Earth and good will toward men.

"I really want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," Shakur said Tuesday as he left a pretrial hearing. "I appreciate your destroying everything I've worked for for the past 22 years in just a week."

PD notes burglary

Snyder police began a burglary investigation and worked a couple of traffic accidents Tuesday.

Billy Kirkpatrick contacted police at 6:12 a.m. in reference to a burglary at Midwestern Vacuum Truck Co., Inc. A report for burglary of a business was filed.

Police worked a two-vehicle accident at 11:50 a.m. at 23rd Street and College Avenue. Involved were a 1963 Chevrolet driven by Robert Neblett of 2702 34th St. and a 1992 Chevrolet pickup driven by Dwight Levon Webb of 2701 48th St.

Police worked a second accident at 12:46 p.m. in the Pizza Hut parking lot. Involved were a 1975 Pontiac driven by Edna Cave of 608 27th St. and a 1988 Honda driven by Alisa Cain of 2200 21st St.

At 5 a.m. today, police were notified that a juvenile male had been seen breaking a window at a vacant residence in the 2900 block of Avenue J. Police were unable to immediately identify the owner for possible filing of charges.

Births

Amy Luera announces the birth of her six-pound, 13 ounce son born at 1:04 p.m. on Dec. 21 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Bingo

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bingo will not allow the game to be held at the VFW post only, but at other organizations in JP Precinct 1.

"If you go to the bingo hall in Colorado City on Tuesday nights, you can't believe how many people there are from Snyder," Fair said. "Snyder needs to keep that money here. It just doesn't make sense in these economic times to watch it go somewhere else."

No gag order

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Axl Rose's former fiancee lost a bid to keep some of the bickering couple's dirty secrets under wraps.



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CHRISTMAS FAVORITES — Hermleigh fourth grade students sang a collection of Christmas favorites for the all-school program and for Snyder Oaks. Brenda Kuss is their teacher. Back row, from left, Ashley Arrendale, Crystal Atkinson, Jeremy Brady, A.J. Frizzell, Tony Garza and Candace Gonzalez; middle row: Julie Mireles, Adam Roemisch, Jeremy Roemisch, Whitney Rogers and Casey Row. Front row: Amber Swan, Sabrina Terry and Randy Thomason. Christina Arellano and Ben Barrera are not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)



TOYS GALORE — Ira School's Student Council spearheaded a schoolwide Toys For Tots drive. Pictured with the donated toys are from left, Amanda Davis, Carla Smith, Susan Shoults, Kristi Sorrells, Audra Oliver, Lindsy Josey and Misty Chance. (SDN Staff Photo)

Officer hit while helping stranded motorist

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 12-year veteran of the Fort Worth Police Department was helping a stranded motorist this morning when a vehicle hit him, a police spokeswoman said.

Officer A.F. Chick had not regained consciousness more than two hours after the accident that occurred shortly before 4 a.m. on Southeast Loop 820 in southeast Fort Worth. He was in the intensive care unit of John Peter Smith Hospital, Lt. P.J. Kneblick said.

"The doctors were hopeful based on the results of the CAT scan," she said.

Kneblick said Chick, whose age was not immediately available, was standing outside the stranded vehicle and had just given the driver's jumper cables to back to her when a white Cadillac hit him and the stalled vehicle.

Growth noted

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A revival in home sales and strong consumer spending on furniture and other goods combined to push economic growth to a moderate 2.9 percent in the third quarter, the government said today.

The seasonally adjusted growth estimate, from the Commerce Department, was somewhat better than the previous estimate of 2.7 percent. And it was more than double the dismal 1.4 percent rate of the first half.

If not for crop losses from the Midwestern floods and the Southern drought, the third quarter advance in the gross domestic product — the value of all goods and services produced within U.S. borders — would have been even better, 3.5 percent.

Housing construction shot up at an 11.9 percent annual rate in the third quarter, propelled by sales riding the lowest mortgage rates in 25 years.

And consumer spending, which makes up roughly two-thirds of the GDP, rose at a 4.4 percent annual rate. The advance was especially strong for durable goods such as furniture and appliances, 7.6 percent.

"You buy a house and the next thing you know you need a couch and a bed," said economist David Wyss of DRI-McGraw Hill, a Lexington, Mass., forecasting firm.

Economists anticipate another pickup in the overall growth rate in the current quarter, to around 4 percent.



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

TURKEY MADE EASY

The following hints will help you select, defrost, and prepare your turkey for cooking.

Helpful hints: Food Safety — Do not defrost turkey at room temperature. In the time it takes the center to defrost, the surface of the turkey could become warm enough for bacteria to multiply to dangerous levels.

Always refrigerate a fresh turkey or defrosted turkey. Cook within 2 to 3 days. Never partially cook turkey and finish cooking later.

Defrosting a turkey — Recommended methods: Refrigerator method — Place turkey or turkey parts in the refrigerator in their original packaging. Allow the following amount of defrosting time:

Whole Turkey - 30 minutes defrosting time for each pound.

Turkey Breast — 4-8 hours.

Turkey Parts — 2½ hours.

Cold Water Method: Place turkey or turkey parts in their original packaging under cold water in a sink or deep pan. Change water as often as needed to keep it cold. Allow the same amount of time defrosting as recommended in the above chart.

Preparing a turkey for cooking

1. Buy 1 pound of turkey per person for turkeys that weigh 12 pounds or less; ¾ pound per person if turkey is over 12 pounds; ½ pound per person for bone-in turkey breast.

2. Unwrap the defrosted turkey. Free legs from tucked position. Do not cut band of skin over legs. Remove neck and giblets from both cavities. Rinse turkey inside and out with cold water; pat dry.

3. Tuck drumsticks under band of skin or tie together loosely with string or thread, if desired. Fold neck skin under the back and hold in place by twisting wing tips under the back or secure with a small skewer. Proceed with directions for cooking a turkey by following the method that best fits your time schedule and desired cooking results.

Helpful hints: stuffing — Never stuff turkey ahead of time. Instead mix dry ingredients for stuffing in advance. Then add liquid ingredients and stuff just before roasting. When cooking a stuffed turkey, add 30 minutes to the roasting time. The stuffing should reach a temperature of 160 degrees to 165 degrees. To check the stuffing, insert a meat thermometer into the thickest part of the stuffing and leave it for 5 minutes.

Bake extra stuffing in casserole alongside the turkey during the last 30-45 minutes of roasting time.

Helpful hints: Testing for doneness — A meat thermometer is the best guide for turkey doneness. For whole turkey, insert meat thermometer into thickest part of inner thigh, not touching bone. When whole turkey is done, the thermometer should read 180-185 degrees.

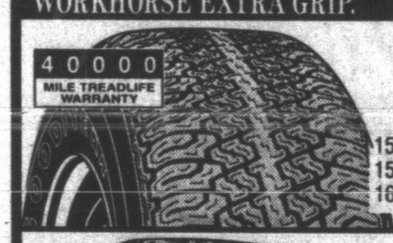
No meat thermometer. Press thickest part of drumstick with protected fingers. The turkey is done if meat feels soft and drumstick twists easily in socket.

Another test for doneness is to insert a long-tined fork into thickest part of turkey thigh. If juices are clear, not pink, the turkey is done.

Helpful Hints: Leftovers — After cooking, remove immediately and slice turkey. Keep extra stuffing hot in a 200 degree oven while you eat. Never leave cooked turkey, stuffing or gravy at room temperature for more than 2 hours.

Refrigerate and use leftover turkey, stuffing and gravy within 2-4 days. Wrap leftovers in air tight container and freeze for longer storage. Use within 1-2 months.

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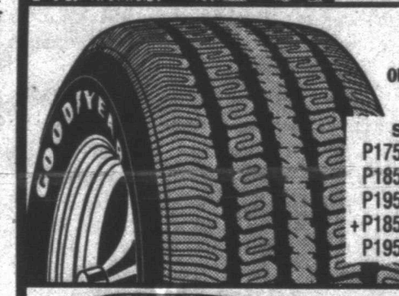
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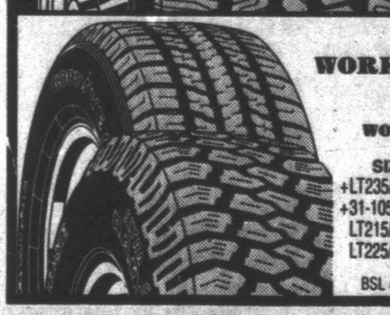
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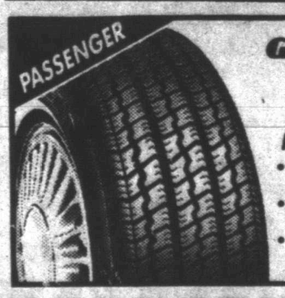
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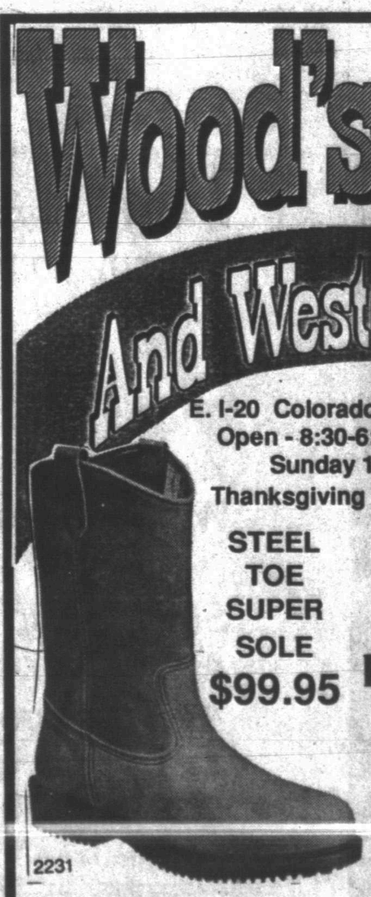
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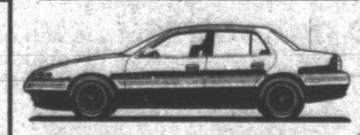
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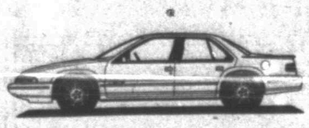


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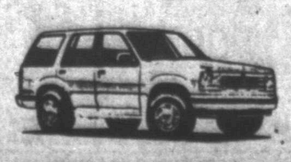

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West Texas grid fans may have problems seeing 'Pokes on Fox

by The Associated Press

Some Dallas Cowboys fans are a little nervous about the Fox Network, their team's new primary television home beginning next year.

After all, the network's Dallas-Fort Worth affiliate's transmitter broke down for three days earlier this month, leaving television screens throughout the Metroplex with nothing but fuzzy screens.

But after shelling out $1.58 billion for the rights to broadcast National Football Conference games, Fox says it isn't about to let something like that happen again.

KDAF in Dallas has no backup system in place if the transmitter acts up again. Kathy Saunders, the station's vice president and general manager, said that will be corrected by January, and the station has a "plan in place to establish our complete backup capabilities."

Ms. Saunders' pledge doesn't do much good in West Texas, where TV system managers across a 25,000-square-mile area are wondering how they'll televise 12 Cowboys games next year.

Much of the region will see the games on UHF station KPEJ, but its signal reaches only as far west as Monahans and as far south as Fort Stockton. Cable outlets in Alpine don't even carry Fox.

KPEJ general manager Joe Sugg says cable systems in Marfa and Presidio pick up Fox on satellite, but they won't have access to the Cowboy games.

"They will not get it," he told the Pecos Enterprise. "We have the exclusive franchise of Fox TV stations in the area."

Jake Brisbin, manager of Marfa TV Cable Co., says he's confident the situation will be addressed.

"I haven't talked to the Fox affiliates, but I'm sure the (NFL) deal caught them off guard," he said. "I know it presents signal problems, and it's in their ballpark to fix it."

Pecos also is in bad shape, officials say. Fox signals from KPEJ and Midland-Odessa both fall short of the town, said United Video Cablevision vice president Bill Mahon. United Video serves the Pecos area.

Sugg said Fox could be transmitted to Pecos, but it would be costly.

"The technology does exist, we just need someone willing to take the expense to get it done," Sugg said. If the signal is to reach Pecos, it will need to be carried by microwave link, and that would involve licensing fees.

Pecos City Manager Harry Nagel blames United Video for the mess.

"People complain that they don't offer Fox, but they do offer the Playboy Channel," he said. "What kind of service is that?"

Cowboys owner Jones, reportedly a central figure in the Fox negotiations, couldn't be reached by The Associated Press Tuesday. He told ABC's "Nightline" Monday night that Fox will "bring an enthusiastic approach" to broadcasting NFL games.

Rice interviews Akers for head coaching job

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Texas football coach Fred Akers has interviewed for the head coaching job at Rice University, according to published reports.

Akers, 55, was on campus Sunday to interview for the vacant post, the Houston Chronicle reported Tuesday. The Houston Post, meanwhile, reported that Akers was there on Monday, too.

Bill Cousins, a Rice sports spokesman, would not comment on the reports except to confirm that Akers has been at the university recently.

From 1977 to 1986, Akers coached Texas to an 86-31-2 record, taking the Longhorns to a bowl game every year except for his last season.

Texas played for the national championship under Akers, going undefeated in the regular season before losing in the Cotton Bowl to Notre Dame at the end of the 1977 season and to Georgia at the end of the 1983 season.

After being fired by Texas, Akers coached Purdue for four years with a 12-31-1 record.

Meanwhile, Ken Hatfield, who coached at Arkansas and Clemson, said he hopes to interview this week for the Rice job, left vacant last week when Fred Goldsmith went to Duke.

Hatfield said he has talked with Rice athletic director Bobby May by telephone several times.

"I like what Rice stands for and the people," he said.

Texas assistant head coach Gary Darnell and Ohio State defensive coordinator Bill Young have said they are interested in the Rice job.

May has said he probably won't be able to hire a new coach before Christmas.

"We're still in the evaluation process. The first of the year is more realistic," he said.

May also has interviewed Rice offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger.

CBS duo hopes to stay together

NEW YORK (AP) — John Madden and Pat Summerall want to stay partners, even if their new area code is 90210.

"He and I have talked about it," Summerall said. "He said to me, 'I don't want to work with anybody else.' I said, 'I can't see working with anybody else, either.'

"It's sort of like when he starts a sentence and doesn't finish it, I can. And visa versa. It's a very good working relationship, and a friendship."

So, don't be surprised if Madden and Summerall, TV's most celebrated broadcasting team since Huntley and Brinkley, wind up at Fox together now that CBS is no longer in the football business, and Fox is.

Their new neighborhood would just take a little getting used to.

"Well, obviously, if I'm doing pro football, I'd love it," Summerall said. "I think that would be terrific.

"Somebody asked me the other day, though, 'What exactly does Fox have?' I said, 'I don't know,'" Summerall said Tuesday. "They said, 'Well, they've got Bart and Homer.' I said, 'Who the hell are they?'

"I never watched the show."

Since CBS was aced out of the NFL's television package, first by Fox for the NFC and then by NBC for the AFC, viewers and critics alike have wondered where these and other out-of-work CBS football commentators will go.

Fox owner Rupert Murdoch has said he would go after the best talent available, especially Madden.

"Basically, as he has said publicly, when CBS loses footall, they lose John Madden," Madden's agent, Sandy Montag of IMG, said. "Plus, CBS wouldn't want John without football."

Madden does nothing but football. Summerall, on the other hand, also is CBS' lead announcer on golf and signed a four-year contract last year that pays him a reported $1.5 million per year.

Summerall said he believes he has some clause in his contract that would allow him to become a free agent under these circumstances.

"I haven't discussed it with them," Summerall said from the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., airport, where he was about board a plane for Dallas. "I don't know what they'll do."

On Friday, Fox won the NFC package with a bid of $1.58 billion, about $400 million more than CBS bid to retain rights to the conference. CBS then learned Monday that NBC had retained rights to the AFC despite bidding $880 million, about $120 million less than CBS. NBC explained that it had a prior gentleman's agreement with the NFL.

Madden is in his 15th season with CBS, and Summerall is a 33-year veteran of the network. The two are in their 13th season as television's most celebrated football broadcast team.

Cowboys not looking past rival Washington

IRVING (AP) — Nobody gets overconfident at Valley Ranch when the Redskins are coming.

In fact, Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson is glad his Cowboys are playing archrival Washington this week.

It keeps his team from thinking about the Jan. 2 NFC title showdown with the New York Giants.

"There might be some talk whether we would look ahead to the New York Giants game in two weeks, but I don't think there is any danger of that happening because of the way we played against Washington the first time and because of the rivalry between the two clubs," the Dallas coach said on Tuesday.

"Washington's big win against Atlanta last week should get the attention of our players," Johnson said. "This is a very important game in our Super Bowl stretch run. We can't afford to look ahead."

Dallas, which defeated the Giants 31-9 earlier in the season, is 10-4 overall, a game behind New York.

The more Johnson looks at the Cowboys' record the more pleased he has become about their defense of the Super Bowl title.

"We are just one play away from having the same record as we had last year at this time," said Johnson.

He was referring to Leon Lett's Thanksgiving Day blunder against Miami, a 16-14 loss. On the last play of the game, Lett touched the ball deep in Dallas territory after a field goal was blocked. The Dolphins recovered with six seconds left and kicked the game-winning field goal.

"We're still a pretty good team," Johnson said. "We've overcome more injuries than we had last year. We're about where we were a year ago. We still have the ability to win any Sunday."

Johnson said the Cowboys are solid in all three phases.

"We're on a good roll with the kicking game, our offense has picked it up, and I like the intensity I've seen on defense," Johnson said.

Johnson said he has been impressed how the Giants keep winning under Dan Reeves.

"They are playing very well and are much better than when we beat them earlier," Johnson said. "It put me in a bad mood watching what they did to New Orleans (24-14) last night."

Washington whipped Dallas 35-16 in the opening game of the season. The Cowboys were playing without running back Emmitt Smith.

"It was their best game of the year and our worst game," Johnson said. "Washington isn't a 4-10 team. They've had some major injuries which have held them down."

I'll take that

The best NBA rebounding averages over the last 25 years

Player	Year	Team	RPG
Wilt Chamberlain	1968-69	Lakers	21.1
Wilt Chamberlain	1971-72	Lakers	19.2
Dennis Rodman	1991-92	Pistons	18.7
Wilt Chamberlain	1972-73	Lakers	18.6
Dennis Rodman	1992-93	Pistons	18.3

Source: Stats, Inc. NEA Graphic

Lady 'Dogs fall to AHS

ASPERMONT — The Ira Lady Bulldogs rallied for a 21-15 second-half advantage, but could not overtake Aspermont, losing the non-district basketball battle, 45-38, Tuesday.

In the nightcap, Aspermont's boys posted a 75-44 victory over the Bulldogs.

Ira's girls were paced by Jennifer Rankin's 16 points. Jennifer Northcott added eight and Jody Rankin put in seven.

Aspermont was led by Aimee Roberson's 17 and 11 by Kelly Ellis.

Ira slips to 6-9, while the Lady Hornets improve to 4-8.

In the boys' game, Aspermont jumped out to a 33-17 haltime margin, and cruised to the win with a 15-11 run in the third and a fourth-quarter 27-16 advantage.

The Hornets' top scorer was Terry Letz, who scored 15. Michael Tabor added 12 and Rusty Newsome canned 11.

Coy Henderson drained a game-high 17 points for the 'Dogs.

Aspermont moves to 5-7 with the win. Ira is now 3-10.

Tuesday's game marked the end of the non-district schedule for IHS. The 'Dogs and Lady 'Dogs will open District 21-A competition Jan. 7 when they host Highland.

Girls					
Ira	9	8	11	10	-38
Aspermont	17	13	8	7	-45

Leading scorers: Ira — Jennifer Rankin 16, Northcott 8, Jody Rankin 7; Aspermont — Roberson 17, Ellis 11, Ellison 9; Records: Ira 6-9; Aspermont 4-8.

Boys					
Ira	8	9	11	16	-44
Aspermont	16	17	15	27	-75

Leading scorers: Ira — Henderson 17, Garmer 8; White 7, Sterling 6; Aspermont — T. Letz 15, Tabor 12, Newsome 11; Records: Ira 3-10; Aspermont 5-7.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	16	6	.727	—
Orlando	13	10	.565	3½
Boston	11	12	.478	5½
Miami	9	11	.450	6
New Jersey	9	14	.391	7½
Philadelphia	9	14	.391	7½
Washington	7	16	.304	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	16	5	.762	—
Chicago	14	8	.636	2½
Charlotte	13	11	.542	4½
Indiana	10	13	.435	7
Cleveland	9	14	.391	8
Detroit	8	15	.348	9
Milwaukee	6	18	.250	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	22	1	.957	—
Utah	17	8	.680	6
San Antonio	15	10	.600	8
Denver	10	13	.435	12
Minnesota	8	15	.348	14
Dallas	1	22	.043	21

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	20	2	.909	—
Phoenix	17	5	.773	3
Portland	15	10	.600	6½
Golden State	12	11	.522	8½
LA Clippers	9	13	.409	11
LA Lakers	9	16	.360	12½
Sacramento	5	17	.227	15

Tuesday's Games

New Jersey 85, New York 81
LA Lakers 109, Orlando 102
Cleveland 112, Utah 97
Charlotte 108, Detroit 97
Houston 90, San Antonio 88
Denver 121, Phoenix 95
Portland 100, Golden State 98
Seattle 91, Indiana 88

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
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