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Ask Us

Q—What is the Snyder city sales tax spent on and who audits it?

A—Locally, sales tax is 8¼ percent. The state keeps 6¼ percent, leaving 2 percent. Of that, ½ percent goes to the county. Of the 1½ percent left for the city, 1¼ percent goes to the general fund and is used for administration, finance, planning and zoning, municipal court, community services, police, animal control, fire and streets. The other ¼ percent goes to the Development Corporation of Snyder for economic development. The city is audited annually, currently by Davis, Kinard & Co. of Abilene.



DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Local

Post Office

Snyder Post Office will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon for the convenience of those mailing holiday gifts and letters.

Poinsettias

Snyder High School choir has poinsettias remaining. Anyone who would like one should call 573-6301, 573-5283 or 573-8034. They will deliver.

Toy pick-up

The annual Toys for Tots distribution will be held from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday at the TU Electric building, across from the chamber office.

Toys for Tots recipients have been mailed a card which must be brought to the pick-up location Saturday.

'Toy Bowl'

The local Law Enforcement Explorer Post will take on Snyder Police Department & Friends in the first annual "Toy Bowl" Friday at 6 p.m. at Travis Field.

There is no admission price; however, local police department officials ask that fans bring a new or good used toy, or sack of canned food, which will be distributed to the needy.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 53 degrees; low, 29 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 29 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 16.19 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the lower 30s. Southwest to west wind 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. High in the lower 60s. Variable wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:43. Sunrise Friday, 7:37. Of 349 days in 1993, the sun has shone 342 days in Snyder.

Secretary of Defense...

Aspin resigns; Inman pegged to take over

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bobby Ray Inman, the retired Navy admiral chosen by President Clinton to be his new secretary of defense, is a career intelligence expert with a reputation as a clear thinker, firm leader and excellent manager.

Inman will replace Les Aspin, whose bombshell resignation Wednesay ended a turbulent year of budget battles, regional conflicts and controversy over gays in the military.

Born in Rhonesboro, Texas, on April 4, 1931, Inman graduated from the University of Texas in 1950 and was commissioned an ensign in the Navy two years later, rising to admiral by 1981.

Inman, 62, was one of the youngest four-star admirals in Navy history and became the youngest director of the supersecret National Security Agency in 1977. He was chief deputy to the late CIA Director William Casey in 1981-82 until he resigned because of policy differences with the Reagan administration.

He is also well known to some prominent Washington outsiders. After Inman had returned to private life in Texas, another former Navy man, Ross Perot, used him to get a private message to President Reagan's national security director during the Iran-Contra affair.

His last big splash in Washington was as a staunch defender of Robert Gates, a one-time assistant, to become CIA director in the Bush administration.

Gates said in an interview with The Associated Press today that Inman was an excellent choice for Clinton, and not just because of his military career.

"On top of knowing the business well, he also is an exceptionally effective administrator of large government organizations," Gates said.

He would be the nation's 19th secretary of defense if confirmed by the Senate.

In an announcement that seemed to catch all of Washington by surprise, Aspin said Wednesday, "It's time for me to take a break." Standing with Aspin in the Oval Office, Clinton accepted "with real sadness" the former Wisconsin congressman's request to leave Jan. 20.

Inman had been widely reported to be on President Bush's short list for the Pentagon job before Bush settled on Dick Cheney. Later in the Bush administration Inman served for nearly two years as chairman of the president's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

For Cogdell...

ER coverage contract ok'd

In what CEO Tim Lancaster called a great step towards ensuring the level of quality, Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers this morning voted to contract with EmCare of Dallas for 24-hour emergency room coverage.

The contract calls for EmCare to provide a medical supervisor who will work directly with emergency room physicians.

Board members also approved a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) contract, medical staff bylaws, and November's financial report and accounts payable.

"I think this will be a tremendous improvement," said Lancaster, after board members unanimously approved a one-year contract with EmCare for emergency room coverage.

Lancaster said Cogdell has not been content with the present coverage provided by Southwest Medical Associates. He said the disappointment has not been with the capabilities of the emergency room physicians which have been provided to Cogdell, but rather with their demeanor.

The contract with Southwest may be terminated with 60-day notice, which Lancaster said he will give today.

Lancaster said that "EmCare will provide a director who can help ensure that the level of quality we expect will be attained." He said the director will be responsible for reviewing medical records, chart reviews and followup on any problems.

Lancaster said it is possible the director will live in Snyder.

The one-year contract will be for $525,600, or about $80,000 more than the agreement with Southwest. However, Lancaster said the hospital will be instituting a new fee schedule at the emergency room to help recoup the costs. He said that in the past there has been one fee to see the emergency room physician. In the future there will be five different fee amounts, depending on the emergency.

Board members also approved a contract with Byers and Green of Sweetwater to provide CRNA coverage. Cogdell currently contracts with Byers and Green for one CRNA — Bill Harris. However, Cogdell's other CRNA, Bill Erwin, is retiring at the end of the month. Therefore, Cogdell will be contracting with Byers and Green for two CRNAs.

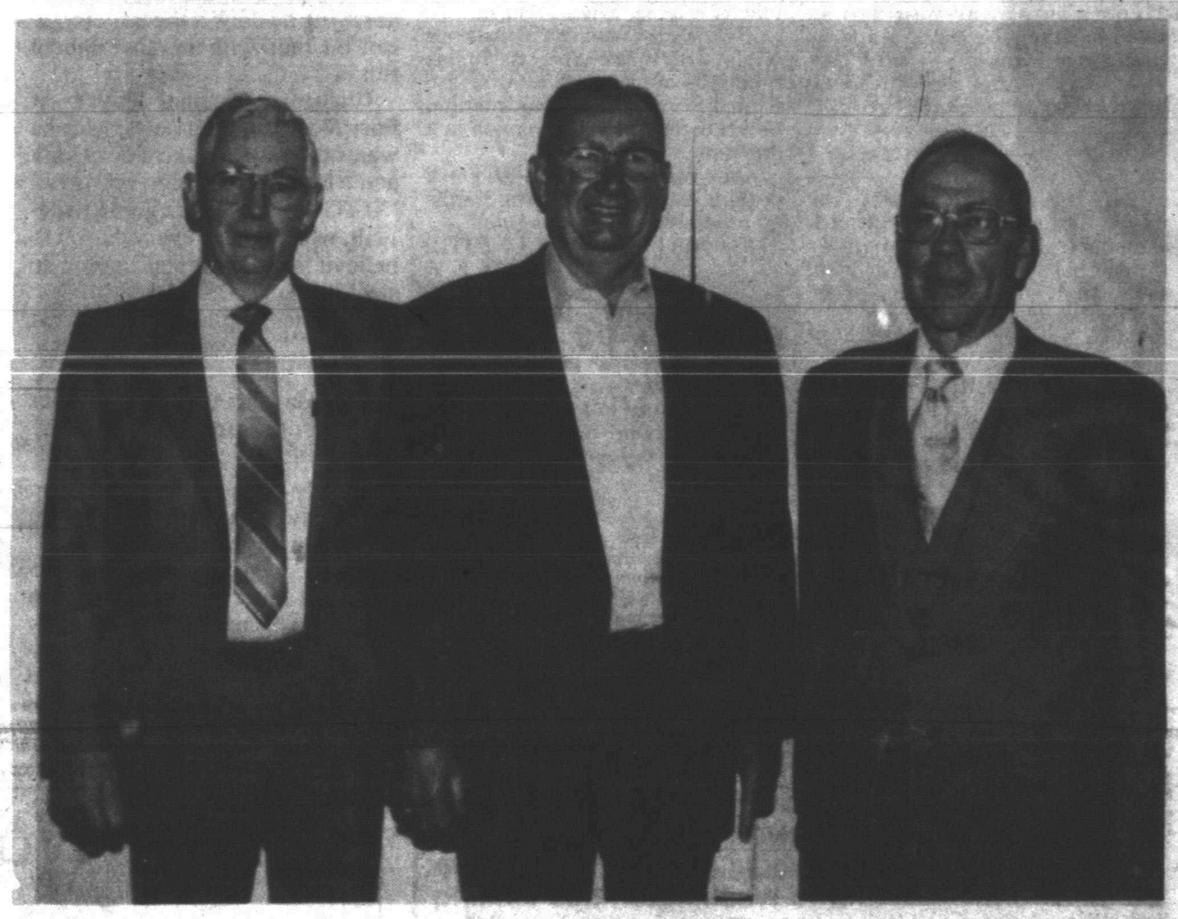
November's operating report indicated a net income to the hospital of $5,804 and a cash balance of $1,412,430.

Cogdell reported an average daily census of 14, a long term census of 34.6, 904 home health visits, 53 surgeries, 16 newborns and 634 emergency room visits.

Medicare and Medicaid utilization was a combined 83.7 percent compared to 80.2 percent for the year and 72.2 percent last year.

After the regular meeting, the

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INCOMING DIRECTORS — Chief Appraiser Ray Peveler is pictured with new Scurry County Appraisal District board members Billy Calley and Bill Jones (left to right). Calley and Jones were sworn in this morning, replacing out-going members Carl Smith and Bill Voss. (SDN Staff Photo)

U.S. signs pacts to boost Yeltsin

MOSCOW (AP) — The United States tried to help Boris Yeltsin today with fresh assistance for Russia's battered economy and scornful criticism of an emerging opposition leader.

In attacking the views of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the Clinton administration said Russia's deep recession was behind the ultranationalist's political appeal and all but demanded that the West bolster Yeltsin's reforms with more economic aid.

"It calls on all of us to redouble our effort to support the process of reform in Russia," President Clinton said Wednesday in Washington.

In Moscow today, Vice President Al Gore and Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin signed agreements designed to show that Yeltsin's cooperation with the West can help lift Russia's economy out of a deep recession.

The highlight of today's agreements was a 300-page contract bringing Russia into the international space station project. The deal includes U.S. payments to Russia of $400 million over the next four years in exchange for up to 10 NASA space shuttle missions to the Russian space station Mir to help U.S. astronauts prepare for the new station's construction.

The first cosmonaut to fly on the U.S. space shuttle will join a mission scheduled to take off in six weeks, negotiators announced.

The two countries also signed several modest investment agreements, including joint U.S.-Russian ventures in gold mining and manufacturing of heavy truck engines. Also signed was a package of energy deals, including a $125 million grant to Russia for purchase of U.S.-made energy efficiency products, and an agreement for U.S. experts to help inspect older Russian nuclear reactors.

Gore, the delegation leader, led the administration's charge on both the economic and political fronts, mixing a demand that the West put money behind its rhetorical support of Yeltsin's reforms with a spirited attack designed to keep Zhirinovsky from building a parliamentary majority.

BCD maps budget for upcoming year

Scurry's Board of County Development mapped out a general budget for 1994 while wrapping up the current year Wednesday.

Under a newly accepted agreement, the Board of County Development is to provide the Development Corporation of Snyder with $45,000 annually. This will leave $10,475 in the 1994 BCD budget for the purpose of advertising and promoting economic development.

Wednesday, BCD board members voted to budget $2,500 of the $10,475 for agri-promotions and $7,975 for advertising. Board members stressed that the categories are broad, leaving the board to use the funds for a variety of purposes.

"We really can't make a line item budget for 1994 because it is hard to know what may come before us," said BCD member Mark McCormick.

Board members noted that the role of the Board of County Development, as well as the chamber of commerce, is changing in 1994 with the formation of a Unified Economic Development Committee. That committee is made up of two representatives of the BCD, two from the DCOS, plus the county judge, city mayor and chamber of commerce president.

In addition to the BCD contracting with the DCOS for $45,000, the City of Snyder is giving the chamber 95 percent, or between $55,000 and $60,000, of hotel-motel tax funds.

An economic development office has been established in the American State Bank building. By mid January, it is hoped that an executive director will be hired who will work with the unified committee. The committee will make a recommendation to the DCOS in hiring the director.

BCD members noted Wednes-

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The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The fellow on Deep Creek says, "Golf remains popular because it is one of the few games where you keep your own score."

Christmas stress...even Santa knows about it.

Fellow in the coffee shop says he was trying to make a long-distance call. Some way or another, while waiting to hear a pin drop, he got interconnected with a guy who was losing his cool.

"You think you've got it bad, huh? How about me?

"I have to work all night long — soot in the chimneys, smelly socks, growling dogs, shot at, mistaken for a stork, driving all night in the snow. Darn near got hit by a 747 at 20,000 feet. It scared the fool out of me, but that's just the beginning.

"Donner and Blitzen got sick over some town called Missoula, and you should see my work clothes. The missus refuses to wash it and the tailor wants almost a thousand bucks for a new one. I had to pay the elves double time to clean up the mess. Besides, I'm sick and tired of milk and cookies.

What's more, it turns out that I'm allergic to pine needles. When I got back the last time, I itched all over. That's when I found six geese a laying, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree. That's when I had to pay overtime to clean up the bird stuff.

"And that's not all...the maids-a-milking ran off with the pipers playing..."

The fellow on the other end assured him that things would look brighter by Dec. 26, but the stressed out fellow wasn't sure.

"Got a questionnaire gotta answer from the federal government. They want to know about discrimination and sexual harrassment, especially the ratio of female to male reindeers. And somebody else inquired if we had a current inspection sticker on the sleigh. The same letter wanted a log kept since we crossed state lines. And since Donner and Blitzen got sick last time, they wanted to know about company health insurance..."

SDN Talking Newspaper Poll

Do you feel that people should be required to take a mandatory driving test when they reach age 65

?

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RESULTS THIS WEEKEND

Dear Abby



There's a Will but No Way For Father to Reveal Intent

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: We own quite a bit of farmland. We have four children, all married with families.

One son, the eldest, thinks I should sit down with all the kids and discuss the contents of my will.

Abby, my wife and I are from the old school, and we don't think we should — and that is what I told him.

He says, "Times have changed and people are doing that nowadays — otherwise it would be like traveling without a road map."

What is your opinion?

ANOTHER IOWAN

DEAR IOWAN: The contents of one's will are usually not disclosed until it's time to deliver the inheritance.

Tell your son he doesn't need a road map; he should just assume that "the road" leads to the poorhouse — and he shouldn't count his chickens before they're hatched.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I thought you might like to share something I clipped from a Better Business Bureau bulletin. It might enlighten some employers and employees as to why their business is down.

AN ARKANSAS READER

"REMEMBER ME"

"I'm the fellow who goes into a restaurant, sits down and patiently waits while the waitresses do everything but take my order. I'm the fellow who goes into a department store and stands quietly while the sales clerks finish their little chitchat. I'm the man who drives into a gasoline station and never blows his horn, but waits patiently while the attendant finishes reading his comic book.

"Yes, you might say I'm a good guy. But do you know who else I am? I am the Fellow Who Never Comes Back, and it amuses me to see you spending thousands of dollars every year to get me back into your store, when I was there in the first place, and all you had to do to keep me was to give me a little service; show me a little courtesy."

* * *

DEAR ABBY: If you are not tired of dealing with letters about unusual names, here's my contribution:

My maiden name was Orange, which caused much comment. One boyfriend used to say, "Oranges are more 'apeeling' when they are Sunkist." I got so tired of all the "orange" remarks that I ended up marrying a man named Smith.

By the way, my husband belongs to the Jim Smith Society. It has hundreds of members all over the United States. Every year, the Jim Smith Society has a convention in a different city.

Can you imagine a desk clerk dealing with dozens of Jim Smiths all registered in the same hotel?

NORMA (MRS. JAMES) SMITH, FREEPORT, N.Y.

DEAR NORMA: It is bound to be very confusing — especially if the Jim Smiths charge breakfasts, lunches and various sundries to their hotel rooms. (I'll bet the Jim Smiths go over their hotel bills very carefully.)

* * *

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Board to meet Friday

AUSTIN (AP) — The fate of a proposed, 200 mph railroad linking the state's largest cities could be determined Friday.

That's when the Texas High Speed Rail Authority board is scheduled to discuss the propsal by Texas TGV.

TGV, a partnership of French and American companies, was to have raised $170 million in equity financing by Dec. 31 as the first step toward funding the estimated $6.8 billion rail line. But the plan collapsed late last week.

If the company fails to meet the deadline, which already has been extended by one year, then it could be in default of the franchise agreement with the state and the project could be killed.

David Rece, president of TGV, said the company wasn't ready to give up. "We are trying to work within ourselves and figure out what the steps will be," he said.

The Houston Post today quoted the chairman of the rail authority as saying he doubts the bullet train can be bult without government funds.

Chairman Hershel Payne of Fort Worth told the newspaper he wants the state to take a hard look at the feasibility of high-speed rail "if TGV says they are going to default, which I have every reason to believe is what they are going to say."

The developments prompted DERAIL, a Waco-based group opposed to the project, to call Wednesday for the rail authority to reject another deadline extension.

"Let's hope and pray that the (authority) board will not grant an extension or relax the financial standards that Texas TGV is required to meet," DERAIL said in a written statement.

Texas TGV has proposed linking Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio with 200 mph trains that utilize French technology.

THE GRIZZWELLS CHRISTMAS by Bill Schorr



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Nuclear watchdogs group says fed report 'too rosy'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A nuclear watchdog group's contention that federal oversight of the nation's nuclear power plants is rosier than the industry's own view is off the mark, Texas utility officials say.

Public Citizen's Critical Mass Energy Project on Wednesday disclosed the contents of previously secret industry critiques of 56 nuclear power plants, including the two in Texas.

The non-profit advocacy group, which is seeking to reduce nuclear power usage, contends that the industry reviews are far less harsh than those done by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. As a consequence, the group contends the public is ignorant of safety problems known privately within the industry.

NRC and industry officials denied the Public Citizen claims, saying the NRC reports can't be compared to those compiled by the industry because different performance factors are measured.

"We are confident that our inspection system provides a good overview of safety matters," said NRC spokesman Joe Fouchard.

The reviews by the Institute of Nuclear Power Operation — created by the industry after the 1979 Three Mile Island nuclear accident to help utilities resolve safety problems — were obtained surreptitiously by Public Citizen about three months ago.

"These reports draw a shocking picture of an industry in decline and a government agency that has abandoned tough regulation," said Bill Magavern, director of the Critical Mass Energy Project.

Among the widely different evaluations cited by Public Citizen:

—In its May 1992 evaluation of the South Texas Project operated by Houston Lighting & Power Co. near Bay City, INPO found that the radioactivity of liquid releases had increased over a three-year period. In its assessment of the plant's operations for June 1991-August 1992, the NRC found that "an excellent liquid and gaseous radioactive waste effluent program was implemented."

—Also at the South Texas Project, whose two reactors have been idled since February because of repeated equipment failures, INPO found the plant's "self assessment program has been insufficiently effective in identifying problems in some areas." The NRC, meanwhile, found that "the licensee's self assessment and corrective action programs were evaluated as good."

—In its March 1992 evaluation of the Texas Utilities-operated Comanche Peak plant near Glen Rose, INPO found the need for improvements in keeping foreign materials out of the reactor cavity and spent fuel pool. "The plant currently has an estimated three to four fuel rod failures that have been analyzed as potentially debris-induced," the INPO evaluation said. In its report of the plant's activities from February 1991-February 1992, the NRC didn't address the issue of debris entering the reactor cavity or spent fuel pool.

Spokesmen for Texas Utilities and Houston Lighting & Power said it would be devastating to INPO's mission to make the industry group's reports public — something Public Citizen has sought for years unsuccessfully.

"It would undermine the effectiveness of the INPO program if those (reports) were in the public domain," said TU Electric spokesman Dave Fiorelli. "One of the key strengths of the INPO program is the ability to candidly assess performance using peers."

HL&P spokesman Glen Walker agreed, likening the utilities' relationship to INPO to that of a doctor and patient. "They are there to make us well and the best (plant) possible," Walker said. "The NRC on the other hand is obviously charged with protecting the public health and safety."

Comparing the INPO and NRC reports is like comparing apples and oranges, Fiorelli and Walker said.

The NRC audits typically cover 12 to 18 months, while INPO's review lasts a week or two, Fiorelli said. That explains many of the discrepancies in the two groups' reports, he added. "It may well be that INPO may see something in the one week they are there looking at an area that the NRC, when they are grading you over a 12- or 18-month period, will say overall during that period performance was good."

Singer launches silk shirt line

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — If all those Deadheads get bored with tie-dyed T-shirts and blue jeans, they can slip into something a little more colorful: silk shirts from the collection of Jerry Garcia.

The Grateful Dead guitarist-artist-couturier has introduced "J. Garcia" silk print shirts, inspired by his brightly colored paintings. The 51-year-old musician introduced a line of silk ties four years ago.

The men's collection features eight designs of short-sleeved, sandwashed silk twill shirts for about $45 each. The women's shirts are made of washable silk.

Lotto Texas

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

1, 4, 6, 20, 24, 33

(one, four, six, twenty, twenty-four, thirty-three)

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $3 million

Pick 3

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

3-1-1

(three, one, one)

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Would you like to win a 13 day ALL EXPENSE PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.? Midwest Electric Cooperative would like to sponsor two area youth on a tour to Washington this coming June. If you are from 14 to 19 years of age, and live within Midwest Electric's service area you are eligible to compete for one of these trips.

For information about how you could apply for the contest to earn one of these exciting trips, contact your nearest Midwest Electric Cooperative office - at the Cooperative's office in Roby, or the Snyder District office at 2100 College Ave. in Snyder.

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SHS CLASS OF '58 — The Snyder High School Class of 1958 met at the Willow Park Inn on Nov. 13 for its 35th reunion. Pictured on the front row are, from left, Barbara Taylor McCormick, Carolyn Murphy Derouen, Janelle Moore Pollard, Rosa Morae Clark Brooks, Yvonne Carpenter Childs, Dixie Rogers, Joy Green Fiscus, Belinda Bell Foster, Velma Lou Brumley Lear, Vera Clark Pruitt, Pat Denson Partain. On the second row are, Sterling "Bud" Morgan, Daniel Wood, Steve Melton, Joyce Watson Tolbert, Mary Deffebach Williams, Pauline Grantham Wimmer, Jo Ann Miller Ham, Jan White Baker, Viola Hinojos, Doris Lewis Blackard, Deanne Deavers Sims, Molly Carroll Kattes, Dana Scarborough Whitson. The third row includes Roland Miller, Richard Newman, Rex Wilson, John Ward, Jerry Hatfield, Jimmy Don Hardy, Neil Boyd, James Vincent, Morris Head, Dean Staton and Jerry Davis. Above, at rail are Arnold Dorman, Dwayne Overman, Bobby Nolan, Robert Lewis and Bob Pollard. Teachers attending were Coach James "Dutch" Stehley, James Littlepage, Frank Miller, Ollie Peek and Ed Raborn. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio).

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-16-93
♠ 4
♥ J 6 3
♦ Q 8 5 2
♣ A Q 8 7 2

WEST
♠ 8 5
♥ K Q 10 8 5 4
♦ 9 7 4 3
♣ J

EAST
♠ J 10 3
♥ 2
♦ A K 10
♣ K 10 9 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 9 7 6 2
♥ A 9 7
♦ J 6
♣ 6

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

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

Opening lead: ♣ J

sterdam, earlier this year, one declarer spotted the winning line.

Both tables reached four spades by South. At the first table, West led the heart king, making life very easy for South. He won with the ace, drew trumps and played a heart toward dummy's jack. He lost one heart and two diamond tricks.

At the second table, West found the more testing lead of his singleton club jack. The declarer, Bauke Muller, won with dummy's ace, drew trumps and cashed the heart ace, hoping to drop a singleton honor in the East hand. However, when that didn't work, Muller exited with the diamond jack. East won with the king but was endplayed. He cashed the diamond ace and tried to exit with the club king, but Muller didn't ruff. Instead, he discarded one of his heart losers. The second heart loser disappeared on East's next minor-suit lead.

Muller was part of the Dutch team that won this year's world team championship.

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Angling for your contract

Which creature has the best eyesight? That's a difficult — if not impossible — question to answer. But one candidate is Pel's fishing owl. Despite hunting only at night, it can still see fish swimming in rivers and lakes. It dives and catches the fish in its talons. The male, who does the fishing, eats part of the catch, then takes the rest and feeds pieces to his mate.

At the bridge table, experts use their eyesight more efficiently than less able players. In particular, they don't miss a card, repeating to themselves every card played.

On today's deal, from a team tournament held in Schipol Airport, Am-

Women dominate music categories

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Women are already the winners in the 21st annual American Music Awards. Whitney Houston got eight nominations, Janet Jackson received five and the all-women trio SWV had four.

The winners will be announced Feb. 7 on an ABC special. They will be selected by the public through a poll of about 20,000 record buyers.



CEREMONIES BY GS — Brownie Troop 400 held its investiture and rededication ceremonies recently at the Girl Scout Hut. Shown saying the Girl Scout promise from left are, first row, Andrea Valadez, Destiny Proctor, Sarah Crawford, Tiffany Kubena, Nichole Ornelas, Lacie Thompson; top row, Karissa Simmons, Gretchen Hollis, Whitney Criswell, Katie Neves, Brandi Davenport and their leader, Dawn Hollis. New Brownies are April, Brandi and Katie. Scouts, parents and friends were served refreshments following the ceremonies. (SDN Staff Photo)



ENTERTAINMENT — The Hoss Clayton Band, along with the Senior Citizens Kitchen Band, entertained at the Scurry County Penwomen's Christmas meeting held Tuesday evening in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Hoss Clayton Band members are from left, Dexter Norwood, Jimmy Hoss Clayton, Dorthey Hanks, Aubrey Wilson, Warren Badger and E.L. Hill. (SDN Staff Photo)

Nationalist Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek died in Taipei of a heart attack in 1975. He was 87.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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.

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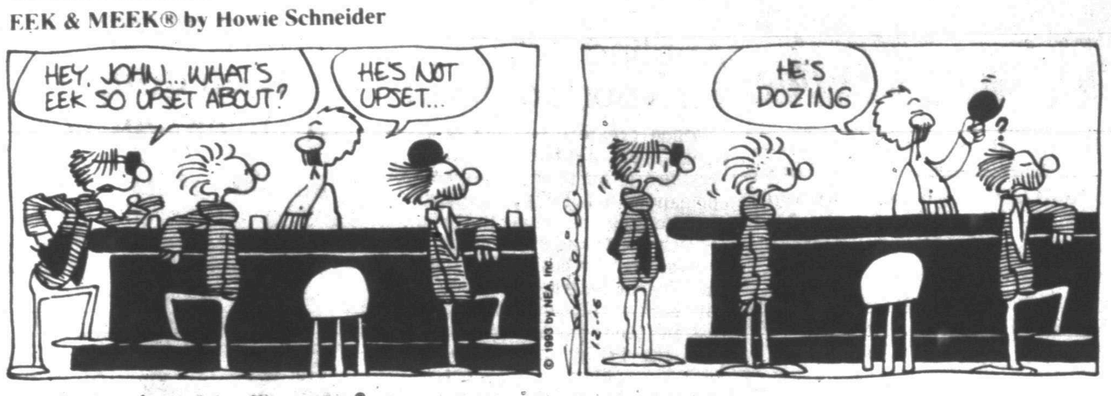
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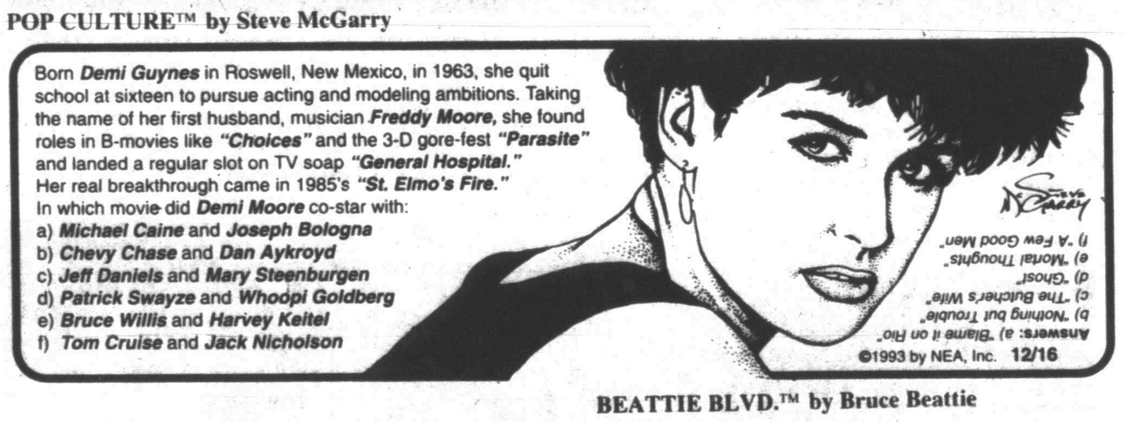
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1 Metal
5 Goddess of the rainbow
9 Boxing-victory abbr.
12 Stare open-mouthed
13 Sect
14 Labor org.
15 Matured
16 Not outwardly
17 Over — hill
18 Longing (sl.)
20 Heap
22 Unit of energy
23 Aunt in Spain
24 Female garment
27 Hockey player Wayne —
31 Beliefs
32 Angers
33 Kin of mono
34 1006, Roman
35 Wading bird
36 Mess
37 Joined (rope ends)
39 Fry quickly
40 Cowboy's nickname
41 Rocky hill
42 Nymph
45 Removing wrinkles from
49 Fish eggs
50 Actor — Randall
52 — fixe (obsession)
53 Oklahoma town
54 Opposite of ecto
55 Shut noisily
56 Film director — Craven
57 Vast period of time (var.)
58 Word on a towel

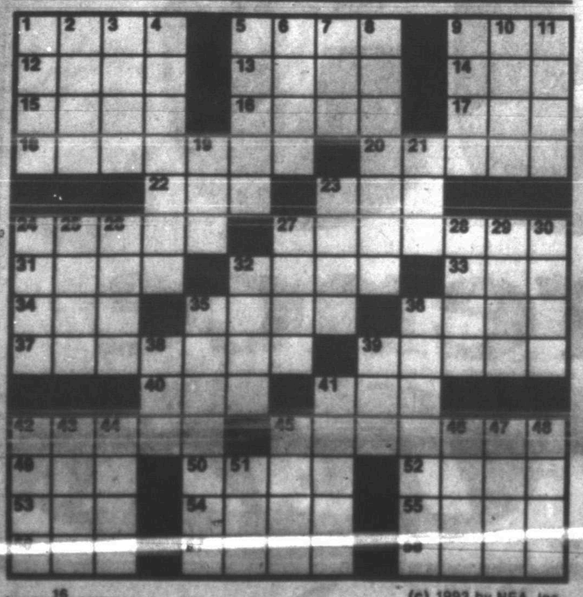
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1 — Pop
2 Undercooked
3 Not closed
4 Novelty
5 Cake topping
6 Ladder part
7 Sick
8 Frustrates
9 Ballet dancer's skirt
10 Actress Madeline —
11 Was in debt to
19 Apr. 15 addressee
21 Grain
23 Three (Sp.)
24 Makes less bright
25 Request for reply
26 Actor — Jannings
27 Grating
28 South African tribe
29 String fastening
30 Cry of pain
32 Wild goat
35 Summer drink (2 wds.)
36 Decorate
38 Call — — day
39 Canal system in northern Michigan
41 Test for fit (2 wds.)
42 Sketch
43 Went on horseback
44 Affirmative votes
45 — China
46 Unemployed
47 Approach
48 Precious stones
51 Individual

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Oilers deal with Alm's death

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers want to remember Jeff Alm. They don't want to remember how he died.

The Oilers will honor Alm by wearing No. 76 decals on their helmets and leaving his locker untouched the rest of the season.

The defensive lineman committed suicide early Tuesday morning. He shot himself shortly after driving into a freeway guardrail, which caused the death of best friend.

"We'll never forget Jeff, but we want to forget the tragic way he left us," Warren Moon said. "We need to get it behind us."

The Oilers returned to practice Wednesday for the first time since the tragedy. They tried to begin preparations for Sunday's game at Pittsburgh (8-5). A victory would give them their second AFC Central Division title in three years.

"There was a kind of silence over the practice field today as practice began," Moon said.

Players met with Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministers before their afternoon workout. Some planned to attend a memorial service for Alm on Wednesday night. Others wanted to quiet the emotional upheaval in other ways.

"The greatest preacher in the world couldn't help me in this situation," defensive tackle Ray Childress said. "Sunday is going to come and we can't stop it. The best thing we can do is get ready."

Wednesday's practice was without its usual chatter and jokes.

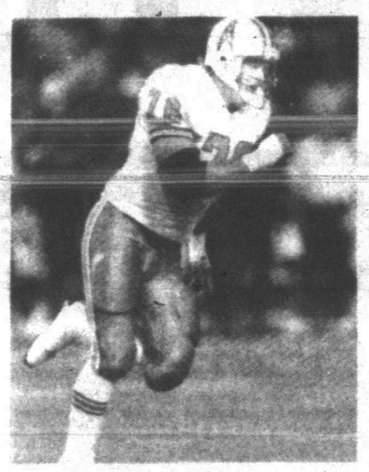
"It took us awhile to get going," defensive end William Fuller said. "It was on everybody's mind. But we finished well. Only time will make it easier."

Defensive end Sean Jones doesn't want to use the tragedy to boost team performance.

"To talk about this being used as added motivation is morbid," Jones said. "I'm mourning in my own way. Nobody is going to tell me how to do it. By Sunday, I'll be ready to play."

Cornerback Cris Dishman couldn't decide how the loss will affect the team.

"It may bring us closer together or it may pull us apart, I can't say," Dishman said. "Either way, it won't bring Jeff back to us. I can't say the meeting helped me. I said my prayers and read my Bible last night. That helped."



JEFF ALM

Moon said he benefited from the meeting.

"When someone takes his life we all want to wonder why and get inside his mind," Moon said. "We may never know. There's no one certain thing that makes a person take his life. We just have to remind ourselves that life goes on."

Alm's late-model Cadillac went out of control on an exit ramp along Interstate 610 at about 2:45 a.m. CST Tuesday. Alm's best friend, Sean Lynch, was thrown through the passenger window to his death.

Alm, apparently distraught, then took a shotgun from the trunk of his car and shot himself in the face.

"I wish he would have taken one minute to consider what he was doing," Jones said. "He didn't think about the consequences of his actions and he just punched out."

A waitress at the Old San Francisco Steakhouse said the pair ate dinner at the restaurant Monday night but did not drink alcohol.

Police said they would not have toxicology reports until Friday that will determine if alcohol or drugs were involved. Investigators at the scene saw no evidence of either.

Alm was in his fourth season with the Oilers after being drafted out of Notre Dame in the second round in 1990. He had been hampered by injuries and played briefly in only two games this season.

Services for Alm will be held Friday in Worth, Ill., with burial at Fairmott Willow Hills Cemetery in Willow Springs, Ill., a Chicago suburb.

The family asked that donations be sent to the Jeff Alm scholarship fund at Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park, Ill.

Sports Shorts

Golf club holds membership drive

Western Texas College Golf Club is holding a membership drive until Jan. 31.

Individual annual memberships, including the course improvement fee, is $331.25, a savings of over $110 over the present monthly rate. Family memberships are available for $509.86.

In addition, new members will pay a one-time initial fee of $50. Present monthly members may change to annual membership with no additional fee.

Current annual members may call the pro shop at 573-9291 before Jan. 31 to find out about their super savings package.

Franco signs deal with ChiSox

CHICAGO (AP) — Second baseman Julio Franco and the Chicago White Sox agreed to a $1 million, one-year contract that can earn him an additional $1.5 million in performance bonuses.

Franco, 32, hit .289 with 14 home runs and 84 RBIs with the Texas Rangers last season. He has a .300 career average in 12 seasons, and led the AL in 1991 at .341.

Bettis wins NFC offensive honor

NEW YORK (AP) — Jerome Bettis of the Rams, the eighth rookie in NFL history to rush for 200 yards in a game, was one of six players honored by the league.

Bettis carried 28 times for 212 yards, in Los Angeles' 23-20 upset of New Orleans to earn NFC offensive player of the week honors.

Cornerback Deion Sanders of Atlanta was NFC defensive player after intercepting two passes in the Falcons' 27-24 upset of San Francisco.

Greg Lloyd of Pittsburgh was AFC defensive player with two sacks in the Steelers' 21-20 win over Miami. AFC offensive player was Shannon Sharpe of Denver, who had three touchdown receptions and 10 catches in the Broncos' 27-21 win over Kansas City.

Denver's Reggie Rivers, who blocked a kick that set up the winning TD, was AFC special teams player. Eddie Murray of Dallas kicked three field goals in a 37-20 win in Minnesota for NFC special team honors.

Huskies file suit against Pac-10

SEATTLE (AP) — Five University of Washington football players and two stores that sell Huskies souvenirs sued the Pacific-10 Conference in an attempt to lift a bowl ban and other sanctions against the team.

The suit filed in U.S. District Court alleges the Pac-10's sanctions last summer interfere with the business relationship between the Huskies and two businesses, and the probe violated due process rights of football players involved.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs are seeking a trial before the 1994 season to ask a judge to lift the Pac-10's ban on the Huskies from postseason play.

Missouri names Smith new coach

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Larry Smith returned to the football head coaching ranks when hired by Missouri, which also promoted associate athletic director Joe Castiglione to athletic director.

Smith, 54, replaces Bob Stull, who was reassigned as assistant athletic director Nov. 29 after compiling a record of 15-38-2 in five seasons. Smith has a career record of 110-80-6 in 17 seasons with Tulane, Arizona and Southern California.

Castiglione, 36, has served at Missouri 12 years. He was named associate athletic director in 1991 under former athletic director Dick Tamburo.

Bahr added to Patriots' roster

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots have hired a kicker who missed a 21-yard field goal last Sunday to replace one who missed a 27-yarder.

It doesn't matter much to coach Bill Parcells why newcomer Matt Bahr and Scott Sisson, who remains with the team, are struggling. He just wants them to fix the problems.

Bahr is expected to kick Sunday at Cleveland, where he spent nine seasons.

"It's the same as any other position. You may know the reason why you're doing it," Parcells said Wednesday, "but unless you can correct it, it doesn't make any difference.

"Just like raising your own kids. If you can't get them to behave the way you want them to, even though you know the reason they're not behaving, what good does it do?"

Parcells hired Bahr as much for his brains as his foot. He hopes Bahr can use the wisdom of 15 NFL seasons to help Sisson, a rookie from Georgia Tech.

Sisson missed what Parcells called "a very, very easy opportunity" from 27 yards in Sunday's 7-2 win over Cincinnati. Bahr missed a 21-yarder and, on the last play, a 45-yarder in Philadelphia's 10-7 loss to Buffalo.

On Monday, Bahr was unemployed. He had also been cut in training camp by the New York Giants.

SHS faces Dimmitt Friday...

Brownfield cage event starts

The Snyder Tigers won't get started at the Brownfield Rotary Invitational Basketball Tournament until tomorrow, but the tourney's opening round begins today with two games in the varsity bracket and four junior varsity games.

The varsity Tigers will open play Friday with a 3:30 p.m. contest against Dimmitt. They were originally slated to open the event today, but semester tests at SHS precluded the Tigers from making games before Friday afternoon.

First-round games today feature Slaton vs. Andrews at 4:30 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. by the host Cubs against Muleshoe.

Pecos drew an opening round bye.

Snyder brings a 7-3 mark into the tournament, including a 58-55 loss to Andrews Frdiay.

The SHS boys are led by seniors Adrian Sneed and Jon Patrick. Sneed scored a team-high 13 points against AHS a week ago, while Patrick scored eight points, including two 3-point baskets.

A win over Dimmitt would have the Tigers facing the Slaton-Andrews winner at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Snyder's JV boys were forced to give up an opening-round forfeit at the tourney. After drawing a bye in the first round, the Tigers, also due to the scheduling of semester exams, will hand a win to either Levelland or Slaton.

Levelland will battle Slaton today at 3:30 p.m. with the winner getting an automatic berth in the semifinals, due to the SHS forfeit.

In other first round meetings on the JV side of the tourney today, Muleshoe tangles with host Brownfield at 5 p.m., Andrews faces Littlefield at 6:30 p.m. and Frenship battles Monterey at 8 p.m.

Snyder's first game will be Friday at 4 p.m. against the Frenship-Monterey loser in the consolation semifinals.

Brownfield Rotary Invitational
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 16
Andrews vs. Slaton, 4:30 p.m.
Brownfield vs. Muleshoe, 7 p.m.
Pecos, bye
Friday, Dec. 17
Snyder vs. Dimmitt, 3:30 p.m.
Brownfield-Muleshoe loser vs. Slaton-Andrews loser, 5 p.m.
Pecos vs. Brownfield-Muleshoe winner, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 16
Levelland vs. Slaton, 3:30 p.m.
Muleshoe vs. Brownfield, 5 p.m.
Andrews vs. Littlefield, 6:30 p.m.
Frenship vs. Monterey, 8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 17
Snyder — forfeit to Leveland-Slaton winner
Levelland-Slaton loser vs. Andrews-Littlefield loser, 2:30 p.m.
Frenship-Monterey loser vs. Snyder, 4 p.m.
Levelland-Slaton winner vs. Andrews-Littlefield winner, 5:30 p.m.
Muleshoe-Brownfield winner vs. Frenship-Monterey winner, 7 p.m.

Kings tripped by Milwaukee

by The Associated Press

The Sacramento Kings weren't up to winning one for injured rookie Bobby Hurley.

The Kings, in their first game since Hurley was critically injured in a two-car crash late Sunday night, fell 96-95 to Milwaukee on Wednesday night.

"It was pretty emotional. I really wanted to win for Bobby," said center Mike Peplowski, one of the first people to discover Hurley's accident. "I know he was listening and watching."

Hurley, now listed in serious but stable condition, was honored before the game with a special video presentation, including a message from Hurley's father, thanking fans for their support.

Eric Murdock scored 10 of his 32 points in the fourth quarter for the Bucks, who have won just five of 21 games this season.

The Kings, who lost their sixth straight game at home and for the 10th time in 11 games overall, had two shots to take the lead in the final seconds, but Mitch Richmond and Wayman Tisdale missed jumpers.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Chicago 108, Boston 98; Philadelphia 101, Denver 93; Utah 97, Minnesota 95; San Antonio 111, Portland 91; Phoenix 110, Golden State 104; and the Los Angeles Clippers 110, Orlando 109.

Richmond led the Kings with 27 points, including a 3-pointer with 36 seconds left that made the score 96-95. After Murdock missed a short jumper 12 seconds later, Richmond rebounded, setting up the Kings' final chances.

Spud Webb, filling in for Hurley as the starting point guard, scored 17 points. Lionel Simmons had 17 points and 15 rebounds.

Clippers 110, Magic 109

Los Angeles defeated visiting Orlando when Danny Manning hit a jumper from the top of the key with 1.7 seconds remaining.

Ron Harper's 27 points, Manning's 25 and Loy Vaught's 23 for the Clippers offset Shaquille O'Neal's 31 points and 14 rebounds and Nick Anderson's 24 for the Magic.

Spurs 111, Trail Blazers 91

David Robinson moved ahead of O'Neal into the NBA scoring lead by scoring 37 points against Portland in host San Antonio's highest offensive output of the season.

The Trail Blazers, who were led by Clifford Robinson with 18 points, shot 38 of 100 from the field.

Willie Anderson, starting at point guard for the Spurs for the injured Negele Knight, tied his career-high with 12 assists to go with 12 points.

Suns 110, Warriors 104

Phoenix won at home against Golden State for the 17th consecutive time as Charles Barkley scored 33 points and Oliver Miller grabbed two key rebounds in the final minute.

Miller gave the Suns a 104-101 lead with 47 seconds left when he followed teammate A.C. Green's miss. Miller then outjumped Chris Webber for the ball with 29 seconds remaining after Kevin Johnson's miss of his second free throw left the Suns up 105-103.

Latrell Sprewell scored 28 points and Webber had 21 points and 11 rebounds for Golden State.

College hoops

By The Associated Press
EAST
Connecticut 96, Texas 86
SOUTH
Cent. Florida 100, Florida Atlantic 74
Georgia Tech 72, Georgia 69
Queens, N.C. 85, Winthrop 77
SW Louisiana 100, Sam Houston St. 66
SW Texas St. 79, Georgia St. 73
MIDWEST
Minnesota 73, Clemson 54
Northwestern 86, Youngstown St. 70
St. Louis 97, Augustana,Ill. 64
FAR WEST
Weber St. 100, Oregon Tech 68

Fishing report

ARROWHEAD: All fishing slow due to high winds and cold temperatures.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water muddy, 53 degrees, 91/2 feet low; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on Rat-L-Traps and cranks in 6-9 feet of water; hybrid stripers are good on cut shad and silver side minnows; white bass are good to 10 per stringer with a lot of throw backs; crappie are slow; catfish are slow.

FRYER: All fishing slow due to weather.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 53 degrees, 4 feet low; black bass are slow; white bass are good with numerous limits to 2 pounds on minnows and slabs in 30-50 feet of water; crappie are good on minnows in 12-15 feet of water; catfish are slow to 8 pounds; walleye are fair and improving to 5 pounds on minnows.

HUBBARD CREEK: All fishing slow due to weather.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 49 degrees, 8 feet low; all fishing slow except for walleye which are slow but improving to 21 inches on Countdown Rapalas in 60 feet of water.

O.H.IVIE: Water clear, 51 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on slab spoons in 40-60 feet of water; crappie are good in 35 feet of water on minnows to 20 per boat; all other fishing is slow.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 68 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass are slow to 6 pounds on spinners; white bass are good in the schools on spoons and Rat-L-Traps; striper are good to 17 pounds on slabs and Rat-L-Traps in the deeper water; crappie are slow; catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky, 1 foot high; black bass are fairly good to 5 pounds on cranks and spinners in 3 feet of water; hybrid striper are good to 5 pounds trolling yellow jigs; crappie are slow; channel catfish are good in number on shad-baited trotlines.

SPENCE: Water clear, 26 feet low; black bass are good to 51/2 pounds on pumpkin seed Power Worms; striper are good to 8 pounds on live bait and trolling Hellbenders and jigs; white bass are good on slabs and topwaters under the birds; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 43 pounds on cut baited trotlines.

THEO: Water clear, 45 degrees, 15 feet low; black bass are slow; catfish are fair to 4 pounds on cheese bait; all other fishing slow with few [illegible]

TWIN BUTTES: [illegible] are fair to 8 pounds on jigging spoons on the humps; crappie are good in 30 feet of water; catfish are fair to 12 pounds on trotlines baited with small perch.

WHITE RIVER: All fishing slow due to lack of fishermen.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

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Atlantic Division				
New York	14	4	.778	—
Orlando	11	9	.550	4
Boston	11	11	.500	5
Miami	7	11	.389	7
New Jersey	7	13	.350	8
Philadelphia	7	13	.350	8
Washington	6	14	.300	9
Central Division				
Atlanta	15	4	.789	—
Chicago	11	8	.579	4
Charlotte	11	9	.550	4½
Indiana	8	11	.421	7
Cleveland	7	12	.368	8
Detroit	6	13	.316	9
Milwaukee	5	16	.238	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	20	1	.952	—
Utah	15	7	.682	5½
San Antonio	14	8	.636	6½
Denver	9	11	.450	10½
Minnesota	7	13	.350	12½
Dallas	1	19	.050	18½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	17	2	.895	—
Phoenix	15	3	.833	1½
Golden State	11	9	.550	6½
Portland	12	10	.545	6½
LA Clippers	9	10	.474	8
LA Lakers	8	13	.381	10
Sacramento	5	15	.250	12½

Wednesday's Games
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Cleveland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Connecticut hands Texas 96-86 defeat

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — It might be time for the experts to admit to a mistake. Connecticut wasn't in the preseason Top 25 and the Huskies were picked to finish fourth in the Big East.

After a solid, it-wasn't-as-close-as-the-final-score-indicated 96-86 victory over Texas Wednesday night, the 16th-ranked Huskies are unbeaten after six games and looking like one of the best teams in the country.

"It's my opinion," Texas coach Tom Penders offered, "but right now (No. 1) Arkansas and Connecticut are playing the best basketball in the country."

Connecticut led 86-66 with 6:34 to play. Texas (2-3) put on a little run and cut the lead to 95-86 with 13 seconds left. But the damage had already been done by Donyell Marshall, who led the Huskies with 23 points, and a supporting cast that changes stars each game, but not production.

Brian Fair, who came in averaging six points per game, had 14, including two big 3-pointers when the Huskies broke it open on the way to a 51-37 halftime lead. Doron Sheffer ran the offense and contributed 16 points and seven assists.

The game marked the return of Texas guard B.J. Tyler, who withdrew from school in August and admitted himself to the John Lucas Center in Houston to "rid myself of a minor problem that could prevent me from reaching my potential as an athlete and, more importantly, as a man."

Tyler was a surprise starter and finished with 16 points in 28 minutes.

Albert Burditt led Texas with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

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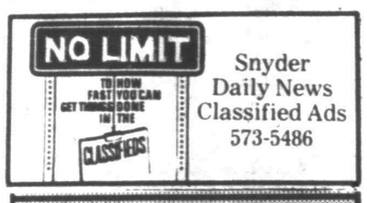
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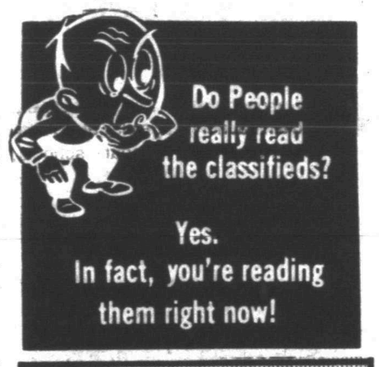
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Health care plan likely to have competition

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservatives and Republicans are writing prescriptions for health care reform, trying to settle on a formula they all can swallow — and on issues that will help them whittle on the plan President Clinton wants enacted next year.

"I don't think the president has the votes for it," Republican Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma said, suggesting that Republicans and dissenting Democrats may join in coalitions to change major provisions of the administration program, on such points as financing, cost controls and insurance options.

Perhaps so, but Republicans not only are in the minority in Congress, they haven't yet agreed among themselves what to do about health care. There are four GOP plans with significant sponsorship, the latest of them a Nickles proposal loosely patterned on the health insurance system that covers federal employees and Congress.

The political consensus is that something has to be done, next year, on health care. It's an election year, a worrisome issue to the voters and the top 1994 priority for a Democratic president with a Democratic Congress.

AP news analysis

A national poll conducted this month showed that more people — 22 percent — considered proposing health care reform to be Clinton's top achievement than any other single step he took.

It's an issue on which Republicans can't say no, so they say change, well aware that the Clinton plan will frame the debate in a Democratic Congress. Nickles, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said the GOP must offer a constructive, positive alternative on health care.

Sen. Bob Dole, the Republican leader, says that with a consensus on their own terms, the congressional minority could gain an influential, perhaps a decisive role in shaping health legislation. The Democrats are divided too, among three major plans: government health insurance; Clinton's terms; and a more limited set of changes, short of the universal coverage the president insists upon.

While there are conservative theorists who argue that health care is not as much as of a crisis as Clinton sees, more pragmatic Republicans concede him that point and differ on what to do about it.

"This country knows that the current system is decaying and wants it changed," said Rep. Newt Gingrich, the No. 2 House Republican. But Gingrich said Clinton's plan would mean socialized medicine, the buzz words in every health care debate for decades.

He said there's no basis for compromise on that, a hard line that contrasts with earlier GOP talk of flexibility and bargaining, perhaps to bipartisan answers on health care.

"What you're going to see out of the president is a deliberate strategy of being on both sides all of the time," Gingrich told a conference of the organization Empower America. "He's concluded that the only way he can govern is to talk right and policy left."

Nickles, promoting his alternative Wednesday at the Heritage Foundation, the conservative think tank where it originated, said it not only would preserve but enhance the coverage choices available to health care consumers.

It originated 31/2 years ago, in a Heritage Foundation proposal by Stuart M. Butler. It was an adaptation of the federal employee health care benefits program, which covers more than 9 million current and retired government workers. In that system, there is an annual option to choose among health insurance plans, at varying costs and levels of coverage.

The bill, sponsored by 24 Senate Republicans, would end employer-paid health insurance coverage and let people use the money, along with tax incentives, to shop for their own and buy what they want, from minimal coverage to costlier, broader insurance policies. The government would cover the poor

Nickles said that would cover all Americans while fostering competition that would reduce costs because people would be spending their own money, not receiving coverage without a clear price tag.

He said the federal plan is so good the people it covers don't want to be shifted to the national system Clinton proposes. The administration agreed to let the federal workers go last, keeping their separate plan until January 1998, while other health care plans would be moving into the new system of state-run health care alliances, with standardized benefits.

"I think that's a very big issue," Nickles said. It will be if there's any inkling that federal workers and members of Congress will be getting a better deal than the average American. That point is so sensitive that the Senate adopted a resolution saying congressional health insurance ought to be "on an equal basis with all other Americans."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

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One-fourth of students said victims of school violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Students and teachers generally feel safe in public schools, although 23 percent of students and 11 percent of teachers say they have been victims of violence on or near school property, according to a survey out today.

The most commonly reported incidents involve pushing, shoving, grabbing, slapping, verbal insults and stealing, said the latest Metropolitan Life Survey of the American Teacher, which was released at an all-day conference on school violence.

"Incidents involving weapons are rare; however, threats involving weapons are more frequent," the survey found.

Thirteen percent of the students surveyed said they have carried a weapon to school at some time.

"Law enforcement officials are more likely to believe self-defense is a reason to carry weapons than are teachers or students," the report found. "Students place more emphasis on impressing others and feeling important as motivations."

Six percent of the boys and 1 percent of the girls said they had threatened someone with a knife or gun in or around school. Those with poor grades were more likely to make the threats, the study said.

Those results are consistent with other surveys on the prevalence of weapons in schools. A Justice Department survey released last weekend, for example, found that more that than one-fifth of boys at 10 inner-city high schools own guns. And a survey for Harvard University last spring showed that 15 percent of students had carried a handgun in the previous 30 days.

In the current study, 5 percent of the students — and 21 percent of those with poor grades — said they had threatened a teacher in some way.

Teachers and law enforcement officials attributed violence in public schools to a lack of supervision at home, lack of family involvement in schools and exposure to violence in the mass media.

Students said violent acts occur most often because of provocation from others, trying to impress friends and jealousy over a boyfriend or girlfriend.

The survey said 95 percent of the acts of violence against teachers were committed by students.

Teachers were more likely to have been the victim of violence if they believe their school provides only a fair or poor education or if it has mostly minority students, according to the survey.

Among students, 39 percent of those who received generally poor grades — Cs, Ds and Fs — said they were victims of crimes. "This holds true for students in all regions, grade levels and school locations," the study said.

"Boys and young men are twice as likely as girls and young women to be victims of a violent act that takes place in or around school — 30 percent compared with 16 percent," according to the survey.

The survey, conducted by Louis Harris and Associates, is the latest in a series sponsored by Metropolitan Life exploring teachers' attitudes.

A random selection of 1,000 public school teachers of grades three to 12, 1,180 students in the same grades and 100 police officials were surveyed from Sept. 22 to Oct. 5. Adults were interviewed by telephone; students filled out questionnaires. Results had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent for the teachers and students and 10 percent either way for the law enforcement officers.

Doctors dilemma: can woman refuse medical treatment to save fetus

CHICAGO (AP) — A Christian fundamentalist says God will deliver a healthy baby to her. But doctors believe her faith isn't enough to save the fetus from death or severe brain damage; they want to perform a Caesarean section now.

The clash has led to a court battle over whose rights should prevail in such cases — the woman's or the fetus'.

Experts say it's one of the most wrenching dilemmas faced by obstetricians, who must balance legal, ethical and medical interests.

The case is now before Illinois' Supreme Court after a state appeals court Tuesday refused to order a C-section.

Doctors at St. Joseph Hospital say an immediate C-section is needed because the 37-week-old fetus is being deprived of oxygen. A normal pregnancy is 381/2 weeks. The unidentified 22-year-old Pentecostal woman insists that God will protect her fetus through miracles.

Women undergoing C-sections face a 1 in 10,000 chance of dying from complications. As many as one in 20,000 die from complications of vaginal deliveries.

Both the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists warn against seeking court [illegible] made an informed refusal of a medical treatment to benefit the fetus.

"It is a fundamental ethical and legal principle that patients cannot be forced to accept a risk to health to benefit another, whether the other is a person or a fetus," the AMA said in a statement Wednesday.

Yet Dr. Thomas Gross, Illinois chairman of the obstetricians' group, said doctors sometimes are justified in seeking court orders, though "I would try to avoid it as much as possible."

While a doctor should try to respect the woman's rights, the doctor must realize that the woman or other family members might sue for negligence if the fetus is damaged, Gross said Wednesday.

Similarly, Cook County Public Guardian Patrick Murphy, who represents the fetus in the Chicago case, said a court order would offer doctors some malpractice protection. He appealed the case to the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

Murphy said he does not want the court to order the woman "bound, gagged and dragged off to the operating room" but to issue a nonbinding ruling that could protect her doctors or be used against her if the fetus is injured.

If the woman defies such an order and gives birth to a dead or retarded baby, she could be found in contempt of court, Murphy said.

Similar tactics have been tried with some success against Jehovah's Witnesses who have refused medical treatment, citing religious [illegible]

The American Civil Liberties Union, which represents the expectant mother, did not return repeated calls Wednesday.

Utility counsel seeks to cut HL&P revenues

AUSTIN (AP) — The state agency that represents residential and small commercial utility ratepayers is seeking to cut the revenues of Houston Lighting & Power Co. by up to $293 million, officials said Wednesday.

The Office of Public Utility Counsel released an assessment that says HL&P is earning "excess profits" because it's overcharging 1.4 million consumers in the greater Houston area.

Cindy West, a spokeswoman for HL&P, said, "The overearnings allegations are not supported."

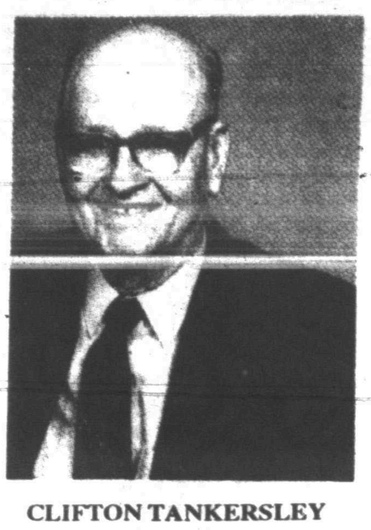
HL&P President Steve Letbetter said the company has taken numerous steps to hold consumer rates down.

"We have cut costs in many [illegible] other factors beyond our control continue to drive overall costs up," Letbetter said.

The counsel has asked the Public Utility Commission to start proceedings aimed at slashing the rates the utility charges.

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Obituaries



CLIFTON TANKERSLEY

Mr. Tankersley

1910-1993

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Clifton B. Tankersley, 83, who died this morning in Big Spring's Scenic Mountain Hospital.

A resident of Snyder since 1951, Mr. Tankersley was a retired pumper and gauger for Chevron. He was a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ and had served the congregation as an elder.

Born in Eastland, Mr. Tankersley married Winnie Hamilton on May 10, 1935 in Eastland.

Survivors include his wife, Winnie of the home; a son, Lynn Tankersley of El Paso; a granddaughter, Laura Tankersley of Lubbock; three brothers, Burton Tankersley of Snyder, Velton Tankersley of Van and G.W. Tankersley of Ranger.

Jack Pruett

1922-1993

ABILENE — Services are set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel for Jack Walton Pruett, 71, who died Tuesday in a Comanche hospital. Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

A former resident of Snyder, Mr. Pruett owned Snyder Furniture Co. for 10 years before moving to Abilene in 1962. He then owned Cactus Furniture and later worked as a residential remodeling contractor.

Born in Mansville, Okla., Mr. Pruett was one of 97 soldiers from the 124th Horse Calvary F Troop that survived the march up the Burma Road during World War II. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, VFW and American Legion. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Pruett of Abilene; a son, Jay Pruett of Troy; a daughter, Bobbie Louise Michalicek of St. Louis; two step-sons, Rick Northcutt and Art Northcutt, both of Port Arthur; two step-daughters, Laquada Stell of Mineral Wells and Barbara Northcutt of Dallas; two sisters, Jeanet Williams of Hurst and Lawana Beckman of North Richland Hills; four grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Walt Wilson

1912-1993

ODESSA — Masonic graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Sunset Memorial Gardens for Walt Wilson, 81, who died Wednesday in Medical Center Hospital. The Rev. Clydell Chapman will officiate, and Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He was the father of Peggy English of Snyder.

Born in Bentonville, Ark., Mr. Wilson married Dot Hamilton on July 17, 1930 in Oklahoma City. He moved to Odessa from Pasadena in 1969. He was terminal manager for T.E. Mercer Trucking Co. for more than 40 years before retiring in 1977.

Mr. Wilson was a 32nd Degree Mason in the Gladewater Masonic Lodge No. 852. He was also a member of the Ector County Sheriff's Possee and the Trail Riders Association.

Survivors also include his wife, Dot Wilson of Odessa; four sisters, Pauline Myers of Eureka, Okla., Audry Boling of Sears, Calif., Moselle Scott of Wyoming, and Mary Ellen Compau of Oklahoma; eight great-grandchildren.

Zachary Williams

1993-1993

BROWNWOOD — Graveside services are set for 11 a.m. Saturday in Eastlawn Memorial Park for Zachary Ryan Williams, 6½ months old, who died Tuesday in Fort Worth. Dr. Byron Orand will officiate.

Born in San Angelo, he is survived by his parents, Tim and Stacy Williams of San Angelo; his paternal grandparents, Pam and Joe Williams of San Angelo; his maternal grandparents, Don and Pat Scott of San Angelo; his great-grandparents, Robert and Claudia Williams of Ira, James and DeAlva Windham of Early, Earl and Louise Nichols of Springfield, Mo., Donald and Betty Scott of Reno, Nev., and Lou Cromre of Green Valley, Ariz.

Ralph Aycock

1910-1993

Services are set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Hermleigh Church of Christ for Ralph A. Aycock who died in Snyder Nursing Center at 9 p.m. Tuesday after a lengthy illness. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery. Mr. William E. Jones will officiate, assisted by Mr. William J. Richardson.

Mr. Aycock, 83, was a retired Church of Christ minister and was a Hermleigh resident since 1982. He was born on March 28, 1910, in Shawnee, Okla. He married Clara Edwards on April 16, 1930, in Springfield, Mo.

Mr. Aycock was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Aycock.

Surviving are his wife, Clara Aycock of Snyder; three daughters, Carol Richardson of Jay, Okla., Bonnie Jones of Edmond, Okla., and Clara Williams of Flagstaff, Ariz.; 14 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Rosa Stephens

1899-1993

GEORGETOWN — Services are set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Davis Funeral Home Chapel for Rosa Belle Stephens, 94, who died Tuesday at her home here.

Officiating will be Keith Cain and Steve Kilpatrick with burial to follow in the I.O.O.F Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Davis Funeral Home in Georgetown.

Mrs. Stephens was the mother of Charles E. Stephens of Snyder.

Born in Coryell County, she married Homer Carter Stephens Sr. on May 10, 1923. He died in 1974. A homemaker, Mrs. Stephens was a member of the Georgetown Church of Christ.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mary Lee Fry of Austin and Joanne Rosser of Georgetown; a sister, Leona Paul of Mesquite; 19 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be James Ray Rosser, Sean Fry, John Oates, John Stephens, Doug Thurber and Paul Hise.

Police note 2 accidents

Snyder police made one arrest and investigated two traffic accidents Wednesday.

Police arrested a 21-year-old man for public intoxication at midnight in the 4400 block of Avenue U.

At 8:08 a.m. Wednesday, officers worked an accident in the 3600 block of Irving. Involved were a 1990 Honda driven by Kelly Hart of P.O. Box 673 and a parked 1992 Mazda pickup owned by Gary Gale of 3604 Irving.

Police also worked an accident in the 3000 block of Denison at 8:32 p.m. Involved were a 1984 Chevrolet pickup driven by Byron Kirk Herrley of 3409 44th St. and a parked 1992 Chevrolet owned by Sandra Hardy McGrew of 3009 Denison.

At 2:35 p.m., officers received a complaint that a pressure tank from a water well had been stolen [illegible] was filed.

Judge promises Hutchison every effort for speedy trial

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison appeared in court today and received assurances from the judge in her criminal case that every effort will be made to give her a speedy trial on ethics charges.

The Republican from Dallas is accused of using state employees and equipment during her tenure as a state treasurer to further her personal and political ambitions.

Judge John Onion, a former chief justice of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, ruled on several pre-trial motions this morning but made no decision on her request for a quick resolution of the case.

Still, he said, "I assure you every effort will be made to give a speedy trial."

Mrs. Hutchison sat behind her attorneys, Dick DeGuerin and Michael Tigar, sometimes offering information.

On Wednesday, her attorneys filed a number of motions denying any wrongdoing and laying out her defense.

The lawyers say Mrs. Hutchison, a Republican, worked hard in office, struggling to do her job in a hostile political environment.

For those efforts, Mrs. Hutchison is being prosecuted to discredit her and the GOP, her lawyers contend in written arguments filed in support of motions to throw out the indictments against her.

A Travis County grand jury earlier indicted Mrs. Hutchison on charges of using state employees for personal and political purposes while serving as state treasurer. She also was accused of destroying computer tapes and other government records in an attempted cover-up.

Prosecutors have rejected Mrs. Hutchison's lawyers' assertions. They say the debate over the motions will only further delay her trial.

In their motions, Mrs. Hutchison's lawyers argued that the activities she is accused of are legal and that the statutes she is charged with violating are "unconstitutionally vague and overbroad."

The lawyers say Mrs. Hutchison and her employees had a constitutional right and a duty to engage in partisan activities so long as they didn't interfere with their state work.

"What was a state treasurer to do if she wanted to keep promises to the electorate, do a good job in office, defeat those who are trying to undermine her position for their own political ends, and at the same time show herself qualified to hold other public offices in the future?" the lawyers asked.

Mrs. Hutchison's lawyers also rejected allegations that she destroyed computer tapes and other government records. As a state official, Mrs. Hutchison was responsible for deciding which records to keep and which not to keep, they said.

Those records do not automatically become government records simply because they are created by an officeholder, Mrs. Hutchison's lawyers said.

The defense lawyers contend that Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, a Democrat, brought the charges because he wants Mrs. Hutchison's Senate job and also to help his party in next year's election.

Earle has denied that the investigation was politically motivated.

Trial begins against parents accused of starving daughter

LUBBOCK (AP) — Paramedics who tried to revive Stephanie Carman say the 7-year-old girl looked so malnourished her ribs stuck out.

Testimony resumes today against a couple accused of starving their daughter.

Steven Carman, 37, and stepmother Patricia Carman, 35, are charged with injury to a child by intentionally failing to provide adequate nutrition and proper medical care.

The Carmans pleaded not guilty Wednesday to the first-degree felony punishable by life imprisonment and fines up to $10,000.

A prosecutor who made opening statements Wednesday blamed the Carmans for causing Stephanie's death in a pool of vomit June 8, 1992.

But a defense attorney said the girl choked accidentally.

Pathologist David Hoblit determined the 43-pound girl died of chronic malnutrition. A peace justice ruled the death a homicide.

Prosecutor Rebecca Atchley told the jury in opening statements that the Carmans took Stephanie out of school and ballet class, locked her in her barren bedroom and fed her so little that her hair fell out in clumps.

"She was caged in her room like an animal. She was given scraps to eat and as a result, she died," Ms. Atchley said.

Dan Hurley, who represents Mrs. Carman, said medical experts other than Hoblit will testify Stephanie had normal fat levels and a normal heart.

What wasn't normal, Hurley said, were the emotional problems she developed as a toddler living with Carman's first wife, her mother.

Hurley said Stephanie would wound pets, mutilate herself and try to stab her older sister. The Carmans sought counseling and taught her at home for individual attention, he said.

"Stephanie Carman died suddenly, traumatically," Hurley said. "She was the apple of Steve and Pat Carman's eye. They dedicated their life to try to help her."

Mrs. Carman told investigators the girl ate a milkshake the afternoon of June 8, 1992, then went to her room, where she said she was tired and asked for a glass of water. She then collapsed.

Lloyd Cody, a paramedic called to the home, said his first thought was that the girl looked malnourished.

"Her eyes were sunken back into her skull," testified Cody, the state's first witness Wednesday. "You could count her ribs individually."

Rob Mello said neither parent seemed too distraught as he and other paramedics worked to save Stephanie.

The trial, which has been the subject of intense media coverage, is expected to last several weeks. Jury selection took eight days.

Texas child welfare officials have declined to comment on their contact with the Carmans since the family moved to Lubbock in 1990.

A spokesman for New Mexico's Children, Youth and Families Department said authorities there briefly took custody of the two Carman sisters after Stephanie began showing signs of starvation in 1989.

Two watchful dogs are credited with saving owner's burning home

LUBBOCK (AP) — A pair of watchful one-time strays saved their home Wednesday morning, barking until their humans were alerted to a fire raging in the family's game room.

The howling of Misty and Max, both of uncertain breed, alerted Susan Terrell to the blaze. Ms. Terrell called the fire department, saving the home she shares with her husband, who was napping at the time of the fire.

The game room was destroyed and the garage was charred, but the Terrells' weren't too concerned.

"Thank God they were carrying on the way they were. They saved the rest of the house," Ms. Terrell said. "These two get meat tonight."

The mutts who sang so well for their supper are unlikely heroes.

Misty was tossed from a passing truck five years ago when she was a tiny pup. The Terrells found the pooch in the parking lot of a convenience store, and the whole family took her in.

The family's Calico cat Patchette, who had just given birth to a litter of kittens, even had some sympathy, going so far as to nurse the orphaned Misty.

"She didn't care for the kittens as much as she did for Misty," Ms. Terrell said.

Max's story isn't nearly as dramatic — he just stumbled to the Terrells' doorstep one day, emaciated and covered with dirt.

Firefighters credited the alert dogs with averting a major fire.

"Just a couple more minutes and it would have been a completely different situation," said firefighter Ray Smith.

No one was hurt in the blaze, which fire officials say caused between $5,000 and $10,000 worth of damage.

BCD

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day that there is $3,929.47 remaining in the 1993 budget, which will be returned to the county.

Also in the noon meeting, the board approved a transfer of $500 from advertising to agri-promotions as well as financial reports and previous minutes.

Present Wednesday were BCD members McCormick, Jack Smartt, Tim Riggin, Pete Hester and Chairman Max von Roeder. Also present was Ricky Fritz, chamber manager.

Cogdell

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board met in executive session for evaluation of the CEO. After reconvening, the board recommended a four percent salary increase for Lancaster. That recommendation will go before St. Mary of the Plains Hospital board of directors for consideration.

Board members present were Ted Crenwelge, Sue Mize, Jim Palmer, G.A. [illegible] Wilson III. Doug Foster was absent.

Packwood to temporarily turn over all of his diaries

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge said today he intends to order Sen. Bob Packwood to turn over his diaries to the court while the judge decides if the Senate can seize the material in its investigation of the Oregon Republican.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson said "by the close of business today" he intends to issue an order requiring that the senator's tapes and diaries be turned over to the district court [illegible] "in their entirety."

Packwood's secretary said this week that the senator had altered [illegible] which the Senate ethics committee has sought as part of its inquiry into Packwood's alleged sexual and official misconduct.

Jackson announced his plans at the opening of a court hearing to determine whether the Senate Ethics Committee is entitled to Packwood's personal papers and tapes.

Michael Davidson, the Senate's chief counsel, said, "We are not asking the court to judge Senator Packwood's conduct." He said the committee is seeking the judge's "aid in obtaining evidence."

Davidson added that the committee's proposed procedure [illegible] reviewing the material is reasonable and should be upheld by the judge.

Markets
Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	68 1/8	67 1/2	67 1/2	+7/8
Albtsn s	26	25 1/2	26	+1/2
Alldsignal	75 5/8	75 1/4	75 5/8	+1/2
Alltel s	27 1/2	27 1/8	27 1/2	+3/8
AmStores	42 5/8	42	42 5/8	+5/8
Amer T&T	55 1/4	54 3/4	54 3/4	-1/4
Ameritech	77 5/8	77 3/8	77 1/2	+1/4
Amoco	52 1/8	51 1/2	52 1/8	+5/8
AndarkPtr	42 1/2	41 7/8	42 1/4	+5/8
Arkla	7 3/4	7 5/8	7 5/8	
ArmcoInc	6 1/8	5 7/8	6	
AtlRichfld	102 1/8	100 1/2	102 1/8	-1/4
ATMOS	26 7/8	26 7/8	26 7/8	
BakerHughes	19 3/8	19	19	-1/8
BancTexas	13 1/8	13 1/8	13 1/8	
BellAtl	60 7/8	60 1/2	60 3/4	+1/8
BellSouth	57 5/8	57 1/4	57 1/4	+1/8
Beth Steel	18 1/8	17 3/4	17 3/4	-3/8
Borden	18 5/8	18 1/4	18 3/8	-1/8
Brit Pet	61 5/8	60 5/8	60 7/8	+21/8
Caterplr	87 1/8	86 1/4	86 1/2	+7/8
CenSoWst	30 7/8	30 1/2	30 3/4	+1/4
Chevron	84 3/4	83 1/2	84 1/8	-1/4
Chrysler	54 3/4	54 3/8	54 3/8	+1/8
Coastal	27 5/8	27 3/8	27 1/2	-1/8
CocaCola	43 3/8	42 3/4	43 1/4	+5/8
ColgatePalm	61	60 5/8	60 7/8	
ComlMetl	37	36 1/8	37	+1
CooperIn	49	48 3/4	48 3/4	-1/8
CyprusAmax	25 1/8	24 3/4	25	+1/4
DailSemicn	14 1/8	13 5/8	14 1/8	+3/8
DeltaAirl	57 3/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	+1/4
DigitalEq	35 7/8	35 3/8	35 5/8	+1/8
Dillard	37 5/8	36 5/8	37 1/2	+5/8
DowChem	59 3/8	59	59 1/4	+1/8
DresserInd	20 1/2	20 3/8	20 3/8	
DuPont	49 1/4	49 1/8	49 1/8	-1/8
EstKodak	56 1/2	54 1/2	55	-1/2
Enserch	16 3/8	15 7/8	16 1/8	+1/4
Exxon	63 1/2	63 1/8	63 1/2	+3/8
FlowerInd	19 1/2	19 3/8	19 1/2	
FordMotor	63 3/8	62 3/4	62 3/4	-1/8
GTE Cp	35 7/8	35 5/8	35 3/4	-1/8
GnDyn	93 5/8	93 1/2	93 5/8	+1/4
GenElct	103 5/8	102 7/8	102 7/8	-1/2
GenMills	61 1/4	60 1/8	61 1/4	+1
GenMotors	55 1/4	54 3/4	54 7/8	+1/4
GenMotors E	27 3/4	27 1/2	27 1/2	-1/8
GaPacif	71 1/4	71	71	-1/4
GlobalMar	3 5/8	3 1/2	3 5/8	+1/8
Goodrich	42	41 1/2	41 1/2	-1/8
Goodyear s	45 1/4	44 7/8	44 7/8	+7/8
GtAtlPac	29	28 3/4	28 3/4	+1/8
Gulf StaUt	19 5/8	19 1/2	19 1/2	
Haliburtn	30 3/4	30 1/4	30 1/4	
Hanson ADS	20 1/8	20	20 1/8	+3/8
HoustInd	46 7/8	46 5/8	46 3/4	+5/8
IBM	57 5/8	57 1/8	57 5/8	+3/4
IntlPaper	66 7/8	66 1/8	66 1/4	-5/8
JohnsnJns	43 3/4	43	43 1/8	-1/8
K mart	22 1/4	21 7/8	22	-1/8
Kroger	20 5/8	20 3/8	20 1/2	+1/4
Litton	66 1/4	66	66 1/8	+1/8
vjLoneStar	17 7/8	17 7/8	17 7/8	
Lowes	54 5/8	54 3/8	54 5/8	-1/8
Lubys	22	21 3/4	21 3/4	
Maxus	4 3/4	4 5/8	4 3/4	
MayDS s	42 3/4	42 1/4	42 1/4	
Medtronic	80 3/8	79 1/2	80 1/8	+1/2
Mobil	74 1/2	73 3/4	74 3/8	-1/8
Monsanto	72 3/4	72 1/4	72 1/4	-1/8
Motorola s	90	87 3/4	88 3/4	—1
Nationsbk	48 3/4	48 3/8	48 5/8	+3/8
Navistar s	22 7/8	22 3/4	22 3/4	+1/8
Nynex s	41 7/8	41 3/8	41 3/8	-3/8
OryxEngy	16 7/8	16 3/4	16 3/4	-1/8
PacTelesis	56 1/2	55 7/8	56	-1/4
PanhECp	22 1/2	22 1/4	22 3/8	+1/8
PenneyJC s	53 3/8	52 7/8	53 1/4	+3/4
Pennzoil	53 3/4	53 1/2	53 5/8	-1/4
PepBoys	27	26 3/4	26 7/8	-1/8
PhelpDodge	49 5/8	49	49 1/4	-1/8
PhilipPet	27 3/8	26 7/8	27 1/8	-1/4
PilgrmPrd	6 7/8	6 7/8	6 7/8	
Polaroid	34 3/4	34 5/8	34 5/8	
Praxair	16 1/2	16 1/4	16 3/8	+3/8
Primerica s	40 3/8	39 1/2	40 1/4	+1 1/8
ProctGamble	56 1/4	55 1/2	55 3/4	
PubS NwMx	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	+1/8
RoyalDutch	103 1/8	102 7/8	103	+1 3/8
SFePacCp	21 5/8	21 1/2	21 5/8	+1/8
SaraLee	26 7/8	26 5/8	26 7/8	+1/4
SearsRoeb s	56	55 3/8	55 3/8	-1/2
SherwinW	34	33 3/4	33 7/8	+1/2
SmthBchADS	29 1/8	29	29 1/8	+5/8
SmthBc eqt	27 1/8	26 7/8	26 7/8	
Southern Co	43 7/8	42 7/8	43 3/4	+1/4
SwAirlines s	37 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	-5/8
SwBell s	42 3/4	42 1/4	42 1/2	+5/8
Sprint	32 7/8	32 1/2	32 3/4	+3/8
SterlingChm	4 3/8	4 1/4	4 3/8	
SunCo	29 7/8	29 5/8	29 3/4	+1/8
TNP Ent	17 1/8	17	17 1/8	+1/8
Tandy	46 7/8	46	46 5/8	+5/8
Templint	49 5/8	49 1/4	49 1/2	
Tenneco	49 7/8	49 3/8	49 1/2	
Texaco	62 7/8	62 1/8	62 5/8	+1/8
TexasInd	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	-1/8
TexasInst	62 3/4	61	61 1/4	-5/8
Tex Util	42 7/8	42 3/4	42 3/4	+3/8
Textron	57 1/4	56 7/8	56 7/8	
Trinty s	42 7/8	42 5/8	42 5/8	-1/8
TritonEngy	29 1/8	28 7/8	29	+1/8
Tyler	4 3/4	4 3/4	4 3/4	
US West	47	46 3/4	46 7/8	
USX Delhi	15 5/8	15 1/2	15 5/8	
USX-Marathn	17 1/8	17	17	-1/8
USX-USS	40	38 7/8	39 1/4	-7/8
UnCarbde	22 1/4	22	22	+1/8
UnPac	60 7/8	60 5/8	60 7/8	+1/2
UnitedTech	62	61 3/4	61 3/4	
Unocal	26 1/4	25 7/8	26 1/8	-1/8
WalMart s	27 3/4	27 3/8	27 5/8	+1/2
WstnGasRs	29	28 3/4	29	+1/8
WestghEl	13 3/4	13 5/8	13 5/	-1/8
WinnDixie	54 1/8	54	54	+1/8
Woolwth	23 7/8	23 5/8	23 5/8	-1/8
Xerox Cp	89 3/8	88 1/4	88 5/8	+3/8
ZenithE	7 1/4	7 1/8	7 1/4	+1/8

Births

Max and Susie Martinez of Snyder announce the birth of their son born at 3:32 p.m. on Dec. 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, 5½ ounces.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Lovie Gatewood, Snyder Oaks Care Center; Janette Greene, P.O. Box 545; Susie Martinez, Rt. 3 Box 122; Murvin Swinney, Rt. 3 Box 115C.

DISMISSALS: Wanda Benbenek, Guillermina Jaimes, Earl Lane, Rebecca Martinez.

Census: 49 (Med.-12, Long-Term Care-33, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-2).

Frequent fliers

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The Illinois Supreme Court ruled today that frequent fliers can try to collect money damages from American Airlines because the carrier changed rules governing its flying club.

The court ruled that American had entered a contractual relationship with its frequent flyers, giving them the right to earn specific travel awards, but then changed the rules.

White House enlists support from doctors groups in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Medical Association may have misgivings about requiring employers to pay for health insurance, but the White House says 10 other doctors' groups with more than 300,000 members are supporting its reform proposals.

President Clinton, noting that almost 39 million Americans were without health insurance at some point last year, defended his insistence on universal coverage and comprehensive benefits. To Republican critics he asked Wednesday, "What's your answer to the fact that the number of uninsured Americans is going up every single day?"

Clinton and his wife Hillary were staging a White House event today with leaders of 10 medical groups, including the major primary care organizations, that have been far more supportive of the Clinton Health Security Act than the AMA.

The groups are: the American Academy of Family Physicians; American Academy of Pediatrics; American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; American College of Physicians; American College of Preventive Medicine; American Medical Women's Association; American Society of Internal Medicine; American Thoracic Society; National Hispanic Medical Association and the National Medical Association.

The 296,000-member AMA, at a meeting in New Orleans last week, backed off on its support of a requirement that employers help pay for insurance — a cornerstone of Clinton's proposal.

Meanwhile, Families USA, a liberal group working to promote passage of Clinton's plan, released a report today that catalogs what it called the major gains that millions of Americans would realize under the White House reform blueprint.

It said the bill would guarantee coverage for 54 million Americans by 1998 who would otherwise lose it or lack insurance entirely and provide new drug benefits for 53 million. By 2001, it said, 121 million people would gain dental coverage and 153 million would get new or expanded coverage for mental illness and treatment of substance abuse.

The White House released documents Wednesday indicating it expects 500,000 wealthy retirees to drop Medicare coverage for doctor bills because the Clinton plan would sharply raise their premiums.

The documents, which elaborate on the financial assumptions behind the president's proposal, also indicate the subsidies Clinton would provide to small businesses, poor people, the jobless and early retirees would cost $274 billion from 1995 to 2000.

And while the administration has promised help for the Veterans Affairs Department to upgrade its hospitals and clinics to attract more patients, the White House actually foresees no change in the number of veterans getting VA medical care.

He also would make upper-income retirees — starting at $90,000 for an individual and $115,000 for a couple — pay 75 percent of the costs of their Medicare Part B coverage for doctor bills and out-of-hospital expenses instead of 25 percent.

The budget document forecasts that Medicare will help pay for 1 billion prescriptions for 36 million elderly or disabled workers each year. But it also assumes "that 500,000 high income beneficiaries would disenroll from Part B" due to sharply higher premiums.

Campbell's choice not very popular

MIAMI (AP) — Luther Campbell can be as nasty as he wants to be, but not on Dade County's cultural affairs council.

The leader of the rap group 2 Live Crew was nominated for the council by county Commissioner Bruce Kaplan, but other commissioners condemned the idea.

Pedro Reboredo, brandishing cassettes by the rap group, said he was appalled by the nomination. Kaplan replied that he didn't know Campbell or his music, but "I know he is a fantastic philanthropist."

Campbell was acquitted of giving an obscene performance at a Hollywood, Fla., nightclub in 1990 after a federal judge declared the group's "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" album obscene.

Campbell said in a statement Wednesday, "My name and personal and professional reputation was slandered in yesterday's commission meeting."

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Is liver function a danger sign?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are elevated liver functions? Both my husband and I have been diagnosed with them, yet our doctor says they are not high enough to be of concern.

DEAR READER: The liver is a vital organ that carries out myriad functions in the body. It does its job by using enzymes, complex chemicals that are produced by the liver cells themselves. Ordinarily, these enzymes do not appear in high concentrations in the bloodstream.

However, in the presence of liver damage, inflammation or blockage, these enzymes leak into the bloodstream, where their measurement often reflects the degree of liver malfunction. For example, heart failure (causing liver congestion), gallstones (leading to obstruction) and hepatitis (inflammation) are associated with elevated levels of liver enzymes that may be 10, 20 or 100 times normal.

Conversely, a small amount of liver inflammation — such as that commonly caused by a regular, moderate intake of alcohol beverages — may produce only a trivial increase.

Doctors frequently order routine measurements of these enzymes and other compounds. Called a "liver profile," "liver screen" or "liver function tests," the blood analyses indicate whether the liver is performing appropriately.

In my practice, the most common abnormality is a slight increase in one or two of the enzymes, due, as I said, to alcohol consumption. Perhaps this is what your doctor was referring to. Nonetheless, I wonder if your (and your husband's) liver function tests are, in fact, of concern.

It is my belief — and the view of many authorities — that even minimal elevations of liver enzymes indicate a problem with alcohol — not necessarily alcoholism, but certainly a level of consumption that should be addressed. In this situation, the increased concentration of liver enzymes may be an early warning that more severe, permanent damage, such as cirrhosis, could occur if the amount of imbibed alcohol is not reduced.

When one of my social drinking patients shows any elevation of the liver enzymes, I urge that person to cut back on alcohol — or stop entirely. I then repeat the liver profile in four to six weeks to make sure that the situation has returned to normal.

Despite your physician's pronouncement, I recommend that you and your husband go on the wagon (if you consume alcohol) for a few weeks. Have the tests repeated when you have been alcohol-free for a month or so. If the tests are normal, you've got your answer. Let me know the outcome.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 with a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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In American yards, Santa orbits earth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Each Christmas on a roof in Corpus Christi Santa orbits the earth in a spaceship, while in the yard below a mechanized doll plays Christmas carols on a piano and a motorized seesaw covered in Christmas lights swings endlessly up and down.

In Los Angeles, a house wrapped completely in foil, and then draped in hundreds of white Christmas lights, reflects and reflects — to blinding effect.

Come December — sometimes even earlier — Americans decorate their property for the holidays. Some do it sedately, some over the top. Some houses glow like highway truck stops from more than a mile away. And some attract so many visitors that the neighbors file suit.

Usually you have to drive around back roads to find these Christmas wonders. This month, they're at the Smithsonian.

Sixty photographs of front-yard Christmas decorations line the walls of a gallery at the National Museum of American History in a new exhibit: "Merry Christmas America: A Front Yard View of the Holiday."

They're the work of Christina Patoski of Fort Worth who has wandered the country for the past 20 winters, searching out the brightest and most original Christmas lights.

She believes the decorations are a unique form of American folk art. She also believes that, for some people, they're the only chance all year to be playful.

"I think there are a lot of locked-up Rube Goldbergs out there — creative people who just have no other outlet," Patoski says.

Take Bill Richardson of Nocona who for years went to great lengths to create highly unusual displays out of odds and ends he scavenged.

He covered old pantyhose racks from a drugstore in bright strings of lights. He filled jars with red and green liquid and propped them up to catch the reflections. He hung the tops of tin cans from a tree in his yard.

When Patoski came to photograph Richardson's house, he was right out front with a guest book, getting everyone who came by to sign.

"He had people sign that book from as far away as Japan," Patoski said.

She finds out about most of the displays by word of mouth, stopping in local convenience stores, asking anyone and everyone where to look.

In Dallas, she found one family that covers its lawn in fluffy white cotton in lieu of snow. In Florida and California, she saw palm trees lighted up as tropical Christmas trees.

On a Rockville, Md., lawn, she saw baby Jesus being admired by a wise man, Santa and a snowman.

One woman in Fort Worth sets up a manger watched over by 11 wise men, with a white baby and a black baby lying in cribs side by side.

Since 1973, Patoski has taken nearly 750 photos of Christmas displays. She hopes one day to turn them into a book.

"Merry Christmas America: A Front Yard View of the Holiday" will be at the National Museum of American History through Jan. 2.

Ex-child star may have averted suicide

SURREY, British Columbia (AP) — Danny Bonaduce, who has seen his own share of trouble since he was a member of "The Partridge Family," may have helped avert a suicide.

Bonaduce, now a radio announcer at WLUP-FM in Chicago, took a call during his show Monday night from a distraught man in this Vancouver suburb, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said.

The former child star kept the 32-year-old man on the phone for 31/2 hours and called police, who found the man at his home, still talking to Bonaduce.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Dec. 16, 1993

In the year ahead you might experience more opportunities than you have for quite some time. Just because there is a profusion of developments, don't take even the smallest one for granted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Strive to be painfully pragmatic today or else you might lull yourself into a mode of unrealistic expectations. See developments for what they actually are. 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.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is a good time to try to trim waste and unnecessary expenses from your budget. Unfortunately, however, instead of doing this, you might splurge and be extravagant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't embarrass yourself today by requesting favors from hotshot friends. You'll have a better chance getting help from pals who don't possess clout.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A battle of wills may transpire within your inner person today. Your better nature might urge you to do one thing, your less noble side another.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't be taken in by a development today where an associate dangles a carrot at the end of a stick. If you're naive, you might trot off after the unattainable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It may be wise to avoid a tempting partnership arrangement at this time if there is a possible conflict of interests. The worse case scenario might transpire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Methods and procedures are important today, so don't rush into your project without first thinking a few steps ahead. To be successful, you must consistently think ahead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is not a good day for you to take gambles or chances on persons or things about which you know little. The odds indicate you might make bad decisions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Unless the other guy can make a genuine contribution, it's best not to turn something which is now singularly successful into a joint endeavor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Objectives will be accomplished today, provided you can get others to do your bidding. Without assistants you're not likely to do much about things on your own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Generally speaking your financial trends look encouraging in this cycle, but there could be some intermittent bad days. Unfortunately, this might be one of them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Getting in the last word could be of enormous importance to you today, but it isn't likely to provide you with any benefits or advantages. In fact, you're better off saying little or nothing.

Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 17, 1993

Associations may be established in the year ahead with persons with whom you've never been previously aligned. This could come about through a most unusual chain of circumstances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You need the type of activities today that simulate your imagination and allow you to express yourself. What you say or do could have a very strong influence on others. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N. Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) To be productive and effective today you must keep your priorities in order. Matter that could enhance your material well being should be listed at the very top of your agenda.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You have good leadership qualities today and it could be counterproductive to hide your light under a bushel. In situations that call for a strong hand on the tiller, step in and take over.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Acknowledge inclinations today that urge you to try things that could better your life and persons for whom you're responsible. What you think you can do can be done.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Without realizing it, you might have been showing preferential treatment to select friends recently. This behavior should be amended. Try to do something about it today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When you take on an assignment or objective today, it arouses a will to win within you that will not be deterred. What you do may impress others, as well as yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to associate with persons today whose basic beliefs and philosophy mesh with yours. They will help strengthen your faith, and you, in turn, will stimulate theirs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) As of today there might be an extraordinary shift in conditions which could make it easier for you to achieve a hidden desire you've been nurturing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone you previously felt was never your ally might be drawn closer to you at this time through a chain of circumstances. The association will generate mutual benefits.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A career or work situation you felt powerless to alter looks like it can now be changed with only a nominal effort on your behalf. Take constructive measures today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There's a possibility you might be able to do better than usual in an arrangement today where other [illegible] you feel secure about this, fire your best shot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When properly motivated today, you'll be an extremely determined person who is not likely to leave any loose threads once you commit yourself to a specific objective.

DATE BOOK

Dec. 16, 1993

Today is the 350th day of 1993 and the 86th day of fall.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1773, American colonists protesting British rule boarded a British vessel anchored at Boston Harbor and dumped nearly 350 chests of tea overboard in what came to be known as the Boston Tea Party.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827), composer; George Santayana (1863-1952), philosopher; Noel Coward (1899-1973), playwright-actor; Margaret Mead (1901-1978), anthropologist; Arthur C. Clarke (1917-), writer, is 76; Liv Ullmann (1939-), actress, is 54; Lesley Stahl (1941-), broadcast journalist, is 52; William "Refrigerator" Perry (1962-), football player, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, the Miami Dolphins defeated the Baltimore Colts, 16-0, becoming the first NFL team to go undefeated and untied in 14 regular-season games.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Fanaticism consists in redoubling your effort when you have forgotten your aim." — George Santayana

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1835, New England's most bitter noontime temperatures were recorded: Hanover, N.H., minus 17; Norfolk, Conn., minus 15; Boston, minus 4.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 13) and first quarter (Dec. 20).

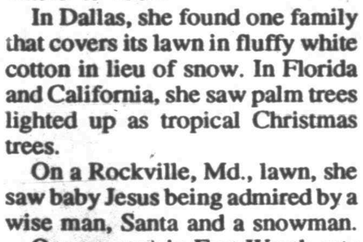
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NEW OFFICERS — Claudia Sanchez, vice president; Jackie Buckland, president; Wenona Evans, secretary; David Cotton, installing officer; Elizabeth Potts and Dolores Jones, directors; took over their new positions on the Snyder Board of Realtors. Not pictured is Clarence Payne, director. Cotton installed the officers Tuesday at the Snyder Country Club. (SDN Staff Photo)

Barbara Bush encourages more relief for war victims

HOUSTON (AP) — Barbara Bush, fresh off a relief mission to Croatia, says more food and medical supplies are needed to help the victims of Europe's worst bloodshed since World War II.

"There's never enough. One thing this trip hoped to do was encourage other countries," Mrs. Bush said. "I hope it will communicate that we care and that more people should care. This should be a universal thing."

Mrs. Bush returned to Houston Wednesday after her brief trip to the war-torn region. She spent Tuesday in three refugee camps near Split, Croatia, as an ambassador at large for the nongovernmental organization AmeriCares.

The group delivered 71,000 pounds of medical supplies, worth about $1 million, to camps and hospitals. Some was handdelivered and the rest was loaded into cargo planes bound for Sarajevo.

Mrs. Bush was greeted at Ellington Field by former President George Bush, and the couple's dog, Millie.

She said she never feared for her safety in the war zone, but added that she could not accompany the supplies to Sarajevo as had been planned because the city was being bombed.

Mrs. Bush said the people she met had plenty to eat, but their living conditions were poor and they were depressed about being removed from their homes.

"We saw a very small room with 10 people living in it and very little bathroom facilities," she said. "There's a lot of depression in these camps and you can understand why. They were beautiful people, but they all wanted to go home."

When asked whether the trip had changed her view of the political situation there, Mrs. Bush declined comment. George Bush also refused to divulge his opinion on U.S. policy regarding the war.

"This was a purely merciful trip, There was never any politics in it for me," Mrs. Bush said. "I have never second-guessed my president either now or then, and I'm not going to do it now."

Over 200,000 people have died and another 2 million have been left homeless since the war started in Bosnia 20 months ago. Neighboring Croatia alone hosts over 500,000 of those refugees.

Fire ravages Peters' home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fire swept through the upper floors of "Batman" producer Jon Peters' mansion, causing $450,000 in damage but no injuries.

Couple imprisoned for killing daughter will get new trial

AUSTIN (AP) — A northeast Texas couple found guilty in the death of the woman's 4-year-old daughter have been granted a new trial by the state Court of Criminal Appeals.

Debbie Tucker Loveless and her common-law husband, John Harvey Miller, were sentenced to life in prison in the 1989 death of her daughter, April.

The two said the girl was attacked by dogs outside their Rains County home.

But they were found guilty of murder in a trial held in Hopkins County. The person who performed the autopsy testified that the child's wounds were consistent with those made by a knife and possibly a curling iron.

Five nationally known forensics experts, however, have since said that the girl was the victim of a dog attack.

"I don't think there's any question about the fact they'll be found not guilty" in a new trial, said the couple's lawyer, Robert Ardis of Sulphur Springs.

Hopkins County District Attorney J. Frank Long did not have an immediate comment on Wednesday's ruling, said a spokeswoman in his office. The district attorney would decide whether to re-try the two or drop charges.

The state's highest criminal court noted that a lower court found that the couple received ineffective legal assistance at their trial. Ardis did not represent them then.

The court ordered that the couple be returned to the custody of the Hopkins County sheriff. Ardis predicted they would be released on bond while awaiting a new trial.

"They haven't been out in the free world since January 17, 1989," when they were first arrested, he said.

April Tucker, Ms. Loveless' daughter, died on Jan. 4, 1989.

Ms. Loveless and Miller said they found her — cut, scratched and bruised, with a gaping wound in her thigh — near their home outside Emory. The girl was flown to a Tyler hospital but died on the operating table.

State District Judge Lanny Ramsay of Sulphur Springs on June 1 recommended a new trial for the couple. He said the couple's 1989 trial included unfair practices by the prosecution, suppressed evidence and ineffective defense lawyers.

The judge also said he himself should have allowed a defense request to hire an expert witness before the trial.

District Attorney Long has objected to the judge's findings.

Ardis said he's sorry it took the Court of Criminal Appeals until now to rule on the couple's case.



FROM THE LIONS — Snyder's Lions Club donated money to the OilPatch Foster Parents Association this week. Lions President Gale Titus, right, presented the check to Anastacio Alvarez. (SDN Staff Photo)

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