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Bosnia deployment...

Clinton seen winning grudging Senate OK

Stiff opposition faced in the House

WASHINGTON (AP) — As thousands of U.S. soldiers packed for a winter in Bosnia, the Senate today debated President Clinton's plan to send those troops to enforce peace between ancient enemies. House Republicans vented their opposition.

In a 108-64 vote today, House Republicans backed a measure that would cut off funding for the mission. Although House leaders gave the funding cutoff no chance of passing later today, the caucus action clearly reflected stiff opposition.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said his party colleagues would oppose cutting off funding for the deployment. And a separate bill opposing the Clinton administration policy but supporting the troops, he said, sends "a dangerous, duplicitous message."

Vice President Al Gore, on Capitol Hill to whip up Democratic support, said the president had some reservations but believed he could support a third option crafted by the Senate Republican leadership giving grudging support for the Bosnia mission.

"We don't like all the wording in it, but we remain convinced that the final version is going to be language that adequately expresses support of the Congress and the American people," Gore told reporters.

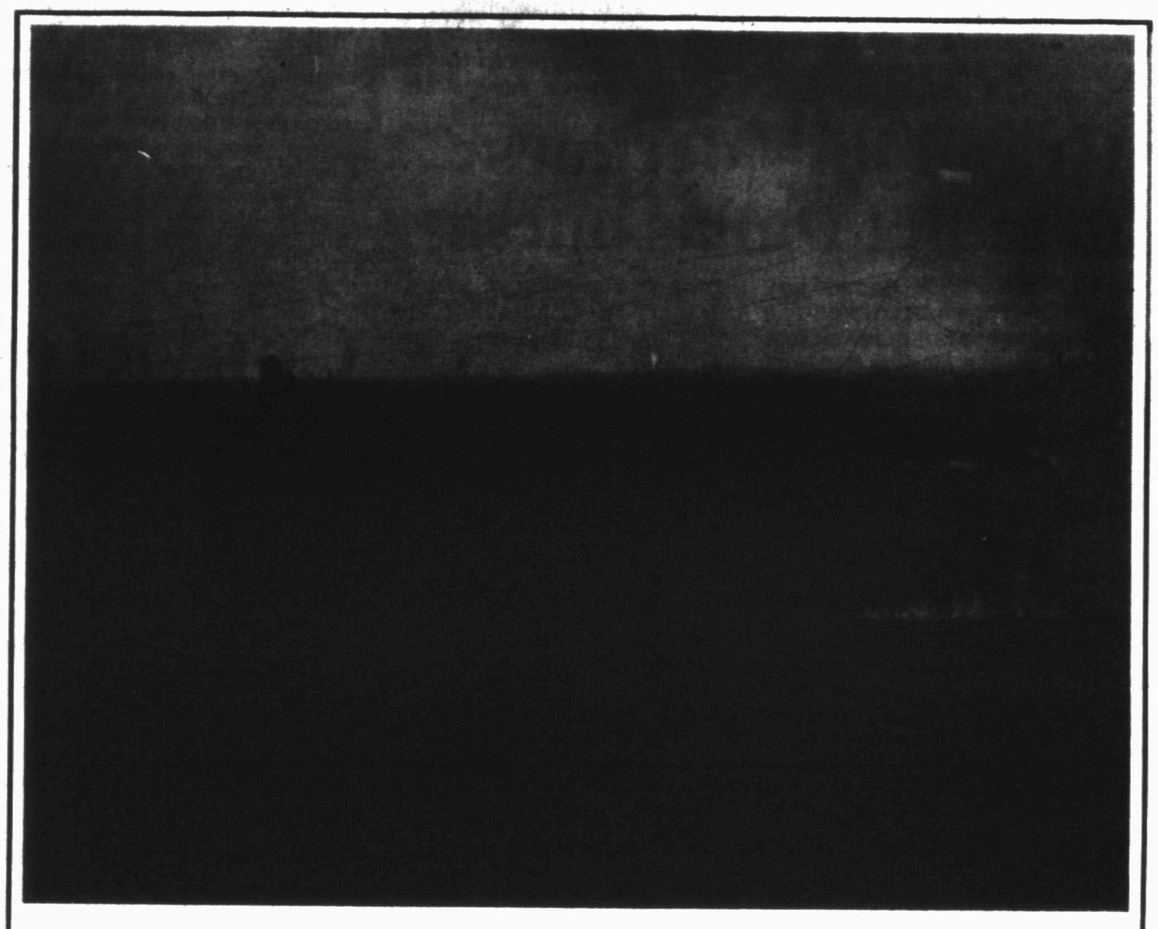
The measure drafted by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., was given the best chance of winning Senate approval today —

shortly before the president departs for Paris and the signing of the Bosnian peace agreement Thursday.

House backing appeared less certain, particularly after Republicans endorsed the measure by Rep. Bob Dornan of California, which would cut off money for the operation.

"I'm going to be in Tuzla on Christmas with the troops," Dornan said, referring to the U.S. headquarters in Bosnia. "Please don't question Bob Dornan's support for the troops."

Other Republicans were concerned that the Dornan measure would hurt troop morale.



GRASS FIRE - Snyder firemen responded to four fires Tuesday, including this grass fire at Round Top Acres. Local firemen were assisted by the Fluvanna Fire Department and a maintainer to help stop the blaze from spreading. (SDN Staff Photo)

D'Amato asks Clintons to give up notes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Whitewater Committee chairman today urged President Clinton and the first lady to reconsider their decision to fight a Senate subpoena for notes of a Whitewater meeting.

The committee also revealed that, in addition to the notes, the White House has not turned over to the panel four other Whitewater-related documents.

Committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato said the committee will meet Friday to vote on enforcing the panel's subpoena for the notes of former White House counsel William Kennedy. Kennedy defied a Tuesday afternoon deadline for complying with the subpoena.

"I would urge the president and Mrs. Clinton to reconsider because the American people do have a right to know" what went on in the Nov. 5, 1993, discussion involving four White House aides and three personal lawyers for the Clintons, said D'Amato, R-N.Y.

The Clintons invoked attorney-client privilege — and for the first

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's all matter of how you package it. It sounds better to be moving in cycles than to be running in circles."

We continue to be astounded by the means used by people in order to get money. A lot of the ways, if not downright dishonest, are clearly unethical.

Local teacher Terry Huestis brought to our attention an old scam that found its way to his mail box.

It was addressed to his wife, Linda Huestis, on a business-like printed label. The envelope was stamped "first class" in red.

The sender had put a two-cent stamp on the envelope with no return address. The post office caught the insufficient postage and placed a 30-cent postage due notice next to the two-cent stamp.

The sender banks his hopes that the addressee will fear that the contents are important and therefore will pay the extra postage.

Once the letter is opened, the contents reveal the real scam: an offer for information on how to beat the post office by mailing all your first-class postage for only two cents.

For a limited time, the information is available for only $25. After the special offer expires, the same information will cost a mere forty bucks.

It's hard to believe that people actually fall for a line like this. If you're willing to break the law for 30 cents, one might as well buy a penny stamp and be 31 cents dishonest.

The two-page letter from Florida on how to get information to "beat the system" has actually been around for a long time as the letter was written when first-class postage was 29 cents.

In addition to reducing your postage bill by 1,600 percent, a 20 percent response from 1,000 letters would net the sender $5,000.

That's pretty good Christmas change, but remember Santa (and the Postal Service) frowns on those who are naughty.

5 killed in powerful West Coast storms

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The sky began to clear today after wind of 120 mph and nearly two feet of rain knocked out power to 1.8 million people along the West Coast, killing at least five and ripping up roofs and trees.

"There probably is not a road anywhere in the county that has not had high water, downed power lines or a tree across it at this point," said dispatcher Ann Pierce in Oregon's Coos County.

Oregon's governor declared a state of emergency and called up National Guardsmen to help with the cleanup.

The frightening wind overturned trucks in Northern California, Oregon and Washington, made San Francisco skyscrapers creak and lashed the ocean into towering waves.

A peak gust of 120 mph was recorded along the Oregon coast at Sea Lion Caves about 50 miles south of Newport, while gusts in the popular resort city reached 107 mph.

Heavy rain added to the misery. Nearly 22 inches fell in 12 hours Tuesday along the California coast at Monterey, said Kathy Clark of the National Weather Service.

"It was terrifying," said Castaways Motel manager Linda Berte as she watched the sea Tuesday at Port Orford, Ore., where waves crashed 20 feet high against the jetty. "It was the most horrifying sight I've ever seen."

Snow and rain showers were scattered in the mountains today and only intermittent rain was expected through Thursday, the National Weather Service said.

Hundreds of thousands of people remained without electricity today in Northern California, Oregon and Washington, down from Tuesday's peak of an estimated 1.8 million.

Northern California's Pacific Gas and Electric had about 291,000 customers — business and residential accounts — still blacked out after daybreak today, down from 1.2 million on Tuesday, said spokeswoman Renee Parnell. In Oregon, Portland General Electric Co. said 80,000 to 90,000 customers had no lights yet today.

Think safety first, urge firefighters

With the improper use of space heaters being the main cause of house fires in Snyder during the cold winter months, Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell said his department is available to inspect them and make recommendations on their safe use.

"We urge everyone to keep space heaters at least three feet from anything combustible," said McDowell.

"Curtains or towels are highly combustible and it only takes a second for them to catch fire and spread," McDowell said.

On electric heaters, McDowell encourages everyone to check the electrical cord and plug to make sure they are not frayed or cracked.

"Heaters purchased in recent years have a tip-over switch that will automatically turn the heater off if they are accidently knocked over," said McDowell. "We suggest people who use space heaters to use the newer models."

Besides being safer, McDowell said they would also be more energy efficient.

He also cautions homeowners about using unvented gas heaters and the danger of aphyxiation.

"Read the instructions that came with your heater and abide by them by the letter," urges the chief.

"If you are in doubt about whether your space heater is safe or in the proper location, give our office a call at 573-6215 and we will be happy to inspect it for you," said McDowell.

The fire department also urges everyone to check their smoke detectors and make sure they have working batteries in them.

"Too many times we have gone to a fire and heard a resident tell us that their smoke detector failed to work," said McDowell. "We've checked them out and found they had old batteries in them or no batteries at all.

"Very inexpensive protection," said McDowell.

Noting the array of Christmas lights on homes around town, McDowell said he urges homeowners to inspect connections and to look for frayed wires during the holidays.

"If you haven't put your lights up yet, do be careful when you staple the wires to your house," said McDowell. "A staple or nail touching the hot wires could spell disaster."

McDowell also urges homeowners with fireplaces to make sure their chimney flue is clear of blockage and that embers are not placed in dumpsters.

"It's best to have a closed metal container located outside your home to dispose of the ashes," said McDowell. He added that one fire last week could be attributed to hot ashes placed in a dumpster.

"Just play it safe when it comes to fire hazards," said the chief, "and keep a fully charged fire extinguisher handy throughout the year."

Six action items on Thursday agenda for Ira school trustees

Ira ISD board of trustees has six action items for this month's meeting, set for 6 p.m. Thursday.

Those items are:

—The annual outside audit report, to be presented by Carol McDonald;

—Senior trip plans, to be presented by the Class of 1996;

—A district improvement plan;

—Two Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) policy updates;

—And a district investment policy and designation of a district investment officer or officers.

In executive session, the board will conduct its annual appraisal of the superintendent. The board will reconvene in open session to take any action.

Audit, contract on HISD agenda

Approval of the annual outside audit, a contract for remodeling and a budget amendment are among items facing the Hermleigh ISD board, which meets at 7 p.m. Thursday.

A contract with McLaurty, Baker and Associates, Inc. for an extensive school remodeling project is to be considered. The contract is contingent on Hermleigh ISD receiving school project funds from the state.

A budget amendment to cover remodeling of the gymnasium and curriculum and instructional staff development will also be considered.

Other items include the 1994-95 school report card, approval of Jan. 2 and 3 as early release days, two policy service updates, payment of routine bills and consideration of a bill from the law firm of McMahon, Surovik, Suttle, Buhrmann, Cobb and Hicks.

The annual audit report will be presented by Davis, Kinard and Co.

ASK US

Q.-What is the status of the Kmart property?

A-Parties are still in negotiations. Today's closing was again delayed and is not expected to be completed this week.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 81 degrees; low, 39; 7 a.m. reading Wednesday, 44; no precipitation; total for 1995, 19.05 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 45-50. S to SW wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. High 70-75. SW wind 10-20 mph, becoming W to NW by noon.

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:34 a.m.

Of 346 days in 1995, the sun has shone 330 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The evil will bow down before the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

Proverbs 14:19

Family, investigators asking for clues in body snatching

DALLAS (AP) — Relatives of a Texas Tech University honors student whose body was snatched from her grave a year ago are asking for help in solving the case.

"Please come forward and confess," mother Patsy Lee pleaded Tuesday. "I know that's asking a lot of someone. But we would really appreciate it."

Investigators and the family of 20-year-old Melinda Ann Lee appeared at a Dallas news conference Tuesday, hoping to generate clues in the case. No arrests have been made.

Miss Lee died Dec. 7, 1994, from injuries suffered in an Oct. 14 traffic accident involving a drunken driver in Lubbock.

Authorities say three days after her funeral, someone bored through a concrete vault and cut a hole in her coffin at Restland Memorial Park, between north Dallas and Richardson. A newspaper carrier found her nude corpse beside a rural road in far south Dallas three days later.

Authorities remain baffled. They have taken the case to FBI behavioral science experts in Quantico, Va., although Dallas County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Danny Chandler would not reveal what their study revealed.

"The offender might still be in this area ... he may have discussed this case with someone. There may be someone that's close to this case that may come forward," Chandler said. "We hope to flush out a lead, a clue, that will lead us to this offender."

Investigators have questioned Texas Tech students in search of clues. They have tried to track down students from class lists, fraternity rosters and Miss Lee's diary.

Meanwhile, the incident has made family members concerned for their own security as the motive for the theft remains a mystery.

"It makes me look over my shoulder," said Melinda's sister, Jennifer Gross, who joined her parents at a Dallas church. "I would like to go to the cemetery and visit her grave and feel secure. I will not go out there alone."

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Grand jury declines to indict Dallas nurse

DALLAS (AP) — A grand jury has decided against prosecuting a Dallas nurse who removed her father's oxygen mask as he lay in an El Paso hospital bed, dying from complications of diabetes.

The district attorney's office arrested Martha Thiele, 53, in September on murder charges after the death of Efrain Tellez, 88, in Columbia Medical Center-West.

But after a daylong hearing Tuesday, an El Paso County grand jury declined to indict her. The panel also declined to indict Paul Knell, a hospital nurse who was also in the room when Tellez died. He had not been charged with murder but was being investigated by the grand jury.

The prosecution presented the case as a mercy killing, saying Ms. Thiele removed the oxygen mask to hasten his death. Her attorney, Jim Darnell, disagreed. He said she removed the mask to wipe his face and make him comfortable.

"This is not a mercy killing," Darnell said. "This is not a euthanasia case. This man was dying and all she did was comfort him as he was dying. She removed some restraints and put his head in her lap and comforted him as best she could while he died."

District Attorney Jaime Esparza said that the case was a difficult one and that he was neither surprised nor disappointed with the grand jury's decision.

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How dangerous is seafood allergy?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently found that I am allergic to shellfish and have been told that I should be careful when having some X-rays. If this is true, what should I watch out for? Could this allergy be so bad that I ought to wear a Medic-Alert bracelet?

DEAR READER: People can become allergic to almost anything in their environments, including food.

Seafood allergy is common. When eaten by persons who are allergic to it, seafood can cause hives, diarrhea, vomiting, rapid pulse, asthma, swelling of the mouth, and — in serious cases — anaphylactic shock.

Most allergists believe that such reactions are triggered by proteins in the food, to which the allergy sufferer responds by an outpouring of histamine, leading to the symptoms I mentioned.

In a similar vein, some patients are allergic to compounds that contain iodines, notably the iodine-based "dyes" used for certain X-ray examinations, chiefly kidney X-rays (IVPs). This situation is especially dangerous because the substance is injected into the patient's vein and, if an allergy is present, can cause life-threatening complications.

Your doctor apparently believes that you are particularly sensitive to the iodine in shellfish. Consequently, he has prohibited you from having X-rays that use iodine "dyes."

This is not customary because, as I mentioned, shellfish allergy is usually due to a protein sensitivity.

In my opinion, you should be tested by an allergist. Using skin and blood tests, the specialist should be able to determine, with amazing precision, exactly what you're allergic to.

If, in fact, you are sensitive to iodine, you will have to avoid not only shellfish, but seafood in general, as well as iodized salt. IVP dye and other iodine-containing compounds.

On the other hand, if you're allergic only to shellfish protein, you needn't worry about contact with fish and X-ray substances.

I advise you to get a Medic-Alert bracelet only if you have had a serious allergic reaction in the past or are sensitive to compounds that contain iodine. Ask the allergist about this.

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

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Convicted rapist-killer to be only ex-lawman on death row

HOUSTON (AP) — A 45-year-old Houston man convicted in the rape, robbery and slaying last year of a floral shop employee will become the only former law enforcement officer on Texas' death row.

Last week, a jury in the court of State District Judge Mary Lou Keel found Michael Durwood Griffith guilty of capital murder in the slaying 14 months ago of Deborah Jean McCormick.

Tuesday, the panel deliberated about 3½ hours to decide he should be executed for the crime.

Griffith, who was fired in 1993 from the Harris County sheriff's department after complaints from ex-wives and a girlfriend of violence and torture, was familiar to his victim because he was a regular customer at her family's northwest Houston wedding chapel and flower shop.

Her family recalled Griffith as presentable and non-threatening.

Just after Ms. McCormick opened the store on Oct. 10, 1994, Griffith stopped by for the last time.

Before he left, he had forced her to engage in a sex act with him, stabbed her several times and wiped his blade clean on her jeans.

Two days later, he robbed a bank, shot the clerk twice in the back of the head, then relaxed at a nearby bar with a beer. The clerk survived and testified against him.

Twelve days after that, police found an 18-year-old girl bound and partially clothed in the bridal shop where she worked. She told the jury that she was raped by Griffith at gun- and knifepoint. He allowed her to live, she said, because he thought she was only 14 and too young to die.

The collection of victims huddled together on the front row of Keel's courtroom Tuesday morning to hear final arguments.

Griffith, described alternately by those who knew him as a polite perfectionist and a vicious control freak, chose his career path because he saw it as the ultimate in power and control, relatives testified.

Defense attorneys David Cunningham and Michael Charlton depicted Griffith as a man damaged by childhood neglect. They portrayed Griffith's mother as a hard-working, hard-partying woman who frequently had to be chased home from bars to tend to her two boys.

Testimony indicated Griffith's grandparents often cared for the boys, took them on vacation and watched them play in the family swimming pool.

Griffith fixated on the idea of punishing his mother, confiding in his grandfather that he could not wait until he became an officer so he could put her in jail, according to testimony.

Griffith's mother's behavior improved before that could happen, and Griffith went on to become a decorated officer, shifting his ire to the three woman he married.

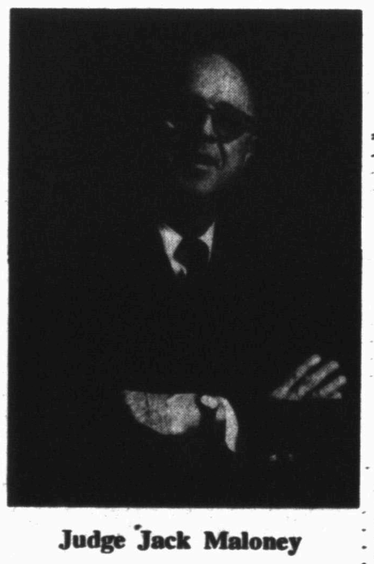
They, and at least one girlfriend, testified that he subjected them to violence and torment. Their allegations ultimately led to his firing two years ago from the Harris County sheriff's department after 10 years of service.

Maloney will run for another term

AUSTIN — Judge Frank Maloney of Austin has announced for re-election to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's highest court for criminal matters.

Maloney, who will be the only statewide-elected incumbent Democract on the ballot in 1996, said he had been asked by many Republicans, including statewide office holders, to switch parties.

"It is flattering to be well-regarded by Republicans too," Maloney said, "but I cannot and will not switch. I've always been a non-partisan judge, but I was elected as a Democrat and I will remain one. I believe judicial elections should be non-partisan. The law is not Republican or Democrat. It is the law and a judge's job is to interpret it fairly," Maloney added. "I have faith in the voters and the news media. I think we all learned after the last election that we need to look closely at character, experience and qualifications of judicial candidates."



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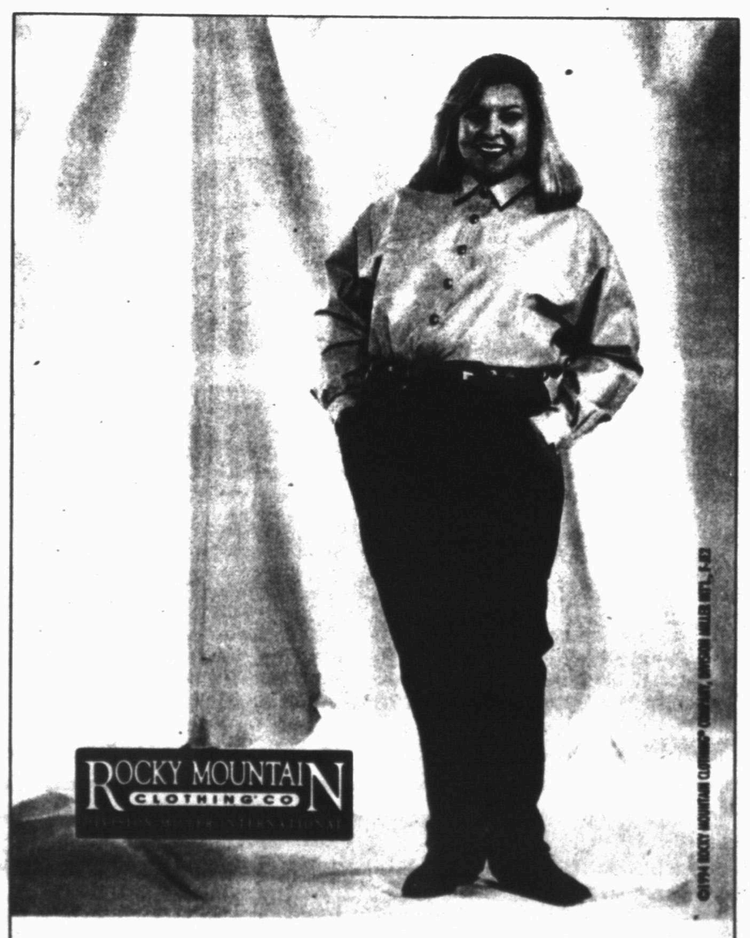

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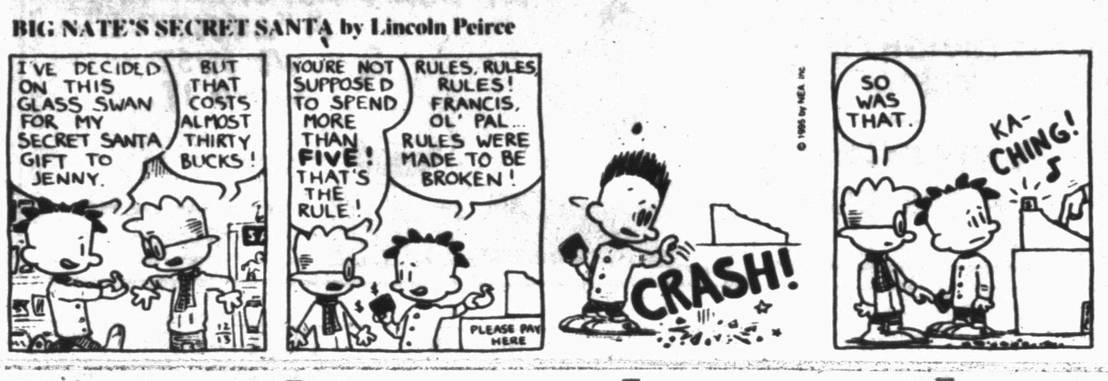

Fiery plane crash more than 10 years ago gets last victim

EDOM (AP) — More than 10 years after the fiery crash of Delta Airlines Flight 191 at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, Kathy Christy McGee Ford is dead.

Mrs. Ford, 46, died Monday after experiencing breathing difficulties. She suffered massive brain damage and severe burns in the Aug. 2, 1985, crash of the L-1011 that was trying to land in a thunderstorm.

The crash killed 137 people, including one person on the ground, and injured 27 others.

At the time of the crash, Mrs. Ford was returning from a business trip to Florida. She had been paralyzed and unable to talk in the 10 years since the crash.

Mrs. Ford, a Fort Worth computer software saleswoman and the mother of two teen-agers, was described Tuesday by longtime family friend Debi Moore of Fort worth as "a very gorgeous, intelligent person, really positive, crazy about her kids, involved in her job."

Carol Christy of Fort Worth, who last saw her older sister in September, said Mrs. Ford will be remembered as "a great sister."

"It's a terrible loss, but she's in a better place," said Ms. Christy, 45. "And she's got a brand-new body. And she's got a smile on her face. I know she's better off than the condition she was in. It was horrible."

After the crash, in which she also was burned severely, Mrs. Ford spent seven months at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas and 3½ years at a rehabilitation center.

She then was moved to a specially equipped $1.7 million ranch in Van Zandt County paid for by Delta.

Mrs. Ford never regained the ability to speak, eat and walk. Though she was awake, doctors and relatives were never sure how aware she was of her surroundings.

"I'm very sorry that she passed away, and I feel bad for her family," said John Martin, a Dallas attorney who represents Delta in lawsuits by Mrs. Ford's husband and children stemming from the crash.

Those lawsuits are the only ones left unresolved in connection with the Delta 191 crash.

The cause of death had not been determined yesterday, and an autopsy was not scheduled. Mrs. Ford had apparently had a flulike virus for three days before she began having difficulty breathing and died about 1 p.m. Monday, Ms. Christy told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Balloons cause most non-food chokings

CHICAGO (AP) — Balloons were the No. 1 killer among children who choked to death on something other than food over a 20-year period, a study found.

At least 131 children died from ingesting balloons between 1972 and 1992, according to a report in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association. That's nearly one-third of all choking deaths from foreign objects during that period.

Balls and marbles were the next most common culprit, accounting for almost one-fifth of 449 choking deaths associated with non-food products.

Member of gang executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A member of a white supremacist prison gang was executed by injection for strangling a man for $800, the fourth Texas inmate put to death in eight days.

James Michael Briddle, 40, was strapped to the death-chamber gurney Tuesday night about an hour after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a final appeal.

The needle was inserted in his heavily tattooed right arm just below an image of a peacock and a skull.

"I love you," he said to two brothers standing a few feet away in the death chamber. "You all take care of Mom and Dad. I'm ready."

Briddle was convicted of killing Robert Banks, one of two men found strangled in Banks' Houston home in 1980. A companion, Pamela Perillo, was convicted of killing the other man, Bob Skeens, and was also sentenced to death. She is one of six women on death row in Texas.

Briddle's wife, Linda, was found guilty of robbery and placed on five years' probation.

The three took credit cards, weapons and $800 in cash. They were arrested within weeks.

Briddle had served time in prison in California for theft and forgery. It was there he apparently joined the Aryan Brotherhood, a white supremacist prison gang born in California in the 1960s. Members wear a tattoo of a swastika and lightning bolt.

In 1984, Briddle and another condemned killer were implicated in a death row firebombing in which a black inmate was seriously hurt in his cell.

Texas, which leads the nation in executions, has put 19 inmates to death so far this year, one short of the 1935 record of 20.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Ministerial Alliance; Willow Park Inn; prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m., regular meeting at 10.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Snyder Palette Club Christmas luncheon.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

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

TAP; "Building Self-esteem in ADHD Children;" Northeast Elementary set for Dec. 14 has been postponed, date announced later.

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or573-8929; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Fed judge strikes May 17 trial date

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The federal judge newly assigned to the Oklahoma bombing case scrapped the May 17 trial date Tuesday. A new trial date for the two former soldiers charged in the attack was not immediately set.

"The court felt like there was much work to be done before the case could go to trial," prosecutor Patrick Ryan said after meeting with U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch of Denver, who was assigned the case last week.

U.S. District Judge Wayne Alley had said Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols would go on trial May 17 in Lawton, about 90 miles southwest of Oklahoma City. But a federal appeals court removed Alley on Dec. 1, saying his impartiality was open to question because he was so close to the blast.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Dec. 14, 1995

You may become more ambitious in the year ahead. It will be fine to drive yourself to get what you want, but still, take time to smell the roses.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Count to 10 today before responding angrily to an authority figure. He or she might be wrong, but this individual is still the person with the most clout. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The outcome of today's events will be strongly influenced by the way you envision them. If you consistently picture yourself as a loser, don't expect a trophy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Others might try to impose themselves on you today. Keep your guard up, even with a close pal who is usually reluctant to request favors.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may not achieve your objectives today if you and your mate aren't in complete harmony. Make sure to be tuned in to the same station.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This could be the wrong day to work on a complicated endeavor if you lack expertise. Bent nails and a hot temper might be all you will produce.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you are too generous today, and loan something that isn't yours to someone else without consulting the owner, you'll be held accountable for the damages.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make sure today that you and your mate have equal input regarding family decisions. His or her thoughts could correct flaws you've overlooked and vice versa.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Avoid asking associates to do things you wouldn't volunteer to do if the roles were reversed. Put yourself in their shoes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Subdue the temptation to take unnecessary financial risks today. If you head for the lottery machine or bingo parlor, don't carry too much cash.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Employees might find your directions difficult to comprehend today in situations where you are in a position of authority.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) While conversing with a friend today, you may see a perfect opening to repeat something told to you in confidence by another friend. Do not betray the trust.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Have fun and enjoy yourself today, but avoid depleting your bank account. You may have trouble replacing funds earmarked for other purposes.

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Date Book

Dec. 13, 1995

Today is the 347th day of 1995 and the 82nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1918, Woodrow Wilson arrived in Brest, France, becoming the first U.S. president to visit Europe while in office.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Heinrich Heine (1797-1856), poet; Alvin York (1887-1964), U.S. World War I hero; Ross MacDonald (1915-1983), writer; Dick Van Dyke (1925-), actor, is 70; Christopher Plummer (1929-), actor, is 66; John Davidson (1941-), singer, is 54; Ferguson Jenkins (1943-), baseball great, is 52; Ted Nugent (1949-), musician, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1983, the Detroit Pistons defeated the Denver Nuggets 186-184.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Wherever they burn books they will also, in the end, burn human beings." — Heinrich Heine

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1916, 105 avalanches, some started deliberately, killed hundreds, many of them soldiers, in the Tyrolean Alps.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 7) and last quarter (Dec. 15).

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

12-13-95

NORTH
♠K 5 2
♥A K Q 10 9 5 2
♦7
♣K 2

WEST
♠7
♥J
♦J 10 8 6 5
♣Q 9 6 5 4 3

EAST
♠---
♥6 3
♦A K Q 9 4 3 2
♣A J 10 7

SOUTH
♠A Q J 10 9 8 6 4 3
♥8 7 4
♦---
♣8

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
4 ♠	4 NT	Dbl.	6 ♦
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	7 ♦
Pass	Pass	7 ♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ??

Leading to success

By Phillip Alder

One interesting feature in Australian Bridge magazine is called Les Entames. This is French for opening leads. The articles, by Jose Le Dentu, are translations from Le Bridgeur magazine.

Coincidentally, this deal occurred in an Australian tournament. West bid four no-trump to show a minor two-suiter. This was a debatable choice with such a weak hand, but he had the vulnerability in his favor.

Against seven spades doubled, West knew enough not to lead a diamond. If he had selected a club, the grand slam would have been defeated. But he led the heart jack. Was he hoping his partner had the ace and playing for two down? If so, this was poor thinking. If East had an ace, the heart ace was unlikely to run away, whereas the club ace might. Declarer claimed at trick one for plus 2470.

At the other table, East bought the contract in seven diamonds doubled. South led the spade ace. Declarer ruffed, played a trump to dummy and finessed in clubs. His heart losers disappeared on dummy's long clubs. So that grand slam made too for plus 1630 and a net of 4100, or the maximum 24 international matchpoints.

After the story of each deal, Le Dentu gives a principle. This one was: If the opponents bid a small or grand slam after your side has bid a suit, they are prepared for that lead.

To subscribe to Australian Bridge, send a check for $34 to The Bridge World, 39 West 94th Street, New York, NY 10025-7124 (add $9 for airmail).

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ACROSS

1 Actor James —
5 Job for Perry Mason
9 Always (poet.)
12 Dog in Garfield
13 Writer Anita —
14 Actor Wallach
15 Balms
17 Cleaning cloth
18 Explosive (abbr.)
19 Rather than (poet.)
20 Amidst
22 Noah's boat
23 Ogle
24 Silly bird
27 Keep from happening
31 Betting factor
32 Nobleman
33 Play by —
34 Wide shoe size
35 Mountain passes
36 Greek muse
37 Large antelope
39 Actress — Spacek
40 WWII area
41 Airline info
42 Pulsates
45 Actress West
46 Poetic time of day
49 House wing
50 Lacking vitality
53 Feel poorly
54 Assistant
55 Yes — —?
56 Actress Francis
57 Sorrows
58 Family group

DOWN

1 Ducklike bird
2 Tennis term (2 wds.)
3 Isn't (sl.)
4 After deductions
5 Office worker
6 First-rate (2 wds.)
7 Habitual drunkard
8 Attempted
9 Architect — Saarinen
10 Verve
11 Actress Diana —
16 Simple
21 Energy unit
22 Ninny
23 Slips up
24 Leaves
25 Concert halls
26 Poems
27 Roly- —
28 Skinny fishes
29 River nymph
30 Helen of —
32 Timber wolf
35 Dupe
36 Espionage org.
38 Matched pair
39 Editor's direction
41 Makes simpler
42 Bird's bill
43 Director Kazan
44 Partner
45 Style
46 Nobleman
47 Chemist's burner
48 Inert gas
51 — Grande
52 Fabled bird

Answer to Previous Puzzle

T	H	E		I	B	S	E	N		T	H	Y
R	O	N		N	U	R	S	E		Y	E	A
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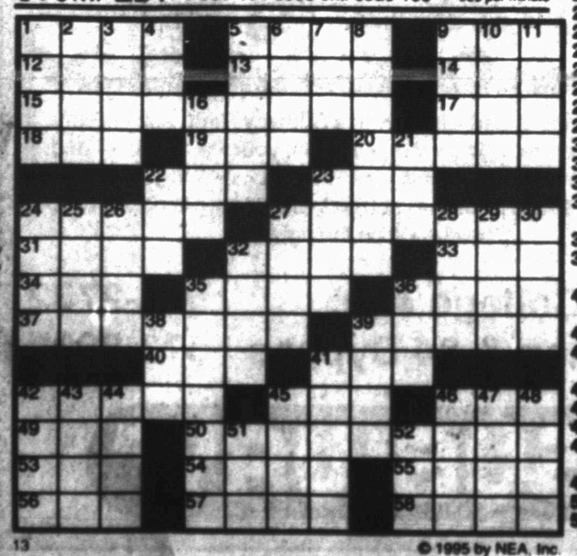

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SPORTS

NBA AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Orlando	17	4	.810	-
NewYork	16	5	.762	1
Miami	12	7	.632	4
Boston	9	10	.474	7
NewJersey	9	10	.474	7
Washington	9	10	.474	7
Philadelphia	3	16	.158	13
Central Division				
Chicago	16	2	.889	-
Indiana	9	9	.500	7
Atlanta	10	11	.476	7½
Charlotte	10	12	.454	8
Cleveland	9	11	.450	8
Detroit	8	11	.421	8½
Milwaukee	6	12	.333	10
Toronto	7	15	.318	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	16	5	.762	-
Utah	14	6	.700	1½
SanAntonio	11	6	.647	3
Denver	9	10	.474	6
Dallas	7	12	.368	8
Minnesota	6	12	.333	8½
Vancouver	2	18	.100	13½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	13	6	.684	-
Seattle	13	7	.650	½
Portland	10	9	.526	3
L.A.Lakers	11	10	.524	3
Phoenix	8	11	.421	5
GoldenState	7	13	.350	6½
L.A.Clippers	7	14	.333	7

Monday's Games
Denver 104, Philadelphia 91
Utah 110, Charlotte 100

Tuesday's Games
Boston 116, Toronto 96
Orlando 101, New Jersey 97
Washington 108, Milwaukee 102
Minnesota 85, Atlanta 78
Cleveland 97, L.A. Clippers 86
Indiana 125, Denver 92
New York 97, L.A. Lakers 82
Dallas 112, Seattle 101, OT
Charlotte 115, Phoenix 100
Golden State 105, Miami 80
Houston 133, Sacramento 93

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Seattle at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Denver at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Portland, 10 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Tigers bite Bulldogs

PLAINVIEW—The Snyder Tigers got a 23-point performance out of Rick Henderson enroute to a 51-43 victory over Plainview here Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs took a two-point lead at the end of the first quarter, 12-10, but the Tigers came back to take a three-point advantage at halftime, 25-22. Going into the fourth quarter, the score was tied, 36-36, before Snyder outscored Plainview, 15-7, in the final eight minutes.

"We did a good job of keeping our heads and hit enough shots to win the game," said Coach Bud Birks. "We picked up our defensive pressure in the second half and forced a lot of turnovers.

The Tigers' record now goes to 10-3 for the season. Plainview drops to 6-6.

In JV action, Snyder squeaked out a two-point margin over Plainview, 65-63.

Snyder will take to the hardwood again on Friday when the Mustangs of Andrews visit Tiger gym. Andrews is coached by former Snyder coach George Byerly. The varsity will tip off at 7:30 p.m.

SNYDER 51, PLAINVIEW 43

Snyder	10	15	11	15 — 51
Plainview	12	10	14	7 — 43

Leading scorers: Snyder, Henderson 23; Plainview, Robertson 20, Jackson 10. Record: Snyder 10-3, Plainview 6-6. JV Score: Snyder 65, Plainview 63.

NBA referees return to work

By The Associated Press

Before the game, NBA players and coaches greeted referees, returning after being locked out for almost 2½ months, liked long-lost relatives.

Once the games began, though, it was back to business.

Just 15 seconds into the Lakers' game at Madison Square Garden Tuesday night, Los Angeles assistant Michael Cooper let veteran ref Lee Jones have it.

"That's illegal (defense), Lee! C'mon!" he yelled.

"The honeymoon's over," Lakers coach Del Harris said seconds later, lamenting a no-call.

If the referees weren't getting any breaks, they weren't giving any, either.

Their first night back on the job saw Miami coach Pat Riley ejected at Golden State and New Jersey Nets guard Chris Childs tossed.

"The regular refs are more dominating," Orlando star Anfernee Hardaway said. "They have a presence. They are not going to stand for any talking back."

Tuesday night, with 11 NBA games, marked the season's first action for the regular refs, who were locked out for 5½ weeks in a contract dispute with the league. During their absence, players and coaches complained loud and long about the replacements.

"You can tell the difference," Knicks guard Derek Harper said. "They control the game better and demand more respect."

The NBA discourages referees from commenting after games, and Tuesday night the league would not allow pool reporters to interview the officials.

However, veteran ref Jack Nies, who worked the New York Knicks-Lakers game, did allow this much on the reception by players, coaches and fans:

"They seemed happy to see us," he said.

At Landover, Md., referee Hue Hollins gave a thumbs-up to the crowd, which applauded the announcement of the officials.

In New York, the Madison Square Garden crowd whooped in delight for the refs. Before the game, Lakers forward Cedric Ceballos walked across the court and warmly greeted Nies. New York's Patrick Ewing shook hands with Nies and Leroy Jackson.

Only in Toronto was it business as usual. The NBA had been forced to use regular three-man crews since Nov. 15 after an Ontario labor board ruled replacements couldn't be used.

In New Jersey, refs called four technical fouls in the final 39 seconds of the first half.

Bill Oakes whistled Childs and Horace Grant for a double technical with 38.9 seconds left in the half.

Just before the halftime buzzer, Tim Donaghy called Kenny Anderson for a rebounding foul against Donald Royal. As Royal walked to the line, Anderson said something to Donaghy and got a technical. After Hardaway made the free throw, Oakes gave Childs another technical and automatic ejection.

"I didn't say anything to him or use any foul language," Childs said. "I just didn't feel I deserved an ejection. It wasn't fair." "

"These guys still made some bad calls," Orlando swingman Dennis Scott said. "But it's easier to deal with them when you know they've been around 10 or 12 years."

Ewing, whose beefs about the replacements came early and often, said the regulars need a little time.

"I could tell they were a little rusty," he said, laughing. "But it was good to have them back. I gave them a break tonight."

Dallas Mavericks coach Dick Motta chatted amiably before the game with referee Mike Mathis. Then Mathis' crew called eight fouls against the Mavericks to one against Seattle in the first quarter at Reunion Arena.

"Hey, Mike," Motta cracked, "it's eight to one. I'm going to legislate for those other guys."

BOWLING NEWS

Jack-N-Jill
League Standings as of 12/06/95

Team	Won	Lost
M.B.'s Beauty Shop	35	17
"The Rose" Barber Shop	33	19
First American	32	20
Arrow Construction	30½	21½
Holcomb	29	19
KSNY	28	24
E.S.P.	26½	25½
Larry's Service Center	26	26
Western Auto	25	27
VFW	21	31
The Sweet's Shop	20	32
Misfits	19	29
Mesquite Oil	19	33
Farmers Helper(Rotan)	16	36

Team High Series: Western Auto 2584, Misfits 2467, Larry's Service Center 2437.
Team High Game: Western Auto 924, Arrow Construction 864, Misfits 859.
Individual High Series (Men): Billy Hicks 659, Lynn Smith 594, Bo Lowrance 543.
Individual High Game (Men): Bo Lowrance 235, Billy Hicks 233, Lynn Smith 226.
Individual High Series (Women): Vicky Renshaw 527, Wanda Johnson 524, Kary Moses 497.
Individual High Game (Women): Wanda Johnson 203, Kary Moses-Vicky Renshaw 198, Dana Stone 196.
500 Series: Lynn Smith 594, Bo Lowrance 543, Vicky Renshaw 527, Wanda Johnson 524.
200 Games: Bo Lowrance 235, Billy Hicks 233, 220, 206, Lynn Smith 226, Wanda Johnson 203.
Splits Converted: Casey Burditt 2-7, Debra Wells 3-10 (2xs), Bernie Sealy 3-10, 2-7, 5-8-10, Gerace Beauchamp 3-10, Mildred Banta 5-10, Paula Daniell 3-9-10, Dennis Vaughan 3-10, Wanda Johnson 3-10.

Wishball
League Standings as of 12/07/95

Team	Won	Losts
J.W.W.	101½	66½
Snyder Golf Shop	91	77
The Shack	83½	84½

High Series Scratch: David Lyle 597.
High Series Handicap: Jimmy Wilson 628.
High Game Scratch: David Lyle 223.
High Game Handicap: Rick Mammolite 232.
Special Mentions: David Hoops 3-10, Marcus Carroll 5-6, Rick Mammolite 5-6, Russell Loyd 6-10, David Lyle 202, 223, 597; Rick Mammolite 210, 527.

Men's Commercial
League Standings as of 12/05/95

Team	Won	Losts
Bar H Bar	162½	117½
Stephen's Office	162½	117½
Eddins-Walcher	148½	131½
Sonic	145	135
WTP Energy	142½	138½
Levens Gas & Oil	138½	142½
McDonald's	137½	142½
Forfeit	84	196

High Series Scratch: J.C. Harrison 531.
High Series Handicap: John Corser 660.
High Game Scratch: Mike Levens 212.
High Game Handicap: Marcus Carroll 252.
Splits: John Corser 3-10, James Bishop 5-6, Joel Hook 6-7-9-10, Rick Mammolite 3-7, H.G. Tidwell 5-8-10, Strick Posey 3-6-7-10.

Al Oerter of the United States won the discus throw in the Olympics a record four straight times.

WTC loses 3 in Florida

The Western Texas College Lady Westerners dropped three games over the weekend in the Pensacola Junior College Christmas Classic.

In the first game, WTC lost to Pensacola, 83-73. Toot Smith and Shannon Gathright both had 18 points. Stacy Hinson and Katrina Turner had 10.

Saturday, the Lady Westerners were defeated by Okaloosa-Walton Community College, 90-64.

Hinson was high point with 16 and Gathright added 15.

In the final game Sunday, WTC lost a one-point decision to Tallahassee Junior College, 78-77. Smith was high point with 21, April Reves had 18, Hinson 13 and Gathright 10.

The Lady Westerners are now [illegible] on Christmas break and will not play again until Jan. 9 when they will travel to Borger to take on Frank Phillips.

WTC's record is now 6-10 for the season, 1-4 in conference play.

Hermleigh wins two games over Lueders-Avoca

Hermleigh High School picked up two wins Tuesday over Lueders-Avoca. The Cardinals won 84-70 and the Lady Cardinals earned their first win of the season, 44-36.

In the boys' game, the Cardinals had five players in double figures, led by Larry Lambaren with 22. Joey Sanchez had 18, Billy Luna 17, Michael Breitweiser 17 and Jack Hudgins 10.

The Cardinals swiped 54 rebounds and 32 steals. Hudgins had 18 rebounds, Lambaren 14 and Sanchez 10. Sanchez also had 10 steals, Luna nine and Lambaren seven.

The Cardinals hit 35 of 101 from the field and nine of 24 at the free throw line.

In girl's action, Kelly Gonzalez was high point with 20. She also had 12 rebounds.

The Cardinals' record goes to 4-6 while the Lady Cardinals improve to 1-8.

Boys
HERMLEIGH 84, LUEDERS-AVOCA 70

Lueders-Avoca	27	9	14	20 — 70
Hermleigh	16	16	18	34 — 84

Lueders-Avoca—Huffaker 22, Neal 19, D. Davis 7, Jones 9, Jordan 4, P. Davis 2, Mitchell 5, Jones 2.
Hermleigh—Lambaren 22, Sanchez 18, Luna 17, Breitweiser 17, Hudgins 10.

Girls
HERMLEIGH 44, LUEDERS-AVOCA 36

Lueders-Avoca	8	9	9	10 — 36
Hermleigh	10	4	16	14 — 44

Lueders-Avoca—Frazier 16, Cumpton 8, Carter 8, McCarter 2, Halfman 2.
Hermleigh—Terry 2, Martinez 6, Roemisch 12, Moore 4, Gonzalez 20.

Mavericks win in overtime

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks, losers of eight straight to Seattle and playing without leading scorer Jamal Mashburn because of an injured knee, still found the goods against the SuperSonics.

The Sonics were unable to survive a long-range shooting of Dallas bombers Tony Dumas and George McCloud, and their four-game winning streak came to an unlikely end.

Dumas came off the bench with a career-high 35 points, including 16 in the fourth quarter and overtime, and McCloud scored a career-best 30 points as the Mavericks rallied from a 17-point deficit for a 112-101 decision.

"We were short-handed without Mashburn, but guys stepped up their games," said McCloud, whose eight 3-pointers tied a club record. "That's what you have to do when you have a guy like Mash out of the lineup."

The Sonics were also without a starting forward, Detlef Schrempf. Team medical personnel informed Sonics officials that Schrempf has a non-displaced fracture of the left fibula and will miss an estimated six weeks.

But even without Schrempf, the Sonics seemingly had enough weapons to beat the stumbling Mavericks.

"We gave them the opportunity to get back in it with some lazy focus," Sonics coach George Karl said. "But you also have to give Dallas credit. They made great shot after great shot."

Hersey Hawkins scored 24 points for the SuperSonics, who had won seven of eight and four straight. Shawn Kemp had a career-high 22 rebounds for Seattle.

"It just slipped away," Sonics forward Sam Perkins said. "We allowed them some easy plays and it cost us."

McCloud got Dallas started in the overtime with a 3-pointer for a 95-92 lead. Dumas' 3-pointer with 1:40 left in the extra session pushed Dallas' advantage to 102-96. Then McCloud's basket and 3-pointer, the latter with 29 seconds to play, gave Dallas a 108-99 advantage.

Dumas' 35 points tied the Dallas club mark for points from a reserve. Jason Kidd had a career-high 18 assists to tie Derek Harper's team record.

Rockets rout Kings by 40

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon thrives when he meets the Sacramento Kings.

The Houston center helped the Rockets rout the Kings 133-93 Tuesday night with 31 points and 15 rebounds.

The game marked the 22nd straight Rockets victory over Sacramento with Olajuwon in the lineup, dating back to the 1988-89 season. Houston has lost three straight games to the Kings with Olajuwon sidelined.

"He's the best in the league," Kings forward Brian Grant said. "I put him ahead of MJ (Michael Jordan) and anybody. It's not that they have a better inside game than we do. It's just that they have Hakeem. He makes everyone better."

The veteran center helped Houston maintain a 58-41 rebounding edge. He also had four of the Rockets' nine blocks.

"We moved the ball around tonight, and it helped me," Olajuwon said. "The team took advantage of our opportunities. We came out from different angles on our plays, so they never knew what to expect from us. When we beat a team like Sacramento by that much of a margin, it says a lot about us."

The two-time defending NBA champions were at their best against the Kings. Houston gained control of the game in the second quarter.

"They just capitalized on us early,' Kings rookie point guard Tyus Edney said. "They were great on offense and made the big stops early on when they needed them. We struggled all night and weren't able to get back in the game."

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Minister to return ranch house church helped him to buy

ROCKWALL (AP) — A minister has agreed to surrender a ranch house that a church helped him buy two months before it filed for bankruptcy.

Michael Hankins, pastor of the Church on the Rock on 33 acres just south of Interstate 30 overlooking Lake Ray Hubbard, announced his decision Tuesday after a meeting in U.S. Bankruptcy Court between creditors and the church, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

Hankins and his attorney, Arnie Cavazos, said attendance and offerings have declined since Hankins told his congregation last month that church funds, including about $30,000 from the sale of the parsonage, were used to buy the residence.

"He's certain that he offended some people and he would like to do this to rectify that," Cavazos said. About 850 people have attended recent church services, down from 1,100 a few months ago, the attorney said.

Church on the Rock filed for reorganization last month after bondholders who lent it $12 million in 1986 attempted to foreclose on the church. Both sides agree that the church — whose 5,000-seat sanctuary is one of the largest in the nation — began having problems making loan payments in 1992.

Court documents filed by the bondholders' attorney, Stephen A. McCartin, said negotiations to settle the debt broke off on Oct. 24, soon after Hankins said he would not give back all raises and bonuses he had received in the last year.

The church filed for Chapter 11 protection from creditors in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Dallas on Nov. 7. The next day, Hankins told his congregation that he had bought a $312,500 ranch house Sept. 1 using money from a raise and housing allowance totaling $66,000 approved late last year.

Hankins has maintained that he did nothing wrong because two church elders approved the pay increase and housing allowance. The elders were his father and a longtime family friend.

Cavazos said Tuesday that Hankins planned to sign the deed over to the nondenominational church within two or three weeks but would continue living in the rural Rockwall County home until the church could sell it. He said the pastor also plans to return to his old salary of $106,500 and ask for a smaller housing allowance.

At Tuesday's meeting, Cavazos said the church had received two offers to buy the church building and property, which were recently appraised at $6.2 million.

Cavazos said Lake Pointe Baptist Church offered $4.6 million for the building and property. The growing Southern Baptist church across the lake in Rowlett is searching for more room.

Cavazos said a second offer was made anonymously by a prospective buyer represented by Dallas attorney Kevin Cherry.

AIDS victim won't be tried on embezzlement charges

HOUSTON (AP) — The federal government has decided against prosecuting a British man accused of receiving millions of dollars embezzled from AT&T, the Houston Chronicle reports — because the man is dying from AIDS.

U.S. Attorney Robert Pitman said Tuesday there are two reasons why Michael Lindsey Faulkner, 29, a self-styled entrepreneur who lived a lavish lifestyle in Austin, won't be brought to trial.

"First, it is not humanitarian to send someone for his remaining days to a prison," Pitman said. "And to house and care for a terminally ill person is very expensive."

Pitman said Faulkner used millions embezzled in England to open bars, restaurants and other businesses in Austin.

Bill White, an Austin attorney who represented Faulkner, said criminal charges were dropped after Faulkner reached a civil settlement turning over some assets to AT&T.

"He's been ill for some time, and I think the U.S. attorney's office exercised a lot of good judgment in not pursuing this," White said.

A man authorities described as Faulkner's former lover and business partner surrendered in London and is being prosecuted by British authorities. David Sidney Flemming is accused of embezzling $16 million from the international arm of American Telephone and Telegraph and diverting the money to Faulkner.

Authorities say they are still sorting out Faulkner's assets in the United States and don't know how much of the money remains.

Faulkner was arrested Oct. 4 at his $500,000 home west of Austin. He returned to London on Saturday to live with his mother, White said. He said he did not know how long doctors have given Faulkner to live, but that the man's condition has been deteriorating rapidly.

Prosecutors say Faulkner's partner wired to U.S. banks millions of dollars, and that Faulkner used the money to invest in several Austin businesses, including a restaurant, a limousine service, a travel agency and a gay bar called D.J.'s, a once-rundown club that became a popular nightspot.

Faulkner also owned two adjacent homes in a luxury subdivision in Austin, along with four Rolls-Royce automobiles and 27 other cars.

AT&T Global Information Solutions and its London subsidiary last week won a civil judgment against Faulkner for $16 million in an Austin court, AT&T attorney Bill Parrish said.

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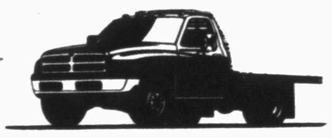

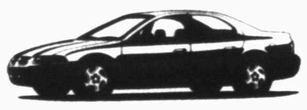

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Christmas for mill workers spoiled by devastating blaze

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The lights were up, a tree was next. And there was a $275 Christmas bonus coming from Malden Mills, where Osiris Tejada worked as a shipper.

Then the mill went up in flames.

Now the Tejadas say they'll be lucky to hang on to the modest two-family house they bought a year ago. And Christmas presents? They will depend on church toy drives.

The Tejadas are like many mill workers devastated by Monday night's fire, which has forced at least 1,400 people out of work just before Christmas. Mill owner and president Aaron Feuerstein said he hopes at least part of the operation could be running in 30 days.

The fire began with an explosion, possibly in a boiler, so powerful that it blew out the sprinkler system. Four of the five enormous buildings in the complex were reduced to smoking piles of brick, wood and metal. Thirty-three people were injured, eight critically.

"Two weeks before Christmas it's all gone," Chris McRae, a veteran employee, said Tuesday. "This building has been here for 100 years, and now there's nothing left."

Partly because of the sophisticated manufacturing process used to convert recycled soda bottles into Polartec — the patented 100 percent polyester fabric — Malden Mills pays employees an average of $12.50 an hour, compared with the industry average of $9.44. With 3,100 total employees in the company, it is the biggest employer in Methuen, 30 miles north of Boston.

"This place here has put first-generation immigrants into the middle class," said Norman Menzies, a local contractor, as he looked over the ruins.

The mill, built in 1867, is the only one in the nation to make the warm, fleecy synthetic material used in outdoor gear sold by many of the most popular sporting goods stores. Its customers include L.L. Bean.

The Tejadas say their quest for a middle-class life was tied to 12-hour shifts at the textile plant a few blocks from their house.

"If it wasn't for this job we wouldn't be where we are now — the house, everything. Before this, we had absolutely nothing," said Lourdes Tejada, who left her job at a nursing home to care for their 5-month-old son, Christian, and their 4-year-old daughter, Crystal.

Before Tejada landed a job at Malden Mills five years ago, he and his wife lived with his sister.

The fire has also forced Ajenol Horton to cut back on Christmas presents for his son and daughter.

"It's tough for everybody. You struggle for your family. You have your house, your car. Then this happens," said Horton, who has worked as a supervisor and machine operator at the plant for 19 years.

Many families have more than one member working at the mill.

Nurys Cintron said she had saved up emergency money that will help tide things over for herself, her husband and their two boys, Hector Jr., 5, and Manuel 2. But she's worried about her sister and others who are living paycheck to paycheck.

Wife's kidney perfect match for ill husband

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After years of unsuccessfully seeking a kidney, Robert Whybrew found his perfect match — his wife of 49 years.

Robert, 77, and Victoria, 78, walked out of the hospital Tuesday just one week after the surgery.

"They're amazing," Kim Whybrew said of her parents, who are the oldest kidney donor and recipient on record with the Virginia-based United Network for Organ Sharing.

Robert's health had been failing and the chances of finding a donor for him were slim, doctors and family said. None of his blood relatives, including two children, were matches and his organ donor request was a low priority because of his age. Doctors at two hospitals told him he was too old for them to consider doing the surgery.

"At my age, I was reaching the point of no return," Whybrew said.

Then his wife happened to read about a recent study at the University of California at Los Angeles which found a high rate of success among spouses and even good friends who donate kidneys to loved ones.

While the phenomenon is still not completely understood, doctors say the emotional connection between the donor and recipient seems to help.

"It's a relationship that you'd go overboard for," said Dr. William Amend Jr., a transplant specialist at the University of California at San Francisco and one of the Whybrews' doctors. "In Victoria's case, it was Robert. He's her soul mate."

Victoria agreed. "I'd rather lose a kidney than a husband," she said.

Doctors said that in the next two to three years, there is a 10 percent chance that Robert's body will reject the kidney. But as long as he remains in otherwise good health, doctors are hopeful.

They're also amazed at Victoria's stamina.

"It's rare that someone her age is well enough to be a donor," Dr. Amend said. Tests found that her kidneys were functioning at 99 percent.

Robert gets a little teary when he talks about his wife's gift, which he equates to about 10 more years that he can spend with her.

But his tears, which he blames on his medication, quickly give way to humor.

In return for the kidney, he said, "I told Vicki I'd give her anything I have two of."

House OK's bill squelching bank retirement CD plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation effectively killing a new type of bank investment known as a retirement certificate of deposit passed the House on Tuesday.

The bill, adopted by voice, removes federal deposit insurance coverage from the certificates, which resemble tax-deferred annuities sold by insurance companies.

"We strongly believe these instruments could pose serious safety and soundness problems for banks that issue them," said Rep. Marge Roukema, R-N.J., chairman of the House Banking financial institutions subcommittee

In May 1994, Comptroller of the Currency Eugene Ludwig permitted Blackfeet National Bank, a small American Indian-owned bank in Montana, to offer the certificates and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. agreed to insure them.

But the move was bitterly opposed by the American Council of Life Insurance, which sought to fend off banks' incursion into the $48 billion market for annuities, which are investment contracts that offer periodic payments. It argues federal insurance of the certificates give banks' an unfair advantage.

Roukema, the sponsor of the bill, called retirement certificates of deposit "dubious products."

"These instruments could not only hurt the banking industry but place the insurance industry at a competitive disadvantage, as well as pose serious disclosure problems for depositors," she said.

But Phil Corwin of the American Bankers Association said the certificates were a legitimate product.

"This is strictly the life insurance industry trying to keep the annuity market only for themselves," he said.

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Ford, Chrysler OK common system for new electric cars

ATLANTA (AP) — Chrysler Corp. and Ford Motor Co. took a small step toward making electric cars more attractive to the public Tuesday by agreeing to use the same type of charging system for the batteries.

"The goal is to avoid the VHS-vs.-Beta problems we saw with early videotape technology," said John Wallace, director of Ford's electric vehicle systems.

However, General Motors Corp., the nation's largest automaker, is pursuing a different — and incompatible — charging system, throwing a wrench into the goal of adopting common standards for the fledgling industry.

A common charging system would allow drivers of different brands of electric vehicles to charge up at the same "fueling" points, just as drivers of gasoline-powered cars can refuel at any gas station.

In addition to recharging equipment in the garage at home, automakers envision public charging stations where drivers can recharge their vehicle while they shop or dine.

"The buyer has to perceive the fact that they won't run out of electricity if they've driven more than 50 miles from their house. That's one of the things we're working on," said Gene Seider, an engineer with SCI Systems Inc., which developed the "conductive" charging system adopted by both Ford and Chrysler.

Still, a peek underneath the hood of Chrysler's new electric minivan shows why it will be a hard sell. The 27 batteries raise the cost substantially, weigh down the vehicle so much that it can hold only five passengers and limit drivers to only 60 miles between long rechargings.

"It will obviously have a limited customer base," said Robert Feldmaier, executive engineer for Chrysler's electric minivan program.

Ford and Chrysler announced their agreement at an industry convention here while unveiling a new electric-powered Ford Ranger pickup and the electric Chrysler minivan.

The electric Ford pickup costs about $30,000, compared with $12,000 for the gasoline-powered model. The 2,000 pounds of batteries last only 58 miles between rechargings, which take six hours when the juice is drained.

Every three years, the batteries must be replaced for $2,000 to $3,000.

"If we can get to a 10-year battery, then all those commercial markets will open up to us .. and then we won't have to have these shows anymore," said Mike Clement, head of marketing for Chrysler's electric vehicles.

Today, the market for electric cars is limited mainly to governments, utility companies and other businesses that use fleets of vehicles. California regulations require the larger automakers to start selling electric vehicles there in 1998.

GM is developing electric vehicles with an "inductive" charging system.

1st Christian Church plans Christmas musical Sunday

The choir of First Christian Church will present a Christian comedy, "A Homemade Christmas," this 10:50 a.m. Sunday in the church sanctuary.

Robert Bailey, minister of music, will direct, with Reba Bailey, church organist and pianist, as accompanist.

The cast includes John Boren as Dr. Carmichal, proprietor of the Homemade Country Store who is somewhat reluctant to fully celebrate Christmas this year.

Mrs. George (Pam) Jones, Carmichael's daughter, is concerned about her father.

Rick Freeman, who has performed in Ritz Theatre and Wetsern Texas College productions, is Lloyd, the outspoken wisecracker, who just likes to have fun.

Mattie Lou is portrayed by Mrs. Malven (Frances) Stevenson, a prim and eccentric person, who has been disillusioned by life.

Mrs. Brud (Billie) Boren is Rose, a loving and genuine character. Charlie, played by Jerry Englert, is a man of few words, but when he speaks people listen.

Soloist for the production is Snyder High School senior Shelly Englert who will sing the "classic" version of "Away In A Manger."

Other choir members include: Glenda Freeman, Leslie Murphy, Brud Boren, Ross Blanchard, Jessica Hall, Jennifer Grametbaur, Elsie Boren, George Jones, Muriel Vincent, Joe Vincent and Hattie Kinder.

Mark Cabaniss wrote the book and lyrics and Stan Pethel and Greg Skipper composed the music.

The Baileys have recently completed a year of service as church musicians for the local Disciples congregation. "It's been amazing to see the development of talent from a church this size to accomplish such a worthy and meaningful project," Bailey said.

Everyone is invited to attend the Christmas musical.

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Molester may have posed as Santa Claus

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Searching the home of a convicted child molester suspected of assaulting more children, police found Santa costumes, toys and fliers that they say he may have used to lure youngsters.

John Pratt, a 48-year-old chiropractic assistant, was charged with molesting three boys, ages 13, 12 and 9. Two younger boys were being interviewed about possible abuse, police Cmdr. Gwen Elliott said Tuesday.

There was no indication Pratt had played Santa to lure the three boys he is charged with molesting, but investigators said one of the victims may have worked with him as an elf, police said. Elves' costumes and photos of Pratt with children were also found in the home.

"Christmas is right around the corner, and Santa can come to your home when you want him to," the flier read. He charged from $15 for 15 minutes and cookies with Santa, to $100 for a two-hour party with him.

"Santa can come by himself or he can bring one of his elves," the flier read. "Either way, it will be a party that your son or daughter will never forget."

Pratt had served a five-year-sentence in Iowa for child molestation before moving to Pittsburgh about a year ago, Elliott said.

Police were tipped off after a boy told one of his parents he had been sexually assaulted by Pratt.

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AirTouch	27⅞	27½	27⅞	+ ¼
Albertsons		33¼	33¼	33¼
Alldsignal	48⅛	47¾	48	+ ⅛
Alltel	29	28¾	28¾	— ⅛
AmStores	26¾	25¾	26	— ⅜
Ameritech		58½	58¼	58⅜
Amoco	71⅛	70⅞	71⅛	— ⅛
AndarkPtr	50⅝	50⅝	50⅝	+ ⅛
ArmcoInc	5⅝	5⅝	5⅝	— ⅛
AtlRichfld	114	113¾	113¾	+ ⅛
ATMOS Egy	22	21¾	22	— ⅛
Aviall	8½	8⅜	8⅜	— ⅛
BakerHughes	23⅜	23¼	23⅜	+ ⅜
BellAtl	65⅞	65½	65⅞	+ ⅛
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CenSoWst	27¼	27⅛	27¼	+ ⅛
Chevron		53¼	52⅝	52⅝
Chrysler		53¼	53	53¼
Coastal	36	35½	35¾	+ ⅛
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ColgatePalm	74⅞	74⅛	74⅜	— ⅛
ComclMetals		23¾	23¾	23¾
CooperIn	36⅜	36¼	36¼	— ⅛
CyprusAmax	27¼	27⅛	27⅛	— ⅛
DallSemicn	21⅞	21½	21⅞	+ ⅜
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DigitalEq	64¼	63⅜	63⅜	— ½
Dillard		28⅜	28¼	28¼
DowChem	70⅝	69⅝	70½	+ ⅛
DresserInd	24	23¾	23⅞	— ⅛
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EastmanChem	65½	64⅝	64⅞	— ⅛
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FDA: Americans not victims of drug lag

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans often can buy vital new drugs faster than people in Europe or Japan, says the first government study of international medicines.

The Food and Drug Administration is under attack by critics who contend it keeps life-saving therapies that are available overseas away from Americans. Congress is preparing to revamp the agency based on that criticism.

The FDA acknowledges it can speed up, but didn't think it was slower than other countries. It checked England, Germany and Japan and Tuesday said it came up with good results.

"If there is a drug lag, it is not in America," said Commissioner David Kessler.

The study found that Americans had access to almost every vital drug sold in those countries, but were spared two products that England removed from the market.

It found that Americans got five AIDS drugs before any other country, the ovarian cancer drug Taxol a year earlier than Europeans, the first multiple sclerosis drug 28 months before Europe and the first cystic fibrosis treatment several months before Europe. On Tuesday, the FDA approved the world's first treatment for Lou Gehrig's disease.

The FDA also issued its annual report to Congress on Tuesday showing that in fiscal 1994 the agency approved 93 percent of all drugs within a year of the companies' applications. Federal law mandates that the FDA approve 55 percent of drugs in that time.

Critics didn't buy the report.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association said the FDA approved 150 new drugs between 1990 and 1994, but 60 percent were approved first in some other country, not just the ones the FDA checked. Typically foreign-based companies seek approval at home first.

"Clearly FDA has made significant improvement," said spokesman Jeff Trewhitt. "However, more fundamental reform must be enacted."

The Competitive Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank, says patients still had to wait months to buy even drugs the FDA approved first. It wants Congress to allow drugs to be sold here, with just a warning that they aren't FDA-approved, so dying patients don't have to wait.

The FDA acknowledged it won't beat every country on every drug. But from January 1990 through December 1994, the study found:

—The FDA and England both approved 58 drugs, 30 that were first approved here and 28 approved first in England. Americans today can buy 18 drugs the English can't, nine of which are vital "priority" drugs such as the world's only therapy for Alzheimer's disease. The English can buy 27 drugs Americans can't, but they all are nearly identical to U.S. competitors, the FDA said.

—Of the 44 drugs approved by both the FDA and Germany, Americans got 31 first. Americans can buy 32 medicines the Germans can't, while Germans can get 34 not sold here. Of those 34, just one is deemed a priority drug, a safer whooping cough vaccine. At least two companies are awaiting FDA approval for that drug.

—Of the 14 drugs approved by the FDA and Japan, Americans got 10 first. Japan sells 82 drugs Americans can't buy — mostly slight variations of other drugs sold worldwide — while Americans can buy 62 drugs the Japanese can't.

Also, England approved two additional drugs — for schizophrenia and aplastic anemia — the FDA didn't. Both were later taken off the market worldwide because of problems.

1996 'Car Book' sites safety in rating or buying vehicles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Safety sells and is the most important criterion in rating cars, says the author of a consumer guide to cars.

"We think this is where consumers are headed," Jack Gillis said in releasing his 1996 edition of "The Car Book" today. "Of all the products you're likely to buy, it's the automobile that's most likely to injure you."

His 224-page book rates car models on crash safety, fuel economy, repair costs, warranties, insurance costs and complaint history, among others. The greatest weight is given to crash-test performance.

According to the book, among the best overall cars are:

—The Saturn SC, Nissan Sentra and Ford Escort in the subcompact category.

—The Subaru Legacy, Chrysler Sebring, Volkswagen Gold/Jetta, Ford Contour and Mercury Mystique in the compact category.

—The Saab 9000, Volkswagen Passat, Volvo 850 and Saab 900 among intermediate cars.

—The Audi A6/S6, Lexus ES300, Chevrolet Lumina, Infiniti J30, Lexus GS300, Chevrolet Monte Carlo and Mercury Cougar among large cars.

—The Ford Windstar and Oldsmobile Silhouette among minivans.

Among the safest cars, according to numbers based on their performance in government-run tests, are: subcompacts, Geo Metro and Suzuki Swift; compacts, Chrysler Sebring, Dodge Avenger and Honda Prelude; intermediate cars, Chevrolet Camaro and Pontiac Firebird; large cars, Ford Thunderbird and Mercury Cougar; and minivans, Ford Windstar and Honda Odyssey.

Gillis says he would look for five key safety items as a consumer: crash-test performance, air bags, anti-lock brakes, side-impact protection and a built-in area for child safety seats.

The Acura TL has the highest repair costs — $4,267 — when calculating nine items most likely to need replacing during a car's first 100,000 miles, including starter, alternator and fuel pump, the book says.

But Art Garner, a spokesman for American Honda Motor Co. Inc. in Torrance, Calif., said the luxury car was less likely to have those basic parts fail.

Replacing a starter on a 1996 Ford Probe costs more than $1,000 compared to $195 in a Chrysler Concorde, the book says. And replacing the front brake pads in a Geo Metro costs about $383, while it costs $94 for a Toyota Corolla.

"Most of us know when we own a car we'll probably have to replace the front brake pads," said Gillis. "Just knowing how much that will cost before you buy can save you a lot of money."

Berry's World

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"Well, ol' Santa doesn't know much about budgets, but he'll see what he can do."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Child's Allergic Reaction Can Be Matter of Life and Death

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, you printed a terribly sad letter from an allergist regarding a little boy who was severely allergic to peanuts and died because one of the ladies at a party insisted he try a peanut butter cookie.

Since we have two grandchildren (our son's 4-year-old and our daughter's 2-year-old) who are fatally allergic to peanuts, would you please print the letter again? And would you stress to your readers that they never give a young child anything to eat without first checking with the parent?

Also, obstetricians and pediatricians should warn mothers-to-be to avoid peanut products while pregnant or nursing.

Thank you, Abby, for making the public aware of the seriousness of allergies.

MARIE AND JIM MITCHELL

DEAR MARIE AND JIM: I'm happy to reprint the letter — and thank you for your important warning to adults who serve food to children. Some foods can be fatal, as illustrated in the following letter:

DEAR ABBY: As a practicing allergist, I would like to make parents and hosts and hostesses for holiday and birthday parties aware that they should be extremely careful with children who are allergic to various foods.

I once had a young boy as a patient who was severely allergic to peanuts. He and his mother regarded this with extreme caution, but once, while attending a birthday party, his allergy proved fatal.

His mother had informed the hostess about "Billy's" allergy and strictly ordered that he not eat anything containing peanuts. The hostess agreed not to feed Billy any such food. Unfortunately, other ladies were helping with the party. One handed out homemade peanut butter cookies and insisted Billy sample one. He tried to refuse, but she insisted. Less than 30 minutes later, Billy was dead.

I want to use this horribly sad incident to warn anyone who is helping with children's activities to please be cautious with your own children as well as others'. Anyone who hands out treats to children, please be aware of the dangers involved. Make certain that the children you serve are not allergic to any foods, so they don't end up like Billy.

CLAUDE A FRAZIER, M.D.,
ASHEVILLE, N.C.

DEAR DR. FRAZIER: Thank you for a warning that applies all year around. I'm printing your letter in the hope that once alerted, other parents can prevent a similar tragedy.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Concerned Citizen," regarding her father-in-law's fear of cataract surgery, I would like to say that it is nothing short of miraculous.

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To anyone fearful of cataract surgery: The thought of surgery is frightening. But be assured that the results are wonderful.

BETTY BELLUS,
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

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

Just approved drug adds 3 months to dying patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — It prolongs life by a mere three months, but patients with Lou Gehrig's disease are excited by the world's first drug to treat the neuromuscular killer for another reason: hope.

The Food and Drug Administration approved riluzole Tuesday, the first drug for Lou Gehrig's approved anywhere in the world. It doesn't ease the muscle deterioration and other symptoms, but it will help some patients live a little longer, the FDA said.

Anxious patients are waiting to grab at the chance.

"It gives us some hope, that's the most important thing," said Ted Heine of Waverly, Iowa, whose disease sometimes makes his weakened legs buckle beneath him.

"All the patients are interested in it — we've had calls day in and day out," said Nancy Nelson of the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association.

Some 30,000 Americans have the illness, formally called ALS but best known for killing Yankees' first baseman Lou Gehrig. Victims' life expectancy — just three to five years — has changed little since the disease claimed Gehrig in 1941.

ALS attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Starting with such symptoms as weakness or difficulty in speech or swallowing, it eventually paralyzes victims, including the muscles responsible for breathing.

Riluzole, to be sold under the brand name Rilutek by Rhone-Poulenc Rorer, does not slow muscle deterioriation or ease symptoms. But after 18 months of treatment, the drug helped patients with the worst prognosis live an extra three months. Lower-risk patients experienced less effect, if any.

The small benefit didn't deter patients. A dozen argued before the FDA in September to beg for approval, arguing that three months was vital.

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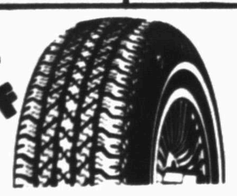

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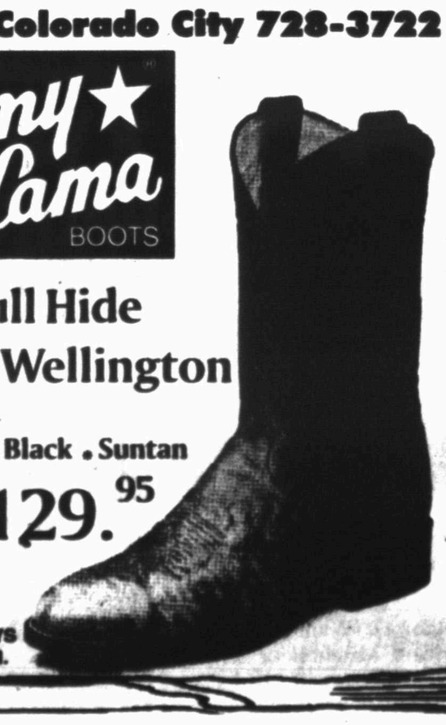

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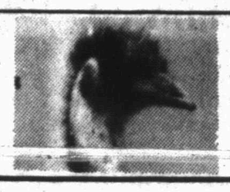

The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pate Emu Farm

There are millions of people directly or indirectly involved in U.S. agriculture. While beef, egg and pork people get more press and news time for their problems, it is hard to imagine any group facing more important decisions than those involved in emu ranching have faced in the last year, especially now with breeding and hatching decisions to be made by all of us. Can we afford to hatch? Can I afford to feed dozens or even hundreds of new chicks? What are my breeders worth on today's market? What will they be worth in six months? In 12 months? Can I overlook past promises made and believe in new promises?

We've heard some horror stories about what belief in emu ranching had done to many of us within the industry. We must alter those negatives with focus on the future, not reticence about the past. The message we hope to deliver here, clearly and believably, is that "there is still much reason to be confident that emu ranching will be a long term viable industry in the U.S.

United Emu has undertaken a carefully designed strategy to eliminate the missing links that have allowed bird prices to "free-fall" as they did last year. Too many important activities were delayed or just totally neglected by our industry, that we are currently in the process of remedying.

The following are activities that are vital to our industry, especially to owners of our co-op:

Ownership — We have engaged attorneys, experienced in securities and commission law, to assure that United Emu is legally soliciting membership in every state in which we do business. The necessary solicitation documents and availability of by-laws and business plans for members are in place. Newsletters are distributed monthly to our owners to maintain open communications.

Research — While research reported so far on human uses for the oil are helpful for long term benefit to the industry, we believe the near term potential for oil is its industrial applications. We are deeply engaged in two important forms of research.

A. First, United Emu is totally sponsoring clinical research to establish industry standards for each grade of oil — cosmetic, pharmaceutical and industrial. We cannot continue to deal in difference of opinion. We will deal in facts, so that we may talk to potential customers as experts on emu oil.

B. Secondly, we are into applications research with oil in a widening sphere of high speed manufacturing facilities. Emu oil is being used as an alternative to synthetic to create a "benefits selling" strategy.

C. Results from our research will start becoming available in early January. If by-product marketing is to drive high value of birds to the rancher, we must and will optimize the volume potential and selling price per gallon of the right grade of oil for the job.

While Australia started the commercial industry, we firmly believe the U.S. ranchers and their advocates must be the most influential on the world market. There are dozens of trade shows across the globe. We must assess the most important and attend them.

United Emu will be completing a 2 week trip to four Pacific Rim countries before Christmas. We have extensive contacts and will be meeting with decision makers, on their turf. We will be visiting with traders on some stops, and with potential entrepreneurs. The greatest help we can be internationally is to help interested countries develop and test consumer or industrial by-product markets. If they are successful, then we can and should assume the position as advisors to them in setting up a breeder market.

United Emu's role in the industry is one of pro-active leadership. We must learn from past mistakes or omissions and move ahead with full confidence that the U.S. emu industry will be very successful and that there is room in the industry for thousands of new ranchers. Any industry of size in the U.S. has been through "low spots" and "down times." The emu industry is blessed with the ability to learn from the mistakes of other industries who reacted less rapidly to their problems. Down time is behind us as we gain the knowledge for marketing large volumes of emu by-products. United Emu is leading in gaining the necessary information to assure success for our industry. The future appears very bright.

The above is an open letter to the emu industry by Richard E. McCauley, McCauley Management, Inc., Dallas. McCauley is a consultant to United Emu. For further information call 1-800-806-4368.

Al Jodoin, United Emu director, will be in Snyder at Rudy's Restaurant, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. to speak and answer questions.

For further information call Pate Emu Farm, 915-573-5340.

Forecast for wheat supplies drops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supplies of U.S. wheat going into the spring 1996 harvest are projected to be off by 10 million bushels from last month's estimate, the Agriculture Department says.

The drop in the forecast occurred because lower food use only partially offset a 15-million-bushel reduction in imports, the department said.

The projected price range is $4.25 to $4.45 per bushel.

Global wheat production, consumption and ending stocks for the year that began June 1 also were down slightly from the November estimates. The department said a reduction of 2.5 million tons in Russia's wheat crop was the reason.

USDA's estimate of corn supplies going into next year's summer and fall harvest is unchanged from last month. An increase of 50 million bushels in expected exports is offset by a similar reduction in feed and residual use, the department said.

Prices are expected to remain unchanged in the range of $2.95 to $3.35 per bushel.

USDA forecasts similar conditions for sorghum, with projected ending stocks for the year that began Sept. 1 unchanged from last month. The price range for sorghum, however, increased by 10 cents on the low and high ends to a range of $2.95 to $3.35 per bushel.

Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District

by Mindy Wills

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is again taking orders for "windbreak/wildlife" trees and shrubs. If you were unable to get the species you desired last year, please place your order as soon as possible. We will be accepting orders through Jan. 31.

We have samples of the evergreens provided by the Forest Service, including the Afghanistan Pine and the Arizona Cypress. Orders are to arrive in Snyder the middle of February.

Come by 5309 Big Spring Hwy., Snyder, or call 915-573-6317 for further information. Payment must be made at the time order is placed.

Also now available through the Upper Colorado SWCD are various ground covers, flowering shrubs, various nut bearing trees, wildflower seeds, border and accent plants, grapevines, birdhouse kits, hummingbird feeder kits and bird feeders. Please come by the district office to look through our full color catalog or call for further information. The number is 573-6317 or come by 5309 Big Spring Hwy.

NRCS Report

By Mark Sides
Range Conservationist

Protection of young trees and seedlings from animal damage is a must. Rodents and rabbits can easily kill young trees by girdling (removal of a narrow strip of bark from around the trunk). Repeated defoliation by deer, rabbits, and/or domestic livestock can be just as detrimental.

DESERT WILLOW

The desert willow is a deciduous hardwood. This multi-stemmed tree tends to lean, and rarely achieves over 20 feet in height. Showy pink or white flowers decorate it from May through June, and sporadically after rains in other months.

It is drought hardy and adapted to a variety of well drained soil types. These characteristics make it an outstanding windbreak species for arid areas.

For more information about the desert willow or any of the other varieties, call or come by the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Office. The office is located in the Scurry County USDA Office Complex at 5309 Big Spring Hwy., and the phone number is 915-573-6317 or 6318.

Programs and services of the National Resource Conservation Service are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status or handicap.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 806 head of cattle for the Thursday, Dec. 7, sale. Cows were $2 cheaper yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were fair.

Slaughter cows High dressing, cutters, utility 28.50 to 34; Canner and low cutters 22 to 27.50; Slaughter bulls 38.50 to 44.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 63 to 71; 400 to 500, 58.50 to 63 500 to 600, 58.50 to 63; 600 to 700, 58.50 to 64; 700 to 800, 59.50 to 63.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 55 to 65; 400 to 500, 52.50 to 57.50; 500 to 600, 52.50 to 55; 600 to 700, 50 to 55.50; 700 to 800, 51 to 54.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 52.50 to 58.50; 700 to 800, 48.50 to 55.

Cow and calf pairs: good 500 to 650 grade 350 to 495

Springers 200 to 475 baby calves 20 to 125; doodlers 85 to 140.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 693 head of cattle at the Sat. Dec. 9, sale. The market was steady to 50 cents lower on stress. Steady to $1.50 higher on feeder heifers 600 lbs and up. Slaughter cows and bulls were steady. Demand was good on a fairly active market. Pairs and springer cows were steady. The market will be closed Sat. Dec. 23. Next sale is Dec. 30.

Steer — large frame, good quality: 300 to 400 62 to 74; 400 to 500 60 to 68; 500 to 600 58 to 66; 600 to 800 57.50 to 63.50.

Heifers calves and yearlings: 300 to 400 58 to 67; 400 to 500 50.50 to 61; 500 to 600 48 to 56; 600 to 800 48 to 57.50.

Slaughter cows 28 to 33; Slaughter bulls: 39 to 46; Feeder bulls 35-46; Springer cows: 380 to 520; Pairs 450 to 720.

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market at Sweetwater had a run of 709 head of cattle for the Wed., Dec. 6, sale. Stocker calves were 2 to 3 cwt higher with stockers steady. Pairs and bred cows $20 to $40 were higher and bred with packer cows and bulls 2 cwt lower.

STEERS
300-400: 64-73
400-500: 61-69
500-600: 57-65
600-700: 56-63

HEIFERS
300-400: 55-66
400-500: 53-60
500-600: 52-58
600-700: 50-58

BRED COWS
Good: 400-500
Older and plainer: 300-400

PAIRS
Good: 525-600
Older and plainer: 450-525

PACKER COWS
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PACKER BULLS
Good: 42-45
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Another arrest in terrorism plot

NEW YORK (AP) — A suspect in a plot to bomb 11 U.S. planes over the Far East on a single day was arrested in Malaysia and pleaded innocent today in federal court.

Wali Khan Amin Shah, a stocky man with a moustache, stood silently as U.S. District Judge Kevin Duffy entered the plea on his behalf and ordered him held without bail.

Duffy, who last year presided over the World Trade Center bombing trial, was unimpressed with a complaint that Shah was abducted from a Malaysian street and held for 10 to 12 before being turned over to U.S. authorities.

"How he ends up here doesn't give him a free trip home," Duffy said.

"He told me he's innocent of the charges," Shah's lawyer, David Greenfield, said outside the courtroom. "He did not commit these crimes."

Shah was arrested four days ago and was brought to New York on Tuesday, said a U.S. law enforcement source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Shah is the third man charged in the plot to terrorize the United States into changing its Middle East policies by blowing up 11 planes.

He joins Ramzi Yousef, the alleged Trade Center bombing mastermind, and Abdul Hakim Murad, who also faces conspiracy charges in the plot. Their trial is expected to start sometime next year.

Shah, like Murad, is charged only in the airliner plot, even though the Feb. 26, 1993, Trade Center bombing that killed six people and injured more than 1,000 others is part of the same indictment.

Duffy said he plans to sever the airline trial from the Trade Center case.

FIRST IN RADIO — Ira FFA's Radio Team took first place honors Saturday in the state leadership contest held at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. This is a first for Ira, since no other radio team at Ira has won this particular award. From left are Heath Mathis, Adam Davis and Judd Rogers. Their radio broadcast concerned the boll weevil eradication program. Ira was one of the top 10 teams competing in eight contests. Each team represented one of 10 areas in the state. (SDN Staff Photo)

Jesse Jackson Jr. wins House seat

San Francisco Mayor-elect Willie Brown flashed his trademark smile and promised the city that things will be different — the buses will run, crime will drop and the homeless will get help.

Brown, the former powerful Assembly speaker, easily defeated incumbent Frank Jordan in Tuesday's runoff election and will become the city's first black mayor when he is sworn in next month.

Half a continent away in Chicago, Jesse Jackson Jr., the 30-year-old son of the civil rights leader, celebrated a landslide victory over his Republican opponent, lawyer Thomas Somer. Jackson won the House seat left vacant by Mel Reynolds, who resigned after being convicted of sexual misconduct.

In San Jose, Republican Tom Campbell handily defeated Democrat Jerry Estruth in a special election that was seen as a preview of 1996 congressional races. Campbell succeeds former Democratic Rep. Norm Mineta.

In the aftermath of the mayoral race, Brown's enthusiasm was infectious.

"Willie Brown is the man," supporter James Lewis said at the victory party on Fisherman's Wharf. "Whatever he says he'll do, he'll do. And I believe that."

State Assemblywoman Jackie Speier, a longtime Brown supporter, quipped: "Everybody who is not living in San Francisco right now better move back."

With all 536 precincts reporting, Brown had 104,902 votes, or 57 percent, to Jordan's 79,257 votes, 43 percent.

San Francisco's election was marred by fierce storms that left three dead and shut down power to more than 700,000 people across the northern part of the state.

As Brown, 61, proclaimed victory over Jordan, he focused on the problems his supporters want fixed.

"Can we fix the Muni (transit system)? Yes," Brown shouted to hundreds of cheering supporters. "Can we make 9-1-1 work? Yes. Can we make the streets of San Francisco safe?. Yes. Can we deal with the homeless problem in a humane way? Yes."

He praised Jordan for running a good race and added: "Now I must find a way to use your talent in my administration."

Whitewater

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time the White House raised the issue of executive privilege in Whitewater — to defy the Senate's efforts to get Kennedy's notes.

"What is it that the administration doesn't want to come forth with," said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala. "Why are they hiding this."

Committee Democrats said the Clintons are on solid legal ground in invoking attorney-client privilege and that Republicans should try to negotiate a compromise with the White House rather than moving toward a court battle.

"I think the committee has prompted a confrontation," said Sen. Paul Sarbanes, the committee's ranking Democrat.

As to the four other Whitewater-related documents the White House has not turned over, the committee released a list describing the documents as:

—A draft chronology on Whitewater by the Clintons' personal attorney, David Kendall. The Nov. 5, 1993, meeting was held in Kendall's law office and the draft chronology is dated five days later.

—A Jan. 5, 1994, letter to the president from Washington attorney James Hamilton, who has represented the family of the late Vincent Foster and did work for the 1992 campaign.

—A New York Times article including notations of the president from Dec. 20, 1993.

—Undated notes of White House aide Joel Klein.

The White House says Kennedy's notes are covered by executive privilege and should be kept off limits from Senate investigators.

White House lawyers told the Senate Whitewater Committee in a 21-page submission that the meeting "revealed confidences of the Clintons" that they had made to their private attorneys about Whitewater.

Obituaries

Opal Eicke

1907-1995

Opal Lorene Eicke, a long-time Snyder area resident, died Tuesday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a long illness. She was 88.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Anderson-Clayton Funeral Home Chapel in Kemp. Mr. James House will officiate and interment will follow in the Shiloh Cemetery in Kaufman County.

Born Nov. 12, 1907, Mrs. Eicke had been a resident of Snyder since 1950. Her husband, Joe Eicke, preceded her in death. She was a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Owen and Bobbye Reich of Dallas; a sister, Lou White of Kemp; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the 37th Street Church of Christ or to a favorite charity.

Carlee Bradshaw

1911-1995

Funeral service is set for 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Chapel for Carlee Bradshaw, 84, who died Monday night in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Officiating will be the Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the City of Childress Cemetery.

Born on March 30, 1911, in Wichita Falls, she married J.W. Bradshaw on Dec. 23, 1933 in Childress. He died in 1962.

Mrs. Bradshaw had lived in the Snyder area since 1982. A homemaker, she was a former resident of Ira and a former long-time resident of Lubbock.

Survivors include three daughters, Janice Gaiski of Harrisburg, Pa., Sharon Peek of Phoenix, Ariz., and Sandra Poe of Snyder; three sons, Don Bradshaw of Snyder, Jerre Bradshaw of West River, Md., and Van Bradshaw of Phoenix; two sisters, Janette Garrison of Long Beach, Calif., and Lessie Morrison of Pueblo, Colo.; 16 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

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Light day for officers but firefighters busy

Local law enforcement agencies enjoyed a quiet day Tuesday, but it was a different story for fire department volunteers.

The fire department responded to four fires Tuesday, including a cotton fire 13 miles east of town on County Road 4140. The cotton belonged to Butch Nachlinger. At 4:40 p.m., volunteers returned to the scene after the fire flared up again.

At 1:47 p.m., the firefighters extinguished some PVC pipe that was burning at Patterson Drilling on the Lamesa Highway.

At 2 p.m., the department responded to a grass fire 10 miles southeast of town on County Road 465.

At 3:42 p.m., the department responded to a grass fire some eight miles south of town at Round Top Acres. The Fluvanna Fire Department assisted in extinguishing the fire.

Officers investigated an accident at 3700 College at 1:32 p.m. Involved were a 1983 Lincoln driven by Wilma Dillard of 3502 Jacksboro and a 1988 Plymouth driven by Brenda Boley of 212 33rd St. Boley, 31, was taken to Cogdell Hospital by Snyder EMS where she was treated and released.

Eight motorists who had locked their keys in their vehicles were also assisted.

What's Up?

Advent services planned

Advent services at Grace Lutheran Church will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7 o'clock with the Rev. Jim Wright officiating. A potluck dinner will precede services at 6 p.m.

Targeting All Parents

The Targeting All Parents (TAP) meeting set for Thursday has been postponed until after Christmas.

SJHS choir to perform

Snyder Junior High School choir will hold its annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Thursday in Worsham Auditorium.

Extension meeting Thursday

The Extension Program Council of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Senior Center. The event will include a meal, program area committee reports, recognition of committee members and entertainment by Shelley Englert.

Sy Tabor, Extension Program Council chairman, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Cogdell awards dinner set

Cogdell Memorial Hospital employees and their families are reminded of the annual awards dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Scurry County Coliseum. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Cowboy Christmas Ball

The Borden County Junior Livestock Association will sponsor its annual Cowboy Christmas Ball at 8 a.m. Saturday in the county show barn at Gail.

An all-you-can-eat holiday buffet will be available. "Prairie Fire" will perform. Cost is $25 per family, $15 per couple and $8 for individuals.

Choirs to perform

The a cappella choir will sing "Gloria" by Vivaldi and the girl's choir will perform "Ceremony of Choir" by Benjamin Britten at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church. Everyone is invited.

Donate to Toys for Tots

Toys For Tots is still accepting toys for donation. Drop-off places are the fire station, Wal-Mart and chamber of commerce.

Yearbook orders due Friday

Orders are still being taken for the 1996 Tiger's Lair yearbook. Orders placed through Friday will be $35. A $20 deposit may be made, with the balance due by Feb. 1. Beginning Jan. 2, the order price is $40. No extra books will be ordered. For information, call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

13-17-22-26-29

(thirteen, seventeen, twenty-two, twenty-six, twenty-nine)

Pick 3

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

6-8-1

(six, eight, one)

Holiday sales noted in first sales increase during last 5 months

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Christmas shopping season began with a surge in retail sales, rebounding from two straight declines to post the biggest jump in five months.

The Commerce Department said today that sales rose 0.8 percent in November, after falling 0.4 percent in October and 0.1 percent in September.

Last month's advance was larger than expected by private analysts, who said in advance of today's report that caution by debt-heavy consumers could mean a disappointing holiday season for merchants. Many analysts said the economy is growing at a sluggish pace after a stronger-than-expected third quarter.

Despite the solid overall gain in sales, at department stores sales were flat in November.

Federal Reserve policy-makers meet Dec. 19 to review the economy and decide whether to lower interest rates again. Mixed reports on the economy and uncertainty over budget negotiations between President Clinton and Congress could prompt the Fed to take a wait-and-see approach, analysts said.

After raising interest rates seven times, the Fed cut a key rate in July and has remained on the sidelines since.

Sales last month totaled a seasonally adjusted $197.9 billion, up from $196.4 billion. The increase was the largest since a 0.9 percent gain in June.

Contrary to today's report, manufacturers are less optimistic about Christmas sales than a year ago and expect slower growth in 1996. The National Association of Purchasing Management said Tuesday its semiannual survey showed companies expect consumers to keep a tight grip on their wallets next year.

Car sales rose 0.4 percent in November after slipping 0.1 percent in October.

Excluding autos, retail sales climbed 0.9 percent last month after falling 0.5 percent in October.

Sales of durable goods — including appliances, autos and other goods expected to last more than three years — were up 1 percent last month after a 0.5 percent decline.

Durable goods were up 3.9 percent over a year earlier, while all sales were 3.2 percent higher than in November 1994.