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Ex-nurse charged with murder

Man, 36, jailed after 'epidemic' of deaths

NEWPORT, Ind. (AP) — Even among those trusted to care for the neediest and most vulnerable patients, Orville Lynn Majors stood out.

His bosses at Vermillion County Hospital, where he was a licensed practical nurse in the intensive care unit, once praised his people skills. Paula Holdaway remembers him leaning over her mother's hospital bed, kissing the 80-year-old woman's forehead and brushing her hair back.

"It's all right, punkin," Ms. Holdaway remembers Majors saying to Dorothea Hixon, who was then given an injection. "Everything's going to be all right now, punkin."

A minute later, Mrs. Hixon was dead.

Majors was charged Monday with murdering her and five others by injection at a hospital where deaths in the intensive care unit reached what prosecutors described as an "epidemic." They say that in the last half of 1994, patients were 43 times more likely to die on days when he was on duty.

Majors, 36, was jailed without bail in Newport, about 15 miles north of Clinton, where the hospital is located.

He was taken to Vermillion Circuit Court for a hearing this morning. State police blocked the front door of the courthouse for a security checkpoint, patting down spectators and checking them with a metal detector.

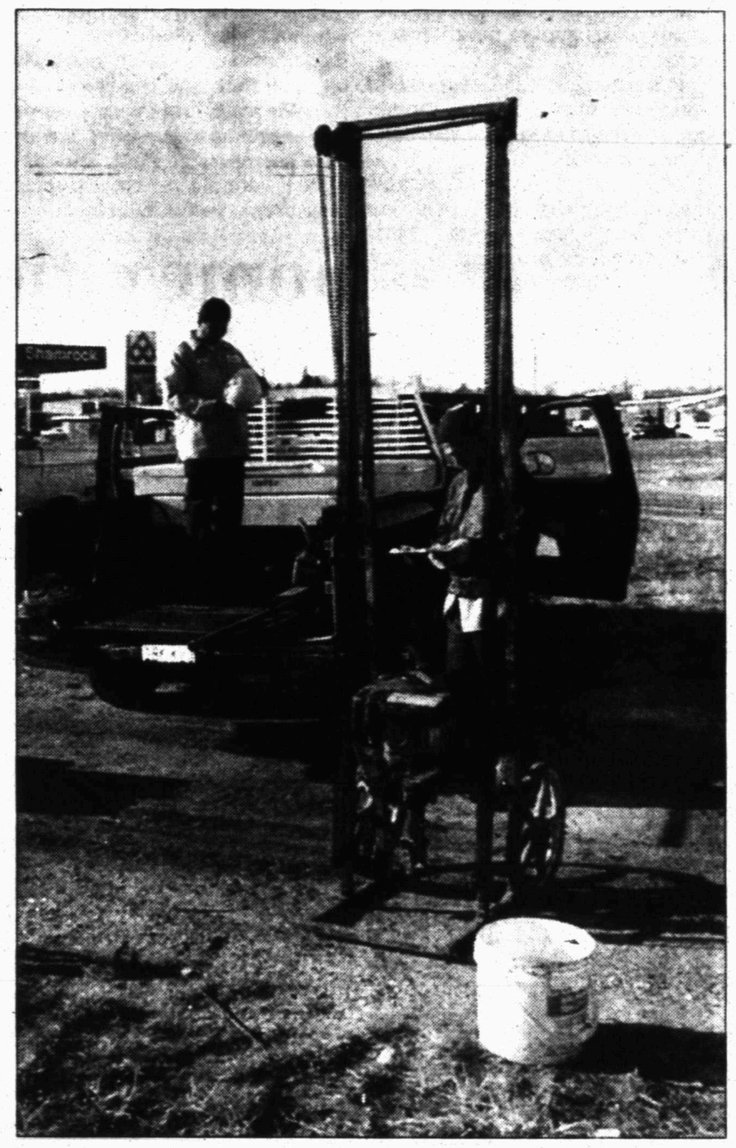
He has maintained his innocence. His lawyer, I. Marshall Pinkus, said there is no evidence Majors did anything wrong.

Relatives of the dead were horrified.

"My husband wasn't sick enough to die," said Mildred Smith, who lost 74-year-old Cecil a day after he was admitted for pneumonia. "This was the last thing that I expected. I would like to put him to rest but I can't, not until he (Majors) is convicted."

Increasing suspicions about Majors prompted hospital officials to study the number of deaths. The conclusion that Majors had been present for many of them prompted them to call state police.

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TESTING — Richard Hicks looks over plans for soil testing in a vacant lot in the 3400 block of College Avenue this morning while Hugo Cubias gets his equipment ready in the truck. Both are employees of Geotech Engineering and Testing of Houston. A nationally-known auto parts chain is considering building a 3,588 square ft. store at the location. (SDN Staff Photo)

County board appointments due

A number of positions on various county boards will be up for consideration by Scurry County commissioners after the first of the year — including three on the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers.

Cogdell board members Stanley Martin and Jim Bob Cave are completing their first two-year terms while J.B. Tate Jr. is completing his second two-year term. Martin and Cave began their first term on Jan. 1, 1996; Tate began his first term on Jan. 1, 1994.

Cave currently serves as the president of the board.

The maximum number of terms a hospital board member can serve is three. A board member can be reappointed after being off the board for a period of two years.

Three places will be up for appointment on the Board of County Development, including a replacement for board president Mark McCormick.

McCormick is concluding three terms on the board, He began his first term on Jan. 1, 1992.

It is mandatory that a board member who has served three terms wait an equivalent of one term before being reappointed — a period of two years in this case.

First-term members of the BCD who are eligible for reappointment are David Kattes and David Koonce. Both began their terms on Jan. 1, 1996.

Other vacancies include positions on the airport board, child welfare board, library board, veteran's land board and county welfare board.

Four new names will also be drawn from a list of persons who served on grand juries this year for the county's grievance committee.

The terms of Joe Vincent and Dr. James Burleson expire at the end of this month on the airport board. Both Vincent and Burleson have served two three-year terms, having been appointed first on Jan. 1, 1992. Both men must wait the equivalent of one term, or three years, before being appointed to the board again.

Dr. Gary Nussey is completing his second three-year term on the county's child welfare board and must go off that board for at least one-term. Joe Coronado, Chris Bane and Mary Ann Juarez are completing their first terms, and are eligible for another three-year term. They initially took places on the board on Jan. 1, 1995.

Francis Denman, JoAnne Sterling and Billy Haynes must vacate their posts on the county's library board. All three have served the maximum of two three-year terms. They began their service on the board on Jan. 1, 1992.

J.B. Tate Jr., who is also serving on the hospital board, sees his term on the veterean's land board expire. Tate has served the maximum of two three-year terms. He began his service on Jan. 1, 1992.

Only one term expires on the county's welfare board. Chloanne Lindsay is completing a three-year term. She began her service on the baord on Jan. 1, 1995 and she is eligible for reappointment.

The court is expected to make the appointments to the boards when it meets in its regular session the third week in January.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The fruits of the spirit don't include sour grapes."

It's getting near that time of year when people begin to think about resolutions for the new year.

Generally, resolutions have to do with losing and saving — losing weight and saving money. Americans are said to be failures at both.

Now a guy has written a book to help. It's called "The Rookie's Guide to Money Management. In it he lists the Top Ten Money Wasters:

10. Buying too many Thigh Masters, Ginsu knives, Wonder-Mops and other super products.

9. Leaving appliances on when no one is home.

9. Buying additional dealer protection packages on a new car.

7. Paying for extended warranties on major appliances or electronics.

6. Leasing your telephone.

5. Drycleaning hand washables.

4. Joining a book, viedo or CD club.

3. Paying for premium-grade gasoline.

2. Eating out more than five meals a week.

1. Carrying more than $100 in your wallet.

The author is now a bit defensive since he was asked what specific "major, electric-sucking appliance" to turn off. He doesn't advise unpluging the refrigerator since food would spoil and that would force you to eat out more.

He claims he knows a woman that saves $30 a month by turning off her dishwaher just before the dry cycle. It seems if you eat out, you don't need the dishwasher.

He also suggests playing the radio instead of the TV when you want only background noise.

He advises instead of eating out, take your lunch to work and use the breakroom microwave. In other words, run up the employer's electric bill.

The book also has a 10-point quiz that will reveal whether you or your significant other is what he calls "a financial paraplegic."

We did good on one point...never had fifty bucks in wallet — much less a hundred.

Second candidate files for Precinct 2

Another contested race on the local level has developed as Snyder native Linda Sellars has announced her candidacy for Precinct 2 commissioner.

Sellars, seeking the Democratic nomination, will be opposing Republican incumbent Roy Idom in the November general election. Neither candidate is as yet opposed in the March primaries.

Sellars has been employed in the Scurry County tax office for the past 13 years as a deputy clerk. She has also worked as a secretary at Stanfield Elementary and at Snyder Savings and Loan.

"I feel my 13 years in county government has given me the proper insight to operate Precinct 2 in the best interest of all the people," said Sellars.

"Running a county is big business. The county has to be operated in the most efficient manner possible. This includes all aspects, whether it be purchasing material, managing personnel or maintaining the roadways."

Sellars said she welcomes the opportunity to serve the people in Precinct 2 and would to the best of her ability.

As far as immediate changes, she said she would have a better insight once elected.

"I'm not going to promise something I can't later deliver on," said Sellars.

She graduated from Snyder High School in 1962 and later married Clinton Sellars. He died in 1994.

She has two children. A daughter, Stacie Westmoreland, is a teacher at Central Elementary. Stacie is married to Dennis, an employee at YZ Industries. Her son, Chad, is the golf course superintendent at Fairway Oaks in Abilene. His wife's name is Bonnie.

Sellars' parents are Roy and Ada Staton.

"I've raised my children in this county," said Sellars. "I am really proud to be a resident of Scurry County."

Friday is the deadline to sign up as a candidate in the March 10 Democratic and Republican party primary elections.

Here's how the local races are shaping up:

County Judge

—Republican Party: Incumbent Ricky Fritz is being challenged by agri-businessman Ted Crenwelge.

—Democratic Party: No candidate.

Pct. 2 Commissioner

—Republican Party: Incumbent

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Linda Sellars

Brother of day care hostage holder now holding off police in McKinney

McKINNEY (AP) — A man held his estranged wife and their two children hostage today, 12 days after his brother allegedly took about 80 children and five adults hostage in a day-care center in nearby Plano, police said.

James Riccardo Lipscomb, 38, was holding the woman and two of his three children in a public housing duplex, which the woman shared with their children and her boyfriend, Assistant Police Chief Ray Simmons said.

No one was injured this morning, Simmons said. Police withheld the identities of the woman and the children.

The standoff began at the Lloyd Evans Apartment Complex in northeast McKinney about 7:30 p.m. Monday when police were told a man armed with a knife had threatened his wife.

Lipscomb had gone to visit his wife and their children, ages 12, 9 and 7. When he became upset, police were called and a standoff ensued. Lipscomb did threaten police with the knife when they first arrived at the scene. About 9:30 p.m., he released the 9-year-old boy but remained inside throughout the night.

Lipscomb made no demands to police, Simmons said.

"We have asked him to come out, but he hasn't given us a definite answer. At one occasion he said, 'I have to think about it,'" Simmons said.

Simmons said there were no plans to shut off electricity to the unit because of the presence of children inside the electrically heated duplex and early morning temperatures that dipped into the low 30s.

Police said Lipscomb broke off talks with police and threw a telephone out the window of the duplex about 12:30 a.m., but talks resumed before sunrise.

Although no firearm was believed to be involved in the standoff, police emptied the duplexes immediately surrounding the one containing Lipscomb and the children, police said. Otherwise, tenants continued with their early morning routine as officers waited Lipscomb out.

The incident began 12 days after James Monroe Lipscomb Jr. allegedly began an armed standoff at the Rigsbee Child Development center in Plano. He surrendered about 30 hours later and has been charged with aggravated kidnapping.

PUC approves rate reduction

AUSTIN (AP) — The Public Utility Commission has approved an interim rate reduction of 4 percent for Texas Utilities Electric Co.'s residential customers beginning Jan. 1.

Some commercial customers, mostly small and medium-sized businesses, will see a 2 percent reduction.

The credit will be applied to the non-fuel portion of a customer's bill, which is typically about 60 percent of the total bill.

The interim rate reduction implements a settlement agreed to by the PUC, TU Electric, the Office of Public Utility Counsel, consumer groups and industrial customers served by TU Electric

ASK US

Q—What is the local number for Crime Stoppers, or is there one?

A—Yes there is one. It is 573-6700.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 60 degrees; low, 28; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 28; no precipitation; total for 1997, 25.69 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 25-30. Wind N 5-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High around 60. Wind variable 5-10 mph. New Year's Day: Partly cloudy. Low 40-45. High 60-65.



Anthony White
Partly cloudy

Sunset:
5:51 p.m.
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Of 363 days in 1997, the sun has shone 347 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Our dignity is not in what we do but in who we are.

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Turbulence not taken seriously enough

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airline flight attendants say it's a constant and frustrating danger: Even though violent turbulence can cause serious injury or even death, many travelers still refuse to buckle up.

"Why is it that people ignore a lighted seat belt sign?" said Patricia Friend, international president of the Association of Flight Attendants. "This is a daily problem that flight attendants face, trying to get passengers to put their seat belts on."

In a typical year, 58 travelers on American airplanes are injured because they fail to wear seat belts during a rocky ride.

The Federal Aviation Administration recommends that airline passengers wear seat belts whenever they are seated — not just when fasten seat belt signs are turned on.

That's because air turbulence can occur unexpectedly — even when skies look clear — caused by atmospheric pressure differences, cold or warm fronts, jet streams and mountains, as well as more obvious things like thunderstorms.

Fasten seat belt signs were reportedly on for less than a minute before sudden turbulence hit a United Airlines jet flying between Narita, Japan, and Honolulu Sunday night, killing a woman and injuring more than 100 other passengers.

"Most of the injuries that occur because of turbulence are preventable if people wear their seat belts," FAA spokeswoman Alison Duquette said.

People caught in unexpected in-flight turbulence most often hit the ceiling or overhead storage compartments when they are bounced out of their seats. Head and neck injuries are common, as are arms broken when people try to shield themselves, Duquette said.

After Sunday's United Airlines accident, passengers said there were several dents in the plane's ceiling panel. The Japanese woman who died was among those not wearing seat belts who hit their heads.

"We really urge passengers to pay attention to the pilot and the crew members and take what is a very simple precautionary measure: just buckle up," Duquette said.

Babies and children under 40 pounds should be strapped into car seats, the FAA recommends, not held on parents' laps. Many airlines offer discounted fares for parents who need an extra seat so a child can ride safely.

"If there's a seat available, they'll probably give you one free. If the plane is full, you should go ahead and buy a seat. It's that important," said David Fuscus, spokesman for the Air Transport Association.

Carry-on baggage is also a threat if it gets loose in a bouncing plane.

"People just need to use common sense when they pack their luggage in the overhead bins," Fuscus said. "Like don't put a smooth-sided briefcase on top of a pile of blankets and pillows where it can slide out."

In addition to Sunday's toll, FAA statistics show that between 1981 and November 1996, two passengers were killed and 63 seriously injured in 252 incidents of turbulence reported by major U.S. air carriers operating around the world. Neither of those who died and 61 of those badly hurt were not wearing seat belts.

Including minor injuries, an average of 58 passengers are hurt each year. About 22 flight attendants are also injured annually because of in-flight turbulence, according to the FAA.

Some cities try hard to secure national political conventions

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Karen Buchholz can hardly contain her glee as she rattles off the virtues of Philadelphia, from its historic roots to its new sports arena and hotel rooms in the works.

She is in charge of luring a national political convention to Philadelphia for the first time since 1948, when both Democrats and Republicans met here. It's no easy task selling a city, but Philadelphia has been aggressive about it and remains confident about its chances for 2000.

But then again, so does Atlanta. And San Antonio. And Charlotte, N.C. And just about every other city considering a bid.

Barely a year and a half since the parties met in Chicago and San Diego for the 1996 presidential election, business and government leaders in the major U.S. cities already are jockeying to play host to the political conventions, the granddaddy of all conventions for their economic and tourism potential.

"This is a real opportunity for us to get the national spotlight on Philadelphia," Buchholz said during a tour of the CoreStates Center, a sports arena that would be transformed into the main convention hall. "We want people to say, 'Boy, I want to visit there.'"

The 1996 Democratic National Convention in Chicago brought in some 35,000 delegates, journalists and guests and generated more than $130 million in business. Leslie Fox, who helped organized that event, is now working to bring Republicans to Chicago in 2000.

"The city becomes a story (alongside) the politics of the convention," she said. "We had German papers writing about the wonderful Mexican restaurants they went to. The mayor went to Paris two weeks later, and people stopped him and said, 'What a great city.'"

Although many cities have had bidding organizations in place for several months already, the convention selection process for 2000 is just beginning.

Democrats in December invited 28 cities to consider a bid and will choose a site by the fall. Republicans plan to name a selection team and craft guidelines at their winter meeting in mid-January, with a final determination to be made by January 1999.

Atlanta and Charlotte are making the case for a convention in the South, a political battleground region, particularly for congressional races. San Antonio, which has a large Hispanic population, is selling the parties on the importance of the Hispanic vote.

Memphis, Tenn., though a bit short on hotel rooms, remains hopeful given the state's connection to Vice President Al Gore. Nashville also was invited to bid.

"The fact that the vice president is from Tennessee is the reason our wheels started turning," said Kevin Kane, president of the Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau, making its first ever attempt to get a political convention.

Michigan Gov. John Engler, a Republican, has urged his party to consider Detroit, the city where Ronald Reagan got the nomination in 1980. Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, a Democrat, is a bit hesitant, arguing the city won't have enough hotels.

Other cities invited by Democrats to bid include Boston, Cleveland, Denver, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, St. Louis and San Francisco. Republicans have yet to release a list.

For now, parties want to know such things as security arrangements, hotel availability in the region and the willingness to put up cash — a convention can cost the host city tens of millions of dollars for police, transportation and other costs.

Cities can go to great lengths to get noticed.

Chicago showered the 1996 selection committee with a gift a week: books about the city, cheesecakes and Chicago Bulls hats. New Orleans staged a mini-Mardi Gras parade, and San Antonio cooked up barbecues and other Southwestern delights.

"They really try to show you not only their capability to host a convention, but also that they will try to make it a unique experience," said Rocco Claps, who begins in January as director of convention planning for the Democratic National Committee.

This fall, Philadelphia took advantage of a visit from President Clinton to showcase the city. Mayor Edward G. Rendell arranged a fund-raiser at the sports arena, complete with a replica of the podium used in Chicago and 4,400 red, white and blue balloons.

Bank robber went thataway on snowmobile

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — A man held up a bank and made his getaway on a snowmobile. Then the trail went cold.

The robber, wearing a black helmet, walked into the East Idaho Federal Credit Union on Christmas Eve, pointed a gun at a teller and told everyone to lie on the floor. The gunman left with an undisclosed amount.

With help from a sheriff's deputy on his own snowmobile, police found a snowmobile trail across the rural Sage Lakes area through 4 to 5 inches of snow.

The snowmobile, believed to have been stolen, was found abandoned where the robber apparently switched to a car, police said.

No arrests had been made as of Monday.

Twins meet after 40 years; set first birthday together

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — Daniel Neill speaks with a Southern drawl, and Bertram Hassett sounds every bit his native New York City.

But the twins knew they had more in common than looks when they met for the first time Monday after being separated when they were 8 months old. They celebrate their 40th birthday today.

"It's weird," Neill said. "Already, it's like when I'm talking to him I'm talking to myself. ... There was an immediate connection."

Neill, of Fort Collins, Colo., and Hassett, of Schenectady, were aware of each other's existence but their searches came up empty until a California agency linked the pair for a $175 fee paid by Neill.

"I feel more complete — like the last piece of the puzzle is together," Hassett said.

The twins' parents, Bertram and Patricia Hassett, were carnival workers who provided few clues into why Neill was put up for adoption in the summer of 1958. They and Neill's adoptive parents have since died.

"The reasons are buried with them I guess," said Neill, raised in Walker, La.

Hassett was initially told his twin had died. The twins' reunion efforts had been so fruitless over the years that his wife, Margaret, thought Neill's call earlier this month was a prank.

"I was a little sarcastic. I thought it was someone fooling around," she said.

Since then, the two talked often while planning Monday's meeting surrounded by family and friends.

"Bert's invited half the city," Mrs. Hassett said. "He's thrilled to death."

Homicides plummet in U.S.' largest cities

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An improving economy and better police work helped New York City and Los Angeles get through 1997 with the lowest number of homicides in years. And the nation's two largest cities weren't alone.

Killings also were down in Chicago, New Orleans, Dallas, Houston, Baltimore, San Francisco and Newark, N.J.

"Increased employment, more education, community-based policing and changing demographics are certainly reasons," said Daniel Glaser, a University of Southern California sociologist and past president of the American Society of Criminology.

Denver, Detroit and Nashville saw a sudden rise in slayings, but FBI statistics show serious crime has been decreasing nationwide. Homicides plummeted to a 20-year low in Los Angeles and a 30-year low in New York.

Homicides in Los Angeles sank 20 percent this year to the lowest level since 1977. There were 566 homicides in the city as of Dec. 14, 143 fewer than for all of 1996. The city hasn't had fewer than 600 homicides since 1977, when 574 people were killed.

"It seems that society has gotten tired of so many murders. People may finally be weary of all the violence," Deputy Police Chief Martin Pomeroy said Monday.

As of Sunday, New York City's death toll stood at 756, down from 961 a year ago and the lowest level since 1967. New York's homicide total peaked in 1992 with 2,262 killings.

Other cities reported murder rates that have dropped by more than half from 1991. In Dallas, 209 homicides were reported, compared with 217 for all of 1996 and 500 in 1991. In Houston, there were 231 killings, down from 261 last year and a 57.1 percent drop from 1991.

Other cities with lower numbers than last year were Chicago (749 from 787); Newark (56 from 94); Minneapolis (57 from 86); Baltimore (307 from 329); New Orleans (262 from 350); Memphis (156 from 180); and San Francisco, (65 and 84).

Bugs hops to the top, postage-wise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bugs Bunny bounced to first place among new postage stamps, with 45.3 million stamps collected in 1997, but Elvis remains the all-time king, with 124 million stamps collected since it was issued in 1993.

Among the 10 most popular stamps of 1997, more than 231 million were saved, an increase of more than 31 million over last year.

The popularity of stamps is measured by the number collected — not pasted to envelopes and mailed. The year-end collection statistics are determined through quarterly surveys mailed to 60,000 households grouped according to Census Bureau statistics. Figures are based on fiscal year 1997, which runs from mid-September, 1996 through mid-September, 1997.

The Postal Service issues 40-45 billion stamps in an average year, the majority of which are so-called definitive stamps intended for day-to-day postage needs. Commemorative issues honor anniversaries, important people, aspects of American culture, or special events and are printed, in most cases, just once, in much smaller quantities.

The most popular commemoratives of 1997, and the number collected, according to the post office:

Bugs Bunny, 45.3 million stamps collected; classic American aircraft, 35.6 million; world of dinosaurs, 35.3 million; endangered species, 28.8 million, classic American dolls: 24.4 million.

Other popular stamps this year included: Humphrey Bogart, 18.1 million; legendary football coaches, 17.8 million; songwriters, 11.6 million; lunar new year, 8.4 million; Pacific '97 - Franklin, 6.55 million.

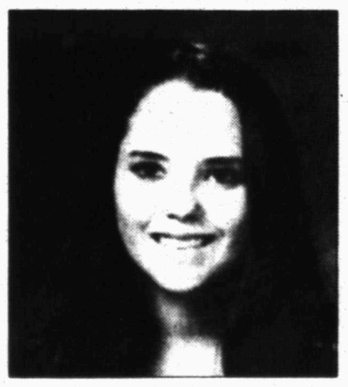
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Brides: start planning with the head

By The Associated Press

The engagement marks the beginning of the countdown toward your wedding day coif, say professional stylists.

The decisions about hairstyle and the style of the headpiece should mesh, early. And you should set up your appointments long in advance, with appropriate timing for cut and color.

Not all stylists are comfortable working with headpieces, and that may include the one you've been going to for years, say specialists at the Vidal Sassoon Salon in New York City. They suggest asking for a recommendation at your regular salon, keeping in mind you may be selecting a different look for your big day, and that may mean picking someone other than your usual stylist.

Once you've set your wedding date, stop by your salon to discuss the long-range gameplan, the Sassoon group says. Map out approximate times for cut and color appointments; the last color appointment six to eight weeks ahead and the last cut two weeks ahead are recommended. This also is a good time to start getting your hair into top shape with conditioning treatments, if needed.

Also decide if you're going to do your own hair for the wedding or if the stylist will be doing the honors, either at the salon or at your house. If it's the latter, set up the appointment well in advance, blocking out enough time to ensure a rush-free session.

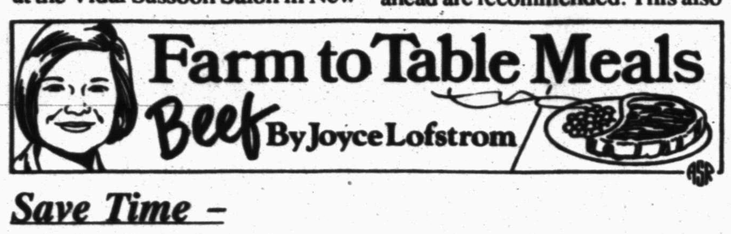
If you're going it alone, a good stylist will work with you in advance to get the right look. Then practice it, getting the routine down with the right products. If you want to experiment, do it early.

Next comes the headpiece, with more decisions. Do you plan to wear it the entire day, or do you want the option of taking it off for the reception party? The Sassoon group points out that could make a difference in the hairstyle choice.

Bring a photograph of the headpiece and dress with you to the salon as soon as you make the selections. You and your stylist can make sure your plans are on the right track, or if changes should be made.

Your choice of headpiece, gown and hairdo should dovetail. Denie Schach, inventor of the Hairdini styling wands for upswept styles, says that the more elaborate the gown, the simpler the headpiece should be. Similarly, the more elaborate the headpiece, the simpler the hairstyle should be. "Free-flowing hair is nicest with modern styles that tend toward simple elegance," Schach says.

Her own focus on upswept styles, including the chignon and the French twist, are natural complements to dresses with Victorian-style necklines. Schach also likes the French twist, with a few tendrils left free, with dresses that have dramatic cuts that expose the back or shoulders.



Save Time –

A Quick 'N' Easy Beef Meal

Save time in the kitchen and serve a delicious beef lunch or dinner with this recipe, "Hearty Beef And Bean Soup." Prepared in a slow cooker, the combination here uses round steak, a cut of beef adding both versatility and flavor to the meal.

The recipe comes from Marne Hewitt, a cattle producer and Farmland member/owner in Beloit, Kan. Time management is key when it comes to helping her husband, Mark, manage the family ranch as well as the couple's two sons and her own job outside the home. So, this easy-to-prepare soup means dinner is ready with little effort beforehand leaving more time for family and school activities.

The cooking efficiency for "Hearty Beef And Bean Soup" comes from the cooking method itself; this soup can simmer on a low-heat setting for eight hours in a slow cooker. As for the cut of beef, round steak is a less tender cut. That's why cooking beef cuts of round in liquid results in the best flavor and tenderness.

So, whether it's more time for holiday shopping or for the open house at school, try soup for dinner tonight or a leisurely weekend meal. And remember this suggestion comes from one of the family farmers of Farmland.

Hearty Beef and Bean Soup

- 1 pound Farmland Black Angus Beef Round Steak, cut in 1/4-inch pieces
- 1/2 pound Farmland Hickory-Smoked Bacon, cut into 1/4-inch pieces
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cans (15- or 16-oz. each) pork and beans, undrained
- 1 can (15- or 16-oz.) butter beans, undrained
- 1 can (15- or 16-oz.) red kidney beans, undrained
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 3 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Cut round steak in 1/4-inch pieces. Set aside. Cut bacon into 1/4-inch pieces. Place bacon and onion in large skillet; sauté over medium heat until browned. Drain. Add beef, bacon and onion to electric crockery cooker. Add beans, ketchup, brown sugar, mustard, and Worcestershire sauce. Cover; cook on low-heat setting for 8 hours or on high heat setting for 4 hours. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Start with MiniBridge

The biggest drawback of bridge is that the basics fill a 200-page book. In chess, you can learn how the pieces move in, say, 15 minutes and start playing. With bridge, you cannot start to bid and play until after several lessons. Some quick-start schemes have been proposed, but I like the sound of MiniBridge, which is now the first step for many beginners in Britain. There is no bidding. Instead, each player states his high-card point-count. The pair with the lower total defends; the player with the greater number for the other partnership is the declarer. The dummy puts his hand face-up on the table. Then the declarer names his contract. Finally, the opening lead is made, and play proceeds as normal.

The English Bridge Union is putting out a magazine called Young Bridge, which contains MiniBridge problems. It is sent free to players under 25 years of age. This problem was set by the assistant editor, Jim Goodison.

You are West, able to see your hand and the dummy, North. You know that South has 15 high-card points and wishes to play in three no-trump. What is your opening lead?

Partner is shown to have exactly four points. Also, assuming South isn't void in diamonds, if partner doesn't have an ace, declarer has nine top tricks. So, give partner an ace.

It should be obvious that only the club ace is any use. (If South has a singleton spade king, probably he would have selected five diamonds.) And to avoid blocking the suit, you must lead a *low* club.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 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.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

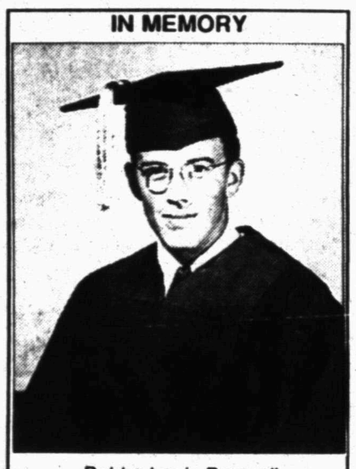
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

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

IN MEMORY



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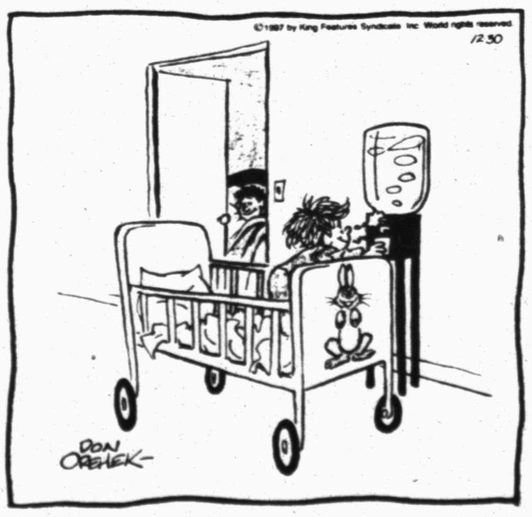


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Tigers take two at Caprock

LUBBOCK — After two rounds of the Caprock Holiday Tournament, only eight of the thirty-two teams still have a chance at the championship.

The Snyder Tigers are one of them.

Snyder avenged an early-season loss to Dimmitt by topping the Bobcats, 47-43, Monday morning.

Then the Tigers turned around and put away Lubbock Coronado, 40-32, in the nightcap to advance into the championship quarterfinals.

"These are two big wins for us," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "The guys really wanted another shot at Dimmitt and then we come back and beat Coronado in their own hometown. I'm really proud of our players."

Against Dimmitt, the Tigers took it to the Bobcats early and never looked back.

Powered by two three-pointers from Alvin Fabre and Justin McNair, and 14 points from Jimmy Taylor, Snyder seized a 16-8 first-quarter lead which it would never relinquish.

However, the late-night affair with Coronado would not be as easy.

After grabbing a 13-6 advantage at the close of the first quarter, the Tigers watched as Coronado reeled off seven unanswered points to open the second.

Tyler Warren connected from the baseline and Cory Mandrell poured in two more for a 20-15 lead with only 19 seconds remaining in the half.

But the Mustangs answered back, as Brian Rainey drilled a three-pointer with :02 showing on the clock for a 20-18 halftime tally.

Holding a two-point advantage, Snyder's shooting went cold in the third period.

The Tigers could manage only six points in the third, but kept up their defensive intensity to stay in the contest.

"They (Coronado) went strictly zone in the third quarter and we struggled against it," Birks remarked. "Luckily we still played solid defense. We had a lot of guys step in at critical moments and make big plays for us. Everybody contributed something and that was the key to the win."

Snyder surrendered only five points in the third and Fabre connected from long-range as the buzzer sounded to keep the Tigers on top, 26-23, heading into the final eight minutes.

After trading points for the first 4½ minutes of the fourth, McNair went to work for the Tigers.

With Snyder clinging to a 29-27 lead, McNair drained back-to-back three-pointers to push the margin to 35-27.

Coronado, which was forced into fouling to stop the clock, would get no closer, as the Tigers were good on four of eight free throws down the stretch.

Snyder, now 10-7 on the season, was to have faced Abilene High in the quarterfinals this afternoon.

A victory over the Eagles would put the Tigers into the semifinals Wednesday morning, with the championship contest slated for Wednesday night.

SNYDER — Fabre 2 1-2 7, McNair 4 2-2 12, Warren 0 2-6 2, Riggins 2 2-6 6, Taylor 4 6-13 14, Mandrell 2 0-0 4, Carter 1 0-0 2. Totals 15 13-27 47.

DIMMITT — Sutton 2 0-0 4, Smith 2 0-0 5, Flores 3 1-1 8, Sherman 1 0-0 3, Thomas 4 2-3 10, Larra 1 0-0 2, Townsend 2 0-0 5, Sanders 3 0-0 6. Totals 18 3-4 43.

Snyder	**16**	**10**	**9**	**12**	**— 47**
Dimmitt	**8**	**11**	**12**	**12**	**— 43**

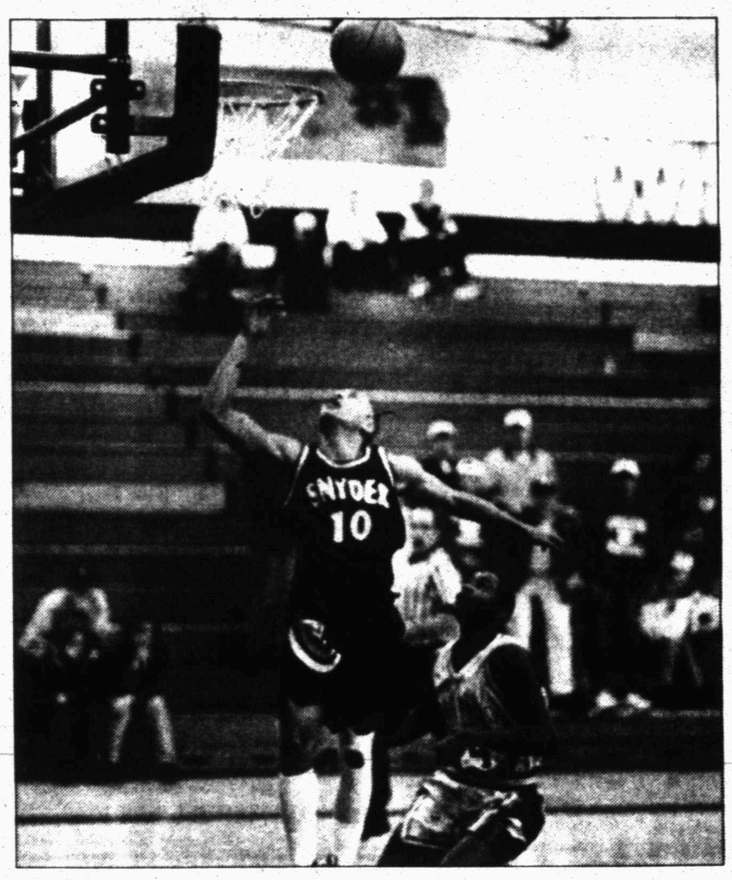
Three-point goals: Snyder 4 (Fabre 2, McNair 2); Dimmitt 4 (Smith, Flores, Sherman, Townsend). Total fouls: Snyder 11, Dimmitt 20. Fouled out: Dimmitt — Buckley.

SNYDER — Fabre 2 3-6 8, McNair 4 0-0 11, Warren 1 0-1 2, Taylor 5 4-11 14, Mandrell 2 0-0 4, Carter 0 1-2 1. Totals 14 8-20 40.

CORONADO — Rainey 3 4-5 11, Thorvilson 1 0-0 2, Hall 5 1-1 12, Wheatley 2 0-0 4, Smitherman 1 1-3 3. Totals 12 6-9 32.

Snyder	**13**	**7**	**6**	**14**	**— 40**
Coronado	**6**	**12**	**5**	**9**	**— 32**

Three-point goals: Snyder 4 (McNair 3, Fabre); Coronado 2 (Rainey, Hall). Total fouls: Snyder 16, Coronado 17. Fouled out: Snyder — Riggins; Coronado — Rainey.



FINGER ROLL — Snyder's Alvin Fabre lays in two of his eight points during first quarter action against Lubbock Coronado at the Caprock Holiday Tournament. The Tigers put away Dimmitt, 47-43, before topping Coronado, 40-32. Snyder was to have faced Abilene High this afternoon in the championship quarterfinals. (SDN photo by Eric Drennan)

Rams topple Missouri for bowl victory

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Colorado State Rams finally got this Holiday Bowl thing right.

After consecutive losses in the 1994 and '95 games, the No. 18 Rams were back in San Diego and beat the No. 19 Missouri Tigers 35-24 Monday night with big plays in the 20th Holiday Bowl.

San Diego product Darran Hall raced untouched for a touchdown on a Holiday Bowl-record 85-yard punt return in the third quarter to give the Rams the lead for good, and scored on a 14-yard reverse on the game's first drive.

Quarterback Moses Moreno, from neighboring Chula Vista and playing his last college game, threw touchdown passes of 18 yards to Corey McCoy and 47 yards to Dallas Davis.

And backup quarterback Ryan Eslinger provided the wackiest play of the night, scoring from 23 yards on a fake field goal to give the Rams a 35-24 lead with 10:44 left. The snap went straight to Eslinger, the holder, who needed to get to the 13 to get a first down. He got hit at the 20, but bounced off two tacklers and spun free for the TD.

Western Athletic Conference champion Colorado State (11-2) won its ninth straight game. Missouri (7-5) was in its first post-season game since losing 21-17 to BYU in 1983 when Steve Young caught the winning touchdown pass with 23 seconds to play.

Missouri quarterback Corby Jones didn't have a good night. He did rush for 132 yards on 20 carries, but couldn't get the passing game going. He completed only 8-of-17 passes for 68 yards, and was intercepted by Erik Olson deep in Colorado State territory in the final minutes.

Initial win put OSU on the road to San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Oklahoma State's trip to the Alamo Bowl, the program's first bowl game in nine years, included milestone victories over Texas and Colorado and a defeat of in-state rival Oklahoma.

But Cowboy players and coaches will tell you that perhaps no victory meant more than the first one.

The opponent was Iowa State, which was expected to be a poor team and proved it by going 1-10. But when the Cowboys played Iowa State on Aug. 30, they were an underdog and trying to deal with the suspension of 11 players due to academics and disciplinary reasons.

"I think if we lose that game, the season would have had a different tint on it," offensive guard Josh Henson said. "You'd probably get some faction of the team that thinks, 'We're the same old team.' "

In other words, not very good. A team that hadn't had a winning record since 1988. A team that was expected to finish toward the bottom of the Big 12 South standings.

The Cowboys followed that victory with defeats of three nonconference teams. They followed those with the victories over Texas and Colorado teams that weren't as good as expected, but were still good enough to be favored against OSU.

The Cowboys stumbled the next two weeks, losing in overtime to Missouri and Texas A&M, before winning two of their next three including a road victory over Oklahoma.

Now they're in San Antonio preparing to play Purdue in the Alamo Bowl, their first bowl trip since 1988.

Lady Tigers fall to Nazareth

LUBBOCK — After battling illnesses throughout the Christmas break, the Lady Tigers finally ran out of gas Monday.

Snyder battled Nazareth to the very end, before falling to the Swiftettes, 44-39, in the opening-round of the Caprock Holiday Tournament.

The Lady Tigers were to have faced Brownfield, an 85-38 loser to Lubbock Coronado, in the consolation bracket this afternoon.

"We weren't in very good shape after the layoff," Snyder coach Rick Archer said. "And we just ran out of gas at the end."

Trailing 12-8 after one quarter of play, the Lady Tigers clawed their way back in the second.

Paced by Alicia Peoples' 14 points, Snyder stole the lead at 18-17 to close out the first half.

The Lady Tigers extended the margin to 33-31, entering the final period.

But the fourth quarter belonged to Nazareth.

With Snyder holding a four-point advantage at the 3½ minute mark, the Swiftettes long-range shooters began to connect.

Nazareth, which drained four three-pointers in the contest, gave up only six points in the fourth quarter, while pouring in 13 of its own for the 44-39 victory.

"Alicia played another good game for us," Archer remarked. "She's really picked up her play in the last few games.

"The difference in the game was that we had a four-point lead, but just didn't have enough left in the end to pull it out."

The Lady Tigers, currently 9-6 on the season, would stay alive in the tournament with a win over Brownfield.

A Snyder victory would advance the Lady Tigers into tonight's consolation quarterfinals at 9 o'clock against the loser of this morning's Whiteface vs. Perryton contest.

NAZARETH — Birkenfield 2 0-1 4, S. Gerber 4 2-6 12, Wethington 1 0-0 2, K. Gerber 8 1-1 17, Schmucker 1 0-0 3, Pohlmeier 2 1-1 6. Totals 18 4-9 44.

SNYDER — Bane 0 2-2 2, McGuire 0 6-8 6, Hall 1 0-0 2, Delce 2 0-0 4, Peoples 7 0-2 14, Kidd 2 0-0 4, Hess 1 0-0 2, Kallemeyn 1 3-4 5. Totals 14 11-18 39.

Nazareth	**12**	**7**	**12**	**13**	**— 44**
Snyder	**8**	**10**	**15**	**6**	**— 39**

Three-point goals: Nazareth 4 (S. Gerber 2, Schmucker, Pohlmeier). Total fouls: Nazareth 14, Snyder 14. Fouled out: none.

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Georgetown 85, Southern, La. 48
Providence 72, Cleveland St. 44

SOUTH
Florida St. 80, SW Louisiana 71
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Louisville 91, SE Missouri 69
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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	25	10	2	52	114	72
Philadelphia	21	10	7	49	107	85
Washington	17	15	8	42	109	108
N.Y.Rangers	12	17	12	36	104	112
N.Y.Islanders	15	19	5	35	104	111
Florida	14	20	5	33	101	115
TampaBay	8	23	7	23	68	115

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	20	12	8	48	109	91
Montreal	20	15	6	46	115	98
Ottawa	18	17	4	40	99	90
Boston	17	16	6	40	99	101
Carolina	14	20	5	33	100	110
Buffalo	13	19	6	32	89	103

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	25	9	6	56	126	83
Detroit	24	9	8	56	139	98
St.Louis	22	14	6	50	122	103
Phoenix	17	16	7	41	112	109
Chicago	13	18	7	33	83	88
Toronto	13	19	5	31	85	109

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	20	8	12	52	121	96
LosAngeles	16	16	6	38	110	108
Anaheim	13	19	7	33	92	120
SanJose	14	20	4	32	92	106
Edmonton	11	19	9	31	91	116
Calgary	11	22	8	30	104	125
Vancouver	11	22	6	28	109	133

Monday's Games
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Islanders 1
New Jersey 3, Buffalo 1
Washington 4, St. Louis 2
Tampa Bay 2, San Jose 1
Dallas 2, Detroit 2, tie
Montreal 1, Colorado 1, tie
Phoenix 5, Calgary 3
Los Angeles 5, Vancouver 2

Tuesday's Games
Anaheim at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m.
Ottawa at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	19	9	.679	-
Orlando	17	12	.586	2½
NewJersey	16	12	.571	3
NewYork	16	12	.571	3
Boston	14	13	.519	4½
Washington	15	16	.484	5½
Philadelphia	7	20	.259	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	20	9	.690	-
Atlanta	19	10	.655	1
Indiana	18	10	.643	1½
Cleveland	17	10	.630	2
Charlotte	18	11	.621	2
Milwaukee	13	15	.464	6½
Detroit	13	17	.433	7½
Toronto	4	24	.143	15½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	18	11	.621	-
SanAntonio	17	11	.607	½
Houston	15	11	.577	1½
Minnesota	14	14	.500	3½
Vancouver	10	19	.345	8
Dallas	5	24	.172	13
Denver	2	25	.074	15

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	23	6	.793	-
L.A.Lakers	22	7	.759	1
Phoenix	17	9	.654	4½
Portland	17	10	.630	5
Sacramento	11	19	.367	12½
GoldenState	7	20	.259	15
L.A.Clippers	6	24	.200	17½

Monday's Games
New Jersey 99, Washington 91
Charlotte 120, Houston 101
Chicago 111, Dallas 105

Tuesday's Games
New Jersey at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 8 p.m.
Boston at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Portland, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
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At San Antonio
Oklahoma State (8-3) vs. Purdue (8-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 31
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Arizona State (8-3) vs. Iowa (7-4), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Pittsburgh (6-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Kansas State (10-1) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 6 p.m. (CBS)

Thursday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Wisconsin (8-4) vs. Georgia (9-2), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
North Carolina (10-1) vs. Virginia Tech (7-4), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Penn State (9-2) vs. Florida (9-2), noon. (ABC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas A&M (9-3) vs. UCLA (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (CBS)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan (11-0) vs. Washington State (10-1), 4 p.m. (ABC)

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida State (10-1) vs. Ohio State (10-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Friday, Jan. 2
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Clemson (7-4) vs. Auburn (9-3), 2 p.m. (ESPN)

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YEAR IN REVIEW — With Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., looking on, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., talks to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on Capitol Hill Wednesday, April 23, prior to Albright's testimony before the Armed Services Committee on expanding NATO. (Photo Courtesy of NEA)

Clinton stands by criticized aide

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton says he won't fire senior aide Ira Magaziner, who was sanctioned by a federal judge for making misleading statements about the White House's health care reform task force.

"I am quite confident that Mr. Magaziner acted appropriately," the president said Monday in a statement.

Any suggestion to the contrary "is unfair and unsupported by the findings" of a 1995 U.S. attorney's investigation of Magaziner's statements, the president said.

A leading Republican who has demanded that the president fire Magaziner called Clinton's reaction "a disappointment" and said taxpayers should not foot the bill for the $285,864 in sanctions ordered by U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth.

"I believe it's just a matter of time until he reverses himself," House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Archer said of Clinton. "Today's response by the president is a disappointment to anyone concerned with ethics in government. The implications of Judge Lamberth's ruling are serious, so I think it's unlikely this issue can be successfully swept under the rug."

Should the ruling stand, "the fees will be paid in the normal course, using appropriate government funds," said John Podesta, White House deputy chief of staff, in a letter to Archer on Monday.

Magaziner was in charge of the White House's 1992 health care reform task force and is now a senior adviser to the president for domestic policy.

Archer, R-Texas, called on Clinton to fire Magaziner after Lamberth said the aide and other White House advisers misled the court by insisting that the task force was comprised of only federal employees when it was not. Lamberth said the administration filed a false affidavit by Magaziner to buttress its argument that the task force, chaired by Hillary Rodham Clinton, should be shielded from public scrutiny.

Births

Kari McGrew and Henry Albarez announce the arrival of Evan Jesse. He was born, weighing nine pounds, 3 ounces, at 6:07 p.m., Dec. 16 in Mitchell County Hospital.

His grandparents are Sandra McGrew of Snyder and Kenneth (Micky) McGrew of Amarillo, and Anita Albarez of Snyder and the late Jesse Albarez. His great-grandparents are Jimmy and Irene Hardy of Snyder, and Kenneth McGrew of Indiana and the late Martha McGrew.

Angel and Esmeralda Juarez of Snyder are parents of a son born at 5:15 a.m. on Dec. 29 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, three ounces.

Trisha Gomez of Snyder announces the birth of her eight-pound, six-ounce son at 1:13 a.m. on Dec. 29 in Cogdell Hospital.

Michelle Ewing announces the birth of her son at 1:49 a.m. Dec. 29 weighing seven pounds, six ounces. He was born in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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3 misdemeanor arrests recorded

Three arrests for misdemeanor offenses were made late Monday night by local law enforcement officials.

A 19-year-old male was taken into custody shortly before midnight in the 300 block of North College Avenue and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was also wanted on an outstanding motion to adjudicate guilt warrant.

A 21-year-old male was taken into custody at the same time for unlawfully carrying a weapon and outstanding DPS warrants out of Midland.

An 18-year-old male was arrested around midnight in the 1100 block of 30th Street on outstanding warrants for minor in possession of alcoholic beverages, public intoxication, failure to identify to a police officer and failure to appear on the charges.

In other activity Monday, officers investigated two reports of criminal mischief.

Dale Nolan requested to speak to an officer at 1:23 p.m. in reference to damage to a rent house. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Lynn Fenton also reported damage to a rent house in the 1100 block of 24th Street.

A rider on a Greyhound bus complained to officers at 5 p.m. that some items were missing from his luggage. He said, the luggage had been misplaced in transit and when it was located, the items were missing.

Deputies responded to a report of hunters spotlighting in the area of CR 4102 at 7:51 p.m.

The fire department extinguished a grass fire along Highway 84 near the city's landfill around 1 p.m.

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AT&T Corp			64 63¾ 63⅝+ ¼
AirTouch			40½ 40 40⅜+ 5-16
Albertsons			46⅞ 45½ 46⅜+ 1
AlldSignal s			38⅛ 38¼ 38¼
Alltel			41⅞ 41¼ 41½+ ⅜
AmerOnline			89 7-16 86 7-16 88⅜+ 2⅛
AmStoress			20⅝ 20 3-16 20 7-16+ ⅛
Ameritech			82¼ 81 11-16 81⅞+11-16
Amoco			85 3-16 84 11-16 85 1-16+ 9-16
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AtlRichfld s			79 3-16 78¼ 78⅜— 9-16
ATMOS Egy			30¼ 29⅝ 30 + 5-16
Aviall			14⅜ 14⅛ 14⅜+ 3-16
BakerHughes			42⅞ 41⅞ 42 — 1-16
BellAtl			90 13-16 90¼ 90 11-16+ 9-16
BellSouth			57 7-16 56⅜ 57 1-16+1 1-16
BethSteel			8⅜ 8 1-16 8 5-16+ ⅜
BritPet s			80½ 80 80 — ½
BurlNoSFe			92¾ 92 3-16 92 3-16— 7-16
CBS Corp			29 7-16 28¼ 28 15-16+ ⅞
Caterpillar s			47¾ 47⅛ 47¼+ ⅛
CenSoWst			27¼ 27¼ 27⅛— 3-16
Chevron			77 11-16 76⅞ 76⅝— ¼
Chrysler			35 5-16 34⅜ 35¼+ 9-16
Coastal			61⅛ 60 11-16 60 11-16— 7-16
CocaCola			67 1-16 66 9-16 66⅞+ 9-16
ColgatePalm s			71 13-16 71⅛ 71½+1 1-16
ComclMetals			32 1-16 31⅛ 31⅜— 3-16
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Practical joke involving foot results in man's near arrest

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin man who dangles a fake foot from the back door of his van as a joke has filed a complaint against a gun-wielding police officer who put him in handcuffs, believing the foot was real.

Austin construction engineer Jim Rankin, 44, filed the complaint against University of Texas police Sgt. Chris Myers.

UT police have declined comment while they look into the matter.

"An internal investigation will be conducted regarding your contact with Sgt. Myers on Dec. 16, 1997, and the allegations described in your letter to (UT Police) Chief (Donald) Cannon," UT Police Lt. Robert L. Ewan said in a letter to Rankin.

Rankin was sitting in rush-hour traffic early in the morning of Dec. 16 on Interstate 35 in a red '97 Dodge Caravan when he said a man carrying a UT police badge approached him with his gun drawn and told him to get out of the vehicle.

"He jumped out of a ... completely unmarked car," Rankin said. "Then suddenly there's a guy with a pistol right at my face yelling, 'Get out! Get out!'"

Rankin said the man told him to get up against his van, then put handcuffs on him. Rankin said it then dawned on him that the plastic foot might be the problem.

"I said, 'That foot's fake. It's plastic,' and he said, 'We don't know that yet,'" Rankin said.

After that, the officer touched the gag foot, Rankin said.

"He says, 'That's a sick, sick joke. That's disgusting,'" Rankin said.

Rankin said he then was led, still handcuffed, across a parking lot into a nearby delicatessen.

"All the officer said to us was, 'Would you dial 911?'" said Ran Shabat, the deli's manager. "We did that. Then he proceeded to lead the gentleman back outside. It was morning rush hour. He had him stand by his car in handcuffs. It was very embarrassing. Cars were driving by."

In defending his actions, Myers told the Austin American-Statesman, "I'm very cautious about that because it's not unusual to find body parts in a vehicle. He (Rankin) said it was a Halloween prank. He must love Halloween."

Rankin said he and his wife, Susan, have owned the foot since before Halloween of last year and frequently drive around town with it hanging out of the back of their car as a joke.

"Some people put wreaths on grilles, others put fake feet out the back," Rankin said.

The Rankins said they were surprised anyone would think the fake foot might lead to a real leg.

Clinton to outline new effort for outreach Medicaid plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year after the White House focused on uninsured children, President Clinton is dismayed to find little progress on enrolling 3 million who are eligible for the Medicaid health care program.

Promoting a fresh outreach, Clinton plans next month in his State of the Union address to order federal and state agencies to try harder to find children who are poor enough to qualify, but who have been left out.

"He talks about how we're doing all this work to expand health care coverage to uninsured kids and there are millions of kids who are eligible who have just not signed up for the program," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Monday.

"We need to get out there and get these people onto the rolls. It is something he feels passionately about."

Studies show that uninsured children are far less likely to get health services, particularly preventive care.

As an entitlement, Medicaid is provided to every eligible person, regardless of the numbers or the cost.

A complex set of circumstances help explain why families would pass up the chance for free health care. Many parents don't realize their children are eligible for Medicaid. Some are daunted by a complex set of rules and paperwork. Others don't want to be part of a welfare-type program.

The problem is likely to worsen with welfare reform. Families on welfare have been automatically enrolled in Medicaid, but as they move off the rolls they may not realize that their children remain eligible for the program.

There are about 10 million uninsured children in the United States, including the 3 million who are eligible for Medicaid. Clinton fought this year for a new, $24 billion, 5-year children's health program for working poor families, which is expected to reach a few million kids.

Medicaid-eligible children are barred from the new initiative, but the program is bound to draw fresh attention to the system, said Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, administrator of the agency that runs Medicaid.

States recruiting children for the new program will find kids eligible for Medicaid and sign them up, she said. Meanwhile, she hopes the spotlight on uninsured children will boost interest and enrollment for both programs.

"We're starting to see more interest in it and more energy in the bureaucracies at the state levels," she said.

DeParle would not say whether the new outreach will be backed with new money in the administration's upcoming budget. Lockhart indicated it's doubtful: "There's not necessarily a big price tag," he said.

States already have several tools to recruit more children into Medicaid, which is paid for with a combination of state and federal money. For instance, they may accept applications by mail and do not have to verify financial assets of certain families. Clinton will remind them of these options, Lockhart said.

In his budget plan last year, Clinton suggested the government could recruit 1.6 million more children into Medicaid without a significant new effort.

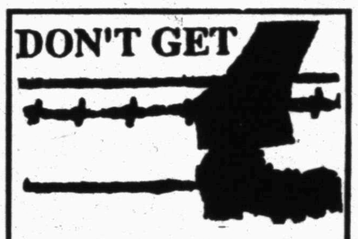
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On this day in 1951, the "Roy Rogers Show" debuted on NBC-TV.

On this day in 1965, Ferdinand Marcos was inaugurated as president of the Philippines.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936), writer; Al Smith (1873-1944), U.S. politician; Jack Lord (1930-), actor, is 67; Sandy Koufax (1935-), baseball great, is 62; Paul Stookey (1937-), folk singer, is 60; Mike Nesmith (1942-), musician, is 55; Tracey Ullman (1959-), entertainer, is 38; Ben Johnson (1961-), sprinter, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1954, the 24-minute shot clock was used in professional basketball for the first time.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "And what should they know of England who only England know?" — Rudyard Kipling

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1978, an ice storm covered the area between Gainesville and Paris, Texas, with 1 to 2 inches of ice.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In order to be the center of attention at social or business gatherings today, underplay your part. If you want to command attention, whisper. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Factors are favorable today for achieving a secret ambition. The go signal will be obvious to you, so move on it the moment it is revealed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your most outstanding attribute today is your ability to transmit your ideas to others. To your credit, you'll do so by teaching, not preaching.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A situation that had reached its zenith earlier and has been treading water ever since may be revitalized at this time. Do not toss in the towel prematurely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Associates will welcome your participation today because of your ability to draw them out and to utilize the products of their thoughts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Favorable changes could be in the offing today that affect your work or career. Barriers will become bridges on your path to success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Things you do in concert with others today are earmarked for success. Everyone involved stands to gain in some manner if he or she is a team player.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even if conditions are difficult to contend with today, don't be intimidated. This is a test of your staying power that will eventually yield rewards.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your executive qualities will be evident today, and you could be in a popular position with your peers. You will know how to right one of their wrongs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You should start receiving returns and acknowledgment on things in which you've invested your time, talents and resources. It could begin today.

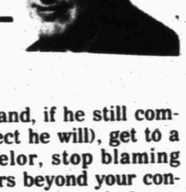
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today, you'll know what needs doing and how it can be done. Your objectives will be achievable, so stick to your guns once you're focused.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Where money is concerned today, you'll be imaginative and practical. This winning combination could play a happy tune on your cash register.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



When a marriage turns sour

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 22-year-old woman. Following the birth of my son five years ago, my sex life has gone downhill. I am too "open and loose." My husband of seven years wants to leave. I've done exercises until I am blue in the face. Three gynecologists have refused to perform surgery to "tighten" me up. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Your disarmingly simple problem is actually quite complex.

Let's start with the obvious.

You had a baby that stretched you, and now your husband finds that sex isn't satisfying. On the surface, it would seem that a relatively simple operation to tighten the tissues would solve your dilemma — and well it might. Such surgery is commonly performed. This is certainly an option for you, and I urge you to find a gynecologist who will consider doing it.

However, this "solution" may not solve anything. Men often invent reasons for becoming less interested in their wives. I cannot believe that a loving and committed husband would consider leaving a woman who had his child just because she is now less elastic than she was. To me, this is just an excuse. Also, such an attitude is cruel. I cannot believe that the success of a marriage rests on such a flimsy criterion. If trivial considerations are all that has held your marriage together, maybe you're better off without him. Imagine making you do pelvic exercises just to satisfy his expectations!

Am I angry? You bet.

Most sex therapists claim that sexual satisfaction can be obtained by the hand, the mouth and the genitals — IN THAT ORDER. So, let's test my theory in practice.

Pleasure your husband manually or orally to see what happens. If the movie turns from black-and-white to technicolor (a la "The Wizard of Oz"), bravo! I'm wrong. Insist on surgery to tighten your reproductive tract.

On the other hand, if he still complains (as I suspect he will), get to a marriage counselor, stop blaming yourself for factors beyond your control, take charge and be tough. In my view, this is spousal abuse and you have a right to react against it.

Obviously, before assuming a no-nonsense attitude, you should give your husband the opportunity to respond to your concerns. Talk to him. Show him my response. Share your feelings. But remember the bottom line: A husband will not ordinarily consider leaving his wife merely because her vagina is too loose.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Mental and Emotional Illness." 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.

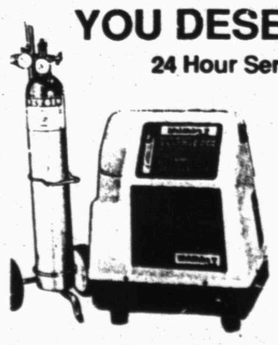
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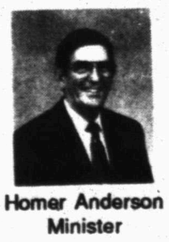
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Hong Kong slaughters 770,000 chickens

Politicians demand more action to ensure public health

HONG KONG (AP) — With the slaughter of Hong Kong's chickens entering its second day, poultry vendors today demanded economic relief and politicians demanded more action to ensure public health.

The massive killing, intended to wipe out the source of a bird flu that has killed four people, was taking longer than planned.

Government crews ran out of carbon dioxide, forcing them to switch from gassing the estimated 1.2 million chickens on farms to slitting their throats, Radio Hong Kong reported.

So far, 770,000 chickens had been slaughtered, Stephen Ip, secretary for economic services, said. Officials expect the unpleasant task to be completed today.

Another 106,000 chickens in Hong Kong markets were killed Monday, putting an end to the sale of live chickens.

The poultry sections of public markets were deserted and quiet, and anyone seeking a chicken dinner had to look in freezer cases for birds flown in from the United States or Europe.

Ip said the next step will be to disinfect farms. He was unable to predict when new flocks might be started up or trading in live chickens might resume.

Hong Kong stopped importing live poultry from China, its main supplier, at midnight on Dec. 23.

The government ordered the slaughter after discovering the influenza virus A H5N1 among chickens on a local farm. The virus has long been known to infect birds, but it jumped to humans for the first time this year.

Thirteen people are confirmed as having the flu, including four who died and six who recovered. Six others are suspected of having the flu, while nine people who were exposed to it developed immunity without falling sick.

About 50 vendors gathered outside City Hall with protest banners, saying they will go bankrupt if forced to pay rent for their market stalls while business is halted. The government has already promised to reimburse them $3.85 per bird.

The vendors also want the government to guarantee the safety of chicken when trading is resumed.

"It's very important to rebuild people's confidence," said Wat Chiu, chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong-Kowloon-New Territories Hawker Associations.

He estimated 20,000 vendors have temporarily lost their livelihoods.

Meanwhile, politicians accused the government of reacting too slowly to the crisis.

Dr. Leung Che-hung, a member of the Legislature's health panel, said the outbreak of the sickness revealed the weakness of Hong Kong's disease surveillance system.

"I agree this is a new disease, but it's just like any other infectious disease. There must be a machinery ... to deal with an infectious disease," he said.

Government urges contempt citation for software giant

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is accusing Microsoft of "jerry-rigging" its own computer software to get around a court order in a lawsuit involving its Internet browser.

The government, pressing its bid for a contempt citation against Microsoft, said in court papers Monday the giant software company "is in clear violation" of a Dec. 11 order by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson.

Jackson ordered Microsoft to quit requiring computer makers to distribute the Internet Explorer browser program as a condition of installing the popular Windows 95 operating system software.

A week after Jackson issued his order, the Justice Department asked him to rule Microsoft in contempt. Government lawyers also asked Jackson to impose $1 million a day in fines if the company refuses to obey a contempt finding.

"Microsoft is in clear violation of both the injunction's letter and spirit," said Monday's Justice Department court brief.

Government lawyers said Microsoft "has chosen to respond to the court's order by jerry-rigging its own products — deleting files that otherwise need not be deleted."

Microsoft contends it is impossible to strip out Internet Explorer from the latest version of Windows 95 without harming the operating system.

Microsoft denied it was violating Jackson's order, saying in court papers last week that the Justice Department's proposals showed that "poorly informed lawyers have no vocation for software design."

Jackson has scheduled a Jan. 13 hearing for arguments in the case.

Microsoft argues that the latest version of Windows 95 that includes the web browser is one product. The Justice Department accuses Microsoft of illegally tying two separate products together.

Government lawyers said Microsoft misinterpreted Jackson's Dec. 11 order.

"Under Microsoft's reading of the injunction, it is entitled to offer as the only alternative to its conditioned license a version of Windows 95 that simply will not work," Justice Department lawyers said.

That, in effect, would require computer makers to continue using Internet Explorer if they install Windows 95, the government brief said.

Microsoft also offered computer makers a second software alternative that government lawyers said was "commercially worthless" to computer makers.

But government lawyers said Microsoft itself has advertised that Internet Explorer can be easily removed.

Brazil...

Inmates hold more than 600 hostages in prison

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — Prison inmates were holding more than 600 hostages today — including 17 guards — after an aborted jailbreak that left two people dead in southeastern Brazil.

The inmates were torturing the prison guards being held hostage, according to other guards inside, said prison official Selma Giron. Relatives of prisoners, also being held, were not being mistreated.

"(The inmates) are hanging them face down by their ankles and beating them with knives, sticks and iron bars," Giron said. "After beating one hostage, they untie him and then string up another one."

The area where the hostages are being held has been sealed off from the rest of Sorocaba Prison, 56 miles west of Sao Paulo, Giron said.

The prisoners delivered a list of conditions for releasing their captives to authorities today, said Giron. She had no details on the list.

The standoff began Sunday afternoon — the prime time for prison visits — when 15 inmates, reportedly dressed in women's clothing, tried to escape. When guards recognized the prisoners, a shootout erupted, killing one inmate and a woman visiting her jailed husband.

The inmates originally seized 716 hostages — including 699 relatives of inmates and 17 guards — at the prison, said Rosana Tenreiro of the Sao Paulo State Prison Administration Department. The prisoners later released 78 of the relatives.

The prisoners initially demanded an armored car, weapons and ammunition for their escape, Tenreiro said. "In no way will we give in to these demands," she said.

The woman who was killed had smuggled the women's clothing into the prison. Radio reports said she apparently also smuggled in five guns and an undetermined number of grenades that the inmates tied to the hostages' feet.

Tenreiro could not confirm the radio reports, and it is not known how many prisoners were among the hostage-takers.

About 900 inmates are housed in the prison, which has a capacity for 500.

Prison uprisings in Brazil are common because of massive overcrowding and because inmates often have to wait years for a trial.

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Investigators spent nearly three years and $1.5 million investigating 130 intensive care deaths that happened while Majors was on duty from 1993 to 1995. Police have said he was a suspect in as many as 100 deaths. A search of his former home turned up a variety of drugs, syringes and needles.

The investigation included the exhumations of 15 patients, including the six people named in the affidavit — all of whom died from injections. Ranging in age from 56 to 89, all were said to be in stable condition before they died suddenly.

An autopsy revealed some of the deaths were consistent with the injection of potassium chloride, which can cause the heart to stop. It is the same drug used to kill some condemned prisoners.

In two cases, police said, a witness saw Majors give a patient an injection just before the patients died. A nurse once saw Majors standing over a victim with syringe in hand, investigators said, and in another case Majors was the last person seen with the patient.

The hospital suspended Majors in March 1995, after it began an investigation into the death rate. The State Nursing Board revoked his license for five years in 1995 for practicing beyond his authority by giving emergency drugs and working in an ICU without a nurse present.

A state police commander, Lt. Charles Ellis, said a computer analysis of the case finished in November was a turning point in the investigation.

During the entire period Majors worked at Vermillion, now known as West Central Community Hospital, a death occurred every 23.1 hours he was on duty, the study found. When he was off duty, a death occurred every 551.6 hours, meaning patients were nearly 24 times more likely to die when he was on duty.

The study found that deaths at the hospital reached "epidemic" proportions from July to December 1994, when deaths were 43 times more likely to occur on Majors' watch. It concluded Majors was "uniquely and very strongly associated with that mortality," according to the affidavit.

During that period, 67 people died in the intensive care unit; Majors was working during 63 of the deaths.

In a typical instance, one nurse told police that several patients were fine when she left her shift, but later died when Majors was on duty. Another reported leaving a patient in good condition only to have Majors report moments later that the patient had died.

Nurses and housekeepers told police that Majors would refer to patients' families as "white trash" and "dirt," and said old people "should all be gassed."

In one case, hospital employees said they saw Majors standing by an elderly woman's bedside. "I'm just sitting here waiting for the woman to die," Majors allegedly said. She later died.

John Rozsa, whose 61-year-old wife, Ethel, died unexpectedly after she went to the hospital with heart attack symptoms, said he wanted Majors convicted and sentenced to die.

"I want to see them sentence him to a lethal injection of potassium chloride," he said, "and give him a taste of his own medicine."

Candidates

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—Democratic Party: Linda Sellars, county tax office deputy clerk.

Pct. 4 Commissioner

—Republican Party: No candidate.

—Democratic Party: Scott Richburg, an account executive, and Chloanne Lindsey, deputy county auditor are seeking nomination.

County Treasurer

—Republican Party: No candidate.

—Democratic Party: Incumbent Charlie Bell.

County Clerk

—Republican Party: Incumbent Joan Bunch.

—Democratic Party: No candidate.

District Clerk

—Republican Party: Trina Rodgers, deputy district clerk.

—Democratic Party: No candidate.

Pct. 1 Peace Justice

—Republican Party: Incumbent Charlie Reynolds.

—Democratic Party: No candidate.

Pct. 2 Peace Justice

—Republican Party: No candidate.

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Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Tiger banners for sale

Snyder Girls Hoops Club is selling Tiger banners for $25. Call 573-1769 or 573-4283. They will deliver.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Volleyball team fund-raiser

Snyder High School Lady Tigers volleyball team is selling 'Win Win Discount Cards' good through Nov. 30, 1998. The cards are $5 each and can be obtained from players, boosters or at the school office. The cards entitle the bearer to discounts at a number of local businesses.

College information Hotline '98

The Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC) and the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation will co-sponsor a toll-free HOTLINE. 1-800-347-3475 will be available on Jan. 17-18, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to all Texans who desire to find out more about post-secondary educational opportunities and financial aid options.

Students and their parents will be able to ask questions about college selection, admission, testing and financial aid.

Spanish speaking counselors will also be available.

Bible study video tapes

Mike Tackett of Merkel appears on the Key to the Kingdom series, airing weekly on Cable Channel 2. Robert Oglesby of Richardson narrates The Story of the Bible. The next video, "Attitude of Obedience," airs at 7 p.m. Monday, followed by Lesson 5 of The Story of the Bible.

Driver's license office

The Texas Department of Public Safety driver's license office will be closed Monday.

Cash Five

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

4-12-24-26-37

(four, twelve, twenty-four, twenty-six, thirty-seven)

Pick 3

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

6-1-9

(six, one, nine)

Montana welcomes foreign investors

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Forget the financial lure of the Swiss Alps and the palm trees of the Bahamas. Think of the Rockies and the ponderosa pines of Montana.

State officials hope to make Montana a new destination for the money of wealthy foreigners by chartering financial institutions called foreign capital depositories.

Not banks in the conventional sense because they don't make loans or service checking accounts, the depositories would cater to people looking for a safe place to put their money. Depositors can direct how it should be invested or can merely have their money warehoused.

Fans of the idea believe Montana's strong constitutional right to privacy and strict banking secrecy laws make the state an ideal place for overseas money belonging to people who like their finances to be kept confidential.

But Montana? What about Switzerland, New York, Tokyo?

"It may not work," said Mike Sprague, the state senator who sponsored the law authorizing state licensing of depositories this year. "But what's wrong with a little optimism? All we can do is put it out there and see if there's a market."

Don Hutchinson, state banking commissioner, said his office has had some nibbles of interest. But since administrative regulations were not finished until Dec. 16, he doesn't expect any applications until at least March.

Hutchinson won't identify anyone asking about getting a license, but said those he has heard from are usually consultants or attorneys fronting for one or more parties.

"It's interesting to see how closely held information is on this," he said. "No one will talk about who their clients are."

The state would benefit from depositories by collecting an annual tax equal to 1.5 percent of the deposits in the institutions. A charter carries a $50,000 price tag and a $10,000 yearly renewal fee.

The notion of Montana competing in the international banking field has faced skepticism, despite a legislative study that concluded it could work.

During the 1997 legislative session, the state budget director and Commerce Department director persuaded a pair of community theater actors to masquerade as rich Arabs and roam the Capitol halls professing an interest in becoming depositors.

An article in the Nov. 3 edition of Forbes magazine ridiculed the idea as a "Rocky Mountain high" that won't work.

Sprague isn't bothered by such criticism. "We're not a bunch of wackos. We've done our homework," he said.

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Murder conviction reinstated for woman freed 8 months ago

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A woman convicted of slitting the throat of a romantic rival in 1991 is headed back to court, eight months after she was freed by a judge who banned any retrials.

Lisa Michelle Lambert, 24, was serving a life prison term for slaying 16-year-old Laurie Show when U.S. District Judge Stewart Dalzell released her in April. In prohibiting the retrials, he said the case was so full of fabrications that he was forced to take the extraordinary step.

But on Monday, a three-judge panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals returned the case to state court without commenting on the evidence. It said Ms. Lambert should have exhausted her appeals at the state level before seeking relief in federal court.

The ruling nullified Dalzell's decision. Defense lawyers said they would appeal either to the entire 13-member circuit court or the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The decision misreads the law and ignores the evidence," defense lawyer Peter Greenberg said.

Prosecutors said they would decide later on whether to demand Ms. Lambert return to jail.

"From a legal standpoint, (Lambert) stands in the same position as she did the day before she filed a petition in federal court — she was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison, " said attorney Geoffrey Johnson, who represented prosecutors in the appeal.

Ms. Lambert's release outraged many in Lancaster County, some of whom complained that she got away with murder.

Police say Ms. Lambert, angry that Show went on a date with her boyfriend, stalked the teen for months and killed her at her home with a friend, Tabitha Buck.

But defense lawyers said the girl was killed by Ms. Buck and Ms. Lambert's boyfriend, Lawrence Yunkin, allegedly because Yunkin had raped Ms. Show and wanted to keep her quiet.

Ms. Buck, now 23, was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life. Yunkin, 24, was convicted of attempted murder and is serving 10 to 20 years.

In April, Dalzell ruled that police and prosecutors committed perjury, and destroyed and suppressed evidence to frame Ms. Lambert at her 1993 murder trial.

Some U.S. lawmakers eligible for nearly $100,000 in pension

WASHINGTON (AP) — A healthy pension plan that members of Congress created for themselves will let some retiring lawmakers collect roughly $100,000 a year for life.

Although most members are enrolled in the same retirement plans as other federal employees, lawmakers accrue benefits at a faster rate. Plus, congressional pensions are adjusted each year for inflation, setting them apart from most retirement plans in the private sector.

"It's one of the most outrageous perks congressmen have," said David Keating, vice president for National Taxpayers Union, a conservative group that advocates less government spending.

According to the taxpayers' group, which calculated congressional pension estimates for retiring lawmakers at the request of The Associated Press, some lawmakers will be going home with pensions of about five times the national average.

Reps. Joseph McDade, R-Pa., Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., and Sidney Yates, D-Ill., will be eligible for $98,694 each, about three-fourths of their $133,600 salary, when they leave office in 1999 after a combined 104 years.

Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, will be eligible for at least $96,462 if he resigns as planned before the end of his term. Benefits for Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, will exceed $90,000 after factoring in a separate Marine Corps pension for his past duties as a combat pilot and astronaut.

According to a 1994 Labor Department study, the latest available, a private sector employee earning $50,000 or more was eligible for pension benefits averaging $17,062.

Members of Congress defended the retirement benefits, which are taxable.

"Almost all my adult life has been spent in public service in the Marine Corps and the Senate," Glenn said. "I have made the required contributions to the system and will retire from the Senate at the end of next year with a pension based on those years of service."

Aides for Yates and Gonzalez said the lawmakers deserved healthy pensions after more than three decades of public service. Yates spokeswoman Mary Bain added that the 88-year-old lawmaker could have opted to collect benefits over a longer period by retiring at 65.

Hamilton's office declined to comment, while McDade's did not return telephone calls.

McDade, in his 18th two-year term, is the most senior House Republican. Hamilton and Yates have served 17 terms each. Gonzalez is in his 19th term, while Glenn is retiring after four six-year terms.

Lawmakers elected since January 1984 fall under a less generous pension system, but members who joined before then have continued earning pension credits using the old formulas.

In 1995, Congress approved language that would have brought future earnings more in line with those given to other federal workers, but it was part of a broader budget bill vetoed by President Clinton for other reasons. Congress has not passed similar legislation in the current session.

Pension figures aren't readily available on Capitol Hill, but the National Taxpayers Union has devised a computer program to provide its own estimates based on a survey it took of members of Congress. Members who did not respond were assumed to be in the main civil service pension program.

Members planning to leave Congress after 1998 stand to receive at least $42,000 each if they were elected before 1984, while those under the newer pension system will be eligible for between $12,000 to $29,000 when they hit retirement age.

However, a stock investment plan for the newer members can boost retirement savings by hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to the taxpayers' group.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Bad Manners Meet Worse At Dinner Party Gone Awry

DEAR ABBY: I am a Chinese-American from Taiwan. I have a college education and have lived in San Francisco for 10 years.

My friends "Arthur" and "Larry" are a Japanese-American couple who have lived in a deluxe mansion for 22 years. One day, they invited "Ron" and me for a homemade dinner. At the last minute I brought along "Richard" without calling them for permission. Arthur was angry when he saw that I brought an extra guest and said to me in the kitchen, "It is very rude to bring a guest with no advance notice. Didn't your mother teach you any manners?"

All I could say was, "Sorry, sorry!"

He refused to cook the meal and left the house in a huff. Larry entertained us and said to me, "I don't mind the extra guest."

In my family, my mother always welcomed extra guests by saying, "Don't worry — all we need is to provide one more pair of chopsticks for the guest."

The next day, Larry informed me that Arthur had decided to punish me by not talking to me for three months. He bought me a book on etiquette by Emily and Elizabeth L. Post.

Abby, was my innocent mistake really that terrible, or did Arthur overreact? What should I do after the three-month punishment? Beg him for forgiveness, or end the friendship?

WONDERING
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DEAR WONDERING: Although it's considered bad manners to bring an uninvited guest to a dinner party without first asking permission from the host, it is far worse manners for a host to refuse to cook the dinner and walk out!

Yes, indeed, Arthur overreacted. He owes all of you an apology. However, what you do following the three-month silence depends entirely upon how much you value the relationship with this couple.

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DEAR ABBY: I have never written to you before, but I felt compelled to do so after reading the letter from "Not Guilty by Association," the daughter of the racist father.

I want to applaud this young lady for her courage and strength in refusing to allow her father's misguided beliefs to infect her life. She is probably not aware of the fact that she has broken a link in the chain of racist hate. Racism is taught, not inherited. The only way we will ever eliminate this deadly infection, which is a crime against all mankind, is through teaching our children that it is wrong to hate anyone based on skin color, race or religious beliefs.

I want this young lady to know that she, herself, is a victory in the battle against this infection. Because she chose not to follow her father and become a link in the racist chain, her children will be raised to see individuals for who they are, and not for any external reasons.

Although you face a very difficult situation, "Not Guilty," please know that many people stand behind you and wish you God's blessing. Your personal fight against racism is a fight for all who want to rid the world of this deadly infection.

MICKEY CASE,
FALLBROOK, CALIF.

DEAR MICKEY: I'm pleased to pass along your message of support. Ultimately, we must all be judged by what we stand for, and not the thoughts and deeds of our parents.

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Two food firms sue meat packing plant

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A lawsuit has been filed against a San Angelo meat packing plant for what two food companies allege was the sale of "spoiled and slimy" beef.

Lone Star Beef has been sued by Jason Foods Inc. of Illinois and Triple B Foods Inc. of Dallas for at least $10,000 in damages and at least another $5,000 in attorney's fees and court costs.

Jason and Triple B alleges Lone Star breached its contract to sell good products.

Lone Star president John Cross said Monday that the lawsuit is a problem for former plant owner Mike Evans, who sold the company earlier this year before beginning a 30-month federal prison sentence.

"We're not involved in the suit, period," Cross said. "It's a meat claim from back in July. We didn't buy the company until September first."

The packing plant, once known as Evans Meat Co., did business as Lone Star Beef Processors Inc. between March 31 and Sept. 1. It is now owned by Cross and vice president Burley Smith, since has changed its name to Lone Star Beef LLC.

Cross said he was unfamiliar with the allegations and referred questions to Jim Carter, one of Evans' attorneys. Carter told The Associated Press today he had not seen the lawsuit and could not comment.

John Sims, a Lubbock attorney for the plaintiffs, said the lawsuit filed last week has nothing to do with Evans.

At the center of the lawsuit is a July 30 transaction in which the Illinois-based firm bought 42,000 pounds of beef "cheek meat" worth more than $33,000 from Lone Star.

The lawsuit alleges that the buyer had to pay for the meat before inspecting or rejecting the shipment.

Sims said the load had been pre-sold to Triple B Foods, which in turn pre-sold it to Garcia Foods of San Antonio to be turned into "barbacoa," or barbecue.

"What happened was, some of it they cooked had a bad, bad odor to it, and so (Garcia Foods) had to actually condemn some of the food that they'd already prepared and what it was mixed with," Sims said.

The lawsuit alleges that Garcia complained to Triple B and Jason Foods on Aug. 21 about the meat quality. He said the plaintiffs "immediately asked for" an inspection," but Lone Star allegedly refused to examine its products.

"Obviously, my people felt obligated, and they sent a professional lab out there," the attorney told the San Angelo Standard-Times.

On Aug. 29, inspectors from a Selma lab found about 127 boxes of rancid meat and ordered them to be destroyed, the lawsuit maintained.

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