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Rather than impeachment...

Ford, Carter propose censure for president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Presidents Ford and Carter today proposed to end the impeachment proceedings against President Clinton with a bipartisan censure resolution stating that he lied under oath.

The linchpin would be language stating that Clinton accepted the findings in the resolution. His admission that he did not tell the truth could not be used against him in a future trial.

"Somehow we must reach a conclusion that most Americans can embrace and that posterity will approve," Ford and Carter wrote in an op-ed column published in The New York Times.

"Make no mistake, the judgment of history does matter. It matters profoundly. And impeachment by the full House has already brought profound disgrace to President Clinton. Whatever happens now will do little to affect history's judgment of him."

Both men said their suggestion rises out of the precedents they set while president. Ford, who assumed office after President Nixon resigned following the Watergate scandal, later pardoned Nixon. Carter, who beat Ford in the 1976 presidential race, later granted amnesty to those who had avoided the Vietnam draft.

"While our acts of pardon or clemency are not directly analogous to the decision pending in the Senate, how that body resolves the issue can have similar benefits of healing and finality," Ford and Carter wrote.

A fresh poll shows most Americans agree.

In interviews Saturday night and Sunday, 66 percent said they would prefer that the Senate work out a compromise to instead censure or fine the president. Thirty percent said the Senate should go ahead with a trial on charges that he committed perjury and obstructed justice in covering up his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

The CBS-New York Times survey also showed Republicans with their worst popularity ratings in the 14 years the two news organizations had asked the question. Only 36 percent expressed a favorable view of the Republican Party, while 59 percent expressed an unfavorable one.

The poll of 1,341 adults carried a 4 percentage-point margin of error.

Members of both parties say they want a swift Senate resolution of the charges.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., noted today that the Senate could dismiss the case at any time with a simple majority vote of 51 senators.

He said he favored a trial, a concept supposedly favored by the senior Democrat in the chamber, Sen. Robert Byrd, D-WVa. Byrd has written an oft-quoted history of the Senate.

"I think we need to follow the Constitution. I've said I'm going to take my cues from Senator Byrd; I think he's the expert," McConnell told NBC's "Today" show.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, suggested the first step should be a quick poll of his colleagues to determine if there is anywhere near the 67 votes needed to oust Clinton from office.

If there are only 55 votes "then there has to be some consideration to what do you do that is the best under the circumstances to resolve this matter and in the best interests of the country," Hatch said on NBC's "Meet the Press."



PICKUP FIRE — Snyder firemen responded to a pickup on fire at 11:54 a.m. Saturday. The 1977 Ford, owned by Darrel Bills, suffered damage to the engine compartment and the cab. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hospital board sets meeting Thursday a.m.

Dr. Gary Nussey will present the new slate of medical staff officers when the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers meet Tuesday morning for its final meeting of 1998.

Dr. Nussey will also review medical staff appointments and reappointments for the coming year.

Also on the agenda for the 8 a.m. meeting are the monthly financial reports as presented by hospital controller, Selina McGuire, and a review of the hospital's substance abuse policy.

Jo Beth Hardegree, RN, will present the review to the board.

Jeff Reecer, the hospital's chief executive officer, will also present his regular monthly report.

The meeting begins at 8 a.m. in the hospital's board room.

Cogdell hospital...

Foree appointed to board

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Scurry County Commissioners this morning appointed Dink Foree to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Board, replacing Jimmy McMillan whose term has expired.

The court also voted unanimously to reappoint Dr. Mark Weaver and E.D. Walton to their second terms on the board.

Foree is the owner and manager of KSNY radio station.

In other 1999 board appointments, Steve Moore was named to his second term on the airport board while Terry Hefner and Tony Scott were both reappointed to the Board of County Development.

Commissioners tabled action on nominations to fill the vacancies on the Child Welfare Board left vacant by outgoing members Donna Zalman and the Rev. Raymond Dunkins, as well as by the late James Aaron, III.

The court named Elizabeth Scarberry to the County Welfare Board to replace Chloanne Lindsey.

Lindsey, who was elected Precinct 4 Commissioner in November, recently submitted her letter of resignation, effective Dec. 31.

In addition, Laurie Grinslade and Sandra Barboza were both reappointed to the County Welfare Board.

On the Scurry County Library Board, commissioners reappointed Britt Cananda and Deanie Mills while taking no action on naming a replacement for outgoing board member Jean Smith.

County Judge Ricky Fritz drew names for the Scurry County grievance committee. Those drawn were Janice Key, Ted Winter, Tina Braziel and alternate Doug Foster.

Nominees are drawn from a list of those who have served on the grand jury and will be contacted to see if they accept.

John Fair was reappointed to the Veteran's Land Board.

In other action, the court opened bids for seal coating gravel, seal coating asphalt and fuel and bulk oil.

Commissioners voted 3-1 with Ralph Trevey opposing, to accept the bid from McCormick Marketing Inc. for fuel.

Trevey made no comment at the time of the motion on why he opposed the action.

He later cited the fact that the bid from McCormick was higher than that of Eddins-Walcher.

After the meeting, Roy Idom said since the court is recessed, it has the option of rescinding that motion.

The court voted unanimously to accept the bid from Eddins-Walcher for bulk oil.

In other action concerning the bids, the court voted unanimously to accept a lone bid from Fina Oil and Chemical Company for asphalt and a lone bid from R.E. Janes Company for gravel.

Howard Limmer made the motion to table action on accepting a bid for special coated rock until he has the opportunity to visit with incoming Precint 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey.

The motion passed unanimously.

The court also unanimously approved readopting the county investment policy as presented by County treasurer Charlie Bell.

"There are no changes," Bell said. "We are just doing our annual review required by the Investment Act."

The court also set the third Monday of the month for its official meeting time for 1999.

The court recessed until 10 a.m. Tuesday at which time it will consider line-item transfers and budget amendments.

Fritz presided and all commissioners were present to include Trevey, Limmer, Idom and Jerry Gannaway.

Pedestrian killed...

Passenger train derails

ARLINGTON (AP) — Tragedy and trouble stopped the journey of an Amtrak passenger train as it rolled through Dallas.

The train, bound from Chicago to Los Angeles, first struck and killed a deaf woman on its way into the city Sunday, and then derailed as it left Dallas through Arlington about four hours later.

Nancy Martinez, 33, was struck and killed while walking on the tracks around 3 p.m., said Dallas police Lt. B.J. Watkins. The woman lived in the area, but it was unclear why she was walking on the tracks in her southeast Dallas neighborhood, he said.

Passengers said they were not told why the train was stopped.

"It just stopped and they didn't say anything to us except to say that something happened," passenger Wayne Newell of Deer Park, Ill., said.

After a three-hour wait while police investigated the accident, the train continued on its scheduled route through Dallas before it derailed shortly after 7 p.m.

At least 15 of the 199 passengers aboard the double-decker superliner, Amtrak's Texas Eagle, were treated for minor injuries, officials said.

Eight passenger cars and one baggage car of the westbound train left the tracks, Arlington fire Lt. Pat English said.

"It's generalized mostly as neck and back pain," English said. "Nothing life threatening, it appears, at this time. So we're really thankful it wasn't worse."

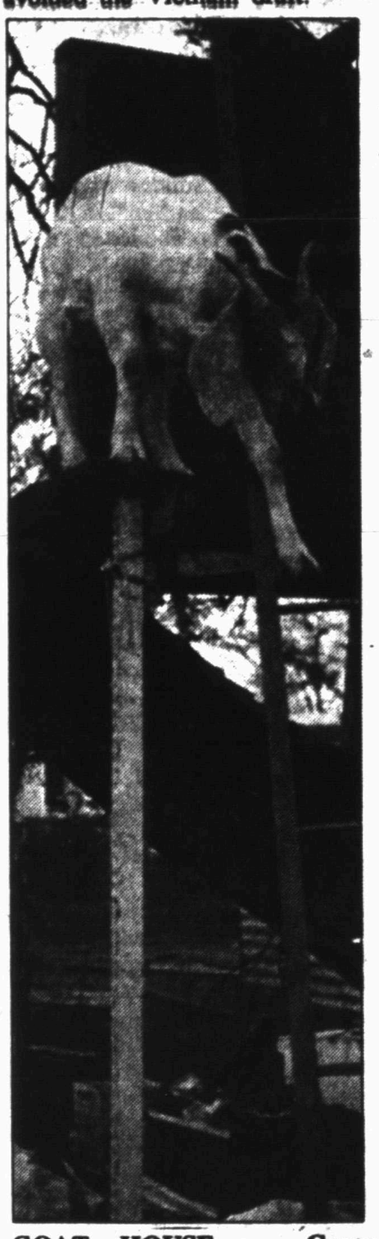
John Wolf, an Amtrak spokesman in Washington, would not say how fast the train was traveling, nor did they have any explanation for the derailment.

The posted speed limit in the area is 60 mph, but the train was probably traveling much slower at the time it left the tracks, English said. Several passengers estimated the train was going no faster than 40 mph.

"All the damage is just crinkling on the cars," he said.

The Federal Railroad Administration and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating.

The derailment occurred in an industrial area just south of the Six Flags over Texas amusement park and The Ballpark in Arlington.



GOAT HOUSE — Casey Chaney's goat, Blondie, has a tree house that most kids might want. Blondie may be looking to turn up the heat today as temperatures are predicted in the 20s by Tuesday morning.



In Sweetwater...

Stenholm to address farm issues tonight

An agricultural informational forum with Congressman Charlie Stenholm will be held tonight in Sweetwater.

The forum will be held in the Nolan County Coliseum beginning at 7 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service agencies of Scurry, Nolan, Mitchell, Fisher, Jones and Taylor counties.

Zachary Wilcox, Nolan County extension agent, said Stenholm is expected to address the following questions the extension service has presented:

— What does the farmer and ranchers' situation look like from the congressional and USDA perspective for the next few years?

— What is your opinion about what is most likely to come out of Congress to address this perceived agricultural situation in the near term, both domestic and international?

— What advice or suggestions does the Congressman have for agricultural producers to work in harmony with the government in creating a level playing field for economic opportunities favorable to agriculture and the nation?

The meeting is open to the public.

Airstrikes weaken Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Baghdad renewed its claim of victory today, and an extremist Muslim group threatened retaliation for the four days of U.S.-British airstrikes against Iraq.

In his first public comments since the attacks ended late Saturday, President Saddam Hussein said in a speech Sunday that Iraq was victorious against "enemies of God."

In halting the strikes, President Clinton said the 70-hour assault had severely damaged Iraq's ability to build weapons of mass destruction.

ASK US

Q—Does the Snyder Independent School District provide its superintendent with a house?
A—No.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 44 degrees; low, 33; high Sunday, 53; low, 33; 7 a.m. Monday, 36; .04 of an inch precipitation; total for 1998, 10.49 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, light drizzle possible. Lows, mid teens. E-NE winds 5-15 mph. Tuesday, cloudy, some light drizzle or flurries. Highs, upper 20s. E-SE 5-15 mph. Christmas day: Rain or freezing rain likely.



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Sunset: 5:45 p.m.
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Of 354 days in 1998, the sun has shone 350 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"The indispensable first step to getting the things you want out of life is this; decide what you want."

Ben Stein

U.S.-Russia...

Disputes impair relations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just a few years ago, many Americans dreamed that from the ashes of the Soviet Union would arise a reformist, democratic Russia determined to overcome the gravitational pull of communism and eager to join hands with its former adversaries.

For those who harbored those dreams, these are not good times. Lately, almost everything has gone wrong.

"That euphoria was misplaced," said Peter Rodman of the Nixon Center for Peace and Freedom, a private think tank. Russian foreign policy has shifted in a sharply nationalist direction in recent years, the hallmark of which is that American global dominance must be opposed, he said.

Some Russians openly concede that objective. Gen. Leonid Ivashov said in Moscow last Friday that "Russia may become the leader of a part of the world community that disagrees with the (U.S.) dictate."

Clinton administration officials take a somewhat middle-of-the-road view on Russia's future.

"Gloom and doom are no more justified now than was euphoria a few short years ago," says Strobe Talbott, the State Department's No. 2 official and leading Russian affairs expert.

The most obvious sore point in the current array of disagreements is Moscow's forceful opposition to last week's U.S.-British bombing campaign in Iraq. President Boris Yeltsin called the policy outrageous and, in response, withdrew his ambassadors from Washington and London.

Another conflict, with potentially longer-term consequences for the relationship, is the U.S. perception that Moscow has done little to halt the flow of nuclear technology to Iran.

"We have discussed our concerns at the highest levels," the State Department said Wednesday in a rare public rebuke of Moscow. "Russia has declined to halt all nuclear cooperation with Iran."

The Nixon Center's Rodman said Russia's friendship with Iraq and Iran is part of a broader effort by Moscow to cultivate ties with radical Islamic regimes opposed to the United States.

Talbott, the deputy secretary of state, finds peril, at least over the short term, in Russia's economic decline and its unhappiness with the results of Western ways of managing its economy.

As a result, he said, "we may be in for heightened tensions over security and diplomatic issues."

Indeed, everywhere one looks the U.S.-Russian relationship is in disarray. There are squabbles over distribution of American food aid. Washington is concerned over increasing anti-Semitism in Russia and the seeming official tolerance of it.

As an outgrowth of the squabble over Iraq, there are signs that the Russian Duma, or parliament, may delay ratification of the START II treaty, which would cut the U.S. and Russian strategic arms stockpiles by more than half.

On the latter point, Talbott believes Russia will eventually be guided by self-interest. He said in a speech last month that Russia needs to ratify START II because it cannot afford to maintain its arsenal at Cold War levels.

And despite policies that seem hostile to the West, Talbott noted, Russia has gone a long way toward joining the European mainstream, joining the Council of Europe and dispatching troops to the Balkans, where they work side-by-side with NATO peacekeeping forces.

At week's end, the Russians appeared to signal an interest in not allowing disagreements with the United States to degenerate into a new Cold War.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright conferred by telephone on Friday with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov. Calling it a useful exchange, Albright's spokesman, James Rubin, summarized the message she received:

"The Russians understand the importance of maintaining a broad-based relationship with the United States. They recognize the importance of having U.S.-Russian relations be a stabilizing factor, not a destabilizing factor. And they are going to continue working with us on a wide variety of issues."

A Very Drabble Christmas by Kevin Fagan



Millionaire Santa Claus turns hometown into burst of lights

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — He's a portly man, rosy cheeked, and he loves Christmas. Jennings Osborne is a modern-day Santa Claus who gets miffed at those who want to put a damper on his holiday spirits.

The millionaire, who's been to bankruptcy court and back, appeared on the scene five years ago, instantly capturing international attention with his eye-popping Christmas display boasting three million lights.

Neighbors complained it was a public nuisance — and got a court to declare it so. Judges ordered him to cut back on his wattage, but the battle in his upscale Little Rock neighborhood spurred him on.

"I just felt compelled to go a little public after they had nothing to do but harass me," Osborne said of his neighborhood critics.

This Christmas, Osborne has erected holiday displays in 30 Arkansas communities, up 10 from last year. He has two 100-foot-tall trees and one million lights at the state Capitol building. He's illuminated the River Market in downtown Little Rock and his lights are even on display at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

"I'd love to light up the whole state," said Osborne, a 55-year-old medical technician who made his millions testing products for the pharmaceutical industry.

Osborne may again decorate his 22,000-square foot home on a busy boulevard, although by court decree the display can't be so large that it causes traffic jams.

To his way of thinking, the lights are "vehicles for happiness." So, too, are the barbecues and fireworks shows he donates for fund-raisers or just to delight crowds at public gatherings. He said he likes to bring cheer to everyone, but particularly the regular guys who can't afford huge homes, luxury cars, fine dining and beautiful clothes.

"Everyday is Christmas to me. I feel like I am on a fantasy trip, and I like to take people along," he said last month.

Last year, he, his wife, Mitzi, and college-age daughter, Breezy, donated 20 barbecues that fed thousands of people. They also funded about 15 fireworks shows.

At Arkansas football games, his family donated food for "The Osborne Family Feast" that included baked chicken, turkey legs, pork ribs, smoked sausage, potato salad and candy canes. The family also paid the bill for fireworks shows after Razorback victories in Little Rock.

For the funeral service of President Clinton's favorite great-uncle, the Osbornes sent an arrangement of red and white roses that staff said was as "big as a chair."

12-year-old freed after 3 hours in drainage pipe

PASADENA, Md. (AP) — Rescuers used a backhoe to free a 12-year-old boy trapped for three hours in a drainage pipe six feet underground.

"I was just checking it out," said John Wark, who said he became stuck Sunday afternoon when his shirt caught on the inside of the 14-inch pipe at Tick Neck Park near Pasadena's Northeast High School.

The youth said he and three friends had gone into a larger drain pipe nearby without a problem earlier in the day, and he became stuck after crawling about 150 feet into the pipe.

After the 5-foot-9, 120-pound Wark became stuck, his friends went to call for help. A total of 25 fire and rescue workers responded.

When the smallest firefighter on the scene couldn't reach the boy by crawling into the pipe, rescuers used a metal rod to probe six feet down into the earth and locate the section of pipe where the child was stuck.

A backhoe was called in and a fan was placed at one end of the pipe to ensure there was enough oxygen, said Battalion Chief John Scholz.

"Our biggest concern was for the quality of air the 12-year-old had," Scholz said.

The fan, however, had to be turned off at times because it made John cold. "I wasn't that worried," he said.

When rescuers reached the pipe, they cut it open and John crawled out on his own.

"I was glad to see them," he said.

The youth was treated at the scene for hypothermia and also at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he was released Sunday night, fire officials said.

Pasadena is about 15 miles southeast of Baltimore.

Goal: To genetically alter disease-carrying mosquitos

AUSTIN (AP) — Scientists are trying to create a mosquito whose buzz is worse than its bite.

The Anopheles mosquito infects about half a billion people every year with malaria, according to the World Health Organization, and as many as 2.7 million die each year, mostly in tropical countries.

The Anopheles mosquito's toll has prompted researchers in Texas and elsewhere to devise plans to genetically alter the insect, rendering it harmless. Their goal is to produce mosquitos with a gene that blocks transmission of the parasite that causes malaria.

Success would eliminate a scourge that has plagued humanity for thousands of years and could serve as a blueprint for attacking other insects that spread diseases such as yellow fever and dengue fever.

"We're making progress quicker than we thought we could," said Greg Lanzaro, a medical entomologist at the University of Texas' Center for Tropical Diseases in Galveston.

Lanzaro and other researchers hope they can test their plans in the field by 2003, 15 years earlier than expected.

It's an experimental approach, concedes Anthony James, a molecular geneticist at the University of California at Irvine who is working with Lanzaro and other scientists, "but so were insecticides at one time."

"And we're running out of insecticides because the mosquitos are resistant to them," he told the Austin American-Statesman.

Not all scientists think it's smart to try to alter the deadly mosquito.

Andrew Spielman of the Harvard School of Public Health argues that even if scientists produce thousands of tame mosquitos and let them loose in the wild, it would be virtually impossible to keep the harmless population going while eliminating the bad bugs.

Calvin creator enjoying quiet

CHAGRIN FALLS, Ohio (AP) — Bill Watterson, the creator of the comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," is enjoying the quiet life back in his hometown in northeast Ohio.

"He would like it all to fade away," his father, Jim Watterson, said in Sunday's edition of The Cleveland Plain Dealer. "He doesn't get his kicks by being famous."

The cartoon about Calvin, an imaginative, mischievous 6-year-old, and Hobbes, the stuffed tiger who came to life around Calvin, ran for 10 years and appeared in more than 2,400 newspapers.

The last strip ran Dec. 31, 1995. About that time, Watterson, 40, moved from New Mexico back to his hometown of Chagrin Falls, a picturesque community 20 miles east of Cleveland.

Since then, Watterson has been painting and "enjoying life," said Lee Salem, editorial director at Universal Press Syndicate.

Will he ever resume "Calvin and Hobbes?"

"I don't know how to answer that, which may surprise you that I didn't say a flat-out no," Salem said. "But I think it's low on his list of priorities."

Clinton, Monica nixed as movie

NEW YORK (AP) — The Farrelly brothers, the duo responsible for some memorably revolting movie moments in "There's Something About Mary," have their standards.

The writing-directing pair say they'd pass on making a film version of the investigation by independent counsel Kenneth Starr into President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

"We do gross-out humor, admittedly, but we won't go this low," Peter Farrelly says in the Dec. 28 issue of Newsweek magazine. "This is beneath us — it's too vile. There is nothing slap-on-your-knee funny. It's just, like, 'Ugh!'"

If the brothers were to cast the movie, Bobby Farrelly says Garry Shandling or Bill Murray would be ideal for the part of Clinton.

"He's the guy who got the ball rolling, he's got to be the scoundrel," he said.

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Today is the 355th day of 1998 and the first day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1937, Walt Disney's animated feature film "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" premiered in Los Angeles.

On this day in 1959, the Dallas Cowboys got a new coach — Tom Landry. The Cowboys had 22 consecutive winning seasons with Landry at the helm.

On this day in 1969, Diana Ross and the Supremes appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show. It was their last performance as a group.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Stalin (1879-1953), Soviet dictator; Heinrich Boll (1917-1985), novelist-poet; Kurt Waldheim (1918-), U.N. secretary general, is 80; Joseph Paterno (1926-), football coach, is 72; Jane Fonda (1937-), actress-activist-fitness instructor, is 61; Frank Zappa (1940-1993), singer; Chris Evert (1954-), tennis player, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, Washington Redskin coach Vince Lombardi coached his last game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is easier to add to a great reputation than to get it." — Publilius Syrus

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 18) and first quarter (Dec. 26).

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Northwest Ira, a 7,000-foot wildcat located eight miles southwest of Snyder. Location is in Section 176, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kent County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Fina, a 7,000-foot wildcat located 19 miles west of Jayton. Drill site is in Section 13, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Nolan County

Nike International Inc. will drill the No. 1 WLP-Burwick in the EA field, three miles southwest of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,500 feet, location is in Section 249, Block 64, H&TC survey.

Chisholm Exploration will drill the No. 2 Texaco Fee in the Mulberry field, four miles northeast of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 3,999 feet, location is in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

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

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Kinnear, fiance have different views

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Greg Kinnear says he and fiancee Helen Labdon have only slightly different ideas on their desired number of children.

"I say 16. Helen says two," the actor said in Sunday's USA Weekend. "So we're just trying to work that out."

Kinnear and Labdon, a British model-turned-writer, plan to wed next year, but haven't set the date.

"I'm someone who's always looked forward to marriage," Kinnear said. "My parents being together for so long made marriage that much more important."

The youngest son of a father who worked for the State Department, Kinnear grew up in Logansport, Ind., and spent time as a teenager in Athens, Greece.

Juvenile offenders being taught a trade

MARIANNA, Fla. (AP) — Fred Smith discovered at age 8 that there weren't enough hours in the day to take care of a dog and sell cocaine.

So Smith's pet of choice was a snake. It could survive in a small cage, didn't thrive on human attention, and was able to go days without food while he sold drugs on the streets of Florida.

Now at 16, Smith has plenty of spare time on his hands while he is confined to the Jackson Juvenile Offender Corrections Center in Marianna.

He will also finally get a chance to care for a dog in a pilot program in which juvenile offenders train canines for senior citizens while learning skills that may help them succeed when they are finally released.

"At least I've got something to fall back on," he said of the new program, the first of its kind in Florida.

FETCH, which stands for Friends of the Elderly Training Companions for Homes, aims to save canines from dog pounds and racetracks and make them companions for the elderly. To prepare the dogs for that role, the canines will be sent to centers for juvenile offenders, who will train them.

Charles Miner Jr., an appeals court judge, came up with the idea for the program.

"It occurred to me that a youngster who can get into your automobile without breaking a window and can get your stereo in 30 seconds can certainly be taught to train animals," Miner said.

Doug Price, 14, said he started stealing things because he was bored and needed a challenge. FETCH appeals to Price because it will alleviate some of the boredom he encounters while serving time for armed robbery.

"It'll get me out of the pod," Price said. "Otherwise, you only get an hour outside every day. It'll give me a chance to help somebody instead of victimize them."

The Jackson juvenile center resembles a maximum-security prison, with electronic doors at every turn and razor wire surrounding the fences. Its superintendent, Dale Edwards, is conducting a screening process to find juveniles who he believes are ready for the program but admits there really is no way to tell whether their interest is legitimate.

"How do I know we're not being used?" Edwards said. "How do I know this isn't just a ploy to get off the pod? And it may well be. But if you've complied in every other area of the facility, and you've shown a willingness to try things, I don't have a problem with someone saying, 'I don't know whether I'm going to like this, but I'd like an opportunity.'"

There are similar dog training programs in certain adult prisons across the United States. Florida's new 20-week program is expected to start in January with about five dogs, but that number could increase greatly if it is successful.

Upon completion of FETCH, the juveniles will be certified as pet nutritionists. That appeals to Smith, who says he wants to find a way to support his pregnant girlfriend.

"I can get out and try to get this job and work and achieve something," he said.

Time's Men of the Year...

Clinton and Starr share honor

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton just can't seem to shake Kenneth Starr.

The Special Independent Counsel, whose investigation into Clinton led to the president's impeachment, appears behind Clinton's shoulder, partially shadowed, on an illustrated Time cover that both men share as the magazine's "Men of the Year" for 1998.

Clinton was Time's sole choice in 1992, but this year editors chose Starr to share the limelight with the president after the two dominated the year's headlines.

"The news reinforced our decision, which we had been wrestling with until the final days," wrote Walter Isaacson, Time's managing editor, in the double-issue hitting newsstands today.

With Saturday's House of Representatives vote, Clinton became just the second president ordered to stand trial in the Senate. Starr's investigation into Clinton's affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky spurred that vote.

"The year drew to a close the way it had opened in January, with events being driven by what these two men had wrought," said Isaacson, who also said the two men's "shared obstinacy but radically different personalities and values caused them to become entwined in a sullied embrace and paired for history."

Other candidates for the title were Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, Sen. John Glenn, baseball slugger Mark McGwire and the Irish peacemakers. Isaacson confirmed speculation that Hillary Rodham Clinton had been a leading contender for the magazine's annual nod to the year's top newsmaker.

"But at decision time it came down to who, in the end, had the most impact on the way the news actually unfolded throughout the year," wrote Isaacson. He defined the Man of the Year as "the person or persons who most affected the news of our lives, for good or for ill, and embodied what was important about the year, for better or for worse."

Clinton and Starr join an elite group to receive the designation, stretching from the first winner, Charles Lindbergh in 1927, to last year's winner, Andrew Grove, chairman of Intel Corp. Other winners in the '90s include Ted Turner, Pope John Paul II and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

In the past, Adolf Hitler, Josef Stalin and the Ayatollah Khomeini have also been chosen Man of the Year.

White House officials had no comment on the selection.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998

It's OK to team up with another in the year ahead, but you will fare much better if you do not let people set your agenda. Establish your own goals concerning the joint endeavor, and stick to them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Chance or luck won't be the factors that fatten your bank account today. Your tenacity is what fosters your aggressiveness to work for what you want. 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) You'll keep everything in perspective today when it comes to whom you show your affections. For those whose support you should be cultivating will be ones to get your attention and generosity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Give credit where credit is due if an associate's suggestions were instrumental in helping you advance a self-interest. If you haven't earned all of the pats on the back, say so!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you find you've been getting a bit extravagant in your spending at this time, today might be the day to make those budget adjustments before things get totally out of control.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even though you might start out the day with things hindering your forward progress, conditions in general look pretty favorable for you to succeed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Too much evaluation could weaken a good idea today, so don't overanalyze things to the degree where it impedes your mental mobility. Let some of your first thoughts prevail.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Companions or associates could slow you down today, so try to operate as independently as possible. Even when working on a collective endeavor, try to find space for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Where a commercial objective is concerned today, a competitor might try to upstage you in some way. Don't respond in kind. Handle the situation with class instead, and you'll prevail.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't feel that you have to share a side project that is generating an income for you with another if it has nothing to do with that person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be friendly to everybody, but don't take them all at face value. Stand back a bit to better observe new acquaintances before you get too closely involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) What goes on between you and your mate in your own household is best kept confidential today. If outsiders get into the act, it might complicate matters instead of help.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try to select people who have something worthy to contribute when tackling an important project today. Assigning the wrong worker to the wrong task could shut down your production line.

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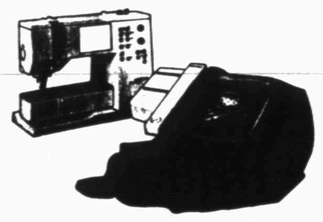
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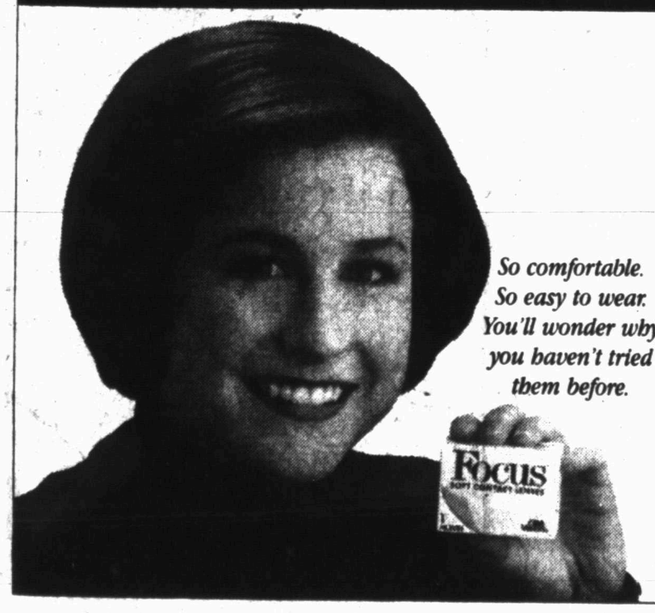
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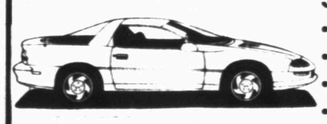
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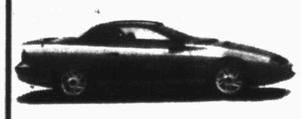
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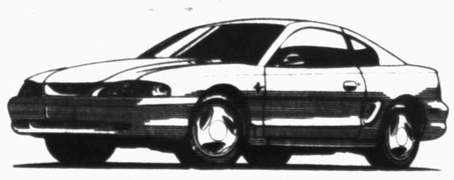
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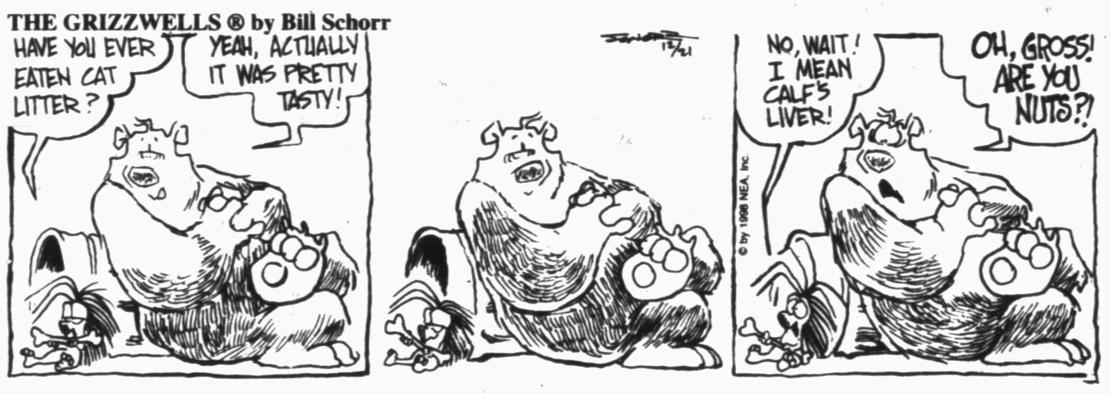
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13 Fish trap
14 Lightly
15 Woolly
16 Actor Beatty
17 Coach Parseghian
18 Shade of blue
21 Canary's kin
23 Type of lift
26 Resort of New Mexico
28 Norse poem
29 Ending for velvet
30 Fishing poles
31 Cycled
33 Female bar owner
36 —, vidi, vici
37 Sesame plant
38 Actress Gilbert
40 Dillseed
41 Those holding office
42 Swank
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51 Most up-to-date
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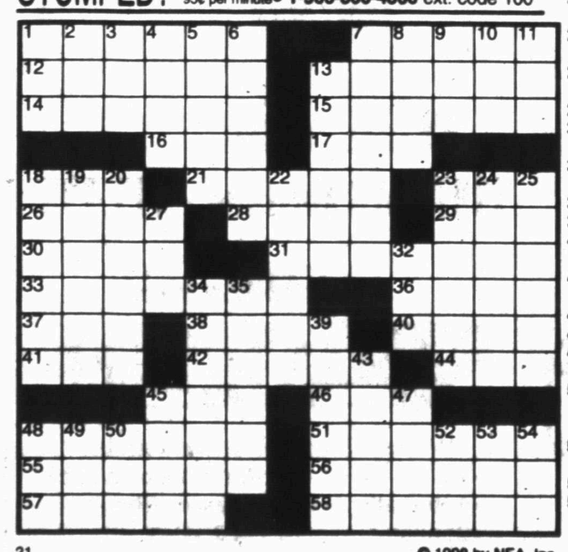
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10 Folding bed
11 Consumed
13 Jerry's friend
18 Cloud layers
19 Pottery clay
20 Swiss songs
22 Media mogul Murdoch
23 Goddess of the moon
24 More enthusiastic
25 Compose (writing)
27 Opp. of NNE
32 Actress Gardner
34 Native of Tel Aviv
35 Equitably
39 Garden flower
43 1998 and 1999
45 Give off (heat)
47 RBI, e.g.
48 JFK info
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50 Susan Hayward movie
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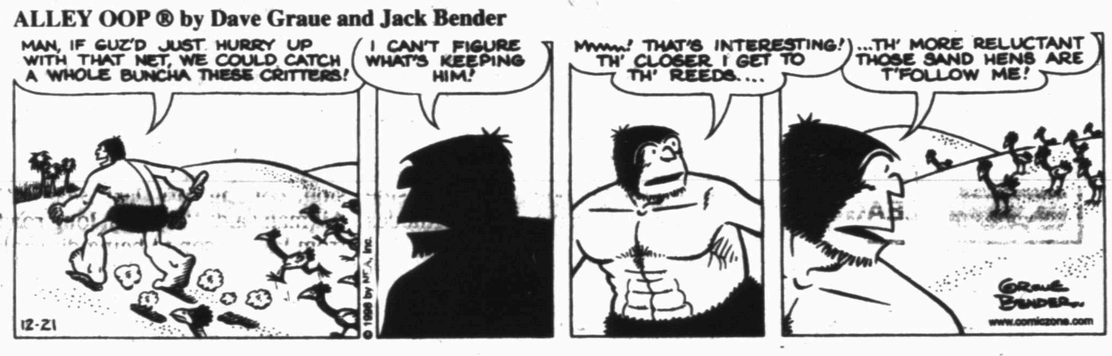
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SPORTS

Trickery helps Cowboys top Eagles, secure division title

IRVING (AP) — Chan Gailey had to dig deep into his bag of tricks to beat lowly Philadelphia and clinch the NFC East in his first year as coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

Holder Eric Bjornson scored a touchdown on a fake field goal, and safety George Teague made a saving fourth-down tackle late in the game Sunday as the Cowboys outlasted the Eagles 13-9, snapping a three-game losing streak.

Gailey flipped Dallas around from a 6-10 record under Barry Switzer to a 9-6 mark that enabled the Cowboys to win their seventh division title in eight years. The Cowboys play host to Washington in a meaningless game next Sunday and will open the playoffs at home against a wild-card team on either Jan. 2 or 3.

"This team has hearts as big as Texas Stadium," said an emotional Gailey, who was Pittsburgh's offensive coordinator last year. "It was not easy. It was tough. It was ugly. But nobody is going to ruin it for me. I appreciate this team."

The Cowboys beat the Eagles 34-0 in November, but they gave Dallas heated competition, although coach Ray Rhodes appears on his way out.

"We've got a lot to work on," Gailey said. "But we're in the playoffs, and not a lot of people can say that."

Asked about scoring the only touchdown on a trick play, Gailey said, "They count those trick play touchdowns the same way they count the others."

Seven of the Cowboys' eight victories have come against NFC East teams, and Dallas can become the first team to ever sweep the NFC East by beating Washington. The New York Giants went 7-0-1 a year ago.

It was the first time since 1994 that the Cowboys had swept the Eagles.

Dallas had to resort to trickery to gain a 7-3 advantage over Philadelphia (3-12) at halftime.

Bjornson took the snap on an apparent 25-yard field goal. Instead, he jumped to his feet and followed a block by left tackle Larry Allen to score the touchdown untouched. Bjornson was credited with a 7-yard touchdown run.

"We've called that fake four or five times, but never had a chance to use it," Gailey said.

Bjornson said he could have called it off, but noticed the Eagles overloaded to one side.

"We noticed the Eagles left the short side exposed," Bjornson said. "I could have called it off, but saw how they were rushing. As soon as I saw the hole I knew I would score. It worked just great. We've had that in our game plan most of the season."

The touchdown was set up on a 41-yard pass from Troy Aikman to Michael Irvin, who was playing despite a bruised back. Irvin beat cornerback Bobby Taylor, who was in just for one play because of the flu.

It was the first time Dallas scored on a fake field goal since Jay Novacek did it against Indianapolis in 1993.

"I think we didn't have enough players on the field (only 10) and that left a big hole on the one side of the defensive line," Rhodes said.

Philadelphia went ahead 3-0 on a 21-yard field goal by Chris Boniol on its first possession.

Dallas got field goals of 42 and 41 yards from Richie Cunningham in the second half, and the punchless Eagles got two more field goals from Boniol after halftime.

Philadelphia's best threat came late in the game. On fourth-and-2 from the Dallas 12, Koy Detmer hit tight end Andrew Jordan with a short pass, and Teague came up quickly to make the tackle a yard short of the first down.

The Eagles got one more chance with two minutes left after holding Dallas on third-and-1, but the Eagles were stopped on downs after making one first down.

Emmitt Smith rushed for 110 yards on 25 carries for Dallas, while Duce Staley rushed 18 times for 67 yards. Aikman completed only 10 of 23 passes for 120 yards under a fierce Eagles rush.

"We did what we had to do, even if it wasn't pretty," Smith said. "I honestly feel we have a ballclub that can compete with any in the NFL. We're in the tournament and anyone can win it."

Detmer hit 24 of 43 passes for 231 yards and had seven passes dropped.

"We had our chances, but couldn't close the deal," Rhodes said. "Dropped passes killed us."

"We needed touchdowns not field goals," Detmer said "This was one of the most frustrating games I've ever played in."

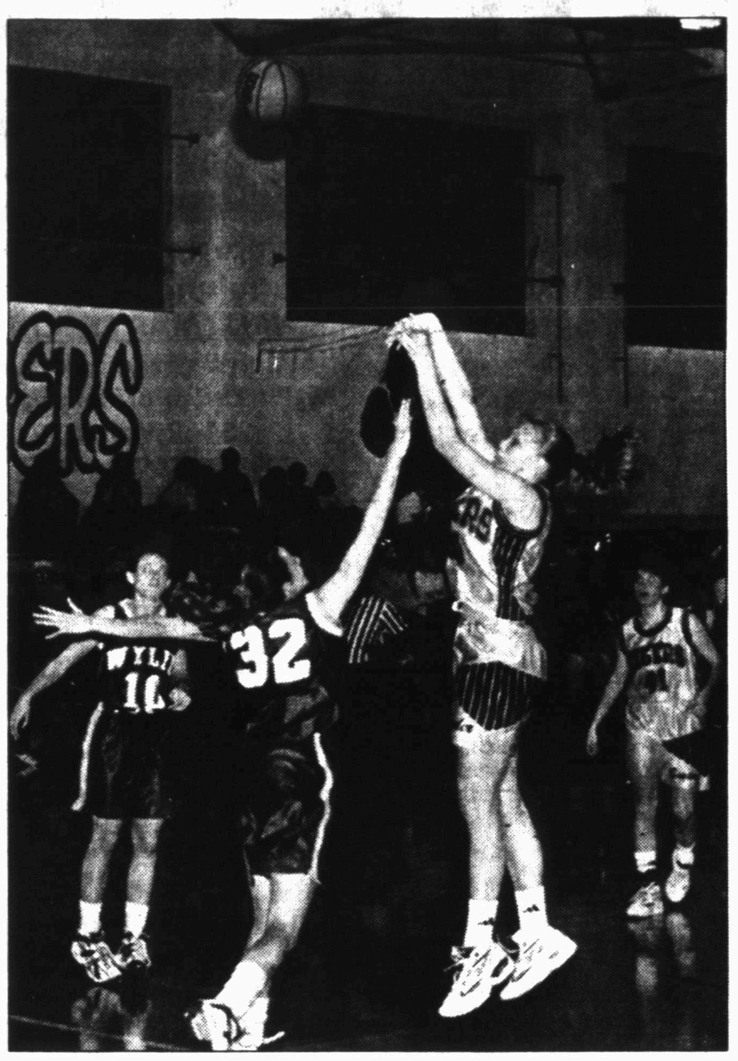
Dallas played without cornerback Deion Sanders, who has an injured toe, for the fourth consecutive week.

Dallas running back Chris Warren reaggravated his groin in the second quarter and didn't return. He had missed the previous three weeks with the injury.

Aikman was wearing an NFC championship hat and a big grin.

"I don't know if anyone in this room thought we'd win the division coming off last season," Aikman said. "It was a long road from last season to being division champions this season. Regardless of the (quality) of the East, there is no apology.

"Our goal is to win a world championship. Winning the East is all we can ask. What we do with it is yet to be seen."



SOPHOMORE SHOOTER — Snyder's Kristin Murray shoots over Abilene Wylie's Hannah Jones during the Lady Tigers' 45-44 overtime victory Friday at the SHS gym. The Snyder girls were to have hosted Lamesa this afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Pair of spots remain open for playoffs

By The Associated Press

The Tennessee Oilers' loss Sunday hurt their postseason chances and cleared up the AFC playoff picture.

Jacksonville, Buffalo and New England all qualified for the playoffs following the Oilers' 30-22 loss at Green Bay, leaving just one spot open in the AFC with one week to go.

Miami can join those three teams, the East champion New York Jets and West champion Denver in the postseason by beating the Broncos on Monday night or by winning next week in Atlanta. The Dolphins also qualify with a Tennessee loss next Saturday to Minnesota.

In the NFC, Dallas and Atlanta clinched their divisions Sunday, with three teams fighting for the final playoff berth.

Doug Flutie and the Bills will be going to the playoffs as a wild card, becoming just the fourth team to make the playoffs after an 0-3 start. Buffalo lost 17-10 to the Jets on Saturday.

New England rode the arm of backup quarterback Scott Zolak to the playoffs by beating San Francisco 24-21.

The Patriots' win knocked Oakland and Seattle out of contention. Pittsburgh lost 25-24 to Cincinnati and will not make the playoffs for the first time since 1991.

In other scenarios:

— Tennessee needs two Miami losses and a win against Minnesota to make the postseason.

— Jacksonville, which lost 50-10 to Minnesota on Sunday night, clinched its first AFC Central title with the Oilers' loss. The Jaguars loss gave the Jets a first-round bye.

In the NFC, Arizona took a big step toward making its first postseason appearance since 1982, when the franchise played in St. Louis. The Cardinals (8-7) beat New Orleans 19-17 and can earn the final NFC spot by beating San Diego next week.

If the Cardinals lose, either the New York Giants or Tampa Bay Buccaneers can make it. The Giants, who beat Kansas City 28-7 Sunday, would get the final wild-card berth with a win at Philadelphia and losses by Arizona and Tampa Bay.

The Bucs would return to the playoffs with a win at Cincinnati and a Giants win. If the Giants lose, Arizona automatically earns the final playoff spot and will play at Dallas in two weeks.

The Vikings clinched homefield in the NFC with their win. Green Bay and San Francisco will play in the first round as wild-card teams.

NBA players attempt to dazzle fans, not owners

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Tim Hardaway was doing his famous crossover dribble. Karl Malone was stroking his post-up jumper. Alonzo Mourning was playing his usual tenacious defense.

NBA fans watched on television. A boisterous live crowd cheered — and clamored for autographs. And the game went right down to the wire.

For one night, all was right — almost — in the NBA world.

At least for a handful of players and fans. Whether the charity game does anything to break the stalemate between owners and players remains to be seen, however.

Hardaway scored 33 points Saturday to rally a group of NBA veterans to a 125-119 victory over some of the league's younger stars. The hastily arranged event, which raised an estimated $500,000 for charity, got players and their representatives calling anew for an end to the lockout.

"It's time to take off the suits and put the uniforms on and get back on the court," said organizer David Falk. "And it's time the owners stopped trying to turn the clock back 30 years."

Nearly half the season has been canceled due to the lockout, which centers on the two sides' inability to agree on how to share $2 billion in annual revenues.

No new talks are scheduled.

"The Game on Showtime," which was announced Dec. 7, managed to draw 9,512 people to the 12,500-seat Atlantic City Convention Center. Some paid $500 per seat to watch the out-of-work, out-of-shape superstars dust off their jump shots.

What they saw was a noticeably heavy Shawn Kemp, a cold-shooting (3-of-13) Patrick Ewing and an aggressive Hardaway in an all-star pickup game that featured more defense than anyone expected and an exciting finish to boot.

"It's great, they're just out of shape a bit," said fan Stanley Brown, 20, of Wildwood.

Malone added 20, Kemp 16 and former NBA star Dominique Wilkins 14 as the red team rallied to beat the white team, which got 25 points from Mourning and 22 from Glen Rice.

Players were happy to be playing in public again.

"We want people to understand, we love the game," said Tom Gugliotta of the Minnesota Timberwolves. "If we weren't in the NBA, we'd be playing at lunchtime on our jobs."

Fans were enthusiastic, but they made it clear they want the games back for good. "Start the Season, All Will Be Forgiven," read one fan's signs. "Impeach Stern," said another.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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East						
y-N.Y.Jets	11	4	0	.733	385	256
Miami	9	5	0	.643	274	206
x-NEngland	9	6	0	.600	327	298
x-Buffalo	9	6	0	.600	355	300
Indianapolis	3	12	0	.200	291	417
Central						
y-Jacksonville	10	5	0	.667	371	335
Tennessee	8	7	0	.533	314	294
Pittsburgh	7	8	0	.467	260	282
Baltimore	5	10	0	.333	250	325
Cincinnati	3	12	0	.200	268	417
West						
y-Denver	13	1	0	.929	452	257
Oakland	8	7	0	.533	264	325
Seattle	8	7	0	.533	351	282
KansasCity	6	9	0	.400	296	339
SanDiego	5	10	0	.333	228	326

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
y-Dallas	9	6	0	.600	358	268
Arizona	8	7	0	.533	309	365
N.Y.Giants	7	8	0	.467	267	299
Washington	6	9	0	.400	312	398
Philadelphia	3	12	0	.200	151	324
Central						
y-Minnesota	14	1	0	.933	530	280
x-GreenBay	10	5	0	.667	392	306
TampaBay	7	8	0	.467	279	295
Detroit	5	10	0	.333	296	359
Chicago	4	11	0	.267	263	352
West						
y-Atlanta	13	2	0	.867	404	273
x-SanFran	11	4	0	.733	441	309
NewOrleans	6	9	0	.400	272	314
St.Louis	4	11	0	.267	266	340
Carolina	3	12	0	.200	309	394

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division title

Saturday's Games

New York Jets 17, Buffalo 10
Washington 20, Tampa Bay 16

Sunday's Games

Chicago 24, Baltimore 3
Cincinnati 25, Pittsburgh 24
New York Giants 28, Kansas City 7
Carolina 20, St. Louis 13
New England 24, San Francisco 21
Green Bay 30, Tennessee 22
Seattle 27, Indianapolis 23
Oakland 17, San Diego 10
Arizona 19, New Orleans 17
Atlanta 24, Detroit 17
Dallas 13, Philadelphia 9
Minnesota 50, Jacksonville 10

Monday's Game

Denver at Miami, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 26

Minnesota at Tennessee, 12:35 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27

Buffalo at New Orleans, 1:01 p.m.
Carolina at Indianapolis, 1:01 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 1:01 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 1:01 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 1:01 p.m.
New England at New York Jets, 1:01 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 1:01 p.m.
New York Giants at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

Only two Big 12 squads post wins over weekend

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — They aren't winning many games, but the Missouri-Kansas City Kangaroos know the way to an opponent's heart.

Before their game at Kansas State Saturday, the underdogs from Kansas City donned blue T-shirts that said in gold letters on the front, "Congratulations K-State Football 11-1."

On the back, the shirts said, "No BCS." They wore the shirts during pregame warmups, then tossed them to the Bramlage Coliseum fans before tipoff.

The Wildcats, though ranked third in the BCS (Bowl Championship Series) rankings, were consigned to the fourth-place Alamo Bowl after being snubbed by all the major bowls.

"(Coach Bill) Snyder's group has done a great job," explained UMKC basketball coach Bob Sundvold. "It's a tribute to what they've done in football. We just thought we'd have a little fun with it."

During the game, however, all the fun was had by Kansas State. Dominating inside, the Wildcats held UMKC to 17.9 percent shooting in the first half en route to a 67-39 rout.

All in all, however, it was a lousy Saturday for the Big 12. No. 13 Kansas beat Illinois 65-55, and everybody else lost.

No. 25 Iowa, the team that stopped Kansas' 62-game home winning streak, beat Missouri 82-68; No. 17 Minnesota bested Nebraska 55-51; Marquette upended Baylor 74-64; No. 8 Arizona pounded Iowa State 75-61; Louisiana State edged Texas 63-61, and Arizona State handed Texas A&M just its second loss of the season with a triple-overtime 96-91 victory.

In Kemper Arena in Kansas City, the Jayhawks did not play a game they'd want to be remembered for. Leading scorer Kenny Gregory had just three points. Freshman point guard Jeff Boschee missed eight of nine shots and committed four turnovers.

"My guess is the basketball Hall of Fame will not ask for that tape," said coach Roy Williams.

At Milwaukee, Greg Clausen scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Marquette past Baylor. Tevis Stukes' 19 points led Baylor, which got outrebounded 52-34 in the first meeting ever between the two schools.

Texas A&M suffered its first loss at home under new head coach Melvin Watson after Eddie House hit several key baskets and four free throws down the stretch for Arizona State.

With 28 seconds left in regulation, A&M clung to a 60-57 lead, but House hit a three-pointer from deep in the corner with 12 seconds left for Arizona State.

Texas fell to 2-7 despite 20 points from Kris Clack. Chris Mihm added 12 points and a game-high 14 rebounds and Gabe Muoneke scored 11 points.

"We had many, many chances. They gave us plenty of chances to win the game even as badly as we played on the offensive end," said Texas coach Rick Barnes.

At Lincoln, Nebraska made just 25 percent of its shots but still pulled to 51-48 with 2:35 to play against Minnesota.

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FordMotor s	57	7-16	5656¾— ½
GTE Cp	69¼		66 1-16 68¾+ ¾
GenDynam s	57	3-16	56¾ 56 15-16— 7-16
GenElec	99¾		96¼ 98¾+ 1¾
GenMills	75	9-16	74 9-16 75¾+ ¾
GenMotors	73		71 9-16 72 15-16+1 7-16
GaPacGP	57	15-16	56¾ 57 13-16+1 5-16
GlobalMar	9¼		8 15-16 8 15-16— 3-16
Goodrich	33¾		33 33 3-16— 5-16
Goodyear s	52¼		52¼ 52 7-16+ 5-16
GtAtlPac	27	15-16	27 3-16 27 13-16+ ¾
Halliburtn	31	11-16	30¼ 31¼— 9-16
Hanson ADS	40	7-16	40 3-16 40¾— 9-16
HarteHanks s	25¾		25¼ 25 3-16— 1-16
HomeDepot	59¾		56¼ 58¾+ 1¾
HoustonInds	32¼		32 7-16 32 9-16— ¼
IBM	177	3-16	171 9-16 175 7-16+ 3¼
IntlPaper	43	7-16	42¼ 43⅛+ 1¾
JohnsonJn	77	3-16	76 3-16 76 11-16—2 13-16
K mart	14¾		14 7-16 14 9-16+ 1-16
Kroger Co	55	7-16	54¾ 55¼+13-16
Litton	59¼		58 13-16 58¾
LockhdMart	95¼		93 5-16 95 5-16+1 1-16
Lowes Cos s	46¼		45¼ 46¾+ ½
Lubys	15		14¾ 15
LucentTech s	102½	99 13-16	102 1-16+3 11-16
MayDeptStrs	59¾		58¾ 59 7-16+ 9-16
MediaOne	44½	42 15-16	44 + 1¾
Medtronic	76¾		74¾ 75 13-16+ ¾
Mobil	91¼		89 13-16 90¾
Monsanto	43¾	42 13-16	43 9-16+ 9-16
MorganJP	104¾		101¾ 103¾+ 3
Motorola	61¾	59 3-16	60 5-16+1 7-16
NCR Corp	39	7-16	38¾ 38¾— ½
Navistar	26	5-16	24¾ 26 3-16+ 1¾
OryxEngy	13¾	13	13 1-16+ ¼
Penney JC	52	7-16	51¾ 51¾—1 5-16
Pennzoil	33¼		32¾ 33¼— ¼
PepBoys	13¾	13 7-16	13 7-16— 3-16
PepsiCo	40¾		39¾ 40 1-16+11-16
PhelpDodge	50¾		50¾ 50½— ¼
PhilipPet	42	3-16	41¾ 41¾
PilgrmPrd B	19¾		19¾ 19¾— ¼
Polaroid	19¼	18 13-16	18 13-16— ¼
Praxair	33¾		33¼ 33¾
ProctGamb	89		87 88 13-16+ 1¾
PubSNwMx	20		19 11-16 20 + 3-16
RoyalDut	48¾		4848½+ ½
SBC Comm s	51¾	49 9-16	51 13-16+1 13-16
SaraLee	55¾		55 3-16 55 11-16
SaraLee wi	27¾		27¾ 27¾+ ¼
Scripps EW	49		48¾ 48 11-16— ¼
SearsRoeb	43	3-16	41 13-16 42 11-16+ ¾
SherwinW	28¾		27¾ 28 1-16+ ¼
SmithKlBchm	65¾		64 15-16 65¾+ ¾
SouthernCo	30	5-16	30 30 3-16+ 3-16
SwstAirl s	22¾	21 13-16	21 15-16— ¼
SprintFON n	83		80¾ 82 + 1¾
SprintPCS n	17¾		16¾ 17 3-16+ ¾
Sunoco Inc	32½		32 32 1-16— 7-16
TNP Ent	37	15-16	37¼ 37 15-16+11-16
Tandy	41	15-16	41 5-16 41¾+ ¼
TempleInland	55¾		54¼ 55¾+1 11-16
Tenneco	34	13-16	34¼ 34¾— ¼
Texaco	52	7-16	51½ 51½— 1¾
TexInd	28		27 7-16 27 11-16— ¼
TexasInst	89¼		86 9-16 88 15-16+2 3-16
TexUtil	47	15-16	47 5-16 47¾+ ¼
Textron	71	9-16	70 3-16 70 9-16+ ¾
TriconGlbR	49	3-16	48¼ 48¾—15-16
TrinityInds	34	11-16	34¼ 34 5-16— 3-16
TritonEngy	7	15-16	7¾ 7¾+ 1-16
Tyler	6		5¾ 5¾— ¼
US West Inc	62	13-16	61 3-16 62¼+15-16
USX-Marathn	27	11-16	27 7-16 27 7-16— 7-16
USX-USS	24¼		23¾ 23¾— ¼
UnCarbde	41	3-16	40 9-16 41 1-16+ 7-16
UnionPacif	45		44 44 11-16+11-16
UnitedTech	106¼		100¼ 105¾+ 6¼
Unocal	31¼		30¼ 30 11-16+ ¼
Venator Grp	7	5-16	7 1-16 7¼+ 3-16
WalMart	79	15-16	77 9-16 79 5-16+1 9-16
WellsFargo	38	13-16	38¼ 38¾— 5-16
WstnGasRs	6		7-16 6 3-16 6¾
WinnDixie	41¾		40 13-16 41 7-16+ 5-16
Xerox Corp	111	13-16	109 7-16 111 +3 5-16

Warrants send three subjects to jail here

Outstanding warrants sent three people to jail over the weekend while a fourth was arrested for driving while license suspended.

At 9:22 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 23-year-old female in the 800 block of 27th Street on outstanding warrants for no liability insurance, three counts of failure to wear safety belt and three counts of failure to appear.

A 19-year-old male was taken into custody by officers at 1:20 p.m. Saturday in the 2500 block of Avenue J for driving while license suspended.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old female at 12:25 a.m. Sunday in the 5500 block of College on an outstanding county warrant for issuance of a bad check.

At 2:40 p.m. Sunday, a 36-year-old female was taken into custody in the 1100 block of 29th Street on outstanding warrants for no liability insurance and failure to appear.

In other activity, Larry Carrisalez requested an officer at 5:31 p.m. Saturday in the 600 block of 19th Street in reference to someone breaking into his residence. An offense report for burglary of a residence was filed.

At 10:17 p.m. Sunday, Joe Dan Davenport requested an officer in the 1000 block of 16th Street in reference to someone taking a Super Nintendo from his vehicle while it was parked at Lawrence IGA #400. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

Officers worked a two-vehicle mishap at 1 p.m. Sunday in the 400 block of 30th Street. Involved were a 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by James Tatom of 1802 Scott Street and a parked, unoccupied 1983 Chevrolet van owned by JoAnn Prince of 315 36th Place.

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DISMISSALS: Dec. 19-20: None.

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GOP leaders select Rep. Hastert as speaker

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drained from a tempestuous impeachment debate, and still smarting over election losses and the abrupt resignations of two GOP leaders, House Republicans felt they had to act immediately to replace Speaker-designate Bob Livingston.

So they rallied behind Rep. J. Dennis Hastert of Illinois, a former teacher from Middle America who is as soft-spoken as outgoing Speaker Newt Gingrich is outspoken.

Within hours of Livingston's surprise decision Saturday to retire rather than face incessant questions about his sexual history, Hastert had been anointed and his two potential rivals had dropped out.

Chaos roiled in the House chamber after Livingston made his stunning announcement in the waning hours of a historic but rancorous impeachment debate. Several members immediately congregated around Hastert and urged him to run.

But as Reps. Steve Largent of Oklahoma and Christopher Cox of California expressed interest in the speaker's job, Republican leaders knew they didn't want to send lawmakers home for an end-of-session two-week recess amid such tumult. And they knew it was time for a conciliator who could work with Republican conservatives and moderates — and with Democrats, who will have 211 seats in the next Congress and the support of an independent member. The Republicans have 223.

House Republican aides who witnessed the aftermath of Livingston's announcement described the events Sunday on condition they not be identified by name. The Republican caucus meets Jan. 5 to confirm their choice for speaker.

The party leadership — Gingrich, Majority Leader Dick Armey and Majority Whip Tom DeLay — quickly scheduled an emergency caucus after the impeachment debate.

"We got to stop killing each other," Armey told the closed-door session, according to a source.

And for those who believed that Hastert — the chief deputy whip — wasn't conservative or forceful enough to follow Gingrich, the outgoing speaker had his own message for the caucus.

"He told them every speaker is 'different and unique. You cannot compare an incoming speaker to the way I did the speakership,'" recalled a GOP source.

Livingston, who won the party's backing last month, had told the House "I have hurt you deeply" by not revealing his marital infidelity — which was disclosed by the Capitol Hill newspaper, Roll Call.

The sources said Livingston's wife, Bonnie, had a lot to do with the decision not to stand for speaker. One House GOP official said Livingston "could win" but likely asked himself "was it worth winning?" Gingrich had similar thoughts when he stepped down after the disastrous November election: He might have won the speaker's race but would have faced incessant questions about the GOP failure.

As the leaders quickly plotted their moves, the sources said, they took into account that the new congressional session is less than three weeks away and "members had zero break since August," when they went home to campaign.

After a devastating election that cost Republicans five House seats, followed by the shock of Gingrich's sudden decision to retire, GOP lawmakers "were bombarded with phone calls on leadership races," one aide said. Then came the impeachment debate.

"It was just one thing after another. Everyone was exhausted. No one wanted to be getting phone calls at home Christmas week on the speaker's race. The leaders had to let everyone have time to take a deep breath," a GOP official said.

After the party caucus, Armey issued a statement praising Hastert, and DeLay stopped at the microphones to do the same.

DeLay is known as "The Hammer" for his aggressive efforts to enforce party discipline among Republicans. But Hastert, his chief deputy, is as conciliatory as DeLay is combative.

Kin potent lobbying force for a decade

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over the past decade, New Jersey high school principal Bert Ammerman has met with two U.S. presidents, their secretaries of state and attorneys general and countless members of Congress.

They enacted the law Ammerman wanted and heeded his calls for a special investigative commission. He gets the kind of access corporate lobbyists only dream of — because he lived through a personal nightmare.

Ten years ago today, terrorists blew up Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing Ammerman's brother, Tom, and 269 others.

President Clinton was marking the anniversary today by dedicating a memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery.

Hundreds of the victims' relatives, first drawn together by shared grief, soon marshaled themselves into a potent lobbying force. Together, they pressured the White House and Congress to take steps to prevent another such tragedy.

Their efforts led to heightened security procedures for checking passengers and luggage. And their complaints were behind new rules to ensure that the State and Transportation departments and the airlines assist victims' families when a plane goes down.

"We were able to put a face on all of those issues because we lost our loved ones," Ammerman said. "Maybe no other Americans will have to go through what we went through."

The relatives first met each other in Scotland, where they went to identify the bodies of their loved ones, and in Syracuse, N.Y., where many gathered for a memorial service for the 35 students who died returning home from Syracuse University's overseas study program.

"I said to myself, 'If you want to look yourself in the mirror, you better damn well honor the memory of your son and do something,'" said Kathleen Flynn of Montville, N.J., who lost her son, John.

On April 3, 1989 — 103 days after the bombing — the relatives made their first foray into the world of Washington lobbying. They met with President Bush, held a vigil in Lafayette Park, across from the White House, and heard then Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner announce that explosive detection machines would be installed at airports and additional security inspectors would be hired.

"They wanted to make sure this didn't happen to another family," Skinner recalled. "It's hard to find a greater objective than that."

The relatives also began lobbying on Capitol Hill, first for a commission to investigate the bombing and then for airline security legislation recommended by the panel.

"One after another said, 'We cannot bring our loved ones back but we can change laws, change practices and make aviation safer, more secure for others,'" said Rep. Jim Oberstar, D-Minn., who sat on the commission and wrote the aviation security law. "When you have to look into the eyes of someone who has suffered this loss, you say, 'They have a message I have to listen to.'"

Reporters from hometown newspapers and television stations accompanied the relatives on their Capitol Hill rounds. "How is a senator not going to see them?" said Joan Deppa, a Syracuse University associate professor and principal author of a book on the media and Pan Am 103.

The passage of time has not cooled the relatives' ardor. Some served on a 1996 aviation security commission led by Vice President Al Gore, and others on a 1997 government task force that recommended how to assist families after aviation disasters.

Albany, N.Y., lawyer Paul Hudson, who lost his 16-year-old daughter, Melina, aboard Pan Am 103, now has a second job as executive director of Ralph Nader's Aviation Consumer Action Project.

"They can't dodge his credibility and his sincerity," Nader said. "They can't say he has an ax to grind. It's hard to say no to him."

Ammerman planned to spend today's 10th anniversary of the bombing in Lockerbie, accompanied by his two college-age daughters, who often didn't see their father when he shuttled between New Jersey and Washington.

Ammerman hopes someday soon to end his second career as a volunteer lobbyist. But first he wants Libya to turn over the two men indicted for the airplane bombing for trial in the Netherlands, as demanded by the United Nations.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



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Mom Wants to Point the Way For Boyfriend Without Direction

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter is a 19-year-old college sophomore who is studying to become a teacher. Her longtime boyfriend, "Arnie," is a 21-year-old part-time student who works and goes to college. He has not chosen a major yet.

Abby, Arnie is a fine young man who loves my daughter, but he doesn't have much direction and hasn't given much thought to the future. He has received little guidance from his parents, who don't seem to care if he graduates from college or not. His siblings went to work straight out of high school.

This concerns me because my husband is a successful businessman, and our family has a very nice lifestyle. We drive new cars, go on nice vacations and are putting our three children through college. I know if my daughter marries Arnie, they probably will never be able to afford the lifestyle she is accustomed to.

Should I express my concerns to my daughter, and try to give Arnie some advice, or mind my own business?

A LOVING MOM

DEAR MOM: By all means express your concerns to your daughter, if you can do so without alienating her and Arnie. Do not, however, speak to the young man about his perceived shortcomings; your daughter should do that if she feels his lack of ambition is a problem.

It's fine to offer advice to your daughter if you leave it up to her to follow or discount it. But if you alienate Arnie, it might unite them in the face of adversity.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a great marriage and a group of close friends. We spend a lot of time together, as couples and individually, and have a great time.

One of the friends in my group is a single male. He is unhappy about the situation, but he's too shy to seek out a relationship, too proud to let his friends introduce him to a woman, and too private to discuss his feelings in depth. However, I know that he feels self-conscious as the only "unattached" member of the group. How can I help my friend?

CONCERNED FRIEND IN BERKELEY

DEAR CONCERNED: Bless you for wanting to help. In an active college community like Berkeley, there are many single women available. Be subtle about it, but include a few "singles" along with your friend in some of your group activities and let nature take its course. If something develops — you'll get an "A" in chemistry.

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DEAR ABBY: This is a thank-you note. For many years, I have found your column to be terrific and insightful. The questions, problems and solutions you have offered have helped me throughout my life in relationships, marriage and the raising of two fine children, as well as in business.

I have read your column since I was 14 years old, and as I approach my 50th birthday, and my wife and I near our 25th anniversary, it seemed a good idea to let you know that you've had a positive impact.

Sometimes it's been years before your advice has come in handy, but I am grateful to have had your wise counsel in advance of the problems.

Abby, in the school of life, you're been a great educator.

STEVE SAETA, CAMARILLO, CALIF.

DEAR STEVE: Thank you! I, too, was a student once, and we all learn from others more experienced than ourselves.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-21-98
♠ J 7 5 4
♥ K 7 3
♦ Q 2
♣ A K 6 3

West
♠ ---
♥ Q J 10 2
♦ 10 8 6 5 3
♣ J 8 7 2

East
♠ Q 10 3
♥ A 9 6
♦ 9 7 4
♣ Q 10 9 5

South
♠ A K 9 8 6 2
♥ 8 5 4
♦ A K J
♣ 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Dot the eye, cross the tea

By Phillip Alder

Last week, we looked at when to cover an honor with an honor. We found that the answer is: not often. There is one other position where, against a competent player, the right play is clear-cut.

South started with a strong jump shift. Contrary to popular belief, this bid doesn't guarantee 19 points. If you have a good six-card suit (or a decent five with at least four-card support for partner's suit), 14 or 15 is quite sufficient. On the second round, South cue-bid his diamond ace.

The defenders took the first three tricks in hearts, then East cast adrift with a diamond.

Everything looks easy. Why not just bash out the top spades and claim? According to the *a priori* odds, the missing spades will divide 2-1 exactly 72 percent of the time. Fine, yet why not give yourself one extra chance?

South won the diamond return in the dummy and called for the spade *jack*.

An inexperienced East will think that, because he has the jack surrounded by his queen and 10, it cannot cost to cover with the queen. How wrong he would be! If East covers with the queen, declarer wins with the ace and sees West discard. Into dummy with a club, declarer leads a low spade to his nine and draws trumps without loss. However, if East plays the spade three under dummy's jack without any hesitation, declarer will win with the ace and go one down.

If declarer leads an honor from dummy or his hand and you have the honors directly above and below that honor, *don't cover*.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Metal dealer John Bantivoglio III is thrilled at the prospect of a deeper Delaware River — and the bigger ships that could reach his scrap steel recycling business in Camden, N.J.

Up and down the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and along the Gulf of Mexico, the federal government and local port authorities are spending billions of dollars to deepen waterways for tomorrow's cargo ships, 1,000-foot-long behemoths that carry more goods at lower cost.

Because transportation accounts for roughly one-fifth of Bantivoglio's costs, those ships could help save money for his business of turning used autos, appliances and other steel products into scraps for export.

"When other ports have deeper waters, they can take larger vessels and are much more competitive," said Bantivoglio, a manager at Camden Iron and Metal Inc. "If New York has deeper channels, they are going to be able to get the business."

The Army Corps of Engineers is working to deepen the Delaware River in the Philadelphia area by five feet, to 45 feet. New York's harbor also is dredging to a depth of 45 feet and is looking at the possibility of 50 feet. Three Virginia ports, already at 50 feet, are headed to 55 feet.

Oakland, Calif., got to 42 feet in July and only a few months later pushed Congress to approve funding to get to 50 feet. Boston, Baltimore, Wilmington, N.C., Charleston, S.C., Savannah, Ga., Jacksonville, Fla., Houston, Los Angeles and Tacoma, Wash., all have deepening projects proposed or in the works.

Last summer's maiden voyage of the 1,043-foot Regina Maersk, longer than the Eiffel Tower is tall and the largest container-cargo ship ever to berth in North America, has intensified the need for deeper waters.

The Regina, which can carry 50 percent more cargo than the current generation of ships, is one of dozens being built that now can visit most U.S. ports only partially loaded and riding a high tide. Fully loaded, the ship needs 52 feet of clearance to make it in and out.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Ski resorts welcome winter snow storms

DENVER (AP) — Resort operators in Colorado and the Sierra Nevada greeted the dawn of winter with delight after storms dumped a foot and more of snow on their slopes.

"It's been a couple of weeks since we've seen snow and this really changed the attitudes in the Vail Valley," said Kristin Yantis, spokeswoman for Vail in Colorado. "You could tell spirits were lifted."

Elsewhere, however, the arrival of winter cold and snow caused traffic deaths on the central Plains and upper Midwest.

A string of December storms has left the Sierra Nevada peaks around Lake Tahoe, on the Nevada-California line, with above-average snowfall, while resorts in Colorado got a much-needed boost just in time for the Christmas ski rush.

"This is really going to set us up for just a fantastic holiday," Molly Cuffe, a spokeswoman for the South Lake Tahoe, Calif., resort Heavenly, said Sunday. "It gets people excited. They hear about snow and it makes them want to go skiing."

The storms came just in time. With snowfall at only 60 percent of average, business was down at Colorado resorts.

Resorts in the Sierra Nevada didn't have to worry, said spokeswoman Tania Magidson at the California resort of Kirkwood.

"It's looking really good going into Christmas for two reasons: California is getting the snow this year and it's pretty widely known that Colorado, Utah and the East Coast haven't been getting as much snow," she said.

Even in Southern California, a section of Interstate 5 in the mountains north of Los Angeles was closed early today by dense fog and snow, said Joseph Lewis, a dispatcher with the California Highway Patrol.

Fresno, Calif., which hadn't recorded a serious snowfall since 1.2 inches fell in 1968, got a trace, and even San Franciscans spotted some rare flakes.

Tom Sweeney, 41, has been a doorman at San Francisco's Sir Francis Drake Hotel for 22 years, and the last time he remembers snow was 1976.

Netanyahu's government brought to brink of collapse

JERUSALEM (AP) — A storm of opposition from both foes and friends of the new peace accord brought Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government to the brink of collapse today.

Netanyahu, backed into a political corner, was expected to agree to dissolve his government and call early elections to seek a public mandate for his policies.

Israel's divided Knesset, or parliament, convened this evening for what could be a long debate on the faltering land-for-security peace accord and Netanyahu's hard-line stance toward the Palestinians.

Netanyahu briefly addressed lawmakers and was heckled by a right-wing lawmaker when he referred to terms for an Israeli pullback from the West Bank.

Netanyahu said that if the Knesset failed to support his withdrawal terms, he would back an early elections bill also scheduled for a vote today.

"Most of the country supports our policies," Netanyahu said. "If the Knesset doesn't support them, we will turn to the people and ask them" for their support.

He indicated he would consult with the opposition on an appropriate date for elections in that case.

Ehud Barak, the leader of the opposition Labor Party, denounced Netanyahu's government, saying it "divided Israel and gave into the extremists — at the expense of education, of employment, of true security for all."

The head of each parliamentary faction was to speak for five minutes before Netanyahu's peace polices went to a vote.

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Obituaries

Zella Peveler

1905-1998

Funeral service for Zella Alice Peveler was set for 2 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church. Dr. Craig Curry, pastor, was to officiate.

Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Peveler, 93, died Saturday, Dec. 19, in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene.

Born Sept. 25, 1905 in Robert Lee, she married Henry Graham Peveler on May 6, 1924 in Silver City, N.M. He died on Sept. 17, 1982.

Mrs. Peveler was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Ray Peveler of Snyder and Eldon Peveler of Abilene; three granddaughters, Lou Alice Ferrini, Patricia Ann Luco and Zella Dee Sales; and three great-grandchildren.

Roy Staton

1915-1998

Roy Clem Staton, a longtime resident of Snyder, died Sunday, Dec. 20, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Staton, 83, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Chapel. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, and the Rev. C.J. Smith will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 12, 1915 in Walters, Okla., he married Ada Laverne Thornburg on Dec. 31, 1937 in Roscoe.

Mr. Staton worked in the maintenance department for the Snyder Independent School District for 20 years, and he was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Ada Staton of Snyder; two daughters, Linda Carol Sellars of Snyder and Betty Marie Moore of Arlington; two sons, Bobby Wayne Staton of Ira and Royce Dean Staton of Snyder; three sisters, Ora Johnson of Canton, Lillie Zimmerman of Mabank and Mamie Brewer of Kemp; a brother, Jack Staton of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends are contributing to a favorite charity.

Melva Thames

1926-1998

ANDREWS — Melva Lee Thames, the mother of Janice Upton of Snyder, died Sunday, Dec. 20, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Thames, 72, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Andrews West Cemetery. The Rev. Mike Henson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate.

Born Aug. 23, 1926 in Forrest, La., she married James Frank Thames on Nov. 27, 1943 in Oak Grove, La. He died in 1994.

A resident of Andrews since 1958, Mrs. Thames was a homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include another daughter, Patricia Way of Lake Brownwood; three sons, Mike Thames and Lynn Thames of Andrews, Ronnie Thames of Florida; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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June Solsona

1925-1998

SAN ANTONIO — June Solsona, sister of Maxine Courtney of Snyder, died Friday, Dec. 18, in San Antonio after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Solsona, 73, will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday in Oak Hill Mortuary in San Antonio.

Born on June 8, 1925 in Brownfield, she was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Sarah Marchbanks of Snyder.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Solsona of San Angelo; two daughters, Debra Magurie of San Antonio and Joni Mayes of Austin; three sons, Roy Lee Armstrong, Jason Solsona and Joe Solsona Jr. of San Antonio; two other sisters, Sarah Catherine Lopez and Jessie Simmons of Sandia Park, N.M.; four brothers, H.D. Marchbanks of Edgewood, N.M., Charles Marchbanks of Mountain Air, N.M., Al Marchbanks of Panama City, Fla., and Bobby Marchbanks of Seattle, Wash.; several nieces and nephews, including Danny Courtney, Kevin Courtney, Tim Courtney, James Courtney Jr., Kim Courtney and Theresa Mitchell, all of Snyder.

Era Richburg

1901-1998

SWEETWATER — Era Richburg, the sister of Herman Richburg of Hermleigh, died Saturday, Dec. 19, in a Sweetwater nursing center.

Funeral service for Ms. Richburg, 97, was set for 3 p.m. today in the Cate-Spencer and Trent Funeral Home Chapel. The Revs. Orvel Brantley and Keith Clifton were to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Pyron Cemetery.

Born in Madison County, Ms. Richburg had been a resident of Sweetwater since 1951. She was a member of the Lamar Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Eva Richburg of Sweetwater and Winnie Richburg of Anchorage; another brother, Quiney Richburg of Sweetwater; six nieces; and five nephews.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

VFW called meeting

The VFW will have a called meeting tonight at 7 o'clock at the VFW Hall. All members are urged to attend.

Shelled pecans and peanuts

The Technology Student Association at Snyder High School is selling shelled peanuts for Christmas baking. Shelled pecans are $6 per pound, and shelled peanuts are $6 for three pounds. Call 573-8961, or 573-5088.

Holiday open house

Nancy's Art Style in Snyder Shopping Center is hosting a holiday open house today, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Johnny Ray Watson concert

Johnny Ray Watson will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. today at the Church of the Hill. (Turn west at the first Fluvanna sign on U. S. 84). For further directions call 573-9879 or 573-7794. Refreshments will follow the service.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "God Hates Divorce," followed by "Hope for the Single Parent."

Christmas open house

American State Bank invites citizens to a Holiday Open House all day Tuesday.

Lions Club meeting set

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet the next two Tuesdays. The next meeting will be Jan. 5 at the regular time.

Candlelight Service

Ira First Baptist Church will have a candlelight service at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Christmas open house

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas open house will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Blood pressure checks

Cogdell Home Health blood pressure checks will be held the next two Wednesdays. These times replace the regular Friday clinics.

Christmas Eve candlelight service

A candlelight Christmas Eve service, "A service of lessons and carols," will be held at 11 p.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church.

FUMC candlelight service

First United Methodist Church's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is set for 7 p.m. Thursday. A nursery will be provided.

Candlelight Lord's Supper

First Baptist Church will observe a Candlelight Lord's Supper at 6 p.m. Thursday, Christmas eve.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is selling windbreak trees. Both evergreens and hardwoods are available. Call 573-6317, or come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Social Security visits

Representatives of the Big Spring Social Security office will be at the Snyder Senior Center on Tuesday, Jan. 12. For additional information, call 1-800-772-1213.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Pick 3

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

6-1-8

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

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

The ticket would have been worth an estimated $7 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 11-15-17-21-44-46

Analyst: Gas prices lowest in history

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — Recent British and U.S. airstrikes on Iraq have had no adverse affects on American gasoline prices as they dropped to an all-time low last week, according to an industry analyst.

The average retail price, including all grades and taxes, was $1.0355 per gallon Friday, down 1.12 cents from two weeks earlier, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide.