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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A clear conscious should not be confused with a bad memory."

After we printed some dumb criminal escapades a few weeks ago, somebody handed us some others.

Some of these are goofy enough to be somebody's brother-in-law.

An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines. The kidnapper then proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank account.

Some days, it just doesn't pay. Fire investigators on Maui have determined the cause of a blaze that destroyed a $127,000 home – a short in the homeowner's newly-installed fire prevention alarm system. The homeowner said it was worse than earlier when someone broke in and swiped his new security system.

Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup.

When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words, "Give me your money or I'll shoot," The man shouted, "That's not what I said."

And police in Oakland spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home.

After firing 10 canisters, officers discovered the man was standing beside them hollering, "Give yourself up."

In Ohio, a man in his late twenties walked into a police station with a 9-inch wire protruding from his forehead. He calmly asked officers to give him an X-ray to help find his brain, which he claimed had been stolen.

Police were stunned to learn that the man had drilled a six-in hole in his skull with a power drill and stuck the wire in to try and find the missing brain.

Obviously, no luck!

According to police who arrested a Fairfax, Va., high school math teacher during a drug sting, the teacher said the 13 plastic bags of crack cocaine in his car "just came flying through his open window."

He further attempted to explain that he was just looking at the bags of drugs when police officers arrived.

And this is a new one on which to blame criminal behavior.

A West German criminologist blamed East German's proclivities for post-war thuggery, saying they are four times more likely to engage in criminal activities than West Germans because their potting training was too rigorous.

After World War II, he explained, the East German government issued manuals on toilet-training for kindergartners, requiring virtually synchronized moments that stripped the kids of their individuality.

In other words, the government – and Santa – knows when you've been naughty.

Management contract on hospital's agenda

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's three-year management contract with Covenant Health Systems (formerly St. Mary Hospital) expires Jan. 1.

The Cogdell board of managers will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday to consider the extension of the contract on a month-to-month basis.

The contract, which went into effect on Jan. 1, 1997, contains a clause that could extend the contract for two years upon mutual consent of the Cogdell board and Covenant officials.

The present contract calls for Cogdell Hospital to pay a fee to Covenant for management of the hospital.

The contract states that if the hospital incurs an operating gain up to $400,000, Cogdell will pay a management fee of 50 percent of the income up to a maximum of $200,000.

And if the hospital has an operating loss of up to $400,000, Covenant will fund 50 percent of the loss, up to $200,000.

Since the agreement began, Covenant has paid Cogdell $356,306.

The first year of the contract, Cogdell received $156,306 and the next year the maximum of $200,000. The current year's payment is yet to be determined.

Hospital administrator Jeff Reecer said the hospital is negotiating with Covenant on a new contract, but will continue under the old agreement if it is agreed on by the board on Wednesday.

The board will also consider granting medical staff privileges to Dr. Girish Vallabahn in the specialty clinic for urology, and Dr. Stanton Kremsky in the radiology department.

Other items on the board's agenda is the purchase of radiology equipment, approval of medical staff applications and the consideration of two policies which are reviewed yearly – the hospital's environment of care plan and the patient directive policy.

Charlie Reynolds

Reynolds to resign Jan. 31

Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds has submitted his resignation, effective Jan. 31.

The commissioners court is expected to consider the resignation letter when it meets Monday.

Reynolds and his wife, Pat, are planning to pursue full-time missionary work.

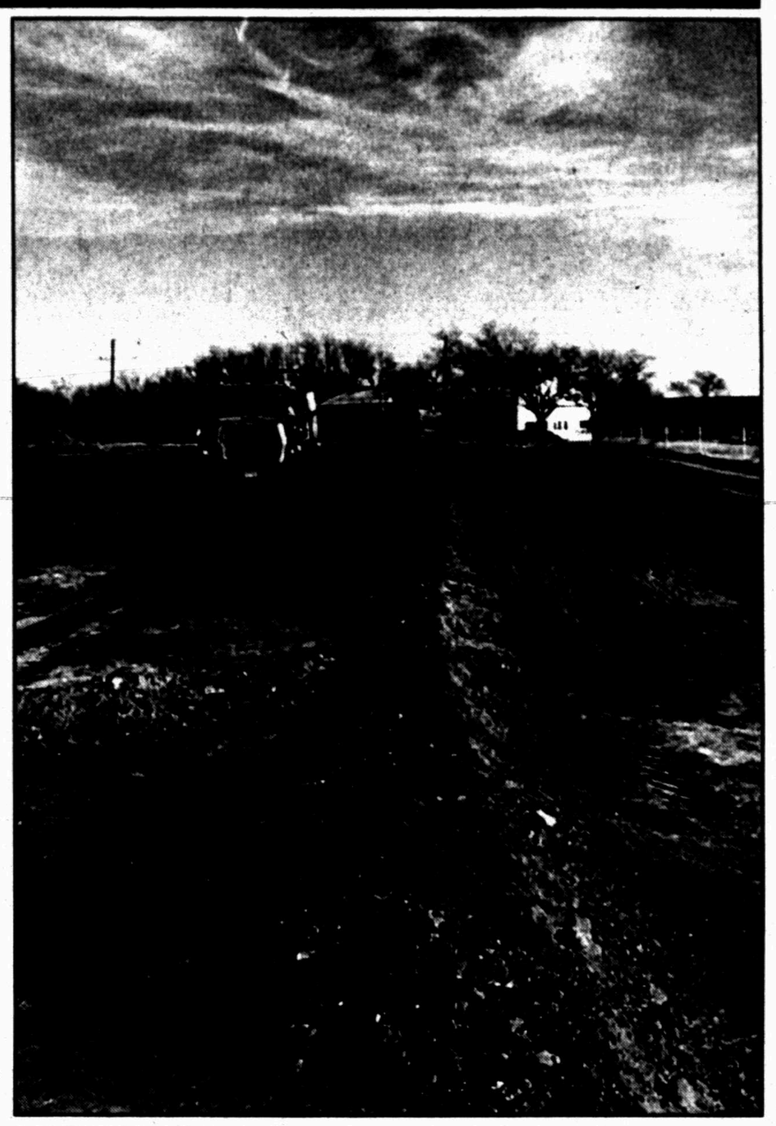
Reynolds, a Republican, is currently serving his second term as justice of the peace.

County Clerk Joan Bunch said if the court accepts Reynolds' resignation Monday, those wishing to file for the position will have until Jan. 3 to do so.

"They will need to follow the regular procedure of filing with their party chairman," Bunch said.

The county clerk said the commissioners court has the option of appointing a replacement when Reynolds leaves office, or leaving the office vacant until the November general election.

"I feel certain we will appointment a replacement for Judge Reynolds when his resignation is effective," County Judge Ricky Fritz said this morning.



DIRT WORK BEGINS — Dirt work began Monday at the site where a Best Western motel will be built on East Coliseum Drive. Texas Lease Works is doing the groundwork and Robert Martinez Inc. out of Abilene is the general contractor. (SDN Staff Photo)

New motel under construction

A completion date is set for June on a 22,000-square foot Best Western motel being built on East Coliseum Drive.

Bobby Bhakta of Abilene is the owner.

General contractor is Robert Martinez Inc. of Abilene. Texas Lease Works of Abilene is doing the dirt work.

The Best Western will be a 40 unit, two-story motel complete with an outdoor swimming pool.

Robert Martinez said he expects the dirt work to be completed by Monday and for the foundation work to begin sometime next week.

An $800,000 city building permit was issued in September.

Museum receives $10,000 grant

Scurry County Museum has received a $10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The award allows the museum to begin the first step in a long-range goal of renovating the facility's permanent gallery, Charlene Akers, museum director said.

Akers said much has changed in the area of technologies since the museum was constructed.

The $10,000 will pay for the fees and travel expenses of the project's consultants.

"There are historians that will come in and we will have several day sessions. We will work with a community representative, board members and the staff here," Akers said.

She said the planning of such a project takes a lot of time.

"We are going into the first step of a seven-year process. The museum needs to be fresh and relevant and that is what we are trying to make it," Akers said.

Consultants on the project include Dr. Elliott West with the University of Arkansas history department; Dr. Andres Tijerina, a Mexican American historian from Lubbock; and Dr. T. Lindsay Baker, professor of history at Hillsboro College.

Others are Katherine Baker, education director for Panhandle Plains Museum in Canyon and formerly with Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia; Dr. William Griggs, a historian on buffalo hunting. He is a native of Lubbock and also owns an exhibit design firm out of Houston.

"We are really pleased to have the grant," Akers said. "It is a first step in a very long, long process."

Hermleigh ISD ...

Board hears parent's request for hair-length change for third grader

Hermleigh School Board was asked to change its dress code policy Tuesday night, but the board took no action.

Wesley Shankles, parent of a third grade boy who has shoulder length hair, asked the trustees to consider changing part of the code which now requires that boys' hair be no longer than just off the collar.

He said the length of a person's hair has nothing to do with the type of person they are. He noted that he is a strict parent and does "draw the line" in many areas, but he feels that his son should be able to choose how long they want to wear their hair.

Other than the length of hair rule, Shankles said he has no problem with the dress code.

While trustees took no action, they did agree to consider Shankles' request. It was noted that the dress code has evolved over time and that changing it would require a lot of study.

Superintendent Jerry Church asked Shankles if he would "be willing to work with the district," until a decision is made.

Church also pointed out that as long as the dress code stands, the district is obligatedto enforce it. If Shankles' son's hair is not regulation length when students return in January, then some type of punishment such as in school suspension would be considered.

"We don't want to do that," Church said. "We are here to help the kids not punish them."

In other action, the board voted to cast its votes for the Scurry County Appraisal District Board for Walter Stirl, and approved the monthly financial statements.

It also heard a report from the Texas Education Agency concerning the district's "report card" on TAAS results, attendance and ethnic makeup for the last school year.

Payment to Lorber on DCOS agenda

Development Corporation of Snyder board will consider a job creation incentive payment for Lorber Industries when it meets at 4 p.m. Thursday.

It is expected the board will approve a payment of around $80,000 as part of the incentive agreement for Lorber locating its plant at the local industrial park.

Currently, employment at the plant averages in the 70s on a month-to-month basis.

The board will also consider accepting the donation of a building located on 25th Street.

John DeLille will present his monthly report, and the board will have an executive session to conduct DeLille's yearly evaluation. Monthly financial matters will also be considered.

Area sales tax rebates

City	Dec. '99	Dec. '98	+/-	Year '99	Year '98	+/-
Abilene	$1,940,820.67	$1,576,445.86	23.11%	$23,636,244.93	$23,287,066.73	1.49%
Big Spring	$276,411.80	$250,004.82	10.56%	$3,450,945.16	$3,620,582.20	-4.68%
Colorado City	$38,110.17	$32,376.25	17.71%	$422,123.60	$438,781.46	-3.79%
Lamesa	$85,103.30	$61,935.02	37.40%	$877,227.96	$906,212.74	-3.19%
Lubbock	$2,272,778.15	$1,748,849.25	29.95%	$25,755,614.77	$24,915,553.51	3.37%
Post	$24,070.64	$16,925.77	42.21%	$218,733.90	$228,585.79	-4.30
Roby	$2,694	$1,578.57	70.71%	$25,641.61	$23,142.87	10.79%
Rotan	$12,065.17	$8,614.60	40.05%	$129,877.98	$124,557.48	4.27%
Snyder	$121,308.30	$98,500.26	23.15%	$1,434,302.77	$1,436,889.33	-0.18%
Sweetwater	$149,488.06	$113,616.97	31.57%	$1,870,382.66	$1,873,515.62	-0.16%

SALES TAX REBATES — Sales tax rebates for the city of Snyder were up 23.15 percent this December compared to 1998. Snyder received $121,308.30 this period compared to $98,500.26 the same period last year. December sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in October and reported to the Comptroller in November.

ASK US

Q—Has this year's all-district football selections been announced for Snyder's district?

A—Yes, the all-district teams ran in the Nov. 16 issue of the SDN.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 53 degrees; low, 18; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 18; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.80 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, low around 20. Light, variable winds. Thursday, sunny. High, upper 60s. SW wind 10-20 mph.

Kari Lord
Sunny

Sunset: 5:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:36 a.m.
Of 348 days in 1999, the sun has shone 341 days in Snyder.

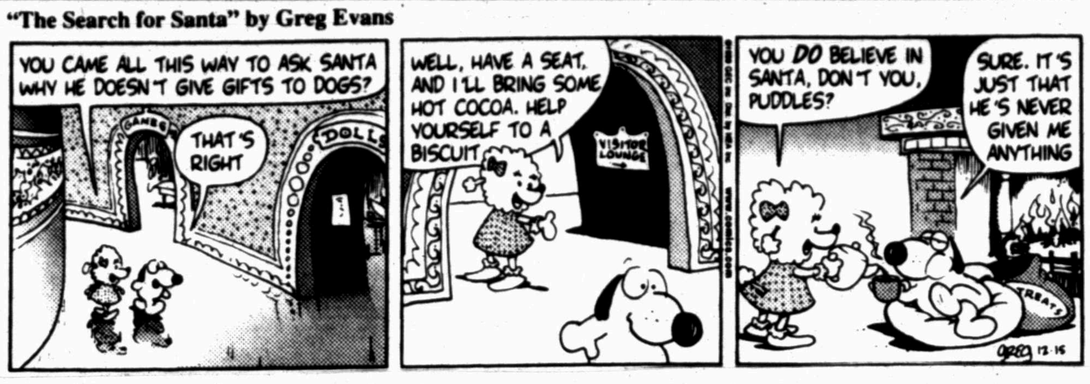
TODAY'S THOUGHT

Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't.

—Pete Seeger

DONATIONS MADE BY LIONS — Snyder Lions president Bill Overhulser, right, presented a check Tuesday to Sheriff Darren Jackson (left), with the Kiwanis Club who heads up the Goodfellows canned food drive, and Peggy Vernon and Judi Martin with the Girl Scouts, heading up this year's Toys for Tots campaign. Toys were brought to the meeting by Lions members or they were fined and money used to purchase toys. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

"The Search for Santa" by Greg Evans



Woman given small award

NEW YORK (AP) — A Danish woman who sued the city after she was arrested for leaving her baby outside while she drank margaritas inside a restaurant has been awarded a fraction of the millions she was seeking from a federal jury.

Anette Sorensen, 32, had sued for $20 million, arguing that she was falsely arrested and that leaving babies outside is a common practice in Denmark. She was awarded $66,400 on Tuesday.

"I wanted to be cleansed in this way," Ms. Sorensen said outside U.S. District Court. "That didn't happen. I have to let go of it. I don't want it to ruin my life."

The jury found only that she should not have been strip-searched and that the city commonly failed to advise arrested foreigners of their right to notify their consulates.

Ms. Sorensen was arrested in May 1997 outside an East Village restaurant along with the baby's father, Exavier Wardlaw. Criminal charges that they had endangered their child later were dropped.

The police, answering a 911 call, came to the restaurant after the baby had been in her stroller outside the restaurant for more than an hour.

Ms. Sorensen and Wardlaw were inside the restaurant having drinks. They said the baby girl, Liv, was sleeping comfortably in the stroller, which was parked outside the restaurant but close enough that Ms. Sorensen could see the baby's face.

Ms. Sorensen claimed police became angry that the couple did not agree they were doing something wrong and arrested them because of their attitudes. She testified that she checked on the child five or six times.

CEUs are available for applicators

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture offers pesticide applicators several options for obtaining the continuing education units (CEUs) necessary to renew their license, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said.

Many pesticide applicators face a Feb. 28 renewal date.

"The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and several private vendors offer traditional classroom CEU courses," Combs said. "But we're always exploring more convenient ways to help applicators keep current on changing regulations and products."

The Ag Ed Group and Advanced Professional Education made home study an option a few years ago. Private applicators can take classes via video for 10 hours but must complete the other five credits in a classroom.

Private applicators also may earn the required credits by passing a 200-question re-certification exam that includes questions on information covered in continuing education courses. If an applicator passes the exam, a certificate of completion for 15 CEUs is issued. The exam costs $50 per attempt.

The latest option is on-line courses. PestNetwork.com is offering up to 10 credit hours on-line for a fee. While commercial and noncommercial pesticide applicators can get all their credits this way, they may use the on-line option only every other year.

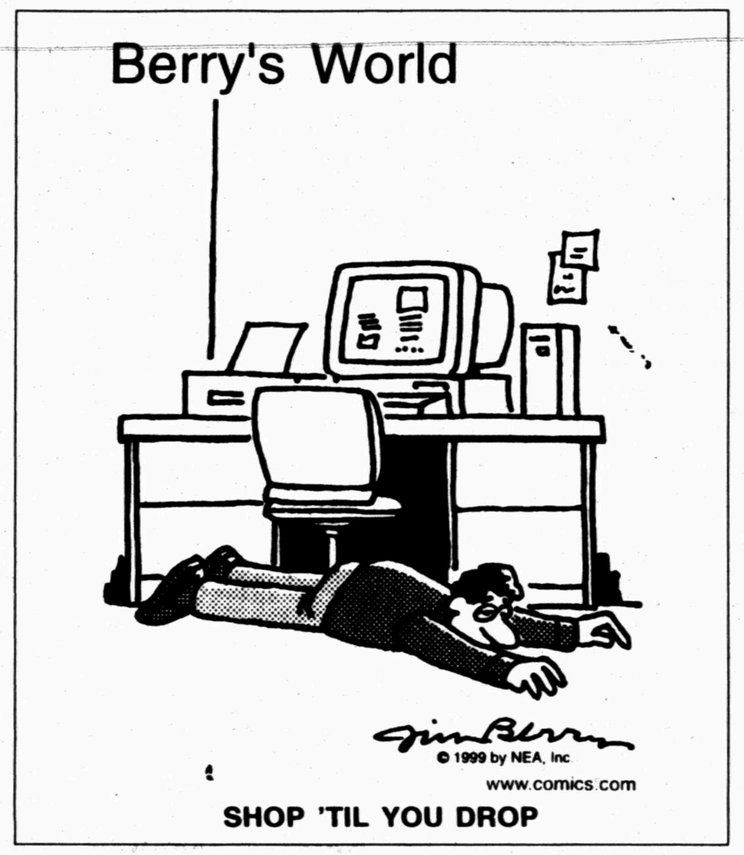
Private applicators must renew their licenses every five years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations. Applicators must self-certify their credits by listing them on the renewal form they should receive by early January.

Private applicators cannot simply retest to renew their license. A license must have been expired for a year before an applicator can take the private application training course and test.

Commercial and noncommercial applicators renew each year and must earn five CEUs annually, including one CEU in each of two of the following categories: laws and regulations or integrated pest management and drift minimization.

Combs advises pesticide applicators to check with their county Texas Agricultural Extension Service office for courses offered or call the Texas Department of Agriculture at 1-800-TELL-TDA or 512-463-7548 for a list of approved courses. A list of CEU courses is available on TDA web site: (www.agr.state.txus/pesticide/ceuhome.htm).

For further information contact: Texas Department of Agriculture, Box 12847 in Austin 78711 or phone 512-463-7664; FAX 512-463-1104 e mail: asplce@agr.stat.tx.us URL: http://www.agr.state.tx.us



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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Lisa Chambers 2. Sheila Martin 3. Ronnie Lickey 4. Michelle Osborn 5. Kenneth Pickering 6. Shawn Rhodes 7. Doug Smith 8. Elaine Smylie 9. Leslie Ward 10. Kyle Nazworth

JUAREZ TRIP — These Western Texas College Phi Theta Kappa students helped gather items to take to a Juarez orphanage as part of a service project. Three of the students, Brad Easter, Jason Campbell and Andrea Hernandez traveled to Juarez to deliver the items, which included canned foods, toys and personal hygiene products. Pictured seated from left are Easter, Hernandez and Mandy Heaton. Standing from left are Campbell, Jamie Ellis, Chris Holt and Matt Pond. (SDN Staff Photo)

Schulz to retire 'Peanuts'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Good grief! Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy and the rest of the "Peanuts" gang are being retired after nearly 50 years by the comic strip's creator, Charles Schulz.

Schulz, 77, who has written, drawn, colored and lettered every "Peanuts" strip, announced Tuesday that his last new daily installment will appear Jan. 3 and his last new Sunday strip will be published Feb. 13. Schulz was diagnosed with colon cancer last month.

"Although I feel better following my recent surgery, I want to focus on my health and my family without the worry of a daily deadline," he said in a statement.

Schulz, who works six weeks in advance, drew his latest strips before he was diagnosed with cancer. When the new material runs out, United Feature Syndicate will offer old strips, starting with those from 1974.

"I think we have to say that he's sad about it," said his wife, Jean.

Cartoonists across the country reacted with disbelief.

"Do we absolutely, absolutely know this is true?" asked Cathy Guisewite, creator of "Cathy." "Nobody's ready for this."

Mort Walker, the creator of "Beetle Bailey" and "Hi and Lois," said he and his friend Schulz cried when they spoke on the phone Tuesday morning.

"He did something entirely different from what all the rest of us did. I write and draw funny pictures and slapstick, it's a joke a day," Walker said. "He delved into the psyche of children and the fears and the rejections that we all felt as children."

"Peanuts" made its debut Oct. 2, 1950. The travails of the "little round-headed kid" Charlie Brown and his pals eventually ran in more than 2,600 newspapers, reaching millions of readers in 75 countries.

Over the years, the "Peanuts" gang became a part of American popular culture, delivering gentle humor spiked with a child's-eye view of human foibles.

The 1965 CBS special "A Charlie Brown Christmas" won an Emmy and rerun immortality, and many other specials followed. There was a hit musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." The characters also appeared on sheets, stationery and countless other products.

One of the strip's most endearing qualities was its constancy.

The long-suffering Charlie Brown faced misfortune with a mild "Good grief!" Tart-tongued Lucy handed out advice for a nickel at what looked like a lemonade stand with a sign that read, "The Doctor is In." And Snoopy, Charlie Brown's beagle, took the occasional flight of fancy to the skies of World War I, where he fought imaginary dogfights against the Red Baron.

There were other recurring elements, such as Charlie Brown's zig-zag stripe shirt, his ever-losing baseball team, and his yearning for the red-head.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Dec. 16, 1999

In the year ahead it looks like you'll be given the opportunity to broaden both your social and business contacts. Take full advantage of widening your base. It'll pay off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Stop playing cat and mouse today with someone in whom you're interested of establishing a more viable relationship. This person will respond to an honest, caring approach. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Xmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the Zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state the Zodiac signs you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) With your knack today for extracting confidential information from others, you might be able to confirm something about which you were suspicious but couldn't prove.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to keep in close touch today with persons who are vital to your immediate plans without being pushy or peeking over their shoulders. They'll come through for you as you hoped.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do everything you can to concentrate on making more money today, because you're on a profitable roll, with conditions favoring you for a change.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Leave it to you to be fresh and novel in your approach to pertinent developments today. Because of your analytical procedures, you stimulate original thinking in others as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Because you do more listening than talking when in the company of persons you deem to be shrew and worldly, you'll learn something today that you can use to your advantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may get an opportunity today to get to know better someone of whom you were dubious. Fortunately, your apprehension will prove to be unwarranted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) When it comes to competing against others today, no one will be able to match your willingness to roll up your sleeves and go to work on it. This is what gives you a slight edge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The philosophical way you approach life allows you to be able to not take it too seriously and know how and when to have a little fun. People will enjoy being in your company today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Look for a small, but significant chance to derive a profit today from something other than your usual channel of income. It could in the form of an investment or something you can sell.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you feel you can help someone who is in need of advice at this time, offer it without solicitation. You're quite capable of being this person's rescuer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Because you're realistic about what you're able to pull in today concerning your financial affairs and won't waste time shooting for the moon, you should be able to make a nice profit.

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♥ K J 4 2
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West
♠ A K 7 5
♥ Q 8 5 3
♦ 9 7 6 4
♣ J

East
♠ 10 6 4 2
♥ 9 7 6
♦ 10 5 3
♣ 8 6 3

South
♠ Q 9 8
♥ A 10
♦ A K Q J 8 2
♣ K 10

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

More from man against machines

On Sept. 3 and 4 in London, Zia Mahmood played with and against seven computers. Every deal was scored as board-a-match: getting the higher score was worth one point. If the two scores were identical, each side received half a point. After a match, the winners received one victory point. The first competitor to reach 10 victory points would win.

In the first round-robin, each match was of seven boards. But time constraints caused a reduction to five-board matches after that.

As yesterday's readers know, Zia sneaked home, just ahead of Blue Chip and Oxford Bridge from England, Q-Plus from Germany, and Saitek from Hong Kong.

GIB, from the United States, was expected to be at worst second because it is considered the strongest card-player. However, its bidding was often disappointing, and this deal didn't help its cause.

Blue Chip opened one club; Oxford jumped straight to six diamonds; GIB was on lead. GIB works by running many simulations, studying each, and deciding which bid or play works best on average. Unfortunately, not understanding this sequence, GIB was like a computer chip without any silicon. Eventually, GIB concluded that South's bid made sense only if it had a spade void. So, GIB led a low heart!

At the other table, Saitek and Q-Plus reached six no-trump by South. West was Micro Bridge, from Japan. It led the spade ace. Then there was about a two-minute wait — an enormous amount of time in computer terms. Eventually, though, West cashed the spade king. Zia, who was East, quipped, "It's lucky I played an encouraging spade at trick one."

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Science teacher to donate kidney

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Science teacher Jane Smith has a very special Friday planned for one of her eighth-grade students: She's scheduled to give him one of her kidneys.

"He's really a wonderful young man and has so much yet to come in his life," Ms. Smith said Tuesday.

Michael Carter, 14, was 16 months old when he was diagnosed with kidney disease.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO INCREASE RATES

Pursuant to Tex. Utilities Code § 104.103 (1999), TXU Lone Star Pipeline, a Division of TXU Gas Company ("Applicant") hereby gives notice of intent to change the city gate rate of TXU Lone Star Pipeline (formerly known as "Lone Star Pipeline Company") established by Order of the Railroad Commission of Texas in Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664 ("GUD 8664").

Applicant proposes a two-part transportation rate that consists of a demand charge per MMBtu based upon the contractual demand for city gate service and a volumetric charge per MMBtu based on actual delivered volumes. This transportation rate would result in a revenue increase to Applicant. Applicant also proposes to increase the storage rate applicable to city gate deliveries established in GUD 8664. The storage rate would consist of a monthly demand charge for capacity and a monthly demand charge for deliverability. The deliverability demand charge would only be charged during the months of November through March.

The proposed effective date of the change is December 20, 1999. The change is a major change, and will result in an increase in annual revenues of approximately $20.3 million or sixteen percent (16%). The change will affect 1.3 million residential and commercial customers. The rate change will affect transportation and storage rates at the city gate for TXU Lone Star Gas-Transmission, who in turn sells the gas to TXU Lone Star Gas which serves 1.3 million residential and commercial customers in Texas under the rates established by the local regulatory authorities in municipalities and the Railroad Commission in environs areas.

A Statement of Intent to make such a change has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas in GUD 8976 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress in Austin, Texas, and at the offices of Applicant at 301 South Harwood in Dallas, Texas. Copies of the Statement of Intent have also been sent to the appropriate city official of each incorporated city served by TXU Lone Star Gas. Any affected person may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 30, 1999. Any person or agency who has a justiciable or administratively cognizable interest who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The final date for intervention in this case shall be 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 30, 1999.

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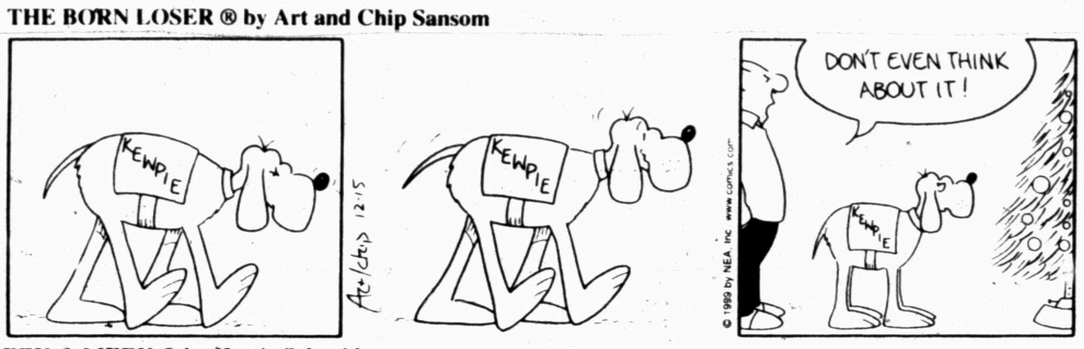

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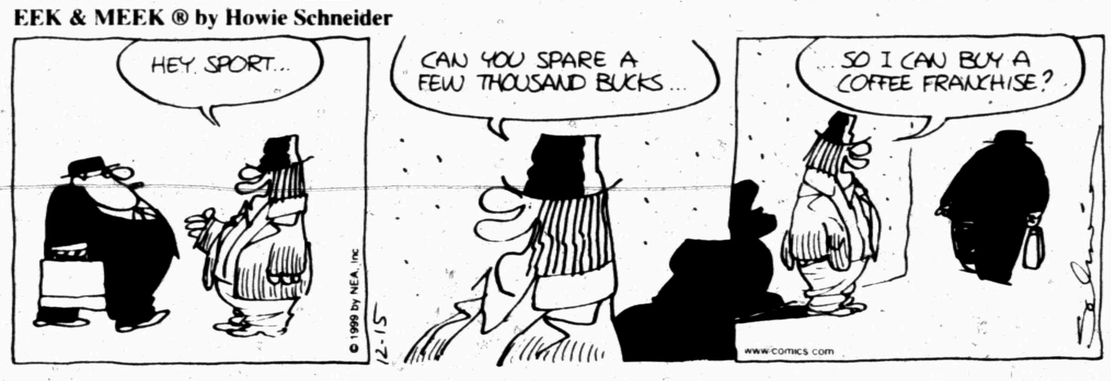

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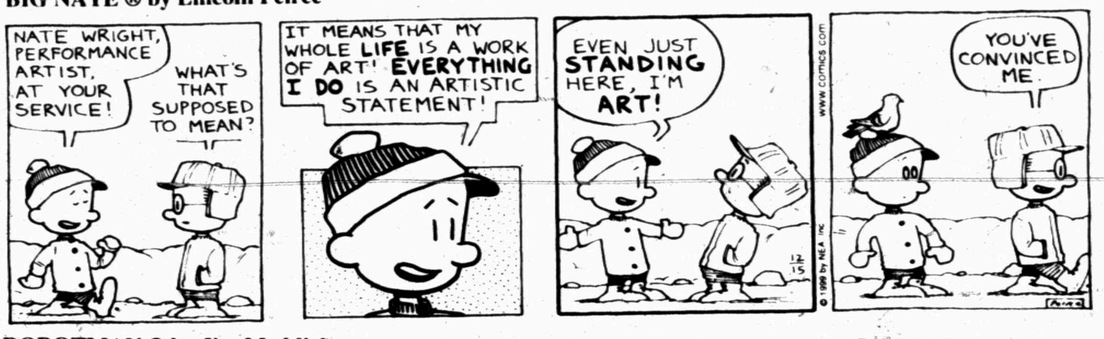

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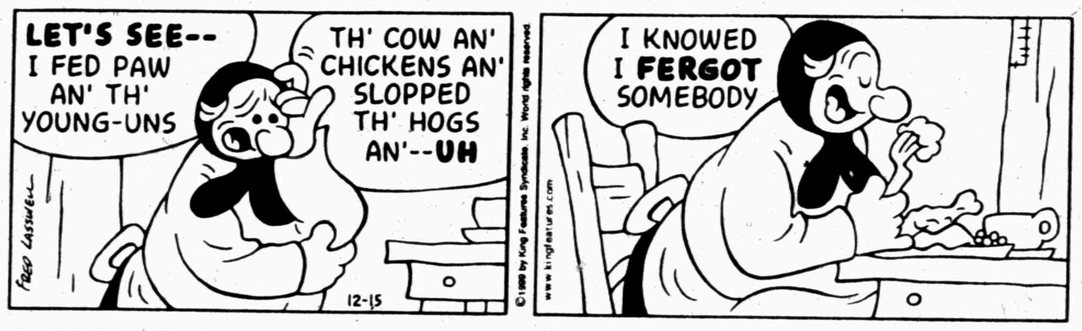

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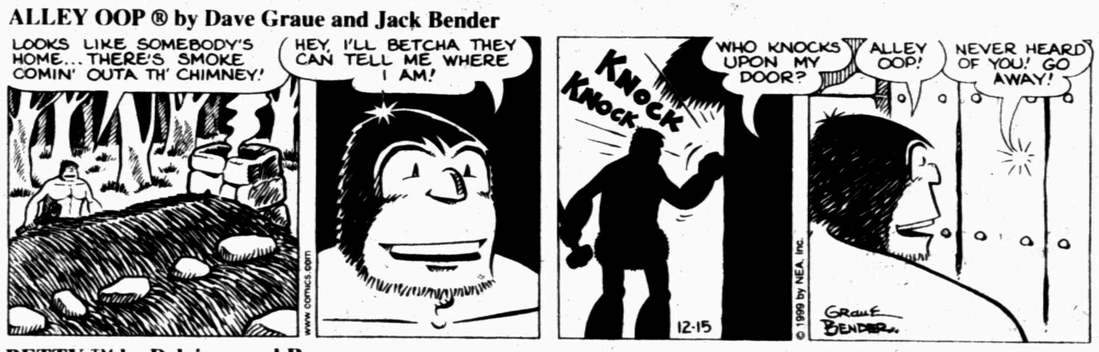

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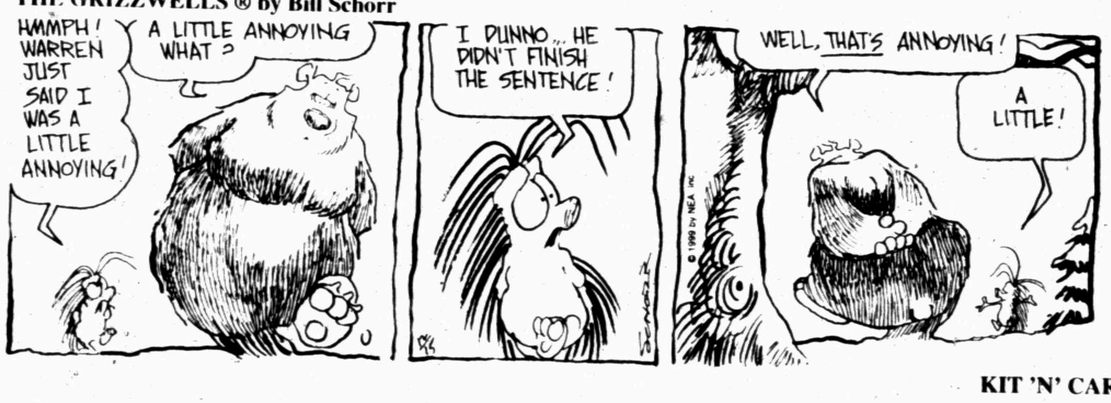

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1 "Peer Gynt" author
6 Falls behind
10 Proclaimed loudly
12 Lamb cries
14 Actress Hepburn
15 Whirlpools
16 Female sandpiper
17 Actor Sparks
19 Grafted (heraldry)
20 Eternal
23 Drive
26 St. crosser
27 Central
30 Spanish-speaking area
32 Conceive
34 They're not too bright
35 Small sailing vessel
36 B.A. or Ph.D.
37 Roman 905
39 Type of terrier
40 Shouted
42 Mascara target
45 Org. that kidnapped Patty Hearst
46 Ms. Gardner
49 Two-piece suit
51 Traps
54 Lists of candidates
55 Loutish
56 Stride
57 Dish

DOWN

1 Construction beam (2 wds.)
2 — jeans
3 Marquis de —
4 Transgress
5 Once-named
6 Letters after an atty.'s name
7 Yellow-fever mosquito
8 Put on weight
9 Printer's order
11 Unit of force
12 Torment
13 Opp. of NNW
18 Guido's high note
20 "Plane" start
21 Malfunction
22 Act like a vamp
23 In the same place (abbr.)
24 Manufactured
25 Overly proper one
27 "The Gift of the —"
28 Roman road
29 Actress Laura —
31 Diffusion
33 Mild oath
38 — -au-vent (item on a French menu)
40 Like cotton
41 El —, Texas
42 Many oz.
43 Isn't well
44 Three-handed card game
46 Opera song
47 Suit part
48 1975 Wimbledon champion
50 Fiber cluster
52 Short sleep
53 CIO's partner

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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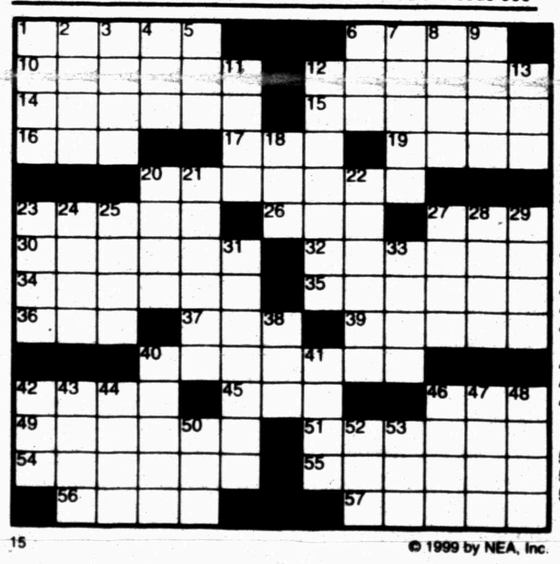

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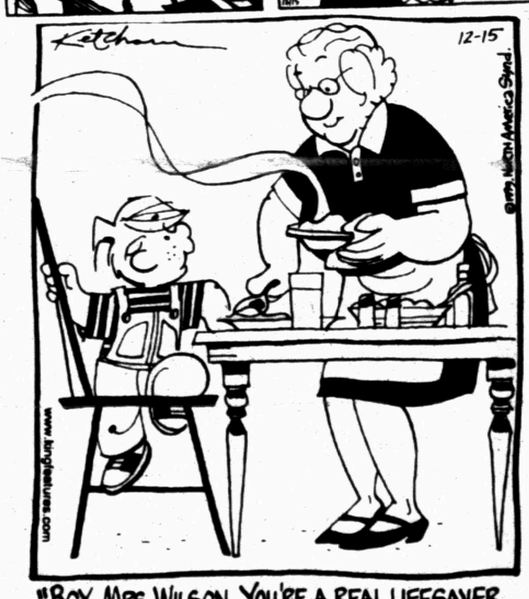

"BOY, MRS. WILSON. YOU'RE A REAL LIFESAVER WHEN MY MOM'S ON A DIET."

SPORTS

Ira hoop squads roll over Veribest

Ira girls 63, Veribest 55

It didn't matter that the Veribest Lady Falcons got on a roll in the fourth quarter, the Ira Lady Bulldogs had put them away long before that.

Ira turned in strong performances on both ends of the floor in the opening period, staking a 22-8 lead, which it rode to a 63-55 non-district victory.

Veribest matched the Lady Bulldogs point-for-point over the next two quarters, before posting 23 points in the final eight minutes.

But the Lady Falcons' rally was no threat to Ira, which kept hold of its 14-point first quarter lead until the fourth.

The Lady Bulldogs (10-4) were paced by Morgan Clements and Celeigh Sterling. Clements poured in 20 points, while Sterling added 14 more.

Korby Calley dropped in nine points, with Tara Allen tallying eight. Michelle Nettles finished with seven points, and Kristen Harless chipped in five.

Ira will be in action again Thursday when it hosts the Ira tournament.

Ira boys 86, Veribest 52

Tuesday night's contest was another offensive showcase, and another defensive clinic by the undefeated Ira Bulldogs.

Ira, which is making a habit of blowout victories, chalked up one more Tuesday with an 86-52 trouncing of the Veribest Falcons.

The win improves the Bulldogs to 11-0 on the year, heading into Thursday's opening round of the Ira tournament.

The Falcons never had chance, as Ira pulled away early. The Bulldogs registered more points in the first quarter than Veribest did in the first half.

Ira built a 25-11 lead in the opening period, before stretching the advantage to 44-24 by halftime.

Six Bulldogs finished in double figures, led by Richard Wilkins' 17 points.

Logan Daves dropped in 16 points, with Drew Wall notching 15. Jose Juarez posted 12 points, while Nathan Smith and Jerek Brown tallied 10 apiece. Seth Sterling finished with four points, and Bryce Wilkins chipped in two.

Following this weekend's tournament, the Bulldogs will be in action again Tuesday when they host Trent.

Ira will compete in the Fort Worth Classic Dec. 27-29. District play opens Jan. 7.

Cowboys suffering on the road

IRVING (AP) — Chan Gailey describes the Dallas Cowboys' 1-6 road record as a case of bad timing. His team, he says, just happens to have played its six worst games away from Texas Stadium.

So, do that mean their 6-0 home record is a case of good timing?

"No," Gailey said. "It's a much bigger factor to play at home. We win at home."

Actually, the Cowboys win big at home.

Dallas won its first five home games by an average of 19.4 points, then beat Philadelphia 20-10 this past Sunday. The Cowboys were up 20-3 before the Eagles scored a touchdown with 6:41 left.

The problems come when they leave Dallas County. The Cowboys have lost their last six road games since beating Washington in the opener in overtime. Dallas has blown leads in all seven road games.

Gailey said Tuesday that it's hard to put into words why the team's success has depended on where they play.

"There is some intangible there," he said, "and I can't put my finger on it."

At home, the Cowboys are off to their best start since 1981, when they had their only perfect home record. Their next-best mark was 6-0-1 in 1969, back when they really were from Dallas and played at the Cotton Bowl.

On the road, the Cowboys haven't been this bad since 1989, Jimmy Johnson's first year. Their lone win that 1-15 season came in Washington. Dallas was 1-6 on the road in 1964 and 0-5-1 in its first season, 1960.

"I do have a hard time explaining big differences in the two," Gailey said. "You always say the field is the same size and you still have to go out and play the game in the same amount of time."

Texas Stadium has its trademark hole in the roof, but it's not as if Dallas has any advantages to playing there. There's no short porch in left field like at Fenway Park or a warped parquet floor like the old Boston Garden.

And, it's not as if Cowboys fans wreak havoc on opponents. About the worst it gets for visitors is having to be on the sideline that gets more sun.

"I think we have to realize that at home it is special for us and we have to make it that way," Gailey said. "And when we go on the road, we can't think it's special for the home team there. I think we have to look at it as just a game on the road, but at home you look at it as an advantage."

The Cowboys' final two home games are Sunday against the New York Jets and the finale Jan. 2 against the New York Giants. In between, Dallas plays at New Orleans on Christmas Eve.

If the Cowboys can win out, they'll have a good chance of winning the NFC East. Dallas and the Giants are tied for second, a game behind Washington, but the Cowboys have the easiest schedule of the three, especially considering two of their remaining games are at home.

The feeling in the locker room is that 2-1 won't cut it.

"We still have to win the next three," safety Darren Woodson said. "We have to come back out next week and play well, and then the next two after that."

Carruth remains at large after charge of first-degree murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Rae Carruth of the Carolina Panthers remained at large today, wanted on a murder charge in the drive-by shooting of his girlfriend.

If convicted, he could be sentenced to die or sent to prison for life. Police are not yet calling Carruth a fugitive, but they continued to search for him.

"He has not come in yet," Henry Bostic, spokesman for the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Department, said today.

Carruth faces a a first-degree murder charge following the death Tuesday of Cherica Adams, who was shot last month.

Carruth and three other men were originally charged with conspiracy, attempted murder and related charges in the Nov. 16 shooting of Adams. He was out on $3 million bail on the earlier charges.

Police searched for Carruth throughout Charlotte into the late hours Tuesday night and today.

Carruth's lawyer, George Laughrun, was finally able to speak with his client Tuesday night, nearly nine hours after Adams' death.

"I talked with him about 15 to 20 minutes ago after speaking with his mother several times through the day," he said. "I told him he needs to turn himself in. I'm waiting on another call from him."

Carruth's mother, Theodry Carruth, promised late Tuesday that her son would turn himself in.

"He's scared, and people have to know that," she said in a news conference from her Sacramento, Calif., home. "He doesn't know what's going to happen to him."

Adams, 24, died surrounded by family, said Scott White, a spokesman at Carolinas Medical Center.

She was 61/2 months' pregnant when she was shot four times in the neck and chest from a passing vehicle as she drove through a Charlotte neighborhood, forcing an emergency delivery of her baby boy.

Carruth was in a car near where Adams was shot, and the three other men were in a separate vehicle, prosecutors said. They are accused of being in contact by cell phone.

Spurs shoot down Mavs, 111-93

DALLAS (AP) — A stunning home loss to the Washington Wizards last week snapped the San Antonio Spurs back to reality.

Three nights after the Spurs had their franchise-record 22-game home winning streak come to an end, the defending league champs got back to business with an 111-93 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday.

"Our defense was better than it's been in a while," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "I thought we showed a little zest and really tried to execute on the defensive end. We generated some offense with rebounds and fast breaks. That's what we've been missing."

The Spurs shot 50.6 percent from the field (45-for-89) and held the Mavericks to 40.9 percent (36-for-88).

"We scored better, and that took a lot of pressure off our defense," Spurs point guard Avery Johnson said. "We've been under pressure on defense because we haven't been putting the ball in the basket."

Tim Duncan led the way with 29 points and 12 rebounds for the Spurs.

"We're on the way back up," Duncan said. "We were down for a little while, but we're headed back where we want to be. We moved the ball better, shot better and were a better rebounding team tonight."

Johnson scored 16 points and David Robinson had 10 points and nine rebounds for the Spurs, 2-4 over the last six games after a 14-3 start.

"This gets us thinking about winning again," Robinson said. "Our defense came together, and that gives us confidence on the road."

Cedric Ceballos' 27 points and 10 rebounds paced the Mavericks, losers of four of five games.

Michael Finley had 15 points for Dallas, but missed 10 of 15 field-goal attempts. Dallas' Robert Pack added 14 points and eight assists.

Mavericks power forward Gary Trent had 12 points and four rebounds, all in the first half, in his first game of the season after missing 22 due to a hamstring injury. Trent went scoreless in seven minutes in the second half.

Chucky Brown scored 12 of San Antonio's 32 third-quarter points, and Duncan added nine as the Spurs took an 83-70 advantage into the final quarter.

"They were double-teaming the low post and we were swinging the ball to me," Brown said.

Ex-Maverick Samaki Walker and Duncan scored the first two field goals of the fourth quarter for an 87-70 lead, and the Mavericks got no closer than 13 points.

Local Basketball Schedule

THURSDAY

Ira girls and boys at Ira tourney

Hermleigh girls and boys at Ira tourney

FRIDAY

Abilene Wylie at Snyder 9th and varsity boys, 6 and 7 p.m.

Snyder JV boys at Sweetwater tourney

Snyder 9th, JV and varsity girls at Abilene Wylie, 5 and 6:30

Ira girls and boys at Ira tourney

Hermleigh girls and boys at Ira tourney

SATURDAY

Ira girls and boys at Ira tourney

Hermleigh girls and boys at Ira tourney

Snyder JV boys at Sweetwater tourney

Sports Briefs

Beamer chosen Coach of the Year

BLACKSBURGH, Va. (AP) — Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer was chosen today as The Associated Press' College Coach of the Year in balloting by AP member newspapers, TV and radio stations.

On Jan. 4, No. 2 Virginia Tech (11-0) plays Florida State for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl.

Beamer, finishing his 13th season at Virginia Tech, received 27 of the 84 votes in the AP balloting; Hawaii's June Jones was second with 19 votes and Minnesota's Glen Mason was third with nine votes.

Marv Albert returns to NBC

NEW YORK (AP) — Basketball's most familiar broadcaster will return as the lead voice of NBC's coverage of NBA games in the 2000-2001 season.

Marv Albert will reclaim the top spot from Bob Costas, who has held that job for two years and will do one more year of it before shifting his attention to other assignments.

Dick Ebersol, chairman of NBC Sports, announced the change Tuesday as the network prepared for the return of its NBA series with a doubleheader on Christmas Day.

Costas inherited the lead NBA broadcast chair two years ago after Albert pleaded guilty to sexual abuse charges and was fired by NBC.

Umps' hearing postponed

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The hearing on a grievance by 22 umpires trying to regain their jobs was postponed until next month because the mother of arbitrator Alan Symonette is ill.

The Major League Umpires Association began presenting its case Monday with testimony by union president Jerry Crawford, who continued on the witness stand. Because of the postponement, there may not be a decision on the case before the start of spring training in mid-February.

Bryant buys stake in team

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant has bought a 50 percent stake in the Italian professional basketball team that his father used to play for.

Bryant, the 21-year-old guard for the Los Angeles Lakers, will be partners with Pasquale Caputo in ownership of Olimpia Milano, which has won 25 Italian League championships.

It is believed to be the first time a professional basketball player has acquired a substantial interest in another pro team. NBA players are prohibited from owning a piece of an NBA team.

Flyers' coach begins treatment

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Flyers coach Roger Neilson was to begin chemotherapy for bone marrow cancer today, the team said. The 65-year-old coach met with doctors Monday before flying to catch the team charter flight to Buffalo, N.Y., for the Flyers' game against the Sabres.

He is to undergo several months of chemotherapy then get a bone marrow transplant in March.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	15	6	.714	—
New York	14	9	.609	2
Boston	10	10	.500	4½
Orlando	10	10	.500	4½
Philadelphia	11	12	.478	5
Washington	6	17	.261	10
New Jersey	5	16	.238	10
Central Division				
Charlotte	13	7	.650	—
Indiana	13	8	.619	½
Toronto	13	8	.619	½
Cleveland	11	9	.550	2
Milwaukee	11	10	.524	2½
Atlanta	10	11	.476	3½
Detroit	10	12	.455	4
Chicago	2	16	.111	10
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	16	7	.696	—
Utah	14	7	.667	1
Denver	10	11	.476	5
Minnesota	7	11	.389	6½
Dallas	8	15	.348	8
Houston	7	16	.304	9
Vancouver	4	17	.190	10½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	18	5	.783	—
Portland	17	5	.773	½
Seattle	16	6	.727	1½
Phoenix	14	7	.667	3
Sacramento	12	6	.667	3½
Golden State	5	16	.238	12
L.A. Clippers	5	17	.227	12½

Tuesday's Games

Utah 101, Washington 80
Cleveland 115, Boston 88
Atlanta 105, Minnesota 94
Toronto 105, Indiana 97
New York 101, Houston 90
San Antonio 111, Dallas 93
Phoenix 114, Detroit 104
Seattle 109, Denver 84
L.A. Lakers 95, L.A. Clippers 68
Golden State 102, Miami 97

Wednesday's Games

Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Utah at Boston, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

National Hockey League

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	17	10	4	1	39	93	74
New Jersey	16	10	3	2	37	84	67
Pittsburgh	11	14	3	4	29	87	80
N.Y. Rangers	10	14	4	1	25	65	78
N.Y. Islanders	6	17	4	0	16	54	84
Northeast Division	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	17	11	4	2	40	92	72
Ottawa	15	11	4	1	35	78	70
Boston	12	11	8	0	32	80	80
Buffalo	13	14	4	1	31	77	79
Montreal	11	18	2	1	25	66	80
Southeast Division	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	16	10	2	2	36	79	64
Carolina	12	11	7	0	31	71	74
Tampa Bay	10	14	5	2	27	82	92
Washington	10	13	5	1	26	66	77
Atlanta	7	19	2	2	18	62	104
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	19	8	3	1	42	104	72
St. Louis	19	9	3	0	41	95	68
Nashville	9	19	2	2	22	76	99
Chicago	8	19	4	2	22	82	98
Northwest Division	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	15	13	3	1	34	86	84
Edmonton	10	14	7	5	32	76	81
Vancouver	11	13	7	2	31	82	94
Calgary	12	15	4	1	29	76	94
Pacific Division	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	17	14	4	2	40	103	91
Phoenix	18	10	3	0	39	95	77
Los Angeles	16	9	6	1	39	96	80
Dallas	15	13	3	1	34	70	71
Anaheim	14	13	4	1	33	78	71

Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh 4, Boston 2
New Jersey 7, Los Angeles 1
Edmonton 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Nashville 4, Tampa Bay 4, tie
Buffalo 3, Philadelphia 1
Calgary 1, St. Louis 1, tie
Chicago 5, San Jose 2

Wednesday's Games

Los Angeles at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

New Jersey at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

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Powers Boothe

Powers Boothe in CBS movie to air tonight

Powers Boothe, former Snyder resident, will be featured in a television movie to air at 8 p.m. Wednesday on CBS.

Locally, the movie will be shown on KLBK, Channel 13, in Lubbock, and KTAB, Channel 5. in Abilene.

In "A Crime of Passion," Booth plays a wealthy man with a new wife played by Kelly Rowan. His daughter, played by Tracey Gold, is suspicious of her. But when her father is murdered, the daughter, who is a medical student, becomes the prime suspect, and must exonerate herself.

One of the producers of the television movie was Ronnie Clemmer, also a former resident.

Boothe is also filming the "Navy Diver," the true story of the first black diver in the U.S. Navy.

Cuba Gooding Jr. plays the diver and Boothe is the ranking officer who gives him his first break. Robert Dinero also stars.

Boothe's recent roles include "Tombstone" and Oliver Stone's "U-Turn." He has also provided the voice overs for Accura ads for the past two years.

Boothe graduated from Snyder High School in 1966.

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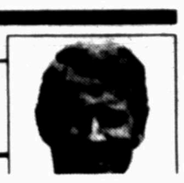

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Our 30-year-old son takes medication for Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome. What is this? Is it hereditary?

DEAR READER: The Wolff-Parkinson-White (pre-excitation) syndrome is a non-hereditary abnormality of the cardiac nerve system. Instead of the usual circuit of electrical conduction, patients with WPW have an accessory pathway along which electrical impulses travel. This aberrant pathway is called the bundle of Kent, and it speeds electricity more quickly than normal. It is, if you will, a bypass circuit between the atria (low-pressure cardiac chambers) and the ventricles (high-pressure chambers) that is associated with attacks of palpitations and rapid heart rate (tachycardia).

Most attacks are innocuous and short-lived, but one type has potentially serious consequences: atrial fibrillation with rapid ventricular response. This simply means that in the presence of an increase in the heart's pacing, the impulses may become irregular, too rapid and cause the ventricles to contract too often. This affliction may be associated with pulse rates above 160 beats per minute.

Treatment is directed toward slowing the speed with which electrical impulses travel through the heart's conduction system. Although various medications are routinely used for this purpose, more aggressive procedures, such as burning the bundle of Kent, may be necessary in certain cases. Once this bundle can be inhibited (by medicine) or disarmed (by ablation), electricity will ordinarily spread through the heart's nerves at a more normal, lower velocity.

WPW is not a particularly serious condition, by and large. However, in the instances I mentioned, medical attention is mandatory.

DEAR DR. GOTT: At 75, I have high cholesterol. Would a trampoline help reduce it?

DEAR READER: A trampoline will not help. In fact, at your age, it might be downright dangerous. Although regular exercise — such as walking, swimming, golf and biking — might lower your cholesterol level and make you feel better, you should also ask you doctor to put you on a low-cholesterol diet. If this is ineffective, he or she may choose to prescribe medicine to reduce your cholesterol. Your physician is the best judge of what combination of diet, exercise and medication would be right for you. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read that blood is 60 percent water. If this is true, what makes our blood such a bright red color?

DEAR READER: The red blood cells, which contain the red compound called hemoglobin, make up about 40 to 50 percent of the blood volume. When these cells are extracted from the blood, the remaining fluid, called serum, is a clear yellow color.

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Friends testify at pre-trial hearing for Linda Tripp

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. (AP) — Two friends of Linda Tripp and a former lawyer for Paula Jones gave testimony today helpful to Maryland prosecutors who are trying to put Mrs. Tripp on trial for wiretapping.

The three — all of whom were witnesses before the grand jury that indicted Mrs. Tripp — testified that the evidence they gave in the state investigation was based solely on their own conversations with Mrs. Tripp.

At a pre-trial hearing, Maryland prosecutor Stephen Montanarelli is trying to show that his case is untainted by any of Mrs. Tripp's immunized statements to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation of President Clinton.

The witnesses admitted that they'd learned some things about the Lewinsky affair from outside sources, but nothing that was used in state's investigation of Tripp.

Former Jones lawyer T. Wesley Holmes said he'd read Starr's impeachment report and Mrs. Tripp's friends said they'd followed the Monica Lewinsky story in the news media.

Tripp friend Patricia Mancuso admitted that she was confused about when she saw the tape recorder Mrs. Tripp used to tape phone calls of Ms. Lewinsky.

"Your brain had been saturated with Ken Starr, the office of the independent counsel and all this stuff, right?" Irwin asked Tripp friend Cathy Sarkis.

"Yes," replied Sarkis.

Montanarelli also inched closer to bringing Mrs. Tripp to trial on Tuesday, when a judge cleared the way for the state to use the Lewinsky tapes in its case against Mrs. Tripp. County Circuit Judge Diane O. Leasure rejected Mrs.

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3. Don't place driveways or walkways directly through windbreaks. Any open area in the windbreak will act just like a missing tree. If possible, design your layout placing these at the end of the windbreak. A walkway might be incorporated into the windbreak's staggered design.

4. Spacing between tree needs to be 10 to 15 feet for evergreens and 20 feet for hardwoods. A minimum of 20 feet is recommended between rows. Don't mix hardwoods and evergreens in the same row. Faster growing hardwoods can overtop evergreens, and shade them out. The same caution should be applied when mixing hardwood species.

5. Always be cautious of overhead utilities. Many evergreens have mature heights in excess of 35 feet. Hardwoods may top 100 feet.

6. Windbreaks should be at least 100 feet from the nearest buildings so that the windbreak doesn't interfere with the airflow of a chimney. This distance also provides some air circulation between the windbreak and buildings during hot months.

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GenElec	150⅜	148 5-16	148½	— 1⅜
GenMills s	34 7-16	33¾	34	+ ⅜
GenMotors	70 13-16	69¾	70⅜	
GaPacGP s	44 15-16	42 13-16	44 15-16	+ 2 3-16
GlobalMar	15 5-16	14 13-16	15 3-16	+ 11-16
Goodrich	21 7-16	21 1-16	21 5-16	+ 5-16
Goodyear s	28¼	27⅞	28	— 3-16
GtAtlPac	25 13-16	24 11-16	24 13-16	— 1¼
Halliburtn	36¾	35 11-16	36 11-16	+ 1⅝
Hanson ADS	41⅝	41 9-16	41⅝	— ⅜
HarteHanks	20 1-16	20	20	— ⅛
HomeDepot	91 11-16	90⅝	91¼	— 5-16
HomeDepot wi	61¼	61	61¼	+ ¼
HoneywellIntl	61½	59 15-16	60⅞	+ 1
IBM s	107⅞	104½	105⅛	—3 13-16
IntlPaper	56	54	56	+ 1 11-16
JohnsonJn	94⅞	93½	94½	+ 5-16
K mart	12 1-16	11½	11⅜	— ½
Kroger Co s	16 1-16	15	15⅛	— ⅜
Litton	44⅞	44 9-16	44⅝	+ ¼
LockheedM	20⅛	19⅞	19⅞	— 5-16
Lowes Cos	55 3-16	53 13-16	55	— ⅛
Lubys	10⅝	10 5-16	10 5-16	— 5-16
LucentTech s	76½	74 3-16	74⅜	— 2⅞
MayDeptStr s	30 9-16	30¼	30 9-16	+ 5-16
MediaOne	78¾	78	78	— ⅞
Medtronic s	36⅛	35 1-16	36	+ 11-16
Monsanto	42 3-16	40 11-16	40 11-16	—1 3-16
MorganJP	132	130 11-16	131⅜	+ ⅛
Motorola	124⅛	119 7-16	123⅜	+ 4
NCR Corp	32⅜	32	32 1-16	— 5-16
Navistar	41⅝	40 7-16	41 1-16	— ¼
Penney JC	19⅛	18¾	18 13-16	+ 1-16
PepBoys	8⅞	8 11-16	8 13-16	
PepsiCo	35 1-16	34½	34⅝	— ½
PhelpDodge	55⅞	55	55 9-16	+ ⅛
PhilipPet	48 3-16	47⅝	48⅛	+ 1
PilgrmPrd B	7⅛	7 1-16	7 1-16	— 1-16
Polaroid	17¾	17 9-16	17⅝	— 1-16
Praxair	45⅛	43 15-16	45⅛	+ 7-16
SmthklBchm	63	62 5-16	62⅞	+ 9-16
SouthernCo	22 15-16	22⅝	22 15-16	+ ¼
SwstAirl s	16	15⅞	15⅞	— ⅛
SprintFON s	66 11-16	64 15-16	64 15-16	—1 5-16
SprntPCS	109 13-16	108	109¼	— ¾
Sunoco Inc	24 9-16	23 15-16	24 3-16	+ ⅛
TNP Ent	41 1-16	40 15-16	41	— ⅛
Tandy s	71 1-16	69⅜	69 13-16	—2 3-16
TempleInland	65⅜	63 3-16	64 15-16	+ 1
Texaco	54⅞	54 1-16	54 5-16	+ 1 1-16
TexInd	38¼	37 15-16	38¼	+ 1-16
TexasInst s	96 3-16	92⅝	92 15-16	—3 11-16
Tex Util	34	33⅝	33 13-16	+ 3-16
Textron	73⅞	73	73⅛	— 3-16
TnconGlbR	39¾	39⅜	39⅜	— 7-16
TrinityInds	27 5-16	27 1-16	27 3-16	— 1-16
TritonEngy	21	20¼	20⅝	+ ½
TylerTech	4 1-16	3⅞	3⅞	
US West Inc	69½	68⅞	69 5-16	— ⅛
USX-Marathn	26 15-16	26¼	26⅝	+ ½
USX-USS	30 7-16	29 13-16	30¼	+ 3-16
UnCarbde	63 13-16	62 16	63 11-16	+ 1⅜
UnionPacif	43 15-16	43¼	43¼	— 7-16
UnitedTech s	58 7-16	57 11-16	58⅛	— ¼
Unocal	34 15-16	33⅜	34½	+ 1¼
Venator Grp	7	6 15-16	6 15-16	— ⅛
WalMart s	67 1-16	65⅛	65⅞	—1 3-16
WellsFargo	43 7-16	42 11-16	42¾	— ¾
WstnGasRs	13 7-16	13¼	13¼	— ⅛
WinnDixie	24 13-16	24 5-16	24⅝	— 1-16
Xerox Cp s	23⅛	22⅞	22 9-16	—11-16

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	10 15/16	+1/16
Dell	40 15/16	-1/8
Wal Mart	66	-1
Compac	25	-1/2
Dol. Gen.	24 5/8	-1/8
GTE	73 3/4	0
SBC Comm.	52 5/8	-5/8
Tx Instr.	92 7/8	-3 11/16
LU	74 1/2	-2 13/16
Cisco Sys.	94 3/4	-3 3/16

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Scurry County Country

Snow moisture relieves crops in Panhandle

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Dreams of a white Christmas came true early for wheat producers in the Panhandle who welcomed much-needed moisture in the form of snow, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

District extension director Dr. Bob Robinson of Amarillo said two cold fronts last week brought relief and 20 inches of snow to drought-stressed wheat in parts of the Texas Panhandle.

"The greatest amounts of snow were in the southern portions of the district," he said. "But even the mere traces of snow in the northern areas were beneficial."

Robinson said the moisture helped with the growth of the wheat, and the low temperatures helped to lessen greenbug infestations.

"We've been running very high populations of greenbugs," he said. "And an extended period of cold temperatures is helpful in slowing their development."

Robinson said the snow provided great relief to the wheat, but more moisture is needed.

"For the wheat crop and the overall moisture situation, the snow was a blessing," he said. "It certainly helped us but did not fix the problem."

Robinson said the cold fronts were accompanied by strong winds, which were not so helpful.

"The snow would have been much more beneficial had high winds that came with the fronts not drifted the snow out of the wheat fields," he said.

Dennis Newton, county extension agent in Deaf Smith County, said even though most of the 9 inches of snow in his county were blown off the wheat fields, the crop received 1-1/2 to 2 inches of moisture from the cold fronts.

He said the snow was beneficial to wheat in the county, but it did take a negative toll on cotton.

"We still had about 18,000 acres of cotton to be harvested," Newton said. "These acres were completely covered with snow and will probably be lost."

In the South Plains, district extension director Jett Major said the district was blanketed by 2 to 6 inches of wet snowfall early in the week.

In West Central Texas, district extension director Scott Durham said a cold front brought scattered showers but no relief to the ongoing drought.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture is short to very short. Two cold fronts brought needed moisture in the form of snow. High winds drifted much of the snow out of wheat fields; temperatures should slow greenbug development. Moisture slowing harvest of remaining cotton

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is short to very short. District blanketed by 2 to 6 inches of snowfall; harvest operations halted. Fair to average cotton yields reported. Large sorghum acreage creating storage problems for elevators; sorghum being stored on ground.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture is very short. Received rain, snow, sleet; moisture helped conditions to improve slightly. Cotton harvest slowed due to moisture. Above average peanut grades reported. Wheat suffering from dry weather; greenbug damage down.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture is very short to short to adequate. Pastures have responded to recent rains. Grass conditions are still short, but ryegrass and winter pastures should improve with increased soil moisture. Pecan harvest continues; fair to good crop reported.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture is very short. Pastures need moisture; drought conditions persist. Livestock faring well; producers using supplemental feed, hay on rangeland. Cotton harvest is winding down; an average crop is reported. Pecan harvest continues.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is very short to short. A cold front brought some scattered showers but no relief to the ongoing drought.

Master meeting slated on Dec. 21

A Master Gardener Planning Meeting will be held at Rudy's Restaurant on Dec. 21, from noon to 1 p.m. Lunch will be Dutch treat.

Items to be discussed at this planning session will be meeting times, places for meetings, dates for meetings and educational agendas.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. All input will be greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact Greg Gruben at 573-5423.

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts, County Extension Agent

Traveling with your turkey

You're off to grandmother's house for the holiday dinner — and you're the one with the turkey. How far can you safely tote that bird? The Meat and Poultry Hotline answers your questions about safe turkey travel.

Q: Can I cook my turkey ahead and take it to someone's house?

A: Yes. But for safety's sake you won't be able to travel far with the whole bird intact. Cook the turkey in an oven set no lower than 325 degrees F to an internal temperature of 180 degrees F., as measured in several places with a meat thermometer. Take the turkey out of the oven and remove any stuffing to a separate dish. Never try to transport a cooked stuffed turkey. Quickly wrap the unstuffed cooked turkey in foil and put it directly into an insulated cooler. Add any other dishes, such as stuffing, which also need to be kept warm. Place the cooler in the warmest spot in the car and plan to get to your destination within an hour or less.

Q: What if my travel time is more than an hour?

A: In this case, it's best to carve and cool your turkey ahead of time to be reheated on site. Once the turkey is fully cooked as above, remove it from the oven and let stand 20 minutes. Remove any stuffing and carve all the meat from the turkey. You can leave small parts such as legs, thigh and wings intact. Divide the carved meat and parts into small, shallow containers or packages. Refrigerate for use within two days. Otherwise freeze.

Q: Can I partly cook the turkey ahead of time and finish it later?

A: No! Partially cooking meat or poultry is unsafe. Food must be cooked in one continuous operation to destroy the bacteria that cause food-borne illness. It is safe, however, to partially cook turkey in a microwave oven or other oven immediately before transferring the turkey to a heated grill or a preheated conventional oven for finishing.

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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Poinsettias: How to care for them at home.

Location and temperature: The poinsettia thrives on indirect natural daylight, and exposure to at least six hours daily is recommended. If direct sun cannot be avoided, diffuse with a large shade or sheet curtain. To prolong the bright color of the poinsettia bracts, daytime temperature should not exceed 70 degrees. Avoid placing the plants near drafts, excess heat or the dry air from appliances, fireplaces or ventilating ducts.

Water and fertilizer: Poinsettias require moderate moist soil. Water the plants thoroughly when the soil surface is dry to the touch. Remove the plant from decorative pots or cover, and water enough to completely saturate the soil. Do not allow the poinsettia to sit in any standing water; root rot could result which could kill the plant. It is not necessary to fertilize the poinsettia when it is blooming.

Outside placement: Since poinsettias are sensitive to cold weather, frost and rain, outside placement during the winter months should be avoided. However, in mild climates, an enclosed patio or entryway may be suitable provided the night temperatures do not drop below 55 degrees. Make certain the delicate bracts are well protected from wind and cold rain.

After the holidays: Keep the plants in indirect sun and water regularly. Place your plants outdoors, where they can bask in the warmth of spring and summer, after outside night temperatures average 55 degrees F or above.

When the bracts age and lose their aesthetic appeal, usually by late March or early April, cut the poinsettia back to about 8 inches in height. By the end of May you should see vigorous new growth. Continue regular watering during the growth period. Fertilize every 2 to 3 weeks throughout the spring, summer and fall months with a well-balanced, complete fertilizer.

Around June 1, you may transplant your poinsettias into larger pots. Select pots no more than 4 inches larger than the original inner pot. A soil mix with considerable amount of organic matter, such as peat moss or leaf mold, is highly recommended. If you wish, you may transplant the poinsettias into a well-prepared garden bed. Be sure the planting bed is rich in organic matter and has good drainage. Pruning may be required during the summer to keep plants bushy and compact. Do not prune after Sept. 1.

Re-flowering: The poinsettia is photoperiodic plant, meaning that it sets bud and producers flowers as the autumn nights lengthen. The plants will naturally come into full bloom during November and December, depending upon the flowering response-time of the individual cultivator. Timing the bloom to coincide closely with the Christmas holiday can be difficult without the controlled environment of a greenhouse. Stray lights or household lamps, could delay or entirely halt the re-flowering process.

Starting Oct. 1, the plants must be kept in complete darkness for 14 continuous hours each night. Accomplish this by moving the plants to a totally dark room, or covering them with a large box overnight. During October, November and December, the plants require 6 to 8 hours of bright sunlight daily, with night time temperature between 60 and 70 degrees. Temperatures outside this range may delay flowering. Continue the normal watering and fertilizer program. Following the regime for 8 to 10 weeks should result in a colorful display of colorful blooms for the holiday season.

Lubbock auction

The Lubbock Stockyards Inc. had a run of 748 head of cattle for the Thursday, Dec. 9, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were $2 to $3 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 33-40
Canner and low cutters: 28-34
Slaughter bulls: 42-51
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 93-115
400-500: 85-100
500-600: 77-90
600-700: 75-84
700-800: 75-80
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 85-95
400-500: 77-88
500-600: 74-81
600-700: 72-79
700-800: 65-77
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 75-85
700-800: 68-77
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 600-750
Grade: 450-625
Springers: 350-600
Baby calves: 75-125
Doodlers: 150-240

C-City auction

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 858head of cattle for the Saturday, Dec. 11, sale. Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers mostly steady to $3 higher. Slaughter cows were $1 to $3 higher. Bulls were steady. Bred cows were $25 per head higher. Pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 102-109
400-500: 95-105
500-600: 80.50-92
600-700: 77-82.50
700-800: 73.50-77.50
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 85-95
400-500: 80.50-87.50
500-600: 78-82.50
600-700: 76-81
Replacement cows: 495-645
Bred cows: 375-490
Pairs: 630-750
Older cow and calf pairs: 480-580
Slaughter cows: High yielding: 35-37.50
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 48.25

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Israel, Syria renew peace talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton launched a renewed drive today for peace between Israel and Syria, saying that "we have never had such an extraordinary opportunity to reach a comprehensive settlement."

At the opening of two days of talks, Clinton said: "What we are witnessing today is not yet peace, and getting there will require bold thinking and hard choices. But today is a big step along that path."

Clinton spoke at a photo opportunity with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa. They gathered in the Rose Garden on a chilly, foggy morning.

Clinton met with Barak and al-Sharaa in the Oval Office before stepping outside to face the press. The president also was to meet with the Mideast leaders separately before they began their own talks, across the street from the White House at Blair House, the government guest house on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Al-Sharaa said this round of talks "promises for the first time the dawn of a real hope to achieve an honorable and just peace in the Middle East."

Barak said Israelis were aware of the "seriousness, determination and devotion" that will be required to reach an agreement for "a different Middle East where nations are living side by side ... in mutual respect and good neighborliness."

Summing up, Clinton said, "We are going to work."

The difficulty of reaching a land-for-peace agreement was underscored by al-Sharaa, who, while offering Israel a "just peace," also denounced Israel's occupation of the Golan Heights. He said tens of thousands of Syrians had been uprooted from their homes and their villages destroyed.

"We are approaching the moment of truth," the Syrian minister said, expressing the hope that this effort would bring success and be the last time the two sides had to negotiate for peace. He insisted that Syria had been misrepresented as an aggressor in conflicts with Israel over the Golan.

"These claims carry no grain of truth," al-Sharaa said.

Defying tradition and despite the urging of photographers, Barak and al-Sharaa did not shake hands.

Al-Sharaa insisted that the negotiations were reopening "at the point at which they stopped" 31/2 years ago. He thereby registered Syria's view that it already has an implicit commitment from Israel to give up the strategic territory, a point al-Sharaa drove home by saying Syria must have the "return of all its occupied land."

By contrast, Barak said, "We are determined to do everything we can to bring about the dream of children and mothers all around the region." He said: "We came here to put behind us the horrors of war and to step forward toward peace."

Barak has suggested that some if not all of the 17,000 Jews who live on the Golan Heights, farming and operating wineries, would be uprooted.

Obituaries

Bamma Strayhorn

Bamma Strayhorn

1908-1999

Funeral service for Bamma Laverne Strayhorn, 91, of Snyder is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Elder Chuck Sammons of the Snyder Primitive Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Strayhorn died Monday, Dec. 13, at Grace House West Care Center in Lubbock where she had lived for the past 18 months.

Born March 10, 1908 in Eastland County, at age 13 she moved with her family by covered wagon to Fisher County, a trip that required one week. The family moved to Scurry County shortly thereafter.

She married David Pope Strayhorn on June 8, 1929 in Snyder. He died June 16, 1991. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Ab and Allie Cayce; and two brothers, Rollin and Powers Cayce.

The Strayhorns farmed for many years and they operated the Strayhorn Motel on 25th Street for 37 years, opening just before the oil boom in 1948. They also began Strayhorn Storage Company when they were 73. She was a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Vina Strayhorn of Snyder; two sisters, Ruby Turner of Rotan and Rose Harlan of Fort Worth; a brother and sister-in-law, Gayle and Bonnie Cayce of Houston; and three grandchildren, Ellen Marie Strayhorn and Carol Vina Strayhorn, both of Lubbock, and David Lee Strayhorn of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to the American Alzheimer's Association, South Plains Chapter, 3601 4th Street in Lubbock, 79430.

William Shankles

1936-1999

BIG SPRING — William H. "Bill" Shankles, 63, of Big Spring died on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1999, at a Midland hospital.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, at Baptist Temple Church with Rev. Walter McCall, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, and Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Masonic Graveside Rites by Big Spring Lodge #1340, A.M.&A.M. will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on March 24, 1936 in Idabel, Okla., and married Betty Ruth Cobb on June 22, 1960 in Idabel, Okla.

He started his law enforcement career with the Idabel, Oklahoma Police Department in February of 1959, then worked as Sheriff's Deputy with McCurtain County Sheriff's Office. Bill moved to Lamesa on Dec. 4, 1963 and worked with the Police Department for 12 years, then worked for the 106th Judicial District for a year before moving to Big Spring in August of 1976. He worked for the Howard County Sheriff's Department for nine years then was elected Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2 in June of 1986. He served as J.P. until retiring on Dec. 31, 1996.

He was a member of the Baptist Temple Church. Bill was also a member of the Masonic Lodge #264, A.F. & A.M. in Idabel, Okla., and of the Big Spring Lodge #1340, A.F. & A.M., the Order of the Eastern Star, Valley of Lubbock Scottish Rite, the Sheriff's Association, and the West Texas Justice of the Peace and Constable Association.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Shankles of Big Spring; three sons, Dale Bruce Johnson and wife, Pam, of Idabel, Okla., Michael Wayne Shankles and Anthony Eugene Shankles, both of Big Spring; a daughter and her husband, Tammy Lynne and Tommy Joe Berry of Hermleigh; two brothers, Billy Winfred Shankles of Idabel, Okla., and Thomas Larry Shankles of Irving; three sisters, Rebecca Elizabeth "Sue" Pollard and Linda Faye McGough, both of Idabel, Okla., and Phyllis Kay Setzer of Valiant, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nelson Troy and Hazel Whittle Shankles; two brothers, Cecil McDowell Shankles and Leonard Shankles.

Pallbearers will be Bob Horn, Charles Goad, Charles Brune, Bill Bennett, A.N. Standard and Tim Spivey. Honorary pallbearers will be O.D. Majors, D.R. Bates, B.F. McGettes, George Quintera, all Masons and all Friends in Law Enforcement.

The family suggests memorials to the Masonic Home and School for Children, P.O. Box 15040, Fort Worth, TX 76119, or the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Welborn, Dallas, TX 75219.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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RESOLUTION HONORS BOREN — Billie Boren accepted a resolution in honor of her late husband, Brud Boren, from State Representative David Counts at Lions Club Tuesday. Mr. Boren, 60-year member of Lions Club, was a Snyder High School graduate and attended TCU and the University of New Mexico. He was owner of Hugh Boren Insurance, a director of Snyder National Bank, and active in many civic endeavors. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

20-year-old jailed for felony theft of a firearm Tuesday

A 20-year-old Snyder resident was jailed Tuesday on a charge of felony theft of a firearm.

Steven Neil Pownell of 4005 Houston was booked into custody at 6 p.m.

A felony arrest was also made at 10:40 a.m. Tuesday. Tommy Rayvon of 3726 Dalton Drive turned himself in to deputies on a Pecos County warrant for criminal non-support.

Outstanding warrants sent three other subjects to jail Tuesday.

Officers arrested a 39-year-old male at 6:13 p.m. in the 3300 block of Avenue M on capias warrants for no seatbelt and public intoxication.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 48-year-old male into custody at 8:49 p.m. on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

At 9:50 p.m., officers arrested a 19-year-old male on a warrant for criminal mischief.

Officers filed an offense report for graffiti at 8:09 a.m. Bubba Dennis of Quick Auto reported the incident.

A criminal trespass warning was issued to a subject at 9:22 a.m. to stay away from a residence in the 2200 block of 43rd Street.

Hermleigh Supt. Jerry Church requested a deputy at the school at 2:13 p.m. in reference to money missing from two classrooms. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Officers investigated a two-vehicle accident at 9:40 p.m. in the 100 block of 25th Street. Involved were a 1992 Ford Thunderbird driven by Sarita Arizmendi, 38, of 110 25th Street and a 1982 Ford F-250 parked, unoccupied and owned by W.A. Maxfield of 1593 Laurel Lane in Snyder.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a grass and brush fire at 4:22 p.m. 12 miles east of Snyder on Hwy. 180. Damage was limited to grass and brush.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dec. 14-Raven Gist, Larry Hildreth, Earline Brooks and Felipe Gutierrez.

DISMISSALS: Raven Gist, Barbara Leatherwood and Rosie Williams.

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ONGOINGS

Stanfield book fair

Stanfield Elementary's parent council's Scholastic Book Fair concludes at 4 p.m. today.

East Elementary T-shirts

East Elementary's physical education department is selling millennium T-shirts in order to buy new equipment. Limited sizes are available. Youth are $6 and adult sizes are $7. Call 573-1769 or go by the school office.

Christmas wish list

Scurry County Child Welfare Board, in conjunction with local financial institutions, is working to make Christmas special for county foster children. Trees are set up in the lobby of each bank and citizens can help share Christmas with a child by choosing a star from one of the trees. Purchase and wrap the gift and return it to the CPS office at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center by Friday. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Snyder Healthcare party

Snyder Healthcare Center will host a Christmas party for residents at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Families should bring a gift for their resident. Refreshments will be served and Santa Claus will attend.

Faith Baptist Cantata

The adult choir will present a Christmas Cantata and drama, "His Name is Jesus," at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Faith Baptist Church, 208 37th. Steve Pierson is the director.

"A Christmas to Remember"

The public is invited to attend, "A Christmas to Remember," presented by the music ministry of the First Baptist Church, at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

Candlelight service

First Baptist Church will present a Candlelight Service of Remembrance at 6 p.m. Sunday. The service is sponsored by the Support Group Ministry in recognition of the difficulty that family members who have lost loved ones have during the holiday season.

Gospel singer

Johnny Ray Watson, gospel singer, will present special music during the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday at Church of the Hills. He will present a Christmas concert at the 6:30 p.m. service, and a fellowship will follow. Call 573-7794 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Faith That Will Not Shrink," followed by "Getting to Know God's Person and Problem."

Christmas eve service

The community is invited to a Christmas eve service of carols, candlelight and Holy Communion. The service begins at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary and will feature a variety of narrations and musical selections.

Library extends hours

Scurry County Library has extended its Saturday hours and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-W-F and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Road to Recovery program

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

Pick 3

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

5-1-9

(five, one, nine)Cash Five

Pick Five

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

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Cuban detainees have released five hostages

ST. MARTINVILLE, La. (AP) — Rebellious Cuban detainees holding a warden and two guards hostage have allowed five prisoners to leave a southern Louisiana jail, the FBI said today.

Four prisoners left the St. Martin Parish Jail — two for fighting and two for medical reasons — on Tuesday, and a fifth was released early today for medical reasons, FBI spokeswoman Kriss Fortunato said.

She said it was a good sign on the third day of negotiations to peacefully end the standoff, which began Monday.

"Certainly, the detainees are showing very positive signs of sympathy to inmates who have these needs," Fortunato said.

As many as four inmates have joined the original group of five who took the jail officials hostage, Sheriff's Capt. Audrey Thibodaux said late Tuesday.

Those four, as well as the inmates released Tuesday and today, apparently came from a group of about 50 Cubans in a jail section near the hostage area.

The section is not under the control of guards but inmates are unable to get out of the building, Ms. Thibodaux said. The facility is surrounded.

The Cubans have said they are out of patience with deportation proceedings and want out of the jail. Authorities said they believe the hostages are being treated well and no injuries have been reported.

Baton Rouge radio station WCAC-FM broadcast an interview with three of the Cubans who said they were imposing a 72-hour deadline on their demand to be freed or they would kill the hostages. It was unclear when the deadline would be reached.

Ms. Thibodaux said she could not confirm that such a threat had been made.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Friends candor opens bride's eyes to potential big mistake

DEAR ABBY: I disagree emphatically with your responses to Father Francesco of Newark and to "Worried About My Friend," who was concerned that her friend was entering into a bad marriage and did not want to be in the wedding.

Fifteen years ago last week, I was in that same predicament. Wedding invitations had been sent; the arrangements had been made. Two weeks before the wedding, a friend pulled me aside and told me to think hard about my decision and search my heart to be sure this was right for me. My friend reminded me that I had invited only people I cared about — and who cared about me — to the wedding, and should I realize the wedding would be a mistake, they would support me.

I canceled the wedding. Friends and family who had made nonrefundable reservations came anyway and were there to support me on what would have been my wedding day.

The experience made me realize that I lacked the tools to make a good choice for a lifelong mate. I got some help, and have been married 10 years to a wonderful man. If most brides won't listen — so what? The friend just might save one life — and you don't know unless you try. — GRATEFUL FOR MY FRIENDS

DEAR GRATEFUL: I've received quite a scolding from readers who agree with you and Father Francesco and say I've missed the boat. I'm inclined to agree. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I've been down this road, and "Worried About My Friend" should know it's never too late. Not all brides are so hypnotized by wedding bells they don't comprehend their own situation, even as they shove aside inner fears and don a happy face.

When confronted, I had already spent days smiling for the world and nights sobbing alone in a locked bathroom. Thankfully, my sister and father invited me to a prewedding lunch and showed me a clipping from your column. The article contained "15 Reasons to Leave Your Lover," signs of an abusive mate. My fiance exhibited 11 of those red flags. Two weeks before my wedding, and with the support of family, friends and your column, I called it off.

Please tell your readers not to underestimate the power of friendship and love. When we fail to speak out against something we know is wrong, we unwittingly condone it. — HAWKEYE GAL IN S.F.

DEAR HAWKEYE GAL: I know you're right. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: A long time ago, one of my best friends was engaged. Her gown was hanging in the closet when I found out her fiance had been sleeping with someone else. I knew I could lose a very good friend by speaking up, but I also knew I couldn't live with myself if I said nothing. I told her. The wedding was canceled. Her wedding dress was sold and the invitations were thrown in the trash. However, all the bridesmaids were there to support her through her tears, and she later met a wonderful, faithful man to whom she's been married for more than 10 years. — I'D DO IT AGAIN, CORVALLIS, ORE.

DEAR I'D DO IT AGAIN: You did the right thing. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm one of your male readers. A friend of mine once went through with the wedding because the hall had been paid for by his fiancee's father, and "if I called it off, he would kill me."

Today he is homeless and his wife is raising three children on her own. — NEIL FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR NEIL: The lesson may be, "When in doubt, say 'I don't think so' instead of 'I do.'"

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

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New passenger rights policy underway

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's major airlines put new customer service plans into effect today, but don't expect sofas, foot massages or five-star cuisine when you next board an airplane.

Facing a congressional crackdown, carriers pledged in September to be more forthright with their customers all the way through their travel experience.

That means fessing up about the lowest airfares or cheaper travel options when people call reservation agents. It means giving them at least 24 hours to cancel a ticket purchase. It also means keeping them informed at 15- to 20-minute intervals when there are delays.

"The reality is that the air travel industry is still very busy," said Delta Air Lines spokesman Clay McConnell. "This builds on the idea that information is power, and armed with that power, our customers can get better control over their travel experience and make decisions that are right for them."

Doubters still abound.

"If they did everything in these plans, 97 percent of what really concerns consumers would not be addressed," said Paul Hudson, head of the Aviation Consumer Action Project, a Washington-based Ralph Nader group.

He said passengers would be better served if airlines volunteered information about a flight's on-time performance and called passengers at home when it was apparent that a flight was going to be canceled.

Hudson also questioned the value of the delay announcement, which he labeled "gold-plating on the string-along policy." He said airlines often give out information about delays in a piecemeal fashion so passengers won't try to use their tickets on a different carrier.

The airlines developed their plans in response to criticism that followed a New Year's storm in the Midwest that left thousands of travelers stranded.

Some passengers got stuck on planes for hours and others had trouble learning when they might get home.

Congress drafted legislation to force the industry to treat passengers better, but in June the airlines took the preemptive move of saying they would announce plans in September for improving service.

When that deadline arrived, they announced 12-point plans that would take effect on Dec. 15. Among the pledges: to provide food and essentials during long on-board delays, to respond promptly to complaints and to support moves to increase the airlines liability for lost baggage from $1,250 to $2,500 per bag.

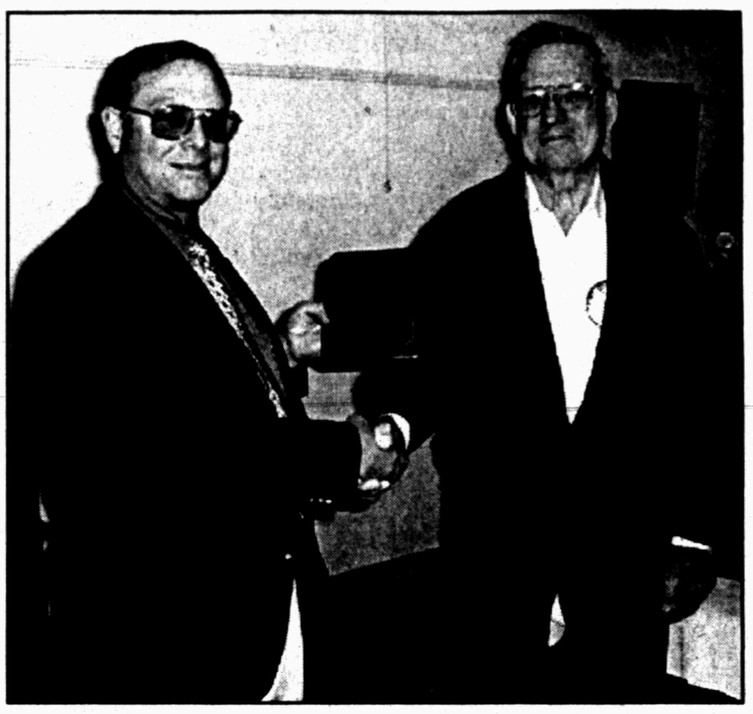
The Transportation Department announced Tuesday that it would put that policy into effect after a 30-day posting period. The department's inspector general also will issue a report next year assessing how the plans are working.

US Airways said its "Customer Commitment" is aimed at ensuring passengers receive consistent service, whether they fly on the main line, the airline's discount Metrojet service or on US Airways Express, its commuter service.

The airline has printed pamphlets outlining the policy in plain language for passengers.

Meanwhile, Delta tried to get its 75,000 employees into the spirit by offering some workers $25 gift certificates and by sending out a video to airports around the country.

It features Vicki Escarra, the airline's vice president of customer service, joining employees from pilots to ramp workers in singing a Christmas carol adapted to Delta's new policy.



VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD — Snyder Rotary Club has awarded Snyder Police Chief Steve Warren (left) with its Vocational Service Award. Rotarian Frank Miller presented the award. (SDN Staff Photo)

Date Book

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1999
Today is the 349th day of 1999 and the 84th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1874, the first Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was founded, in New York City.

On this day in 1938, in Washington, D.C., President Franklin D. Roosevelt presided over a groundbreaking ceremony for the Jefferson Memorial.

On this day in 1965, the American space vessels Gemini VI and Gemini VII rendezvoused in Earth orbit. It was the first rendezvous in space.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexandre Gustave Eiffel (1832-1923), engineer; Maxwell Anderson (1888-1959), dramatist; John Paul Getty (1892-1976), oil developer; Alan Freed (1922-1965), entertainer; Tim Conway (1933-), comedian, is 66; Don Johnson (1949-), actor, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, jockey Chuck Baltazar won seven consecutive races at Laurel Racecourse in Laurel, Maryland.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There are a hundred men seeking security to one able man who is willing to risk his fortune." — John Paul Getty

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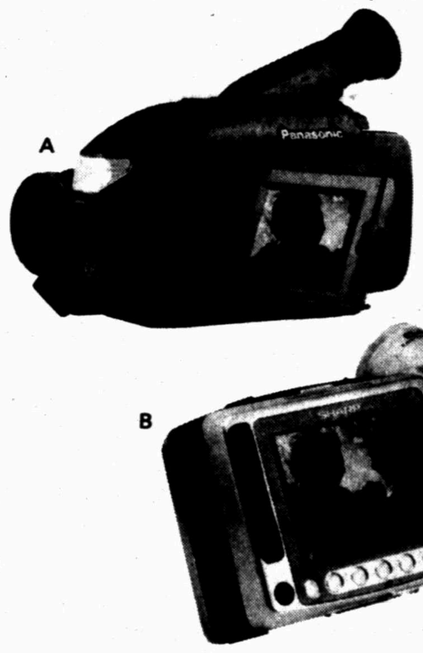

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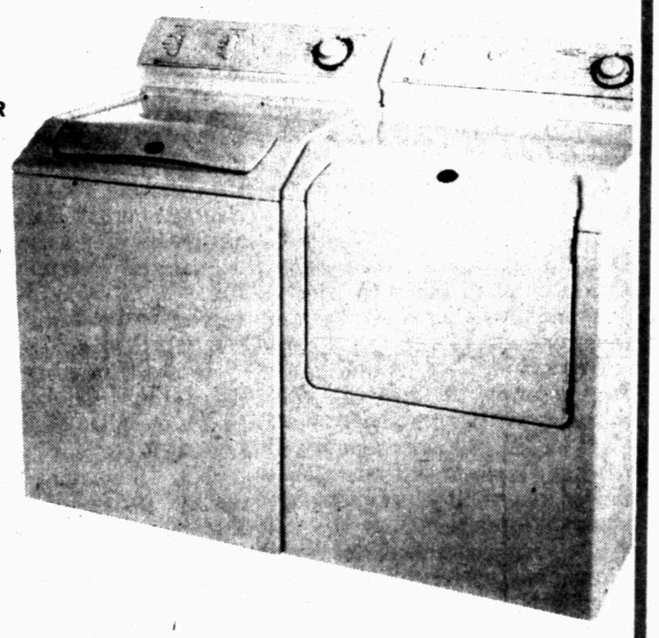

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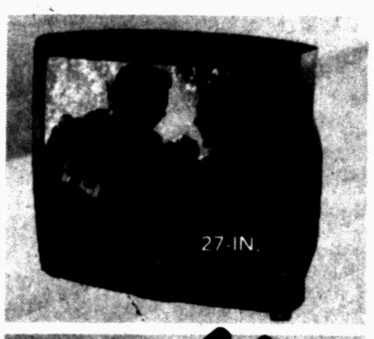

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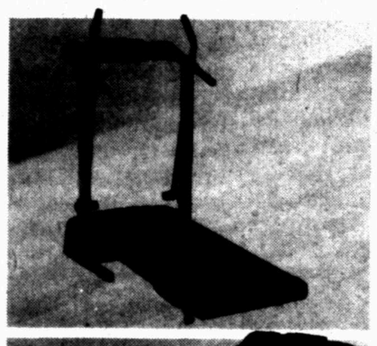

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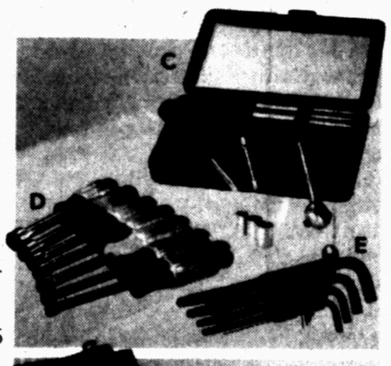

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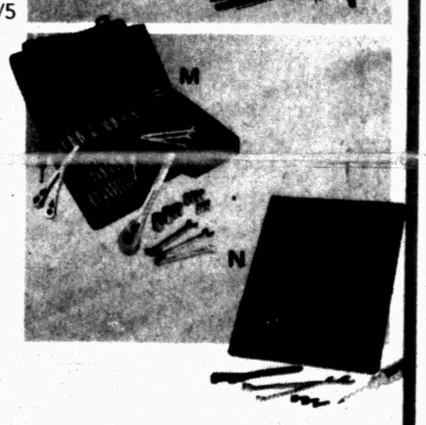

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