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Today...

Clinton kills spending bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — With negotiators mired in a broader budget debate, President Clinton vetoed two spending bills today that he argued would undermine the nation's environment. "I cannot permit it to happen," he said.

Surrounded by sixth-grade science students, Clinton rejected bills covering spending for the departments of the Interior, Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The bills would have killed Clinton's AmeriCorps community service program and contained environmental riders that critics say favor developers in the use of public lands.

"Republicans in this Congress have tried to role back decades of bipartisan environmental protection," Clinton said in an Oval Office ceremony. "It's wrong, and I cannot permit it to happen."

Clinton planned a third veto later today, rejecting GOP spending plans for the departments of State, Justice and Commerce. The White House believes that bill would gut his cops-on-the-beat program and virtually unravel the Commerce Department, which GOP lawmakers want to eliminate.

He issued the vetoes as federal workers began streaming home again in the second partial government shutdown this year. The shutdown was precipitated by a bitter struggle between Clinton and Congress over balancing the federal budget. Clinton said he would talk with GOP leaders today.

The bills vetoed today were among a half-dozen spending measures caught in the fight.

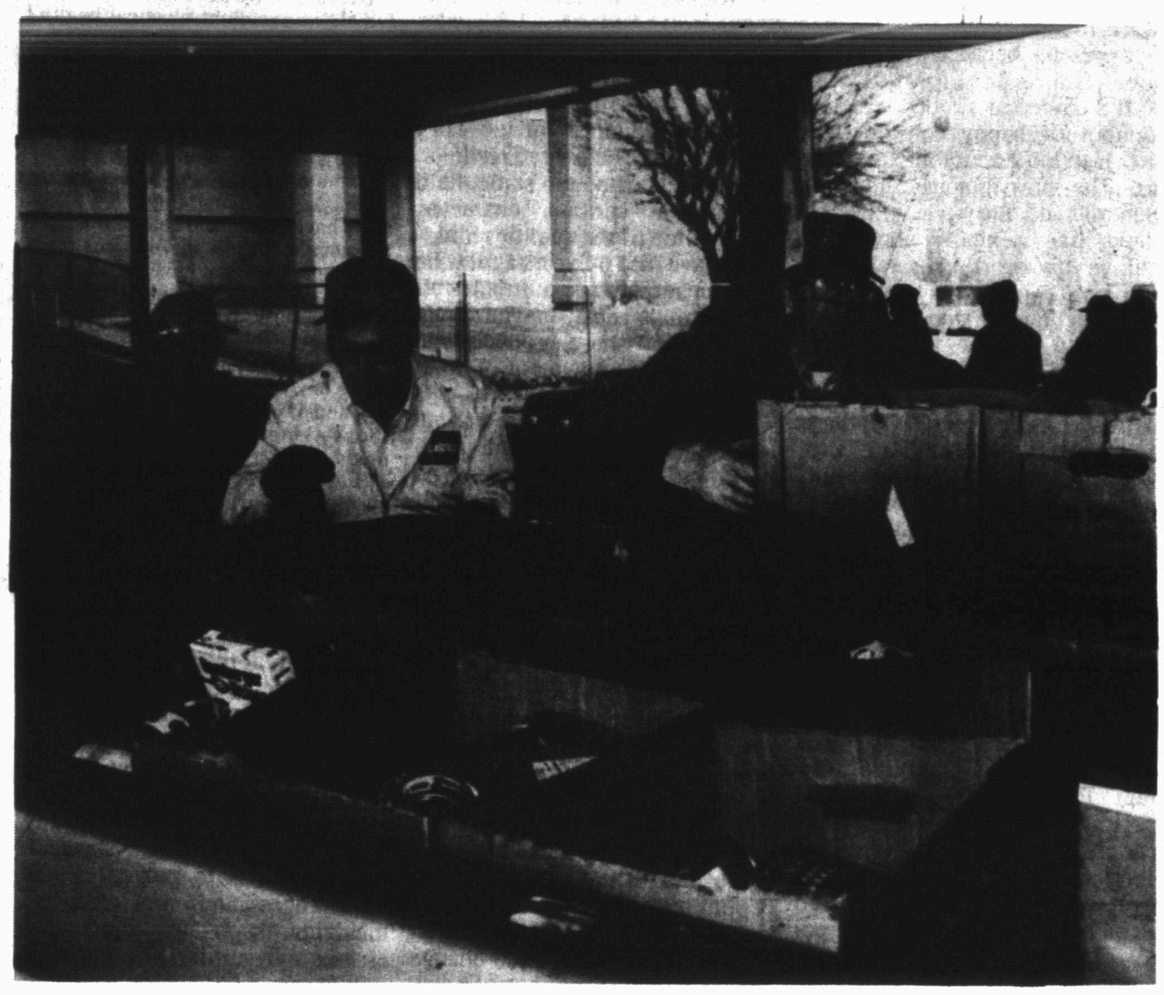
They were passed by the Senate last week, but failed to garner enough votes to override Clinton's veto. The fate of the agencies involved likely would be decided during budget negotiations.

The three vetoes would raise Clinton's total to nine, nowhere near the record of 414 set by President Grover Cleveland. And there is much precedent for multi-veto days; Franklin Roosevelt, for example, vetoed six bills on Aug. 1, 1939.

The two bills vetoed this morning represented a combined appropriation of $92.7 billion. They would have reduced federal housing programs by 21 percent, cut the EPA budget by 21 percent and cut veterans' medical care to $400 million below the amount Clinton requested.

Funding for both the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities would have been trimmed by nearly 40 percent, to $100 million and $110 million, respectively.

The State-Commerce-Justice bill, scheduled for a veto later today, contained a 30 percent reduction in funds for the Legal Services Corporation, which provides legal aid to the poor. It replaced Clinton's plan to put 100,000 new police on the streets with a $1.9 billion block grant program that gives local governments control over spending crime-fighting money.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT — Members of the Kiwanis Club worked as Goodfellows Saturday morning, loading boxes of canned goods and other food that will serve more than 700 needy persons this holiday season. Pictured are Joe Ellington (left) and Bob Lewis. (SDN Staff Photo)

Brakes put on NAFTA trucking regs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Transportation Secretary Federico Pena today announced a delay in implementation of NAFTA trucking regulations that have sparked fears about road safety and environmental protection in Texas and other Southwestern border states.

At a news conference, Pena said the regulations will not take effect pending conclusion of talks beginning this week between U.S. and Mexico over improving the safety and efficiency of the trucking provisions.

"Building upon the many measures already taken by both countries, the United States and Mexico will immediately begin consultations to further improve their motor-carrier safety and security regimes," Pena told reporters.

He denied that the delay represents a setback for NAFTA and said the U.S. remains fully committed to the trade pact with Mexico and Canada.

The trucking regulations would allow Mexican trucks to travel freely throughout Texas and its sister border states — well beyond their current narrow border zone of up to 20 miles.

U.S. trucks would have reciprocal access to Mexican border states, which has prompted concern in Mexico that well-equipped American trucking companies will siphon business from Mexican truckers.

The Mexicans' economic argument has been met by safety and environmental concerns on the U.S. side of the border.

Traffic safety groups, border state officials and the Teamsters union have charged that the border states' highways will become more deadly if Mexican trucks are allowed to freely roam the roadways.

The critics contend most Mexican trucks do not meet state and federal standards regarding safety, weight and insurance and that Mexican drivers often lack training in handling hazardous cargos and aren't subject to time limitations behind the wheel as are U.S. drivers.

Even though the Mexican truckers must comply with federal and state laws, critics worry that state and federal law enforcement don't have the resources to nab trucks that aren't in compliance.

The Clinton administration, under intense pressure from these groups and congressional NAFTA critics to delay the trucking regulations, had been negotiating with the Mexican government for days over a possible postponement.

Even before the postponement, Mexican trucking companies seeking to do business beyond the border zone had to file applications with the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to operate.

The ICC has up to 45 days to rule on the applications.

On Sunday, about 25 supporters of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters marched in Laredo to protest the trucking provisions.

Many hoisted signs reading "Postpone NAFTA For Our Families' Sake" and "NAFTA — Toxic Cargo on the Road."

Before marching to the center of the Gateway to the Americas Bridge — which connects the border cities of Laredo and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, the demonstrators held a rally on the banks of the Rio Grande.

NAFTA says "there will be no unsafe Mexican trucks operating in Texas," said John Riojas, a vice president with the international union in Washington.

County puts key business off for now

Scurry County commissioners approved 19 line-item transfers and a budget amendment this morning as action on three items of new business were tabled until a special meeting Thursday at 10 a.m.

The court spent the majority of this morning's meeting discussing medical insurance for county employees.

Jeff Fowler of Fowler & Associates Insurance Agency told the court that the county's self-insured program "had a bad year" and the current carrier would be seeking an increase in the county's premium.

As a result, Fowler presented a proposal from the Texas Association of Counties which is expected to cost the county some $130,000 less than insurance premiums in 1995.

Fowler said there had not been any big claims, but the overall number is up.

The largest claim in 1995, said Fowler, was $58,000.

Fowler also added that it would be up to the court to determine what the costs will be to the individual employees and their families.

Commissioner C.D. Gray suggested that the premiums remain the same for the employees and the county absorb any increases, if necessary.

The county has been self-insured for some 10 years, said County Judge Ricky Fritz and he questioned what problems or increased costs might arise if the county wanted to be self-insured after one year with the TAC insurance program.

Fowler said it would be a simple matter to switch back and the costs would still be determined by the number of claims the county submits in 1996.

Mike Puente, a representative with Compliance Marketing, presented a proposal to implement the county's random drug testing program which is required to be in place on Jan. 1, 1996 for all employees who have a commercial drivers license.

Commissioner Roy Idom suggested that the court table this item also as it was the only proposal the court had seen.

Some 20 employees would be subject to the random drug and alcohol testing with a cost of $130 each.

Appointments to several boards were also tabled until the Thursday meeting, including two vacancies on the Cogdell Hospital board and two on the Board of County Development.

One budget amendment was approved in the amount of $6,185 for the juvenile probation office to provide for residential treatment.

The court also approved the following line-item transfers.

—Airport: From- $685 sales tax, $557 resale, $308 utilities; To- repairs.

—County Extension Service: From- $250 repairs, $231 office supplies, $4 office supplies, $90 office supplies; To- $231 travel (Millican), $4 travel (Roberts), $250 equipment, $90 communications.

—Peace Justice: From- $200 autopsy expense; To- $100 communications, $100 lease rental.

—Courthouse Maintenance: From- $6,000 part-time payroll; To- $6,000 general payroll.

—Library: From- $99.29 peroidicals, $591.51 audiovisuals, $764.08 utilities, $113.37 communications, $1.06 repairs; To- $80.22 building maintenance, $1,252.57 new books, $11 maintenance agreements, $66.37 supplies, $158.73 copier lease, 42 cents copier supplies.

—Juvenile Probation: From- $468 lease rentals, $398 equipment; To- $144 communications, $73 non-residential, $490 travel expense, $150 office supplies.

—County Attorney: From- $500 travel expense, $170

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8.87 percent...

City tax rebates drop

Sales tax rebates to the City of Snyder for December fell almost nine percent compared to a year ago, according to information supplied by the State Comptroller's Office in Austin.

Tax rebates to the county were up almost 3½ percent.

Snyder received $84,274.33 this month, down 8.87 percent from December of 1994, when the city took in $92,483.19.

This month's payments include taxes collected by monthly sales tax filers in October and reported to the Comptroller in November.

For the year, city tax rebates are off 3.2 percent, comparing the $1,347,472.45 received in 1995 to the $1,392,156.69 received through December, 1994.

Scurry County received $44,539.96 this month, compared to $43,043.08 last December, an increase of 3.47 percent.

For the year, county sales tax rebates are up 9.93 percent, comparing $685,511.79 in 1995 to $623,577 in 1994,

Area sales tax rebates

City	Dec.'95	Dec.'94	+/-	Year'95	Year'94	+/-
Abilene	$1,365,842.05	$1,353,551.80	0.90%	$20,092,721.94	$19,348,372.74	3.84%
Big Spring	$209,930.38	$233,889.24	-10.24%	$3,511,355.60	$3,411,423.30	2.92%
Colorado City	$23,563.52	$20,539.22	14.72%	$367,447.50	$375,785.49	-2.21%
Lamesa	$50,280.79	$52,621.82	-4.44%	$838,869.63	$662,321.01	26.65%
Lubbock	$1,496,207.90	$1,406,024.41	6.41%	$20,173,376.16	$21,491,981.18	-6.13%
Post	$11,765.79	$11,705.52	0.51%	$200,497.28	$184,646.42	8.58%
Roby	$661.09	$879.80	-24.08%	$16,687.74	$21,981.17	-24.08%
Rotan	$7,233.17	$5,404.02	33.84%	$127,518.87	$133,286.29	-4.32%
Snyder	$84,274.33	$92,483.19	-8.87%	$1,347,472.45	$1,392,156.69	-3.20%
Sweetwater	$120,698.96	$101,160.04	19.31%	$1,693,910.78	$1,604,137.12	5.59%

ASK US

Q—How many entries are there for the Christmas lighting contest?

A—There are 10 entries. Today is the deadline to enter. Judging will be held Tuesday evening.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 55; low, 39; high Sunday, 49; low, 37; .17 of an inch precipitation; total for 1995, 19.22 inches.

Area Forecast: — Tonight, cloudy; 30% chance of snow. Low 20-25. NW wind 10-20 mp, gusty. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High, mid 40s. NW wind 10-20 mph, gusty.

Sunset: 5:44 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:37 a.m.
Of 351 days in 1995, the sun has shone 335 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

In all labor there is profit, but mere talks lead only to poverty.

Proverbs 14:23

Santa changes with the times

By GREG HASSEL
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Only two things are unknown about Santa Claus — his past and his future.

Scholars trace his origins to St. Nicholas of Myra. According to legend, the bishop gave generously to children and the needy. Once, he helped the daughters of an impoverished nobleman by throwing money down the chimney of their home. Some believe the gold nestled in stockings as they hung by the fire to dry.

There's only one problem with these accounts. No historical record of Nicholas exists. But that didn't stop his canonization, nor his emergence as one of the most popular saints. Thousands of churches have been named in his honor. When the Dutch first arrived in Manhattan, they erected a statue of St. Nicholas to thank him for their safe journey.

As Santa moved through the centuries, he evolved considerably. Europeans and Russians observed his birthday — Dec. 6 — by giving gifts. That practice was later incorporated into the celebration of Christmas. Somebody, probably the Scandinavians, gave him reindeer and a sleigh.

Americans began contributing to his legend in the 19th century. Clement Moore called him "chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf" in his poem, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, penned in 1822. When Thomas Nast drew Santa for the cover of Harper's Weekly in 1863, he also gave him white hair, a long beard, a round figure and a jolly disposition. A Boston printer named Louis Prang introduced a Christmas card in 1886 that portrayed Santa in a red suit.

By the 1930s, Americans had standardized the production of automobiles and other manufactured products. Now it was time to standardize Santa. The job fell to a Chicago artist the Coca-Cola Co. hired to create a Christmas advertising campaign. Using as his model a retired salesman named Lou Prentice, Haddon Sundblom created a new archetype for Santa Claus.

"Before Sundbloom, the interpretation of Santa Claus was all over the place," said Coca-Cola archivist Phil Mooney. "Sometimes he was an elf. Sometimes he was larger than life. Sometimes he wasn't such a happy guy. He doled out presents because that was his job."

But America needed a hearty symbol of happy consumerism, and Haddon Sundblom gave it to us. The now-famous Sundblom Santa is no fairy-tale pixie. He looks like a kindly uncle who enjoys his work. He raids the refrigerator and takes time to play with the family pooch.

"Santa became a real flesh-and-blood guy," Mooney said. "His human qualities made him a better symbol of love and kindness and giving."

Because giving Christmas gifts often means buying, Santa's been an ideal pitchman for all sorts of stuff. But the endless use of Santa as a salesman has threatened to trivialize him. How can he be a symbol of kindness and a tireless shill for this year's hot product?

Luckily for us, Santa's still evolving. Walk into the Northline Mall sometime and visit him enthroned there. He's a little different than Sundblom or Nast portrayed him. He's black, and the people there love him.

"Every day we get calls asking us if we have a black Santa," said Rosalind Moore, marketing director at Northline, where half the customers are African American. "If you are black, it's easier for you to relate to a black Santa."

At the Gulfgate Mall, where two-thirds of the customers are Hispanic, one of the Santas is a Hispanic man who speaks fluent Spanish. Northline also employs a Hispanic Santa.

"When I was a kid, Santa was always white. I remember visiting him for the first time, and I was really scared," said Fernando Gonzales, who portrays Santa at Gulfgate. "It would have helped if he could have said Hola! to me."

One little girl recently refused to sit on Santa's lap until Gonzales calmed her with a few kind words in Spanish.

"Kids hear that and say, 'Wow! Santa speaks Spanish,'" Gonzales said. "And little white and black kids don't mind if I'm Hispanic. I'm still Santa to them."

Because Santa's image isn't fixed in stone, he's more resilient. If he ever became too static, he'd become a cartoon character, losing some of the qualities Sundblom gave him 64 years ago. If he continues to change a little, as all living things must, maybe Santa can pitch all these products and remain a vibrant symbol of what Christmas really means.

So the next time you see a Santa who looks a little different, try to smile and give him a wave, no matter how old you are. You might even try telling him gracias.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Bright light could trigger seizure

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 37-year-old female in excellent physical health. However, on occasion I experience episodic bouts of vertigo and nausea. Tests, including an MRI, were negative. Bright white lights from reflections, such as snow, set off an episode. These symptoms did not start until I became a mother. I'm also a highly emotional individual. Could my symptoms have a possible relation to photosensitive seizure and/or some form of epilepsy? I do not have convulsions, but the vertigo lasts from five minutes to three hours. Your comments would be appreciated.

DEAR READER: I don't know the cause of your recurring attacks of vertigo and nausea, nor can I explain why these symptoms began after your pregnancy.

However, you could possibly have an unusual form of epilepsy that is triggered by a strobe effect (flickering lights) or by bright light.

In my opinion, you should be examined by a neurologist, who will review the tests you have had and, perhaps, order an EEG (brain wave tests that may show seizure activity of which you are unaware).

I do not believe that a highly emotional state would cause the symptoms you mentioned. Rather, I would search for a physical cause. The neurologist can assist you in this investigation.

To give you more information on seizures, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Epilepsy: The Falling Sickness." 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 am a 50-year-old woman who still has her tonsils. In the last few years I have noticed that a ball of white, firm matter forms in pockets in my tonsils. What is that? Does it mean I have an infection? I have no other signs of illness.

DEAR READER: Repeated infections of the tonsils usually lead to deep crevices in these lymph glands at the back of the throat. Subsequently, collections of pus and debris often accumulate in these grooves. Such collections smell fetid (causing bad breath) and are the consistency of soap. They may be loosened by coughing or can be dislodged by manipulation.

Although these deposits are not a health concern, they do reflect continuing, low-grade tonsillar infection. Because they may be present for years and cause no harm (except for halitosis), they can be ignored. Nonetheless, if they are plentiful, consider having them (and the tonsils) removed. Ask your doctor about this.

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Unit focuses on prosecuting abuse cases

FORT WORTH (AP) — Prosecutor Stephen Gordon waits patiently in court wondering if a man will stand trial for allegedly beating his girlfriend so badly that he broke her nose.

In years past, the odds were that the case wouldn't make it that far and even if it did, success would be limited.

But the Tarrant County district attorney's office hopes to change all that with the formation of a new unit that exclusively handles family violence cases.

"Our office really believes that if there's something in the community and we're not doing as good a job as we should, we should get a specialized unit to handle it, and that's what we've done here," Gordon said.

Such units aren't new — they exist in Harris, Dallas and Bexar counties. But they underscore the attention being given a problem that often happens behind closed doors but has withstood the recent glare of the national spotlight during the O.J. Simpson trial.

Mary Lee Hafley, executive director of The Women's Shelter in Arlington, believes the unit's creation will help victims overcome the fear that nothing will be done if they report abuse.

"It brings some credibility to the legal community saying, 'Yes, we abhor domestic violence' and 'Yes, domestic violence is a crime,' but now they're really treating it like a crime," she said.

The hope is to prevent repeat occurrences and more serious incidents such as aggravated assault and murder, Gordon said.

"That's what we're trying to avoid," he said. "We're trying to make sure someone's in contact with our office in a domestic violence situation ... make sure they understand we take it seriously, so that we avoid the escalation of violence."

The unit, which started its work in November, is focusing on misdemeanor assaults, culling from approximately 2,000 cases the 175 worst offenders to target. The remaining cases will be handled by other prosecutors.

The sheer number of cases, coupled with reluctant witnesses and some disbelieving juries, has produced limited courtroom success.

Slightly more than a dozen such cases have been to trial in Tarrant County the past few years, Gordon said.

In 1994, the conviction rate for assaults was 27 percent compared with 70 percent to 80 percent for other misdemeanors such as drunken driving, shoplifting and theft, he said.

"That's a combination of not being able to get a lot of the groundwork done before going to trial just because of the volume, as well as the view of a lot of juries. ... They think that these things aren't that serious," Gordon said.

Another hindrance was a law that allowed victims freedom from testifying against their spouses. But that spousal privilege in domestic violence cases was taken away Sept. 1 when new legislation went into effect.

With two prosecutors, support staff, interns and an investigator to gather medical records and 911 calls to police, the district attorney's office should see better results, Gordon said.

John Cleese dislikes early 'Python'

LONDON (AP) — Basil Fawlty and the Ministry of Silly Walks do not make John Cleese laugh. They make him cringe.

The former Monty Python funny man told The Mail on Sunday newspaper that looking back on his acts from the 1970s, now regarded as comedy classics, makes him wonder what people were laughing at.

"It was all embarrassingly awful," he said in the interview. "All these years and nobody had ever said anything. Are they being polite, or haven't they noticed?"

Date Book

Dec. 18, 1995

Today is the beginning of HANUKKAH. It is the 352nd day of 1995 and the 87th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1796, the Monitor became North America's first Sunday newspaper.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph J. Thomson (1856-1940), physicist; Paul Klee (1879-1940), artist; Ty Cobb (1886-1961), baseball great; Christopher Fry (1907-), dramatist, is 88; Ossie Davis (1917-), actor, is 78; Ramsey Clark (1927-), former U.S. attorney general, is 68; Keith Richards (1943-), musician, is 52; Steven Spielberg (1947-), director-producer, is 48; Leonard Maltin (1950-), movie reviewer, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1932, the Chicago Bears defeated the Portsmouth Spartans on an 80-yard field in the first NFL game to be played indoors.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "His trouble is he takes life too seriously. Cobb is going at it too hard." — Cy Young

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1985, unusually strong rains in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia, led to flash floods that killed 15.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 15) and new moon (Dec. 22).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995

In the year ahead you might become deeply involved in several unique endeavors. These involvements could provide you with excitement, profit and new popularity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not procrastinate today if you have something financially meaningful on the agenda. Luck will be in your corner, but may not have a long attention span. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Engagements with friends should work out well today. You might even have an opportunity to rectify a past misunderstanding with a pal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you pursue a truly significant objective today, pull out all the stops. Do not hold back because you may not have another opportunity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It is not always wise to use intermediaries, but today an associate may contact someone you have been unable to reach yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Material opportunities may spring up in new areas today. Examine them carefully, because they can be utilized in several advantageous ways.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Beneficial arrangements that appear unrelated can be linked together. If you apply yourself, you can figure out how this works.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you are asked to manage something for someone else today, make sure to treat the matter conscientiously. Your attitude will be important to the outcome.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Quick thinking can provide you with advantages over those who compete against you today. Do not fear making snap decisions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This day can be extremely productive if you remain determined to conclude projects to your satisfaction. Do not take on more than you can manage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something of substance could develop for you through your social involvements today. When conversing with friends, don't hesitate to talk shop.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Give your imagination free rein today. You may conceive of an ingenious idea for making more money. Do not fear testing your new vision.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In regard to something that has concerned you recently, conditions in general look hopeful for you today. Emphasize the positive.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

R.L. Adkins Corp. has completed the No. 1 McGlaughn in the Vernon Cox field, 12 miles northwest of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 66 barrels of 36.8 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,083-100 feet, and location is in Section 700, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Pennzoil Petroleum has completed the No. 323-4A SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, seven miles southwest of Snyder. The project was finaled to produce 22 barrels of 40 gravity oil and 15 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,873-7,005 feet, and location is in Section 194, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Spiralding Energy Inc. has completed the No. 6 Fuller in the Corazon field, two miles north of Fullerville. The well was completed to produce 43 barrels of 34.5 gravity oil and 122 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,069-166 feet, and location is in Section 88, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 3-R W.T. Falls in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles west of Ira. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, drill site is in Section 131, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 4-R West Texas National Bank in the Sharon Ridge field, four miles west of Ira. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, drill site is in Section 130, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Gazra County

Brothers Production has completed the No. 1-G Hitt Elmer in the PHD field, eight miles northwest of Post. The well was finaled to produce 29 barrels of 34.5 gravity oil and 145 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,703-734 feet, and location is in Section 560, Block 891, HE&WT survey.

Patterson Petroleum has completed the No. 3 Lott Trust in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. The venture was finaled to produce 132 barrels of 40 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 4,933-985 feet, and location is in Section 19, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Shenandoah Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 10-20 Macy Lott in the Lazy JL field, 10 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 6,200 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Borden County

Gecko Inc. will drill the No. 1-2 Edna Miller in the Just Right field, 10 miles southwest of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 9,000 feet, location is in Section 2, Block 29, T5N, T&P survey.

Howard County

Federal Oil Inc. has completed the No. 1 O'Daniel, a wildcat located eight miles north of Coahoma. The well was completed to produce 155 barrels of 46 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 8,020-021 feet, and location is in Section 45, Block 27, H&TC survey.

Cobra Oil and Gas will drill the No. 1-37 Clara Adams unit in the Middleton field, four miles north of Knott. Planned for a depth of 9,200 feet, location is in Section 37, Block 34, T3N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Robertson Resources Inc. has completed the No. 1 J.H. Cochran in the Group field, four miles southeast of Maryneal. The reentry project was plugged back to produce 38 barrels of 46 gravity oil and 165 barrels of water. Perforations were from 4,100-104 feet, and location is in Section 72, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

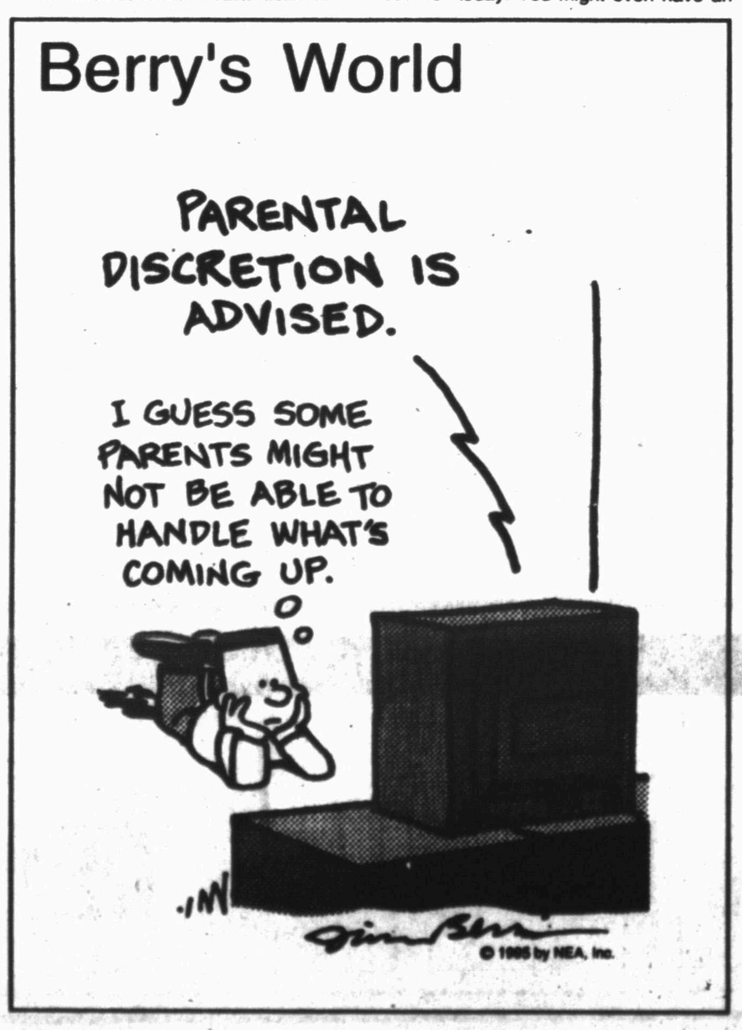
Lavanco Energy Inc. will drill the No. 48 South Lake Trammel unit, a 5,500-foot wildcat located four miles north of Maryneal. Location is in Section 76, Block X, T&P survey.

Lavanco Energy will drill the No. 59 South Lake Trammel unit, a 5,500-foot wildcat located four miles north of Maryneal. Location is in Section 31, Block X, T&P survey.

Oryx Energy has completed the No. 4818 Southwest Nena Lucia unit in the Nena Lucia field, 12 miles southwest of Maryneal. The well was finaled to produce 180 barrels of 45.5 gravity oil and 1,368 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,917-7,000 feet, and location is in Section 87, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Clear Fork Inc. will drill the No. 1 Patterson, a 7,100-foot wildcat located eight miles southeast of Maryneal. Drill site is in Section 21, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Berry's World



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BIG NATE'S SECRET SANTA by Lincoln Peirce

Insurance companies get around laws okaying longer hospital stays

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kathleen Van Hollen was exhausted and bleeding after the emergency delivery of her baby to save his life.

But instead of resting, she was arguing on the telephone — trying to get her insurance company to follow a new Maryland law allowing two days of hospital healing after childbirth.

She failed, joining thousands of women in three states who fell through the cracks of new laws designed to stop so-called "drive-through childbirth."

"It's not that the insurers are doing anything illegal — they're just simply ... trying to fatten their wallets," said Christopher Van Hollen, a Maryland senator who pledged to strengthen that law after his wife's experience.

Argued New Jersey Assemblywoman Barbara Buono in a letter to Congress: "The best way to plug up the loopholes ... is to enact federal legislation that is more encompassing."

Today, many insurers pay for one day in the hospital after a normal birth or two days after an uncomplicated Caesarean delivery, saying there's seldom a medical need for longer stays.

Insurers insist they listen if doctors recommend a longer stay.

"I hear lots of people say they feel pressured," acknowledged Don White of the Group Health Association of America. "But I have yet to come across an HMO that says, 'regardless of what the attending health professional thinks, you need to go home.' ... That's just silly."

But many doctors and the American Academy of Pediatricians say it takes at least 48 hours for the mother to recover and to ensure the baby is healthy. Some conditions, such as jaundice, cannot be diagnosed during the first 24 hours of life.

Three states — Maryland, New Jersey and North Carolina — this year began mandating a 48-hour stay. But some new mothers who thought they were covered are getting a surprise:

—State laws do not cover the self-funded insurance plans offered by more than half of employers, because a 1978 federal law exempts such plans from state regulation.

—New Jersey law doesn't cover any companies based out of state, whether it is the insurer itself or, say, a Philadelphia-based law firm buying insurance for its New Jersey branch employees.

Medical industry booms in S. Texas

McALLEN (AP) — The once-struggling Rio Grande Valley medical industry has become an economic force because of a growing local population, sunny climate and physician recruitment.

New hospitals, expanding existing facilities and doctors flocking in from points across Texas, the United States and the world have given South Texas a boon that's helped counteract the effects of a weak Mexican peso.

"It's good for the Valley, not only for the jobs created, but for the quality of jobs," said Randy McLelland, an area banker who serves on the board of Valley Baptist Medical Center. "The increase in the number and quality of these services is really just a tremendous increase in the quality of life and health care."

Recent Census Bureau statistics show that the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area was the third-fastest growing area in the nation between 1990 and 1994. That 20.2 percent expansion rate has prompted medical growth in an era of downsizing elsewhere.

"This is a rare, rare market," said Harold Siglar, administrator of McAllen Medical Center. "Across the country, everyone else is downsizing, but (here), the demand has been so good, we are growing as fast as we need to."

McAllen has seen new and expanded hospitals spring up city-wide. A 125-bed, $25 million hospital in nearby Edinburg is almost completed and a $35 million upgrade of a Weslaco hospital recently opened.

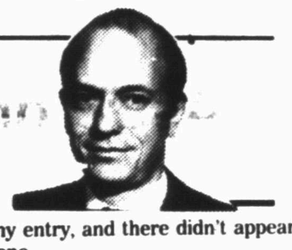
"I think we're just trying to meet the needs right now," said Michelle Kinney, public information liaison for McAllen's Rio Grande Regional Hospital. "We're experiencing a strange phenomenon, which is a bed shortage, especially during the Winter Texan season."

"Winter Texans," or retirees from northern climes who take advantage of the area's mild winter months, have put extra strains on medical facilities, Kinney said.

McAllen Medical's patient load has skyrocketed since 1990, when the hospital saw an average of 197 patients per day. That number today is 356 patients per day, an 81 percent jump.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♣ 5 3 2

WEST
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♥ A J 4
♦ 5 3
♣ J 9 4

EAST
♠ 7
♥ Q 10 9
♦ 9 8 7 6 2
♣ Q 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ A K 6 3
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ A K
♣ A K 6

Vulnerable: Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

Think at first

Rabbi Sam Shapiro and his family, wife Lucyle and daughters Elyse and Judy, had just finished their Hanukkah supper. The gifts had been opened; everyone was feeling happy and content. Then the Rabbi suggested their regular bridge game.

"Oh, yes!" exclaimed Lucyle.

Knowing their parents loved the game, Elyse and Judy willingly agreed.

The bridge table was set up; the deck was shuffled and dealt. The full layout is in the diagram.

The Rabbi's sequence, a strong, artificial and forcing two clubs followed by a jump to three no-trump, showed a balanced 25-27 points. His ace-king doubleton of diamonds was a drawback, but aces and kings are undervalued at four and three points, respectively.

Elyse led the spade five. Immediately, the Rabbi called for dummy's 10 and Judy played the seven. The spade six was halfway out of the Rabbi's hand when he paused. He had noticed the blockage in the diamond suit. Yet he needed four diamond tricks for his contract. This would require a dummy entry, and there didn't appear to be one.

Suddenly the Rabbi saw the answer. He won the first trick with his spade *king*. After unblocking the ace-king of diamonds, the Rabbi continued with his spade three toward dummy's jack.

Elyse did the best she could, winning with the queen and switching to a club, but the contract was home. The Rabbi claimed nine tricks: three spades, four diamonds and two clubs.

"Well played, darling," said Lucyle with a broad smile on her face.

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Preserve resumes its status

MATAGORDA (AP) — Officials will find out this week just how many birds now call Mad Island Marsh home.

Tucked away in the gnarly extensions of a Gulf Coast lake in Matagorda County, a 7,000-acre preserve quickly is resuming its status as a haven for hundreds of species of birds.

With the help of more than 60 volunteers, officials at Mad Island Marsh will find out just how many types of birds have made the sanctuary their home.

The habitat is about 85 miles southwest of Galveston.

The event, known as the Mad Island Marsh Christmas Bird Count, will be the third in as many years, and is open to the public.

The count, which began at 12:01 a.m. today and is set to end 23 hours and 59 minutes later, is growing in popularity among the state's most avid bird-watchers.

"Mother Nature has a way of bringing things back to the way they were," said Jim Bergan, coastal land steward for the Nature Conservancy of Texas, which oversees the preserve. "We're trying to bring it back to some semblance of how things were 100 years ago."

The preserve once one of Texas' premier freshwater regions that harbored thousands of waterfowl is on the rebound.

Last year, 205 species of birds were counted. Among them were the endangered peregrine falcon, piping plover, wood stork and brown pelican.

Other species frequently spotted on the preserve include snow geese, Canada geese, sandhill cranes, mottled ducks and colonial nesting birds.

Land for the preserve was donated by the Clive Runnells family, longtime ranchers in the area.

Mad Island Marsh was so named "because the mosquitoes would get so bad they would drive cattle mad and into the marshes," Bergan said.

The revitalization of the flat coastal prairie comes more than a half-century after the marshy habitat began to degenerate from decreased freshwater inflows, saltwater intrusion, overgrazing and development within the watershed, Bergan said.

Though gradual, the changes to the preserve have been significant.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th and College; 6-9 p.m..

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

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call Nathalie at 573-0015.

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room; 6-9 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Country Club; noon.

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

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

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

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Kato Kaelin never sought celebrity

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Kato Kaelin says he never sought celebrity. But that's not going to stop him from cashing in.

The O.J. Simpson house guest who has spun a career out of his testimony in the trial of the century appeared at a shopping mall Saturday to sign copies of January's Playgirl magazine, which features him wearing next to nothing.

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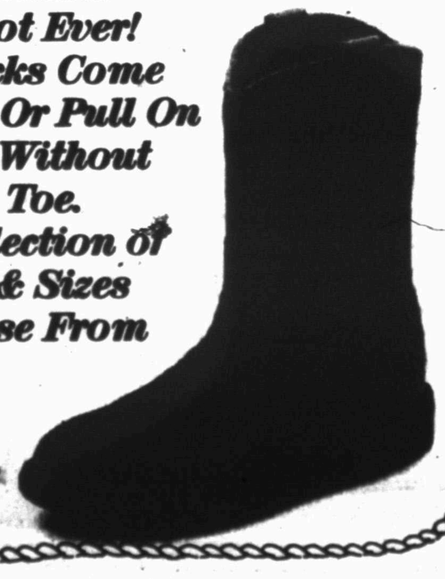

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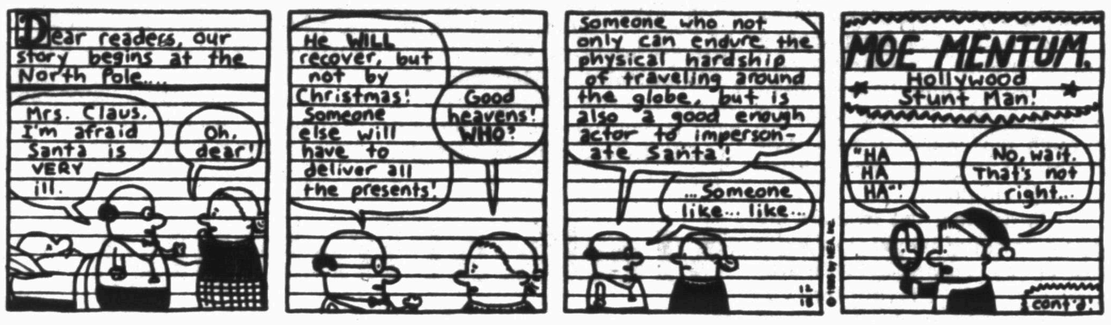

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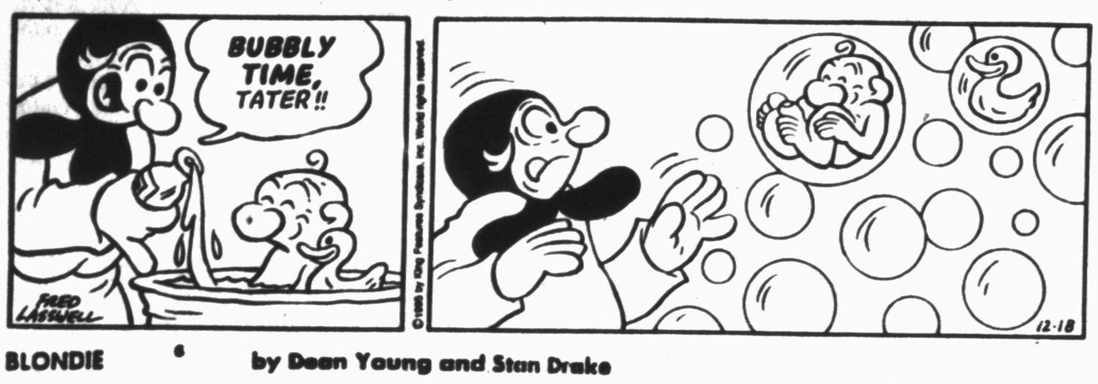

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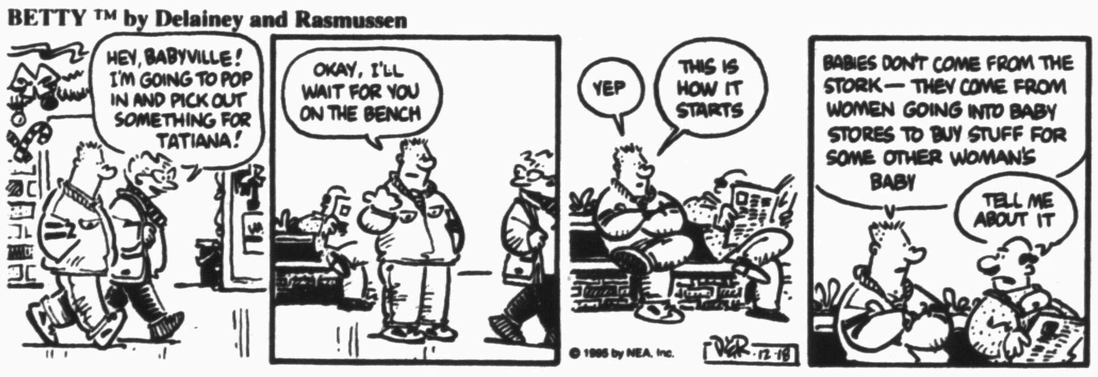

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1 Navy ship pref.
4 Objects of worship
9 Neighbor of Can.
12 Amount
13 Transistor set
14 Dine
15 Of a N. Atlantic nation
17 Roman 502
18 Luster
19 English poet
21 Weakest
25 Entertainment gp.
28 Drooping on one side
29 Small ox
33 Earth's star
34 Not working (al.)
35 Arm, e.g.
36 Thanks — —
38 Cry of pain
40 Close rel.
41 Rage
42 Caribou
43 Give — — whirl
44 Own
47 Boca —, Florida
50 Buckwheat
54 Bring into play
55 Civilities
59 Sault — Marie
60 Caesar's language
61 Mrs. in Madrid
62 Dawn goddess
63 Sierra —
64 Soak

DOWN

1 Information agcy.
2 Of that kind
3 Diving duck
4 Persian
5 TV's — Rather
6 Eccentric
7 Roman 52
8 Footwear
9 Govt. farm agcy.
10 Business attire
11 Honey bee genus
16 Astronaut's ferry
20 And others (2 wds.)
22 — of London
23 Stray calves
24 Epic poem
25 Air defense org.
26 Long garment
27 — — about
30 Unless
31 Exclude
32 Swedish singing group
37 Secretary's error
39 Author — Caldwell
45 — — fours (crawling)
46 Occupied a bench
47 Stratagem
48 Concerning (2 wds.)
49 Golf pegs
51 Hissing sound
52 Deli sandwich
53 Pronto (abbr.)
56 Actress West
57 WWII area
58 Author Anais —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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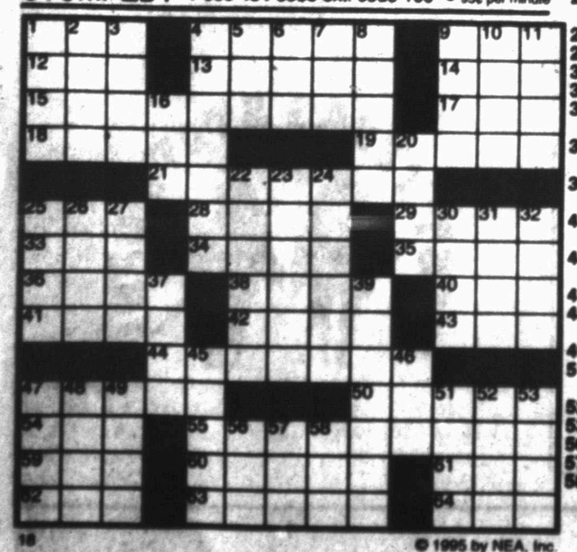

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SPORTS

NFL AT A GLANCE

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National Football League
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Buffalo	10	5	0	.667	333	307
Indianapolis	8	7	0	.533	321	309
Miami	8	7	0	.533	357	310
NewEngland	6	9	0	.400	287	367
N.Y.Jets	3	12	0	.200	233	372
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	11	4	0	.733	388	303
Cincinnati	6	9	0	.400	322	350
Houston	6	9	0	.400	320	307
Cleveland	5	10	0	.333	268	332
Jacksonville	3	12	0	.200	251	383
West						
x-KansasCity	12	3	0	.800	332	238
Oakland	8	7	0	.533	320	301
SanDiego	8	7	0	.533	294	306
Seattle	8	7	0	.533	350	340
Denver	7	8	0	.467	357	317

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Dallas	11	4	0	.733	398	278
y-Philadelphia	10	5	0	.667	304	318
N.Y.Giants	5	10	0	.333	273	313
Washington	5	10	0	.333	306	342
Arizona	4	11	0	.267	262	385
Central						
y-GreenBay	10	5	0	.667	380	295
Detroit	9	6	0	.600	399	326
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	358	321
Chicago	8	7	0	.533	372	346
TampaBay	7	8	0	.467	228	298
West						
x-SanFrancisco	10	4	0	.714	393	200
Atlanta	8	7	0	.533	334	322
St.Louis	7	8	0	.467	287	377
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	272	305
NewOrleans	6	9	0	.400	307	348

x-clinched division title; y-clinched playoff berth.

Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh 41, New England 27
Green Bay 34, New Orleans 23

Sunday's Games
Detroit 44, Jacksonville 0
Buffalo 23, Miami 20
Cleveland 26, Cincinnati 10
Houston 23, New York Jets 6
Carolina 21, Atlanta 17
Philadelphia 21, Arizona 20
Chicago 31, Tampa Bay 10
Washington 35, St. Louis 23
Kansas City 20, Denver 17
San Diego 27, Indianapolis 24
Dallas 21, New York Giants 20
Seattle 44, Oakland 10

Monday's Game
Minnesota at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 23
San Diego at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
New England at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24
Pittsburgh at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Houston at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 4 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4 p.m.
Miami at St. Louis, 4 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 25
Dallas at Arizona, 9 p.m.

NBA AT A GLANCE

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	18	6	.750	-
NewYork	17	6	.739	½
Miami	12	9	.571	4½
Boston	11	10	.524	5½
Washington	11	10	.524	5½
NewJersey	9	11	.450	7
Philadelphia	4	17	.190	12½
Central Division				
Chicago	19	2	.905	-
Indiana	11	10	.524	8
Cleveland	11	11	.500	8½
Atlanta	11	12	.478	9
Charlotte	11	13	.458	9½
Detroit	9	13	.409	10½
Milwaukee	7	13	.350	11½
Toronto	8	17	.320	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	17	6	.739	-
Utah	15	7	.682	1½
SanAntonio	13	7	.650	2½
Denver	10	12	.455	6½
Dallas	7	14	.333	9
Minnesota	6	14	.300	9½
Vancouver	3	20	.130	14
Pacific Division				
Seattle	15	7	.682	-
Sacramento	14	7	.667	½
L.A.Lakers	12	12	.500	4
Portland	11	11	.500	4
Phoenix	9	11	.450	5
GoldenState	8	14	.364	7
L.A.Clippers	8	15	.348	7½

Saturday's Games
New York 86, Detroit 82
Utah 83, Miami 74
Atlanta 95, Denver 86
Chicago 108, L.A. Lakers 88
Phoenix 111, Dallas 108, OT
San Antonio 122, Sacramento 106
Golden State 116, Vancouver 85
Charlotte 109, L.A. Clippers 99

Sunday's Games
Toronto 110, Orlando 93
Philadelphia 101, Minnesota 99
Milwaukee 84, Indiana 80
Cleveland 92, Denver 79
Washington 112, Portland 100

Monday's Games
Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 10:30 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

By The Associated Press
Texas High School Championship Pairings

Class 5A, Division I
State Championship
Converse Judson 31, Odessa Permian 28

Class 5A, Division II
State Championship
Flower Mound Marcus (15-0) vs. San Antonio Roosevelt (15-0), Noon Saturday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio

Class 4A
State Championship
Denison (15-0) vs. La Marque (15-0), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

Class 3A
State Championship
Commerce (13-1-1) vs. Sealy (15-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco

Class 2A
State Championship
Celina (14-1) vs. Alto (15-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Class A
State Championship
Roscoe (14-1) vs. Thorndale (15-0), 6 p.m., Saturday, Brownwood

Six-man
State Championship
Amherst 78, Milford 42

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOP 25

By The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 17, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1.Kansas(57)	6-0	1,617	1
2.Massachusetts(8)	6-0	1,558	3
3.Arizona	8-0	1,430	4
4.Kentucky	5-1	1,418	5
5.Memphis	5-0	1,252	6
6.Georgetown	7-1	1,240	7
7.Villanova	7-1	1,196	2
8.Connecticut	7-1	1,175	8
9.Cincinnati	6-0	1,111	12
10.Iowa	8-1	1,036	9
11.NorthCarolina	7-1	1,031	10
12.WakeForest	4-1	918	11
13.Utah	6-1	848	13
14.Illinois	7-0	722	16
15.Missouri	6-1	689	14
16.MississippiSt.	5-1	571	15
17.Michigan	8-2	539	18
18.Georgia	6-1	469	—
19.Syracuse	8-0	350	25
20.Duke	5-2	307	21
21.GeorgiaTech	6-3	261	19
22.VirginiaTech	3-1	251	17
23.Virginia	3-2	180	23
24.California	4-0	170	—
25.Louisville	6-3	124	20

Boniol kicks Cowboys to win over Giants

IRVING (AP) — Nothing is easy for the Dallas Cowboys these days.

Struggling for the third straight week, the Cowboys needed Troy Aikman to convert three critical third-down passes and Chris Boniol's fifth field goal as the game ended Sunday for a 21-20 victory over the New York Giants.

Dallas (11-4) can win the NFC East on Christmas night against Arizona if Philadelphia defeats Chicago next Sunday. A loss by the Eagles would give the title to the Cowboys.

Aikman completed a 10-yard pass to Kevin Williams on third-and-7 from the Dallas 38, hit Michael Irvin for 11 yards on third-and-10 from the Dallas 49, and found Williams again on third-and-10 at the Giants 28.

Dallas worked the ball to the 17 where Boniol, not bothered when the Giants called a timeout to ice him, hit the game winner from 35 yards. It was his 22nd consecutive field goal.

Boniol had field goals of 27, 32, 23, and 45 yards before his big one, which cleared the cross-bar with 0:00 on the clock.

Rodney Hampton rushed for a career-high 187 yards, but the Giants still sustained their 10th loss against five wins.

Brad Daluiso kicked a go-ahead 27-yard field goal with 5:17 to play to before the winning 58-yard drive engineered by Aikman.

Dallas, which lost its last two games, got two field goals and a 5-yard touchdown run by Emmitt Smith to seize an 18-17 lead with 12:48 to play. But the Giants answered as Hampton gained 55 yards on the drive to Daluiso's late kick.

Brown scrambled the Cowboys crazy in the first half as he outgained Smith 47 to 45 yards, with the Giants taking a 14-6 lead. The crowd booed the Cowboys as they left the field.

Brown ran 23 yards on third-and-4 from the Dallas 26 to position the Giants for their first touchdown, a 1-yard run by Tyrone Wheatley in the first quarter.

On the second New York touchdown, with third down from the 5, Brown couldn't find a receiver and scored despite losing his right shoe with 14 seconds left in the half.

The Giants had to settle for two field goals in the second half, although Hampton ran up and down the field. A holding call against fullback Charles Way negated a short touchdown run by Wheatley. Way also dropped a sure touchdown pass in the end zone.

The high-powered Dallas offense sputtered in the first half, settling for field goals of 27 and 32 yards by Boniol. At one point, Dallas had fourth-and-inched from the Giants 10-yard line in the first quarter, but decided not to go for it.

Coach Barry Switzer was criticized last week in a 20-17 loss against Philadelphia for taking a fourth-and-1 gamble from his 29 late in the game. Dallas missed twice, and the Eagles kicked a field goal to win.

Dallas went into the game as a 15-point favorite, although it had lost in back-to-back weeks to Washington and Philadelphia. The Cowboys beat New York 35-0 in the first game of the season.

Smith gained 103 yards on 24 carries. He had four touchdowns and 163 yards the first time the Cowboys played the Giants.

McNair leads Oilers to win

HOUSTON (AP) — A game that was supposed to be memorable turned out to be forgettable.

What likely will be the final NFL game played in the Astrodome was low voltage for excitement. Steve McNair made his first NFL start and threw a 35-yard touchdown pass, leading the Houston Oilers to a drab 23-6 victory over the New York Jets on Sunday.

McNair's touchdown pass to Haywood Jeffires with 38 seconds left in the first quarter and a 53-yard pass play to Chris Sanders in the fourth quarter that set up a touchdown drew cheers from a crowd of 35,872.

But they booed several times at the Oilers' conservative game plan in the defense-dominated game, and during a quiet moment a fan yelled, "See you later Bud," to owner Bud Adams. The crowd clapped.

Al Del Greco kicked field goals of 49, 53 and 24 yards as the Oilers (6-9) played what likely was their final game in the Astrodome before moving to Tennessee. The Oilers' lease runs through the 1997 season, but Adams is expected to buy out the remaining portion and complete the move to Tennessee next season.

The Oilers rotated four running backs in the backfield to take advantage of the Jets' (3-12) No. 27 ranked run defense. That gave McNair comfortable room to work.

McNair completed 13 of 27 passes for 198 yards and no interceptions against the Jets' No. 1 rated pass defense.

The Oilers took a 13-0 halftime lead and had a shutout until Boomer Esiason threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Johnny Mitchell with 2:27 left in the game.

McNair, who got excellent protection, noticed that Jeffires had outflanked cornerback Otis Smith and delivered a 35-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter.

Sanders' 53-yard catch gave the Oilers a first down at the Jets' 20, setting up a 1-yard touchdown run by Marion Butts.

The Jets had minus-6 yards rushing and 13 total yards at the half. They didn't get over 100 yards in offense until the final minutes of the game, when they drove to their only score.

Two of the longest plays of the day were pass interference penalties of 42 and 35 yards against the Jets.

But when it ended, the crowd was on its feet for one last cheer and several Oilers players remained on the field, chatting with fans and signing autographs.

Kansas holds on to top spot in AP poll

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

Kansas easily held its No. 1 ranking for a third straight week today, while Georgia and California returned to the rankings after absences of very different lengths.

The Jayhawks (6-0) were on top of 57 ballots and received 1,617 points from the national media panel, while Massachusetts moved up one spot to take second. The Minutemen (6-0) had the other eight first-place votes and 1,558 points.

This three-week run is the seventh time Kansas has moved to the top of the poll in the 90s. Until this streak, none of those runs lasted more than two weeks.

Arizona, Kentucky, Memphis and Georgetown each moved up one place to hold third through sixth. Villanova, which lost to Temple 62-56 Wednesday, dropped from second to seventh with its first loss of the season.

Connecticut held eighth, while Cincinnati climbed from No. 12 to ninth and Iowa dropped one spot to round out the Top Ten.

North Carolina started the Second Ten and was followed by Wake Forest, Utah, Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi State, Michigan, Georgia, Syracuse and Duke.

The last five teams in the poll were Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech, Virginia, California and Louisville.

Georgia (6-1) broke into the rankings at No. 18, its first time since the 1990-91 season, when the Bulldogs were in the poll for the preseason voting and the first five weeks of the season, getting as high as 11th. The Bulldogs, whose only loss this year was at North Carolina, beat two ranked teams last week — Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech — and have suddenly become a force in the Southeastern Conference under first-year coach Tubby Smith.

California (4-0) won at Minnesota on Saturday and returned to the rankings at No. 24 after a four-week absence. The Golden Bears, who have the nation's leading scorer in freshman Shareef Abdur-Rahim, were 25th in the preseason poll and fell out without playing a game.

Santa Clara, which had been No. 22, and UCLA, which had been 24th, fell from the poll this week.

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David Robinson, Navy	1986	35	207
Shawn Bradley, BYU	1991	34	177
Alonzo Mourning, G'town	1989	34	168
Alonzo Mourning, G'town	1992	32	[illegible]
Shaquille O'Neal, LSU	1992	30	[illegible]

David Robinson's incredible 1986 total of 207 blocked shots remains the best ever single-season total in NCAA Division I history. In 1987 Robinson notched the ninth-best total with 144.

Tyson makes easy work of Mathis

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bring 'em on!

That's Mike Tyson's new motto. He's tired of fighting patsies.

"I don't care who it is. I'm not afraid of anybody. I'll fight anywhere," Tyson said after knocking out Buster Mathis Jr. Saturday night in his second fight since getting out of prison.

He won't have to wait long. On Sunday, promoter Don King announced that Tyson is set to fight WBC champion Frank Bruno on March 16 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. Unlike the Mathis fight, which was broadcast on free TV by Fox, the championship bout will be pay-per-view.

"I won't be denied," Tyson told Bruno at the announcement. "On March 16, you will be minus your championship."

After that, King said, "Mike wants to unify the world. He has dropped the gauntlet. He told me to get anyone. He's ready."

The other heavyweight championships are held by Bruce Seldon (WBA) and Francois Botha (IBF), "and as soon as he is undisputed champion, he wants Riddick Bowe," King said.

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Lady Tigers fall to 5A Coronado

The Snyder High School Lady Tigers found out the hard way why the Lady Mustangs from Lubbock Coronado are ranked seventh in the state in Class 5A in the most recent Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

Coronado defeated Snyder, 84-38, in Lubbock Saturday afternoon.

Erica Garvin was high point for Snyder with 19 points. The Lady Tigers only hit 34 percent from the field.

Snyder dug themselves a deep hole in the first quarter by scoring only five points while Coronado scored 22. The Lady Mustangs took a 48-21 lead at halftime. Coronado scored 18 points in both of the final quarters while Snyder scored 17-point combined in the third and fourth quarters.

The Lady Mustangs were led in scoring by Jill Skiper with 20, Rebecca Butler 17 and April Armacost 16.

The Lady Tigers' record drops to 8-5 for the season while the Lady Mustangs improved to 13-1.

In the JV game, Snyder was defeated by Coronado, 60-33.

CORONADO 84, SNYDER 38

Snyder	5	16	6	11	— 38
Coronado	22	26	18	18	— 84

Snyder: Brown 2 3-4 8, Kidd 2 0-2 4, Hess 1 0-0 2, Blackwell 2 1-4 5, Garvin 9 1-2 19, Totals 16 5-12 38.

Coronado: Bulter 4 8-10 17, Soliz 2 1-4 6, Taylor 3 0-0 7, Monroe 1 4-4 6, Armacost 5 6-6 16, Beavers 1 0-0 2, Skipper 8 0-0 20, Smith 1 0-0 2, Kopf 2 0-0 4, Day 0 4-4 4, Totals 27 23-28 84.

3-Point goals: Snyder 1 (Brown), Coronado 7 (Skipper 4, Butler, Soliz, Taylor). Records: Snyder 8-5, Coronado 13-1.

SJHS seventh wins Andrews tournament

The Snyder Junior High seventh grade boys came home from Andrews with the first place trophy over the weekend.

In the championship game, Snyder defeated Lamesa, 48-39. Ryan Braziel was high point with 16, Alan Smith had eight and Garrett Luft had seven.

The second round game saw Snyder take a 16-point victory over Denver City, 47-31. Again, Braziel was high point with 21, Matthew Grimmett added 10.

Snyder squeaked out a one-point victory in the first round over Seminole, 44-43. Jared Thornhill had 16 to lead Snyder. Braziel added 13 and Alan Smith six.

The seventh grade A team record is now 6-1.

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Aging of drug gangs helps lower murder rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The maturing of drug-trafficking gangsters is being given considerable credit for a 12 percent plunge in the number of murders during the first half of this year.

Experts also cite aggressive police efforts aimed at drug gangs, the overall aging of the baby boom generation and even a cultural change in attitudes toward violence.

The decline in murder reported Sunday by the FBI is the largest drop in at least 35 years.

It was the most dramatic change in the FBI's preliminary figures for crimes reported to police during the first six months of this year, compared to the same period of 1994.

There was a 1 percent decrease in overall reported crimes and a 5 percent drop in violent crimes alone. Those two declines were very similar to the reductions in those categories during all of 1994.

Property crime remained unchanged.

"As drug markets have matured, just like Mafia markets matured years ago, they have found ways to settle disputes without so much lethal violence," said Alfred Blumstein, a professor at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Homicides had soared in the 1980s as drug traffickers warred over turf and recruited teenagers into their gangs.

"Maturing drug markets, aging baby boomers, more arrests and prison sentences all helped, but there may well be another factor — a real cultural revolution," said Jack Levin, a professor at Northeastern University in Boston.

"I've never seen so many people willing to address the issue of violence, including the Million Man March by black men in Washington, League of Women Voters chapters and attorneys general in every region, among others," Levin added. "They're scared to death, and their views are beginning to take hold. That's a way to resolve the problem."

The FBI counts the violent crimes of murder, rape, aggravated assault and robbery and the property crimes of burglary, larceny-theft and auto theft reported to police around the nation.

Justice Department studies show that more than half of all crimes, even violent ones, are not reported to the police. Murder, however, is thought to be the most fully reported crime.

Like last year, the biggest declines came in the largest cities — those with more than 1 million residents — where overall crime declined 6 percent in the first half of this year. Suburban areas showed no change overall, and rural areas recorded a 3 percent increase in overall crime.

Rape dropped 7 percent; robbery, 10 percent; aggravated assault, 2 percent. Burglary declined 4 percent; auto theft, 5 percent. Larceny-theft showed the only increase, 3 percent.

The decline in murders was larger than any drop going back to 1960, the earliest date for which the FBI could provide statistics. During those 35 years, the next largest drop in murders was 8.4 percent in 1976.

Murders were down 17 percent in cities of a million or more, which account for more than 25 percent of the nation's murders.

Area law officers note busy weekend

Six people were arrested over the weekend in Scurry County, including three on felony charges.

David Guerra, Jr., 29, of 1601 Ave. L, was arrested at 11:23 p.m. Saturday by DPS troopers two miles south of town on Highway 208 for felony driving while intoxicated. He was also charged with no liability insurance.

At 4:41 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested 29-year-old Lora Ann Dorna, Ponderosa Motel, #14, for felony possession of cocaine, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

DPS troopers arrested 20-year-old Trenton Eugene Taylor, 1379 East Pentagon Parkway, Dallas, at 5:52 p.m. Sunday on an outstanding warrant out of Lubbock County for credit card abuse and no driver's license.

Other arrests included a 36-year-old male who was taken into custody at 10:40 p.m. Saturday for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old male at 1:01 a.m. Sunday on outstanding DPS warrants out of Abilene for driving without a seat belt, no liability insurance, speeding, violation of a driver's license restriction and failure to appear.

Following a disturbance call at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 42-year-old male in the 1600 block of 27th Street for Class C assault/family violence.

In other activity over the weekend, an attempt to locate was made on a juvenile female at 10:15 a.m. At 3 p.m. Saturday, the report was upgraded to a juvenile runaway.

A minor accident was reported at 2:48 p.m. Saturday at 400 College Ave. Involved were 1993 Chevrolet pickup driven by Amial Raines, Rt. 2, Box 325, Lubbock and a 1983 Pontiac driven by Chadwick Sangster, 814 W. 3rd St., Spur.

A report for Class C assault and criminal mischief was made at 10:45 p.m. Saturday from the 300 block of 24th Street.

An offense report for aggravated assault was made at 3:55 a.m. Sunday from the 2800 block of Avenue J in reference to two people assaulting another person.

The fire department responded to a transformer on fire on an electrical pole at 5:15 a.m. Sunday across from Allsup's in Hermleigh.

Following a report of a suspicious vehicle parked behind the Torch Energy plant at 12:56 p.m. Sunday, officers investigated and found it had been stolen from Russellville, Ark.

A two-vehicle accident was reported at 8:14 p.m. Sunday at 30th Street and El Paso. Involved were a 1995 Honda driven by Melissa Alexander of 2903 34th St. and a 1982 Oldsmobile driven by Charles Beasley of 4783 W. Highway 180.

Officers investigated two accidents Friday.

At 11:22 a.m., a two-vehicle accident occurred in the parking lot of Snyder High School. Involved were a 1984 Pontiac driven by Geoffrey Loper, 3101 Ave. U and a 1989 Eagle driven by Melissa Bredemeyer of 2312 27th St.

At 4:17 p.m. Friday, officers investigated a two-vehicle accident in the 1600 block of 26th Street. Involved were a 1988 Chevrolet driven by Iva Riggs, 6329 S. Highway 208, Colorado City and a 1993 Honda driven by Lisa Tate of 2313 42nd Street.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Daniel Campbell, Rt. 1 Box 56A; Michael McGuire, 3609 Ave. V; Billie Martin, 2312 40th; Gladys McGhee, 4006 Jacksboro; Beulah Starnes, 2511 Ave. U; Neva Harmon, Colorado City; Robert Early, 5140 CR 475; Bertha Turner, Snyder Healthcare Center; Laura Lewis, 1912 29th; Willie Womack, Snyder Oaks Care Center; Melissa Alexander, 2903 34th.

DISMISSALS: Melissa Barhett, Sha Rinehart and baby, Dollie Zuniga and baby, Jonathan Barrow, Joe Cheney, Laura Lewis, Daniel Campbell, Stella Jones, Kerry New, Michele Rowe, S.W. Suther, Kimberly Krueger, Melissa Alexander, Mellennie Rodriguez.

CENSUS: 54 (Med., Surg.-13, Long-term Care-39, OB-1, Nursery-1).

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	74¾	73⅝	74⅛	— ⅛
AT&T Corp	67⅞	66⅞	67⅞	— ⅛
AirTouch	27⅛	26⅞	27	+ ⅛
Albertsons	33⅝	33⅛	33⅛	— ⅛
Alldsignal	48⅛	47⅞	48⅝	— ⅛
Alltel	28⅛	27⅛	27⅝	— ⅛
AmStores		26⅞	26⅞	26⅞
Ameritech	59	58⅛	58⅝	+ ⅛
Amoco	70⅝	69⅞	70⅝	— ⅛
AndarkPtr	49⅛	48⅞	49	— ⅛
Armcolnc		5⅜	5⅜	5⅜
AtlRichfld	111⅛	110⅞	111⅛	—1⅛
ATMOS Egy		22⅞	22½	22⅝
Aviall	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝	— ⅛
BakerHughes	24	23⅝	23⅝	+ ⅛
BellAtl		68⅝	68	68⅛
BellSouth s	43	42⅛	43	+ ⅛
BethSteel	14⅝	14⅛	14⅛	— ⅛
BritPet	99	98⅛	98⅛	—1⅛
BurlNoSFe	76⅛	75⅛	75⅞	— ⅛
Caterpillar	59⅝	59⅛	59⅛	— ⅛
CenSoWst	27⅞	27⅛	27⅞	— ⅛
Chevron	51⅛	50⅞	51⅛	—1⅛
Chrysler	53⅝	53⅛	53⅝	+ ⅛
Coastal		36⅛	36⅛	36⅛
CocaCola	78⅛	77⅞	78⅛	— ⅛
ColgatePalm	73⅛	72⅛	72⅝	—2⅝
CmclMetals	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	+ ⅛
Cooperln	35⅝	35⅛	35⅛	— ⅛
CyprusAmax	27⅛	26⅞	27⅛	— ⅛
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DeltaAirl	75⅛	74⅛	75	— ⅛
DigitalEq	57⅛	55⅝	56⅛	—2⅛
Dillard	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛	— ⅛
DowChem	69⅝	68⅞	69⅝	— ⅛
DresserInd	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	— ⅛
DuPont	68⅞	68⅛	68⅞	— ⅛
EastmanChem	61	59⅝	59⅝	—1⅛
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Exxon	81⅛	80⅞	81	—1⅛
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GenElec	72⅛	71⅞	72⅛	— ⅛
GenMills	57⅝	56⅞	57⅝	— ⅛
GenMotors	50⅝	49⅞	50⅝	— ⅛
GenMotors E	50⅝	50⅛	50⅛	— ⅛
GaPacif	68⅛	67⅞	67⅞	—1
GlobalMar	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛	— ⅛
Goodrich	67⅛	66⅞	67	— ⅛
Goodyear s	44⅛	43⅝	44⅛	— ⅛
GtAtlPac		23	22⅞	23
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HoustonInd s	23⅝	23⅛	23⅝	— ⅛
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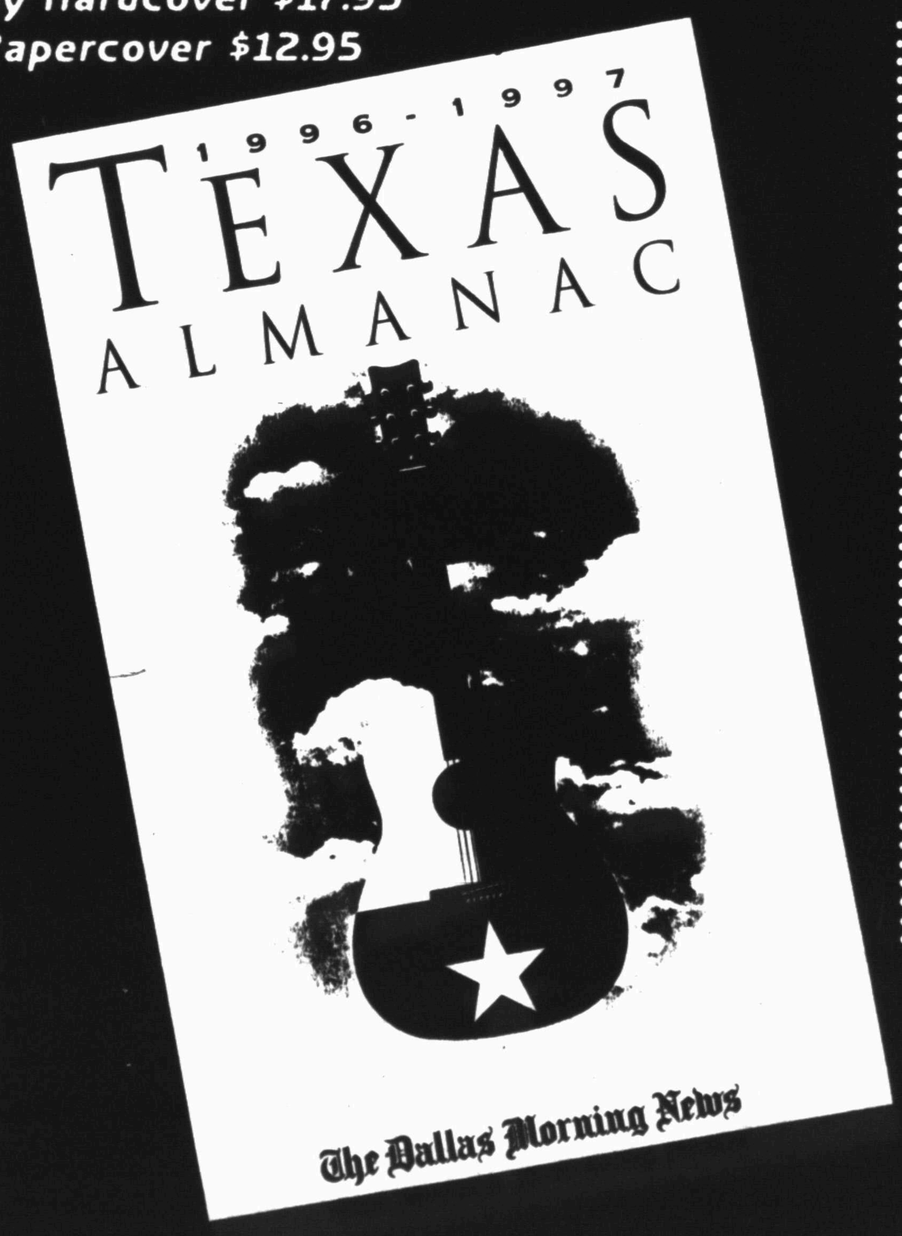

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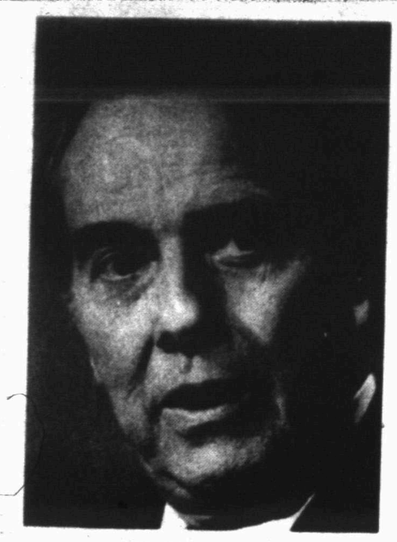
Dole: Powell would accept veep position

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Gen. Colin Powell remains uninterested in running for vice president on the Republican ticket, although Sen. Bob Dole says he expects the retired Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman would run if asked.

Dole, R-Kan., the front-runner for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination, acknowledged that Powell would boost his



Bob Dole

chances to win the election.

Asked about Powell's stated decision not to seek national office in 1996, Dole told NBC's "Meet the Press:" "I think with his concern about America, his service to America, and his concern about the future, bringing people together, blacks, whites, Hispanics ... my view is that he would answer the call to duty again."

Powell topped all announced and potential Republican candidates in the polls before his decision last month not to seek the nomination.

Powell spokesman Bill Smullen said Dole and the retired general had not discussed the vice presidency: "They haven't talked about that, nor has he been asked by the senator.

"But the general made it very clear when he made his announcement on Nov. 8 that he was not seeking an elective office in 1996 and that would include the vice presidency," said Smullen, adding that Powell had not changed his mind.

Dole, the Senate Republican leader, said Sunday his main campaign issue will be the balanced budget if Republicans and the White House fail to reach agreement on a seven-year plan to bring the federal budget into balance.

He said character issues, which plagued President Clinton during his 1992 run for the White House, would be on the table again, as would the ongoing Whitewater investigation.

"It's still bubbling out there," Dole said, referring to the latest dispute over whether Clinton should turn over notes his aides and lawyers took regarding the Whitewater inquiry.

"I think it's a question of credibility," Dole said. "There's almost the feeling out there that they may be hiding something. What are they hiding? The American people have a right to know."

He said abortion "should not be a dominant issue in the Republican nomination or the campaign for president."

"I'm not trying to divide the party. I want to multiply Republicans," said Dole, who says he wants to make most abortions illegal but does not support a constitutional amendment banning abortions.

Dole said he would be hurt if independent Ross Perot launches another bid for the White House, saying Perot takes away votes from Republicans.

Asked what would be his first act as president, Dole said he would present a budget consistent with the goal of balancing the budget in seven years and support a constitutional amendment on the balanced budget.

Time magazine names Newt Gingrich 1995 Man of Year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time's 1995 Man of the Year is House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who the magazine says changed the nation's political center of gravity by leading the Republican effort to remake the federal government.

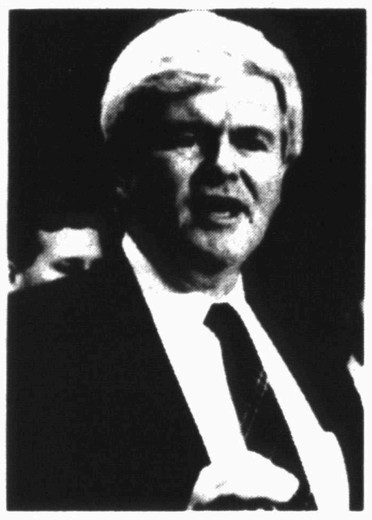
"Not so long ago, the idea of a balanced budget was a marginal, we'll-get-to-it-someday priority," the magazine said in its year-end issue on news stands today. "Today, because of Newt Gingrich, the question is not whether a balanced-budget plan will come to pass, but when."

"From Franklin Roosevelt onward, Americans came to accept the federal government as the solution to problems. ... Newt Gingrich wants to reverse the physics," the magazine said.

Yet, less than a year after he orchestrated Republicans' first takeover of Congress in 40 years, Gingrich also "has become the greatest liability to the revolution he launched," the magazine said.

Under an ethics cloud for the dealings of a political action committee he once headed, Gingrich is viewed as too abrasive and uncaring by many Americans, the magazine said.

His approval ratings have sunk



Newt Gingrich

steadily over the past few months, and members of his own party often have moaned at his remarks.

In a Time interview, Gingrich said he failed to adjust quickly to his new role as speaker. "I keep forgetting that all the ground rules have changed," he said. "I have consistently, all year, said things that made no sense for the speaker of the House."

In a statement released Sunday, Gingrich thanked his colleagues. "Time should have honored the 'Team of the Year' — the Republican governors, the Republicans in the House and Senate and Republicans across the country who have made this revolution possible," he said.

A Time poll in today's issue indicates 72 percent of Americans believe Gingrich is intelligent and 47 percent think he has vision for the future.

But 63 percent say he is too extreme in his views, 56 percent say they personally don't like him and an overwhelming 80 percent say they do not want a "President Gingrich."

Even some of Gingrich's Marietta, Ga., constituents weren't happy about his selection as Time's man of the year.

"He is socially insensitive," said Harry Crawford, who described himself as a conservative Republican. "He is very intelligent man. But you don't have to attack people to get your point across."

"I'd like to tell Newt Gingrich to climb on his own ego and jump off," added Crawford's wife, Cathy.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Planning Ahead Can Help To Prevent Holiday Stress

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: The holiday season can be especially difficult for people who have suffered recent losses. Feelings of despair, isolation and loneliness may become magnified. Unresolved issues of grief may re-emerge. Consequently, there is increased potential for depression.

It's important to plan preventive measures in advance, because once depression sets in, one loses sight of hope and tends to minimize the positive aspects of situations. To put it bluntly, depression cripples one's ability to identify constructive alternatives.

We should all be alert to the signs of depression, not only in ourselves, but in others as well, and be prepared for the holiday doldrums. Make a list of resources available during the holidays and use them, if necessary.

Stress contributes to depression, so prioritize your obligations with the thought of eliminating some of those at the bottom of the list.

An important technique for keeping depression at bay: Be good to yourself!

ANTOINETTE L. HIGGINS,
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DEAR ANTOINETTE: Thanks for an important letter. While the holiday season is a time of joy and celebration, it is a difficult time for many. Attempting to create the "perfect" holiday, or having unrealistically high expectations, can result in emotional pressure that can trigger an episode of serious depression, leaving an individual debilitated and unable to function normally. (Major depression strikes at least 15 percent of the population, and the incidence among women is about twice that of men.)

The National Foundation for Depressive Illness suggests the following tips for coping with holiday stress:

1. Keep your expectations reasonable, so you won't feel "let down" when the holiday festivities are over.

2. Plan pleasurable activities for after the holidays. The end-of-season drop in activities can trigger depression.

3. Don't overspend or run up huge credit card bills. The anxiety about paying these bills can also trigger depression. (Make a budget and stick to it.)

4. Keep drinking to a minimum. Alcohol may seem to improve your mood in the short term, but it's actually a mood depressor.

5. Try to maintain your usual sleep patterns.

If you feel hopeless, helpless, sad or suicidal, call the National Foundation for Depressive Illness' toll-free hotline: (800) 245-4381 (in the United States). The hotline carries a recorded message describing the symptoms and treatment of depression and how to send for a complete information packet — including a referral list (by state) of doctors who specialize in treating depression, as well as a list of local support groups.

Almost everyone experiences depression at some time — particularly after the loss of a loved one of any age. Friends who say, "Snap out of it" or "Cheer up," mean well, but they do a grave disservice if it delays someone from seeking professional help. If a depression lasts two weeks or longer, seek medical attention as soon as possible. Effective treatments are readily available.

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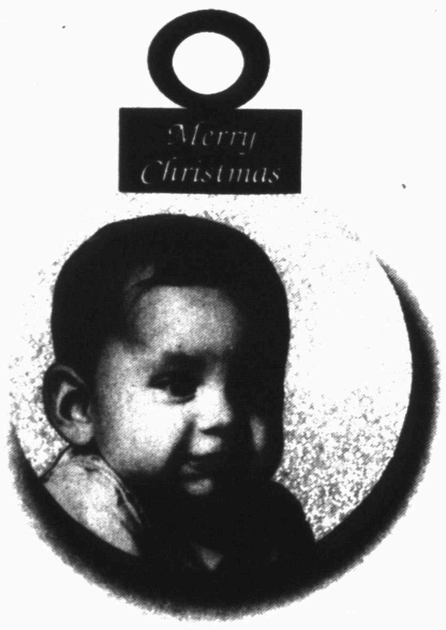

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Anti-government group has forum for voice of discontent

DALLAS (AP) — It's where the ultra left meets the radical right, but it's not exactly in the middle.

Meetings sponsored by Citizens for Legal Reform offer a place where people from all political walks can come and vent their frustrations about the federal government.

It is a sort of a philosophical bazaar where one can sample a bit of everything from the Texas Constitutional Militia, the John Birch Society, the Liberty Lobby, the Fully Informed Jury Association, tax resisters, Libertarians and Constitutionalists.

Some want the nation's drug laws made fairer. Others seek a return to the gold standard.

Other occasional visitors have another purpose. State and federal officials have sat in on some of the sessions to monitor some of the exhortations. Internal Revenue Service officials said recently that an investigation prompted by one tax-resistance presentation led to several indictments.

"They are questioning and undermining the government," said Mark Briskman, regional director for the Anti-Defamation League in Dallas. "That can be potentially dangerous."

Alfred Adask, president of the group, which has no dues or membership rolls, said in an interview with The Dallas Morning News that a recent Gallup poll showed that more than 50 percent of the American people regarded government as a threat to them.

"That means we are no longer the lunatic fringe," he said. "We are on the cutting edge. In the next year, we're going to see the people in the country go after government in a way that's shocking."

The former roofer drew more than 200,000 votes as a Libertarian Party candidate for the Texas Supreme Court in 1992 and ran against House Majority Leader Dick Armey of Irving, R-Texas, in 1994.

He is the publisher of "Anti-Shyster" magazine, which lives up to its name with criticism of legal inequities, and is founder of Citizens for Legal Reform. Started in 1990, the group rarely drew more than 50 people to its meetings for the first few years.

But the organization began growing as more people learned of its free-wheeling forum. It now regularly attracts between 300 and 500 people, many of them regulars who return on the first and third Tuesdays of each month to the Ramada Hotel-Market Center near Texas Stadium in Irving.

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State officials suspicious of stepdad suspected of covering up molestation

DALLAS (AP) — The stepfather of a girl outfitted with Norplant to allow him to sexually abuse her had been considered dangerous by state officials more than a year before his August arrest in Dallas, according to a copyright story.

The 39-year-old man was described in March 1994 as an "imminent danger" by a Child Protective Services official to a Nueces County court in March 1994, The Dallas Morning News has reported.

The paroled drug offender beat his wife and oldest stepdaughter and began raping the girl when she was 5, court documents said. No criminal action was taken against the man for molesting the girl, now 14, or her siblings, now 10 and 12.

Witnesses testified in the Corpus Christi court that the oldest girl had been given the Norplant birth control device when she was just 11.

The Dallas attorney appointed to represent the 14-year-old after her mother and stepfather were arrested on sexual assault charges in August blasted the state's handling of the case.

"I have seen situations with less facts than this where CPS would come in and remove the children" for a time, lawyer Suzanne Lomenick said. "They would just keep them until a home study is done on much less than this."

State officials countered that the girl denied the molestation repeatedly, leaving them helpless. She said she had the birth control device because she was having sex with boys.

"The fact that she had it would certainly raise a red flag with the staff, but it would not have enabled them to take any action," said Pat Devin, a deputy director of the state Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

The doctor who inserted the Norplant into the youngster's arm has defended his decision.

Dr. Andrew B. Burke, 42, an osteopath at a local clinic, says he doesn't ask prying questions of his many young gynecology patients, fearing they'll skip contraception altogether.

And the mere fact that an 11-year-old came in with a parent to get the contraceptive was not enough to signal possible child abuse, he told the newspaper.

"It's not my job to determine whether people are being good parents," Dr. Burke told the paper.

Some avoid nitty gritty in campaign survey

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Sen. Phil Gramm and Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar are frontrunners in one aspect of the presidential campaign — being specific, according to a survey of the Republican field.

The survey by the nonpartisan Project Vote Smart is being released Monday and will be available to voters through a toll-free phone call or the Internet.

Gramm and Lugar provided the most specific responses, and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole also pitched in on most questions. Most other major candidates responded in general terms, skipping detailed questions, or did not participate.

Still, the group called the response "an unprecedented willingness to answer the public's need for facts."

The candidates had the most trouble with how to raise extra money if needed for their programs — most left that question blank.

But several plumbed the nuances of tax policy, sorted out spending priorities and declared themselves on the nitty gritty of everything from block grants to the health system.

"We appear to have turned a corner with far more candidates willing to let their employers know where they stand," said Project Vote Smart president Richard Kimball.

The scores of questions — 20 on taxes alone — were put together by an ideologically varied group of political scientists and political figures, based on surveys pointing to public concerns.

The group's founders include House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., former Democratic presidential candidates George McGovern and Michael Dukakis, and former GOP presidential candidate Barry Goldwater.

Although the answers mostly match themes being developed by the candidates, some shed light on issues getting scant attention.

For example, Gramm said he would maintain current spending on environmental enforcement and cleanup, greatly increase military pay and support the World Trade Organization, opposed by some other conservatives.

Lugar supports tougher environmental standards to spur the sale of cleaner gasoline. He would maintain all federal registration requirements and restrictions on gun possession and spend more on homeless shelters and low-income housing.

Dole would eliminate the Corporation for Public Broadcasting along with agencies targeted by other candidates — Energy, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development and the National Endowment for the Arts

Dole skipped sections on budget priorities, defense spending and poverty. On taxes, he backed expansion of Individual Retirement Accounts, opposed a national sales tax and took a pass on all other tax questions.

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, who wants to switch decision-making and responsibilities to the states, avoided many specific questions and instead appended statements familiar from his campaign.

For example, Alexander said foreign aid should be cut and used "as an instrument of foreign policy, not an international welfare program," but declined to say which countries should get aid or under what conditions.

Candidate Pat Buchanan favored ending the federal role in welfare and schools, said he would cut income taxes and pledged to use the White House as a "bully pulpit for old-fashioned Americanism and traditional morality."

Candidate Steve Forbes answered only a few questions. He voiced support for a two-year limit on welfare benefits to recipients able to work, backed most other GOP welfare changes and favored legislation to permit school prayer.

The least popular response in the survey was "undecided." The candidates left sections blank rather than check that off. Only Dole went for it, saying he is undecided on expanding the North American free trade agreement beyond the United States, Canada and Mexico.

President Clinton and third-party candidates are expected to answer the survey in January.

Project Vote Smart is based in Corvallis, Ore. For free access to the survey, call 1-800-622-SMART (1-800-622-7627) or use this World Wide Web site: http://www.vote-smart.org

'Jumanji,' 'Toy Story' both No. 1 at weekend box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The fantasy action film "Jumanji" made its debut in a virtual dead-heat with "Toy Story" as both films took in about $11 million at North American theaters over the weekend, industry sources said.

"Toy Story" has topped the box office for four weeks and generated nearly $100 million in total earnings.

"Heat," starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino, opened in third place with an estimated $8 million. Another debut film, "Sabrina" was fifth with $6 million.

The standings were based on industry estimates Sunday. Final figures were due today.

The Top 10 films and their estimated grosses for Friday through Sunday:

1. (tie) "Jumanji" and "Toy Story," $11 million.
3. "Heat," $8 million.
4. "Father of the Bride Part II," $7.7 million.
5. "Sabrina," $6 million.
6. "Goldeneye," $3.15 million.
7. "The American President," $2.2 million.
8. "Casino," $1.8 million.
9. (tie) "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" and "Money Train," $1.8 million.

Charities call 1995 a pretty good year

By MAGGIE JACKSON
AP BUSINESS WRITER

Gifts of stock are rolling in so fast at the American Red Cross that the staff can't keep up. Sales of UNICEF greeting cards are surging.

In this season of giving, charities are looking back on a healthy year, with rising donations from a nation generally buoyed by a stable economy.

The picture isn't all rosy. The explosive growth of charities in recent years has made fund-raising more competitive. And federal budget cuts loom ahead.

But despite several highly publicized scandals in the nonprofit world in recent years, preliminary tallies show charities are slowly pulling out of the laggard recession years of the early 1990s.

"Things appear to be on an upswing, the economy seems to be on track, and certainly the stock market is rising," said John Paul, vice president of development at the American Heart Association, which has seen income from campaigns rise 4 percent during the last five months of the year. Income from bequests has risen 6 percent.

"People have a generally good feeling about the way things are and that helps in terms of donating," he said.

Total giving by businesses, foundations and individuals rose to about $130 billion last year, up slightly when adjusted for inflation from 1993, after declining or remaining flat in the early 1990s, according to the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel.

Individual giving — which makes up 88 percent of total contributions — has also risen slightly the last few years, but remains below late 1980s levels.

Some groups say the needs of the poor are greater now, despite the recovering economy. Catholic Charities USA, the nation's largest private human service network, recently reported it helped 11.1 million people last year, up 5 percent from 1993.

At the Red Cross, the surging stock market has prompted a rush of gifts of stocks and securities, said David Evancich, general manager of donor marketing.

"It's kind of overwhelming," he said, adding that they're "pretty high-dollar gifts, several thousand dollars at a minimum."

Overall, though, Red Cross donations may end flat for the fiscal year ending in June 1996 because relief efforts for the Oklahoma bombing and scattered hurricanes inspired less giving than those for the Midwest floods and the California earthquake, he said.

In contrast, bloodshed in countries from Bosnia to Rwanda and Haiti have prompted a rise in donations to the U.S. Committee For UNICEF, said Gwendolyn Calvert Baker, the group's president.

The organization's revenues grew 9 percent to $54 million in the year ending in March, and next year's donations appear likely to follow the same trend, she said.

For some charities, the aging tide of baby boomers has proved a boon. Boomers are more interested in their health — prompting donations to related causes.

"They are at that point in their lives where they want to give something back," says Steven Dickinson of the American Cancer Society, which raised about $394.1 million in the year ending in September, up 3.5 percent from the previous year.

Nevertheless, the growth is "not where we'd hoped to be," he said, citing competition from the ballooning number of U.S. charities.

"The charitable market is growing, but there are so many good charities competing for every dollar that distinguishing yourself is getting tougher."

Charities feel they aren't being hurt by the collapse of the New Era foundation last spring amid an accused scam involving matching charities' donations, or by former United Way head William Aramony's lavish spending a few years ago.

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Hillside Memorial Gardens has been serving Snyder area for many years

Hillside Memorial Gardens, located on the Colorado City Highway, has been serving Snyder and the Scurry County area for many years.

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Lots at Hillside Memorial Gardens are reasonably priced and they offer a Pre-Need Financial Plan of only 20 percent down and small monthly payments without interest or carrying charges. If the only time you have is on the weekends, Greg can be contacted at 573-5864 and will be glad to help you anytime.

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THE BEAUTIFUL HILLSIDE MEMORIAL GARDENS, Snyder's perpetual care cemetery, is located on the Colorado City Highway. (SDN Staff Photo)

Miller statue?

DENVER (AP) — A Colorado group wants to see a statue of big band leader Glenn Miller enshrined at the U.S. Capitol.

Each state is allowed two statues in the Capitol's Statuary Hall, but Colorado now has only one, that of Dr. Florence Sabin, a physician and teacher.

Former state Sen. Ed Scott has formed the Glenn Miller Memorial Committee and is pushing to enshrine a statue in Washington.

Miller, who played trombone, grew up in Fort Morgan and attended the University of Colorado at Boulder.

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NASA rocket launch aborted

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A NASA rocket launch was aborted at the last second today when the engines ignited and then shut down.

A stuck oxygen valve apparently caused computers to halt the launch just a fraction of a second before the strap-on boosters were supposed to fire, said NASA launch commentator Bruce Buckingham. The launch team at Cape Canaveral Air Station rushed to make sure the fueled Delta rocket and the X-ray telescope on board were safe.

It was the fifth launch attempt in just over a week. For the first time, the wind was calm and everything seemed to be going well in the countdown.

"Six, five, four, three, two, one. We have a go for engine start. We have ignition. And we have a main engine cutoff," Buckingham announced.

A launch controller could be heard swearing in the background.

Black smoke billowed from the small auxiliary engines that fired.

The unmanned rocket holds NASA's $195 million X-ray Timing Explorer, designed to probe collapsed stars, possible black holes and other hot, compact objects in the universe from a 360-mile-high Earth orbit. The 6,700-pound satellite is about the size of a small bus.

It was to have been NASA's first X-ray astronomy mission since the successful Einstein Observatory, launched in 1978.

Launch initially was scheduled for the end of August, but was delayed because of a Delta rocket malfunction earlier that month. A Korean communications satellite ended up in a lower-than-planned orbit, and rocket maker McDonnell Douglas grounded its fleet while investigating the problem.

Then the weather interfered. High wind scuttled four launch attempts, beginning Dec. 10.

Launch officials expect a delay of at least one week following today's engine shutdown, Buckingham said.

Angry Russian voters rebuff Yeltsin

MOSCOW (AP) — Angry voters handed Boris Yeltsin a stinging rebuff, with Communists and right-wing nationalists scoring big victories on promises to roll back democratic reforms, early returns suggested today.

The Communists led the pack in Sunday's parliamentary elections with 22 percent of the vote, based on preliminary returns from 65 of the country's 89 regions, the Central Election Commission said. Ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky, who was not expected to do well, was second with 11.1 percent.

Pro-reform groups lagged behind in the vote for the legislature's lower chamber, or Duma. Yeltsin has no party, but the Our Home is Russia party of his prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, ranked third with 9.7 percent. The Yabloko bloc followed with 8.4 percent.

The elections are unlikely to be decisive or produce any major policy changes because no party is expected to win outright control and the president has far more power than the legislature. Although they oppose Yeltsin, the Communists and the various nationalist groups are not allies.

The vote was seen as a major setback for Yeltsin and his hopes of a winning second term in June's presidential election. The opposition has blamed Yeltsin and his reforms for impoverishing millions of Russians since the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union.

None of the other parties among the 43 running had reached the 5 percent threshold needed to get seats in the Duma, although that could change as the vote is counted.

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov hailed his party's performance, saying it showed Russians want an end to liberal policies and the wrenching impact of a free-market economy.

"Look at how many people have confidence in the government. One out of 10. What kind of government can continue working in such conditions?" he said.

Yeltsin, still recuperating from heart trouble in October, had no immediate response to the hardliners' strong performance. Sergei Filatov, the president's chief of staff, criticized democratic parties for not uniting.

"The outcome of the elections to the state Duma indicates that the democrats were unable and did not want to unite," he said.

Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev said Sunday the Communists had exploited voters' memories of social guarantees that no longer exist.

The Communists and nationalists are vague about how they would run Russia. Their ideas mostly involve increased government spending, which would stoke inflation and further hurt living standards.

More supplies headed to Tuzla, future HQ of U.S. peacekeepers

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — American planes, tanks and trains carried more cargo and soldiers today to ready the gritty industrial city of Tuzla to become U.S. headquarters for the NATO peacekeeping mission.

Thick fog cleared enough for seven C-130s to land at Tuzla Air Base, swiftly unload equipment and 20 soldiers, and return to their base in Germany to reload.

Thousands of American soldiers will come to Tuzla by land. Today, tanks and trains rumbled toward the Bosnia-Croatia border with equipment to rebuild a Sava River bridge destroyed during the 3½-year Bosnia war.

The first 12 Russian peacekeepers arrived in the Serbian capital, Belgrade, today to prepare for 1,500 Russian airborne troops that will join the 60,000-member NATO operation.

And while the NATO buildup continued, a sniper's bullet fired at a streetcar caused the first casualty in Sarajevo since the peace plan was signed in Paris on Thursday. Evlija Kevlic, 30, was wounded in the arm and shattered glass may have blinded her, a doctor said.

U.S. Air Force Capt. James Law said 14 planes were to fly to Tuzla today, the first day clear enough for flights since Wednesday. Poor visibility on Sunday forced the U.S. Air Force to cancel 57 flights — 26 to the U.S. headquarters and 31 to NATO's staging area in Hungary. NATO diverted some flights carrying equipment and personnel to Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital.

Eight U.S. Army trains moved toward the Sava River to build a pontoon bridge, said Col. Konrad Freitag, a chief NATO spokesman.

Two of those trains — carrying 130 U.S. Army soldiers from the 1st Armored Division and equipment — stopped 25 miles short of their destination because there was concern their cargo was too heavy for the weak rails.

Troops unloaded the equipment, said U.S. Army Sgt. Paul Foerman, and four 70-ton Abrams M-1 tanks and 14 Bradley fighting vehicles began moving under Croatian police escort on secondary roads, the only ones with strong enough bridges.

The troops will provide security for the Army Corps of Engineers, which is scheduled to start building the pontoon bridge next week, said Maj. Lew Boone.

A total 1,061 NATO troops were in Bosnia and 956 in Croatia today, all part of the NATO Implementation Force. Fewer than 200 are Americans.

Obituaries

John Orms

1925-1995

Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church Chapel for John Thomas Orms. The Rev. Marty Akins, pastor, was to officiate, and burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Orms, 70, died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at his residence.

Born in Longview, Mr. Orms married Una Free on April 24, 1946 in Bowie. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-46 during World War II.

A resident of Snyder since 1950, Mr. Orms worked for AMOCO Pipeline for 33½ years, retiring in 1983. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Una Orms of Snyder; four daughters, Judy Blake of Henderson, Patsy Glenn of Krum, Gail Rimer of Waco and Janey Thomas of Canyon; his mother, Essie Orms of Snyder; two sisters, Mary Bishop of Gonzales, La., and Rea Jordan of Snyder; and six grandchildren.

Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral home was in charge of arrangements. The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, Box 1396 in Snyder.

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"Bob" Mitchell

1916-1995

Robert D. "Bob" Mitchell, a World War II prison of war survivor, died Saturday, Dec. 16, in Artesia, N.M. He was 78.

Services for Mr. Mitchell are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 12, 1916 in Scurry County, his parents were Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Mitchell, early Scurry County settlers. Mr. Mitchell was a longtime Ira and Scurry County resident.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Tighe of Utah; a son, Robert Dee Mitchell of Dallas; a step-daughter, Sandra Holmes of Las Vegas, Nev.; four sisters, Mozell Hall, Quinta Haymond, Loree Klutts and Dixie Glass, all of Snyder; two grandchildren; one niece; and seven nephews.

Zaye Long

1911-1995

Graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Cemetery for Zaye Long of Big Spring. She was 84.

Mrs. Long died Sunday, Dec. 17, in a Stanton nursing home following a long illness.

The Rev. Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle Church, will officiate. The service is under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home, Big Spring.

Born on June 15, 1911 in Polar, she married William Floyd Long and they farmed in the Vealmoor Community for many years. He died in 1981. Mrs. Long was a member of the Apostolic Faith.

She was also preceded in death by two daughters, Lavenia Faye Boyd and Clara Bell Nabors.

Surviving are six sons, Bill Long of Oklahoma City, Dean Long of Big Spring, Dell Long and Earl Long, both of San Antonio, Joe Long of Boerne, and Louis Long of Kerrville; 26 grandchildren; 41 great-children; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Supplies

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supplies; To- $503 law books, $105 maintenance agreement, $47 lease rental, $15 communications.

—Precinct 4: From- $2,000 utilities; To- $2,000 new line.

—Consolidated Precinct: From- $200 equipment; To- $100 communications, $100 bids and notices.

—Consolidated Precinct: From- $562 operating supplies; To- $62 Social Security Exp., $500 tires and tubes.

—District Attorney: From- $250 part-time; To- $200 supplies, $50 travel.

—Mental Health: From- $65.50 mental health equipment, $121.54 mental health equipment, $100 custodian, $410.02 copier supplies, $95 mental health medical fee, $124.17 utilities, $244.96 mental health equipment; To: $65.50 maintenance agreements, $121.54 communications, $410.02 office supplies, $95.15 office supplies, $124.17 office supplies, $244.96 office supplies.

—County Auditor: From- $254 general phone maintenance; To- $254 general public official liability.

—Sheriff's Office: From- $5,700 repairs, $1,000 jail supplies; To- $1,500 inmate medical, $5,200 inmate food.

—Tax Assessor: From- $100 equipment; To- communication.

—Precinct 3: From- $770 equipment, $2,700 road material, $100 communication, $480 part-time; To- $2,000 tires and tubes, $970 operating supplies, $500 repair, $100 utilities, $480 fuel.

—Precinct 1: From- $1,000 other equipment; To- $500 fuel oil and grease, $500 repairs.

—County clerk: From- $800 election expense; To- repairs.

—Precinct 4: From- $650 road material construction, $117 Social Security; To- $152 fuel, oil and grease, $162 tires, tubes, $174 operating supplies, $279 repairs.

Some don't vote

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Reluctant to let President Jean-Bertrand Aristide leave office, many Haitians sent a message to the international community by refusing to vote in elections to replace him.

Sunday's election was touted by U.S. officials as the first peaceful transition of power from one popularly elected leader to another since Haiti's independence from France in 1804.

An election monitor with the Organization of American States said today that turnout was estimated at 25 percent.

What's Up?

'Sing of the Wonder'

A Christmas cantata, "Christmas! Sing of the Wonder," will be presented by the Chancel Choirs of First United Methodist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church, 2700 College, this evening at 7 o'clock. Everyone is invited to this free concert.

Video series continues

The Key To The Kingdom video series is airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The fourth tape, "Christianity, The Best God Has To Offer — Part 2," will be shown at 7 tonight.

Advent services planned

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

Christmas celebration

The Mesquite Country Emmaus Community will hold a candlelight Christmas celebration at the First Christian Church from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Retirement party set

A retirement party for high school English teacher Sarah Carne will be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the school library.

FSA to hold open house

The Scurry County Farm Service Agency office will be holding an open house from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday. Both the new and past county committee will be present to visit and listen to your concerns. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided by FSA employees.

Student, ISD report cards

Snyder ISD will distribute individual report cards Jan. 4. Included will be the 1994-95 School Report Card from the Texas Education Agency for the campus the student attends.

The School Report Card is a report required by the Texas Legislature to be sent to the parent of every child enrolled in public schools. The report provides information concerning student performance, expenditures and student-teacher ratios.

Pick 3

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

5-8-8

(five, eight, eight)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth $9 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 15, 20, 29, 43, 49 and 50.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $14 million.

Forbes responds in ad war with Phil Gramm

WASHINGTON (AP) — Publisher Steve Forbes is firing back in a TV ad war with Republican presidential rival Phil Gramm that centers on the Texas senator's role in a 1990 budget deal that led to higher taxes.

The latest 30-second Forbes ad, which began airing in New Hampshire over the weekend, says, "the truth is Gramm helped Bob Dole engineer a huge tax increase. But then, to cover himself politically, Phil Gramm flip-flopped on Bob Dole and voted against it. Phil Gramm — a Washington politician."

The charge is repeated in a similar, 60-second radio commercial.

Gramm spokesman Gary Koops was unimpressed by the latest Forbes salvo.

"Just because you repeat a lie doesn't make it true," Koops said. Still, a Gramm ad designed to counter Forbes' claim will remain on the air in New Hampshire through Christmas, Koops said.

The ad flap began last week, when Forbes began airing a spot that said Gramm helped Dole engineer the 1990 budget deal. That was the deal in which then President Bush abandoned his "no new taxes" campaign pledge.

Gramm was a member of the Republican budget summit team, and supported an early proposal to raise taxes $134 billion, mostly on gas, alcohol and luxury items. That proposal also contained substantial spending cuts, including some in entitlement programs like Medicare.

Gramm called this initial proposal "a very, very strong package," a quote that is cited in the Forbes radio ad.

But that version never came to a Senate vote. Instead, negotiators substituted a plan with fewer entitlement cuts and $137 billion in tax increases — including income tax hikes. Gramm did not support that plan and voted against it.

Monkeys still running loose on ranch to get new home

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Some 600 Japanese snow monkeys living free in South Texas will get a new home safe from hunters.

The research group that owns the primates has put together a package of loans and donations to enable it to buy its own ranch and put up electric fences to keep them from roaming.

For nearly two decades, the monkeys prospered on a ranch near Dilley, 80 miles south of San Antonio, on a 58-acre parcel leased by the South Texas Primate Observatory, a behavioral research group.

The observatory was established in 1980 for 150 snow monkeys, but the animals kept breeding in obscurity on the ranch. During the last five years, they have been free to roam by climbing over or through the broken-down electric fence that used to keep them confined.

State and federal game officials decided in June that the monkeys were a nuisance and might pose a public health menace.

They declared the monkeys to be unprotected exotic game, making it legal to hunt the animals. No actual hunting was conducted, however, and animal welfare advocates protested the idea.