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Iraq crisis said far from over

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials are questioning Iraq's promises of cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors and say they will not relent on economic sanctions. "This crisis is far from over," Bill Richardson, the U.S. amabassador to the United Nations, cautioned today.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said Sunday the strong U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf will remain indefinitely, until Saddam Hussein proves he is committed to getting rid of his weapons of mass destruction.

"We have to wait and see whether there is a serious change on the part of Saddam Hussein or whether he is just using a delaying tactic," Cohen said.

Tensions in the gulf were somewhat defused over the weekend when Iraq allowed U.N. weapons inspectors to resume their work. The move came three weeks after the inspectors were blocked by Baghdad's demands for the removal of American inspectors and the lifting of sanctions imposed after the 1991 Gulf War.

But Iraq continues to bar inspectors from 63 sites, including Saddam's numerous presidential compounds. Meantime, the weapons team, in a report to the U.N. Security Council, is demanding a stronger inspection regime.

"These presidential palaces seem to be getting larger, more numerous," U.N. weapons inspector Richard Butler said today on "ABC's "Good Morning America." 'How many palaces can one have?"

Richardson also demanded that U.N. inspectors "should have full access to all the sites. We're talking about 47 presidential sites, 63 sites the Iraqis have deemed do not deserve access. How can you do your job?" he said. "This crisis is far from over."

"It is clear that there is a massive amount of work that has to be done there, especially in the chemical and biological inspection areas," President Clinton said Sunday in Vancouver, British Columbia, where he is attending a Pacific Rim economic summit.

The roughly 75 U.N. monitors, including four Americans, fanned out around Baghdad on Sunday as helicopter crews overhead watched for suspicious activity on the ground. The chief of the inspection team, Nils Carlstrom, refused to say what they were finding but said the Iraqis were cooperating.

MADRIGAL SINGERS — The Madrigal Singers include Reid Johnson, floor, as the Jester; Richard Rodriguez and April Baker, seated, as the king and queen; and ladies of the Royal Court, standing, Lila King, Carol Strayhorn, Christina Bullard. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

2 o'clock Tuesday...

Deadline nears for Madrigal

Tuesday afternoon is the deadline to reserve tickets for the annual Madrigal Dinners, put on by the Snyder High School choir.

The sixth annual Madrigal Dinners will feature the procession of singers through the hall, the hoisting of a toast from the Wassail bowl, the procession of litter bearers with the Boar's head, the quest of the jester and the knights and the singing of the concert by the royal court.

The Madrigal Singers will perform in the ballroom of the Martha Ann Woman's Club at 7:30 p.m. next Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 1-2.

The doors of the ballroom will open at 7 o'clock on performance evenings. Guests are requested to be seated before the opening processional, which begins promptly at 7:30. Tickets are $15 each. Reservations can be made by calling 573-6301 before 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Reserve tickets will be held until one day prior to the performance. There will be no refunds given for unused tickets.

At Cogdell...

Privileges, bylaw changes approved

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board this morning approved medical staff applications and bylaw changes and elected Foundation directors.

Courtesy staff privileges were extended to specialty clinic physicians Dr. Charlie J. Sang, pediatric cardiology; Dr. Rexford Anderson, neurology; Dr. Joon M. Park, pediatric cardiology; and Dr. Athos G. Colon, pediatric cardiology.

Bylaw changes as presented to the board by Dr. Gary Nussey, chief of the medical staff, clarified the following:

—a course of action for a patient with an emotional illness;

—a chain of authority if the patient's personal physician is unavailable;

—responsibility and authority over physician residents working at Cogdell.

In an effort to revitalize the Cogdell Foundation, the board appointed three directors. They are board members Dr. Mark Weaver and J.B. Tate Jr., and former board member G.A. Parks.

In other business, the board approved the financial report, accounts payable, nursing report and previous minutes.

The monthly operating report indicated a net income in October of $68,497. Income for the year to date is $649,690, slightly behind the projected budget of $709,946.

Utilization statistics show an average daily census of 9.6, a longterm census of 29, 1,232 home health visits, 48 cardiac rehabilitation visits, 37 endoscopy procedures, 75 surgical patients, eight newborns and 571 emergency room visits.

CEO Jeff Reecer told the board that there has been no confirmation from a physician the hospital is actively recruiting. He said he hopes to have an answer "in the next couple of weeks."

All board members were present, to include Dr. Weaver, Tate, E.D. Walton, Jimmy McMillan, Stanley Martin and Jim Bob Cave, chairman.

What are you thankful for?

Snyder Daily News is inviting readers to share their thoughts on Thanksgiving Day.

Tuesday is the last day for receiving submissions. If you have something or someone you are personally thankful for this year, let us know by bringing a written letter to the SDN at 3600 College Avenue.

Please include your name, address and daytime phone number.

Bookstore is indicted in Tennessee

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) — Three books by photographers Jock Sturges and David Hamilton have received some critical praise, but a Tennessee county grand jury claims they may violate state obscenity laws.

"The Age of Innocence" by Hamilton and "The Last Day of Summer" and "Radiant Identities" by Sturges were cited in the indictment against Barnes & Noble's Brentwood store. The obscenity charges focus on photographs of nude children in the books.

A store manager declined to comment on the indictment, which was unsealed Friday.

"We don't censor the reading tastes of the public," manager Penny Byrd said. "That's the bottom line."

In Tennessee, distributing material deemed obscene by local standards, or displaying such material in places visible or accessible to minors, is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 30 days in jail or a $50 fine. Material placed in racks above the reach of children or with wrapping that covers all questionable images is exempt from the law.

Barnes & Noble was served with a summons to appear in Williamson County Criminal Court on Dec. 1.

Jerome Melson, an attorney for the Tennessee Press Association, said interpretations of what is obscene vary widely and he believes the grand jury is not looking to put anyone in jail.

"They're probably just looking for a fine... to get the bookstore to change its manner," he said. "In other words, change your shelves."

Area gins operating at very near capacity

County cotton gins continue to operate at near capacity as ideal weather the past week has allowed farmers to continue stripping the best crop in a number of years.

Two of the three gins are currently operating 24 hours a day. Earlier in the month, all the gins were ginning around the clock.

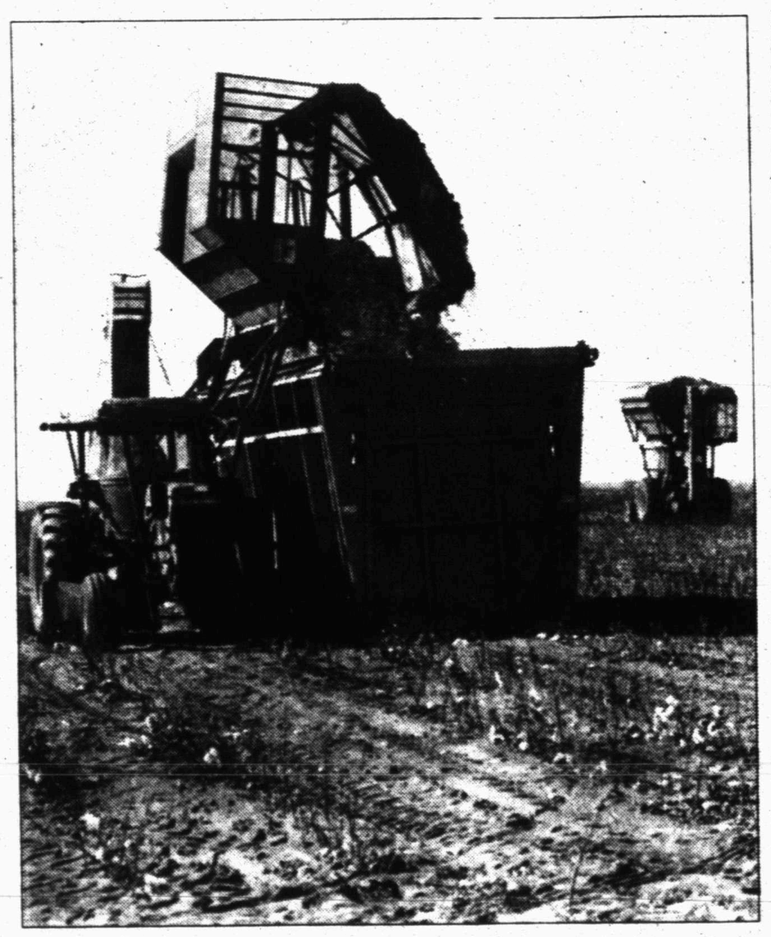
All three gins report that about half the county's crop remains to be ginned, Combined, the three have ginned 24,368 bales as of this morning. The total number of bales ginned last year was 5,066.

Farmer's Co-Op Gin has ginned 11,108 bales and estimates another 9,000 bales are on their yard waiting to be ginned as they are operating around the clock.

The Inadale Gin has ginned 8,801 bales and it too, is operating 24 hours a day.

Paymaster Gin has ginned some 4,459 bales and up to just recently, it too, was operating 24-hours.

Producers have estimated the county's crop this year will be between 45,000 and 50,000 acres, at almost a bale to the acre. The quality is said to be high.



FAMILIAR SIGHT — Cotton strippers have been a familiar sight this fall as the three gins in the county have already ginned almost five times the amount they did last year. Some 24,000 bales have been ginned. (SDN Staff Photo)

Somalia...

Kidnapped aid workers freed

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Five foreign aid workers kidnapped by militiamen in northeastern Somalia were released unharmed today and were in good health despite three days of captivity.

In a separate incident, militiamen killed at least nine people north of Mogadishu today in a dispute over farmland, witnesses said. Two Italian aid workers based nearby were briefly taken hostage, their offices were looted and a driver for CARE International was wounded.

The two relief workers, from Coperazioni Italiano Nord-Sud, apparently were taken simply because they happened to be in the area at the time of the clash, which killed eight militiamen and one civilian.

Meanwhile, the five freed aid workers — one from the European Union and four from the United Nations — arrived safely at the U.N. Children's Fund office in Bossasso, said Agostino Paganini, the group's director of operations in Somalia.

"They are fine, OK, tired," Paganini told The Associated Press. The hostages were being flown to Nairobi later today.

They include one British employee of the European Union, and two Kenyans, an Indian and a Canadian, the British Foreign Office said.

They were abducted Friday in the self-declared independent Republic of Somaliland, apparently in a dispute over coal exports between two tribal clans, the Wasangeli and the Marjeteen.

The Marjeteen militia freed the Palestinian on Sunday on condition that the aid workers were let go, the source said.

ASK US

Q—What types of toys should be given to Toys for Tots?

A—Just about any toy, sporting equipment or inexpensive electronic equipment — new or used but in good condition. However, do not donate used baby toys; only new toys will be given to babies. No clothes, please.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 64 degrees; low, 30; high Sunday, 69; low, 31; no precipitation; total for 1997, 23.56 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low 45-50. Light S wind. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High around 80. S-SW wind 10-20 mph. Thanksgiving Day: chance of rain. Low around 55. High around 75.

Claire Morris
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 5:41 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:20 a.m.
Of 327 days in 1997, the sun has shone 312 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

James Baldwin

Audit by fired official says players will be 'ripped off'

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Lottery is hiding a report showing that scratch-off game players will be cheated during the upcoming year and warning about a budget shortfall, the agency's recently fired director says.

Lawrence Littwin's report says the average payout for instant games, now at 62 percent of sales, might have to be cut to as low as 42 percent of sales to meet legislative mandates, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

Last spring, lawmakers ordered lottery commissioners to squeeze the prize pool to pay for other state programs.

Littwin's report says that will result in lottery players being "ripped off." He tried to release the report himself before the commission fired him Oct. 29.

But agency officials threatened to sue him if he made any documents public, and lottery staffers followed him with a video camera during an informal meeting with reporters.

Several news organizations then sought the report under the Texas Public Information Act, but the lottery has turned down those requests and now wants Texas Attorney General Dan Morales to rule on the open records question.

"They're going to stonewall you as much as they can," Littwin told the Chronicle last week. "Anything that is in there is perfectly legitimate. There is no confidential information whatsoever."

Littwin says his report also outlines how a drop in instant ticket sales could result in a revenue shortfall of up to $700 million in the current two-year fiscal budget.

In the first two months of this budget cycle, the lottery has actually generated $5.2 million more income for the state than it did for the same period of 1996, according to public lottery documents. But that is $35 million short of meeting state income projections for the lottery.

Interim lottery director Linda Cloud said Littwin's report is incomplete and filled with inaccuracies, and that's why the agency doesn't want to release it.

"Larry Littwin, when he came here, knew nothing about instant tickets. He had been in the on-line side of this industry," Ms. Cloud said. "When he left here, he didn't know any more than when he got here."

The on-line games in Texas, where players pick sets of numbers and receive computer-generated tickets, include Lotto, Pick 3 and Cash 5. The lottery also handles scratch-off ticket games.

Ms. Cloud said she believes she can meet legislative mandates to lower prizes while keeping payouts above 50 percent of sales, but she concedes it depends somewhat on ticket sales.

The lottery's operating company, Gtech Corp, filed a lawsuit after Littwin's firing in an effort to halt the rebidding of its contract. The company claims Littwin was prejudiced against it.

In rejecting the release of Littwin's report, the lottery cited Gtech's lawsuit.

In addition to saying game players would be cheated in the upcoming year, Littwin recommended a special session of the Legislature to restore prize payouts and solve other problems.

"The commission refused to accept it because it showed that we were going to miss easily by $2 billion in revenue and $700 million in income to the state," Littwin said.

Lottery Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers of Dallas said she knows nothing about the report.

"I'm not aware of any report that Mr. Littwin supposedly generated that we were prevented from seeing," Ms. Miers said.

Commissioner John Hill of Houston said he remembered it and believed almost all the information in it had come out publicly anyway.

Hill and Commissioner Anthony Sadberry of Cypress said lottery general counsel Kim Kipling had recommended Littwin's report not be made public because material in it related directly to Gtech's lawsuit filed Nov. 7 against the state.

UNITED WAY DONATION — Civic organizations helped the United Way more than meet its goal of $60,000. Mac McCown, far right, presents the Lions Club's second $500 check to United Way representatives from left, Dink Foree, who co-chaired the drive along with his wife, Lydia (not shown); Peggy Vernon, Zola Schlegel, treasurer; Dr. Bryan Cave, first vice-president. Responding to a Lions Club challenge, the Altrurian Daughters, Golden K Kiwanis and Kiwanis Clubs and Shriners gave a combined $1,250. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Mediation answer to crowded prisons

Victim tells Texas Board of Criminal Justice members

ARLINGTON (AP) — Construction isn't the solution to the problem of Texas' crowded prisons, says Vernon resident Robert Kimbrew.

Kimbrew knows a little something about state prisons. That's where he confronted the man who suffocated his only daughter.

The 55-year-old Kimbrew, a soft-spoken seed distributor, talked with his daughter's killer for 5½ hours last November through the state's Victim/Offender Mediation Program.

He urged members of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice at their Friday meeting in Arlington to spend more money on the mediation program and less on erecting giant slabs of concrete.

"There's got to be more to it than just housing 'em," Kimbrew said, his hands stuffed in the pockets of his dark blue Wrangler jeans. "You just get 'em in and get 'em out."

But with the state's 145,000-bed prison system expected to overflow in two months, building prisons is exactly what the department is doing.

Board members Friday approved construction of two high-security prisons — one in Amarillo and the other in the East Texas town of Woodville. They approved bid requests for two others in Wichita Falls and Lamesa and gave the green light for design plans on a fifth facility in Karnes County.

The reason: Texas has almost tripled its prison capacity since 1992, sprouting from 48,000 to 145,000 at a cost of $1.5 billion.

The bed shortage is the result of parole rates dropping from 85 percent to 15 percent during the past three years, combined with more parolees being sent back to prison for parole violations.

Board chairman Allan Polunsky predicted the construction trend would continue for the next three or four years.

"There's absolutely no question we're about ready to get into a crunch once again," Polunsky told a packed ballroom at the Arlington Hilton.

In the meantime, the state is making plans to contract with counties for jail space. Lesser-security dormitories with about 107 beds each also will be added onto 19 existing prison sites. The first of those beds should be ready in 10 to 12 months.

At the same meeting, victims of violent crimes made emotional presentations to the board about their experiences with the Victim/Offender Mediation Program.

Coordinator David Doerfler showed a video of Kimbrew's tense encounter with Ferien Edward Wardrip, who suffocated his 21-year-old daughter Tina with a pillow after a three-day drug binge in May 1986.

Wardrip is scheduled for release Dec. 10. But Kimbrew said he feels no anger or fear, having spoken with the killer.

"It's such a relief to be able to tell him how you feel. It's such a healing, you can't describe it," Kimbrew said. "Lord, I hope none of you have to go through it. I know in my heart he'll be a better person when he comes out because of this meeting."

Doerfler began organizing mediation sessions between victims and offenders in March 1995. Since then, 10 dialogues have taken place, but the waiting list is 250 people long.

Each session requires months of preparation, with both parties undergoing counseling beforehand. Both sides must agree to the meeting and either can pull out at any time.

The program runs on an $80,000 annual budget, but Doerfler hopes to secure $240,000 in grants to expand the program and train more mediators.

Polunsky said the board supports the mediation program, but he's not sure if it could help reduce prison population numbers.

"I think certain people, it might help, but I don't expect the numbers to be significant," Polunsky said.

"It's been helpful in terms of the victim's situation. It brings some peace and closure to their tragedies."

Sabrina Ehrenreich agrees. The Houston woman's 72-year-old grandmother was raped, stabbed, choked with wire and left for dead in March 1987.

Through the state's mediation program, Ehrenreich, 27, confronted her grandmother's killer, Daniel Corwin, who's scheduled for execution Jan. 27. She described to board members the rage and hate that filled her before meeting with Corwin.

"I have observed him and I have questioned him. Maybe he cares about what he did and maybe he doesn't," the tall blonde said through tears. "I am finally at peace with the killing and the killer."

Pumps' prices fall more than penny

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gas prices have fallen more than a penny per gallon in the past two weeks, the latest drop in a two-month slide, a nationwide survey credits to less driving and lower crude oil prices.

The average price nationwide, including all grades and taxes, was $1.2497 per gallon on Friday.

Berry's World

"Look! There goes ANOTHER sport utility vehicle."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1997

Your material prospects look encouraging for the year ahead. However, endeavors that initially appear to be the most successful might not finish as strongly as the smaller ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You could engage in beneficial conversations today. They will enable you to learn as much from others as your listeners will learn from you. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You should have an opportunity to recoup losses in an arrangement that didn't work out too well recently. Today, you'll make the winning moves.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A close friend might have the inside information you need, but you can't depend upon your pal to call you. Get on the phone today and contact him or her.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not try to imitate methods used by an associate today. Your success will be gained through utilization of your natural attributes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Friends and co-workers will be endowed with long memories today. Any rushes of generosity or cooperation you shower on them today will not be forgotten.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Multiple responsibilities won't intimidate you today. You might handle several critical projects simultaneously and do a commendable job on each.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Learning can be fun today as well as being a valuable experience if you approach it with that mind-set. It should be a good day for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, you may put forth a minor effort in dealings where you alone will benefit, but if the situation involves loved ones, you'll be much more vigorous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your best asset today is your ability to smooth over conditions that are a bit abrasive. This will enable you to keep matters on track.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your normal channels of revenue might yield larger returns than usual today. However, your usual expenses might also run a bit higher as well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Projects that require some moxie are likely to be the ones you'll handle best today. Challenges stimulate your motivation and your imagination.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Situations where you can derive some type of commission, no matter how small, should be the areas upon which you focus your efforts today.

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New directions

NEW YORK (AP) — Mariah Carey would like to live vicariously — through herself.

Since separating from Sony music executive Tony Mottola this year, Carey has been romantically linked to everyone from Derek Jeter of the New York Yankees to rapper Sean "Puffy" Combs.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Abraxas Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 3-7WF Huddleston in the Sharon Ridge field, six miles northwest of Ira. The well was finaled to produce 37 barrels of oil and 106 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,243-3, 248 feet, and location is in Section 161, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Abraxas has completed the No.3-6WF Huddleston in the Sharon Ridge field, six miles northeast of Ira. The venture was completed to produce 16 barrels of oil and 122 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,201-3,293 feet, and location is in Section 161, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

RUWCO Oil and Gas Corp. will drill the No. 1-27 Shafer, a 7,500-foot wildcat located three miles northwest of Vincent. Drill site is in Section 27, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Fisher County

LaRoca Resources will drill the No. 1 Weatherman, a 6,000-foot wildcat located nine miles northeast of Rotan. Drill site is in Section 124, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Sinclair Oil Corp. will drill the No. 1 George, a 7,000-foot wildcat located 18 miles south of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 143, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Sampson Lone Star LP has completed the No. 1 McRorey Heirs in the Suggs field, three miles northwest of Blackwell. The venture was finaled to produce 22 barrels of oil and 229 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,008,040 feet and location is in Section 249, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS DONATION — Mac McCown, far right, Lions Club president, presents a $400 check to Special Olympics representatives from left, Marvin Butler, Hope Martinez, Michael Cotton, and Juanita Glass and Deborah Beall, both coaches. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

80-year-old woman kicked off Greyhound because of puppy

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The bus was a Greyhound, but the driver was no dog lover.

An 80-year-old woman returning home from her birthday party was kicked off a bus at a rural truck stop late at night because of her birthday present: a tiny puppy named Cookie.

Dogs aren't allowed on Greyhound and the driver refused to make an exception, leaving Antonia Sanabria at the side of the road about 80 miles from home in Tampa at 3 a.m. Friday. Mrs. Sanabria had boarded the bus Thursday night in Panama City after visiting her daughters.

A security guard summoned by the bus driver called Marion County Sheriff's deputies — adding to her fright.

"When the bus pulled away and I saw all those policemen I was scared," Mrs. Sanabria said. "I thought they were going to put me in jail. I don't know, I was crazy with fear. I've never gone to jail."

What could have quickly become a terrifying ordeal for the woman, who walks with a crutch and has trouble hearing and seeing, instead became an inspiration.

After getting her a sandwich and something to drink, police from different jurisdictions teamed up to ferry Mrs. Sanabria all the way from the Ocala area to her Tampa doorstep in five different patrol cars.

"I've never seen so many people so nice with me — an old lady. They gave me love, respect, attention," she said. "Love has a lot of names — compassion, respect, friendliness."

As soon as she got home, all Mrs. Sanabria wanted to do was sleep, which she did with her new 7-week-old Pekinese pup.

When she woke up she found a bouquet of roses with a card that read: "We want you to know there are still some nice people in the world," from Hillsborough Sheriff's deputies in Tampa who coordinated the relay.

Dallas-based Greyhound apologized and gave her a refund on Saturday. The unidentified driver, a 20-year Greyhound veteran, was suspended pending an investigation.

"It's unfortunate that a lady of this age and condition would have something like this happen to her in the middle of the night," said George Gravley, a Greyhound spokesman.

Mrs. Sanabria's daughter, Sally Creel of Panama City, was outraged, saying: "What a low-life thing to do."

But after the police rescue, her mother was far from bitter.

"It was a birthday I'll never forget," Mrs. Sanabria said.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Al-Anon meeting (smoke Free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

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

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room of Cogdell Hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

Bond marketing campaign slated

NEW YORK (AP) — The Bond market is stronger than ever.

The new James Bond film, "Tomorrow Never Dies," doesn't get into theaters until Dec. 19, but 007 and company are turning up the marketing campaign like never before.

MGM/UA lined up a $100 million global marketing campaign for the movie, Entertainment Weekly reported in its Nov. 28 edition.

Jumping on the Bond bandwagon are companies like Smirnoff, Visa and Heineken. Some of the sponsors are in the movie — for example, Pierce Brosnan's Bond uses an Ericsson cell phone to remote control a BMW.

There were no attempts to force a product into the film, said Karen Sortito, MGM executive vice president of worldwide promotions. And she said the company didn't go looking for typical kid-friendly sponsors.

"Bond is about romance, sex and vodka," she said. "How does that work with fast food?"

Growers battle summer heat to get tree to White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The competition is so keen to provide the official White House Christmas tree that like 4-H children who bed down with prized hogs at the fair, some growers won't let their contest trees out of sight.

They pack them in vans and primp them en route to a national competition every other August that amounts to a beauty pageant for 6- to 8-foot-tall Christmas trees. Some trees are shipped in refrigerated trucks. Growers drive them through the night, misting the needles to keep them moist.

One grower propped a tree in his hotel room bathtub overnight.

Two winners of the National Christmas Tree Association competition earn the privilege of sending a much taller tree to the White House in a Christmas future.

This year's tree, an 18½-foot fir, is being cut down Monday on Sanford and Debbie Fishel's tree farm in Grassy Creek, N.C.

"It's a North Carolina fraser fir — the Cadillac of Christmas trees," Mrs. Fishel said.

Gary Walters, chief usher at the White House, and Irv Williams, its horticulturist, drove 5½ hours to the Fishel farm last week to inspect the tree that will stretch, ceiling-to-floor, in the elegant Blue Room.

"We take the chandelier down," Walters said. "The top of the tree hooks into the chandelier support. That's where we get stability for the tree and the power."

About 30 growers participated in the most recent competition, on a hot, muggy day in Kansas City, Mo., in August 1996. All had received top honors in state contests.

"The competition is extremely intense," said Dennis Tompkins, one of three judges. "It gets to the point where we really have to nit-pick to find defects."

The judges pick three winners. Then hundreds of growers and retailers attending the convention vote for their favorites. Each of the top two vote-getters sends a tree to the White House in one of the next two years.

The Fishels waited until the last minute to dig up their entry. They transported it, root ball and all, in a refrigerated truck to Kansas City. They cut off the roots just before the judging.

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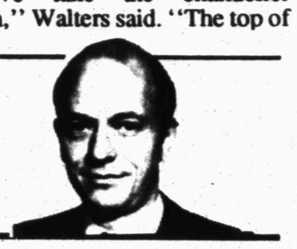
Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 11-24-97
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♦ A K 10 8 4
♣ A K 9

West
♠ Q J 8
♥ K 10 6
♦ 9 6 3 2
♣ 8 7 2

East
♠ 10 7 6 5 2
♥ 7 4 2
♦ Q 7 5
♣ Q 10

South
♠ A K 9 4 3
♥ J 8
♦ J
♣ J 6 5 4 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	6 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

Last but not least

By Phillip Alder

New Zealand Bridge concludes last week's look at independently published English-language magazines. (It receives some backing from the New Zealand Contract Bridge Association, but retains editorial freedom.)

The editor of the bimonthly, Richard Solomon, fits in material for the less able player, and along with accurate analyses, you will also find deals from the "real world" with imprecise bidding, play, defense and analysis. Here is an example of good, bad, excellent and wrong!

South's opening bid showed a weak 5-5 in spades and a minor. After asking for the minor, North bid what he expected his partner to make.

It's not such a great slam, but on a "normal" lead, South will cash dummy's top trumps, getting the good news, draw the last trump, and take the heart finesse. Here, he will cruise home with an overtrick.

West, Duncan Badley from Auckland, guessing dummy would be strong in the red suits, led a devilish heart 10.

Perhaps declarer should have finessed, but he put up dummy's ace and cashed the two top trumps. Now a heart to the jack — with the club nine remaining as a dummy entry — will see South home. However, he drew the last trump before playing that low heart. Duncan completed an excellent performance by ducking the trick! Now the writer claimed that the contract was dead. Well, South could have got home if he had read the position, but he didn't, losing two spades at the end.

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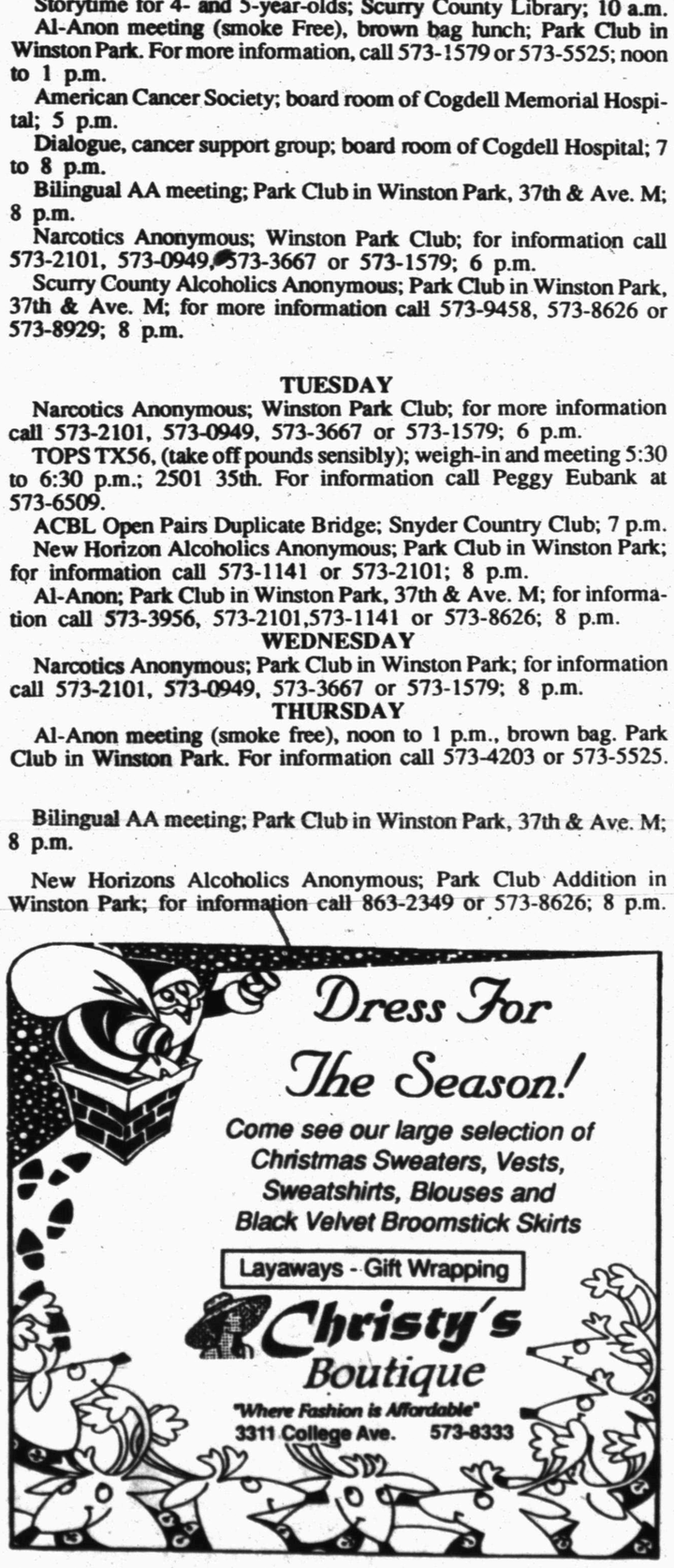

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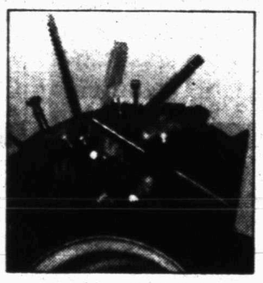

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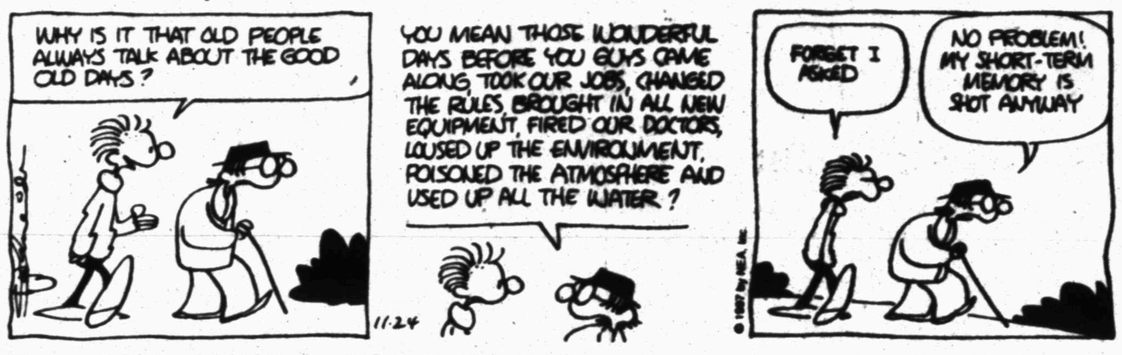

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4 Actor Sharif
8 Biblical king
12 Poetic time of day
13 Actor Lugosi
14 — and terminer
15 Longest-limbed
17 Warsaw citizen
18 Milky gem
19 Ballerina's strong points
21 Fasten
22 Sets loose
24 — of the action
26 Type of renewal
27 Spoken
29 Midday
31 Future attys.' exam
35 Giant of fairy tales
36 Sixfold
38 Horse color
40 Grin
41 People of Dublin
44 Inheritors
45 Western hemisphere assn.
46 Hawaiian island
49 Bites
51 Cleopatra's river
53 Like items on refrigerators
55 Words of understanding
56 Margarine
57 Author Umberto —
58 Whale
59 European apple
60 Garden moisture

DOWN

1 Finnish first name
2 Schoolyard game
3 Michigan city (2 wds.)
4 Kimono sash
5 Encounters
6 And
7 Assess
8 Alley —
9 Nearsighted person
10 Souvenir
11 Actress Dunne
16 Gatherers of a sort
20 Vacation spot
23 Noun suffix
25 Light up
26 Numero —
27 Prophetic sign
28 Oedipus —
30 Rose — — rose
32 Lively
33 Pimento
34 Golf peg
37 Mao — -tung
39 Cry of surprise
41 Type of column
42 Rear
43 Dot in the ocean
44 Much larger
47 Famous cookiemaker
48 Christmas-play prop
50 Garbage barge
52 Wide shoe size
54 British sweli

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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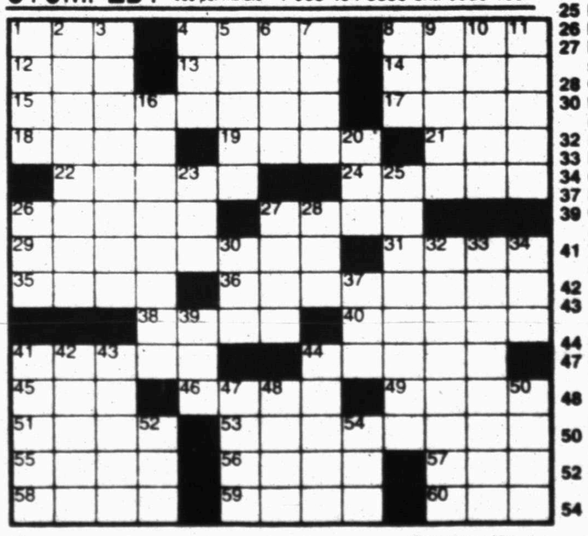

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SPORTS

Coyotes rally to top Grandfalls

GARDEN CITY — The Borden County Coyotes got something Saturday that they haven't had all season — a ballgame.

After cruising their first eleven contests, the Coyptes had to overcome a 14-point deficit to topple Grandfalls-Royalty 30-26 in a Six-Man regional semifinal.

Borden County got on the board first, when Fernando Baeza streaked 57 yards at 5:19 in the first quarter. A bad snap caused the conversion to fail, giving the Coyotes a 6-0 advantage.

But the Cowboys quickly answered back. Alfonso Marquez connected with Jason Carter on a 22-yard scoring pass, but the PAT was blocked.

Then at the 6:48 mark of the second, Coyote QB Colt McCook was picked off at his own 15-yard line by Sean Francisco.

Jeff Corean added the two-point boot, to end the first half scoring at 14-6.

For the first time this year, Borden County headed to the locker room, trailing in a contest.

The Cowboys took the kickoff to begin the third quarter and steadliy marched down the field.

Ronnie Vasquez hit Andy Leyva with a 10-yard scoring strike, pushing the Grandfalls lead to 20-6.

As a stunned Coyote squad huddled on the sidelines, Borden County coach Bobby Avery counseled his troops.

"The difference in the ballgame now is that you are going to go down and get this touchdown right here," Avery told his players. "Then you're going to hold them and get the next touchdown, too."

Avery's game plan worked to perfection, as the Coyotes drove 50 yards in five plays. Clint Scott plunged in from the 1 and Oscar Baeza added the PAT, trimming the deficit to 20-14.

The Borden defense then forced a Grandfalls punt, which Ed Rodriguez blocked out of the back of the endzone for a safety.

The Cowboy lead was now only four points.

With 6:18 remaining on the fourth quarter clock, the Coyotes would take the lead again. This time for good.

Fernando Baeza tossed a 38-yard TD pass to brother Oscar, who booted the two extra points. Borden led 24-20.

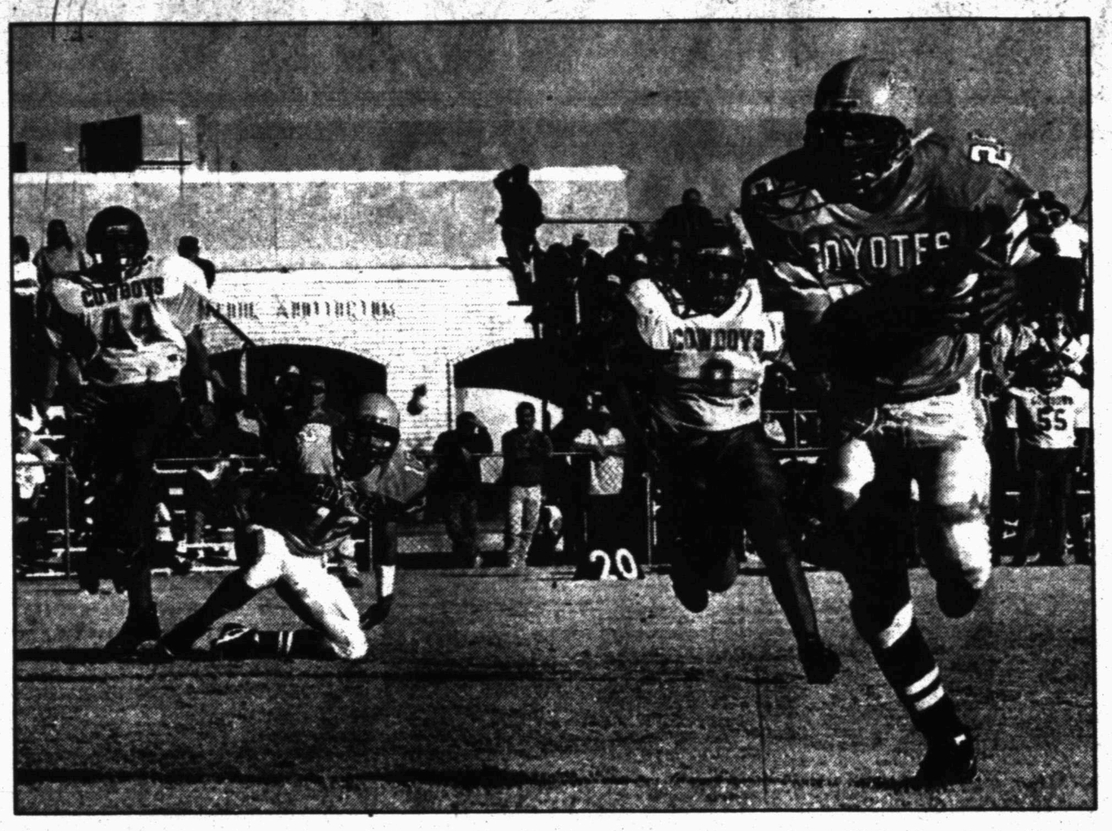
Three minutes later, Oscar scampered into the endzone from the 7, but the kick failed. Making it a 10-point contest.

The Cowboys would close the gap on a 57-yard bomb from Roy Vasquez to Marquez.

However, the Coyotes successfully ran out the clock to preserve the victory.

Fernando Baeza led the Coyote attack with 18 carries for 160 yards and 10 tackles.

Borden County advances to face Silverton (9-3) in a state quarterfinal contest at 2 p.m. Saturday in Idalou.



SCORING SCAMPER — Borden County's Oscar Baeza outruns Grandfalls-Royalty's Danny Santiago (9) on the way to the endzone Saturday. Coyote Colt McCook (12) and Cowboy Sean Francisco (44) look on. Baeza scored the Coyotes' final touchdown in their 30-26 regional playoff victory. (SDN Photo By Kristi Drennan)

Packers blowout Cowboys, 45-17

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — For the Green Bay Packers, finally getting the home tundra advantage over Dallas turned out to be less important than Dorsey Levens and Brett Favre.

Levens rushed for a Packers record 190 yards and Favre threw four touchdowns passes as Green Bay routed Dallas 45-17 Sunday, breaking a 10-10 halftime tie by scoring every time it touched the ball after intermission.

Still, the win was sweeter because it was the first for this edition of the Packers, who had lost eight straight to Dallas, the last seven at Texas Stadium. There were some who felt the Packers' Super Bowl victory last season was tarnished because they didn't defeat Dallas along the way.

"I have a vivid memory of last year after they beat us — Reggie White pointed at the sideline and said 'come to Lambeau, come to Lambeau,'" said Levens, who broke Jim Taylor's 36-year-old single-game record of 186 yards.

"I knew we had them when they left the field two minutes early in warmups because of the cold."

Actually, while the wind chill was minus-4 when the game started and the temperature was in the 20s, the Packers didn't really have them until the second half. But then they REALLY had them.

"I witnessed in the second half probably the best kicking the Cowboys have had in a long time," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "We were totally dominated."

Indeed they were — Green Bay was 9-of-9 on third downs after intermission, 13-of-17 for the game.

"We really didn't adjust, we just made plays," Favre said. "The biggest key was that on third down, we converted."

The defense helped, too.

After surrendering 467 yards last week in a loss to previously winless Indianapolis, it allowed Dallas only 213, and chipped in with a touchdown of its own — a 34-yard fumble return by Darren Sharper. A telling stat: Dallas had as many first downs as it had penalties, 11.

But the most important is that the victory puts the Packers (9-4) a game ahead in the NFC Central of Minnesota and Tampa Bay, which both lost. Their next two games are on the road against the Vikings and Bucs.

The Cowboys (6-6) demonstrated the problems that have hurt them all season — getting in the end zone — although they had the ball for just 7:41 in the second half. Their 103 yards in penalties included a critical 34-yard pass interference call against Deion Sanders, whose 50-yard pass interception return was one of their two TDs.

They scored only one offensive touchdown and now might have to win their remaining four games to keep alive their streak of six straight playoff appearances.

"It was a pretty good whoopin' in the second half," said quarterback Troy Aikman said. "They played very well and we didn't play very well."

It was 10-10 at halftime — both touchdowns coming when Favre threw the ball.

The first was the 7-yarder to Levens, the second with 1:20 left in the first half when Favre tried to throw to the sideline off his back foot and Sanders picked it off and high-stepped down the sideline.

"You don't throw the ball late on Deion's side," Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren said.

By the end, Favre could joke about it. Late in the game, he and Sanders embraced during a timeout and Sanders held up one finger, indicating that he got Favre that one time.

But Favre then laughed and held up four.

Sanders' one shot came with 1:19 left in the half and gave Dallas a 10-7 lead. But Green Bay scored on Ryan Longwell's 32-yard field goal to tie it at the half, and then came the deluge.

Sanders gave back his TD when he fumbled Freeman at the Dallas 5 on the first drive of the half, and two plays later, Favre hit Chmura with a 4-yard pass that made it 17-10.

Then the Packers used up 8:34 to go 73 yards in 16 plays, capping it with a 2-yarder to Chmura that made it 24-10.

Emmitt Smith's 22-yard run 1:38 into the fourth quarter cut it to 24-17.

But it was Dallas' last gasp as Levens simply wore down their defense.

It was also a major relief for the Packers.

"I have exorcised one demon. Next week, I have another to deal with," said Holmgren, whose team plays next week at Minnesota, where he has yet to win in five appearances as a head coach.

Cougars and Wolverines are headed to Rose Bowl

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

Five years between Rose Bowls may seem like a long time for Michigan, but just think how Washington State feels: The Cougars haven't been to Pasadena on Jan. 1 for more than six decades.

"We're going to party!" coach Mike Price shouted after his 10th-ranked Cougars beat No. 21 Washington 41-35 on Saturday and earned a shot at the top-ranked Wolverines.

"We have a month to prepare for them," Ryan Leaf, Washington State's record-setting quarterback said. "We can play with anybody in the country."

Leaf threw for 358 yards and two touchdowns and the defense chipped in with five interceptions as the Cougars completed a 10-1 regular season.

"The only thing I can say is Washington State is the team of destiny," Huskies quarterback Brock Huard said. "I have a lot of respect for them."

Ohio State feels the same way about Michigan (11-0), which completed its first perfect regular season since 1971 with a 20-14 win over the Buckeyes before a record Michigan Stadium crowd of 106,982.

"I think Michigan is deserving of being the No. 1 team in the nation," said Buckeyes coach John Cooper, now 1-8-1 vs. Michigan. "They're an outstanding team."

Charles Woodson, the cornerback/punt returner/part-time receiver, had an incredible day against Ohio State, boosting his Heisman Trophy chances with a 37-yard catch to set up one TD, a 78-yard punt return for another and an end zone interception of a pass by Stanley Jackson.

"I think it's obvious who is the best player in America," Michigan quarterback Brian Griese said.

If the the Wolverines can stop Leaf and the Cougars in Pasadena, they'll win their first national title since 1948.

Since the AP poll began selecting national champions after bowl games during the mid-1960s, a No. 1 team winning in the postseason always has emerged with the national title.

Fifth-ranked Florida State (10-1) saw its title hopes sink in The Swamp at Gainesville, where No. 7 Florida won 32-29 on Fred Taylor's fourth TD of the day, a 1-yard run with 1:50 left in the game.

It was the second straight year the Gators (9-2) ended the Seminoles' title chances. Last year, the Gators won 52-20 in the Sugar Bowl.

The winning score was set up by Doug Johnson's 63-yard pass to Jacquez Green and Taylor's 17-yard run to the 1.

"This has got to be the worst," Florida State linebacker Daryl Bush said. "You want to say something bad about them, but they played a great game."

The cloudy postseason picture cleared up considerably Saturday.

No. 2 Nebraska, with games remaining against Colorado and Texas A&M, is the favorite to play in the Orange Bowl, with Tennessee (9-1) the likely opponent if the Vols beat Vanderbilt and go on to beat No. 13 Auburn (9-2) in the SEC title game.

The Sugar Bowl is looking at a possible Penn State-Florida State matchup, provided the Nittany Lions win at Michigan State next Saturday. But if Auburn wins the SEC, how about a father-son matchup between the Seminoles and Tigers, Bobby Bowden vs. son Terry Bowden?

The Fiesta Bowl is hoping for an Arizona State-Syracuse matchup, with the Sun Devils (8-2) needing a win over Arizona on Friday and the Orangemen needing a win over Miami on Saturday.

The Citrus Bowl could match Florida against Ohio State. Notre Dame, 6-5 after a 1-4 start, is almost certain to go to a bowl, perhaps the Insight.com Bowl in Tucson, Ariz.

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	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
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NewEngland	7	5	0	.583	288	216
Miami	7	5	0	.583	260	226
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	197	286
Indianapolis	1	11	0	.083	205	328
Central						
Pittsburgh	8	4	0	.667	281	226
Jacksonville	8	4	0	.667	305	242
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	257	228
Baltimore	4	7	1	.375	233	257
Cincinnati	4	8	0	.333	225	309
West						
Denver	9	2	0	.818	324	184
KansasCity	9	3	0	.750	247	203
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	264	277
Oakland	4	7	0	.364	275	282
SanDiego	4	8	0	.333	225	306

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
N.Y.Giants	7	4	1	.625	218	207
Washington	6	5	1	.542	224	176
Dallas	6	6	0	.500	246	213
Philadelphia	5	6	1	.458	203	244
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	196	262
Central						
GreenBay	9	3	0	.750	316	234
Minnesota	8	4	0	.667	274	262
TampaBay	8	4	0	.667	242	192
Detroit	6	6	0	.500	267	230
Chicago	2	10	0	.167	195	322
West						
SanFrancisco	11	1	0	.917	295	149
Carolina	6	6	0	.500	201	224
Atlanta	4	8	0	.333	236	295
NewOrleans	4	8	0	.333	154	245
St.Louis	2	10	0	.167	202	281

Sunday's Games

Arizona 16, Baltimore 13
Tennessee 31, Buffalo 14
Green Bay 45, Dallas 17
Detroit 32, Indianapolis 10
New England 27, Miami 24
New York Jets 23, Minnesota 21
Atlanta 20, New Orleans 3
Philadelphia 23, Pittsburgh 20
Chicago 13, Tampa Bay 7
Carolina 16, St. Louis 10
Cincinnati 31, Jacksonville 26
Kansas City 19, Seattle 14
San Francisco 17, San Diego 10
New York Giants 7, Washington 7, tie

Monday's Game

Oakland at Denver, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 27

Chicago at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Dallas, 4 p.m.

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NewYork	9	4	.692	—
Miami	8	4	.667	½
Orlando	8	4	.667	½
NewJersey	7	4	.636	1
Boston	7	6	.538	2
Washington	4	9	.308	5
Philadelphia	3	7	.300	4½
Central Division				
Atlanta	11	2	.846	—
Charlotte	8	3	.727	2
Chicago	8	5	.615	3
Milwaukee	7	5	.583	3½
Cleveland	6	6	.500	4½
Indiana	5	6	.455	5
Detroit	5	9	.357	6½
Toronto	1	11	.083	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Minnesota	6	5	.545	½
Houston	6	5	.545	½
Utah	6	6	.500	1
Vancouver	6	8	.429	2
Dallas	3	9	.250	4
Denver	0	11	.000	6½
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	11	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	7	2	.778	3
Seattle	10	3	.769	2
Portland	8	4	.667	3½
Sacramento	4	8	.333	7½
GoldenState	1	10	.091	10
L.A.Clippers	1	12	.077	11

Saturday's Games

Orlando 108, Philadelphia 94
Charlotte 95, Indiana 94
Miami 108, Toronto 104
Detroit 87, Atlanta 85
Cleveland 110, Washington 101
New Jersey 93, Portland 87
Milwaukee 83, Dallas 62
Houston 90, Golden State 84
Seattle 84, Denver 80
Utah 103, San Antonio 74

Sunday's Games

Boston 90, Detroit 86
New York 104, Vancouver 84
Chicago 103, Sacramento 88
L.A. Lakers 119, L.A. Clippers 102

Monday's Games

Portland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Detroit at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Miami, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 10 p.m.
New Jersey at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

SDN Sports Week

Today

Basketball

WTC at Wayland Baptist JV, Plainview, 5 p.m.

Big Spring at Snyder 7th & 8th boys, 5:00, 6:15.

Big Spring at Snyder 9th boys, 6:00, 7:30.

Snyder 7th & 8th girls at Big Spring, 5:00, 6:15.

Snyder 9th girls at Big Spring, 6 p.m.

Ira Jr. High at Loraine, 6 p.m.

Westbrook at Hermleigh Jr. High, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Basketball

Snyder JV & varsity boys at Brownfield, 6:00, 7:30.

Snyder JV & varsity girls at Abilene High, 4:30, 6 p.m.

Ira JV boys at Highland, 5 p.m.

Ira varsity girls and boys at Highland, 6:30, 8 p.m.

Trent at Hermleigh varsity boys & girls, 6:30, 8 p.m.

Saturday

Football

Borden County vs. Silverton, state quarterfinal playoff in Idalou, 2 p.m.

Basketball

Snyder JV & varsity boys at Big Spring, 2:00, 3:30.

Clyde at Snyder 9th, JV & varsity girls, 1:00, 2:30, 4 p.m.

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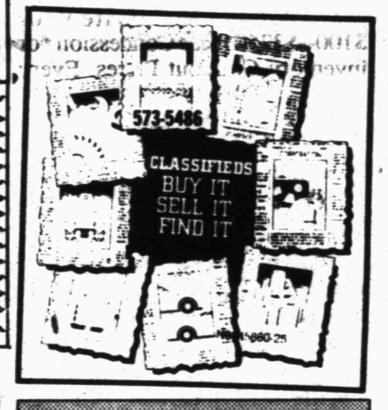

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Runaway Texas teen-ager returns home

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A 15-year-old Texas boy missing since Oct. 2 has returned home after living with a Cheyenne family for about a month, his mother said.

Jackson Fulham of Abilene, Texas, failed to show up for a friend's birthday party in early October, and his mother Rolanda Fulham launched a search effort.

His pickup truck had been spotted near Cheyenne on Oct. 8, but he eluded a sheriff's deputy who gave chase.

Two days later, the pickup's license plate was scanned at a border crossing with Canada between small towns in Montana and Alberta province.

From there, however, the trail grew cold until a Laramie County resident called Fulham's mother after seeing a story about the runaway on local television and told her Jackson had been living with his parents for a month.

The family, whose identity was withheld, apparently thought Fulham, who is 6-feet-2 and 200 pounds, was older than 15, his mother said. She said the family took him in because he had run out of money and his truck had broken down.

Deputies took Fulham to a shelter in Cheyenne late Friday, and his mother flew to Cheyenne early Saturday to pick him up.

"When we did find him, he said he's been praying every night that we would find him," she said. "He just didn't know how to make that first step to come home."

She said her son, an honor student, had told her he had lost interest in school and sports because he felt pressure to perform better.

HOLCOMB RECEIVES PLAQUE — Dee Wilson presented Tom Holcomb, outgoing Noah Project-West advisory council chairperson, a plaque. Wilson voiced appreciation for his serving in that capicity from 1994-97 and his dedicated work during the final year of planning the new shelter. Wilson is Noah service area director, and also pictured left is the new chairman, Cliff Smith. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Complaints keep peace officers busy

Five people were arrested over the weekend, including one on state jail felony charges for assault.

Officers arrested 29-year-old Moses Morin of 811 27th St. at his residence at 3:11 p.m. Sunday for assault/family violence.

Two people were arrested Saturday at Wal-Mart on shoplifting charges.

Officers arrested a 37-year-old female at 11:47 a.m. for Class C theft, a city warrant for Class C theft and a warrant for the issuance of a bad check from the justice of the peace court.

At 1:03 p.m., officers were called back to the store as a 36-year-old female was being detained for shoplifting. The woman was arrested on Class C theft charges.

A 19-year-old male was arrested at 5:01 p.m. Saturday at Avenue T and the Old Lubbock Highway for driving while license suspended and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

A 33-year-old male was arrested at 2:37 a.m. Sunday in the 1100 block of 30th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity over a busy weekend for law enforcement personnel, officrs were called to the 100 block of Birch at 11:35 a.m. Saturday in reference to someone burning trash. The person was advised of the complaint and the fire was put out.

The fire department responded to a report of a vehicle on fire at 12:18 p.m. Saturday at Rip Griffin's. Involved was a 1984 Chevrolet pickup owned by Jason Highfield of 1205 28th St. The vehicle suffered minor damage to the engine compartment.

A person notified officers at 1:08 p.m. Saturday that someone had left fishing equipment at the car wash on East Highway.

Dispatchers received several calls around 5:30 p.m. Saturday of a heavy smell of marijuana in the 600 block of 33rd Street. Officers went to the location and was unable to detect any marijuana smoke.

Lawanna Burleson told officers at 10:02 p.m. Saturday that somone had taken items from her purse while she was working at Cogdell Hospital. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

Gary Hicks requested an officer at 8:28 p.m. Saturday in the 2200 block of Avenue C in reference to someone stealing his Sunday newspaper over the past two months.

A complaint for loud music was made at 8:48 p.m. Saturday from the 1600 block of 15th Street.

A report of vehicles drag racing on FM 1607 and 1611 was made at 8:56 p.m. Saturday.

More reports for vehicles drag racing Saturday were made at 11:31 p.m. on the Houston Parkway and at 11:59 p.m. in the 2100 block of North Highway 208.

A noise disturbance was reported at 11:20 p.m. Saturday from the 300 block of 16th Place.

A person spoke to officers at the police station at 2:01 a.m. Sunday in reference to another person making threats to damage a pickup.

The fire department extinguished a grass fire at 1:20 p.m. Sunday on the Santa Fe railroad right-of-way near the Old Lubbock Highway.

An offense report for a dog bite was made at 2:44 p.m. Sunday from the 200 block of 34th Street.

An officer was requested in the 100 block of Elm at 4:56 p.m. Sunday in reference to a juvenile being assaulted by another juvenile.

An offense report for assault/family violence was submitted at 10:07 p.m. Sunday.

'Mortal Kombat,' and 'Anastasia' top films

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Anastasia," the latest challenger to Disney's dominance in animated films, did well over the weekend but took a back seat to another movie aimed at the young: "Mortal Kombat Annihilation."

The second film in a series of action-adventures based on the video game with the same name earned an estimated $17.5 million in weekend ticket sales, Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. reported Sunday.

In second with $15 million was "Anastasia," the big-budget musical produced by 20th Century Fox. Analysts called the performance a wake-up call to the Walt Disney Co.

"Mickey Mouse didn't eat all weekend. He was very worried," said industry analyst Robert Bucksbaum, president of Reel Source. "This is probably the most recent movie that had other studios crossing their fingers for it. ... (Disney) has been on top of the market for 60 years and nobody has even come close."

Disney has taken challenges for decades. Only one fully animated non-Disney movie has grossed more than $50 million at North American theaters: 1996's "Beavis and Butt-head Do America."

An estimated $100 million was spent on producing and marketing "Anastasia," a story about the Russian revolution and the Romanov czar's daughter. Featuring voices by Meg Ryan, John Cusack and Kelsey Grammer, it was produced in a new animation studio 20th Century Fox built in Arizona.

Among other animated films waiting in the wings are "The Quest for Camelot" from Warner Bros. (scheduled to open May 22) and "The Prince of Egypt" from DreamWorks Pictures (November 1998).

Disney, meanwhile, saw its re-release of "The Little Mermaid" animated blockbuster drop to No. 5 from No. 2 last weekend, earning $5.8 million.

"John Grisham's The Rainmaker", from director Francis Ford Coppola had a strong showing, making its debut at No. 3 with $11 million.

However, Clint Eastwood's "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," based on the best-selling novel of a Savannah, Ga., murder, had a lackluster opening: $5.2 million and sixth place.

"You know that was not a cheap film and anyone who reads fiction, nonfiction was aware it was on the best seller list," said Art Rockwell of Yeager Capital Markets, adding that bad reviews likely turned away potential moviegoers.

The estimates for Friday through Sunday for movies released in North America:

1. "Mortal Kombat Annihilation," $17.5 million.
2. "Anastasia," $15 million.
3. "John Grisham's The Rainmaker," $11 million.
4. "The Jackal," $9 million.
5. "The Little Mermaid," $5.8 million.
6. "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," $5.2 million.
7. "Starship Troopers," $5 million.
8. "Bean," $4 million.
9. "The Man Who Knew Too Little," $3 million.
10. "I Know What You Did Last Summer," $2.8 million.

Company has low-cost LD service over the Internet

DALLAS (AP) — Beginning today, some long-distance callers will be able to utilize a service that allows calls to be made over the Internet without a computer and at a low cost.

The company offering the service, Net2Phone Direct, is among the first to attempt to transform Internet long distance into a reality for all customers — not just Internet experts.

The first generation of Internet phone products, made available two years ago, boasted about free calling but were difficult to operate.

People at both ends of a call had to download software and pay for Internet accounts. The quality could be as poor as that of a child's walkie-talkie.

But the new service is as good as a mobile phone company.

"We're hoping that a large crowd of people will say, 'Hey, I can deal with a little bit of a funny sound,'' said Yonah Lloyd, director of Net2Phone Direct. "I'm going to save some serious bucks."

Subscribers pay 8 cents a minute for calls within the United States whenever the call is made. Some international rates are nearly half that of rates offered to the same location by AT&T.

AT&T spokesman Chris Schein, said the plans aren't comparable.

"It sounds like you're calling on a cell phone I can certainly hear the difference in the quality of the call ... and I don't expect a digression for a few pennies a minute," Schein said.

Insiders say Internet calling may become a billion-dollar business and several would-be providers are scrambling to be among the first to offer a usable system.

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Amoco	94⅝ 93⅞ 94⅛— ⅛
AndarkPtr	69 7-16 68 15-16 69 — ⅜
Armcolnc	5⅝ 5 9-16 5 9-16— ⅛
AtlRichfld s	84 15-16 84 3-16 84 5-16— ⅝
ATMOS Egy	26 13-16 26¾ 26¾— 1-16
Aviall	13½ 13⅛ 13 5-16— 3-16
BakerHughes	43⅝ 42¾ 42⅞— 1
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BellSouth	54 15-16 54⅛ 54 15-16+ 5-16
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BritPet s	87⅛ 87 9-16 87 11-16—15-16
BurlNoSFe	93⅝ 92 7-16 92 7-16— ⅝
Caterpillar s	47 15-16 47⅝ 47 13-16+ ⅛
CenSoWst	22 15-16 22 13-16 22 15-16— ⅛
Chevron	84 82⅞ 83½— 1
Chrysler	33⅝ 32 13-16 33 9-16+ ⅝
Coastal	62⅝ 61 15-16 62 — ½
CocaCola	63 7-16 62 11-16 63 7-16— 5-16
ColgatePalm s	66⅛ 66 3-16 66⅛— ⅛
ComclMetals	33 5-16 33 5-16 33 5-16
CooperIn	51 5-16 51 51⅛+ ⅛
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DeltaAirl	109⅝ 108½ 108 11-16— 1⅛
DigitalEq	51⅛ 50 1-16 50 13-16+ ⅛
Dillards Inc	37 11-16 37⅛ 37 11-16+ ¼
DowChem	97 13-16 97⅛ 97⅛—13-16
DresserInd	38⅛ 38 38⅛— 7-16
DuPont s	62 7-16 61⅝ 61⅝— ¾
EastmanChem	60⅛ 59½ 60⅛— 1-16
EstKodak	60 9-16 60 60 7-16— ¾
EDS Corp	37 15-16 37½ 37½— ⅛
Entergy	25⅛ 25 3-16 25⅜
Exxon s	63 13-16 63 63 11-16— ¼
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NationsBk s	62 1-16 61⅝ 62 — 3-16
Navistar	21⅝ 21½ 21½— ⅛
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PhilipPet	50 13-16 50½ 50¼— 3-16
PilgrmPrd	16¼ 15½ 15½— ½
Polaroid	43 42¼ 42 11-16— ⅛
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ProctGamb s	77 75 5-16 77 + ⅛
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USX-USS	33 3-16 32⅝ 32 15-16— ⅝
UnCarbde	44⅛ 44⅛ 44⅛— 3-16
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UnitedTech s	74 13-16 74 74⅛— 1
Unocal	41⅝ 41 41⅝— ⅝
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Future faceoff with Saddam seems inevitable

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The end of one confrontation with Saddam Hussein inevitably raises the question of when the next one will occur. Each year since his defeat in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Iraqi leader has tested the resolve of the international community.

And each year he has seen signs that the coalition formed after his invasion of Kuwait is weakening.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright insisted Sunday that in his latest test of the U.S.-led coalition, Saddam "ran into this brick wall."

But there are undeniable signs that the diplomatic mortar holding that wall together has lost much of its strength over the past seven years.

"This is not a resolution," former Bush administration official Richard Haass said of the agreement under which Saddam allowed U.N. weapons inspectors to return to Baghdad. "It simply papers over the differences between Saddam and the international community on the one hand and within the international community on the other."

After a brief clenched-teeth confrontation over the makeup of

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U.N. inspection teams, Saddam gave in. But the United States appears far more skeptical than most other major powers about Iraq's new willingness to cooperate with efforts to find and destroy his weapons of mass destruction.

"It is clear that there is a massive amount of work that has to be done there, especially in the chemical and biological inspection areas," President Clinton said Sunday.

Iraq's U.N. ambassador, Nizar Hamdoon, countered that sanctions should be lifted now because, he said, the Iraqis have destroyed their weapons themselves.

"The sanctions will stay in place. There is no hope of them being lifted" until Baghdad allows the inspectors freedom to enter all sites where they suspect weapons are hidden or are being produced, Defense Secretary William Cohen said.

But at least two members of the U.N. Security Council may be unwilling to back U.S. determination.

Russia and France have enormous financial stakes in Iraq that cause them to support easing of the sanctions the United States insists are essential to force Saddam to destroy his chemical and biological weapons and stop producing more.

Kuwait, the victim of Iraqi aggression seven years ago, strongly opposed the use of force to resolve the crisis caused when Iraq demanded that Americans be barred from U.N. inspection teams.

Once saved by U.S. military force, Kuwait now appears to share the concerns of other Arab states over the emergence of the United States as the unchallenged Western power in the Middle East.

In addition, there is the impact of the passage of time. The 1990-91 coalition was an extraordinary grouping of states that set aside conflicting interests to counter Iraqi aggression.

But how long could that hold?

"Fatigue is a factor," said Haass, a key adviser to President Bush during the Persian Gulf crisis. "It's not the only factor. Clearly, the coalition suffered from lack of consultations, from French unhappiness with U.S. unilateral sanctions tied to Cuba and Iran, Russian unhappiness over NATO enlargement and Arab unhappiness over the U.S. policy towards the Middle East peace process."

Peter Rodman, director of foreign policy studies at the Nixon Center, argues that Saddam came out of the latest crisis a clear winner.

The Iraqi leader was able to portray himself in the Arab world as an implacable foe of Israel and defender of the Palestinians, said Rodman. In addition, he said, "the whole issue of economic sanctions is going to be reopened in the U.N. Security Council, with the Russians and the French trying to get some timetable for the lifting of the sanctions."

As an added factor, he cited "the split of the coalition."

Greater U.S. determination is needed to keep the coalition together, Rodman said.

"We could have acted unilaterally," he said. "We had a unilateral military option, which the administration seemed terrified about using."

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Date Book

Nov. 24, 1997

Today is the 328th day of 1997 and the 65th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1615, French King Louis XIII married Anne of Austria — both were 14 years old.

On this day in 1859, Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species."

On this day in 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused killer of President Kennedy, was shot to death in Dallas.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Baruch Spinoza (1632-1677), Dutch philosopher; Laurence Sterne (1713-1768), writer; Junipero Serra (1713-1784), Spanish missionary; Zachary Taylor (1784-1850), U.S. president; Scott Joplin (1868-1917), pianist-composer; Dale Carnegie (1888-1955), writer; William F. Buckley Jr. (1925-), editor-writer, is 72; Oscar Robertson (1938-), basketball great, is 59.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1949, officials whistled 122 fouls in a basketball game between Syracuse and Anderson.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Fear cannot be without hope nor hope without fear." — Baruch Spinoza

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1981, Typhoon Irma struck the Philippines with winds up to 139 mph; 236 people were killed.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Nov. 21) and new moon (Nov. 29).

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University newspaper apologizes to Chelsea

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — The University of California student newspaper, which carried a column urging students to show their spirit on Chelsea Clinton's "bloodied carcass," has apologized.

An editor's note printed Friday apologized for undermining a "student's physical safety" and the paper's reputation. Editor-in-chief Ryan Tate denied that the apology was motivated by the fact that Chelsea is not just a first-year student at rival Stanford University but the president's daughter.

"If it had been another freshman ... that would have been unacceptable, too," Tate said. "It was a big error on our part. It's something we had to take responsibility for. That doesn't excuse that it ran in the first place."

Published Thursday in the Daily Californian, the column by senior Guy Branum, 22, exhorted students to seize Stanford's campus before Saturday's football game between the two schools, which Stanford won, 21-20.

Besides revealing which dorm Chelsea lives in, Branum also wrote: "Show your spirit on Chelsea's bloodied carcass, because as the Stanford Daily lets us know, she is JUST ANOTHER STUDENT.

"She embodies the Stanford ethos of establishment worship that must be subverted and destroyed," Branum wrote. "Is hate a strong word? Yes. Is it applicable? Certainly."

The column's timing was awkward for the Berkeley campus, since first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was scheduled to arrive today for a meeting on foster care.

Branum said he was being satirical and didn't believe any reader would take his words literally. He said it was meant to poke fun at Stanford's elitist reputation.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Aunt's Death, Sister's Silence Deal Woman a Double Blow

DEAR ABBY: My beloved aunt died more than a month ago. I found out a few days ago when I called the rest home to check on her prior to the visit I was planning. I was devastated by the news. I felt I had lost a piece of my soul. My aunt and I had been close since I was a small child.

I live several hours away from the rest home and the drive is difficult for me, but I visited her as often as I could, and we would talk for hours. My sister, who lives much closer, has been taking care of this aunt on a day-to-day basis. Many years ago, my husband and my sister had a conflict that put a rift between us. However, we had been able to put the rift aside a couple of times for family functions.

My sister made all the arrangements for my aunt's funeral, but she never even told me that our aunt had died. I had to learn of Aunty's death from a nurse long after the funeral. I know my aunt would have wanted me there.

Abby, I could never do such a thing to anyone, and I don't understand how my sister could have been so cruel as to keep this from me. Is there any justification for this? Even if my sister had a problem with my husband, our aunt loved us both, and aren't her wishes the ones that should have been respected?

I hope your answer will provide me with some understanding and help me live with the pain.

DEVASTATED IN IOWA

DEAR DEVASTATED: Of course your aunt's wishes should have been respected. I see absolutely no justification for your sister's cruelty. If you sincerely want to resolve this injustice, ask your sister to explain her behavior. She *owes* you an explanation.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a single, professional woman. Last year I met a man in the laundry room of our apartment building. He seemed to be the man of my dreams. He asked me if I was married. I'm not, and he isn't either. To make a long story short, we got involved.

He has been married four times and has 10 children, seven of whom are grown and gone. He told me he wanted to be a minister, but his behavior is far from what one would expect from a minister.

He has been divorced from his last wife for eight years, but talks about her constantly. And he spends quite a bit of time with another ex-wife who is the mother of three of his children.

I have been a faithful friend. We go to the movies or out to dinner when he has time, but he has never made an effort to take me away for a weekend.

Abby, he told me he had talked to a married woman in our complex about going fishing with him. I told him I thought that was inappropriate. He also mentioned that he was considering going away to meet a 25-year-old female friend. I know he gives his phone number to every woman he meets.

How can he say he cares for me when he acts this way toward so many women? I am in love with him, but I find his behavior appalling and I'm not happy. I keep hanging on because no one else has entered my life.

Do you think this man is worth hanging onto as a potential mate?

FRUSTRATED IN MELVILLE

DEAR FRUSTRATED: This man deserves points for honesty. He has made it clear that he's not interested in a permanent relationship. As a potential mate, he is not worth hanging onto.

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

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Postal strike plagues Canada

TORONTO (AP) — The courier business is booming and e-mail is gaining new fans by the day as Canadians cope with a nationwide postal strike.

For many, the inconvenience is minor, but for charities and mail-order businesses girding for their busiest season of the year, the 5-day-old strike is a disaster in the making. Solicitations aren't getting out, and the dollars aren't coming back.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers, which is demanding higher wages and job security, has promised to deliver social-security and welfare checks during the strike.

Canada has had two other postal strikes in the past 10 years, but this one is less disruptive to some Canadians because of advances in telecommunications.

"I use a lot of e-mails, and that's really convenient," said Ruth Sawatzky, of Langley, British Columbia. "They (the strikers) may be out of luck if they don't go back to work, as more people are going to catch on and send stuff other ways."

Timothy Taylor, a Vancouver management consultant, said he uses e-mail and couriers at work, and isn't worried about possible Christmas-card delays.

"I just phoned my mom, so I'm covered," he said.

For mail-order businesses, though, things aren't so easy.

John Gustavson, president of the Canadian Direct Marketing Association, said the strike is having an "immediate and devastating" impact.

Lands' End, the Wisconsin clothing catalogue company, arranged in advance for Loomis Courier Service to deliver its Canadian orders, then found out Loomis couldn't handle the volume. It now advises customers there may be delays and is seeking alternatives.

L.L. Bean of Maine suggests Canadians add a fee to cover Federal Express delivery of its outdoor clothing and gear.

Utility and credit card companies have warned that the strike is no holiday from making payments. Even though they can't mail out bills, they expect them to be paid through local banks.

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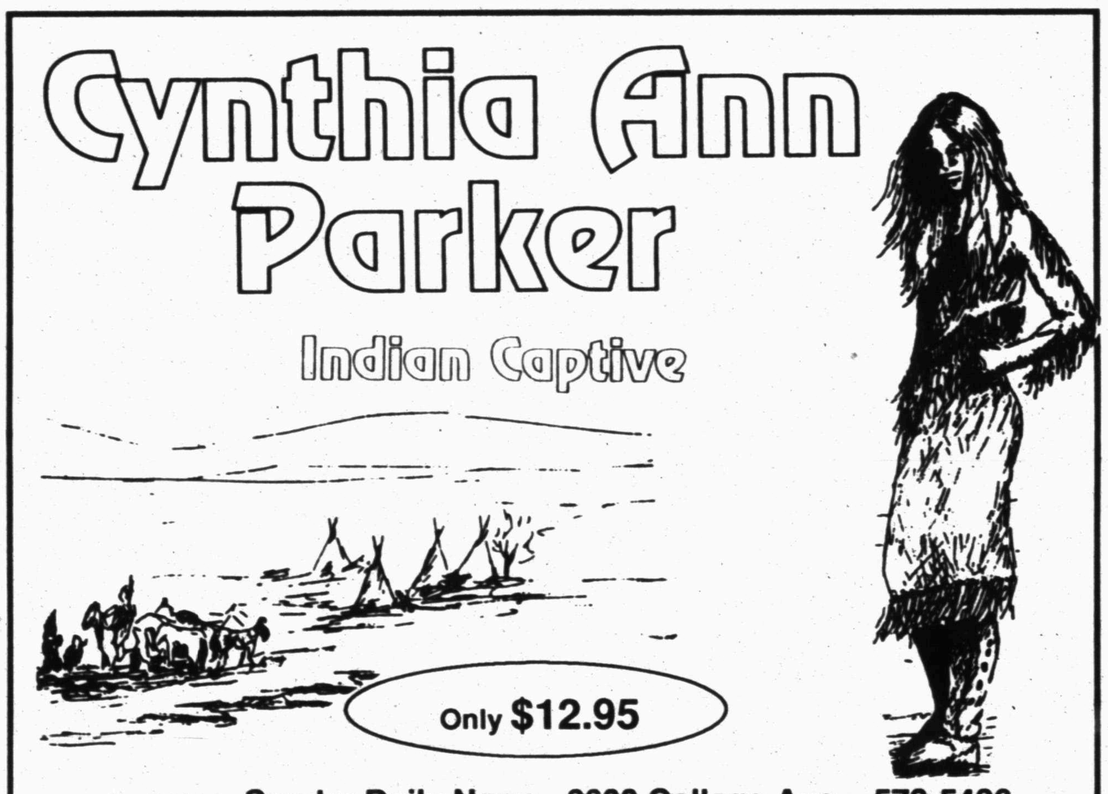
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Demos, White House set legislative offensive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic lawmakers and White House officials are plotting a joint election-year legislative offensive after a year in which they claimed some triumphs but did little to coordinate their message that their party deserves to regain control of Congress.

Despite bitter 1997 divisions over the budget and trade, aides to President Clinton and top Senate and House Democrats — including House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo. — have been meeting for months in hopes of uniting behind a batch of initiatives next year.

Top prospects include teacher training, school construction, child care, pension security, the environment, scrutiny of managed-care health plans and perhaps tax changes, officials say. Clinton is likely to announce the package in his State of the Union speech in late January.

"We're preparing a common agenda that Democrats can be pushing proactively," rather than just responding to Republican initiatives, said Rahm Emanuel, a senior White House adviser.

With Gephardt and Vice President Al Gore likely to vie for their party's presidential nomination in 2000, no one expects the White House and congressional Democrats to cooperate seamlessly next year.

Gephardt, for example, probably would insist that any tax-cut package bestow lower rates on much of the middle class. He also likely would oppose renewed free-trade proposals like the "fast-track" plan Clinton abandoned recently for lack of Democratic support.

A national settlement with the tobacco industry might be a tempting political target for the White House and Senate Democrats, but not for top House Democrats. Such an effort could complicate their goal of winning a House majority by imperiling Democrats from tobacco-growing districts.

But a unified Democratic agenda has something for everyone:

—Clinton could get additional Democratic votes for a range of issues that his trade retreat in the House showed he badly needs, improving his chances of achieving a broader legacy.

—Gephardt and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., would help shape the White House program rather than simply react to it. A united party and high-visibility legislative agenda could help offset the big Republican fund-raising advantage. It also would create a sharper contrast with the GOP and improve Democrats' chances of winning back the House and holding their own in the Senate in the 1998 elections. The Republicans won control of Congress in 1994.

—Gore would tie Gephardt more firmly to the administration, limiting the minority leader's ability to confront the White House. As the perceived 2000 front-runner, it is in Gore's interests to have a party that is united, not split into factions.

In 1997, Democrats claimed some successes, including the budget-balancing and tax-cut plans Clinton crafted with the GOP and the Senate's inconclusive campaign finance investigation.

They won extra billions for children's health care and education, blocked a proposed balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution and pressured House and Senate leaders to promise votes next year on campaign spending bills.

That was not bad for a minority party. But the session seemed to produce little politically that grabbed the public's attention and clearly distinguished Democrats from Republicans.

"No harm, no foul," is how Democratic pollster Geoff Garin described the year in Congress for both parties. "If 1995 was a year of battle lines being drawn, 1997 was a year of battle lines being blurred."

This year's biggest political coup for Democrats was probably the $8.6 billion disaster-aid package for the flooded Midwest enacted in June.

Clinton had vetoed an earlier version because he opposed GOP provisions dealing with the 2000 census and government shutdowns. Democrats used the standoff to portray Republicans as heartless and extreme.

But that paled with 1995 and early 1996, when Republican efforts to slash education and environmental programs, a pair of partial government shutdowns and the public's souring on House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., sent GOP popularity plummeting.

"Democrats' success has been waiting for Republicans to make mistakes," said John McLaughlin, a GOP consultant. "It's Republicans who are setting the agenda."

Republicans hope to set the agenda in 1998, too, with plans that include overhauling the Internal Revenue Service, toughening punishment for some juvenile offenders and tax cuts that may be aimed at married couples and parents of private school students. They also want to try overriding Clinton's veto of a ban on some late-term abortions.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been diagnosed with Dupuytren's contractures. What causes this? Should I have surgery?

DEAR READER: This common condition, which is marked by contraction of the sheath that covers the tendons of the muscles that flex the fingers, can lead to a handicap as the finger (or fingers) progressively flex. The cause is unknown, but the affliction tends to run in families and is more prevalent in people who consume alcohol.

If you can gently and regularly stretch your fingers into full extension, you may be able to counteract the effects of the contractures. However, even though many patients choose to put up with the disorder, corrective surgery may be necessary if the finger-flexion progresses to the point at which use of the hand is compromised.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there any cure for Peyronie's disease?

DEAR READER: This common affliction often affects men in middle age and beyond, leading to fibrosis (scarring) of the erectile cylinder on either side of the penis. Peyronie's disease causes crooked erections that may be painful and can make sexual relations difficult. The cause is unknown.

Some urologists prescribe Vitamin E supplements (about 1000 units a day) as an inexpensive remedy. If this fails to improve the condition, injections of cortisone into the scar tissue may help. In severe cases, the fibrosis may have to be replaced with a prosthesis.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Vitamin E: Myths & Facts." 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 64 years old. About five years ago, my wife died and I have been celibate ever since. Recently, I've noticed an occasional clear, painless discharge from my penis, especially when I sit for extended periods.

I saw a urologist. During the examination, I was very embarrassed to find myself becoming aroused. Even though he reassured me that this is normal (and all the tests were normal, too), I think that I need a psychiatrist.

DEAR READER: I disagree.

A gentle genital examination can often be stimulating to male patients; this does not indicate that you suffer from any problem or "hang-up." Such a reaction is particularly common in men who, for one reason or another, do not obtain regular sexual release.

The clear fluid that you noted is also normal, a method by which the reproductive tract prepares for sex. The events that you describe lead me to believe that your body is prepared for sexual activity. Therefore, my prescription is one that universally delights male patients: Have a sexual experience (if necessary, by self-stimulation) and see if that doesn't put things in order.

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Top Clinton official calls border war on drugs failure

PHOENIX (AP) — A top Clinton drug-control strategist said the United States has been unable to stop the smuggling of drugs across the Southwest border, according to a newspaper.

"Our current interdiction efforts almost completely fail to achieve our purpose of reducing the flow of cocaine, heroine and methamphetamines across the (Southwest) border," said Francis X. Kinney, director of strategic planning for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, in a memorandum acquired by The Arizona Republic in today's editions.

Kinney said the United States will continue to be overrun by drug traffic at the U.S.-Mexican border unless it emphasizes improved intelligence and high-tech screening equipment, the Republic reported.

The Oct. 28 memo said 900,000 U.S.-bound trucks were inspected last year — about a quarter of the total trucks crossing the border — and only 16 were found to contain cocaine. Yet up to 70 percent of the cocaine entering the United States crosses the 2,000-mile stretch along the Southwest border, the memo stated.

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FBI: Crime drops in first half of 1997

WASHINGTON (AP) — Led by a 6 percent drop in the Northeast, serious crimes declined in every section of the country during the first half of 1997, the FBI reports.

There was a 5 percent decline in the Midwest and West, and 3 percent in the South, the bureau said Sunday, citing preliminary figures from its Uniform Crime Reporting Program. It was the second time in little more than a week that the Clinton administration announced a declining crime rate.

The figures, compiled from reports of local law enforcement agencies, compared the first six months of this year with the same period of 1996.

Two of the most feared crime categories, murder and robbery, each showed declines of 9 percent from a year earlier. There also were drops in motor vehicle theft, aggravated assault, arson, and burglary.

A separate Justice Department survey released Nov. 15 showed that violent crime dropped 10 percent from the previous year. The most significant drop of 17.6 percent was in rapes and sexual assaults, according to the National Crime Victimization Survey conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

"With community police at the center of our efforts, we have worked to give communities the tools they need to rid their neighborhoods of gangs, guns and drugs," President Clinton said in a statement.

Clinton said his next priority was to take on juvenile crime.

"Crime has been falling for several years, because policy makers, law enforcement and ordinary Americans are coming together to do the right thing," Attorney General Janet Reno added. "... Now we must build on our progress, by doing more as a nation to keep young people on the right path."

The latest FBI figures show:

—All violent crime decreased 5 percent and property crime was down 4 percent.

—Aggravated assault fell 3 percent, forcible rape declined 2 percent, arson dropped 9 percent, motor vehicle theft and burglary fell 5 percent each and larceny-theft declined 4 percent.

—Cities overall showed a decline in serious crime for the six-month period, with municipalities of more than 250,000 population recording a 6 percent drop. In New York City, the falloff was 10 percent, city officials said. "We are per capita the safest city in America with a population over 1 million," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said. Suburban areas around the country saw a 3 percent decline and rural areas a 1 percent dip.

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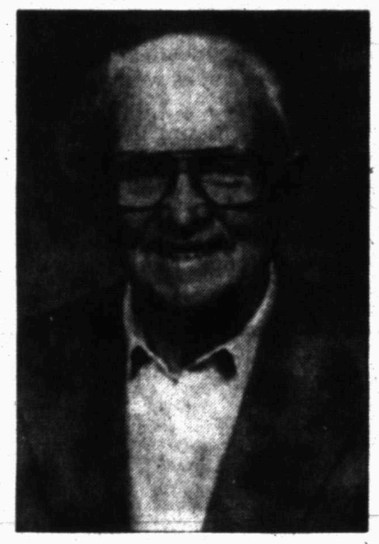
EDITOR'S NOTE: The full report is available on the FBI's Internet site, www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucrpre97.hcm

Obituaries



Carlos Preston

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1913-1997

Carlos Francis Preston, a retired Sun Oil Company employee, died Saturday, Nov. 22, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital after a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Preston, 84, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Tom Holcomb, minister, will officiate and burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Jan. 21, 1913 in Canadian, Okla., he married Ester Smith on July 18, 1934 in Holdenville, Okla. She died in 1976.

A member of the East Side Church of Christ, Mr. Preston was also preceded in death by four sisters.

Survivors include two daughters, Golda Kelley of St. Augustine, Fla. and Donna Maddux of Wink; a son, Carlos Ray Preston of Milton, Fla.; a sister, Robbie Rowell of Shawnee, Okla.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Paul L. Byrd

1899-1997

Paul L. Byrd of Snyder died Sunday, Nov. 23, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Graveside service for Mr. Byrd, 98, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Dunn Cemetery. Mike Dennis of Snyder will officiate.

Born on March 22, 1899 in Coffey, he married Emma Russell on Nov. 4, 1922 in Estelline. She died on Fan. 9, 1989. He was a farmer.

He was preceded in death by a daughter; a son; sons-in-law; daughter-in-law; and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Virginia Wade of Snyder; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Miss Stimpson

1906-1997

Alexandra Vernelle Stimpson, a native of Scurry County, died Saturday, Nov. 22, at her home in Dallas.

Graveside service for Miss Stimpson, 91, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Snyder Cemetery. Homer Anderson, minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 14, 1906 on the family ranch 12 miles east of Snyder, she was the youngest of 10 children of John Wesley and Caroline Alexandra Stimpson.

Miss Stimpson earned a bachelor's degree from Howard Payne College and a master's degree from Southern Methodist University. She began her teaching career at Dunn, then Snyder, Coleman, Cisco and Mission. In 1943, she went to teach public school music in Highland Park, retiring in 1976.

Miss Stimpson was a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Dallas and American Associations of University Women, Delta Kappa Gamma, and a charter member of the Dallas Area Chapter of the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews, including a great-nephew, John Ward of Snyder; and a great-great-niece, Leslie Ward Murphy of Snyder.

Arlon Ellerd

1919-1997

Graveside service is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Dunn Cemetery for Arlon Charles Ellerd, 78, of Plainview. The Rev. Richard Emerson, pastor of the Plainview First Christian Church, will officiate.

Mr. Ellerd died at 1 a.m. today in the Villa Nursing Home in Granbury after a lengthy illness.

Born on May 4, 1919 in Abernathy, he was a mechanic and a member of the Church of Christ. Mr. Ellerd moved to Plainview in 1989 from Ropesville. He married Geneva Eastep on Jan. 5, 1989.

His first wife, Anna Lee Ellerd, whom he married in 1937, died in 1987. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Waymon Ellerd, on Aug. 13, 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Ellerd of Plainview; his mother, Rellie Hammonds of Ralls; two daughters, Jo Ann Whitlock of Granbury and Geneva Martin of Mena, Ark.; a son, Charles Ellerd of Petersburg, Alaska; a sister, Leona Lawson of Ralls; a brother, Walter Ellerd of Carrollton; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Young kidnap victim slowly being readied to meet real mother

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Seven years after she disappeared from her bed in California, 8-year-old Crystal Anzaldi is slowly being readied by social workers to meet her real mother again.

Crystal hasn't seen the woman she now calls "my new mother" since being kidnapped in San Diego in 1990.

Until recently, Crystal regarded the woman who was raising her in Puerto Rico as her mother. But authorities regard that woman, Nilda Gierbolini Guzman, as the prime suspect in the kidnapping.

Gierbolini now faces charges of falsifying documents, which — together with the case's aggravating circumstances — could result in a 40-year jail term even without kidnapping charges, said Puerto Rican investigators.

Dorothy Anzaldi called Puerto Rico's Department of the Family on Friday and asked to be reunited with the daughter she remembers as a chubby 14-month-old learning to walk.

"I want to be able to go see my daughter," an impatient Ms. Anzaldi told The Associated Press. "It's been seven long, agonizing years."

But a reunion hinges on the girl's own decision — and what social workers make of the mother's troubled life.

"I explained to (Ms. Anzaldi) that it's going to take time to decide whether, where and under what circumstances such a meeting would be held," said Jenny Ramirez of the family department.

The little girl, meanwhile, is getting a lot of attention, particularly from psychologists helping her over the recent shock.

"She says she likes the name Crystal and she asks a lot of questions, both about her old mother, whom she now calls Nilda, and Mrs. Anzaldi, whom she calls 'my new mother,'" Ramirez said.

The girl's gleeful smile pops up often at her new foster home, Ramirez said. "She's a very beautiful and bright girl who will help us decide what's best for her."

She said the case was complicated by the reopening of an investigation in San Diego into the kidnapping, Puerto Rican Justice Department investigations and competing requests for custody from Crystal's parents, who now are divorced.

Hearings underway about beatings in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A woman testified today that Winnie Madikizela-Mandela punched and slapped her repeatedly in a jealous rage in 1988 because the woman was pregnant by Madikizela-Mandela's then-lover.

The testimony came during the start of weeklong hearings on 18 killings and other crimes allegedly involving the former bodyguard unit of President Nelson Mandela's ex-wife.

Another witness told the Truth and Reconciliation Commission today that when he last saw his son alive, the son was in a vehicle with Madikizela-Mandela. The boy had been badly beaten, he said.

For Madikizela-Mandela, the hearing is a chance to publicly address the accusations from former bodyguards, police and politicians. It is also an opportunity to keep her public profile high before next month's national conference of the governing African National Congress.

As president of the ANC Women's League, she is vying for the party's deputy presidency — a post that could make her deputy president of the country after the 1999 election. Many in the ANC hierarchy oppose her bid.

Madikizela-Mandela's lawyers repeatedly characterized today's testimony as lies, drawing several admonishments from Truth Commission chairman Desmond Tutu.

Speaking in halting Zulu, Phumlile Dlamini described the alleged 1988 attack by Madikizela-Mandela.

"Winnie started assaulting me with her fists," she said. In a written statement that accompanied her testimony, she said Madikizela-Mandela "slapped me in the face and hit me with her fist all over my body and in my stomach."

A week later, Dlamini said, Madikizela-Mandela let her bodyguards beat her and kick her for hours until one of Madikizela-Mandela's daughters halted the assault.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Nov. 21-Cynthia Rivers, Wilma Scott, Joe Avila; Nov. 22-Louwayne McQuirk, Hermleigh; Nov. 23 Kenneth Griffith, J.L. White, Helen Wortham, Kayelyn Benitez, Lisa Tate.

DISMISSALS: Nov. 21-Kim Sanderson, Hugh Boren, Logan Davis, Ronald Morris; Nov. 22-Joe Avila, Ollie Stephens; Nov. 23-Louwayne McQuirk, Lisa Tate, Cynthia Rivers and baby, J.L. White.

Births

Daniel and Cynthia Rivers of Snyder announce the birth of their son weighing five pounds, one ounce. He was born at 4:28 a.m. on Nov. 21 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

LVN pre-entrance exam

Students wishing to enroll in the March class for licensed vocational nursing at Western Texas College must contact the counseling office to arrange to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through the first week in December, and interviews may be scheduled through the first week in January.

Call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

Bible study tapes on TV

Bible study video tapes run weekly on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "What Did He Mean by That?" will air at 7 this evening.

Ira Lodge sets meeting

Ira Lodge No. 934 will meet at 7:30 tonight. All Masons are invited to attend.

Students go home early

Ira public schools will release students at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday for the Thanksgiving holidays. Snyder ISD students will be released at 2 p.m. Tuesday. Hermleigh School will dismiss at the regular time on Tuesday. Classes at Western Texas College will be dismissed at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Lions and Toys for Tots

Snyder Lions Club members are reminded to bring a toy for Toys For Tots at the Tuesday meeting. Those who don't bring a toy will be fined.

Genealogy group to meet

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. Joan Bunch will present the program, "Current Rules of the Scurry County Clerk's Office." Visitors are welcome.

Fire department Thanksgiving

Snyder Fire Department will hold its 68th Thanksgiving Banquet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club.

Landfill closing

The city landfill will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. The landfill will be open for business on Friday.

Poinsettia sale

Snyder High School choir members are taking orders for their poinsettia sale. The plants will arrive at the high school next Monday and students will deliver them that week. The plants come in three colors: white, red and red with white spots. They are $10 each, to be paid at the time of delivery.

Shelled pecan halves

Snyder High School Technology Student Association (TSA Club) is selling shelled pecan halves at $6 per pound. Contact a club member to purchase.

Tiger banners for sale

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

Driver's license office

The Texas Department of Public Safety driver's license office will be closed each Monday through Jan. 9.

Adult basic education

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

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

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

Married For Life

Marriage Ministries International present Married For Life, an outreach program, at 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Union Community Center. Attendance at an Outreach Night is a prerequisite to participation in a Married for Life group. For more information, call 573-7471.

Historic Scurry County

Historic Scurry County is asking the public to share their ornaments, cookie cutters, cookie jars and nativity scenes for display at the Cornelius-Dodson House and Dermott School during the holidays. Call Jean Everett at 573-2763 or drop them by CountryPlace anytime or the Dodson House next Monday after 9:30 a.m.

Pick 3

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

5-1-1

(five, one, one)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-10-15-39-44-49.

Estimated jackpot: $8 million.

Number matching six of six: None

Matching five of six: 85. Prize: $1,990.

Matching four of six: 5,874. Prize: $104.

Matching three of six: 108,771. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: $13 million.