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Ask Us

Q—Is there a Mothers Against Drunk Driving chapter in Scurry County?

A—There was several years ago; however, from what we have been able to determine, the chapter is apparently inactive at this time.

Local

VFW

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the post home.

Video series

The Family Life series continues at 7 p.m. Monday on Cablevision Channel 2 with "Faith and Discovery: Where Does Faith Come From?"

Lucky 13

Lucky 13 Sports Club is sponsoring a Christmas tea from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the Dodson House in honor of exes and mothers of present members. RSVP at 573-0017 or 863-2335.

Cowboy Ball

Borden County Junior Livestock Association is sponsoring a Cowboy Christmas Ball at 8 p.m. Saturday in the county show-barn at Gail. Tickets for the formal family event, are \$10 per person, \$15 per couple or \$25 per family.

Ratite

The Rolling Plains Ratite Association will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Northeast Community Center. Guest speaker will be Fred Ross with Rhea International, a marketing co-op for orstich, rhea and emu. The public is invited.

For more information, call Pat Day at 573-0971 or Jeannie Jackson at 573-4785.

BCD

Scurry Board of County Development will meet at noon Wednesday in the Development Corporation of Snyder board room. Agenda items include consideration of approving one or more funding projects and approval of financial statements and previous minutes.

ISD taxes

People needing to pay Hermleigh and Ira school taxes are advised that the computer at Scurry County Appraisal District will be down Friday, Dec. 30, through Monday, Jan. 2.

Anyone needing to make payments should make them on or before Dec. 29. Appraisal personnel said they will also accept December payments on Jan. 3.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 59 degrees; low, 29 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 29 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 11.55 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Low in the lower 30s. Light northeast wind. Sunday, mostly sunny. High in the upper 50s. Southeast to south wind 5 to 10 mph.

Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 5:42. Sunrise Sunday, 7:36. Sunset Sunday, 5:44. Sunrise Monday, 7:30. Of 350 days in 1994, the sun has shone 342 days in Snyder.

No injuries...

Gunshots fired at White House again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gunshots were fired at the White House Saturday morning and at least one round landed on the ground near the rear of the building. President Clinton was asleep upstairs at the time and "was never in any danger," the Secret Service said.

Agents said the incident occurred about 2:05 a.m. EST and that witnesses reported hearing

four to six shots fired from the grassy Ellipse behind the White House. No suspect was in custody and no one was injured, agents said.

Secret Service spokesman Carl Meyer cautioned that it was too early to tell if the White House was the intended target of the shooter, saying, "It's going to take awhile to sort through what the witnesses are saying."

The one bullet that has been recovered landed on the ground near the South Portico of the White House, said another spokesman, Eric Harnischfeger.

"It doesn't appear to have impacted the building as it ran out of gas before it got there," said Secret Service spokesman Carl Meyer. The bullet appeared to have come from a handgun of some sort, something in the 9mm

range, he said.

Less than two months ago, another gunman, Francisco Martin Duran of Colorado, sprayed rifle fire through the White House fence, striking the building's front. He has been charged with attempting to assassinate Clinton and is awaiting trial. Jury selection is scheduled to begin March 16.

At the time of today's incident, the Clintons were asleep in the

stairs living quarters of the White House and were not immediately disturbed, agents said.

"They were never in any danger," Harnischfeger said.

White House spokesman Arthur Jones said the president subsequently had been informed of the incident but could provide no details on who spoke with him or the president's reaction.



TWO-VEHICLE ACCIDENT — Snyder EMS personnel and volunteer firemen remove 48-year old Robert Sharp from the cab of his 1981 Toyota pickup following a two-vehicle accident around 6 p.m. Friday. His vehicle was in collision with a 1986 Lincoln driven

by Charles Galloway one-half mile west of the Snyder Country Club on the Old Lubbock Highway. Both Sharp and Galloway were treated and released from Cogdell Hospital's emergency room. (SDN Staff Photo)

Trustees dismissed in school civil suit

An amended petition filed by the plaintiff in a civil suit seeking payment for services rendered to a former Snyder school employee dismisses school board trustees and district administrators.

Dropped from the suit were former SISD Supt. Dalton Moseley, business manager Lee McNair and seven school board members. The amended suit names as defendants only Snyder ISD and its group medical benefit plan, said Kelli Karczewski, attorney with Schwartz & Eichelbaum, representing Snyder school district.

The original suit was filed Aug. 3 by attorneys representing Bayl

University Medical Center. The suit seeks to recover "actual damages" in Dallas County's 134th District Court. A motion to move the case to Scurry County has yet to be heard.

The suit involves group insurance payments for treatments given former school nurse Reba Erwin, who died on Aug. 27, 1992. The suit contends that Mrs. Erwin, a cancer patient, was covered by the school district's group medical plan. In its suit, the hospital recommended "high dose chemotherapy with autologous bone marrow rescue procedure."

When authorization was sought from various agents and administrators of the plan, approval was denied, plaintiffs said.

After Mrs. Erwin's condition continued to decline, doctors recommended high dose chemotherapy without the bone marrow rescue procedure. Plaintiffs contend authorization was received from Boon-Chapman, the third-party administrator; from the Texas Medical Foundation; and from school district representatives.

Mrs. Erwin entered the hospital on Aug. 18 and was released Oct. 17, 1991. The suit contends medical treatment was "reasonable, necessary and not experimental in nature."

The suit seeks an "unspecified amount of actual damages," plus interest and legal fees.

Board members named in the original suit, and who have since been dropped from the suit, include Sam Robertson, Glenn Clardy, Terry Martin, Luann Bursell, Billy Bob McMullan, Geraldine Parker and Ann Watson (Walton). Robertson, Martin, McMullan and Walton are no longer members of the board.

Plaintiff attorneys are Lisa A. Manziel and Ronald D. Hinds. Karczewski said Schwartz & Eichelbaum has filed a transfer of venue to have the case moved from Dallas County to Scurry County. She said a change of venue hearing is expected to be held sometime in February. An exact date won't be known until after the first of the year, she said.

Candlelight service set Tuesday evening

Organizers of the first Scurry County Community-Wide Candlelight Service have put an emphasis on "community."

More than 400 county residents are taking part in the program and local financial institutions, schools, hospital employees and

churches are among those volunteering to provide after-service refreshments.

The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Scurry County Coliseum. Meditations from Max Lucado's "God Came Near," music and fellowship are some of the highlights planned during the evening.

There is no admission and everyone is invited to attend.

Reading meditations will be Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church; Gayle Lomax, Snyder ISD superintendent; Tom Holcomb, minister of East Side Church of Christ; Barbara Bigham, speech pathologist with Snyder ISD; Tony Wofford, pastor of the Word Is Life Church; and Marty Akins, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Performing will be the sixth grade choir, the Snyder High School Ensemble, the Junior and Senior High School from Colonial Hill and a host of others, including quartets, duets, soloists and the Worship Team, made up of 11 local residents.

The audience will also be invited to participate in "Silent Night" as the program concludes.

Senator-elect Haywood to visit Snyder

State senator-elect Tom Haywood, Republic from Wichita Falls, will be in Snyder all day Wednesday getting acquainted with Scurry County residents.

The day begins with a "Meet the Senator" reception from 9 to 10 a.m., sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce in the chamber's board room.

From 10 to noon, the newly elected senator for District 30 will be in the conference room at Snyder National Bank meeting with various community leaders in an effort to inform himself on

(See HAYWOOD, Page 12A)

Ball field use focus of concern for county

Members of the Snyder Men's Softball Association will address Scurry County Commissioners Court Monday concerning the use of Winston Field for practice by high school girl's softball teams.

Commissioners voted last Thursday to allow the county's high school softball teams to practice at either North Park or Winston Park and to allow the teams to play on the diamonds at Moffett Field.

Chris Maxwell, president of the Men's Softball Association, said Friday his group does not oppose the teams practicing on the fields but foresees some potential problems.

"The distances aren't the same between the base paths and the base mounts are imbedded in the ground," said Maxwell. "If they try to remove them, then the infield will be torn up."

He said the pitching mounds are not the same, either.

Maxwell added that the men's league has made major improvements at the field and feels they should have been contacted before the commissioners voted to allow high school teams to practice at the field.

"We built the fence and put it up, put the covers on the bleachers, bought the scoreboard...people just don't realize how much our association has done to improve Winston Field," said Maxwell.

"What it boils down to is that we do not want the field torn up—it is the only field we have."

The court will consider four other new business items, including establishing the date for the regular session of the commissioners court for the coming year and to advertise for bids for a used tractor/truck for use in Precinct 1. The commissioners will also consider a letter of support for parents of adults with mental retardation in their efforts to establish activities for the adults.

Hermleigh resident John Williamson will again address the court in hopes of finalizing a lease agreement for approximately two acres at the old Hermleigh landfill. Williamson, owner of Big Coun-

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The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Colors of the season are natural. It takes all your green and you end up in the red."

If you have a gift or two from Christmas' past still in the top of your closet, you have lots of company.

A professor at Yale University has discovered that Americans wasted \$4 billion last year on Christmas gifts that people didn't want.

One time we were the recipient of a man's bracelet. Somebody told us it was a man's bracelet, but it looked just like any other bracelet we had ever seen. We've been waiting for just the right person to pass it along to.

Somebody once sent us an autographed picture of our favorite congressman. Still can't find it...must have already given it to a dear friend.

Ole what's-her-name isn't likely to get this one either. Just read where you can get a silk bathrobe for a mere \$1,200.

If you're wondering where to wear a silk bath-

robe, our suggestion is to wear it anywhere. We once remember a preacher saying you ought to wear your best to church.

According to the conventional wisdom of Forrest Gump, life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what to expect. We once knew a fellow who received a box of candy at a Christmas party, and the giver had already consumed the top layer.

The note explained that it was a thoughtful gift — a box of chocolates with half the calories. We also saw a Forrest Gump T-shirt in an Austin store window. The big letters read: "Stupid is as Clinton Does."

Along with a partridge in a pear tree, you might consider two turtle doves or three french hens. It would be an unusual Christmas dinner.

Most men, however, would prefer the eleven ladies dancing stored on the top shelf of the closet rather than twelve leaping lords.

Remember, don't expect too much, and most givers will likely come through.

Deficit foes decry proposed tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deficit opponents are decrying President Clinton's plan to pay for his proposed tax cuts, saying the spending reductions he wants skirt the real cause of federal red ink — benefit payments — and leave

many choices for later. To pay for the middle-class tax reductions he has proposed, Clinton is seeking cuts in the Energy, Housing and Urban Development and Transportation departments and several other agencies. He also wants to make further slashes in a broad range of programs in the 1999 and 2000 budgets.

But he pointedly avoided proposing cuts in Medicare, Social Security or other so-called entitlement programs that are the biggest reason why the budget deficit will soon start growing again. This upset deficit-reduction advocates on Friday.

"I'm astonished," said Carol Cox Wait, president of the bipartisan

Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. "These folks know full well that growth in entitlements is the driving force behind the growth in the deficit."

White House chief of staff Leon Panetta defended the spending reductions that Clinton would make in a nationally televised address Thursday night.

"The savings we are using to pay for the tax cuts are specific and real," Panetta said.

Clinton, grasping for political support after the Republican capture of Congress in last month's elections, offered an array of tax breaks for the middle class worth \$60 billion over five years. He would lower levies for families with children, for education costs and for savers.

The tax reductions would be financed with \$76 billion in proposed spending cuts, enough to leave \$16 billion for deficit

reduction. But \$52 billion of the cuts are unspecified and would not take effect until 1999 and 2000. Aides promise to detail some of those cuts soon, but final decisions won't be made for years — so there won't be a political price to pay until then.

Clinton said \$24 billion of the spending reductions would come from eliminating, trimming or selling programs.

But overall, the proposed reductions are noteworthy for what they don't do.

None of the cuts come from entitlements — the fast-growing half of the \$1.5 trillion budget that pays benefits to senior citizens, veterans, farmers, poor people and others who automatically qualify. These programs, especially Social Security and Medicare, are enormously popular and therefore risky for politicians to trim.



TEAM MEMBER OF YEAR — Brenda Boley was recognized as Lawrence IGA's Team Member of the Year at the annual Christmas party. Sammy Hancock is shown presenting the award. (Contributed Photo)

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Imaginary all-Bible football team: 'David' calls the plays

GATLINBURG, Tenn. (AP) — The quarterback is the battle-hardened King David, the center is rock-solid Peter, the tackles are mighty Samson and Goliath, and the coach is wise King Solomon.

In football-crazed Tennessee, Ronald Ligon figures one sure way to grab the attention of Sunday school students is an All-Bible football team.

Ligon, founder of the Christus Gardens religious theme park in this Smoky Mountains tourist town, sends out the imaginary roster to Sunday schools and churches that request it.

This year's roster also includes

Noah at water boy, Bathsheba as head cheerleader, and Moses and Joshua as guards.

"I've used it myself in Sunday

school with young boys," Ligon said. "They enjoy discussing the big things if you go into more detail as to why you selected the characters."

Controversy erupted over Ligon's choice for coach in the very first lineup 25 years ago: Jesus.

"We got a lot of letters flooding back saying that wasn't fair," Ligon said. "Here was a guy with every kind of power who isn't going to lose any way or the other. So we removed him."

Commodities distribution set Wednesday

Commodities will be distributed Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Senior Center at 2603 Ave. M.

Eligibility guidelines for citizens of Scurry County are posted at the Senior Center. There will be no make-up day and all individuals are asked to enter through the north door of the senior center and to bring paper sacks or boxes to transport commodities.

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Family 'greatly relieved' body of daughter found in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Family members of Melinda Ann Lee who buried her a week ago will again lay to rest her body following an incredible grave snatching incident.

A newspaper carrier found Ms. Lee's nude body early Friday lying by the side of a road in southeast Dallas County, just outside the Mesquite Archery Club grounds, about one mile south of Interstate 20.

The carrier, who asked not to be identified, told The Dallas Morning News that he found Miss Lee's body face down a few yards from a "No Dumping" sign that was defaced with a spray-painted obscenity. A black plastic garbage bag had been placed over her head, the carrier said.

Investigators removed the defaced sign, but said they did not know if it was connected to the case.

Miss Lee's body was unearthed and stolen sometime between sundown Monday and sunrise Tuesday from a grave plot at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

The Rev. Byron Myrick of Lake Highlands United Methodist Church, speaking on behalf of the Lee's, said the family is relieved that the body was found. He said under the circumstances the family is doing well.

"They're greatly relieved that Melinda's body has been found," he said. "It ends a nightmarish several days."

Rev. Myrick, who comforted family members after the news of the finding, said they will contact cemetery officials to discuss plans for a brief reinterment.

Miss Lee was buried one week ago, following her death on Dec. 7 after more than seven weeks in critical condition at a Lubbock hospital. She was injured in an October accident in which the driver was charged with driving while intoxicated.

Dallas law enforcement officials confirmed shortly before noon Friday that the body was that of Miss Lee. It will remain at the

Medical Examiner's Office for further testing.

"There is no physical evidence at the scene to lead us to a suspect," sheriff's Capt. Larry Williams said. Investigators were trying to determine whether it had been abused, he said.

John Cathey, executive director for the Texas Funeral Directors Association, said the body had been embalmed and not likely to have decomposed.

"It depends on the situation, but with the weather in Dallas it's unlikely," Cathey said.

Authorities have been investigating possible scenarios ranging from the occult to an obsessed ad-

mirer, but have no suspects, they said.

"We're not closer to discovering who took her body or why," said Capt. Larry Williams of the sheriff's department's criminal investigation division.

The incident horrified law enforcement officials.

Sheriff Jim Bowles called the crime "hideous" and unmatched in his 44 years of service.

Jim Ewell, a spokesman for the sheriff's department, said sheriff's detectives are hoping to get some help from the FBI.

"We're relying very heavily on the FBI's involvement," he said.



LIONS DONATION — The Lions Club donated to several organizations at Tuesday's luncheon, held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. At left, Lions Club president, Dan Hicks, presents checks to Juanita Glass who represents Special Olympics; Polly Echols, Goodfellows; Jack McGlaun, Boys and Girls Club; James Fields, Toys for Lots; and Mike Sanders, Oil Patch Foster Parents Association. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Department of Labor seeks recipients of back wages

DALLAS (AP) — The U.S. Department of Labor is trying to unload more than a half-million dollars.

Officials say they're having trouble locating 1,336 former employees of Dallas businesses, who the department says were underpaid. They're owed a total of \$604,065.

On Friday, the department released an announcement asking for help locating the former workers, who are owed checks valued between \$20 and \$9,032.

"The money represents back pay earned by employees who were paid less than amounts required by federal law during periods of past employment," said M.J. Villareal Jr., the department's regional administrator for the Wage and Hour Division.

Villareal said most of the money is owed because of underpayments for overtime or pay rates less than the \$4.25 minimum

wage.

"We have checks for these 'lost workers,'" he said. "We just don't know where to send them."

Nitsch finishes basic training in U.S. Navy

Navy Seaman Recruit Rudolph C. Nitsch, son of Rudolph C. and Bonnie C. Nitsch of Snyder, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

He is a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School.

During the eight-week program, Nitsch completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction and an emphasis on physical fitness.

In particular, Nitsch learned

The missing people were workers at various companies in Abilene, Argyle, Arlington, Bangs, Bridgeport, Carrollton, Colleyville and Dallas.

naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival and a variety of safety skills required for working ships and aircraft.

Nitsch and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values — honor, courage and commitment; and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

He joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore bases around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Nitsch and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Nitsch are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities, most of which include guaranteed training.

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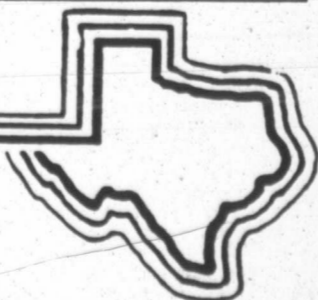
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Cuomo warns voters of GOP 'harshness and negativity'

WASHINGTON (AP) — In what was likely his final speech as New York's governor, Mario Cuomo bitterly criticized the new Republican agenda as politics at its worst, guided by opinion polls, tainted with racism and devoid of compassion.

"Politicians used to think of themselves as shepherds. That's all over now," Cuomo told a full house at the National Press Club on Friday. "Now the politicians are following the sheep: Read the polls! They'll tell you where to go to pasture!"

Democrat Cuomo, defeated last month in his bid for a fourth term by Republican George Pataki, warned voters that they had better take the time to think about what they want and then send the right signals to their government.

"If you tell them you want the

death penalty, you'll get it," Cuomo said. "If you tell them to ignore sick people, you'll get it. If you tell them to ignore the poor, you'll get it. If you tell them to victimize young children, you'll get it."

"Be careful what you ask for because they're listening for you. And ask for the right things. Ask for the truth," he said.

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Senior Center sets closings for Christmas

The Senior Center will be closed Friday and Monday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holiday. A New Year's Eve party is planned in the center on Dec. 30 starting at 10:30 a.m.

Dominoes will be the feature of Monday's Game Day in the center. It will be a double elimination format. A Nine Ball tournament is also scheduled on Monday.

Hoss Clayton and his band will be performing in the center at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Donna Fowler and Cindy Nix will present a musical program at 11:30 a.m. Thursday.

Surplus commodities will be distributed through the center on Wednesday. Hours will be 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Senior citizens who give volunteer time to this program are reminded that they must attend a training session in January. The training is required whether the volunteer has been assisting with the program or is new. Details can be obtained by contacting Pamela Fenton, activities director for the center.

Wednesday will be T Shirt or Sweat Shirt Day. Senior citizens are invited to wear their Christmas shirts on that day.

The center is looking for a volunteer to lead a modified exercise class in the center each morning. The class would last about 15 minutes and feature stretching, bending and flexing. Anyone interested in directing this program is invited to talk to Mrs. Fenton.

To encourage senior citizens to exercise, the Travis gym next to the Senior Center is open each morning so senior citizens can walk there. There are two exercise bicycles in the center for their use as well. The swimastics class at Western Texas College will resume its meetings in mid-January when the spring semester opens and senior citizens interested in this type of exercise are invited to join the group.

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'HOUSE OF THE FUTURE' PROJECT — Students of Meloney Early's class at East Elementary created their version of a house of the future, judged on ecological and economical aspects. Winners are from left, Afton Schwertner, Shane Kitchens, Jacinda Judah and Wendy Proffitt. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Beethoven buffs to analyze strands of composer's hair

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — A pair of Beethoven buffs have made a heady acquisition — a lock of the composer's hair. They hope to comb the tresses for clues to his health and physiognomy.

"We're going to split hairs," joked Ira Brilliant, founder of the Center for Beethoven Studies at San Jose State University.

Brilliant and Alfredo Guevara, a surgeon in Nogales, Ariz., paid \$7,300 this month for the hair at Sotheby's auction house in London.

The composer is believed to have been born 224 years ago Friday, the day a new movie about his life, "Immortal Beloved," was being released in some cities.

The hair is in a frame, on the back of which a man named Paul Hiller wrote that the lock was snipped by his father, Ferdinand, as Beethoven lay in state in 1827.

The composer, famous for his tousled mane, lost most of his hair to the hordes of mourners, Brilliant said.

Brilliant said the lock he and Guevara bought is between three and four inches long, curly and about a half-inch in diameter. It is brown with some gray.

He and Guevara plan to meet Monday to split the lock at Guevara's office.

"It's going to be done under clinical conditions," Brilliant said by telephone from Phoenix, Ariz.

Brilliant said forensic pathologists may be able to conduct research that could yield new information on Beethoven. No decision has been made on who might do tests.

Examination might reveal details such as Beethoven's ethnicity — some maintain he had African blood — and whether he suffered from syphilis.

Some have blamed Beethoven's deafness on syphilis. If heavy metals are found in the hair samples that could add weight to the suppositions because mercury was commonly used to treat venereal disease in his time.

But beyond the scientific possibilities, Beethoven admirers say just having a piece of Ludwig's wig is cause for an ode to joy.



PINATA BREAKING — Following a whole language theme, "A Visit to the Southwest," Betty Thompson's third grade class had a Mexican food luncheon, provided by parents, and a traditional pinata breaking. To conclude the study, students learned how children around the world celebrate Christmas by participating in various social studies activities. Trey Jenkins is taking his turn at hitting the pinata. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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Financial Focus

We're all familiar with the effects of inflation. Your morning cup of coffee that cost a quarter 20 years ago now costs 85 cents, more than three times as much. The dream house you bought for \$36,000 in 1974 would cost \$126,000 today.

According to the Consumer Price Index, the purchasing power of the dollar has declined 68 percent over the past 20 years; the dollar of 1974 is worth only 32 cents today.

Most people consider inflation as it relates to their salaries, and they expect employers to increase their pay to keep up with inflation. However, very few people consider inflation when choosing investments. Investors who "safely" put all their money into guaranteed investments that offer regular income and no growth potential may see their income and principal deteriorate as inflation erodes buying power.

To illustrate the importance of rising income in staying ahead of inflation, let's look at two hypothetical couples. Both couples retired at the end of 1973 with \$200,000 to invest. The Smiths found an excellent investment that promised to return their \$200,000 in 20 years. Better yet, it guaranteed to pay them a fixed rate of 7 percent—that's \$14,000 every year until maturity. In 1974, that was a generous offer that the Smiths decided to accept.

As the years passed, however, inflation (rising prices) eroded the value of their annual income. By the time their investment matured in 1994, it took \$44,100 to purchase what their \$14,000 bought in 1974. Even worse, the Smiths' \$200,000 nest egg bought less than half of what it did when they invested it 20 years earlier.

The Joneses, on the other hand, understood the importance of staying ahead of rising prices. They invested their \$200,000 in a portfolio of professionally managed stocks that have a history of keeping up with inflation. Because they needed income, they decided to withdraw 6 percent each year, based on the value of their account at the end of the previous year. In 1974, they withdrew 6 percent of their original \$200,000 investment, or \$12,000. In 1975, they took 6 percent of their account balance as of the end of 1974, and so on each year. The Joneses' investment is not guaranteed, so they understand that the value of their original principal, as well as their income, fluctuates.

Here's the actual amount of income the Joneses would have received in various years, based on their investment's value at the end of each previous year: 1974, \$12,000; 1978, \$12,767; 1983, 21,837; 1988, \$36,647; 1993, \$55,592. The Joneses' total income over the 20-year period was \$545,050, and their original investment grew to \$977,704.

This is a history lesson that may or may not repeat itself, but it is a valuable financial planning tool. No one can predict the future, but we can probably assume that prices will continue to rise. Like the Smiths and the Joneses, you might find that the only way to meet rising prices is with rising income.

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DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A 3200 crashed Tuesday in fog and drizzle near the Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

The horn sounds when air flowing over the plane's wings is no longer moving fast enough to keep the plane aloft. It's harder for crew members to control a plane when it reaches a stalling speed.

Earlier on the flight recorder, the two pilots discussed engine failure.



RIBBON CUTTING — Members of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly-remodeled Purple Sage Motel last week. Owners of the motel, Art and Helen Feinsod (second and third from left) participated in the ribbon cutting along with their daughter-in-law Melinda, who is to the left of Mrs. Feinsod. (SDN Staff Photo)

U.S. troops to support withdrawal effort

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the words, "It's the right thing to do," President Clinton ordered a U.S. Marine force to prepare to evacuate United Nations forces from Somalia.

The mission, still in the preliminary planning stage, would take place next year, possibly in late January or February, Clinton decided Friday.

Several hundred Marines out of a seaborne force of some 3,000 will go ashore for about a week at the Somali capital of Mogadishu ready to fight off any attacks from Somali warring factions as the United Nations pulls out its last peacekeepers.

Clinton approved the mission at a White House meeting with Deputy Defense Secretary John Deutch and Adm. William Owens, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in response to a request for help from the United Nations.

"He decided that we must help those nations who joined with us in 1992 at the beginning of this operation to help them get out of harm's way in the final stages of the withdrawal," Deutch said at a

Pentagon news conference. Deutch quoted Clinton as approving the mission with the words: "It's the right thing to do."

The 15,000 U.N. peacekeepers in Somalia — chiefly from Egypt, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh — have been working under steadily deteriorating circumstances as the clan warfare that has plagued the nation has re-emerged.

Under the plan, which Owens described as "preliminary," several hundred Marines would go ashore at Mogadishu to protect the final 2,000 to 3,000 withdrawing peacekeepers. A second key mission of the Marines is to ensure the removal of 22 helicopters, 28 tanks and 48 armored personnel carriers, if left behind, "could destabilize the region."

The U.N. request for help has been awaiting a presidential decision for weeks, top Pentagon officials said. The United States pulled its forces out of Somalia last March after encountering lethal resistance from armed Somali factions.

U.S. involvement in Somalia

has become politically unpopular. But top administration officials urged Clinton to approve the evacuation operation to repay Egypt, Pakistan, India, Malaysia, Bangladesh and other countries that contributed forces to the U.N. peacekeeping operation at Washington's urging two years ago.

Deutch described "almost universal agreement" from the roughly 20 senior lawmakers on Capitol Hill who were consulted privately about the mission. The reaction from congressional Republicans on Friday was less than enthusiastic.

"Our troops should return to Somalia only for a limited period of time and only for the purpose of assisting with the withdrawal of U.N. forces," said Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., the incoming chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Owens described a mission that meets Thurmond's concerns.

A three-ship amphibious ready group now conducting routine naval exercises in the Persian Gulf will be dispatched late this month or early in January to the waters off Mogadishu. The 3,000-member Marine force will be commanded by Lt. Gen. Anthony Zinni.

Several hundred Marines will go ashore using helicopters and hovercraft landing craft dis-

patched off the USS Essex, a helicopter carrier ship. Owens said a fourth ship may be added to the force.

The Marines who go ashore will be backed up by reinforcements on the ships as well as by AC-130 gunships to provide air cover if needed. The ground operation will be over in a matter of days, possibly a week, officials said.

'Guitar pull'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Legend has it that the best times on the Grand Ole Opry happen backstage during informal jams and horseplay. Porter Wagoner plans to share a bit of that with Opry viewers.

Wagoner, Vince Gill, Travis Tritt, Ricky Van Shelton and Joe Diffie will take part in a "guitar pull" on the televised portion of the Opry on Saturday.

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ACS PRESENTS PLAQUE — Dr. Harry Krenek, president of Western Texas College, is shown at a recent presentation to the college on behalf of the American Cancer Society. The school was lauded by the ACS for becoming a "smoke free" facility this past semester. Presenting the plaque to Dr. Krenek is Kathie Aldridge, Tobacco Control chairperson and Fresh Start facilitator for the Scurry Unit ACS. (Contributed Photo)

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Sports

Steelers, Browns compete for AFC bragging rights

Kelly-less Bills take on Pats in critical matchup

By The Associated Press
Deeee-fensse! Cleveland Browns and Pittsburgh Steelers' fans preach it, and their heroes practice it.

The Steelers (11-3) are counting on their defense, ranked No. 1 overall and in passing in the NFL, to stifle the Browns (10-4) and help them clinch the AFC Central championship Sunday at Pittsburgh.

The Browns are counting on their defense, which has allowed only one 100-yard ground-gainer this season and the fewest points in the league, to blunt the Steelers' major weapon — the NFL's top-ranked rushing attack. Running backs Barry Foster and Bam Morris, both slowed by injuries, are expected to play for Pittsburgh.

Should the Browns win, they could clinch the division title with a victory over Seattle plus a Pittsburgh loss to San Diego in season-ending games next weekend. Cleveland and Pittsburgh already have clinched playoff berths.

The Steelers won the first meeting of these teams this season, 17-10 at Cleveland, and if past history is any indicator, they could have the Browns right where they want them. The Steelers have beaten the Browns in four straight games and in 20 of 24 meetings at Three Rivers Stadium.

Cleveland goes into Three Rivers this time with the momentum of a 19-14 victory over the Cowboys at Dallas last weekend. The running of Leroy Hoard and, of course, the defense were keys to the victory.

Saturday's scheduled games included Minnesota at Detroit and Denver at San Francisco.

Other Sunday matchups will have New England at Buffalo, Miami at Indianapolis, the New York Giants at Philadelphia, Atlanta at Green Bay, San Diego at the New York Jets, the Los Angeles Rams at Chicago, Houston at Kansas City, Cincinnati at Arizona, Tampa Bay at Washington and the Los Angeles Raiders at Seattle.



Falcons at Packers
This will be the last time the Packers (7-7) play a home game at Milwaukee County Stadium, where they are 104-61-3 since 1933. Beginning next season, the Packers will play their home game at Green Bay's Lambeau Field. This shapes up as a passing duel between Green Bay's Brett Favre and Jeff George of the Falcons (6-8).

Chargers at Jets
The Chargers (9-5) will come out of the California sunshine into the New Jersey cold in a bid to clinch their second AFC West title in three seasons in the game at Giants Stadium. The Jets (6-8) have fallen from AFC East title contention with three straight losses.

Rams at Bears
The Bears (8-6) need to snap a two-game losing streak, that included a 40-3 beating by Green Bay last week, to stay in contention for their first playoff spot since 1991. The Rams (4-10) were cold in the Florida heat last week, losing to Tampa Bay.

Oilers at Chiefs
Kansas City (7-7) will have quarterback Joe Montana, who

missed Monday night's loss to Miami because of an injured foot, as the Chiefs try to stay in playoff contention. The Oilers (1-13) have the worst record in the NFL.

Bengals at Cardinals
The Cardinals (7-7) hope to have an easier time at home against the Bengals (2-12) than they did last Sunday against the Washington Redskins, who also have only two wins. The Cardinals beat the Redskins 17-15.

Buccaneers at Redskins
The Buccaneers (5-9) will be trying for their first four-game winning streak since winning five straight in 1979. The Redskins (2-12) are on a six-game losing streak.

Raiders at Seahawks
The Raiders (8-6), still in playoff contention, probably are happy to be playing at the Kingdome Sunday night. The Seahawks (6-8) haven't beaten them at home since 1989.

Patriots at Bills
New England (8-6) will be seeking its sixth straight victory and first over the Bills (7-7) at Rich Stadium since 1987. Frank

Dallas plays at New Orleans Monday night.

Reich will start at quarterback for Buffalo in place of Jim Kelly, out with a knee injury, as the Bills (7-7) try to stay in the race for a playoff spot. A victory would move the Patriots into a first-place tie with Miami in the AFC East should the Dolphins lose to Indianapolis.

Dolphins at Colts
The Dolphins (9-5) could make Don Shula the winningest regular-season coach in NFL history. He currently is tied with the late George Halas, with 318 victories, but is the winningest all-time coach, including playoffs, with 336 victories. The Colts (6-8) made it tough for the Dolphins in their first meeting of the season, losing 22-21.

Giants at Eagles
Each of these old rivals needs to win this 120th regular-season meeting to keep alive playoff hopes. The Giants (7-7) have righted themselves after a seven-game losing streak by winning their last four games. The Eagles (7-7) have lost five straight and will be led by quarterback Bubby Brister in place of the slumping Randall Cunningham. The Giants beat the Eagles 28-23 in their season-opener.

T'Wolves get rare win at home

Magic needs overtime to finish off stubborn Warriors

By The Associated Press
Baseball was in its opening week of the season and the hockey playoffs hadn't even begun the last time the Minnesota Timberwolves won at home.

Just five defeats away from the NBA record of 19 consecutive home defeats, the Timberwolves got a big effort from disgruntled Isaiah Rider on Friday night in a 94-93 victory over New Jersey.

The Nets led 93-91 in the final seconds before Rider was fouled by Derrick Coleman while driving to the basket with two seconds remaining. Rider made the twisting layup, then converted the free throw for a 1-point lead.

Coleman then turned the ball over, and the Wolves had their first victory at Target Center in 11 tries this season. Minnesota had lost 14 straight at home since its last victory April 6.

Rider, criticized last week by coach Bill Blair about his attitude

and lack of effort, scored 27 points.

"I live for the moment when the game is on the line and all the pressure's on me," Rider said.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Cleveland 84, Philadelphia 80; Chicago 85, Atlanta 80; Indiana 93, Charlotte 91; Phoenix 106, New York 85; and Orlando 131, Golden State 128 in overtime.

Rider scored eight points in a 24-8 run that started the game and kept the Wolves in the game after the Nets rallied. Then he won it in the closing seconds, prompting Blair to call Rider "our best player."

Chris Morris gave the Nets a 92-91 lead on a 3-pointer with 28 seconds to play, and Kenny Anderson hit one of two free throws with 5.8 seconds left.

Coleman had 22 points and Anderson 17 for the Nets.

Magic 131, Warriors 128 OT

Orlando handed Golden State

its ninth consecutive loss as Shaquille O'Neal scored 40 points and Anfernee Hardaway had a career-high 38.

The Warriors lost their fourth straight home game despite a season-high 40 points by Latrell Sprewell and Tim Hardaway's 22-assist, 15-point effort.

Tim Hardaway, whose 3-point basket with 24 seconds left in regulation forced the extra period, missed a desperation 3-pointer just before the overtime period expired.

Reserve Chris Gatling scored a season-high 25 points for the Warriors.

Suns 106, Knicks 85

Phoenix stayed unbeaten in 10 home games this season despite shooting just 30 percent from the field in the first half.

The Suns routed New York in the third quarter, outscoring the Knicks 37-18 for an 82-57 lead.

Wildcats scratch out win over Lady Tigers

IDALOU — If there were some way for the Snyder Lady Tigers to forget the first quarter of their games and just start in the second, they would be fine.



Qualls

Snyder (3-10) once again fell behind early as Idalou roared out to an 18-7 lead, then held off the Lady Tigers in the final period to claim a 50-42 win at home Friday.

"The first quarter killed us again, like it's been killing us all year long," Snyder head coach Steve Qualls said. "We spot the other team too many points at the beginning of games and then we have to use the rest of the game to slowly crawl back."

"Unfortunately for us, it just never seems to be enough."

The Lady Tigers responded inversely in the second period as they took a 26-23 lead into halftime after posting 19 points to Idalou's five.

Missed opportunities, however, cost Snyder in the third and fourth quarters, as the Lady Tigers never moved in for the kill.

Jamie Brown and Jodi White

each scored nine points to lead Snyder.

"We just couldn't convert our shots in the third quarter," Qualls said. "We're still trying to learn how to win."

According to Qualls, the Lady Tigers will have to learn in a hurry.

"We play Slaton tonight (Saturday) and they are as tough as any 3A team in all of west Texas," he said. "Slaton is a good, solid program that has been winning for years."

"For us to truly be ready for district play we need to get better in a hurry and this game will be a big step."

The Lady Tigers take on Idalou Saturday at 6 p.m. and are scheduled to host Plainview Monday at 5 p.m.

In junior varsity action, the Lady Tigers (8-5) finished off the Lady Wildcats in the second and third periods with an 8-3 and 18-12 spurt to seal a 46-37 win.

Snyder's Tiffany Garza led the Lady Tigers as she converted on all four free throw attempts en route to 12 points.

Jina Miller and Sharon Gulseth each added nine points in the Snyder victory.

The Snyder JV is scheduled to play Slaton Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and will host Plainview at 2 p.m. Monday.

Cougars slap Bulldogs

LAMESA — The Klondike Cougars pounded the Ira Bulldogs into submission with a 43-9 first quarter blast on the way to a huge 100-33 win Friday.

In other games the Ira varsity girls fell to the Lady Cougars 60-36 and the JV girls lost 40-14.

The Bulldogs were able to save face by keeping the Cougar onslaught to a minimum in the second (17-6) and third (34-11) quarters before outscoring Klondike in the fourth period 7-6.

Ira was led by Heath Mathis' 13 points.

Melissa Brasuel and Jody Rankin paced the Lady Bulldogs with 11 and nine points, respectively, despite a 24-point loss to the hands of the Klondike Lady Cougars.

The Lady Bulldogs were unable to shake a slow start, as they trailed at halftime 29-12. Klondike poured on 31 second-half points compared to only 24 for Ira.

In junior varsity action, Olga Juarez scored six of the Lady Bulldogs' 14 points in a 40-14 loss to Klondike.

Ira trailed only 12-8 at halftime, but were unable to control the Lady Cougars in the second half, as the outscored the Lady Bulldogs 28-6.

Bowling News

Teams	Won	Lost
Long John Silvers	36%	19%
ESP Inc.	33	21
Feed Store (CCity)	32	24
Rose Barber Shop	32	24
Farmers Helper	32	24
American Legion	31	25
Misfits	30	26
M.B.'s	29	27
Pro Parts	27	29
Lucy's Video	27	29
Mesquite Oil Tools	25	31
Ezell Key	25	31
Spanish-Jan	22%	32%
Unearned Pts.	10	43

Splits Converted: Tracy Boone 3-10; Grace Beauchamp 3-10; Judy Davis 5-6-10; Jack Beall 6-7; Jimmy Fletcher 6-7; Roger Batchelor 5-7; Bill Shaw 3-10, 5-7; Bernie Sealy 2-7.

500 Series: Jack Beall 565; Daphne Thompson 562; Grace Beauchamp 533; Gerald Wilson 520; Edwin Jackson 519; Dana Stone 517; Billy Hicks 515; Jill Griswold 510; Roger Batchelor 508; Lynn Smith 505; Bobby Davis 503.

200 Games: Daphne Thompson 207.

Teams	Won	Lost
CAM	112	70
Barq's RB	93%	88%
Blue Sundco	93	89
Blazers	87	95
Kwik Kar	82	100
Generations	80%	101%

High Series Scratch: Rick Mammolite 571. Handicap: Mark Glasscock 596.

High Game Scratch: Lynn Smith 209. Handicap: Tom Crawley 230.

Splits and special mentions: Don Bradsh 3-10; Russell Loyd 5-6; Bill Miller 4-5-7; Wayne Mononey 2-7-9-10; Rick Mammolite 212-571; Lynn Smith 209-549; Monte West 204; Roger Pavlik 512.

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Can-Am	28	28
Frito-Lay	26	30
Great Western #1	23%	32%
Great Western #2	22%	33%

High Series Scratch: Steve Mackey 471, Sammie Lyle 544.

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HERMLEIGH VARSITY BOYS — The 1994-1995 Hermleigh varsity boys basketball team is, from left to right, Coach Wayne Poehls, Ricky Sosa, Billy Luna, Billy Joe Digby, Brendon Blair, Jack Hudgins, Jimmy Digby, Larry Lambaren, Chris Roemisch, Michael Breitweiser, Manager Charlie Sweat. Not pictured is Joey Sanchez. (Photo by Todd Stanley)



HERMLEIGH VARSITY GIRLS — The 1994-1995 Hermleigh varsity girls basketball team is, from left to right, Coach June Watkins, Michelle Roemisch, Kelly Gonzalez, Bridget Moore, Beatrice Garza, Ester Martinez, Brandy Smith. (Photo by Todd Stanley)



IRA VARSITY BOYS — The 1994-1995 Ira varsity boys basketball team is, from left to right, Max Perez, Adam Davis, Judd Rodgers, Todd Collom, Heath Mathis, Jeremy Howard, Eddie Brasuel, Billy Box. (Photo by Todd Stanley)



IRA VARSITY GIRLS — The 1994-1995 Ira varsity girls basketball team is, from left to right, Lindsey Josey, Stacey Taylor, Machea Chaney, Kasey Calley, Jennifer Northcott, Coach Tim Mebane, Jennifer Rankin, Misty Chance, Rikki Wilkes, Melissa Brasuel, Kristi Sorrells, Jody Rankin. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

College Basketball

By The Associated Press
EAST
 Colgate 66, Harvard 56
 Fairleigh Dickinson 67, Dartmouth 61, OT
 Md.-Baltimore County 71, Washington, Md. 45
FAR WEST
 Idaho 87, Washington St. 77
 Stanford 98, San Francisco 60
 Whitworth 89, E. Washington 77
TOURNAMENTS
 Hawaii-Nike Festival
 First Round
 Old Dominion 94, Weber St. 86, OT
 UAB Classic
 First Round
 Ala.-Birmingham 75, Miss. Valley St. 62
 Santa Clara 86, Georgia Southern 66
 USAir Classic
 First Round
 Wright St. 90, Prairie View 65
 Youngstown St. 53, Murray St. 48

SDN Sportsweek

Saturday, Dec. 17

High School Basketball
 Snyder hosts Slaton, varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.
 Snyder junior varsity boys at San Angelo tournament, TBA
 Snyder hosts Slaton, junior varsity girls at 4:30 p.m. and varsity girls at 6 p.m.
 Snyder 9th "A" and "B" boys host Andrews, 10:30 a.m. and noon, Travis gym.
Junior High Basketball
 Snyder 7th and 8th boys at Andrews "A" tournament, TBA.
High School Football
 Texas 5A Division II championship game - Austin Westlake vs. Tyler John Tyler, 11 a.m. (HSE)
College Football
 Division I-AA championship game - Youngstown State vs. Boise State, 11 a.m. (CBS)
College Basketball
 Ohio University at Xavier, 11 a.m., (ESPN)
 Kansas at Indiana, 3 p.m. (ESPN)
 Kentucky at Texas Tech, 7 p.m. (FOX)
 Louisville at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
 UCLA at LSU, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
 Minnesota at California, 11 p.m. (ESPN)
Professional Football
 Minnesota at Detroit, 11:30 a.m. (FOX)
 Denver at San Francisco, 3 p.m. (NBC)
 Sunday, Dec. 18

Professional Football
 San Diego at NY Jets, noon (NBC)
 NY Giants at Philadelphia, 3 p.m. (FOX)
 Houston at Kansas City or Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m. (NBC)
 LA Raiders at Seattle, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
 Monday, Dec. 19

Professional Football
 Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m. (ABC)
High School Basketball
 Snyder varsity and JV boys host Plainview, JV at 3:30 p.m., varsity at 6:30 p.m.
 Snyder varsity and JV girls host Plainview, JV at 2 p.m., varsity at 5 p.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 20

College Basketball
 Texas Tech at Temple, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)
 LSU at Okla. State, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
High School Basketball
 Snyder varsity, JV and freshmen girls at Alpine, freshmen at 5 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m. and varsity at 8 p.m.
 Hermleigh at Anson, JV boys at 5 p.m., varsity girls at 6:30 p.m. and varsity boys at 8 p.m.
Professional Basketball
 New Jersey at New York, 7 p.m. (TNT)
 Wednesday, Dec. 21

College Basketball
 California at Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
 Thursday, Dec. 22

Professional Basketball
 Phoenix at Houston, 7 p.m. (TBS/HSE)
 Washington at Golden State, 9:30 p.m. (TBS)
College Basketball
 Arizona at Syracuse, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)
 Alabama at Tulane, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

OU hires new coach

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma turned to a builder of football programs to return the Sooners to national prominence, hiring Howard Schnellenberger to replace Gary Gibbs on Friday.



Schnellenberger

Schnellenberger led Miami over five years from the brink of extinction to a national title in 1983. In 10 years at Louisville he won nearly half his games and took the Cardinals to two bowl games. That was a program that in the decade before his arrival had only two winning seasons.

His college record is 96-71-2. "It is exciting for a 60-year-old coach who has coached for a long time to be given the assignment and trust and confidence to lead this program," Schnellenberger said.

"I'm not used to leading a great program and coming in in the shadows of Bud Wilkinson and all the other great coaches you have had here."

Pending approval by the school's regents, Schnellenberger will be given a five-year deal worth a base salary of \$125,000 per year.

Schnellenberger was 54-56-2 in 10 seasons at Louisville and went to the 1991 Fiesta Bowl and the 1993 Liberty Bowl. That Fiesta Bowl team finished 10-1-1.

The Cardinals went 6-5 this year. They were 9-3 a year ago, with losses to West Virginia, Tennessee and Texas A&M, three teams that combined to go 30-2-1.

Before going to Louisville, Schnellenberger coached at Miami from 1979 to 1983 and led the Hurricanes to the 1983 national championship. He also was head coach of the Baltimore Colts in 1973-74 and served as an assistant coach with the Miami Dolphins and Los Angeles Rams.

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Handicap: Gerry Smith 612, Kerry Smith 607.
High Game Scratch: Joe Alvarado 228, Sammie Lyle 193.
Handicap: Gerry Smith 241, Kerry Smith 228.
Splits and Special Mentions: Zelma Irons 4-7-10, Johnny Irons 3-10; Sammie Lyle 3-10.

Teams	Won	Lost
Red Man Pipe	34	22
Louise's	33	23
Strike Force	31	25
C'City Nat. Bank	27	29
IGA	26	30
Fuller Foods	26	30
Bottom of Barrel	24	32
Pizza Inn	23	33

200 Games and 500 Series: Alma Posey 510; Terri Blocker 202-537.
Splits and Special Mentions: Georgie Tarver 2-7; Alma Posey 3-10; Bonnie Hodge 4-10; Norma Shaw 5-4, 2-7, 5-6; Wanda Johnson 5-4; Karen McAnelly 4-5.

Teams	Won	Lost
Stephens Office	175%	124%
Bar-H-Bar	175	125
WTP Energy	174%	125%
Desperate	155%	144%

Surprise Creations	148	152%
Price Daniel	134%	165%
McDonald's	122%	177%
Snyder EMS	113%	186%
High Series: Scratch - Roy Benz 570; Handicap - H.G. Tidwell 626. High Game: Scratch - Charles Bennett 218; Handicap - Glenn Burns 250. Splits & Special Mentions: Mark Glasscock 3-10; Bill Stephens 4-5; H.G. Tidwell 3-10; Charles Bennett 5-6; Greg Hodge 3-10; Monty West 4-5; Wayne Pherigo 3-10; Keith Bryant 5-10; Jeff Kellner 3-6-7-10; John Coser 2-7.		

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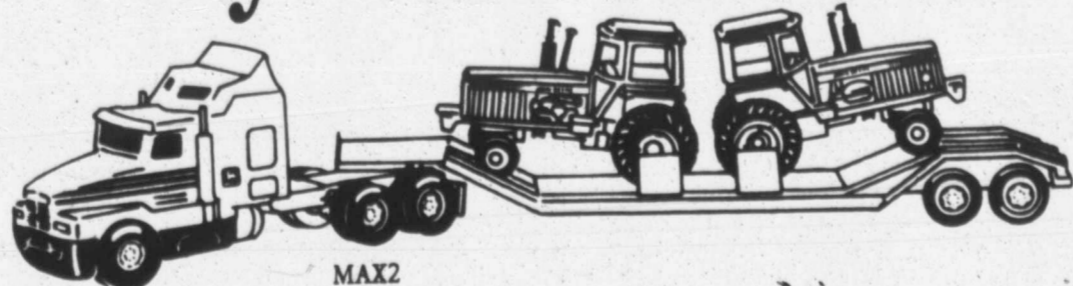
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Women sentenced for bailing man out of jail, slaying him

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — They became known as Thelma and Louise: two longtime friends concocting a scheme to kill an abusive ex-lover. Unlike the famous movie pair, these two are going to

prison for their crimes. Margaret Kosmin and Tammy Ann Molewicz admitted they planned to kill William Kelly Jr., Kosmin's ex-lover, last December. But each said the other pulled the trigger, and prosecutors say they may never know the truth.

Both women pleaded guilty to aggravated manslaughter. Kosmin was sentenced Friday to 25 years in prison because she also pleaded guilty to arson and hindering arrest. Molewicz received a 20-year term. Each must serve at least eight years before being eligible for parole.

Molewicz alleged Kosmin shot Kelly, 31, outside a convenience store after they picked him up from jail. Kosmin's version was that she was hiding inside their car's trunk when she heard a shot, and that when she got out Molewicz fired a second time.

The two women put the body in the trunk and drove to Kosmin's Medford home. The body was later dumped in a forest, where a

hunter found it in a cranberry bog. Kosmin set the car on fire.

Kosmin, 33, has said Kelly was killed in retaliation for years of abusing her. When the women posted his \$1,000 bail, he had spent eight days in jail on charges of dragging Kosmin by the hair and beating her with a club.

The two women were dubbed "Thelma and Louise" after characters in the popular movie of the same name who embark on a cross-country crime spree after one of them kills an attempted rapist.

A defense psychiatrist who treats battered women said Kosmin suffered from a depressive disorder and believed Kelly would fulfill a threat to kill her.

Superior Court Judge Isaiah Steinberg, while acknowledging that Kosmin was battered, said he imposed a stiff penalty so that other domestic violence victims wouldn't follow the women's example.



ACADEMIC CHALLENGE — These Snyder High School students won \$50 Monday in the KTXS Academic Challenge. The proceeds will be used to buy books for the library. Principal Larry Scott receives the check from Mark Bullard, LaTrisha Lee, Veana Clay and Marc Sparlin. Their appearance will be aired on Jan. 21. (SDN Staff Photo)



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Rites held for bomb victim

NORTH CALDWELL, N.J. (AP) — A teen-ager whose father was the latest victim of a serial bomber had one simple request at her dad's funeral: Sing his favorite Christmas carol.

"Christmas time was my dad's favorite time of the year; and his favorite thing to do on Christmas Eve was to gather the family around the piano and sing 'O Holy Night,'" said 13-year-old Kimberly Mosser, standing next to her brother Timmy, 16, and sister Abi-

gail, 21. The 600 people gathered Friday for Thomas Mosser's funeral complied with the children's request as Kimberly broke down in tears and was led back to her seat. Mosser's wife, Susan, held their 15-month-old child.

Mosser, 50, was killed last Saturday when he opened a mail bomb in the kitchen of his suburban New Jersey home. Nobody else was injured in the blast.

The FBI has attributed the bombing to a mysterious figure known as the "Unabomber," believed responsible for a series of attacks since 1978 that killed one

other man and injured 22 people. There have been no arrests in the case. Security at Mosser's funeral included a bomb-sniffing dog.

Mosser, an executive at a prominent New York advertising agency, was remembered as a hard-working man who loved golf, Christmas and his alma mater, St. Bonaventure University.

"He was always the one we went to in a crisis," said Kevin Mosser, the victim's older brother. "I deeply miss my brother, my friend, my best man."

Mosser was recently promoted to general manager at Young & Rubicam Inc.

Scurry County Library News and Views

The Scurry County Library has recently added new videotapes to its collection. Some were purchased by the library, and some were donated by patrons. We have also added some more audiotapes to the Books-On-Tape collection. We also take videos and audiotapes as donations.

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"Know your rights!" by Richard Alderman.

"James Herriott's Cat Stories," by James Herriott.

NEW FICTION
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"One True Thing," by Anna Quindlen.

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nandez and Bonita Blackwell. In the bottom photo are, top row, Whitney Jones, Ashlee Grantham, Zachry Starnes, Wendy Proffitt, Afton Schwertner, Jeff Turner; middle row, Aaryn Jordan, Shelly Fisk, Natalie Perez, Rachel Cave, Jason Guynes; next row, Erika Estrada, Taylor Cotton, Erin Cooley, Kellie Dodson, Lilli Valdez, Josh Green, bottom row, Matt McCormick, Tara Trammell, Ischida Judah, and Shane Kitchens. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Macy's lawsuit revived

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Woodley's Santa costume hangs in his closet like an old tuxedo.

Five years ago he was Macy's grand old elf, and children opened their hearts to him every day. Then he got the virus that causes AIDS and the world's largest department store refused to rehire him.

He's been fighting to get his job back ever since.

"It was a personal thing that has an important principle behind it," he said. "You can't get AIDS from Santa Claus. You can't get AIDS by sitting on Santa's lap. If it was transmitted that easily, everyone in the country would have it."

Woodley filed the discrimination lawsuit when Macy's refused to rehire him after the 1989 season. But the lawsuit stalled after Macy's declared bankruptcy in 1992.

Now that the department store has been purchased by Federated Department Stores Inc. and is emerging from Chapter 11, Woodley is dusting off the paperwork.

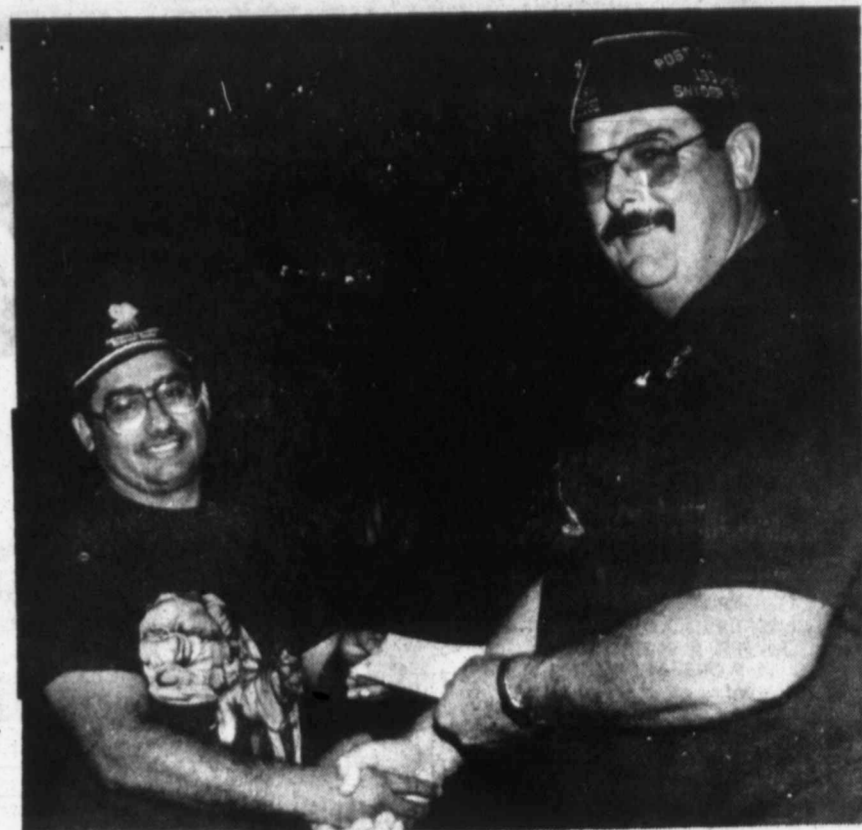
"Basically after waiting three years to get my day in court, we are going forward to do that," Woodley, 45, said Friday. On Tuesday, his lawyer, Elizabeth Koob, sent a letter to Macy's lawyers informing them that he was proceeding with his case.

He is seeking more than \$3 million in damages, as well as his old job. Woodley said he filed the suit to educate people about AIDS.

"The fear that was behind Macy's decision not to rehire me is a fear that I think needs to be addressed," he said.

Macy's spokeswoman, Christine Carter, said the store would not comment on the lawsuit, but added, "We absolutely do not discriminate. We never have discriminated. And we are an equal opportunity employer."

Macy's officials have said that Woodley was offered — and refused — a job supervising Santas instead of being a Santa.



DONATION FROM VFW — Manuel Tarango accepts a donation from John Fair, commandant of VFW Post # 8231 for use in Pack 61 Cub Scout projects. The money was donated from funds the VFW has received through bingo games said Fair. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Parents, daughter receive judgment

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A jury awarded more than \$272,000 Friday to a couple and their teen-age daughter who sued a psychiatrist for allegedly failing to evaluate the girl's sensational claims of sexual abuse by her parents.

Richard and Cheryl Althaus, who were arrested and charged with sex abuse before their daughter, Nicole, recanted, won \$213,899 in their malpractice lawsuit against Dr. Judith Cohen and the University of Pittsburgh's Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic. The jury awarded \$58,333 to their 19-year-old daughter.

Cohen began seeing the teenager in 1991 after the girl told authorities she had been abused; Cohen diagnosed her as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder brought on by sexual abuse.

"She saw the diagnosis as a certainty and did not check out anything else. You can't do that," Althaus said after the verdict.

"She was the key person in the entire system. For a jury to find that she was at fault is a great victory."

The couple told the jury that bills from their daughter's 100 therapy sessions with Cohen, their lost wages and other costs totaled about \$160,000, but they didn't ask for a specific amount in damages.

The jury voted 10-2 in favor of

the verdict. Juror Nancy Radolec, who voted with the majority, cried as she left the state courtroom.

"It's hard for me to talk about it," she said, adding that it was very easy to see both sides in the case.

McClure gets star

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Doug McClure's lucky star is sitting on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

McClure, 59, said knowing he was getting a star kept him going as he struggled with lung cancer during the past year.

"It gave me the incentive to get well, and I am well," McClure told well-wishers Friday at the star's unveiling.

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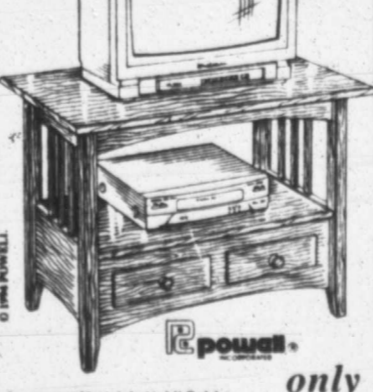
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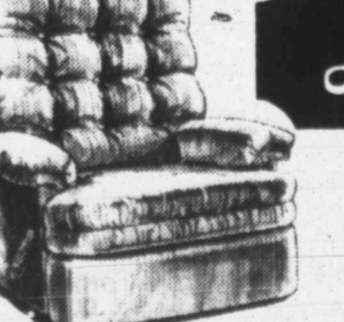
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Thanks to Dr. Bureson, nurses, nurses aides, home health for their help during Bill's illness. Thanks to all the people for the prayers, calls visits, food, cards, flowers and being with us at this time in our sorrow in the loss of our loved one.

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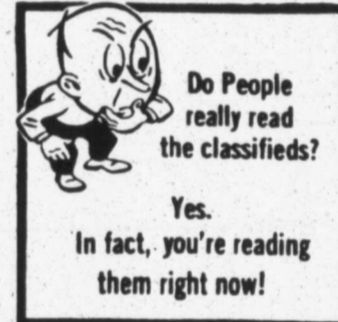
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010 LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE ATTENTION: Anyone having interest in or claim against the property located at 2900 Ave. H, Snyder, Texas, be aware that The City of Snyder Planning and Zoning Department has determined that the building is an unsafe structure and intends to demolish the building. The legal description of said property being: Gray and Nelson Addition, Block 15, N75' of W50' Lot 2. This action is being taken as authorized by Ordinance 321 of the City of Snyder. Tom Valentine, Building Inspection Department

PUBLIC NOTICE Due to Christmas Holidays, the City of Snyder's DISPOSAL FACILITY, will be closed Saturday, December 24, and Monday, December 26. The Disposal Facility will reopen Tuesday, December 27th.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE The State of Texas County of Scurry Whereas, by virtue of a WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the County Court at Law No. 2 Court of Taylor County Texas, on the 26th day of October, A.D., 1994, in Cause No. 779, where Bluebonnet Savings Bank FSB was Plaintiff, and Joe F. Wood and Sherri Wood were Defendants, on a judgement rendered in said Court on the 31st day of March, A.D., 1994, against Defendants Joe F. Wood and Sherri Wood and in favor of the said Plaintiff Bluebonnet Savings Bank FSB, for the sum of Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Six Dollars and Forty One Cents (\$19,736.41) plus Four Thousand Three Hundred and Nine Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$4,309.20) s interest on the deficiency amount from August 7, 1990 to March 31, 1994, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, from date of judgement, together with Attorney's fees of Two Thousand Five hundred Dollars and all costs of suit; I did on the 1st day of December, 1994, at 1:00 o'clock p.m., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Scurry County, Texas, as the property of Joe F. Wood to-wit; One Half (1/2) interest in lot 8 of block E of the Highland Park Addition of the City of Snyder, County of Scurry, State of Texas. And on the 3rd day of January, 1995, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., on said day, at the courthouse door of said County, and I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Joe F. Wood in and to said above described property. Dated this 1st day of December, 1994. Keith Collier, Sheriff of Scurry County, Texas by Joe M. Cheyne Deputy Sheriff

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Russia threatening missile attack on breakaway capital

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — With Russian ground troops reluctant to storm the capital of breakaway Chechnya, the Kremlin threatened a missile attack Saturday unless Chechen forces disarm by midnight.

Russian officers and soldiers about 30 miles west of the capital, Grozny, said Saturday they would disobey any orders to advance. "A mutiny? You could call it that," said a lieutenant colonel

from Russia's 19th Motorized Infantry Division, a shy smile on his face. Like all soldiers interviewed, he spoke on condition of anonymity.

The column commander, Maj. Gen. Ivan Babichev, was summoned to a military headquarters in the region Saturday, a day after he told Chechen villagers that he would not advance on Grozny.

The threat of a missile attack, made by Russian Deputy Prime Minister Nikolai Yegorov, was the most serious challenge yet by Moscow to the regime of Chechen

President Dzhokhar Dudayev. Yegorov said that if "adequate measures for disarming illegal armed groups on the territory of the Chechen republic" were not taken before midnight tonight (4 p.m. EST), "a missile unit will deliver a missile blow at strategic facilities in Grozny."

There was a lull in fighting Saturday as President Boris Yeltsin met with his hawkish Security Council in Moscow. The panel in of Serbia proper, U.N. spokesman Joe Sills said in New York.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Gilbert Arizmendi, 604 19th; Dianna Rodriguez, 2902 Ave. Z; Eva Brackeen, Hermleigh; Linda Garza, 905 27th; Virginia Henry, Pipe Creek; Veronica Yruegas, 3803 Muriel. DISMISSALS: Veronica Yruegas, George Camp, Monroe Land, Regina Massey and baby, Dennis Rollins, Todd Wall, Casey Way, Helen Wortham. DISMISSALS: 49 (Med.-13, Long-Term Care-31, OB-3, Nursery-2).

Births

Jesse and Dianna Rodriguez announce the birth of their son born at 2:21 p.m. on Dec. 16 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Brad and Heather Holcomb of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Hunter Ray, born at 8:01 p.m. on Dec. 14 in Methodist Hospital weighing six pounds, seven ounces.

Grandparents are Tom and June Holcomb and Marshall and Judy Finney, all of Snyder.

Matt and Dawnita Nelson of Canyon are parents of a son, Aaron Nathanael, born at 8:07 a.m. on Dec. 1 in an Amarillo hospital. He weighed eight pounds, 14 and was welcomed by a brother, Eli.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McKinney and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Nelson, all of Denver City, and Bobbie McKinney of Snyder.

Weekend off to busy start

Snyder area law enforcement officers made several arrests and investigated reports of family violence and criminal mischief Friday and early Saturday.

Police arrested 34-year-old Max Aucutt on a warrant for felony probation revocation at 11:14 p.m. Friday at 16th Street and Avenue R.

At 12:19 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 22-year-old male in the 1800 block of 30th Street on a warrant for no liability insurance.

DPS officers arrested a 48-year-old male at 12:30 a.m. Saturday at Cogdell Hospital. He was charged with misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and no drivers license.

A sheriff's deputy responded to a 911 request from Hermleigh at 2:11 a.m. Saturday in reference to an intoxicated male assaulting a woman. A report for assault/family violence was filed.

At 2:50 a.m. Saturday a Cogdell Memorial Hospital employee contacted police in reference to a male having been assaulted. A report for Class A assault was filed.

Police arrested a 21-year-old male for public intoxication at 3:51 a.m. Saturday in the 1100 block of 27th Street.

Police were advised of a disturbance at Snyder Drug at 9:14 p.m. Friday. Officers arrested two men, ages 18 and 22, for public intoxication.

Snyder Junior High administrators contacted police at 8:07 a.m. Friday in reference to having some problems with a student. Officers picked up a male juvenile and transported him to the police department. He was later released to his mother.

At 8:18 a.m. Friday, police were called to Dupree Motors in reference to some criminal mischief. A report was filed.

John Corser contacted officers at 10:02 p.m. Friday in reference to damage done to a restroom at McDonald's. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Serbs seek equal access to flights

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnian Serbs allowed two U.N. planes to land at Sarajevo's airport Saturday in a prelude to a peace mission by former President Jimmy Carter.

Diplomatic sources and government officials in Zagreb, Croatia, said Carter was expected there Sunday and would travel on to Bosnia.

carried an advance team for Carter. Three civilians who got off the Russian-made Antonov said nothing before leaving in a U.S. Embassy car.

The arrival of the two planes represented a very limited improvement in relations between the United Nations and the Bosnian Serbs. The Serbs were insisting on new conditions for resuming the vital humanitarian airlift to the besieged Bosnian capital.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic invited the former president to Bosnia to try to restart peace talks aimed at ending the 21/2-year war in the former Yugoslav republic. Karadzic offered six concessions, including the reopening of the airport, to entice Carter to come.

The airport has been closed since Nov. 21, when Serbs, angered at a series of NATO airstrikes, put surface-to-air missiles near the approach and refused to guarantee planes' safety.

Sources at the airport said the first plane that landed at the airport

North Korea says it shot down 'copter

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A U.S. Army helicopter with two crewmen aboard made an emergency landing in North Korea this morning. North Korea claimed its border gunners shot the chopper down, but American officials said they could not confirm that report.

South Korean media, quoting unnamed sources, said the crewmen survived and were safe.

The U.S. military command in Seoul said the OH-58 helicopter, which was on a routine orientation training, entered North Korean airspace by mistake.

U.S. officials said the chopper, assigned to the 4th Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment in Camp Page north of Seoul, is believed to be in eastern North Korea.

The Pentagon said American officials were in contact with the North Korean government.

"We are aware of the reports that say the crews survived the incident and are in good shape. We have no information on this," said Lt. Col. P.J. Crowley, a Pentagon spokesman.

U.S. officials would not release the names of the crew pending notification of their families.

The North's Korea Central News Agency, monitored in Seoul, said the "enemy" helicopter "was brought down at one spot" near Ipoh-ri in North Korea after crossing the heavily armed demilitarized zone.

It called the shooting "a self-defensive measure" and said North Korean officials were investigating the illegal intrusion. It did not say whether the crewmen were taken into custody.

Another Pentagon spokesman, Kenneth Bacon, said U.S. military officials reported losing radar contact with the helicopter at 9:15 p.m. EST Friday.

Ira Church of God slates Bible course in January

A college course in the Old Testament will be taught at Ira Church of God during the spring semester.

Offered through Mid America Bible College in Moore, Okla., the course begins in January and will be held one Saturday a month from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May.

Cleo Carlile of Big Spring will be the instructor. The cost will be \$25 plus book. Those completing the course will receive three hours of college credit.

Anyone wishing to enroll is asked to confirm by Dec. 31 by calling either Shari Cotton at 573-7409 or Jack Darnell, pastor, 573-5965.

Haywood

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issues of interest to local citizens.

A dutch-treat luncheon follows at Snyder Country Club.

During the afternoon, Haywood will tour the Price Daniel unit and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice warehouse. He will make a stop at the Scurry County Courthouse and will tour Cogdell Hospital and Western Texas College.

Haywood will be sworn in as District 30 senator prior to the start of the 74th Legislative session which begins Jan. 10.

Haywood was elected last November by unseating Democratic Sen. Steve Carraker of Roby.

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try Incineration, has plans to locate a reclamation business at the site that will process insulated wire in a special furnace.

Williamson had met with the court in November and at the time was awaiting final approval of his plans from the Texas Natural Resource and Conservation Commission.

Obituaries

Rex Carter

1908-1994

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Monday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Rex Clayton Carter, 85, of Snyder. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Carter died at 9 p.m. Thursday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born on Dec. 26, 1908, in Arkansas, Mr. Carter had been a Snyder resident since 1979. He married Lillie Marie Glover in 1927 in Seminole, Okla. She died June 2, 1990. Mr. Carter was also preceded in death by two brothers, Oger Carter and Ray Carter.

He had been a distributor for Exxon and was a member of the Assembly of God.

Surviving are his son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Judy Carter of Pine Top, Ariz.; and two sisters, Wanda Roberts of Albuquerque, N.M., and Irene Wilder of Kansas City, Kan.



GIFTS FOR NOAH PROJECT — Three Northeast fifth grade classrooms bought presents for the children who live at the Noah Project, a home for victims of family violence. Teachers include Donna Farley, Danita Beccue and Ann Uptergrove. Students in Farley's excel class are from left, back row, Joanna Burk, Justin McBroom,

Craig Bowen, Krisi Early, Cody Beaver and Amber Burk; third row, Nicholas Landes, Trent Boyd, Ryan McAnally, Cassi Cooper, Andra Lancaster and Tito Alaniz; second row, Charlie Gorman, Alex Best, Kasey Collier and Anna Williams; first row, Tyler Neves and Kate Wright. (SDN Staff Photo)

Veterans of Battle of Bulge recount war's 'taste of hell'

BASTOGNE, Belgium (AP) — Gray-haired now, veterans of America's bloodiest battle in the war against Nazi Germany returned Friday to the town where 50 years ago they had a "taste of hell."

Just as on Dec. 16, 1944, when Adolf Hitler's panzer brigades launched the surprise attack that began the Battle of the Bulge, snow and rain chilled the U.S. veterans' bones.

But instead of snipers and shell-fire, the returning Americans were greeted with hugs and smiles of thanks from townsfolk they defended.

"I have no words to describe it," said James I. West IV, a former

lieutenant from Apopka, Fla. "When we look back, I say it was a taste of hell."

As West spoke outside Bastogne's rebuilt St. Peter's Church, a local woman walked over and hugged him. "Thank you," said the woman, who was in her 20s at the time of German assault. "God bless you."

At a giant star-shaped monument to the 20,000 Americans who died in the battle, Belgium's King Albert and Madeleine Albright, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, led a ceremony marking Friday's anniversary.

"These service members secured the freedom that Americans hold so dear today," President Clinton said in a message printed in the official anniversary program. "The world remains eter-

nally grateful for their selflessness."

Many of the 200 returning U.S. veterans were touched most by the response of ordinary Bastogne residents, who turned out in the hundreds in icy weather to pay homage to their defenders.

Woodrow Respect Nothing, one of a handful of American Indian veterans who made the journey to Bastogne, was mobbed by school children collecting veterans' autographs or just wanting to shake their hands.

"It's a pretty friendly welcome. Last time, all the civilians were inside taking shelter from the Germans," said the veteran from Manderson, S.D. On Saturday, a monument to American Indians who died in the battle will be unveiled.

House committee work list shaping up in new Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the start of the 104th Congress just around the corner, House Democrats and Republicans have put the finishing touches on their committee lineups.

The task has been largely painless for Republicans, who are the newly-minted majority in the House for the first time since the Eisenhower administration. With the sweeping powers of the majority come committee and subcommittee chairmanships as well as greater representation on all committees.

The job was far less joyous for Democrats, who are losing chairmanships, staff and 40 years worth of privileges and tradition. Their committee assignment process was made more tricky because they have fewer committee slots under the ratios drawn up by Republicans.

Adding to the pain was the fact that Republicans abolished three committees — meaning that Democrats ousted from those panels had to be accommodated elsewhere.

The process was essentially wrapped up Friday, with the announcement by Democrats of their committee lineups. Republicans, who last week unveiled their committee assignments, on Friday announced their subcommittee chairmanships.

In both instances, Texas fared well.

Three Texas Republicans — Joe Barton of Ennis, Jack Fields of Humble and Lamar Smith of San Antonio — officially learned they will chair powerful subcommittees on the commerce and judiciary committees.

Barton will chair Commerce's Oversight and Investigation Subcommittee, which has broad jurisdiction over a slew of federal programs. He indicated on Friday that he intends to begin his tenure as chairman by investigating the Environmental Protection Agency's implementation of amendments to the Clean Air Act.

Fields will take the helm of

Commerce's telecommunications subcommittee, which will be the scene for continued debate over deregulation of the telephone and cable industries.

Smith also gets a high-profile assignment, chairing Judiciary's immigration and claims subcommittee. Smith, who has been one of the GOP's leading voices on immigration reform, is promising a sweeping review of the nation's immigration policy. "Next year

Americans from a wide range of backgrounds will work diligently to come up with a bipartisan solution to the problem of illegal immigration," he said.

On the Democratic side, Texas' three freshmen have obtained excellent committee assignments.

Sheila Jackson Lee, the incoming 18th District representative from Houston, will sit on the judi-

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Saatchi quits

LONDON (AP) — Maurice Saatchi has resigned as chairman of Saatchi and Saatchi, the world's largest advertising agency, the company announced Friday.

The move, following a prolonged boardroom battle, means both Saatchi brothers have given up control of the agency they created. Charles Saatchi, 51, resigned last December and is honorary president.

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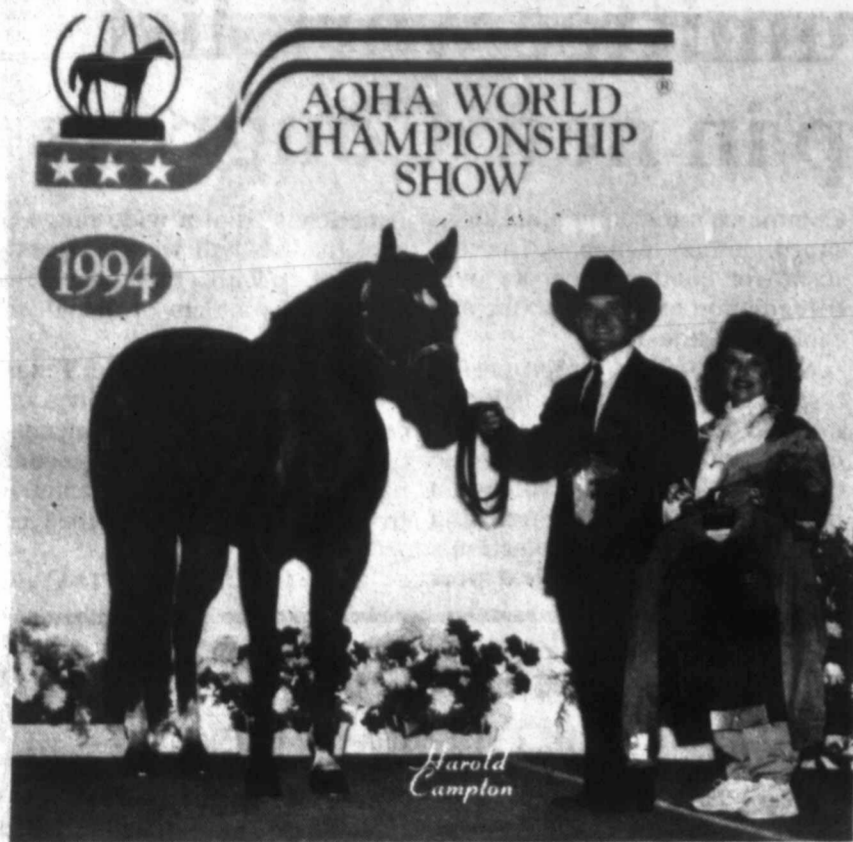
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WINNER — Cade Walton, shown with his 12-year-old mare, Carla Straw, competed Nov. 8-11 in the American Quarter Horse Association's 1994 World Championship Show and Sale in Oklahoma City. With 56 entries from around the world in competition, Walton earned 7th place honors in the world in amateur showmanship and halter. Walton is a junior agriculture economics major at Texas Tech University and a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. Shown with Walton as he received his winner's medalion and leather jacket is his mother, Sally Walton. (Contributed Photo)

House committee

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 Two Texas Democrats who chaired key committees in past sessions — Kika de la Garza of Mission and Henry B. Gonzalez of San Antonio — were endorsed Thursday by their House peers as ranking Democrats on their respective panels. De la Garza will remain the top Democrat on the Agriculture Committee, while Gonzalez will be the ranking Democrat on the Banking and Financial Services Committee.

The Middle Atlantic States are defined by the U.S. Census Bureau as New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Less formal references often consider Delaware as part of the group.

Ms. Lee was one of only two Democratic freshmen who won appointment to the Judiciary Committee. Bentsen won one of only two openings on the banking panel.

Texas Democrats were helped by the fact that they control five of the 39 votes on the party's Steering and Policy Committee, which parcels out committee assignments.

LSD stands for lysergic acid diethylamide.

Beijing holds first real estate auction

BEIJING (AP) — The bidding in the way China is leasing out Beijing real estate. Seized by the Communists in 1949 along with the rest of China's land, property in the capital has skyrocketed in value under recent economic reforms.

The government continues to own the land, but has been selling

50-year commercial leases and 70-year residential leases in private negotiations. The first public auction was held in November in Nanning, in southwestern Guangxi province.

For Beijing's first auction, five bidders showed up, all from Beijing. The winner was Wang

Fusheng of Fuhua Construction and Development Co., a Chinese-Thai joint venture. He paid 130 million yuan, or \$15.3 million, for a 50-year lease on the former Economic Management College in central Beijing.

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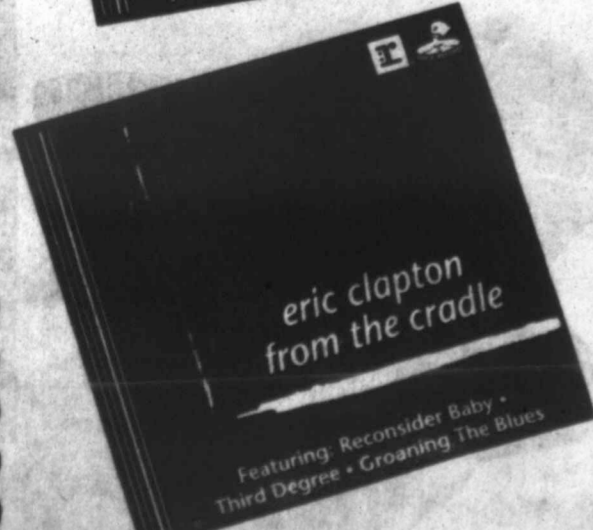
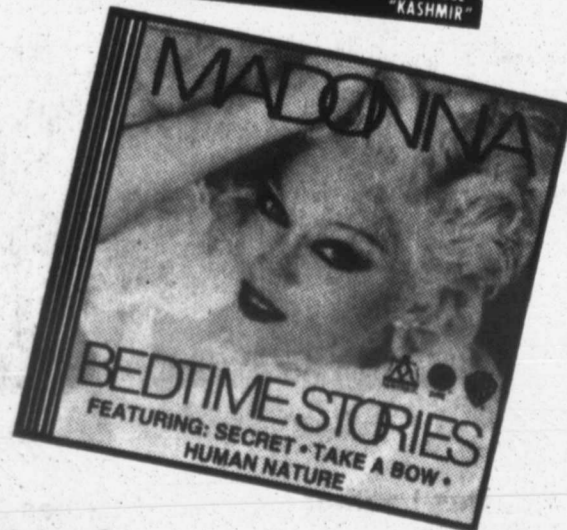
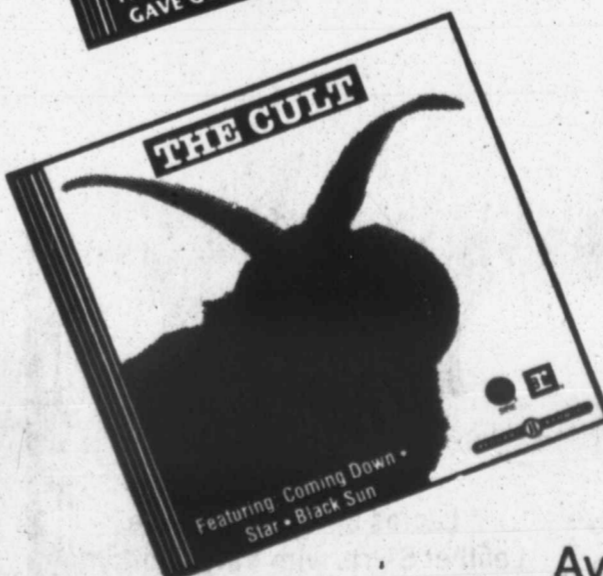
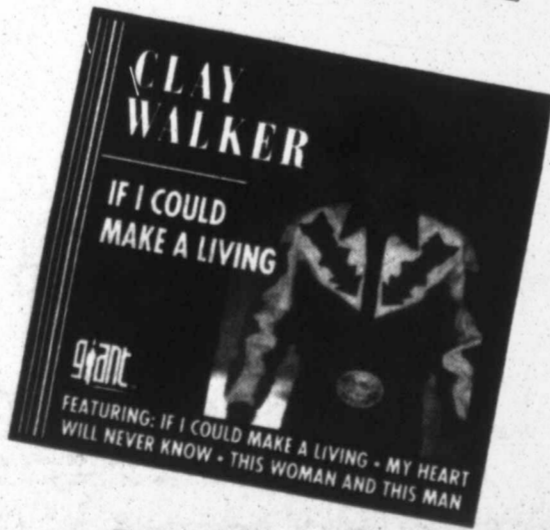
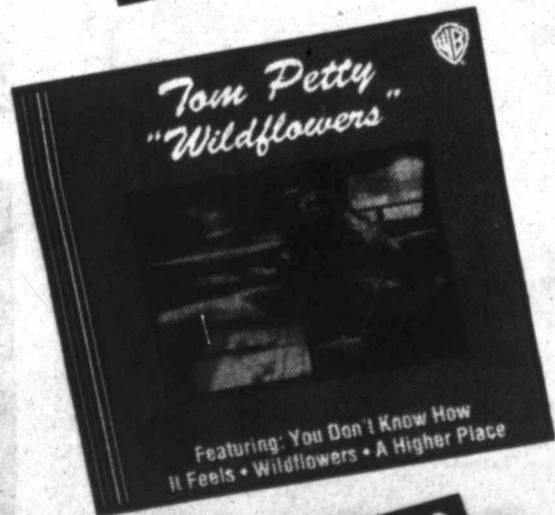
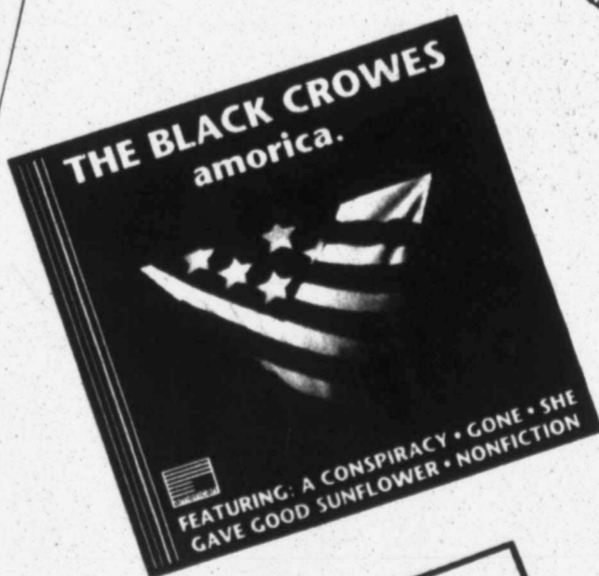
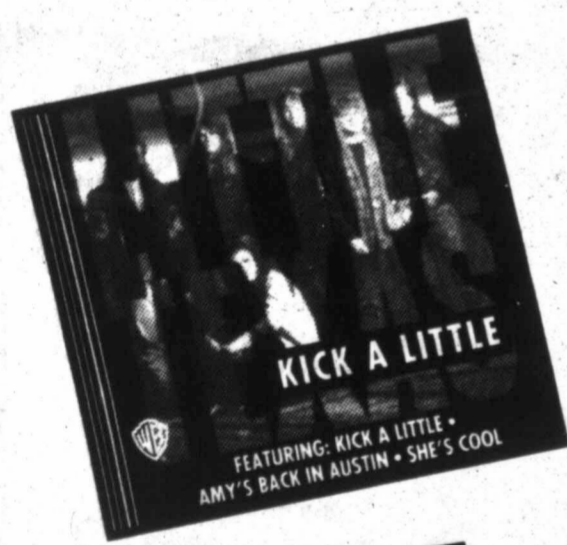
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By Shirley A. Gorman

CMH staffer still appreciates restored hearing

The first normal volume sounds Wanda Johnson of Snyder heard were the voices of her mother and husband. Then 28, she had been almost totally deaf her entire life before separate operations gave her the gift of hearing.

Wanda was 17 years old before she heard her first sound at all, and it had to be extremely loud before the hearing aid she was fitted with could pick it up.

The operations were performed about six months apart several years ago in Odessa by a Dr. Turner. Hearing problems run in Wanda's family. Her severe hearing loss was caused when she was born with bone covering each ear drum.

Wanda was so excited when she heard her mother's voice for the first time. "I told her I thought she sounded like a kid," she said recently.

Hearing in each ear was restored immediately following each operation, she explained. After the first operation, Wanda said she began "hearing things I never heard before."

En route back to Snyder following the first operation, Wanda said she became very aware of the sound the tires on their car were making.

Ironically, Wanda said she had to be "talked into" the operations by one of her brothers who was also going deaf. His hearing problem was not caused by the same condition as Wanda's. Since the doctor had restored her brother's hearing, Wanda said he was sure that she could be helped, too.

So spectacular were the results, that Wanda said she was convinced that the doctor could also restore her son Larry's hearing. Then the age of 3 or 4, he had also been born with bone covering each eardrum.

Though Larry's hearing prob-

lem had not been identified then, Wanda "knew" that Larry had the same problem that she had. The doctor was skeptical, but after Wanda "begged him" to examine her son, he did so and started laughing when Wanda turned out to be right.

The same type of ear operations that solved Wanda's hearing problems also restored her son's hearing. Wanda is very grateful that her son's hearing was restored when he was a young boy, and that he did not have to experience the difficulties she did.

Because his first ear operation hurt, Wanda said they had to "blackmail" Larry into having the second one. But the lure of a go-cart, big enough to accommodate him and his sister, Jeanell, convinced Larry to have the second operation.

Larry is now a student at Western Texas College, enrolled in the correctional officer training course. Jeanell is also a student at WTC and works part-time at Lawrence IGA.

Once her hearing was fully restored, Wanda enrolled at special volunteer tutoring sessions at Scurry County Library in order to better learn how to pronounce words.

Her volunteer instructors have included Susan Stuteit and Billie Hartfield.

Wanda lived in Colorado City "on and off" while growing up. For a time, she attended regular classes but eventually the school system suggested a deaf school.

The family moved to Tucson, Ariz. where Wanda attended special classes and learned, among other things, sign language. She was around 11 or 12 years old at the time. Several members of her family also learned some sign language.

Before sign language, Wanda said she managed by reading lips. The family later returned to Colorado City, but Wanda attended a deaf school in Austin, coming home for holidays and visits. She received the same help there as from the other deaf school, but it

was closer to home, she said. She did miss her family though. She attended the special school until she was 14.

At one time, Wanda's mother operated the now defunct Dairy Frost in Colorado City and her dad worked in cotton gins. She grew

up with three brothers and one sister.

After her mother remarried, the family moved first to Fort Stockton, then Sweetwater and finally Dallas, where she met her then future husband, Don who works for Eddins-Walcher.

In Dallas, Wanda worked at a cafeteria where she performed various duties, including wrapping silverware.

A Snyder native, Wanda said Don wanted to return home and they did. That was 23 years ago.

Wanda has worked at several places, including the former Texan Restaurant and West Elementary cafeteria. She has been employed in the kitchen at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for six years, earning her five-year pin a year ago. She had previously worked at the hospital for a year and a half.

Wanda said she enjoys working at the hospital and especially likes her supervisor and the people she works with. In the summer, Wanda says she likes to work outside, mow the lawn and go fishing and camping.

The Johnsons are avid bowlers, and Wanda is a member of "Roll and Hope," a Women's Bowling Association team.



RESTORED HEARING — Wanda Johnson who works in the kitchen at Cogdell Memorial Hospital was almost totally deaf before two separate operations restored her hearing when she was 28 years old. This is Wanda's second time to

work at Cogdell. She received her five-year pin last year during the annual awards dinner. Wanda is shown here preparing a salad tray for a hospital function. (SDN Staff Photo)

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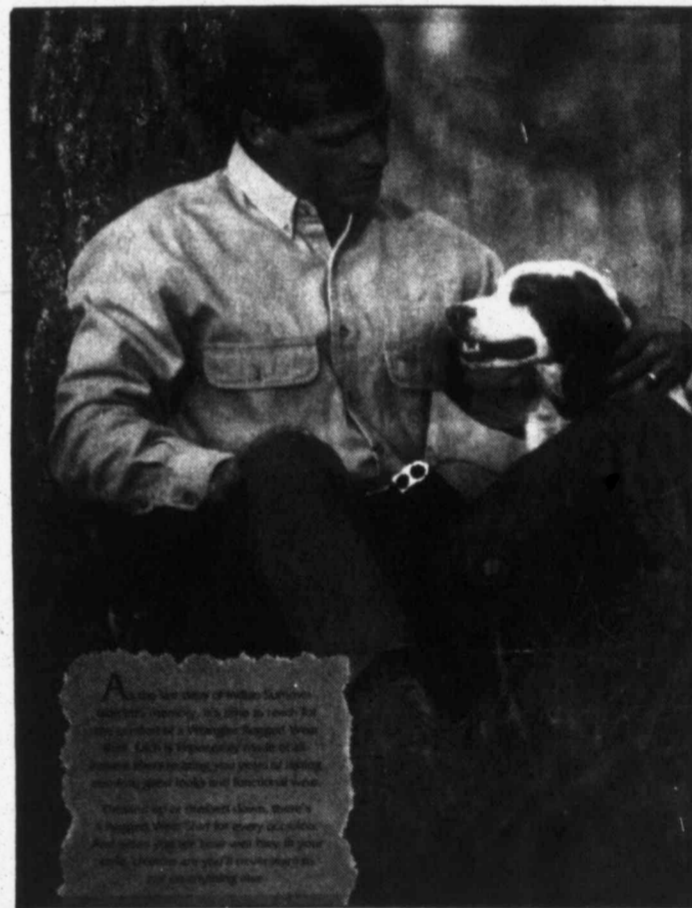
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Traditional flower...

Christmastime shows passion for poinsettias

By FLORAL AND NATURE CRAFTS
For AP Special Features

If you've ever brought a poinsettia home for the holidays, chances are good that it got its start at the Paul Ecke Ranch in Encinitas, Calif. In fact, estimates indicate that well over 90 percent of all flowering poinsettias produced in the world come from plants raised here. Floral & Nature Crafts magazine visited the Paul Ecke Ranch, where everyone is passionate about poinsettias, especially fourth-generation poinsettia

grower, Paul Ecke III. The Ecke family tradition of growing quality poinsettias actually goes back to the early 1900s when Albert Ecke, a German immigrant, brought his family to Southern California and began farming. Poinsettias, which had been introduced to this country from Mexico in the early 1800s, had become naturalized on the hillsides, and the bright scarlet plants captivated Ecke. He collected plants from the wild to cultivate in fields, and soon the family was selling fresh-cut poinset-

tias from stands along the main highway during the holiday season.

In 1920, Albert's son, Paul Ecke, Sr., revolutionized holiday decorating when he developed the first poinsettia variety that could be grown as an indoor potted plant. Three years later, the Paul Ecke Poinsettia Ranch moved from the Los Angeles area to its present location, not far from San Diego. From 1929 until 1966, the ranch primarily grew "mother" plants, which were harvested in the spring and shipped to growers. The growers used these plants to make cuttings, which they grew to blooming poinsettias ready for the market.

Paul Ecke III, who heads up the company today, remembers playing in the poinsettia fields with his sisters and the neighborhood children. "I had a great childhood — it was genuinely a lot of fun. We'd use the tractors as imaginary spaceships, and in the second story of the barn, we'd build forts with empty poinsettia boxes."

Around age 12 or 13, Paul began spending his summers working on the ranch, "punching a time clock like all the other employees." Even after he went away to college, he'd come home for the Christmas season to help pack and deliver the thousands of blooming poinsettias that the Paul Ecke Ranch supplies to retailers in the Southern California area. "We worked extremely long hours because it had to get done, but it was still a lot of fun. Christmas comes only once a year, and everyone pulled together to make it happen."

The business took a new direction in 1963, when a breakthrough in hybridizing efforts produced a new variety that held its bloom longer than the old standards. As a result, the Eckes moved from

growing poinsettias in fields to producing small vegetative cuttings in greenhouses, where they could better control cultivation.

Under the leadership of Paul Ecke, Jr., intensive research and breeding began, eventually resulting in an astonishing range of poinsettia forms that include tiny miniatures, lavish 12-inch tubs and umbrella-shaped trees. Hybridizing also has yielded new colors, such as yellow, pink, speckled pink and airbrushed red.

In 1991, Paul Ecke III became chief executive officer of the ranch. An M.B.A. graduate of Duke University, he's taking poinsettia-growing high-tech with new, sophisticated growing procedures and computerized operations.

That doesn't mean he feels any less passionate about the plant than his father and grandfather did in the old days of field-grown plants. "We would like the world to know what good-quality poinsettias are," says Ecke. Often, by the time a plant reaches the store shelf, it's no longer in peak condition. The new varieties coming from the Ecke Ranch survive shipping better, need less water and last longer. And, says Ecke, such varieties are the first step in getting quality plants to the consumer.

Many of the new poinsettias decorate the Ecke home at Christmas, but, says Paul III, "My wife, Julie, always accuses me of not bringing home enough. She likes the unusual varieties, like Lemon Drop, a yellow variety, and Monet, which is multicolored. I happen to like white — I think it's very elegant." The couple usually puts up a poinsettia tree instead of a pine or fir. "We put lights in it, and hang a few ornaments from the branches," he says. Paul and Julie may have to add a more traditional tree this year, however. With a 1-year-old son, they'll need a place to pile the presents.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — Roy and Juanita Hanson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday with their family, Mackie, Debbie, Angie and Mark Hanson of Roseville, Calif., and Sandy, Mandy and April Baker of Snyder. They were married on Dec. 16, 1944 in Boise, Idaho, and moved to Scurry County in 1950. Hanson retired from the ASCS office as county executive in 1983 and Mrs. Hanson retired in 1984 as secretary for the county extension service. (Contributed Photos)

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 - "When Love Finds You" Vince Gill
 - "The Big One" George Strait
 - "Shut Up & Kiss Me" Mary Chapin Carpenter
 - "Take Me As I Am" Faith Hill
 - "Pickup Man" Joe Diffie
- (Source: Cashbox magazine)

The top ten

- Best-selling singles of the week:
- "On Bended Knee" Boyz II Men
 - "Practice What You Preach" Barry White
 - "Before I Let You Go" Blackstreet
 - "I Wanna Be Down" Brandy
 - "You Want This-70's Groove" Janet Jackson
 - "Here Comes The Hotstepper" Ini Kamoze
 - "Be Happy" Mary J. Blige
 - "U Will Know" Black Men United
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 - "I'll Make Love To You" Boyz II Men
- (Source: Cashbox magazine)

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Choking is children's leading cause of injury

By PAMELA BRAWER
For AP Special Features
Choking is one of the leading causes of death and injury among young children. But taking a few

precautions and being prepared in the event of an emergency can help parents prevent many of these dangerous incidents.
Choking is caused by airway

obstruction. This obstruction can take two forms: partial or complete closure of the airway.

Children whose airway is partially closed generally can breathe, talk, cough or cry, but often will wheeze in between breaths. In most cases, unless breathing is extremely difficult, parents should not interfere or attempt to relieve the obstruction. Children usually are able to bring up the object or food causing the problem on their own without medical intervention.

However, immediate intervention is required when children cannot bring up the object, or if the airway is completely obstructed. Knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or the Heimlich maneuver may enable a parent to save a child's life.

Procedures for the Heimlich maneuver and CPR vary according to the child's age, so parents should learn the appropriate form for their children.

But, as the old adage goes, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Children are less likely to choke if they chew their foods thor-

oughly, eat slowly and do not laugh, talk, run or play while eating.

This rule is especially important if children are eating hard candies, which can be swallowed whole and lodge in the windpipe.

Infants between the ages of 8 to 12 months, who are beginning to walk or crawl, often put small items in their mouths. The most common items that cause airway obstruction are usually toys, small parts of toys and balloons.

Choking hazards can be limited by removing all ribbons and cords on toys before allowing children to play with them. In addition, be sure that toy parts, such as a doll or stuffed animal's eyes, and rubber wheels on cars, are securely fastened to the toy.

Pamela Braver is a registered nurse at New York University Medical Center. She is also a certified CPR instructor.

The term "lion's share" comes from an Aesop fable in which the lion took all the spoils of a joint hunt.



MARRIED IN NOVEMBER — Margot Nicole Perkins and Donald Evan "Lonzo" Deere were married Saturday, Nov. 26, at 2 p.m. in the Union United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dean Guest, pastor of the Greenwood United Methodist Church in Midland and former pastor of the Union church, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Doug and Donise Coonrod of Ira, and the groom's parents are Leonard and Bertha Deere of Snyder. The couple, graduates of Snyder High School, make their home in Snyder. The groom is employed by Westex Drilling Co. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

AARP Chapter 2063; Martha Ann Woman's Club for an installation banquet; noon.
Storytime for 4- and 5-year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
Stargazers TFCEC; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.
Overeaters Anonymous; board room in Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.
Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.
Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; chamber of commerce board room; 6 p.m.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 863-2349, 573-8626, 573-1141; 8 p.m.
Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in and meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 573-2101; 8 p.m.
Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-3956, 573-2101, 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m.
SOS (Singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Life Center; 7 p.m.
Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.
Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.
New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3308 or 573-2101.
Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.
Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Christmas Day

Holiday pumpkin bread

PUMPKIN BREAD
5 and 1-3rd cups all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons baking powder
1 1/4 teaspoons baking soda
4 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
2 1/4 teaspoons salt
5 eggs
3 1/4 cups solid pack pumpkin (29-ounce can)
2 and 2-3rds cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 cups undiluted evaporated milk (12 fluid-ounce can)
1-3rd cup vegetable oil
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 cups chopped walnuts or pecans
Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, pumpkin pie spice and salt in a large bowl.

Beat eggs, pumpkin, sugar, evaporated milk, oil and vanilla in large mixer bowl until blended. Add flour mixture; mix just until moistened. Stir in nuts. Spoon into nine greased 5 1/8- by 3 1/4-inch miniature loaf pans. Bake in a preheated 350-degree F oven for 40 to 45 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.

To Wrap: Place bread in a checked napkin. Gather napkin at the top and center with red pipe cleaner. Tie pipe cleaner in a bow. Attach small bells to the ends of the pipe cleaner for decoration. Makes 9 breads.
Recipes from: Libby's Pumpkin

Hermleigh School Menu

BREAKFAST MONDAY	LUNCH MONDAY
Fruit Pancake/Syrup Milk	Tuna Sandwiches Tomato Wedges Potato Chips Sliced Oranges Milk
TUESDAY	TUESDAY
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ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Bob White of Allen will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday. They were married on Dec. 20, 1944, in Snyder and lived here for over forty years. Mr. White retired as owner and operator of White's Heating and Air Conditioning Service. Mrs. White retired after teaching school in the SISD for 20 years. They have two children and three grandchildren. (Contributed Photo)

Turners note 60th anniversary

Lacy and Enid Turner will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary privately next Saturday. The couple met while attending Texas Tech and were married on Dec. 24, 1934 in Snyder.

Born in Snyder, Mrs. Turner is a Snyder High School graduate. She plans to attend a Lucky 13 Christmas tea Sunday where she will be among club exes that will be honored. Turner was born in Claude, Tex.

Mr. Turner taught school at SHS for over 20 years. He coached in Wink, Brownwood, Odessa, and also taught school in Fluvanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner participate in activities at the Senior Citizens Senior.

They have one daughter, Lalae Battista, and one granddaughter and one grandson.



TUNE RECITAL — Piano students of Barbara Tune were presented in a recital, "Christmas Around the Piano," on Dec. 3 in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. In the top photo from left are, back row, Traci Jordan, Sara Cantu, Katie Kerley, Hayley Grant; front row, Emily Long, Zipporah Peoples, Chris Wilson and not pictured, Crissida Tyler. In the center photo are, back row, Monica Barboza, Laurie Kerley, Vanessa Jones, Audra Reneau; next row, Alicia Peoples, Josh Kelley, Jennifer Bigham, Susan Bigham, Casity Reneau; front row, Windy Wood, Amber Lyle, Jason Hall, Cara Stansell, Lisa McNair and not pictured, Amber Rich, Natalie Hill and Jacob Crawford. In the bottom photo are Snyder High School Band students forming a brass choir who performed Christmas carols, directed by Walter Reneau. On the back row are Josh Kelley, J.C. Guzman, Robert Nitsch, Shannon Clem, Sarah Lily, Karomy Drum, John Brzozowski; next row, Jack Hedges, Corey Ballard, Kelly Bell, Jay Holley, David Garza, Matt Powell, Casity Reneau, David Perez; front row, LaTrisha Lee, Melanie Gibson, J. Aguilar, Traci Eicke, Megan Harris, Lisa Thamez, Isaac Gonzales, Todd Hall, Jim Caldwell and George Aguilar. (Contributed Photos)

Bridge
By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-15-94			
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♥ A			
♦ J 8			
♣ K J 8 7 4 2			
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♠ Q J 3 2		♠ K 10	
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♦ Q 6 4 3		♦ 9 7 5 2	
♣ 6		♣ Q 10 9 5 3	
SOUTH			
♠ A 6 5			
♥ Q J 8 7 6 4			
♦ A K 10			
♣ A			
Vulnerable: North-South			
Dealer: West			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
		4 ♥	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ 4			

Look for the one chance

By Phillip Alder
In bridge, things have to be left to chance sometimes — but rarely. Normally, we control our own fate. In today's deal, Dori Cohen, from Long Beach, N.Y., didn't let chance desert her. She defended accurately during the final of the inaugural World Women's Team Championship for the McConnell Cup — but in a losing cause.

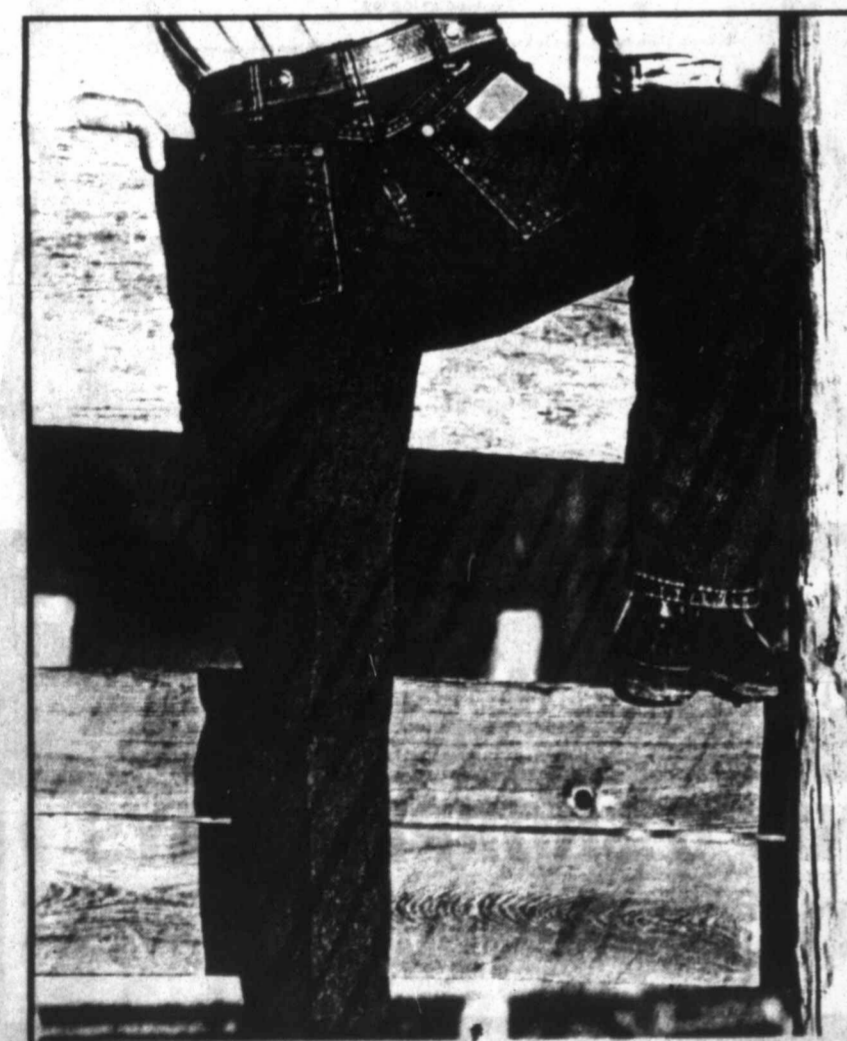
One club was strong and artificial, showing at least 16 high-card points. The rest of the auction was natural.

Cohen, sitting West, led the diamond four, third- or fifth-highest by partnership agreement. This solved declarer's problem in that suit. After winning with dummy's jack, declarer played a club to her ace, a heart to dummy's ace and tried to cash dummy's club king, discarding a spade from hand. However, Cohen ruffed and switched to the spade three. East put up the king and declarer won with the ace. Now came the heart jack, which Cohen took with her king.

Spotting her only chance, Cohen led the spade two. East, Sally Woolsey of Kensington, Calif., was surprised to win the trick with her 10. But she wasn't too surprised to make the right play. She led back the club queen, which promoted West's heart 10 to the setting trick. The defenders' four tricks were one spade, two hearts and a club ruff.

Phillip Alder's new book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available, autographed upon request, for \$14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169.
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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

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Dot Casey directed nine tables at Duplicate Bridge Club in the Snyder Country Club.
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2. Laverne Hood, Marjorie Brown.
3. Ann Davis, Monte West.
4. Louise Thompson, Alta Cates.
E-W
1. Margaret Birdwell, Sue Carter.
2. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal.
3. TIE: Anita Talbot, Malven Stevenson and Rube McKinley, Tizzy Hall.
4. Polly Ballard, Verdi Kimbro.

SUNDAY
Jane Hinton directed four tables.
1. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Helen Wize, Barbara Russell.
3. Nona Morrison, Polly Ballard.
4. Frances Stevenson, Mal Stevenson.

TUESDAY
Dot Casey directed five tables.
1. TIE: Nona Morrison, Frances Stevenson and Rube McKinley, Louise Thompson.
2. Polly Ballard, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Sue Carter, Margaret Birdwell.
4. Dot Casey, Rick Hall.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 19, 1994

If properly prepared, you will stand a good chance of furthering your career in the year ahead. Strive to make yourself indispensable to your boss or company.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your imagination and resourcefulness will serve you well in situations today offering profits. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might learn a painful lesson, but it'll be worth it. The knowledge you acquire will be very valuable a little further down the line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Something important you've been wanting to change might be done by someone else. This person may not realize the significance of what he/she did for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Greater benefits are likely to be derived today from a partnership than from acting alone. There is strength in a union.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Approaching tasks as challenges today rather than merely as chores could be extremely productive. It will also set an example for your co-workers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might disappoint yourself starting out in competitive activities today. However, after you warm up, you will improve substantially.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This will be a good day to entertain in your home. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate, just sincerely welcome everybody.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This could be a profitable day for you. Put new ideas for making or saving money to the test. You might be pleased with the results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might need to be bolder than usual in business or financial affairs today. Assert yourself without being aggressive or selfish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today will be a rather dull day for you unless you are directly challenged. If you are pulled into a competition, however, your motivation will ignite.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will be a truly helpful friend today. You will know when to offer assistance and not expect anything in return.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your greatest success today might come from a project that has captured your fancy only recently. Something new may be very lucky for you.

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Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 18, 1994

Exciting and propitious changes in your social life await you in the year ahead. You can develop new interests through the friendships you will establish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something you've been dreading might work better than you expected today. The lesson to be learned from this situation is called: Positive Thinking. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which govern you in the year ahead.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You are in a good earning cycle, so find work that offers rewards commensurate to your performance. You should be better compensated for your skill.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Something you've been wanting might be close at hand. It may appear that luck intervened, but it will actually be the result of doing the right things.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) More than one solution might be found today to a vexing problem from last week. The answers may come as hunches.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today is a good day to get together with a close friend you've disagreed with lately. Any differences can now be ironed out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Major accomplishments are possible today, so don't waste your time on insignificant career objectives.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today's developments could test your executive and managerial skills. You should do well, as challenges tend to bring out your best qualities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take measures today to gain more control over circumstances instead of being carried along by the tide of events. Be a victor, not a victim.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you're making social plans today, include an old friend you may not have seen lately. Good things tend to come from your acquaintance with this person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You could be extremely fortunate today in a gamble or game of chance. Think money and victory, both can be yours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Avoid delegating important assignments to surrogates today. Situations you manage personally will turn out more successfully than those you don't.

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Plaintiff testifies in Dow Chemical suit

HOUSTON (AP) — Gladys Laas was told her silicone breast implants would last a lifetime.

But not long after surgery in the late 1970s to place the implants in her chest, Mrs. Laas, like many women now suing manufacturers, began experiencing problems.

It started with fatigue, then advanced to muscle and nerve control. She experienced clumsiness, nerve damage and even seizures.

Today, the 57-year-old retired nurse from Bellville walks with a limp and claims the Dow Corning Corp. implants ruined her health and her future.

"I was told they were the greatest thing to come along if you had

your breast removed," Mrs. Laas told a Houston courtroom Thursday.

She and co-plaintiff Jennifer Ladner, an Army doctor from El Paso, are suing Dow Corning Corp. and Dow Chemical Co.

"I was told they would last the rest of my life," Mrs. Laas said, smiling slightly at the ironic memory. "(That) all my friends would envy me because I would have beautiful breasts when they buried me."

Her smile was wiped quickly away by tears and sobs as she recounted how her life changed irrevocably because of health problems she says were caused by

leaking and ruptured breast implants.

Turning to the table of defense attorneys for Dow Chemical and Dow Corning, Mrs. Laas vented her anger.

"Everybody that knows me knows that I am not an angry person," Mrs. Laas said. "But I have a rage in me that I have never had."

She told of how even the simplest of household tasks are left to her husband Robert, who also testified Thursday.

"I cannot be a wife to my husband and I had to give up my nursing. I can't even keep house and

this was done knowing that they (breast implants) were going to hurt me," Mrs. Laas testified.

Mrs. Laas and Dr. Ladner are suing the two Midland, Mich., companies for unspecified damages. The trial, which began Nov. 16 and is expected to continue through January, is being watched closely by attorneys for implant manufacturers and thousands of women across the nation who have filed individual suits.

The trial marks the first time Dow Chemical — the wealthier of the two companies — has been included in a breast implant trial.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations
Turner and Oneal, P.C., 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Tommy and Alvin Botts, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jessie and Melissa Rollins, 1995 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Frankie Grimmitt, 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Snyder National Bank, 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Bruce E. Drummond, 1995 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Vaughn Steel Contractors Inc., 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Billy F. Calley, 1995 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

Shawn Shreves, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Empire Oil of New Jersey, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Rita E. Sojourner, 1995 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

Stanley Pavlik, 1995 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Kelly H. Bartley, 1995 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License
Mario Alberto Rios and Patricia Salazar, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court
Scurry County vs. Marie E. Gonzalez, et al, tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Jimmy L. Grimes, et al, tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Moore and Moore Development Co., et al, tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Marion Becerra, et al, tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. W.H. Haney, et al, tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Irene Mata Herrera, et al, tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. David M. Mabe, aka David M. Mapes, et al, tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Robert Loshonkohl, et al, tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Albert Zamora Jr., et al, tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Joe Rodriguez, et al, tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Barbara Beth Robinson, et al, tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Anadarko Petroleum Corp., et al, order of dismissal.

Scurry County vs. Darrell L. St-out, et al, order of dismissal.

Eldon Kirkpatrick, individually and on behalf of Heather Kirkpatrick, a minor, order granting nonsuit without prejudice.

In the marriage of Barbara

Chapman Hefferman and Donny Jay Hefferman, divorce granted.

In the marriage of David Frederick Hoops and Kim MacQuarrie Hoops, divorce granted.

Deed Records
Alfred and Irma Alderette to Warren G. Tabor, all of Lot 24 in Block 2 of the Cullum Addition.

Mike R. and Julia Martinez to Leslie McBeth, all of Lot 22 in Block 8 of the First Replat of the Parkway Addition.

Erfrain Cervantez and Daniel Dominguez, duly elected trustees of the Assemblies of God in the United States of America, and Gethsemani Assamblia De Dios to Joe W. Sentell, all of Lots 2, 3 and 4 in Block 27 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Erfrain Cervantez and Daniel Dominguez, duly elected trustees of the Assemblies of God in the United States of America, and Gethsemani Assamblia De Dios to Joe W. Sentell, all of Lots 1, 5 and 6 in Block 27 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Judi Parrish to Bobby A. and Mary Rachel Martin, all of Lots 1, 3 and 4 in Block 27 of the W.T. Manry's Addition.

Wesley O. and Sandra Graves to Cecil M. and Evelyn Nadine Lockard, all of Lot 28 of the Second Replat of the Parkway Addition.

Melissa Rawls Pippen and John Rawls to Johnnie Faye Sellars, a 3.81-acre tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section 5, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Lonnie Rawls to Johnnie Faye Sellars, a 3.81-acre tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section 5, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Johnnie Faye Sellars to Bobby Don Stroud, a 3.81-acre tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section 5, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract two being a two-acre tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section 5, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Jim and Luann Slover to Bill Price, 26.92 acres in the south one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 150, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Henry G. Cisneros, secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to James W. and Betty Jo Calvert, a two-acre tract in Section 88, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Mardi Gras means literally "fat Tuesday," and describes a day of merrymaking on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. In New Orleans and many Roman Catholic countries, the Tuesday celebration is preceded by a week or more of parades and parties.

City of Austin expects fight with Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — The city of Austin is bracing for another fight with the Texas Legislature, which two years ago attacked the city's policies on land development, water quality and other issues.

"By anybody's assessment, we're in for a very difficult session," Mayor Bruce Todd says.

"I'm concerned that the long-term damage could be great. While no one can predict the accuracy of the rumors, one knows that the hostility in the Legislature is great," Todd said.

John Hrcir, the city's inter-governmental relations officer, said Austin may have to defend against attacks on its water quality controls, annexation authority, regulatory powers in the city's outskirts, rights concerning municipal utility districts and authority over electric utility rates and revenues.

An expected push to enhance private property rights also will be watched by anxious Austin officials along with those in other cities.

One proposal making the rounds is for the state to go to the Lower Colorado River Authority or some other utility for electric power to the Capitol and surrounding state buildings, rather than by from Austin's municipal electric utility.

That would trim city utility revenues by \$26 million, officials said.

The future of Austin's tax base, and the city's power to manage growth and environmental quality, also may hinge on the outcome of the 1995 Legislature. For example, loss of authority to annex outlying areas could lead to erosion of the tax base if wealth and growth exit the city.

Developers, some landowners and other critics say it's time Austin's regulatory sails are trimmed.

In 1993, the Legislature approved a bill that would have loosened the city's environmental controls in the Barton Creek watershed, but it was vetoed by Gov. Ann Richards, a Democrat and longtime Austin resident.

One bill that would affect Austin and other cities already has been filed for 1995 by Rep. Jerry Yost, R-Longview.

It would require a vote in an area that a city wants to annex. Only if a majority approved could the area be taken over by a city. Rep. Susan Combs, R-Austin, said she plans to introduce a similar measure.

The Texas Municipal League, an association representing the state's cities, opposes such proposals because they would make annexation highly improbable, said Frank Sturzl, executive director. Without annexation power, he said, cities would lose wealth and tax base to suburbs but still have to deal with costly problems.

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Lobbyists' present many holiday gifts

WASHINGTON (AP) — What is the thoughtful lobbyist giving to members of Congress this holiday season?

It could be a two-compact disc set of Barbra Streisand's concert at Madison Square Garden, from the Recording Industry Association of America. Or a pewter serving plate, courtesy of the United Transportation Union. Or an 8-gallon tin of flavored popcorn from Ameritech, the regional telephone company.

With Congress under fire for consorting with special interests, gift-giving is down somewhat from its heyday a decade ago. But

there still is a steady flow of wine, food and other goodies from lobbyists to members of Congress and their top aides.

One day this week, two package delivery workers cruised the corridors of the Rayburn House office building pushing oversized carts piled high with presents from lobbyists. Next door in the Longworth building, another messenger loaded with gourmet fruit baskets was hopping from office to office to drop them off.

The workers in the Senate Republican cloakroom received a hefty box of select oranges and grapefruits, courtesy of Tobacco

Institute lobbyist Ralph Vinovich.

Sen. Bob Dole, the Kansas Republican who will be the majority leader next year, got a large gourmet food basket, including fancy cheeses, crackers and candy, sent by the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors.

And RJR Nabisco shipped in hundreds of large wooden casks laden with cookies, crackers and other munchies made by the company.

Members of Congress and aides are allowed to accept gifts valued at up to \$250. For anything worth more than that, a specific waiver

must be obtained from the ethics committee, and it must be reported in annual financial disclosures.

But it may be the last year for the traditional Christmas lergesse on Capitol Hill. Under pressure to reform itself, Congress is poised to enact lobbying and gift legislation this year that could ban most gift-giving by lobbyists.

Dole has promised early action on the issue, and the bill's Democratic supporters say they plan to reintroduce the legislation that died in the last session of Congress because of Republican roadblocks.

In the meantime, the practice continues. Among the bounty:

—Bottles of chardonnay wine from the Securities Industry Association, and another chardonnay from the Duberstein Group, a lobbying firm.

—Four-pound boxes of candy from long-distance company MCI; Belgian chocolates from General Instrument Corp.; almonds from Blue Diamond Growers; cookies from BellSouth; and tote bags stuffed with food from the National Food Processors Association.

—Gift boxes of sample products, including toilet paper, from Kimberly-Clark; boxed product assortments, including pain relievers, from pharmaceutical maker Bristol-Myers Squibb; and T-shirts, salad dressings and other food items from Philip Morris.

—Toy earthmovers from Caterpillar, Inc.; Christmas wreaths from Weyerhaeuser Corp., and holiday wrapping paper from Champion International Corp.

Health care plan faced more opposition than anticipated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Documents the Clinton administration initially tried to keep from public view show the White House sorely underestimated the opposition its health care plan would face in Congress.

"There is a remarkably large reservoir of good will and receptivity," stated one undated memo prepared for Hillary Rodham Clinton. It predicted that the administration's opponents "will not have a cohesive message."

The papers originally withheld from public view were released this week at the National Archives after a federal judge said he in-

tended to penalize the administration for unspecified misconduct in the court case.

Friday, a U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth said at a brief court hearing that he will issue a ruling next week on whether the release of the documents means a lawsuit filed by a physicians' group over the papers is moot.

The group's lawyer, Thomas R. Spencer Jr., said he still is not convinced all of the documents have been released.

Lamberth also said he will rule next week on issues of civil and criminal contempt. The judge said earlier this month that he would

award attorneys fees to the doctors' group because of government's failure to turn over documents in the case.

The doctors' group also has asked Lamberth to hold White House aide Ira Magaziner in contempt of court. The group contends Magaziner lied in an affidavit when he said all members of the health care task force working group were either government employees or consultants. The government has said that was true at the time.

The Vatican is the world's smallest state; Monaco is the second smallest.

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Dec. 18, 1994

Today is the 351st day of 1994 and the 86th day of fall.



Today is the 352nd day of 1994 and the 87th day of fall.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1969, Tiny Tim married Miss Vicki in front of about 50 million "Tonight Show" viewers.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), poet; Ford Madox Ford (1873-1939), writer; Erskine Caldwell (1903-1987), novelist; Willard F. Libby (1908-1980), chemist; William Safire (1929-), journalist, is 65; Bob Guccione (1930-), publisher, is 64.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, prognosticator Jimmy "the Greek" Snyder was censured by CBS for remarking that the "black is a better athlete to begin with because he has been bred to be that way since the days of slavery."

TODAY'S QUOTE: "One difference between French appeasement and American appeasement is that France pays ransom in cash and gets its hostages back while the United States pays ransom in arms and gets additional hostages taken." — William Safire

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1942, a typhoon with gusts up to 142 mph devastated Task Force 38 of the U.S. 3rd Fleet in the Philippine Sea. There were 800 deaths, as three destroyers sank, 18 ships sustained major damage and 146 aircraft were destroyed.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Dec. 18).



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1892, Sir Richard Owen died. As coiner of the word dinosaur — "terrible reptile" — he helped awaken scientific interest to the enormous animals.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph J. Thomson (1856-1940), physicist; Paul Klee (1879-1940), artist; Ty Cobb (1886-1961), baseball great; Christopher Fry (1907-), dramatist, is 87; Ossie Davis (1917-), actor, is 77; Keith Richards (1943-) musician, is 51; Steven Spielberg (1947-), director-producer, is 47; Leonard Maltin (1950-), movie reviewer, is 44; Charles Oakley (1963-), basketball player, is 31; Kiefer Sutherland (1967-), actor, is 27.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, fullback Bo Jackson scored twice in Auburn's Tangerine Bowl victory over Boston College.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I dream for a living." — Steven Spielberg

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1929, an ice storm in western New York was so fierce that a Buffalo resident stated, "One was kept awake by the breaking limbs, which snapped off with a report much louder than a rifle shot."

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TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.



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College student convicted in carjacking, murder case

NEW CITY, N.Y. (AP) — Edward Summers said a vicious drug baron kidnapped two teen-agers, killed one and stole their Jeep. A prosecutor said the college student was himself the triggerman.

The jury believed the prosecution, convicting Summers of murder, attempted murder, kidnapping and 20 other counts on Thursday. He faces up to 75 years to life in prison at his Jan. 31 sentencing.

Prosecutors said the 23-year-old New Yorker kidnapped Michael Falcone and Scott Nappi from the Nanuet Mall outside New York City on Jan. 3, ordered them to drive around in Falcone's 1993 Jeep Wrangler, then shot them both and took off in the Jeep. Falcone died; Nappi survived to testify. Summers was arrested at the wheel of the stolen Jeep soon after the shooting.

When the verdict was read,

members of the slain youth's family shouted, "Yes!"

"Why did you have to murder my Mikey? You took my life!" said Falcone's mother, Rose.

Summers' mother, Betty, said she would appeal. "If it takes the rest of my life, I will prove him innocent," she said.

Summers contended that a drug lord named Dino was responsible for the killing. The defense produced a witness, Deno Lloyd, and claimed he was the killer.

But Lloyd and others testified that he spent the day of the shooting in the barber shop where he worked.

The prosecution dismissed Summers' tale as "a story out of Alice in Wonderland... A fiction and a lie."

Summers, a student at South Carolina State University, had no previous criminal record.

Channel Tunnel sets prices

LONDON (AP) — Operators of the Channel Tunnel Friday announced introductory fares from \$73 for round-trip train journeys that will take cars under the sea between England and France.

The so-called "Le Shuttle" service, which begins next Thursday, will compete with ferries sailing between Dover, England, and Calais, France.

The 35-minute train trip is about 40 minutes faster than the average ferry crossing — with no possibility of seasickness.

"While we will not enter a price war, we are confident that we will attract customers to our fast, reli-

able and hassle-free transport system," said Christopher Garnett, commercial director of Eurotunnel PLC.

The fares, which Eurotunnel describes as a "special promotion," will apply until March, when new prices for the peak summer season will be announced.

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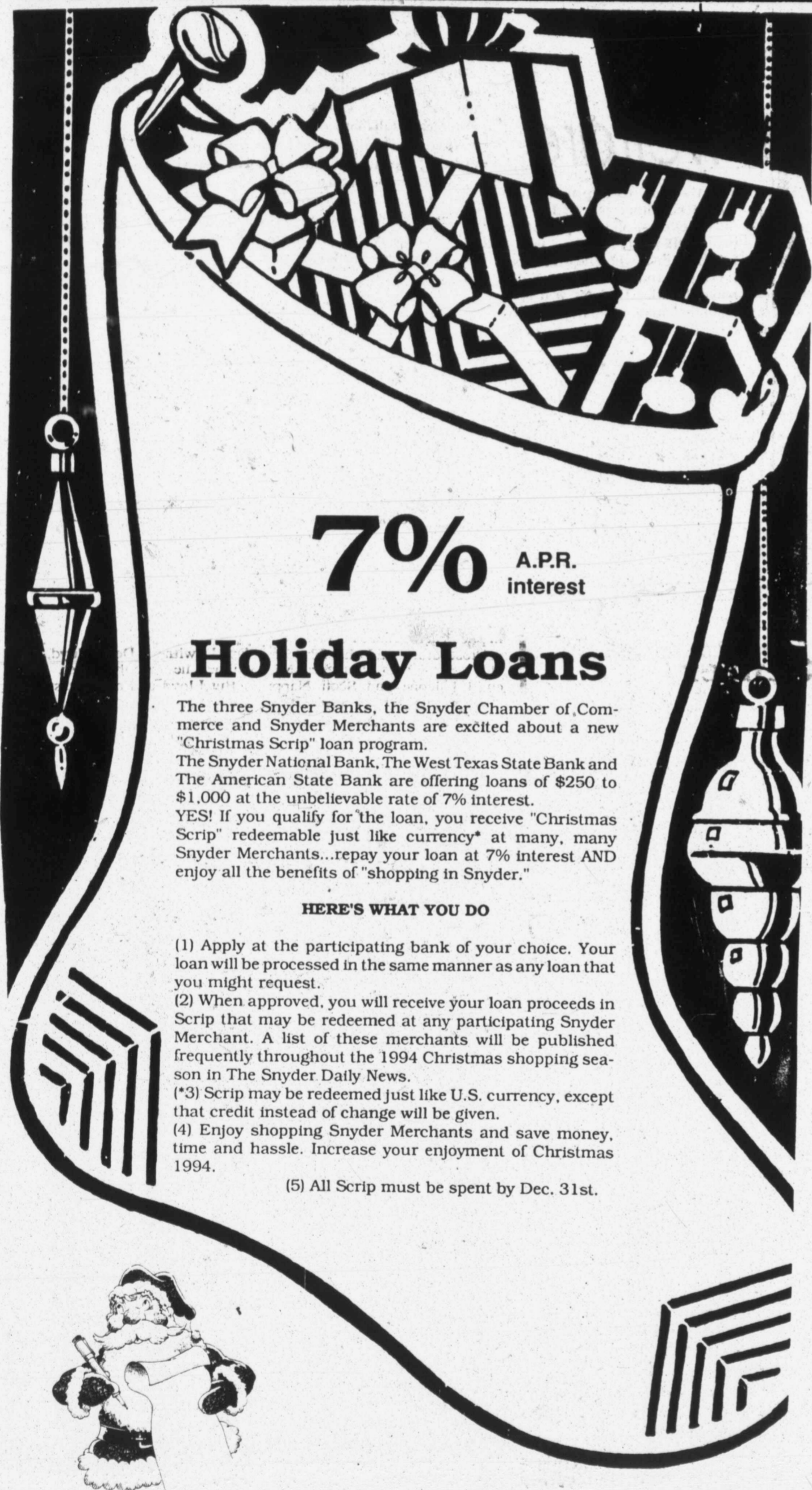
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Letters to the Editor

Helping hand

Dear Editor,
The following thanks is long overdue, but still relevant I believe. I wanted to publicly thank DPS highway patrol officer Arwine for some assistance he provided to a friend and myself when her car had broken down on Highway 84 on the way from Snyder to Cisco some time ago.

The radiator house had busted and the engine was overheated. I fixed the hose but we needed some water before we could start the car. We were halfway between Snyder and Roscoe and there weren't any houses nearby, either.

Officer Arwine pulled up and immediately offered to help by driving up a side road to the closest ranch house for some water. Returning, he made sure the car started and we were able to get underway without any further problem.

Our thanks to him for his professionalism and help during our predicament.

Charles Stephenson,
Cisco, Texas

Editor's Note: DPS Trooper Greg Arwine formerly worked out of Nolan County. He now works out of Abilene in the Anson area.

Tour of Homes

To The Editor:

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the annual Tour of Homes and Open House held on Dec. 11 a success.

The tour would not have been possible without the host families opening their homes. They were Ray and Betty Courtney, Ralph and Nance Lewis, Herbert and Ramona Reed and Marvin and Julie Sentell. Our volunteers decorated the Dermott School with some help from East Elementary fourth graders and the Cornelius-Dodson House.

The volunteers greeted visitors to both buildings and served refreshments in the school. Musical entertainment was provided by students of Barbara Tune and Jon Palomaki and Mr. Palomaki himself.

We appreciate the publicity given and appreciate the businesses who helped by making advance tickets available and helping with holiday table settings and centerpieces.

Special thanks go to everyone who purchased tickets for the afternoon's activities. All proceeds go toward the upkeep of the Cornelius-Dodson House and the Dermott School.

Encouraged by the success of the tours and open houses, we have scheduled the 1995 activities for Dec. 10. Hope to see you then.
Yours truly,
Jean Everett
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Thanks, Santa!

Dear Editor,

We read of too many cruel and depressing things happening these days. May I share a fleeting experience which I had yesterday, demonstrating to me the goodness of mankind?

As I waited for traffic to clear in order to make a turn off U.S. 180 east of town, a white, eighteen-wheel truck passed me. This truck had a Santa face attached to the grill, and there, sitting behind the wheel was a smiling, waving Santa, decked out in red suit and hat, and a white beard.

With this fleeting glimpse of fantasy, the cares of an increasingly harsh world rolled away. He made my day! — No, he made my whole week!

Santa, whoever you are, thanks!
Merry Christmas
Helen Tutt
Hertaleigh



Now is the time to reform welfare

By Sarah Overstreet

If you thought listening to Congress debate health care was like watching a sack full of cats scrap, wait until the 104th Congress takes up welfare reform. There is probably no more divisive issue in the nation, and with good reason.

Most Americans want to provide for the poor, but 30 years of the Great Society have left us with a cycle of dependency and a prognosis so bleak we are on the verge of despair. Those who made policies with honorable intentions still feel bound to defend them. Critics are feeling vindicated.

Many of us who realize reform is necessary are fearful of how much we can change and how fast. We know of the many deserving citizens who still desperately need help and we are afraid of painting all aid recipients with the broad brush of failure.

No one meant to devise a way to help needy Americans and then have it go so far awry. With visions of the degradation of the poor during the Great Depression, and in places like rural Mississippi, burned into our minds, our intentions were good. It is difficult to acknowledge what many social-service experts are now saying, that there was a crucial chink in the armor we tried to construct around the poor.

We failed to include the most common denominator of human endeavor, that prosperity comes as a reward for work. The idea of

"entitlements" became a blanket philosophy of aid with no strings attached. In most programs nothing was required of recipients, so no sense of duty or responsibility was even encouraged.

It is heartening that the Clinton administration and new GOP proposals have some basic tenants in common which will help break the no-strings cycle. Both plans would require mothers to identify a child's father before receiving aid, and force fathers to pay child support. Aid now can be given without information about a child's father if the mother refuses to furnish it.

Without this information, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, about \$34 billion in potential child-support payments go uncollected each year because absent parents aren't identified or don't pay their share of support.

Both plans would restrict benefits of welfare recipients, and Clinton's calls for unwed mothers under the age of 18 to live with their parents and stay in school to receive aid. As policy stands now, government funds pay for young unwed mothers to move out of their parents' homes, where finances didn't exist before.

The GOP plans denial of all welfare benefits and public housing for mothers under 18, with states having the option to ban benefits for all mothers under 21 if they choose. But the bad news in this plan is that children whose mothers don't receive this aid and

can't afford to support them would be either placed into orphanages or — and this part of the plan is still pretty murky — put up for adoption. I wholeheartedly believe that once this is even debated, Charles Dickens will arise from his grave and dump a vat of cold porridge on proponents' heads.

The GOP proposal to deny increased benefits for additional children born while a mother is on welfare, however, is one gaining acceptance with many Democratic moderates. Missouri Democratic Senate candidate Alan Wheat, who lost his bid for office, advocated the idea. Wheat suggested having Aid to Families with Dependent children recipients sign contracts whereby they agreed to certain stipulations, one of them being not to have any more children while on welfare. He acknowledged there would be partial compliance, "but that's better than what we have now."

Recipients of benefits such as AFDC do not have to agree to work or to train for work. In fact, counselors who work to get employment for aid recipients have told me that some of them flatly refuse to accept work that won't better what they can draw by not working.

Shifting people from non-work to work will require ensuring adequate child care and beefed-up contraceptive services. Yet funds spent that way are better invested than simply shoveling them into more no-strings aid.

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

"Dr. Feelgood will see you now."
"So? What if I don't wanna see him?"
"Now, now, Mrs. Mills, you know your family's been worried about you."
"That's their problem."
"C'mon now. Let's not make a fuss."
"Is there a VCR in there?"
"In where?"
"In the doc's office."
"Oh no. You didn't bring it along, did you?"
"If he could see it, he would understand."
"Now Mrs. Mills. You need to see Dr. Feelgood...alone. Leave that out here with me."
"No."
"Don't make me hurt you."
"You'll never take me alive. Not without—"
"But Mrs. Mills—"
"Dat's all right, deah. Let her bring it along if it will calm her down."
"But—"
"Come along now, Mrs. Mills. Dat's a gut gull."
"Don't talk to me like that I hate when you talk to me like that."
"Like what?"
"Where's your VCR?"
"Vell, let's talk about dat."
"I don't wanna talk. I wanna watch a movie."
"Vell now, dat seems to be de problem. Your family tells me you've seen dat movie...how many now? Ten times? Twenty?"
"What's it to you?"
"Vell, don't you t'ink dat's a

tiny bit...compulsive?"
"You don't understand."
"Try to explain, deah."
"Okay. The movie is called, "Speed." This disgruntled bomb squad expert, played by Dennis Hopper in his best role yet, places a bomb on a city bus full of passengers. The bomb gets activated when the bus hits 50 mph, and if the driver slows down below 50, it detonates. Keanu Reeves plays the SWAT team cop who tries to save the people on the bus and Sandra Bullock plays the young lady who winds up having to drive it at breakneck speeds through L.A."
"Uh-huh. Typical action-adventure. Und?"
"But it's NOT typical! That's just the thing! Not only is it breathtakingly filmed, very well-acted, and reasonably accurate from a law enforcement perspective, but it's so much more!"
"Uh-huh."
"See, it's an allegory about life. Don't you get it? Don't any of you GET it?"
"Life? A bomb on a bus is life?"
"Think about it. Here we all are, on this speeding bus, hurtling through life — all colors and ages and sexes, you see — and we can't stop! If we stop, we die! We've got to keep going, no matter what, and we've got to do it with courage and humor. We've got to all work together, see, and help each other. We've got to be willing to take risks now and then. And if we happen to find love along the way, well then, that's what it's all about, don't you see?"

"Uh-huh."
"No, you don't see. I can see you don't see. Like, I've got this manuscript, see, and I'm so compelled by this story that I had to leave my agent over it. It's a very emotional situation, like getting a divorce over irreconcilable differences even though the two of you still love one another."
"Uh-huh."
"And I have no idea what's going to happen. It's like — OH MY GOSH THERE'S A 50-FOOT GAP UP AHEAD ON THE EXPRESSWAY! WHAT DO WE DO? WHAT DO WE DO?"
"Vell—"
"WE FLOOR IT! THAT'S WHAT WE DO! WE FLOOR IT, AND WE TAKE THIS GIANT LEAP, AND WE PUT OUR HEADS DOWN AND PRAY! THAT'S WHAT WE DO! THAT'S WHAT WE DO!"
"Nurse — She seems to be getting excited—"
"AND SOME OF US WANT TO JUST PUT THE BUS IN NEUTRAL AND RUN THE ENGINE AND GO NOWHERE! THAT'S WHAT MY AGENT WANTED TO DO! AND SOME OF US SAY, 'IS THIS GOING TO WORK?' — THAT'S WHAT MY HUSBAND DID — BUT THE THING IS, WE DON'T KNOW UNTIL WE TRY, DO WE? WELL, DO WE?"
"Thorazine, Doctor?"

Editorial Comment

Gingrich's drug allegations

The Marshall News Messenger

Almost 40 years ago, the U.S. Senate censured Sen. Joseph McCarthy for his continuous but baseless allegations that various government organizations were riddled with communists or other disloyal citizens.

The Wisconsin Republican's actions added a new word to the American political lexicon, "McCarthyism," which is the use of rumors, allegations or innuendo to ruin reputations.

So guess what we think of U.S. Rep. Newt Gingrich's allegation that up to a quarter of the White House staff has used drugs in the past four or five years.

We recall that McCarthy waved in his hand what he said was a list of communists in the government. Gingrich says his knowledge comes from "senior law enforcement" officials he will not name. Yeah, right.

If Mr. Gingrich has evidence that members of the White House staff (or his own staff, or members of Congress) have committed a crime, he has an obligation to report that information to the relevant law enforcement authorities for investigation, indictments and possible prosecution. He ought to spread the warning that illegal drug use is dangerous, and not dismiss his own smoking of marijuana while a graduate student as proof that he "was alive" at that time (we repeat here a prior assertion that, contrary to 1960s generation dogma, not everyone tried marijuana or used LSD during those days, and that we don't appreciate the rationalization that "everyone did it").

He needs to learn that as House speaker, his words are taken seriously. He is no longer simply a congressman from Georgia. Gingrich now has a national platform. He can use it for building, or he can use it in the same way that McCarthy did — and watch that platform collapse in the same fashion.

Give NATO a burial

The San Antonio Express-News

A Cold War relic that has outlived its mission and usefulness, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should be given a respectful — and immediate — burial.

... NATO has not been able to define or execute a new, tactical mission, as its inability to prevent or punish Serbian ethnic cleansing in Bosnia demonstrates.

As the United States continues to downsize its military forces, and its military commitments overseas, its role in NATO also is decreasing.

If the European nations — including many from the former Soviet bloc — believe the continent needs a new regional security alliance, they will have to create themselves and define its mission.

NATO's debacle in Bosnia shows that this change is overdue, as is the obsolete alliance's interment.

Death-row inmate Samuel Hawkins

The Borger News-Herald

It was the talk of coffee shops and government meetings in Borger last week. At last, many people said, after 17 years justice would finally be served. Samuel Hawkins would be put to death for the 1977 slaying of Rodgers Hamilton. The books could be closed. The healing process could begin.

Eight hours before he was scheduled to receive a lethal injection, Hawkins received a stay of execution, proving that the judicial system in our country needs some serious revisions.

Hawkins' case is a serious misuse of the system. Seventeen years after a Lubbock jury convicted him and sentenced him to death, he is still sitting on death row, at a high cost to taxpayers, claiming his constitutional rights have been trampled.

We contend Hawkins' stay tramples the rights of everyone involved: the victims, their families, the prosecutors and law enforcement agents, and, finally, the residents of the Panhandle who were terrorized by Hawkins' actions in the late 1970s.

We implore the Supreme Court NOT to allow this to continue. Seventeen years is long enough. We urge them to vacate the stay, allowing the judge to set another death date for Hawkins, giving him that punishment set for by a jury of his peers.

On scholarship legislation

The Waco Tribune-Herald

State Rep. Brian McCall has come up with a new big-league tax. He wants to penalize Texas athletes who become successful.

The Plano Republican wants state college athletes to reimburse their public alma maters for their scholarships once they turn professional and sign contracts worth \$250,000 or more. He wants it written into state law.

Since such a law would severely hurt state colleges only in Texas, it should be an extremely popular law in the other 49 states.

McCall could expand his idea to cover all scholarships given by taxpayer-supported schools. The McCall law then could force anyone who becomes successful in any field to cough up the full amount of his or her college scholarship. A successful musician, for instance, would be forced to repay his band scholarship.

Just in case McCall received a scholarship to study logic, he is in no danger of having to pay it back.

"I t'ink de strait jacket, deah."
"BUT THE THING IS, YOU CAN MAKE IT! YOU CAN! JUST KEEP FOCUSED ON THE CHALLENGE AT HAND AND NEVER EVER GIVE UP! AND DON'T SLOW DOWN! WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T SLOW DOWN!"
"Call the orderlies."
"Sir? What do we do with this video? When we try to take it away, she bites us. Wait — sir — she's plugging it in the VCR—"

"Vait...vait a minute. What is dat? Dat elevator is crahsing, and all dose people...I must say, dat's a very handsome young man saying dose people. He must be de guy who gets on de bus."
"Doctor? She seems to have calmed way down. What should we do now?"
"Shhh...dis looks like a gut part...Don't bother me until dis ting slows down."
"Gosh, Doctor, look at that, will you? I don't think I've ever seen this lady smile so big before."

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Incest Victim's Revelation Brings Her Still More Pain

DEAR ABBY: After my father's death, I was disowned by my mother and my siblings because I revealed that my father had sexually molested me while I was growing up. He died without apologizing — or even acknowledging what he had done. I was devastated and entered both group and individual therapy. I also received counseling from my pastor.

My husband and children supported me. My other relatives deny that the abuse ever took place — and say if it did, I should have dealt with it alone and kept quiet about it.

Abby, I did what I thought was right — I got professional help and ended the secrecy — but my mother's rejection is even more painful than the incest.

Mother refuses to get help. She refused to speak to my therapist or my pastor. She says there is no way to repair the damage I did to the family when I revealed the incest.

How can I get my mother back? This separation is destroying me.

ACHING IN ATLANTA

DEAR ACHING: You may not be able to get your mother back, but be assured that you acted properly when you revealed the molestation.

Your mother needs professional help, but unfortunately, there is none so blind as one who chooses not to see.

DEAR ABBY: I do not believe in calling my children before I go to see them. I am Mexican-born. All my children are married to Anglos, and now they are Anglicized, and have asked me to please call them on the telephone before I come to see them.

Abby, I am their mother; I am not their stepmother, a cousin or a friend. As their mother, I gave them life and raised them. All three of them finished college.

We Mexicans welcome family members in our home at any time of the day or night, and we do not have to call first. Anglos stand on ceremony, and call first.

Well, I am not changing my ways; I am sticking to my old Mexican custom. What do you say, Abby?

MEXICAN MOTHER IN FORT WORTH

DEAR MOTHER: There is an old saying, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

You are in Fort Worth now, and your children have married Anglos who follow the Anglo custom of calling before dropping in.

I say call before dropping in.

DEAR READERS: A very wise Frenchman said: "Beauty is a gift. Charm must be cultivated. A beautiful woman is one I notice. A charming woman is one who notices me."

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DEAR ABBY: Don't you think it's time we retire some of the traditions that originated when they served some useful purpose, but have no place in the late 20th century?

When the responsibility for wedding expenses was assigned to the parents, it was common for children to marry when the bride was still a child. She was prepared to be only a housewife, and seldom — if ever — gainfully employed. Likewise, the groom was a youth likely struggling to establish a home. Hence, a tradition was born, based on common sense.

The bride and groom of today, however, are usually older, and on more stable financial ground than their parents were.

Why should older people have to mortgage their homes, spend their retirement nest eggs, or take out loans to pay for lavish weddings, while the newlyweds trot off to luxury homes? It's insanity that a supposedly intelligent, educated society clings steadfastly to outmoded traditions from horse and buggy days.

Modern etiquette should be updated to dispose of the ridiculous.

EASTLAKE, OHIO, READER

DEAR EASTLAKE READER: For years I have pointed out that although the bride's family gives the wedding, nowhere is it written in stone that it is imperative. An elaborate wedding is a gift — not an obligation. And in recent years, more couples have opted to pay for their own weddings, which makes sense to me — particularly if the bride has left the nest and established her economic independence.

For parents to spend their savings or take out loans to finance the equivalent of a Broadway extravaganza is, in my view, needlessly pretentious and foolish.

In 1992, I published a letter from Dr. E. Parke Sellard of Fallbrook, Calif. His words of wisdom bear repeating:

"I devised the following plan for my daughter's wedding to protect myself and our sanity."

"I gave her a set amount for the total to be spent. If the wedding cost more, she and her fiancé would pay the difference."

"She had her wedding at Balboa Park in San Diego. Her mother made her wedding dress. A close friend was a photographer, and he gave her the pictures as a wedding gift. We bought many of the flowers at the market. By spending her money carefully, she had a nice check waiting for her when they returned from their honeymoon."

"This plan enabled all of us to enjoy a beautiful wedding and to keep our tempers and sanity intact. I hope this plan will help your readers to enjoy their daughters' weddings with a minimum of stress."

DEAR ABBY: Considering the potential for accidents and fires from Christmas lights during the holidays, may I make a suggestion that may prove helpful during an emergency?

Many times in emergency situa-

tions, one panics and draws a blank when the 911 operator asks for the address. I have placed my printed return address labels on all my tele-phones.

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LONGTIME READER

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Engine of doomed plane reported trouble starting

MORRISVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Hours before the pilots of an American Eagle commuter plane that crashed spoke of engine trouble, mechanics had to repair one of the engines because it wouldn't start.

The left engine was fixed and the plane took off from Raleigh for Greensboro, American Eagle spokesman Marty Heires said late Thursday. On the return flight to Raleigh, the twin-engine Jetstream 3200 crashed in fog and drizzle, killing 15 of the 20 people aboard.

Heires said there was no connection between the starting problem Tuesday and a possible engine failure. He said the nature of the engine repairs was unknown because the repair logs were lost in the crash of Flight 3379.

"Clearly the plane was safe to take off," he said after an National Transportation Safety Board briefing.

The cockpit voice recorders show the pilots talked about a "flameout," or engine failure, just before the crash 31/2 miles from Raleigh-Durham International Airport. It was not known which engine they were talking about.

Also Thursday, American Eagle suspended all flights from Chicago and some from New York's Kennedy Airport until Jan. 4, because pilots of planes that had been shifted there said they needed more training to fly in cold weather.

The airline had brought in Saab

340 turboprops from Nashville, Raleigh-Durham and Miami because of concerns that ATR turboprops might not be safe in icy weather. An American Eagle ATR plane crashed in icy weather on Oct. 31 in Indiana, killing all 68 people aboard.

At the briefing, NTSB Chairman Jim Hall said investigators had recovered a piece of sheet metal wedged in part of Flight 3379's left engine. He said it was unclear when the metal became lodged in the engine. He would not speculate on whether it was a factor in the crash.

A trainee air traffic controller was guiding Flight 3379 before it crashed, but Hall said interviews with tower officials showed the controller was under supervision and that the flight was handled normally.

The plane's engines, made by Allied Signal Inc., had 200 and 500 hours of use since overhauls earlier this year, the NTSB said. Regulations allow 5,000 hours between overhauls, said Bill Reavis, a company spokesman.

Power loss in one engine alone should not have caused the accident, said Stuart Matthews, president of the Flight Safety Foundation in Arlington, Va., and John Mazor, a spokesman for the Airline Pilots Association.

New England comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Water pact reached

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California and the federal government have agreed on a plan to protect San Francisco Bay and its delta, which provides water to 20 million people and irrigates much of the nation's fruit and vegetable crop.

The state water-quality standards announced Thursday are a compromise forged among competitors — farmers, city dwellers and environmentalists.

"Peace has broken out amid the water wars," said Gov. Pete Wilson, describing what he called a landmark agreement as Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner stood at his side.

The three-year pact limits the volume of water that can be diverted to agriculture and cities in an attempt to protect endangered fish species threatened by encroaching ocean water. In exchange, farmers and cities get a more reliable supply.

The agreement does not specify precisely how much water will go where, leaving the details to state and local officials.

The Environmental Defense Fund and the Natural Heritage Institute hailed the agreement, as did farmers and cities.

In recent decades, water quality in the delta and bay has become a concern as the diversion of water to farmers and cities led to environmental damage as salty ocean water intruded into the estuary.

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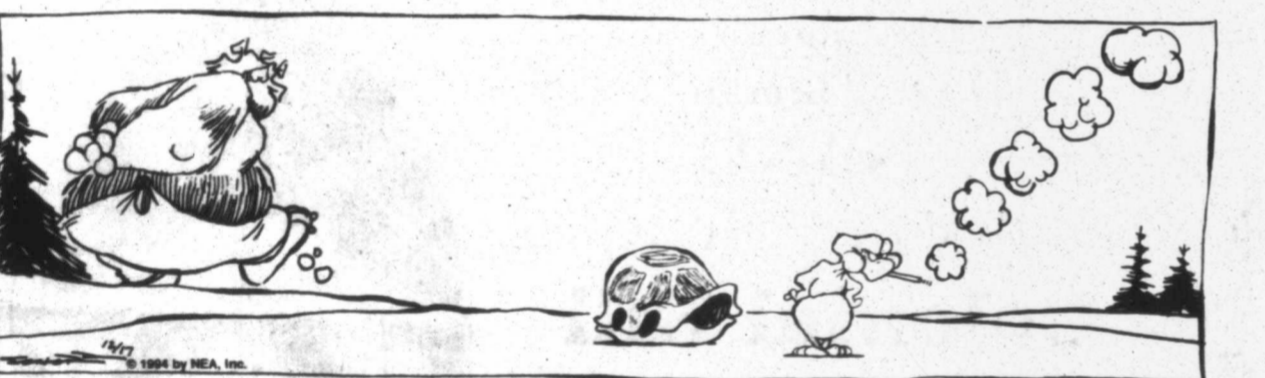
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- Composer
- Jerome —
- Impudence (sl.)
- Wedding

column word

- The Three —
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- Western hemisphere
- Negative vote
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- Negative prefix
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- Baseball team
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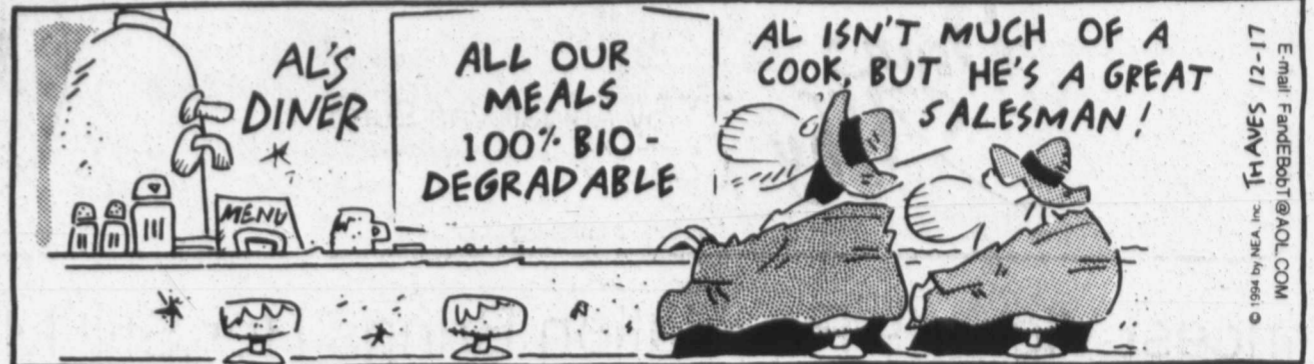
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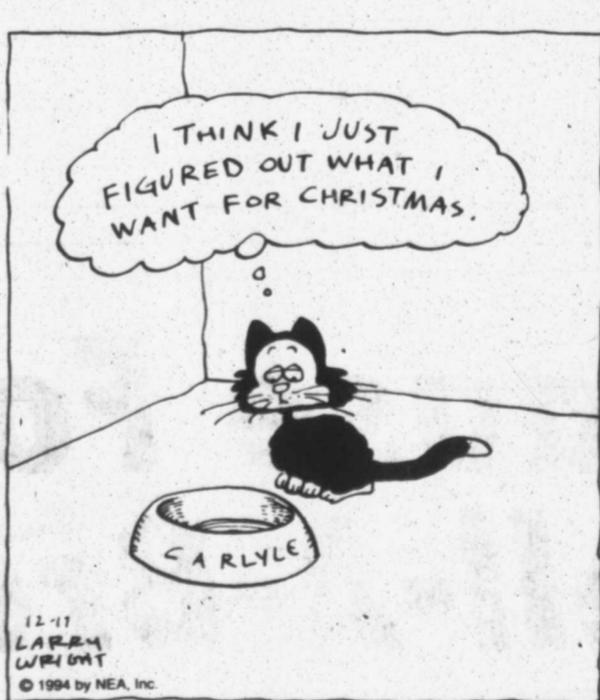
The son of **Fernando Lamas** and **Arlene Dahl**, **Lorenzo Lamas** starred in a number of TV shows before carving out a career as the all-action hero of martial arts movies like "Killing Streets" and "Bad Blood."

- On which 1980s TV show did **Lorenzo Lamas** play **Lance Cumson**?
- Name the star of Hollywood swimming musicals who married **Fernando Lamas** in 1967.
- Arlene Dahl** had previously been married to which screen **Tarzan** (and subsequent husband of **Lana Turner**)?

Answers: 1) "Falcon Crest" 2) Esther Williams 3) Lex Barker



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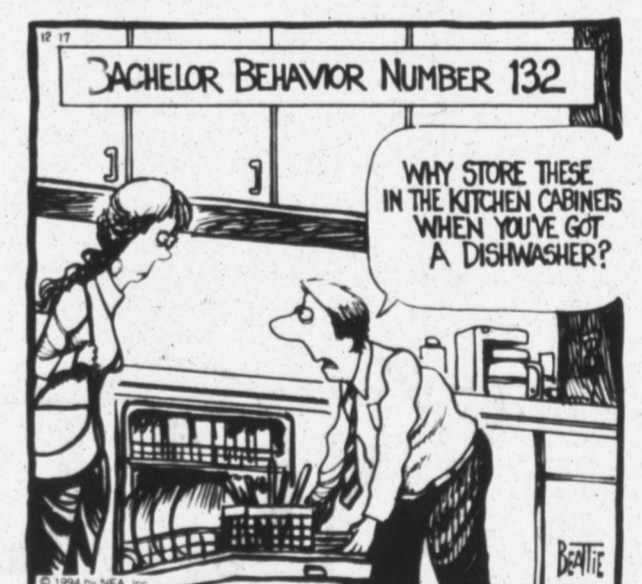


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"Boy, I got on my own nerves today."

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Was medical exam unprofessional?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there any valid medical reason for a pediatrician to feel the breasts of a 12-year-old girl? Ours indicated he was simply checking for lumps; however, I don't believe him. The visit to his office was prompted by tonsillitis. While my daughter has had this illness many times before, he never found it necessary to examine her breasts until I accompanied her for the first time. Prior to that, she was accompanied on each visit by her uncle. I'm seeking a second opinion before calling a lawyer and the police.

DEAR READER: If your daughter's tonsillitis was enough reason for her pediatrician to perform a full examination, a breast examination was appropriate. That is, if he checked her throat, ears, lymph glands, chest, heart, and abdomen, a breast exam is understandable under these circumstances.

In my practice, I often see pre-teen children whose mothers may not have insisted on routine exams — until the youngsters become ill with relatively inconsequential ailments. In these instances, I take the opportunity to examine the children rather completely because they should have such examinations, and I know full well that I may not see them again for another two or three years.

For girls, I customarily ask the mother to be present in the examining room. Therefore, I believe that your daughter's pediatrician probably behaved properly by doing a thorough examination.

If, on the other hand, the doctor merely looked into your daughter's throat, felt her breasts and did nothing more, his behavior was unprofessional.

The fact that the doctor had you present in the examining room suggests to me that his motives were beyond reproach.

Based on the information you've provided, I do not believe that anyone's best interests would be served by calling the police or a lawyer. This seems to be a serious over-reaction to a harmless situation. Involving the authorities unnecessarily could have unpleasant consequences (to all the parties) that are best avoided.

I recommend that you drop the issue. However, I would encourage you to be present during any subsequent examinations performed on your daughter.

I infer from your brief description that you are angry and have lost confidence in the pediatrician. This is a shame but it does happen on occasion to the best of doctors, no matter how hard we try to act professionally. As a result of this unfortunate communication breakdown, you and your daughter may feel more

comfortable changing to another pediatrician. This is one way to avoid future confrontations and antagonisms — and I'm sure the pediatrician would willingly transfer your daughter's records to a colleague.

Remember that a major component of good medical care is mutual trust and respect between doctors and their patients. If such a satisfactory doctor/patient relation is lacking, it's probably time to make changes.

Remember, too, that lawyers don't always simplify and resolve issues; attorneys may actually complicate and obfuscate. This is the way the system works.

Those patients who really do have a bona fide problem with a doctor will usually fare better by making a written complaint to the physician's County or State Medical Society. Grievance committees within these organizations will promptly investigate the complaint, issue a recommendation and take appropriate punitive action.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You had a column in the paper recently about an 82-year-old chain smoker. He obviously has no problems medically and you told him to quit smoking. He's certainly doing something right if he's lived for 82 years. It seems to me there are so many people in the United States trying to tell others how to live their life that it's disgusting. As an adult, I will live my life as I wish and suggest that the 82-year-old man do the same. Don't you know that changing the way a person of that age lives is more dangerous than allowing him to do what he wishes? Enough of those "holier-than-thou" attitudes!

DEAR READER: I suppose that, by extension, your argument would also cover alcohol and drug abuse, unhealthy diets, irresponsible driving, and a host of other self-destructive acts. I don't buy it.

People are interested in (and have a need to know) what makes them tick and how they can lead healthier, more productive lives. This is a process of enlightenment and education, not an attempt to make people follow a particular lifestyle.

If, in the 1920s and 1930s, someone had an inkling of how dangerous cigarettes are and could have convinced the public of this, millions of people would have chosen not to smoke — and millions of lives would have been saved.

Doctors' attitudes are not "holier-than-thou," rather, we try to guide those who look to us for advice.

An 82-year-old chain smoker isn't alive because he's "doing something right"; he's alive despite something he is doing wrong. This is hardly a justification for unhealthful behavior.

I hope you do continue to lead the life you wish; this is your right. Nonetheless, I also hope that you'll have the good sense to accept sound advice and alter your habits when you learn that changes are necessary.

I don't know where you got the idea that it's more dangerous to change one's life than "allowing him to do what he wishes." This runs completely counter to the facts, which prove that appropriate changes in a harmful lifestyle often lead to better health.

I agree with you that no one should force another person to make changes, unless that person's actions endanger others. However, I'm optimistic enough to believe that sensible people will alter their lives, if given suitable information and options.

Don't be so rigid. Be open to new suggestions and ideas. Don't YOU exhibit a "holier-than-thou" attitude.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently read that one tablespoon of apple cider vinegar taken before meals will aid digestion. Is there any truth to this claim?

DEAR READER: Drinking cider vinegar will not aid digestion. Don't believe everything you read — except in this column, of course.

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Members of the National League of Cities are governments of cities with 30,000 or more residents, and some state and municipal leagues. It is separate from the U.S. Conference of Mayors, whose membership is limited to mayors of cities with 30,000 or more residents.

Naked male driver leaves trail of death and questions

NEW YORK (AP) — As Julia Allan got ready for work before dawn, Michael Weeks walked the streets of Staten Island stark naked.

Allan, a devoted grandmother, and Weeks, a part-time bartender, were strangers. But by sunrise, they would share a coffin of melded metal and a story as perplexing as it is tragic.

Investigators believe Weeks deliberately caused a head-on collision that killed the two motorists on Dec. 2.

Worse yet, police concede that two patrol officers stopped a naked Weeks 15 minutes before the wreck, then let him drive off. The two officers were suspended pending the outcome of an investigation.

This week, a police spokesman confirmed to The Associated Press that three days before the crash, Weeks' parents told police their son was suicidal and asked for him to be committed to a psychiatric hospital. Three officers went to Weeks' home, but left him alone after deeming him "in control."

"The whole situation is disgusting," said Allan's oldest daughter, Laura. "It was so obvious this man needed professional help. This didn't have to happen."

When not enjoying her grandchildren, Allan, a 57-year-old native New Yorker, worked part-time at a supermarket. She also planned Laura's January wedding. "My shower was supposed to be the morning after the accident," Laura said.

Weeks, 27, who was single, moved to the borough of Staten Island from Florida with his family about 10 years ago, friends said. After his parents returned south, he stayed and worked sporadically while studying to be an insurance broker.

His passion was bodybuilding, said a friend who would only give his name as Arty. "He really took care of his body," Arty said. "He wouldn't even drink soda, you know?"

He last saw Weeks two days before his death. A broker's test that Weeks planned to take that weekend "was all he could talk about," Arty said.

"Everyone's making him out to be a monster. But suicide doesn't fit," Arty said.

Weeks' landlord, however, saw hints of turmoil. Manny DeMayo, who rented Weeks a room for \$75 a week, said he overheard Weeks arguing on the phone with his parents about money.

Three days before the wreck, Weeks' parents called police and asked for him to be committed, said Officer Scott Bloch, a police spokesman.

A sergeant, two officers and an ambulance crew went to Weeks' room, but "found no justification to remove him," Bloch said. "The guy was coherent, well-groomed, polite, in control."

The same could not be said for Weeks on the morning of Dec. 2. Callers to 911 reported a naked man running in traffic near an intersection miles away from Weeks' home.

Officers Vincent Lavio and Joseph Bonamo arrived at 5:37 a.m. as Weeks, still naked, was getting in his car.

By 5:52 a.m., Weeks was speeding along a four-lane boulevard. It was still dark when he purposely swerved over the yellow line and slammed into Allan's car, police said.

The impact propelled Allan's car back 20 feet into another car driven by an off-duty transit police detective. Investigators found no skid marks.

"He was coming directly at us, not braking at all," said Detective Robert McMillan, who suffered a neck injury. "There was no way the poor woman could get out of the way."

Three days later, police brass suspended Lavio and Bonamo.

Union officials said the officers were judged too harshly. The officers found Weeks "totally lucid," said a law enforcement source, speaking on condition of anonymity. "They just said 'Look, get yourself off the street and go home right now.'"

That explanation offers little comfort to Laura Allan, who postponed her wedding and moved in with her widowed father.

She refuses to let him drive alone.

The term New South describes the era that began in the South in the 1960s with a thriving economy and the election of state officials who advocated the abolition of racial segregation; Old South applies to the South before the Civil War.

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WEBELOS I DEN 4 — Webelos I in Den 4 who received awards recently are shown along with den leaders. From left, front row, Den Leader Darlene Stokes, scouts Trey Bowlin, two-year service star, archery, fishing and BB gun belt loops; Manuel F. Tarango Jr., recruiter patch; Michael Varnell, one-year service star, archery training and BB gun belt loops; Glenn Burns, Webelos, fitness, showman, communicator, aquanaut and handyman badges. Parents pictured are Sharon Bowlin, committee chairman Manuel F. Tarango, Celinda Varnell, cubmaster Glenn Burns and Jean Burns. (Contributed Photo)



WEBELOS II — Cub Scouts in Webelos II who received awards and parents are den leader David Stokes, scouts Jayme Boulware, scientist badge; Mark Haines, Webelos, fitness, readyman, scientist, aquanaut and handyman badges; Bobby Huddleston, Texas badge, archery, fishing, BB gun belt loops, scientist, readyman, compass point, badges; Ryan MaAnally, scientist, naturalist, compasspoint, geologist badges; Tyler Neves, scientist badge; Brodie Pierce, scientist and compass point badges; Justin Stokes, scientist and compass point badges. Back row from left, Mrs. Boulware, Paul and Judy Haines, James Swigert, Cindy McAnally, Mr. Neves, Mr. Pierce and assistant leader Darlene Stokes. (Contributed Photo)

Exxon award nixed

HOUSTON (AP) — An appeals court has reversed a 1991 jury verdict awarding \$47 million to 289 Exxon workers who suffered from asbestos-related diseases after working the company's Baytown plant.

The 14th Court of Appeals cited reports of some 900 lost trial exhibits in issuing its ruling Thursday.

The case was one of the first test cases for asbestos disease litigation, and one of the largest consolidated plaintiff cases in the county.

Plaintiffs stood to gain about \$164,000 per family if the verdict were upheld on appeal, attorneys said.

The damages had been assessed against Owens-Illinois Inc., Fibreboard Corp., Pittsburgh-Corning Co. and the Manville Corp. and its Asbestos Disease Compensation Fund.

The companies appealed in part because three batches of evidence, including medical record summaries from a plaintiffs' physician and summaries of biographical and medical information for each of the workers suing the companies, had been inadvertently lost or destroyed among the thousands of documents involved in the case.

"The biographical and medical summaries were the most detailed pieces of evidence that covered every plaintiff," the court said. "As a result, these summaries were critical evidence in this consolidated."

Some of the material was substituted, "but the accuracy of the substituted exhibits is questionable at best," the opinion said.

"We are the first to concede that reversal and remand is a harsh result, especially since neither party was at fault," it said. "However, the integrity of the system dictates that appellate records meet minimum requirements, one of which is accurate and complete statements of facts."

The Mason-Dixon Line is the boundary line between Pennsylvania and Maryland, generally regarded as separating the North from the South.

A CHRISTMAS ON SANTA STREET by Delainey and Rasmussen



Houston GOP wants to recruit minorities for court positions

HOUSTON (AP) — In the wake of an election sweep that knocked off nearly all of the minority judges in Harris County, local Republicans have issued a message to minorities: Welcome, fellow conservatives.

Top GOP leaders announced "Project Republican Opportunity" on Thursday, a program designed to recruit, train and support minority candidates.

Heading the initiative is outgoing Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay, who has pledged up to \$25,000 in donations for the project. Lindsay said recruiting minority candidates for judicial races will be a primary focus of the campaign.

"Today, the Harris County Republican Party is announcing to concerned citizens in minority communities that the opportunity to learn and to advance your future is here, with the Republican Party of Harris County," GOP County Chairwoman Betsy Lake said.

"Every talented conservative person in Harris County is welcome in our party," she said.

The countywide system of electing judges has come under increased fire since the Nov. 8 Republican landslide knocked off eight of the 10 minority judges on the local bench, all of whom were running as Democrats.

Harris County voters had no minority Republican incumbent judges to vote for in the Nov. 8 election and only two minority judicial candidates, both of whom lost. They were the only Republican judicial candidates here not to ride the countywide GOP sweep.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and a bipartisan committee have recommended changing to a mixed system that includes a merit selection process for electing judges.

But the state's top Republican,

'Werewolf' killer gets 50-year term

McALLEN (AP) — A Donna man convicted of fatally stabbing a woman because he thought she was a werewolf and a vampire was sentenced Thursday to 50 years in prison.

Rafael Nunez, 33, had claimed to be an angel sent to fight evil. He was convicted Wednesday in an Edinburg courtroom of stabbing 22-year-old Paula Hernandez three times in the heart in 1993.

State District Judge Fernando Mancias sentenced Nunez, 33, after a short hearing.

Dee Dee Myers leaving at year's end

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers Friday she's leaving her job at the end of the year and is undecided about what she will do next.

"It is time for me to move on to do other things," said Myers, the first woman to be the president's press secretary.

State Department spokesman Mike McCurry is the leading candidate to succeed her.

Myers' departure was widely expected. Earlier this year when she fought off an effort by White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta

Gov.-elect George W. Bush, opposes the plan. He favors attracting more minority candidates to the party as a solution.

Lindsay, like Bush, said the answer lies in luring more minority candidates to the party and assuring they can be successful.

'Werewolf' killer gets 50-year term

"I'm not surprised by the judge's ruling," said Ofelia de los Santos, one of Nunez's court-appointed defense attorneys. "If we had gone to the jury for punishment, which we elected not to, I think it would have been a lot higher than that."

A central issue in the trial was whether Nunez is legally insane or faking his eccentricities.

Despite the verdict, Ms. de los Santos maintains Nunez is insane. She said she hopes the prison system can diagnose him properly to avoid future problems.

to move her to another job, Myers said she would leave before 1995.

Asked if were forced from the job, Myers said, "I'm neither jumping nor being pushed. I'm walking away when I think it's the best time."

She said it's difficult to be the first woman in any job and added, "Washington is still in many ways a male-dominated city."

Myers said she was considering a number of offers and indicated she planned to go on the speech circuit for awhile.

Her resignation was first reported by The Washington Post.

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