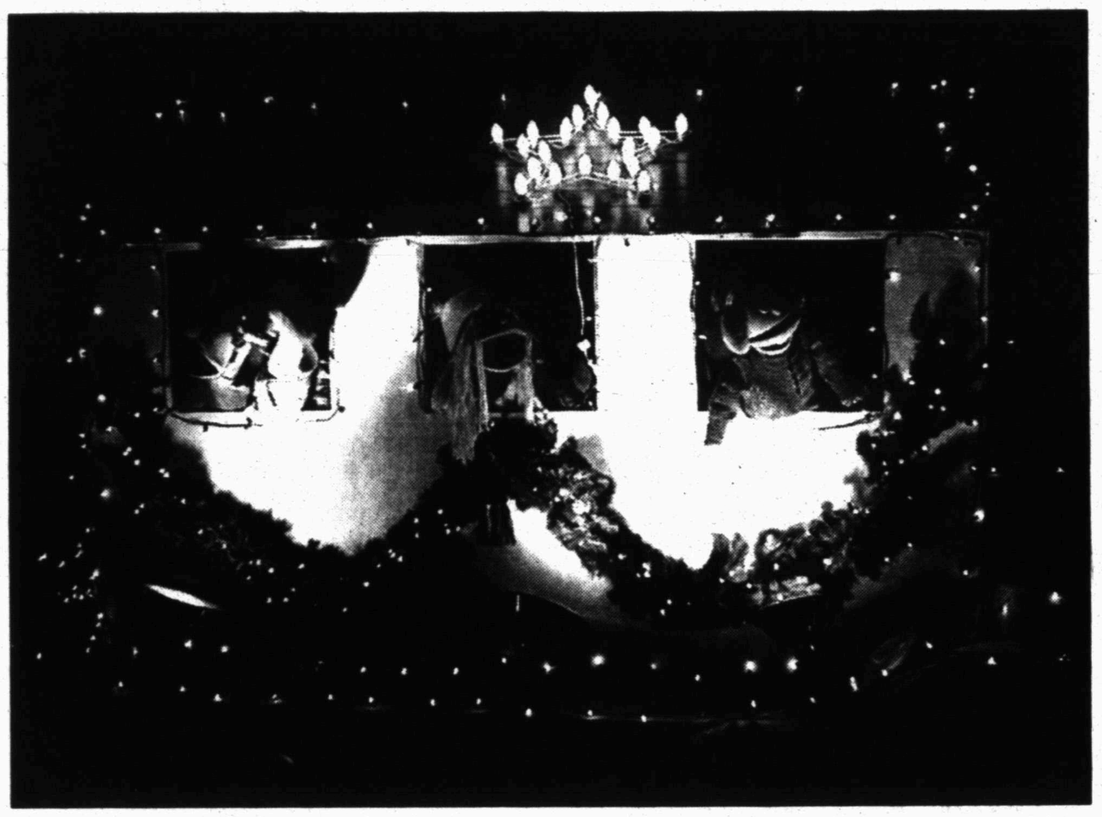
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PARADE WINNER — Colonial Hill Baptist Church won first place for the most unique use of lights in Snyder's annual Christmas parade Saturday evening. Second place was a 1923 Roadster entered by David Cain. The employees of Scurry County won first place in the best use of lights while Snyder Cheer Stars won second in that category. (SDN Staff Photo)

Volatile vapors, faulty wiring cited during TWA flight probe

BALTIMORE (AP) — Vapors in the nearly empty center fuel tank of TWA Flight 800 were likely ready to explode even before the plane left the ground, according to newly released reports on the TWA Flight 800 explosion.

Investigators also discovered wires with insulation worn away in bundles of wiring leading through the plane's center fuel tank. In some sections of the miles of wiring retrieved from the ocean, investigators found the insulation was corroded or cracked to the core.

The National Transportation Safety Board on Sunday released thousands of pages of information gathered since the July 17, 1996, tragedy killed 230 passengers and crew members off the coast of Long Island.

Beginning today, NTSB Chairman James Hall was to hold a week-long hearing to gather even more information.

The documents and the hearings may help the NTSB pressure the Federal Aviation Administration to adopt potentially costly recommendations to reduce temperatures in fuel tanks so they cannot explode.

The NTSB revealed the results of tests last July in which it used another Boeing 747 to try to duplicate conditions faced by Flight 800.

During the simulation, the agency found temperatures in the nearly empty center fuel tank before the plane took off were as high as 145 degrees, much higher than the 100 degrees at which an explosion can be touched off.

"The temperature of the tank is very important because we're looking at the flammability of the vapors in the tank, at which point they become explosive and can cause an explosion similar to TWA 800," Hall said this morning on NBC's "Today" show.

One of the theories on which investigators are focusing is that the catastrophic explosion in the plane's center fuel tank may have been sparked by a surge of high voltage electricity, which was transferred through damaged low voltage wiring to the tank's fuel measuring rods.

Texas death row...

Ruling opens the door for woman's execution

HOUSTON (AP) — Karla Faye Tucker, one of seven women on the Texas death row, lost an appeal today before the U.S. Supreme Court, clearing the way for the first execution of a woman in Texas since the Civil War.

Ms. Tucker, 38, was convicted of killing a 27-year-old Houston man with a pickax during a burglary of the man's apartment in June 1983. A woman also was hacked to death with the 3-foot-long pickax, which was left embedded in her chest by her killers.

Ms. Tucker's companion, Daniel Garrett also received a death sentence in the case. He died in 1993 of liver disease while in prison.

The Supreme Court's ruling was announced today in Washington without comment.

As is the procedure, Harris County authorities said they soon would go to a district court judge in Houston to request an execution date. According to Texas law, the date would be set at least 30 days in advance.

"We're going to ask for something for the end of January or the first part of February," Roe Wilson, an assistant district attorney in Harris County, said today. "That's really the next step.

"I anticipate we'll just have this huge media storm. Ultimately, it's going to be up to the governor."

Gov. George W. Bush says he has not reviewed Ms. Tucker's case yet, but has been a staunch supporter of the death penalty.

Texas has executed 143 convicted killers since the death penalty resumed in the state in 1982. That's the most of any state.

No women, however, have been among those to receive lethal injection.

Nationally, since the high court in 1976 allowed the death penalty to resume, only one woman, Velma Barfield in North Carolina, was executed. That was 13 years ago.

In Texas, Chipita Rodriguez was the last woman to be executed, hanged in 1863 for the murder of a horse trader.

Ms. Tucker has had several execution dates but all have been halted by court reprieves.

At her trial, she testified that she began using marijuana at the age of 8, switched to heroin at 10, became a groupie and toured with a rock group when she was 13 and eventually turned to prostitution to support her drug habit. She has not denied participating in the murders but says she now is a changed person, is off drugs and has found religion.

Supreme Court ruling...

University loses bid to withhold records

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Ohio university seeking to shield its student disciplinary records from public scrutiny lost a Supreme Court appeal today.

The justices, without comment, let stand a ruling by Ohio's highest court that forces Miami University to release the records to the school's student newspaper.

In other action, the court:

—Refused to reinstate a fine against a California man accused of violating federal campaign contribution limits in giving to Jack Kemp's presidential campaign during 1987. The court, without comment, turned away an appeal by the Federal Election Commission.

—Rejected an appeal by a Louisiana journalist who sought access to FBI surveillance tapes sought under the Freedom of Information Act. The court, without comment, turned away R.E. Payne's argument that FBI surveillance tapes made during a 1980 investigation should be disclosed under the Freedom of Information law.

In the disciplinary records dispute, the newspaper, The Miami Student, wants to use the information to track student crime trends on campus.

"Crimes and other student misconduct are escalating at campuses across the nation," the Ohio Supreme Court said last July. "For potential students and their parents, it is imperative that they are made aware of all campus crime statistics and other types of student misconduct in order to make an intelligent decision of which university to attend."

The state court added: "Likewise, for students already enrolled in a university, their safety is of utmost importance. Without full public access to disciplinary proceeding records, that safety may be compromised."

In the appeal acted on today, lawyers for the university argued that releasing the information under Ohio's open-records law puts the Oxford, Ohio, school in jeopardy of violating the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

The federal law bars the release of "education records" that can be "personally identifiable."

In a friend-of-the-court brief, Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery urged the justices to study Miami University's case.

She said Ohio's 12 public universities and two freestanding medical schools "have an untenable choice: they may comply with the federal mandate to protect student disciplinary records from disclosure ... or they can follow the Ohio Supreme Court's current mandate."

Lawyers for the student newspaper said no such conflict exists. They said the state court order "did not require Miami to disclose records ... that contained any personally identifiable information."

The state court's order said the school must release only records that reflect "the general location of the incidents, the age and sex of the students (which do not identify the student), the nature of the offense and the type of disciplinary penalty imposed."

The state court ruled by a 5-2 vote that the sought-after information did not meet the federal law's definition of "education records."



WTC wrapping up semester

Students at Western Texas College are wrapping up the 1997 fall semester this week with finals today, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The last exam time will be from 11 until 11:50 a.m. Wednesday for Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes.

The campus will close Friday, and will not reopen until Jan. 5. Faculty will report back on Jan. 14.

Registration for the spring 1998 semester will begin Jan. 19 for sophomore students. Freshmen will register Jan. 20.

The first day of classes will be Jan. 21.

Sec. Albright visits Africa

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first time Madeleine Albright made an official visit to sub-Saharan Africa, firefights punctuated nearly every stop, especially Somalia. On her second tour, she watched the bones of massacred Rwandans unearthed from a church that had become a mass grave.

Now, most of central, eastern and southern Africa is at peace — or at least not at war. And Albright returns this week as secretary of state to encourage a new generation of African leaders intent on rebuilding nations devastated by decades of violent rule and neglect.

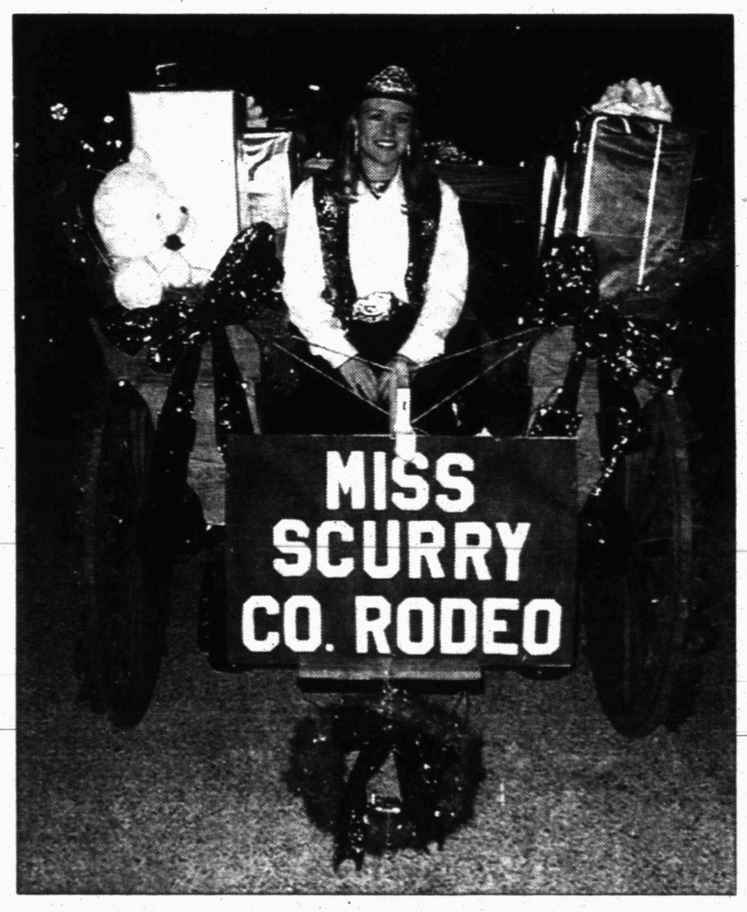
"There is now more reason for optimism about Africa's future than at any time since many African countries achieved independence over 30 years ago," declared Susan Rice, the new assistant secretary of state for African affairs who is accompanying Albright on her weeklong tour.

"While conflicts, coups and corruption persist in some quarters, the larger story is that of a wave of change rolling across Africa."

The administration is focusing on sub-Saharan Africa like never before with President Clinton planning a visit next year, the first by a chief executive since Jimmy Carter in 1978. Hillary Rodham Clinton traveled to Africa last March.

Clinton's new special envoy to Africa, Jesse Jackson, just paid a visit. And Bill Richardson has traveled to hot spots several times since succeeding Albright as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations early this year.

Fulfilling a promise to tour Africa during her first year as secretary of state, Albright will visit seven countries in the trip beginning today. After addressing the Organization of African Unity in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, she'll meet with presidents and prime ministers and visit women's and children's projects to promote reform in Uganda, Rwanda, Congo, Angola, South Africa and Zimbabwe — nations that represent a range of success stories, fragile governments and delicate peace.



SCURRY COUNTY COUNTRY CHRISTMAS — Adding a country flavor to the Christmas parade was a horse and buggy "float" with 1997 Scurry County Rodeo Association Queen Shelly York. Twenty-one entries were in the annual event, sponsored by the chamber of commerce. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—Who is responsible for cleaning up after vehicle accidents on city streets?

A—If a wrecker tows a vehicle, it is the responsiblity of the wrecker service to clean the street. Otherwise, the parties involved in the accident are responsible for the cleanup.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 43 degrees; low, 32; high Sunday, 51; low, 41; 7 a.m. Monday, 42; .20 of a an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 24.16 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low 40-45. W wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny, windy, cooler. High 60-65. W wind 20-30 mph, gusty.



Lindsey Small
Windy, cooler

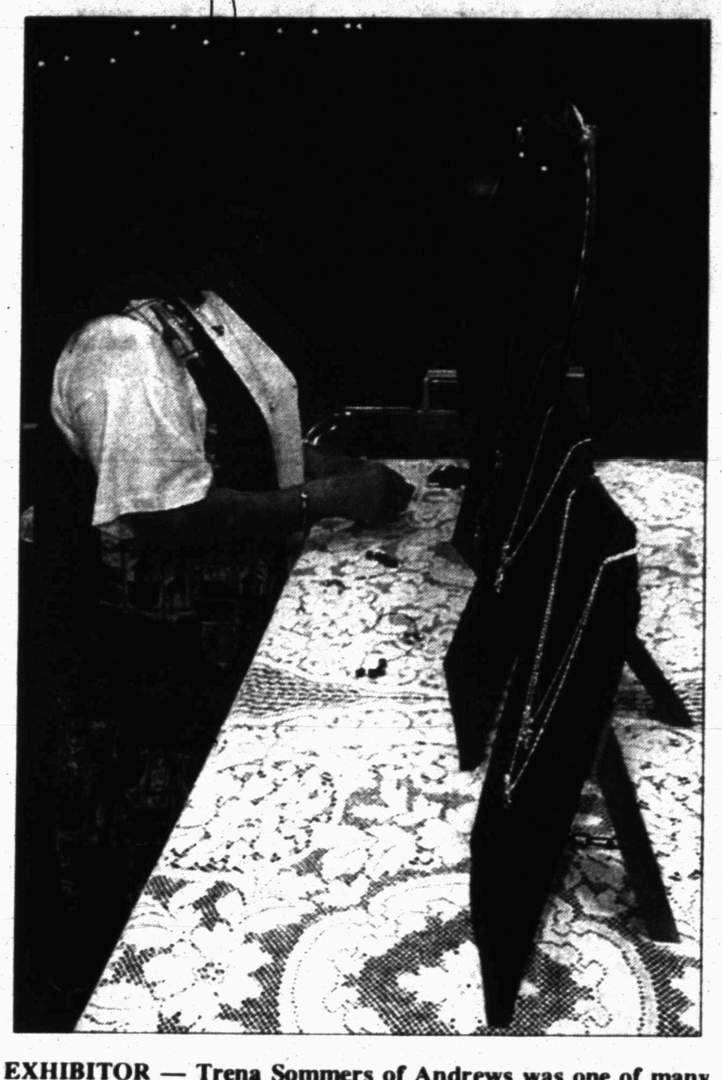
Sunset: 5:41 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:31 a.m.
Of 341 days in 1997, the sun has shone 326 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Failure doesn't mean you are a failure...it just means you haven't succeeded yet.

Robert Schuller

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EXHIBITOR — Trena Sommers of Andrews was one of many exhibitors at the annual arts and crafts show held over the weekend at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Survivors remember fallen comrades

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — Ike Sutton does not need it to be Dec. 7 to remember Pearl Harbor.

For Sutton, who was strafed by bullets in the surprise 1941 attack by the Japanese, every day is Pearl Harbor.

"We saw these planes, then these things that looked like torpedoes heading for Battleship Row," said Sutton, who was on a small boat at the time. "I just went out into the middle of the harbor and started pulling people out of the water."

Sutton, 83, recalled his story on Sunday during ceremonies marking the 56th anniversary of the attack.

Sutton was one of a handful of Pearl Harbor survivors attending the invitation-only remembrance aboard the USS Arizona Memorial. A total of 1,177 crewmen assigned to the Arizona died in the attack, including 945 entombed inside the ship.

"Listen. In this place you can hear the voices of the dead," said Adm. Archie Clemins, commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. "Look. In this place you can see them, the tears of the dead. This is the spirit of the men of the USS Arizona."

Participants marked a moment of silence at 7:55 a.m., the exact time the attack began. When it was over some three hours later, 2,403 people were dead, 21 U.S. ships sunk, 185 planes destroyed and a nation was plunged headlong into World War II.

From that dark day, the true spirit of the American people and their military was shown, Clemins said.

"The men of the Arizona did not die in vain," he said. "They will not fade into the mist of time. They came to the ship as boys and they died as men in a bond of bravery."

After a missing man F-15 flyover, representatives of the military branches and veterans organizations placed wreaths before the ceremony ended with echo taps and a 21-gun salute.

"There is no more humbling experience than to stand in such a place," said Rear Adm. William Sutton, commander of Naval Base Pearl Harbor. "So many great heroes ... we owe you a debt of gratitude that can never be paid back."

Later in the day the remains of two Navy veterans who were assigned to a ship that survived Pearl Harbor had their ashes scattered in the harbor during a ceremony attended by their families and a half-dozen other Pearl Harbor surviviors.

Jack Carson and Jack Beardsley both served on the USS Henley, which virtually went unscathed except for a few bullets during the attack. The two later survived at sea for nearly a day after the ship sunk in the Coral Sea in 1943.

"This is where he wanted to come because of all his friends," said Frances Carson, who cried as the ashes of her husband disappeared upon contact with the water.

Carson of Sherwood, Ore., died in June and Beardsley of Carson City, Nev., died in August.

No one who was on board the USS Arizona at the time of the attack was present at the ceremony. Fewer than one dozen men designated as Pearl Harbor survivors were on hand, most from the USS West Virginia, which was also sunk during the attack.

Keith Hill, 75, was standing watch on the West Virginia when he saw squadrons of Japanese planes swooping down on Pearl Harbor.

"Bombs were falling. I ran to my battle station," Hill said. "One torpedo after another. You could just feel the ship shudder. Guys were laying all over the deck ... I jumped into the water and made it to a small whale boat that was just pulling away."

Richard Fiske was also on board the West Virginia. In the intervening years since the attack, he has become close friends with five of the Japanese pilots who bombed Pearl Harbor.

The 75-year-old Fiske lays roses every month at the USS Arizona Memorial on behalf of one of the Japanese fliers, who views the gesture as a personal act of sorrow for his role in the attack.

"Like my friend says, now that the warlords are gone, we can be friends," Fiske said.

Collins makes Christmas special

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Christmas is extra special below the Mason-Dixon line for Judy Collins.

"Christmas is a very big deal in the South," the folk singer said Friday. "It's in our bones."

That's why she went to the Blue Ridge Mountains to make her holiday TV special, "A Judy Collins Christmas at the Biltmore Estate," which airs Monday on the A&E cable channel.

"It's not a Christmas special with a lot of hijinks, Collins said. "It's the straight skinny."

Collins also has two new CDs out, "Forever, The Judy Collins Anthology," and a Christmas CD from the Biltmore concert.

"It's not about material things," Collins said. "These songs celebrate the spiritual value of the holiday."

Born and reared in Seattle, Collins' Southern roots run deep, nevertheless. Her parents moved the family from Tennessee and she still has lots of relatives in the South.

The Biltmore Estate, a 250-room chateau in the mountains near Asheville, was built by George W. Vanderbilt around the turn of the century. The home is still owned by the family and is one of the South's most popular tourist attractions.

And then there's the rich kid who thought he could flaunt the traffic laws with impunity. He was guilty of driving under the affluence.

Our minister is getting pretty testy these days. It's about time to remind us again that churchgoing and worshiping are different.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wives of Promise Keepers Say Husbands Are Now Better Men

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DEAR ABBY: You opened a can of worms by printing the letter from "Suspicious in Illinois" about her belief that "groups of men who fill stadiums" are told to "be in control of every major facet of life." She is obviously talking about the Promise Keepers organization that literally saved my marriage, but she needs to get her facts straight. The main objective of the Promise Keepers is to be men of integrity, men who can be trusted to do what they say — starting at home with their families.

My husband reluctantly went to a Promise Keepers rally in Seattle a few years ago. When he came home he was a changed man. He said they spent an entire afternoon on "how to honor your wife," and he worked hard to live up to what he had learned — like really listening to me, spending time alone with me (outside the bedroom), and insisting that the kids respect my decisions.

Our marriage immediately took a turn for the better. We still have our troubles, but because of Promise Keepers we're working them out. I'm glad my man is a Promise Keeper!

JANE CULBERTSON, LAKE OSWEGO, ORE.

DEAR JANE: The vast majority of the mail I have received about the Promise Keepers has come from enthusiastic wives such as yourself. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My husband belongs to that group "Suspicious" says preach that men should control every major facet of life. She's wrong, Abby. They aren't male supremacists.

Frankly, any group that helps my husband grow spiritually and brings him closer to me I will support 100 percent. Marriage is very difficult in this age, and we need all the help we can get.

I handle the finances in my family because I'm better at it than my husband, and we're partners who use each other's abilities to build a successful marriage.

HAPPY MY HUSBAND KEEPS HIS PROMISES, NORFOLK, VA.

DEAR HAPPY: If you are handling the finances, you would hardly qualify as a subjugated woman. Thank you for the input. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have just returned from serving as a volunteer for one of those conferences that "fills stadiums full of men." I heard 100 percent of what was said during a two-day Promise Keepers conference of about 55,000 men, which my husband and several friends attended.

At no time were the men told they should be in control of every major facet of life. No male supremacy messages were given at all. They *were* instructed to give that control to their Maker and God.

All day long I assisted attendees as they purchased T-shirts, caps, books and tapes to take home to their families. The men treated me with the utmost respect and honor, thanking me for my willingness to volunteer my time. They spoke of their wives with love and respect. Nothing was said or done that was in any way demeaning or condescending to women. The Bible was used as the source for all instruction. The Bible speaks of the leadership of men, but never in such a way as to put down women.

My husband and I have just celebrated 30 years of marriage. When he began to assume his God-given responsibilities, our marriage improved. We have worked together for 25 years, and the biblical principles that have governed our marriage have also governed our business.

Thank you for the chance to speak my mind.

CHERYL CRAIN, LEWISVILLE, TEXAS

DEAR CHERYL AND THE MANY WOMEN WHO WROTE IN SUPPORT OF PROMISE KEEPERS: Thank you for your heartfelt input. I learn from my readers every day, as my readers say they learn from me, and I thank you for your candor.

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Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

'Squiggy' joins soap opera cast

NEW YORK (AP) — He must be bold.

David L. Lander, best known as Squiggy on "Laverne and Shirley," is joining the cast of the soap opera, "The Bold and the Beautiful."

"People can't quite believe I'm on a soap, least of all this one," Lander says in the Dec. 13-19 TV Guide.

Starting with the Christmas Eve episode, he'll be seen as Dr. Martin Guthrie — brother of Mike, the show's diabolical security guard.

Making the switch to drama raised some eyebrows.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Lario Oil and Gas Company has completed the No. 5 Shuler in the Tonto field, six miles northeast of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 27 barrels of oil and 148 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,978-082 feet, and location is in Section 443, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Spaulding Energy Inc. has completed the No. 82 Fuller in the Corazon field, two miles northwest of Fullerville. The venture was completed to produce 21 barrels of oil and 48 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,040-186 feet, and location is in Section 88, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Spalding Energy Inc. has completed the No. 3-B Fuller in the Corazon field, two miles northwest of Fullerville. The well was completed to produce 47 barrels of oil and 140 barrels of water. Perforations were from, 2,037-296 feet, and location is in Section 88, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Halvey Energy Co. has completed the No. 1 Graham Smith, located four miles west of Ira. The well was finaled to produce 42 barrels of oil and four barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,350-444 feet, and location is in Section 4, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2 Lois Allen in the Sharon Ridge field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 159, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 4 Lois Allen in the Sharon Ridge field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 159, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 5 Lois Allen in the Sharon Ridge field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Contracted for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 159, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 6 Lois Allen in the same field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Also set for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 159, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 7 Lois Allen in the Sharon Ridge field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. The well will be drilled to 3,500 feet, and drill site is in Section 159, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 8 Lois Allen in the Sharon Ridge field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 159, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Apache Corporation will drill the No. 6364 Cogdell Canyon Reef field unit, 13 miles north of Snyder. The re-entry is planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 552, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Apache Corporation will drill the No. 6341 Cogdell Canyon Reef field unit, 13 miles north of Snyder. The re-entry is planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 551, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Apache Corporation will drill the No. 5354 Cogdell Canyon Reef field unit, 14 miles north of Snyder. The re-completion is planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, and drill site is in Section 551, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Pioneer Natural will drill the No. 11 Etta Brown in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,450 feet, drill site is in Section 11, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Kent County

Dynnamic Production Inc. will drill the No. 5 Stewart in the SMSD field, 12 miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 6,800 feet, location is the John Rod[illegible] No. 4.

Garza County

Rising Star Energy will drill the No. 1-A El Gato, a 9,400-foot wildcat located 17 miles southwest of Post. Location is in Section 1, Block 10, EL&RR survey.

Nolan County

Hallwood Petroleum has completed the No. 2 Guthrie in the Weaver Springs field, 15 miles southeast of Sweetwater. The well was finaled to produce 272 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 4,715-5,200 feet, and location is in Section 73, Block 5, T&P survey.

The United States Air Force has scheduled Community Meetings in Southwest Texas and Northern and Eastern New Mexico to inform the public of an upcoming military airspace training proposal called the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative. The Air Force asks concerned citizens, organizations and agencies to attend. The Air Force is seeking input to better develop alternatives for the proposed initiative. This training proposal would change the use of existing military high-altitude and low-altitude training airspace in Northern and Eastern New Mexico as well as Southwestern Texas, and includes the use of several 15-acre sites for ground-based electronic training facilities. The Community Meetings will also include discussion of the Environmental Impact Analysis Process and outline the need for active public involvement throughout the process, including Public Scoping Meetings planned for the January-February 1998 timeframe.

Community Meetings are scheduled at the following locations:

Crane, TX
December 9, 1997
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Northside Community Building
113 Catherine

Monahans, TX
December 10, 1997
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Ward Co. Convention Ctr.
400 E. 4th St.

Ft. Davis, TX
December 11, 1997
7 - 8:30 p.m.
District Courthouse
Corner of Court & Main

Snyder, TX
December 16, 1997
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Chamber of Commerce Boardroom
2302 Ave. R

For further information, contact the Public Affairs Office, 7th Bomb Wing, 650 Second Street, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, 79607-1960; telephone (915) 696-2861.

Slain Carrollton teen found in creek; five people arrested

CARROLLTON (AP) — Five men have been arrested on capital murder charges after the body of a teen-age girl who had been missing since Oct. 25 was found in a Grand Prairie creek.

The men were arrested Saturday in the death of Lindsay Williams, 17, of Carrollton. She had been shot several times and her body was wrapped in sheets and a garbage bag, Carrollton police said.

Investigators believe Miss Williams was killed after she refused to divulge the location of a friend who had fled with the group's drug money.

Charged with Miss Williams' death are: Shawn Tutton, 19, of Farmers Branch, being held in the Lew Sterrett Justice Center; two brothers, ages 15 and 16, and a 16-year-old friend, all of Carrollton, being held at the Dallas County Juvenile Detention Center; and John Harris, 19, of Carrollton, being held in Carrollton City Jail.

Tutton also was being held on $500,000 bond on a capital murder charge in an unrelated fatal shooting described by police as drug-related. Carrollton police said they were tipped to Miss Williams' death while investigating the other shooting.

Police said the suspects were part of a small-time drug ring. All have been arrested before on charges ranging from aggravated assault to burglary of a vehicle.

Police believe that Miss Williams was killed Oct. 25, the day she disappeared. Earlier in the day, she had gone with a male friend to a Carrollton apartment complex where the friend had planned to steal the suspects' drug money, Sgt. Jack Adams said.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

Defensive Driving Course Monday, completed Tuesday; Snyder Savings and Loan Community Room, 27th and College Ave.; 6 to 9 p.m.; for more information call 573-2850.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; Snyder National Bank Community Room; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Plainview FCEC; 2 p.m.; for more information call 573-6807.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's; 10 a.m.

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

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

SATURDAY

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

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

A TIME-TRAVELING CHRISTMAS by Jack & Carole Bender



Acclaimed Houston private eye retiring after 30 years

HOUSTON (AP) — Clyde Wilson is one private eye you didn't want to mess with if you weren't on the up-and-up yourself.

The grizzled 74-year-old is winding down a 30-plus-year career as Houston's most celebrated and colorful private investigator.

When allegations of theft and fraud surfaced at the Hermann Estate in the early 1980s, the charity's board turned to Wilson to ferret out the corruption.

It was a move many board members would soon regret.

Wilson's investigation not only uncovered evidence of theft and financial improprieties, he also traced the corruption all the way to the top.

And while board members maneuvered to rid themselves of him, Wilson was working hand-in-hand with law enforcement officials to put Hermann Estate administrators behind bars.

Wilson makes no apologies for his actions. He was hired to find the truth, he said, and that was exactly what he produced.

"If my client is dirty, I am not going to sweep it under the table," Wilson told the Houston Chronicle for Sunday's editions. "My job is to do an investigation and try to correct the wrongdoing."

Wilson is often described by friends as a man with simple manners, a quick wit and a deep intellect. When he puts those traits to work, he can be lethal.

"Clyde Wilson can sweet-talk a confession out of a person when no police officer ever could," said longtime friend David Berg.

Houston attorney Richard "Racehorse" Haynes was often on the opposite side of Wilson on criminal cases. And although Wilson's work harmed his clients, Haynes said he came to respect the private investigator.

One of Wilson's true gifts was his ability to track down information and build a profile on the subject he was investigating, Haynes said. But with the advent of the computer age, a new breed of private investigator is taking the place of the old-time "gumshoes" like Wilson.

"There will never be another Clyde Wilson," Haynes said. "But with all the advances in technology, the gift he gave us may no longer be required."

Wilson opened his first office as a private investigator in Houston in 1957, and two years later became partners with Philip Bradley, another Houston private eye.

For the next decade, he built a reputation for exposing public corruption and uncovering corporate wrongdoing.

In 1962, Wilson was hired to investigate the activities of the police chief and his underlings in Lufkin. Working from a makeshift office in a funeral parlor and employing an overturned coffin as a desk, Wilson uncovered evidence that the chief was accepting payoffs.

Ultimately the chief, an assistant chief and a local judge were arrested.

A year later, he uncovered similar malfeasance in Polk County, which resulted in a grand jury indictment against the county judge and all four county commissioners.

Wilson had his own run-in with the law in 1973, when he was charged in federal court with wiretapping six Hunt Oil Co. employees while working undercover for Dallas oilmen Nelson and Herbert Hunt.

He pleaded no contest and was given a two-year suspended sentence.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

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The flood continues

Books continue to arrive through the mail. The latest, though, is noticeably better than the average: "Focus on Declarer Play" by Danny Roth (Master Point Press). The author concentrates on three themes: choosing the best line, communication, and trump technique. You are presented with your hand, the dummy, the auction and the early play. You pause to work out the answer. Then you read Roth's analysis, which concludes with useful "points to remember."

The level of difficulty makes the book ideal for most players. I particularly liked this deal because I think many would go down. How would you plan the play in three no-trump? West leads a fourth-highest diamond six.

Although Roth is a Londoner, on the whole the bidding follows American methods, perhaps because the publishers are Canadian.

First check those top tricks. You have five: one spade and four hearts. The other four tricks are available from the clubs. Yet, as you must lose a trick to the club ace, there is a risk the defenders will take four diamonds and one club. The correct play is a *low* diamond from the dummy at trick one. Let East win a cheap trick with his nine, but the suit is instantly blocked. Even if diamonds are 4-3, not 5-2, with East on lead you are guaranteed a diamond trick if he continues the suit. And if he switches, you drive out the club ace, still having all four suits under control.

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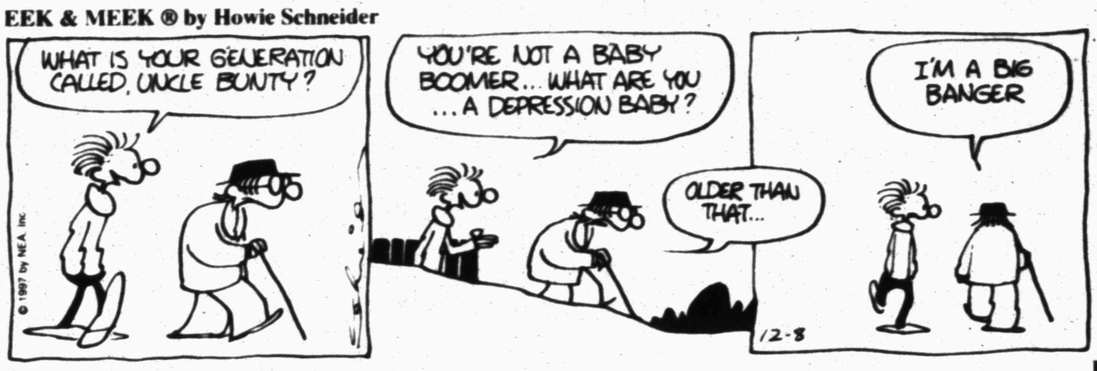
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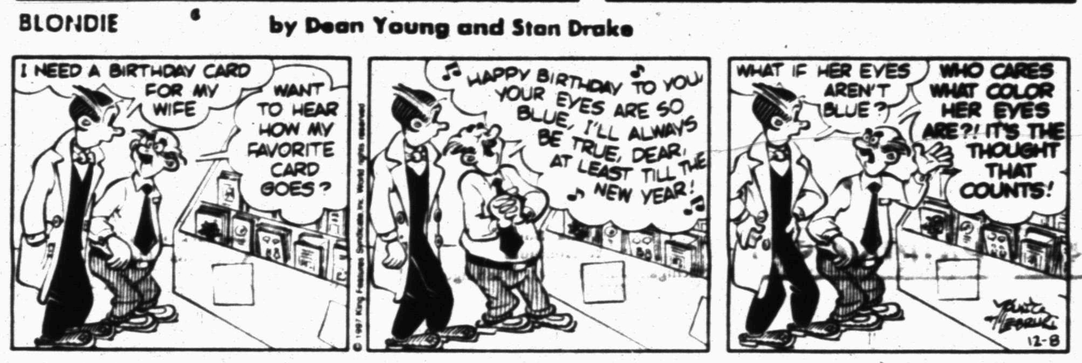


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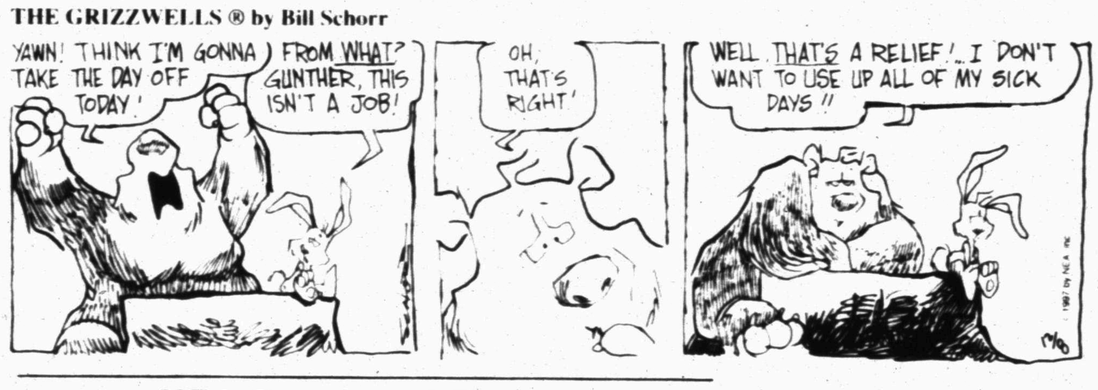
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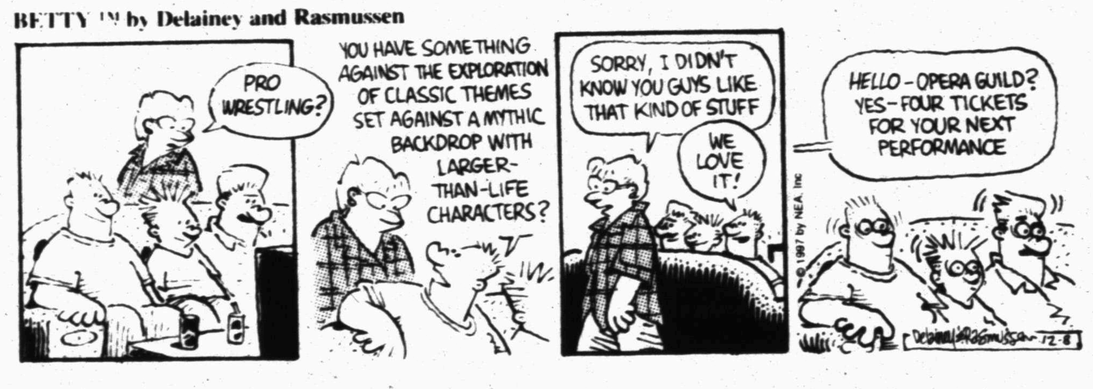
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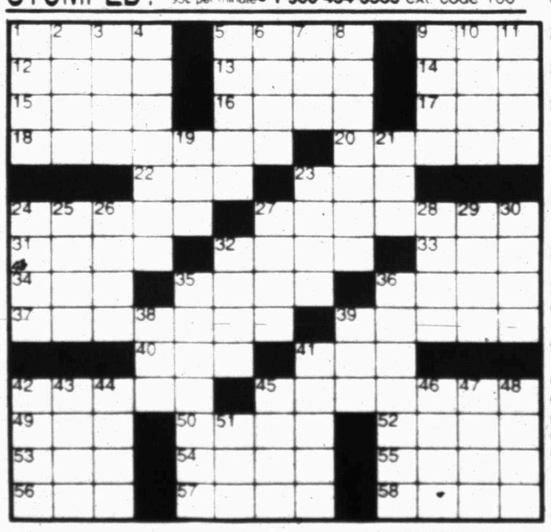
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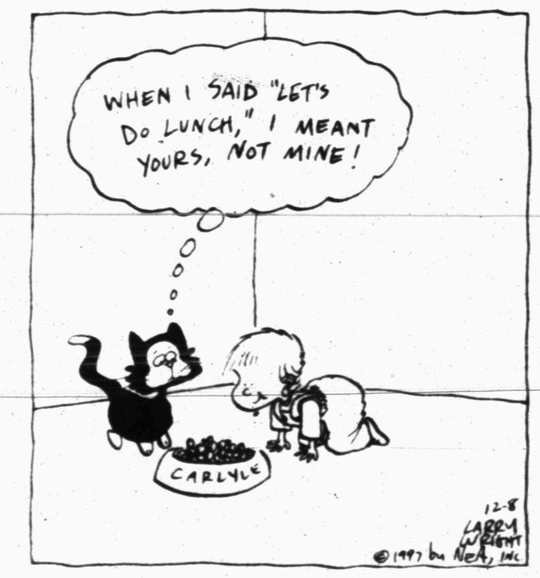
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SPORTS

Snyder learns from 54-49 overtime loss

WOLFFORTH — The Snyder Tigers will be talking about the one that got away.

Snyder, which led 36-28 entering the final quarter, fell 54-49 in overtime to Canyon Randall at the Frenship Tournament.

The loss drops the Tigers to 4-4 on the season, but coach Bud Birks believes the defeat was a learning experience for his team.

"The guys learned a lot from this game," Birks stated. "They'll take some things with them that they can build upon for the rest of the year.

"You want to be playing well by district and this game taught us some things that will help us later on."

The Tigers held a 28-18 halftime advantage and a 36-28 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

But the Raiders outscored Snyder, 18-10, in the final period to send the game into overtime.

In the extra session it was all Randall, as the Tigers could muster only three free throws compared to eight points for Randall.

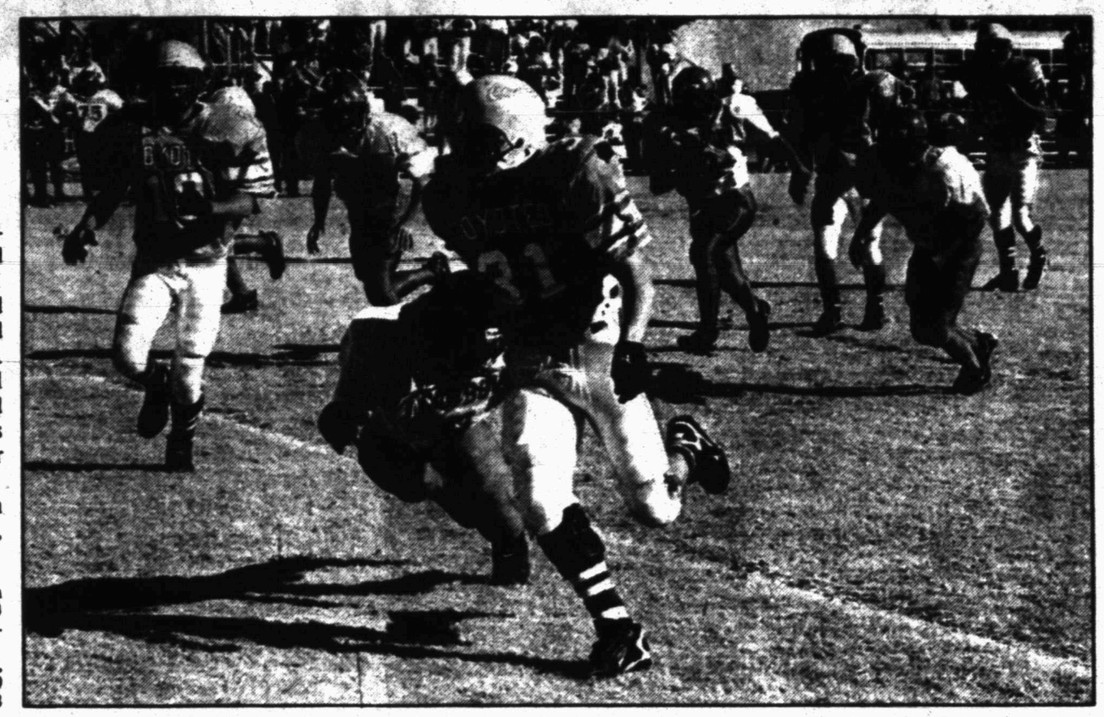
Snyder will be in action again Tuesday night at Lubbock High, beginning at 7:30.

RANDALL — Hunnicut 6 0-0 12, Mountain 3 1-2 9, Vest 0 3-4 3, Downs 0 1-2 1, Warmer 3 4-6 12, Turner 3 2-4 8, Truman 2 1-2 5, Paetzold 2 0-0 4. Totals 19 12-20 54.

SNYDER — Fabre 1 4-6 6, Warren 0 2-2 2, Riggins 3 0-0 6, Taylor 11 7-16 29, Cobb 1 0-0 2, McNair 1 0-0 2, Durham 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 13-24 49.

Randall	7	11	10	18	8 — 54
Snyder	11	17	8	10	3 — 49

Three-point goals: Randall 4 (Mountain 2, Warmer 2). Rebounds: Randall 11, Snyder 14. Total fouls: Randall 20, Snyder 19. Fouled out: Randall — Hunnicut, Turner; Snyder — Warren.



RUNNING TO STATE — Borden County's Ryan Grant (31) gains yardage during the Coyotes' victory over Grandfalls-Royalty earlier in the playoffs. Borden County trounced Lazbuddie, 68-22, Friday night in the semifinals, earning a berth in the state championship game. The Coyotes will face Panther Creek in the title contest Saturday at Abilene Wylie Stadium, beginning at 2 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

Lady Tigers fall 47-39 to Jackrabbits

BOWIE — The Lady Tigers, despite 16 points from freshman Ashley Delce, fell to Bowie, 47-39, Saturday.

Snyder still holds a 5-3 record on the season, while Bowie moves to 7-1.

The Lady Tigers found themselves trailing by a single point, 22-21, at halftime.

But the third quarter proved costly for Snyder.

Bowie posted 11 points in the third, including two three-pointers, while holding the Lady Tigers to five points.

Snyder's Melanie Kidd drained a three-point bucket in the fourth, but it wasn't enough as Bowie held on for the 47-39 victory.

Next on the Snyder schedule is a home game Tuesday against Abilene Cooper at 6:30.

SNYDER — Burleson 2 1-2 5, Delce 5 6-6 16, Kidd 1 2-6 5, Hess 3 2-3 8, Kallemeyn 2 1-2 5. Totals 13 12-21 39.

BOWIE — Cantrell 2 0-2 4, Webb 3 11-14 19, Hamilton 0 2-2 2, Sanders 4 2-2 10, Harrington 1 1-2 4, Deweber 1 0-0 2, Henry 1 0-0 2, Lahman 1 2-4 4. Totals 13 18-24 47.

Snyder	11	10	5	13	— 39
Bowie	13	9	11	14	— 47

Three-point goals: Snyder 1 (Kidd); Bowie 3 (Webb 2, Harrington 1). Total fouls: Snyder 18, Bowie 20. Fouled out: none.

Collum earns South Plains grid honors

Snyder's Chad Collum was named to the 1997 All-South Plains Football Team as compiled by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Collum, a 6'2" 245-pound senior defensive tackle, was a unanimous 2-4A First Team All-District selection for the Tigers.

Collum registered 40 tackles, 13 of those behind the line of scrimmage, and three sacks during Snyder's 3-8 playoff season.

Other 2-4A players named to the South Plains squad were Estacado's Warren Boyd, Jerome Flowers, E.J. Ume and Pat Sanders, along with Frenship's Jason Haynie and Travis Denson.

Player of the Year honors went to Andrews running back Shaud Williams, while Andrews' Mike Lebby nabbed Coach of the Year honors.

1997 Class 5A-4A
All-South Plains Team

Player of the Year: Shaud Williams, junior running back, Andrews.

Coach of the Year: Mike Lebby, Andrews.

Quarterback: Andrew Boatright, senior, Sweetwater.

Running Backs: Tyson Taylor, senior, Coronado; Warren Boyd, senior, Estacado.

Receivers: Dwight Smith, junior, Monterey; Travis Denson, senior, Frenship.

Offensive Linemen: Jerome Flowers, senior, Estacado; Kurt Miranda, junior, Big Spring; Landon Brim, senior, Sweetwater; Brandon Smith, senior, Coronado; Ricky Edwards, senior, Andrews.

Kicker: Andy McDannels, junior, Coronado.

Defensive Linemen: Chad Collum, senior, Snyder; Jay Scudder, senior, Andrews; Steven Weyman, senior, Sweetwater; Jeff Denton, senior, Big Spring.

Linebackers: Tray Smitherman, senior, Coronado; Jonathan Palafox, senior, Sweetwater; E.J. Ume, junior, Estacado.

Defensive Backs: Scott Rhodes, senior, Sweetwater; Pat Sanders, junior, Estacado; Waylon Mayfield, senior, Andrews; Jason Haynie, senior, Frenship.

Punter: Brad Barnes, senior, Sweetwater.

Cowboys hosts Panthers tonight

DALLAS (AP) — The NFC East offered no help for the Dallas Cowboys' playoff chances Sunday as the New York Giants and Washington Redskins both won their games.

The Giants burned the Eagles 31-21 in Philadelphia, while the Redskins beat the Arizona Cardinals 38-28 in Tempe, Ariz.

The wins mean the Cowboys' playoff hopes, already down to a single thread, will slip from improbability to impossibility with another loss.

That knowledge should prove to be cold comfort as Dallas readies to host the Carolina Panthers Monday night.

In a mediocre year for the NFC East, none of the division's teams are competing for wild-card playoff berths. The division championship is the only door to the postseason.

The best the 6-7 Cowboys can hope for is a 9-7 season by winning all of their remaining three games.

Even that won't be enough, and there is where scenarios become complicated. The Giants (8-5-1) must lose their last two games, including the regular season finale at Texas Stadium, to fall to 8-7-1.

Washington (7-6-1) will have Dallas' fate in its hands when the Redskins face the Giants next week. A Giants win over Washington would eliminate Dallas. But if Washington wins its last two regular-season games, against New York and Philadelphia, the Redskins finish at 9-6-1.

For the Cowboys to advance into the playoffs, they must beat Carolina on Monday night, the Cincinnati Bengals next week and the Giants in the finale. But Dallas would need help from a Washington win over the Giants next week followed by New York and Washington at 8-7-1 and Philadelphia at 8-7-1 or 7-8-1.

The nightmare of all nightmares would be if Philadelphia won its last two games, including the season finale over Washington; the Giants lost their last two games; and Dallas beat Carolina or Cincinnati and tied the other.

That would leave Dallas, New York, Washington and Philadelphia all with 8-7-1 records.

That scenario would leave Dallas in first place at 9-7, and a loss to Philadelphia (6-7-1) the week after.

COLLEGE BOWL GAMES SCHEDULE

College Bowl Games
At A Glance
Saturday, Dec. 20
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Air Force (10-2) vs. Oregon (6-5), 5 p.m. (ESPN2)

Thursday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, 11 a.m. (ABC)
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Michigan State (7-4) vs. Washington (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

Friday, Dec. 26
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall (10-2) vs. Mississippi (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 27
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
South Carolina State (9-2) vs. Southern University (10-1), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Arizona (6-5) vs. New Mexico (9-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
LSU (8-3) vs. Notre Dame (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 29
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Utah State (6-5) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Carquest Bowl
At Miami
Georgia Tech (6-5) vs. West Virginia (7-4), 6:30 p.m. (TBS)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Missouri (7-4) vs. Colorado State (10-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 30
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Oklahoma State (8-3) vs. Purdue (8-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 31
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Arizona State (8-3) vs. Iowa (7-4), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Pittsburgh (6-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Kansas State (10-1) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 6 p.m. (CBS)

Thursday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Wisconsin (8-4) vs. Georgia (9-2), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
North Carolina (10-1) vs. Virginia Tech (7-4), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Penn State (9-2) vs. Florida (9-2), noon. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas A&M (9-3) vs. UCLA (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan (11-0) vs. Washington State (10-1), 4 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida State (10-1) vs. Ohio State (10-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Friday, Jan. 2
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Clemson (7-4) vs. Auburn (9-3), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (12-0) vs. Tennessee (11-1), 7 p.m. (CBS)

Saturday, Jan. 10
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 17
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 1:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 18
Hula Bowl
At Wailuku, Maui
South vs. North, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

CLASS 5A
FINALS
Longview (14-0) vs. Katy (13-1), noon Saturday, Astrodome

DIVISION II
SEMIFINALS
Flower Mound Marcus (12-2) vs. Tyler John Tyler (12-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Alief Hastings (13-1) vs. New Braunfels (13-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
FINAL
Corsicana (12-2) vs. Texas City (13-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

DIVISION II
SEMIFINALS
Denison (14-0) vs. Mount Pleasant (9-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland
La Marque (11-3) vs. CC Calallen (14-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Buccaneer Stadium, Corpus Christi

CLASS 3A
SEMIFINALS
Aledo (14-0) vs. Commerce (14), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland
La Grange (12-2) vs. Sealy (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Astrodome, Houston

CLASS 2A
SEMIFINALS
Stanton (14-0) vs. Italy (14-0), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Gordon Wood Stadium, Brownwood
Alto (14-0) vs. Rogers (13-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Kyle Field, College Station

CLASS 1A
FINALS
Wheeler (11-3) vs. Granger (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

SIXMAN
FINALS
Borden County (14-0) vs. Panther Creek (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Wylie High School stadium, Abilene

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East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
NewEngland	9	5	0	.643	334	253
Miami	9	5	0	.643	327	272
N.Y.Jets	8	6	0	.571	307	274
Buffalo	6	8	0	.429	220	316
Indianapolis	2	12	0	.143	244	362
Central						
Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714	342	270
Jacksonville	9	5	0	.643	354	295
Tennessee	7	7	0	.500	298	283
Baltimore	5	8	1	.393	291	310
Cincinnati	5	9	0	.357	308	367
West						
KansasCity	11	3	0	.786	321	212
Denver	11	3	0	.786	417	250
Seattle	6	8	0	.429	305	332
Oakland	4	10	0	.286	294	377
SanDiego	4	10	0	.286	256	358

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y.Giants	8	5	1	.607	257	248
Washington	7	6	1	.536	282	227
Philadelphia	6	7	1	.464	268	317
Dallas	6	7	0	.462	260	240
Arizona	3	11	0	.214	244	326
Central						
GreenBay	11	3	0	.786	360	251
TampaBay	9	5	0	.643	268	217
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	302	317
Detroit	7	7	0	.500	352	283
Chicago	3	11	0	.214	235	380
West						
SanFrancisco	12	2	0	.857	332	210
Carolina	6	7	0	.462	214	240
Atlanta	6	8	0	.429	274	315
NewOrleans	5	9	0	.357	197	292
St.Louis	4	10	0	.286	259	328

Sunday's Games
Chicago 20, Buffalo 3
Pittsburgh 35, Denver 24
Green Bay 17, Tampa Bay 6
New England 26, Jacksonville 20
New York Giants 31, Philadelphia 21
Kansas City 30, Oakland 0
St. Louis 34, New Orleans 27
Baltimore 31, Seattle 24
Atlanta 14, San Diego 3
Indianapolis 22, New York Jets 14
San Francisco 28, Minnesota 17
Washington 38, Arizona 28
Miami 33, Detroit 30
Monday's Game
Carolina at Dallas, 8 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	12	5	.706	-
Orlando	13	7	.650	½
NewJersey	11	7	.611	1½
NewYork	11	8	.579	2
Washington	8	11	.421	5
Boston	7	11	.389	5½
Philadelphia	5	11	.313	6½
Central Division				
Atlanta	15	3	.833	-
Cleveland	12	6	.667	3
Indiana	11	6	.647	3½
Chicago	11	7	.611	4
Charlotte	10	7	.588	4½
Milwaukee	11	8	.579	4½
Detroit	8	12	.400	8
Toronto	1	18	.053	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	11	5	.688	-
Utah	11	7	.611	1
SanAntonio	10	9	.526	2½
Minnesota	8	10	.444	4
Vancouver	7	13	.350	6
Dallas	5	13	.278	7
Denver	2	15	.118	9½
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	15	3	.833	-
Seattle	15	5	.750	1
Phoenix	11	5	.688	3
Portland	11	6	.647	3½
Sacramento	6	14	.300	10
L.A.Clippers	3	16	.158	12½
GoldenState	2	15	.118	12½

Saturday's Games
New York 90, Charlotte 79
Washington 114, Minnesota 103
Houston 108, Dallas 106
Orlando 83, L.A. Clippers 79
Sunday's Games
Detroit 93, Toronto 83
Philadelphia 93, New York 78
Milwaukee 97, Seattle 91
Indiana 99, Phoenix 97, OT
Denver 100, L.A. Clippers 92
Sacramento 99, Golden State 84
Cleveland 94, L.A. Lakers 84
Monday's Games
Philadelphia at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 9 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
New Jersey at Washington, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	19	9	0	38	82	51
Philadelphia	15	9	6	36	84	70
Washington	15	11	4	34	90	80
N.Y.Islanders	12	13	4	28	79	79
N.Y.Rangers	8	12	11	27	80	86
Florida	9	15	5	23	70	87
TampaBay	5	19	4	14	54	95
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	16	10	5	37	88	77
Montreal	16	10	4	36	90	71
Boston	13	12	5	31	74	79
Ottawa	13	13	4	30	78	72
Carolina	12	14	5	29	83	86
Buffalo	9	13	6	24	72	77

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	20	7	4	44	103	67
Detroit	18	7	5	41	98	69
St.Louis	18	9	3	39	89	68
Phoenix	13	13	3	29	79	81
Chicago	10	14	5	25	63	74
Toronto	9	14	4	22	60	76
Pacific Division						
Colorado	16	6	8	40	92	75
LosAngeles	12	12	5	29	89	83
Anaheim	11	14	6	28	70	88
Edmonton	9	15	7	25	73	94
SanJose	10	18	2	22	76	93
Vancouver	9	16	4	22	83	99
Calgary	6	18	7	19	77	99

Saturday's Games
Boston 4, Carolina 1
Pittsburgh 5, Anaheim 2
N.Y. Islanders 4, Phoenix 0
Ottawa 3, Buffalo 0
N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 3, tie
New Jersey 4, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 7, Los Angeles 2
St. Louis 4, Calgary 3, OT
Colorado 6, Vancouver 4
Sunday's Games
Florida 5, Washington 4
Edmonton 3, Chicago 3, tie
Monday's Games
Colorado at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Calgary at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

SDN Sports Week

Today

Lamesa at Snyder 7th, 8th & 9th girls, 5 p.m., 6:15.

Snyder 7th, 8th & 9th boys at Lamesa, 5:30, 6:30, 7 p.m.

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

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

Tuesday

Snyder JV & varsity boys at Lubbock High, 6 p.m., 7:30.

Abilene Cooper at Snyder JV & varsity girls, 5 p.m., 6:30.

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

Patton Springs at Ira varsity girls & boys, 6:30, 8 p.m.

Thursday

Snyder varsity boys vs. Seminole, Seminole tourney, 7:30.

Snyder varsity girls vs. Eldorado, Wylie tourney, 12:30.

Ira varsity girls & boys vs. Roby, Highland tourney, 4:30, 6 p.m.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is chaparral harmful to use?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am taking the antioxidants vitamin C, vitamin E and chaparral tea. Is there any harm in this?

DEAR READER: This is the seventh in my series on herbal remedies.

Many people believe that taking antioxidant vitamins will help protect against cancer and heart disease. Vitamins C and E are relatively innocuous. Chaparral isn't.

Taken as a tea made from a desert shrub found in Mexico and the American Southwest, chaparral is promoted by health-food purveyors as an antioxidant. However, it is a dangerous drug that can poison the liver. Therefore, most authorities discourage its use. Of the 13 cases of chaparral-related liver toxicity reported to the Food and Drug Administration, two patients suffered massive liver failure and required transplants. Don't use chaparral; it's too dangerous. (Next time: pennyroyal.)

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from seasickness. In the past, I have had success using Transderm-Scop. However, I've learned that it is no longer available. What are my options?

DEAR READER: Seasickness can truly spoil a lovely trip. Although most passengers become accustomed to the movements of the ship, heavy seas may upset even the most experienced traveler.

Transderm-Scop was a terrific product because the patch, worn for three days at a time, could negate the effects of motion sickness. As you stated, the product was removed from the market for reasons that I do not understand. However, my pharmacist sources reassure me that the patch will soon be available again. Therefore, don't lose hope.

In the meantime, try either of two time-tested antidotes: Dramamine or Bonine. Both types of pill are available without a prescription.

DEAR DR. GOTT: At 76, I am active, but my sports schedule is severely hampered by bad arthritis pain. My doctor has prescribed Voltaren. Although I have experienced some relief, I am concerned about the long-term use of this medicine.

DEAR READER: As well you might be.

Voltaren is classified as a "nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug" (along with Indocin, Lodine and many others). Although very useful in controlling arthritis pain, NSAIDs all have the same drawback: They can cause peptic ulcers which may bleed, leading to life-threatening hemorrhage.

A product called Cytotec is marketed to prevent this complication. Ask your doctor about it. Cytotec, although expensive, may permit you to continue using Voltaren without fear of ulcers.

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Markets

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	131	11-16	128⅝	131⅛+ 3⅛
AT&T Corp	57¼	56⅝	56	15-16— 7-16
AirTouch	41	11-16	41	41 — ⅝
Albertsons	46¼	45	13-16	45 13-16—2 1-16
AlldSignal s	40	7-16	40	40 3-16+ ⅜
Alltel	40	3-16	39⅝	39⅝— 5-16
AmerOnline	86⅝	81⅛	86	1-16+1 11-16
AmStoresq	21⅛	20⅝	20	15-16+ 1-16
Ameritech	77⅝	76	13-16	77 — 5-16
Amoco	88	9-16	87	5-16 87⅛—2 5-16
AndrkPtr	64⅝	64¼	64⅜— 5-16	
AnnoInc	5⅜	5	3-16	5 9-16+ ¼
AtlRichfld s	79	7-16	78¼	78 5-16—13-16
ATMOS Egy	26	15-16	26	15-16 26 15-16
Aviall	14⅜	14¼	14⅜— 5-16	
BakerHughes	45⅜	44	5-16	44 15-16+ 7-16
BellAtl	90	1-16	89⅛	89 15-16+ ¼
BellSouth	55	7-16	54⅛	55⅛+ ⅛
BethSteel	9	9-16	9	7-16 9⅛+ 1-16
BritPet s	86⅛	85	5-16	85⅜— 1
BurlNoSFe	94	15-16	93	13-16 93⅝— 5-16
CBS Corp	29	15-16	29	11-16 29⅜— ⅛
Caterpillar s	53	52	9-16	52 9-16+13-16
CenSoWst	24⅜	24	9-16	24 11-16+ ⅛
Chevron	80	78⅛	79¾	
Chryslerq	36⅛	35¾	35⅜— ⅛	
Coastal	60	1-16	59	9-16 59⅜— ⅛
CocaCola	65⅝	63¾	64⅜— 1 15-16	
ColgatePalm s	71	15-16	70	11-16 71 5-16— ⅛
ComclMetals	32⅛	32¼	32⅛	
Cooperln	51⅜	51⅛	51	7-16— 3-16
CyprusAmax	17⅛	17	3-16	17⅛+ ⅛
DallSemicn	43	42	5-16	42⅝— ⅜
DeltaAird	119⅜	115	7-16	119⅜+1 13-16
DigitalEq	45⅜	42⅜	45⅛	+15-16
Dillards Inc	36⅛	35⅛	36	3-16+ ¼
DowChem	100⅞	100¼	100⅛— ½	
DresserInd	42	11-16	42	3-16 42 7-16+ 3-16
DuPont s	64⅝	64¼	64½+ 1-16	
EastmanChem	60	59	11-16	59⅝+ ⅛
EstKodak	59	5-16	58	7-16 58 9-16— 5-16
EDS Corp	41¼	41	1-16	41⅜+ ⅛
Entergy	26	7-16	26⅛	26⅛
Exxon s	64¼	62⅝	63	1-16—15-16
FstBksAm	18	11-16	18	9-16 18 11-16
Flowers s	20	3-16	20	20 — ⅛
FordMotor	46⅜	45	5-16	45½—11-16
GTE Cp	49	48¼	48⅞+ 3-16	
GenDynam	87	86	86	—15-16
GenlElecs	73	11-16	72	5-16 73⅛— 3-16
GenMills	75	9-16	74⅜	75⅝—15-16
GenMotors	63¾	63	3-16	63⅝+ ⅛
GaPacif	83¾	82¾	83⅜+1	9-16
GlobalMar	29	7-16	28	9-16 28 15-16+11-16
Goodrich	44½	44¼	44	7-16+ 3-16
Goodyear s	66¼	65¾	66	3-16— 1-16
GtAtlPac	29⅝	29	11-16	29 13-16— 1-16
Halliburtn s	57	7-16	55	5-16 56½+ 3-16
Hanson ADS	24⅞	24¾	24	11-16— ⅛
HarteHanks	34	9-16	34⅛	34½— ⅛
HomeDepot s	60¾	58	11-16	59 7-16— ⅜
HoustonInds	23⅛	23	5-16	23⅜— ⅛
IBM s	113	111¾	112	7-16+ 3-16
IntlPaper	46	3-16	44¾	45 5-16+ 3-16
JohnsonJn	65	7-16	64¾	65 — 3-16
K mart	12	13-16	12	11-16 12 11-16— 1-16
Kroger s	36	3-16	35	15-16 36 — ⅛
Litton	51⅛	50⅝	50⅝— 5-16	
LockhdMart	96⅛	95	13-16	96 3-16+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	47	13-16	45	15-16 45 15-16— 1⅜
Lubys	19	11-16	19⅜	19.7-16— 1-16
LucentTech	81⅜	81⅛	81	3-16+ ⅛
MayDeptStrs	55⅜	55	55⅛— 3-16	
Medtronic s	52	9-16	52	52 7-16+ 7-16
Mobils	74⅛	73¼	73	5-16—11-16
Monsanto	45⅜	44⅞	45	+ ⅜
MorganJP	125⅜	122	3-16	124 1-16— 1⅜
Motorola	64⅛	62⅝	64⅜+ 2	
NCR Corp	30	29⅜	29	11-16— 5-16
NationsBk s	61	13-16	61⅛	61⅜+ ⅜
Navistar	26⅛	25	13-16	26⅛+ 1-16
Norwests	37⅜	37	37	5-16+ 5-16
OryxEngy	26	15-16	26⅛	26 5-16— ⅛
Penney JC	65⅛	64¼	64⅝— ½	
Pennzoil	66	9-16	66	1-16 66 1-16— ⅛
PepBoys	25	3-16	24	15-16 25
PepsiCo	37	5-16	36⅜	36 9-16— ⅜
PhelpDodge	67⅛	66⅝	66	13-16+ 5-16
PhilipPet	50	11-16	49⅝	49 15-16— ⅜
PilgrmPrd	16⅛	16	16 — ½	
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SBC Comm	72⅜	71	9-16	72⅜+ ⅜
SaraLee	53⅜	52⅝	53	5-16+ ⅜
Scripps EW	43⅞	43⅜	43½+ ⅛	
SearsRoeb	47⅞	46	11-16	47 3-16— 3-16
SherwinW s	29⅝	29	29⅛— ⅜	
SmthBc ADS s	53	7-16	52	9-16 52⅝— 3-16
SouthernCo	23⅛	23	23	5-16— 1-16
SwstAirl s	25⅛	23⅝	25	3-16+ 1⅜
Sprint	57	56¼	56⅝— ⅜	
SunCo	41	13-16	41¼	41⅜— 7-16
TNP Ent	27	11-16	27	5-16 27 11-16+ 5-16
Tandy s	45	43	44	13-16+ 5-16
TempleInland	55⅜	54⅛	55⅝	+15-16
Tenneco	44	3-16	43¾	43⅞— 3-16
Texaco s	55	15-16	55⅛	55 5-16— 3-16
TexInd s	47⅞	47¼	47	7-16
TexasInst s	48¼	46	9-16	48 +1 13-16
TexUtil	40⅝	40	40	+ ⅜
Textron s	64¼	63⅜	63¾+ ½	
Travelers s	55	15-16	55⅛	55 13-16— 3-16
TriconGlbR n	34⅜	34¼	34½— ⅛	
TrinityInds	44¾	44	1-16	44⅛— ⅜
TritonEngy	35¼	34¼	35	7-16+13-16
Tyler	5⅜	5¼	5½— ⅛	
US WestCm	45	7-16	45	45 — 1-16
USWstMda	27	3-16	26⅞	27 3-16+ 1-16
USX Delhi	19⅜	19	11-16	19 11-16
USX-Marathn	36¼	34	15-16	35¾+ ⅛
USX-USS	32	31	9-16	31 13-16+ 1-16
UnCarbde	47	3-16	46⅞	47 1-16+ 1-16
UnionPacif	63	62	5-16	62 15-16+ 1-16
UnitedTech s	78¾	77⅛	77	9-16—15-16
Unocal	39¾	38¾	38⅞— 1⅛	
WalMart	41	1-16	40⅞	40 9-16— ⅜
WstnGasRs	22	1-16	22	22 1-16+ 5-16
WinnDixie	41¾	41	1-16	41⅜— ⅛
Woolworth	21⅛	21	7-16	21¾+ 1-16
Xerox Corp	78⅛	76	11-16	77⅛— ⅜
ZenithE	7	7-16	7¼	7 5-16

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ADMISSIONS: 12-5 — Opal Wigington, Sue Mize. 12-6 — Alexxus Jackson, Teresa Kariainen, Ethan Nakamura, Roy Shaw, Kathleen Ballard, Alice McCauley, Alonda Rodarte. 12-7 — Brandon Porter, Brooke French, Jimmy Hughes.

DISMISSALS: 12-5 — Georgia Allen, Helen Simpson, W. Foree, Maggie Rains. 12-6 — Elizabeth Scarberry, Agnes Thomas. 12-7 — Alice McCauley, Alonda Rodarte.

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'Flubber' and 'Alien' top box office on slow weekend

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Flubber" kept its No. 1 box office ranking even though moviegoers may have seemed absent-minded about the weekend lineup, making it one of the slowest periods of the year.

"Flubber" topped the list for a second week. Starring Robin Williams, the Disney remake of its 1961 comedy "The Absent Minded Professor" earned $11.8 million during the weekend. It has made $51 million in just two weeks, according to industry estimates Sunday.

"Alien Resurrection," fourth in the series starring Sigourney Weaver, grossed $6.25 million for second place, followed by "John Grisham's The Rainmaker" with $5.7 million, said Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

Competition was light; not a single new film opened in wide release as distributors held back product for the prime Christmas season and didn't want to compete with shopping, holiday planning and other social activities.

"We call this always, the calm before the storm. In this case we're not referring to El Nino," said Robert Bucksbaum, president of Reel Source, Inc., an industry newsletter. "It's avoided like the plague by studios that are thinking about opening new major films. They don't do well."

Another Williams' film, "Good Will Hunting," opened on just seven screens but proved a minor hit. The highly praised film about a troubled genius took in $260,000 for an enormous per-screen average of $37,143.

The Christmas race begins this week when Steven Spielberg's slave drama "Amistad" debuts in limited release. Other openers include "Scream 2," a highly anticipated horror sequel that could open at $26 million, Bucksbaum said.

The epic "Titanic" and the James Bond film "Tomorrow Never Dies" are in the pack due on the 19th.

Meanwhile, "Flubber" continued to perform despite weak reviews.

Phil Barlow, president of Disney's Buena Vista Pictures Distribution, said people love the movie in part because of its remake status.

"Just like in school they teach the classics, we have our own classics," he said. "It's a very well stocked cupboard. It would be nuts not to take advantage of it."

Tom Sherak, chairman of 20th Century Fox Domestic Film Group, said he was pleased with ticket sales for "Alien Resurrection," which needed to do well in its early weeks. Science-fiction horror films have short rides.

"You run out of audience," he said. "With 'Aliens' and 'Starship Troopers,' you see ugly things," he said. "There's a whole audience that you can't get to go. My wife won't see those kinds of movies."

Sherak said the film is doing big business internationally as well and could gross $150 million worldwide in addition to U.S. sales.

"There's no question that the ('Alien') franchise is far from over," Sherak said.

The animated film "Anastasia" was No. 4 with $4.55 million, helped by good reviews and an extensive advertising and merchandising campaign.

"Now we have to hold on 'til Christmas," Sherak said.

Final weekend box office figures were to be released Monday. Here are the estimated North American grosses for Friday through Sunday:

1. "Flubber," $11.8 million.
2. "Alien Resurrection," $6.25 million.
3. "John Grisham's The Rainmaker," $5.7 million.
4. "Anastasia," $4.55 million.
5. "The Jackal," $4 million.
6. "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," $3 million.
7. "Mortal Kombat Annihilation," $2.5 million.
8. "I Know What You Did Last Summer," $1.35 million.
9. "Bean," $1.29 million.
10. "Starship Troopers," $1.25 million.

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Debate over global warming becomes heated

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is a plot against Western civilization. It is the greatest danger faced by future generations around the world. The global warming rhetoric is overheated and not even scientists can agree on the extent of the problem.

But the ambiguities in what is known about climate change aren't stopping advocates for and against quick action from framing their arguments on the basis of worst-case scenarios.

Opponents to any agreement that would commit the United States to sharp reductions in emissions of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse" gases argue that it would force radical changes in U.S. lifestyles for no reason.

The proposed treaty would place limits on the use and production of energy, "the lifeblood of industrial civilization," the Competitive Enterprise Institute argues.

On the other side are environmentalists who contend that failure to reduce such emissions would raise the temperature on Earth. Sea levels would rise, making hurricanes and other storms a greater threat. They cite evidence that the Earth is getting warmer but ignore contrary indications.

For example, British scientists declared upon arriving at the current global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, that 1997 may be the hottest year on record.

AP analysis

But the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration says that while 120 years of ground temperature records "seem to show some warming," 15 years of data on the middle atmosphere "show no long-term trend."

The automobile is often the victim or villain in this debate.

A conservative view offered by James D. Johnston of the American Enterprise Institute suggests that adherence to tougher standards could lead to "no-drive days,. no-drive zones, parking charges and limits, employer trip-reduction plans, road-building limits."

Concludes Johnston: "Serious dangers lie ahead for personal mobility."

He also chides Vice President Al Gore for taking the environmentalist view in his book "Earth in the Balance," that the impact on the environment of automobiles "is posing a mortal threat to the security of every nation that is more deadly than that of any military enemy we are ever again likely to confront."

But Johnston omits the context. In that section of his book, Gore was arguing for the need to build more fuel-efficient vehicles.

Gore has made the environment a centerpiece of his political career. He flew to Kyoto over the weekend to address the international conference convened to consider ways to toughen the 1992 Climate Change Treaty. Gore also is trying to win delegates over to the U.S. position of more modest reductions than Europeans are advocating.

He has one strong point he can make. The Senate, which would have to approve any treaty change, recently voted 95-0 for a resolution, declaring it would not agree to any change that did not commit China and India to join industrial nations in reducing emissions.

Typical of the uncertainty about the extent of the problem is the NASA publication "Our Changing Planet."

"Will the earth get warmer?" is the question posed by the space agency. The answer: "We're not sure."

To the possibility that sea levels might rise, NASA responds: "We don't know."

One conservative group criticized the news media for accepting claims that there is widespread scientific agreement on global warming. The Media Research Center cited "a recent Gallup poll" that said only 19 percent of the members of the American Meteorological Society and the American Geophysical Union think that a warmer climate has been the result of greenhouse gas emissions.

The Gallup organization said the poll was taken in October of 1991. It noted that some people, opposed to claims that human-induced global warming is occurring, "have used the study to support their position."

"These writers have taken survey results out of context that appear to show scientists do not believe that human-induced global warming is occurring."

The statement from Gallup noted that when asked if they thought human-induced global warming was occurring, 66 percent of the scientists surveyed said yes.

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U.S. could go nuclear against chemical attackers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Turning U.S. nuclear policy toward an emerging threat, President Clinton has decided the United States will consider using nuclear weapons against attackers who hit American forces with chemical or biological weapons.

The policy, made explicit in a classified presidential directive, marks the administration's first instruction to the Pentagon shaping a nuclear strategy against the increasingly worrisome possibility that nations such as Iraq might turn chemical or biological arsenals against U.S. troops.

A senior Clinton administration adviser said Sunday the policy conforms with two decades of White House statements on the possible "first use" of nuclear weapons. But it adds presidential weight to the emerging concern about "rogue states" that has replaced the nuclear terror of the Cold War.

Approved last month by Clinton, principal elements of the "Presidential Decision Directive," or PDD, were reported Sunday by The Washington Post. In many respects, the directive follows long-standing policy on nuclear weapons, including continued support for the nuclear triad — bombers, land-based missiles and missile submarines — and basic reliance on nuclear weapons as a mainstay of national security.

The document breaks new ground by abandoning the concept that the United States should plan for a protracted nuclear war that it could "win" and by allowing nuclear targeters to expand the list of potential targets that could be struck in China in the unlikely event of war with that nation.

"We felt that the concept of protracted nuclear war never had a great deal of credibility," Robert Bell, a senior member of Clinton's National Security Council staff, said Sunday in response to reporters' questions. Such a possibility was outlined in a 1981 Reagan administration directive. "There was an anomaly," Bell said: "The president's own guidance to the Strategic Command ... was unrealizable."

Senior military officers have been warning that arms reduction agreements no longer make such a conflict even feasible, let alone winnable. As a result, Clinton ordered his reassessment last February.

Worries about all-out nuclear war have been replaced by concerns that an adversary such as Iraq might use chemical or biological weapons against U.S. forces. As a result, Bell said, the presidential directive discusses in far greater detail than in past directives responses the United States should have available.

"The PDD requires a wide range of nuclear retaliatory options, from a limited strike to a more general nuclear exchange," Bell said.

President Carter said in 1978 the United States would not use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear states unless those states fought in concert with a nuclear power or defied the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Iraq's suspected defiance of the NPT allowed President Bush's administration to threaten Saddam Hussein with massive retaliation if the Iraqi president ordered chemical or biological weapons in the Persian Gulf War.

"That was something that many people took to be a clear nuclear threat," Bell said.

In April 1993, early in Clinton's presidency, the Joint Chiefs of Staff issued a document called JP-3-12, "Joint Doctrine for Nuclear Operations," which described the use of nuclear weapons in response to attacks involving "weapons of mass destruction," which could include chemical or biological weapons. The document is available on a Web site maintained by the Federation of American Scientists, an arms control advocacy group.

"U.S. nuclear capabilities must confront an enemy with risks of unacceptable damage and disproportionate loss should the enemy choose to introduce (weapons of mass destruction) in a conflict," the 1993 doctrine stated.

In 1995, the United States — along with Britain, China, Russia and France, the other major nuclear powers — reiterated the Carter administration's pledge against nuclear strikes on non-nuclear countries. The pledge retained loopholes that could allow the United States to strike back.

Bell said the 1981 Reagan administration presidential directive on nuclear weapons policy barely contemplated the kind of chemical or biological attack from a rogue state that occupies so much of U.S. defense planning today.

"We needed to be very clear in what we were instructing," Bell said. "There is more discussion of it, more ink, if you will, in this document."

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Today is the 342nd day of 1997 and the 79th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1776, Gen. George Washington and his forces made the historic crossing of the Delaware River.

On this day in 1886, the American Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus, Ohio, and was headed by Samuel Gompers.

On this day in 1961, the Beach Boys' first single, "Surfin'", was released.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Eli Whitney (1765-1825), inventor; Diego Rivera (1886-1957), artist; James Thurber (1894-1961), humorist; Sammy Davis Jr. (1925-1990), entertainer; Jim Morrison (1943-1971), singer; Kim Basinger (1953-), actress, is 44; Sinead O'Connor (1966-), singer, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, Barry Bonds signed a contract with the San Francisco Giants for $43.7 million over six years.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Don't count your boobies until they are hatched." — James Thurber

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1988, 92-mph gusts raked Laguna Peak in Southern California.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter.

Happy Late Birthday (Dec. 6) Lowell Thornburg

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By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1997

You might experience some degree of stress in the year ahead. However, Lady Luck will be working on your behalf, so continue to think positively and don't let insignificant events disturb you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You are in a very creative cycle at this time. Do not demean any ideas or products you conceive, because they could meet the need for the many. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a good day to finalize important financial situations. Move swiftly on these matters while luck is in your corner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Valuable contacts can be established today with people in your social circle, so be friendly. Consider each individual a link in your chain of popularity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You are in a cycle where you should be able to attain meaningful objectives. Do not be afraid to think big, you won't be outmatched by the opposition.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, personal circumstances should begin to take beneficial twists and turns, making conditions conducive for fulfilling a long-awaited dream.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Joint endeavors look promising for you at this time, especially if your ally is a person who is as lucky as yourself. Team up where your strengths lie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may hear about an existing market today which can utilize your skills and talents. Do your best; your efforts will be acknowledged and rewarded.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Conditions that call for collective bargaining will be favorable today. Keep your wits about you and exercise your sense of fairness when negotiating.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Arrangements that require an alliance of sorts should work out well for you and the other guy today. Each will play a major role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you've been analyzing the advantages of taking a calculated risk where your work is concerned, this is a good day to give it a try. Be bold, not brass.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Pleasurable social developments could begin to transpire as of today. If you think you're already rather popular, you ain't seen nothing yet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Opportunities that could add to your resources are stirring at this time. Your biggest and best breaks are likely to come from your ongoing arrangements.

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Government's annual stats rank life in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's bean counters are at it again, releasing statistics that measure the American way of life in details great and small — from the number of births and deaths per year to the amount of ice cream and broccoli consumed annually.

Each year since 1878, the federal government has issued its weighty Statistical Abstract of the United States, pulling together an array of statistics from dozens of government agencies and trade associations.

Dry-sounding in name and in fact, the 1997 edition issued a few days ago nonetheless offers some interesting nuggets of news to those willing to pore through its 1,023 pages.

Take the Lone Star State.

In its 267,277 square miles of space (a territory second only to Alaska's 615,230 square miles), Texas packs 19.1 million residents who drive 13.6 million registered vehicles on 296,186 miles of urban and rural highways.

Those Texans eat at 16,621 restaurants and shop at 27,354 food stores, pumping their gasoline at 11,053 service stations. Overall, the state has 2,906 of the nation's 42,130 shopping centers.

Texas was one of the 10 fastest growing states between 1990 and 1996, its population rising by 12.6 percent. During that time span, Texas nudged New York aside to become the second-largest state in the nation behind California.

As of last year, the Texas population stood at 19.1 million — a 71 percent increase over the 11.2 million people living in the state in 1970.

The state boasts one of the country's youngest populations, with only 10 percent of its citizens 65 and older compared with a national average of nearly 13 percent. Only four other states have a lower percentage of senior citizens.

Among the other Texas-related tidbits:

—Some 5.8 million Texans drive alone to work, while another 1.1 million carpool. Just over 2 percent of Texans use public transportation to get to work — half the national average. The typical travel time to work in Texas is 22.2 minutes, almost exactly on par with the national average of 22.4 minutes.

—Texans spent nearly $22 billion on public elementary and secondary schools last year, an average of $5,593 per student. The national average is $6,103 per pupil.

—The 1995 median household income in Texas was $32,039, slightly below the national average of $34,076. Seventeen percent of Texans had incomes below the poverty level that year, compared with 14 percent nationally.

—Of the 26 million people who self-identify as being of Latino origin, just over 5 million live in Texas. Only California, with a Latino population of nearly 9 million, has more residents of Hispanic origin.

—The state took in $86 billion from Washington last year, an average of $4,522 for each Texan. The bulk of that money, nearly $46 billion, was in direct payments to individuals in the form of Social Security, welfare and other benefits payments.

—The Census Bureau projects that the state's population will top 28 million by 2025, second only to California's 41 million estimate.

—There were 321,114 live births in Texas in 1994, the most recent year for which statistics are available. That same year, there were 136,000 deaths.

—In 1995, 188,500 Texans were joined in matrimony, while 98,400 dissolved their unions.

—Texans spent $21.5 billion on hospital care in 1993, another $10.5 billion on physicians' bills, and $3.1 billion for prescription medicines. Fully one-fourth of Texans lacked health insurance in 1995 — far higher than the national average of 15 percent.

The 1997 Statistical Abstract can be purchased from the National Technical Information Service.

UT center ranked first among nation's chaos labs

AUSTIN (AP) — A University of Texas professor is proving that crayons aren't just for children.

Eric Weeks, a researcher at the University of Texas Center for Nonlinear Dynamics, recently used tiny beads of melted fluorescent crayons to simulate the jet stream's movement around two aluminum mountain ridges bolted into a spinning tank of water with a video camera above it.

Weeks, author of a report on the research in a recent edition of the weekly journal Science, simulated what happens when the eastward-blowing jet stream is blocked by mountains.

For most of the century, meteorologists have suspected that high-pressure areas in winter occur when the jet stream moves into position to be blocked by mountains, or when there's a combination of the blocking and a temperature influence.

Weeks' new finding indicates that the mountains are enough.

"Our experiment shows they are a pretty good candidate by themselves," said Weeks, a new Ph.D. at the nation's premier graduate physics laboratory for the study of chaotic conditions.

The blocking bends the jet stream toward the North Pole, creating the high-pressure area. That further blocks the jet stream, allowing its winds to draw arctic air toward Texas, he said.

"They show it on the weather map as a big dip in the jet stream bringing the cold air south," Weeks said.

The spinning tank that Weeks used is a lab tool called a "rotating annulus." It's the pride of the dynamics center's director, UT physics professor Harry Swinney.

Swinney is an international leader in nonlinear dynamics, or chaos, a 30-year-old mathematical discipline that uses computers to search for universal patterns in seemingly random behavior in solids, fluids and gases.

The field's focus ranges from helping meteorologists get a better grip on weather predictions to aiding doctors in understanding the apparently erratic beating of a diseased heart.

Last year, the UT center was ranked first among the nation's chaos labs by U.S. News & World Report magazine.

The UT center first became famous in 1988 when Swinney used tiny beads of plastic in the spinning water tank to show how Jupiter's atmosphere arranges itself to create its whirlpool storm called the Great Red Spot.

Since then, the tank has been used to show how high-altitude winds on Earth prevent holes in the ozone layer above the South Pole from filling in.

For unknown reasons, the winds apparently create a barrier around the holes that keep gas molecules inside from getting out and those outside from getting in.

For the research into the jet stream's winter behavior, Weeks used beads of laser lemon and atomic tangerine crayons — chosen because they hang suspended beneath the surface of the water — to interact with the aluminum peaks bolted to the tank.

The tank was spun counterclockwise, the same direction as Earth's rotation, three to four times a second.

'Home on range' good for beef industry

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — The beef industry needs to promote the fact that its animals are at home on the range, a beef specialist is telling cattle producers.

That's a tremendous selling point to a world increasingly concerned about the rights of animals, said Temple Grandin of Colorado State University.

"We still raise our animals the natural way, and we ought to be advertising that. Beef cattle are the most humanely raised animal of all," she said at the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association convention in Aberdeen.

Grandin said she is concerned about tampering with genetics. She cited chickens that do nothing but sit and eat.

"Pigs are starting to go the way of chickens, and we're starting to see some problems with dairy cows, too. I don't like what I'm seeing in genetics," she said.

Beef cattle are still "genetically just fine and will be as long as they stay on the ranch," Grandin said. Nonetheless, she said, the beef industry has a few problems to clean up — skinny and unhealthy animals raised by some ranchers can damage the reputation of the cattle industry.

There's also room for improvement in the way producers and meat-packing plants treat cattle, said Grandin. Her specialty is designing livestock-handling equipment, such as restraining chutes for vaccinations.

Much of her presentation last week focused on the psychology and instincts of beef cattle and how producers and packing plants can use that knowledge so animals cooperate naturally without undue stress.

Bats are the only mammals that are able to fly.

Business and Industrial News

Hillside Memorial Gardens has been serving Snyder area for many years

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

Hillside Memorial Gardens is a perpetual care cemetery governed by the State Banking Department. The one price you pay for perpetual care is the only one you ever have to pay. There are no yearly dues necessary for the upkeep of the property.

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

Granite and bronze memorials are available at Hillside Monument Works. Greg goes to great lengths to see that the finished product is one that pleases the family members and reflects the individualism of the loved one for whom the monument has been created.

The staff at Hillside realizes that they provide an important service to the community and work hard to maintain the trust and confidence of the people. They will be happy to counsel with anyone at anytime concerning their present or future needs. Give them a call at 573-5251 or and visit with them at Hillside Memorial Gardens and Monument Works on the Colorado City Highway.



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

New inquiry into equipment use during Waco standoff set

WACO (AP) — The General Accounting Office plans to investigate whether federal agents used military equipment improperly during the 1993 Branch Davidian standoff, the Waco Tribune-Herald has reported.

Officials with Congress' investigative arm are scheduled to arrive in Waco this week. They expect to ask how the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms obtained Texas National Guard helicopters and military vehicles for the assault on cult leader David Koresh's compound, the newspaper reported in a copyright story in Sunday's editions.

Two House subcommittees asked for a GAO investigation after two weeks of hearings in July 1995 on the siege.

A staff member of the House subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice told the newspaper that the GAO investigation will examine whether the ATF rightfully acquired the military equipment and whether it should reimburse the Pentagon for the assistance.

Four ATF agents and six cult members died in a Feb. 28, 1993, shootout at the Branch Davidian compound. After a 51-day standoff, Koresh and about 80 followers died in a fire that swept through the building after the FBI rammed it with military vehicles and injected gas to force the Branch Davidians to surrender.

"The image of Bradley fighting vehicles and M1 tanks set against the burning Mount Carmel compound calls into question the role of the military at Waco," U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., said during the House hearings two years ago.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Houston elects first black mayor

HOUSTON (AP) — Crime is down, the economy is humming, and citizens in the nation's fourth-largest city are reasonably happy. What better time could there be for Lee Brown to take office as Houston's mayor?

"When I raise my right hand to take the oath of office, I'll have the good fortune to take the reins of a Houston on the move," said Brown, who defeated businessman Rob Mosbacher in a runoff election Saturday.

Brown, the nation's former drug policy director and Houston's police chief in the 1980s, beat Mosbacher with 53 percent of the vote — 156,169 to 140,321 — to become the city's first black mayor.

Brown, 60, will take office in January, when Bob Lanier leaves office. The three-term mayor, who endorsed Brown, was barred from running again by term limits.

Brown made no specific promises during his campaign other than to keep Houston's economy growing.

"The challenge I have is to pull everybody together and keep the ball rolling and expand on it," Brown said.

Although the race was officially nonpartisan, both candidates drew support from high-profile allies.

President Clinton spoke in Brown radio ads that aired on black and Hispanic radio stations. Vice President Al Gore attended a pair of fund-raisers in Houston that raised $120,000 for Brown.

Mosbacher, whose father served as commerce secretary under President Bush, used former first lady Barbara Bush in a television commercial. Bush also staged a photo opportunity to support Mosbacher, who handles his family's oil and gas business.

Classes resume at school

DALLAS (AP) — Students and teachers returned to classes today at an elementary school where investigators say at least one of 12-year-old twin brothers burned a classroom.

Police arrested both Dallas boys on suspicion of arson after the three-alarm fire at Dan D. Rogers Elementary School.

The boys are sixth-graders who told fellow students they planned to do something so they wouldn't have to attend class.

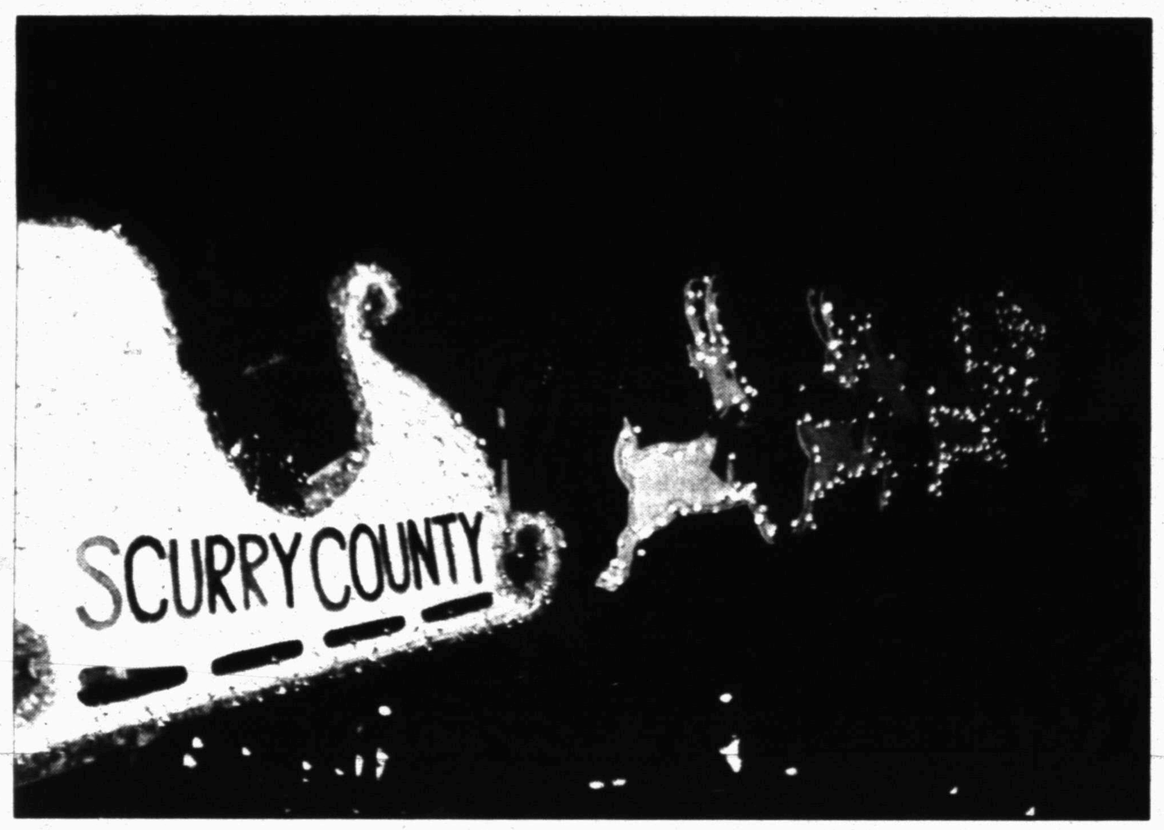
"What we heard this morning was that these kids were out bragging around the neighborhood that they wouldn't have to go to school in the morning because the school burned down," fire Capt. David Caughran told The Dallas Morning News.

Caughran said at least one of the boys faces a juvenile charge of arson.

School secretary Josie Villarreal said school resumed this morning.

The fire caused $150,000 damage to a building and $25,000 damage to its contents.

Teacher Glenda Bunch sobbed when she saw the scorched remains of her classroom. There was smoke and water damage throughout the rest of the sixth-grade wing.



BEST USE OF LIGHTS — Scurry County won the best use of lights award during the annual Christmas parade held Saturday evening. Santa's sleigh and his reindeers, including Rudolph, were attached to a front-end loader. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ballard seeks school board post

AUSTIN (AP) — Conservative firebrand Donna Ballard, who resigned from the State Board of Education this fall to join her husband in Midland, told The Associated Press today that she will seek to regain a board spot by running against Democratic incumbent Rene Nunez.

"In this time in my life, my passion is for education," Ms. Ballard said in a telephone interview. "Basically, what I hope this campaign will be about is offering a positive and hopeful message to the people of District 1. ... If we do it right, we can have our schools performing at our highest expectations."

Ms. Ballard, a Republican, was elected to the education board from The Woodlands in 1994 with the backing of religious conservatives. She resigned effective Oct. 1 to move to Midland because her husband had taken a position there as a church pastor.

When she announced her resignation, Ms. Ballard had said she was seriously considering a run for the Legislature as soon as next year and hinted that she might challenge Republican Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo.

Today, she said she is running again for the education board next year.

"I think she's just fishing for a position to get back into politics," said Nunez, who is completing his ninth year on the State Board of Education.

"I believe that my constituency — that of the Valley and far West Texas — have supported me in the past, and I believe that they have enjoyed our relationship, which has been one of a lot of contact with members of the education community and business community. ... Hopefully they'll be there again," he said.

While on the board, Ms. Ballard was labeled a leader of a six-member bloc of Republican social conservatives. The other three Republican members of the 15-member board regularly have voted with the six Democrats.

Raising the hackles of some Republicans and Democrats alike, Ms. Ballard took strong stands on issues including "unwanted federal intrusion" into Texas education; legislative restrictions on the board's power; and a massive school curriculum rewrite, which she termed mediocre and faulted Republican Gov. George W. Bush for supporting.

Ms. Ballard said she will be "very comfortable" running in a district with a large Hispanic population.

"Children are children. If you love children and you care about their future, that'll come across," she said.

Busy weekend for area law enforcement officers

Four people were arrested over the weekend as activity picked up for law enforcement personnel.

Officers were called to the Legends Club at 8:09 p.m. Saturday in reference to a report of a fight. The subjects had left the club before officers arrived but were later located at the Park Village Apartments. A 31-year-old woman was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital for treatment of injuries. She stated at the time, however, that she did not want to file charges. She was admitted to the hospital for observation and later released.

The other person in the fight, a 33-year-old female, was arrested shortly before midnight in the 1000 block of 25th Street for public intoxication.

A 31-year-old male was arrested at the same time for public intoxication.

DPS troopers arrested a 28-year-old male at 9:03 p.m. Saturday on U.S. Highway 84 on an outstanding warrant from Navarro County for theft by check.

The fourth person arrested over the weekend was taken into custody at 6:47 p.m. Sunday in the 1900 block of Avenue E for assault/family violence.

In other activity over the weekend, officers were called to the Snyder High School student center at 7:37 a.m. Saturday as the building had been broken into. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

SHS principal Larry Scott said a Coke machine and a candy machine in the student center were damaged in an attempt to get money out of them.

Officers were notified at 3 p.m. that someone had broken locks in the locker room in the freshman dressing rooms at the high school field house and items of clothing were taken. Officers filed a report for burglary of a building in this incident also.

Jack Beall notified officers at 2:43 p.m. Saturday that someone had stolen some CDs from his residence on CR 264.

Deputies were called to the 100 block of Peach Street at 11:26 a.m. Sunday as a caller notified dispatchers that a fight was in progress. A couple were having a disagreement in the front yard, but no assault had occurred.

A report of a suspicious person was made at 10:36 p.m. Sunday from the 800 block of 27th Street.

A report of a prowler was made at 12:11 a.m. Sunday.

Three accidents were investigated over the weekend.

At 7:20 p.m. Saturday, officers investigated a two-vehicle accident in the 3600 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1982 Jeep driven by Ryan Greenwood of FM 1606 in Ira and a 1995 Oldsmobile driven by Joann Benitez of 1400 19th St. Benitez, 31, was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where she was treated and released.

A one-vehicle, fixed object accident occurred at 3:59 a.m. Sunday on private property in the 4100 block of College Avenue. Involved was a 1995 Ford driven by John Duddleston and owned by the city of Snyder, which struck a steel support pole belonging to Nothing But Smokes.

At 3:10 p.m. Sunday, a two-vehicle accident occurred in the 200 block of 30th Street. Involved were a 1991 Ford pickup driven by Charlotte Springer of 10319 Roadrunner Road and a 1994 Buick driven by Angela Matthews of 4704 El Paso.

Obituaries

Rubye Walker

1908-1997

Service for Rubye Grace Walker, 88, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Northside Baptist Church with the Rev. Cliff Cooper of North College Avenue Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Walker died Sunday, Dec. 7, in the Lutheran Home in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Grayson, La. on Dec. 27, 1908. She married Clifton C. Walker on April 28, 1934 in Grayson, La. He preceeded her in death on Feb. 15, 1979.

She was a nurse and a member of Northside Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Walker was preceeded in death by three brothers and four sisters.

She is survived by three daughters, Myrna J. Terral of Lubbock, Nelda L. Rinehart of Huffman and Winnette Linam of Angleton; a sister, Willie J. Howell of Grayson; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

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Bible study-video tapes

Mike Tackett of Merkel appears on the Key to the Kingdom series, airing weekly on Cable Channel 2. Robert Oglesby of Richardson harrates The Story of the Bible. The next video, "God's Deliverance," airs at 7 this evening, followed by Lesson 1 of The Story of the Bible.

Dunn Baptist holiday dinner

Dunn Baptist Church is planning a holiday dinner at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Dunn Community Center. Turkey and dressing will be provided, but those attending are asked to bring covered dishes. Families new to Dunn are especially urged to attend.

Stanfield Parent Council

Stanfield Elementary Parent Council will meet at noon Tuesday in Room 21.

4-H Horse Club

4-H Horse Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at East Elementary. Each member is asked to bring $5 for the Christmas project. A special program is scheduled.

Snyder Healthcare Center

Snyder Healthcare Center will have its Christmas Party for residents at 7 p.m. Thursday. Santa Claus will be there.

Support group ministry

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 18, in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. For more information, call the church office at 573-2631. Anyone is welcome to attend and child care will be provided.

'Does Santa Really Care?'

Snyder First Church of the Nazarene, 2462 S. 208, will present "Does Santa Really Care?" at 10:45 a.m. Dec. 21. Everyone is invited to the service. Santa will be there.

Historic Scurry County

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

Shelled pecan halves

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

Tiger banners for sale

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

Driver's license office

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

Adult basic education

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

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

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

Snyder High yearbooks

Snyder High School yearbook staff is still taking orders for the 1998 Tigers Lair. Books are $35 through Dec. 19 and may be ordered with a $15 deposit. Mail orders to Student Publications, Snyder High School, 2901 37th St. Call 573-6301 for more information.

Volleyball team fund-raiser

Snyder High School Lady Tigers volleyball team is selling 'Win Win Discount Cards' good through Nov. 30, 1998. The cards are $5 each and can be obtained from players, boosters or at the school office. The cards entitle the bearer to discounts at a number of local businesses.

Inaugural Multiple Sclerosis Society Walk

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, West Texas Division, is holding the Inaugural MS Walk in Snyder on April 18. Volunteers are needed to become captains and recruit walk teams. Sponsors and individuals willing to secure sponsorships are also needed. Money raised will help provide services for people with MS in Snyder.

For more information, contact Damon or Suzanne Kennedy at 915 337-7514 or write to Snyder MS Walk, P.O. Box 923, Snyder, 79550, or email susannenwol.net.

Pick 3

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

3-7-7

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-15-16-24-46-47.
Estimated jackpot: $33 million.
Number matching six of six: One.
Winning ticket sold in: Slaton.
Matching five of six: 223. Prize: $1,648.
Matching four of six: 11,608. Prize: $114.
Matching three of six: 222,666. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.