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Day-care hostage crisis drags on

Last adult let go today

PLANO (AP) — Communications between negotiators and a gunman holding his two children hostage at a day-care center broke down this morning after the suspect became upset by a television broadcast, police said.

The negotiations ended after the gunman released a 2-year-old girl, identified by a Rigsbee Child Development Center worker as his goddaughter.

"The suspect saw the exchange of the hostage to the relative and as such we have had a setback in the negotiations," police Chief Bruce Glasscock said. "We've been in this thing for 20 hours. We want to bring out the last two remaining hostages safely."

Police asked TV stations not to broadcast similar live scenes.

Before the break, the hostage-taker had been cooperating with police and had allowed the children to be given fast-food breakfasts, police officer Carl Duke said.

No one has been hurt, Duke said.

Day-care worker Denise Anderson identified the released toddler as the suspect's godchild, and said his 7-year-old stepson and biological son were still inside. Several parents of the freed children also have said police told them two of the suspect's children remained inside the center today.

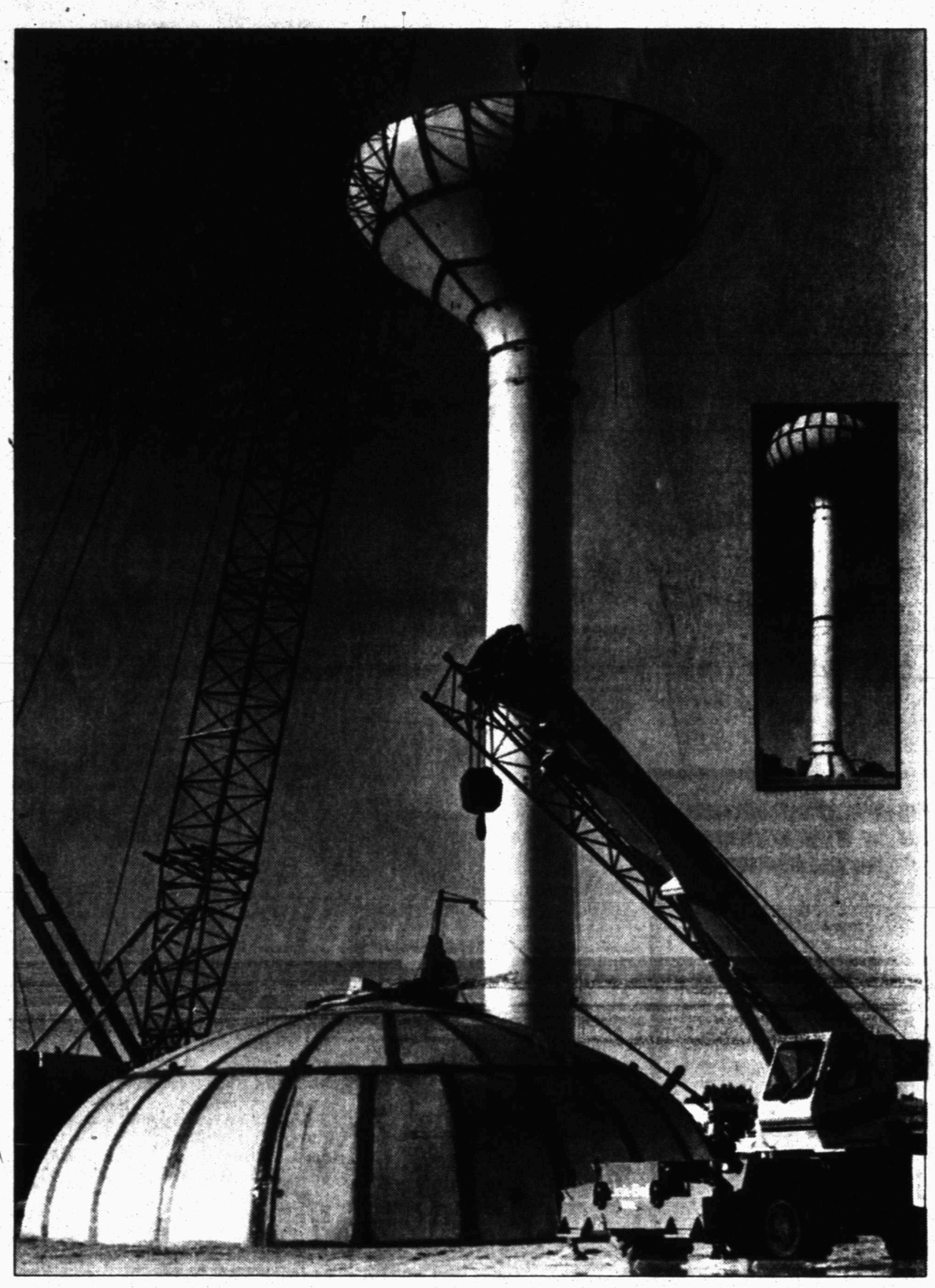
The man released 60 children and three adults shortly after the standoff began. A fourth adult was released just before midnight, while the last adult was freed about 4 a.m. today, Glasscock said.

Plano police were receiving assistance from the FBI, Texas Rangers and officers from nearby Richardson and a SWAT team from Garland.

Police said the man, identified by relatives as James Monroe Lipscomb Jr., had tried to rob someone outside the nearby Plano Bank and Trust around 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, shortly before he stormed the day-care center in this suburb north of Dallas.

Some children were shaken up, but no one was injured.

Children who were released were taken to nearby Meadows Elementary School, where frantic parents gathered. Early in the standoff, one woman sobbed uncontrollably and fell to the street when told her child was among the hostages. Others prayed in groups.



TOPLESS — The 250,000-gallon water storage tank at SnTx Park I, Snyder's industrial park, was without a top for only a brief time Wednesday as workers with Brown Steel Contractors of Georgia had the tank buttoned up by noon. Completion is not scheduled until mid-spring, but ideal working weather might speed the date up some. (SDN Staff Photo)

Clinton announces open-ended pledge of troops in Bosnia

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today announced an open-ended commitment of U.S. troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina, saying they will remain there to help NATO forces keep the fragile peace beyond his earlier deadline of June 1998.

Admitting he made a mistake when he promised before to withdraw, the president this time set no deadline.

"We've learned the hard way in this century that Europe's security and America's are joined," Clinton said just hours after Dutch NATO peacekeeping troops shot and wounded two Bosnian Croats while arresting them for suspected war crimes.

"A full and fair reading of Bosnia's history and honest assessment of the progress of the last 23 months simply refutes the proposition that the Dayton peace agreement cannot work," Clinton said.

"But if we pull out before the job is done, Bosnia will almost certainly fall back into violence, chaos and ultimately a war every bit as bloody as one that was stopped."

He said he was wrong last year to have promised a complete withdrawal by June 1998.

"I honestly believed that in 18 months we could get this done," Clinton said. "I wasn't right, so I don't want to make that error again."

Vice President Al Gore and Defense Secretary William Cohen stood by as Clinton made his announcement in the White House briefing room.

Added duties...

Daryl Thomas named Lone Star Gas manager

Daryl Thomas, TU Electric manager in Snyder since 1992, has been named manager for both TU and Lone Star Gas with added responsibilities in three area towns.

The action is a result of TU's acqusition of Lone Star Gas Co. Thomas will also serve as Lone Star manager in Hamlin, Roby and Rotan.

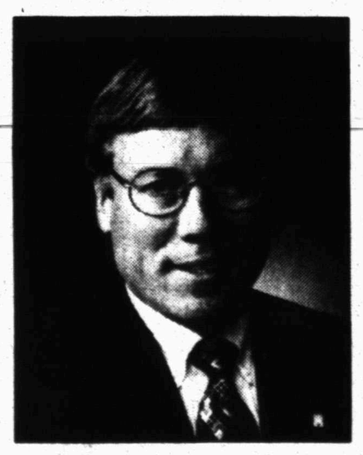
"I'm excited about being reassigned to Snyder," Thomas said. "This gives me the opportunity to learn the gas side of our business without having to relocate."

Thomas, a past-president of the Snyder chamber of commerce, added, "It also allow me to stay in Snyder where I've developed friendships and it allows our children to complete their high school education where they have grown up.

"It's an exciting time to be with Texas Utilities," Thomas said. "Not only do you have deregulation of the electric industry looming, but also we are involved in numerous mergers and acqusitions which present exciting opportunities."

Thomas, a native of Eastland, came to Snyder from TU's regional office in Midland. He is active in the Snyder Rotary Club, is vice president of the Gold Coats and is a member of the Ritz Theatre board of governors.

Thomas and his wife, Laura, have four children, and they attend Colonial Hill Baptist Church.



Daryl Thomas

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Beware of gift certificates that can be exchanged for a bigger size.

Christmas shoppers beware!

Higher wages for ladies dancing, maids a-milking and lords-a-leaping are driving up the price of a traditional Christmas.

The cost of buying the famous gifts contained in the popular song, "Twelve Days of Christmas," is $55,086.26. That total is up 1.12 percent over last season which is said to be a slightly smaller increase than the government's Consumer Price Index which rose some two percent.

Since 1984, the Asset Management group at PNC Bank Corp. in Philadelphia has worked to put a price tag on the song's 364 flamboyant gifts.

If you had bought the gifts last year during the after-Christmas sales, you could have gotten by for only $54,478.

The biggest increase was for lords-a-leaping. At $3,309.87, the price is related to a new contract signed by dancers at the Pennsylvania Ballet.

And don't forget the pear trees. They increased 140 percent, from $12.50 to $30 each.

The increase in minimum wage also played a role. Maids a milking at $5.15 per hour now command $41.20. Like batteries, cows are not included.

Prices for gold rings, swans and partridges remain unchanged. The total would have been a lot more, but last year swans were in demand only with a big discount.

Piping pippers and drumming drummers, it's a matter of supply and demand. Where can you exchange 'em?

Men are more prudent shoppers than the gals.

A guy in the coffee shop said he went into the drug store and asked for a nice pen. The clerk asked if it were a surprise.

The father answered, "It will be. My daughter's expecting a car."

A gift suggestion for that pesky, hard-to-buy for brother-in-law:

A leaky ant farm.

Law could fine teens $1,000

A new law that takes effect Jan. 1 will double fines for adults who are ticketed for certain violations in construction zones, but could fine teenagers up to $1,000 for the same violations.

House Bill 981, doubles the fines for violations within properly marked highway construction or maintenance zones where people are working.

Presently, the Texas Transporation Code sets the fines for speeding or running a red light as no more than $200. On Jan. 1, the fines will double and the fines could be as much as $400.

However, other changes in traffic laws make offenses committed by minors to be treated as Class C misdemeanors, punishable by fines up to $500.

The net effect is that drivers younger than 17 could be hit with fines up to $1,000 for traffic offenses if the offense occurs in a construction zone.

Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds said this morning it doesn't seem reasonable to fine a teen-ager that much more.

"We'll just have to play the new law by ear," said Reynolds. "The author of the bill said that the large fines for juvenile drivers was not his intent either."

Reynolds did urge everyone to obey the laws in highway construction areas.

"There are signs up now warning us of the doubling of the fines in the construction zones," said Reynolds.

DCOS board convenes at 4

Development Corporation of Snyder board will meet at 4 p.m. today.

Agenda items include:

—conveying water and sewer improvements at SnTx Park I to the City of Snyder;

—annual evaluation of the executive director;

—updating signature cards at American State Bank;

—discussion of a loan default.

Also on the agenda is approval of financial statements, bills for payment and previous minutes.

Bearden takes over at Salt Creek

A 16-year veteran of Mobil Exploration and Production US has taken over the reins of the company's Salt Creek operation effective the first of this month.

Steve Bearden, who was serving as the operating officer for the South Plains district, succeeds Monte Olson. Olson was transferred to Mobile Bay, Ala.

Bearden, 38, started his career with Mobil in Midland following his graduation from Texas Tech. The Hobbs, N.M. native has also spent time in Freer, Kermit and a year in Russia with the company. While serving as supervisor over the South Plains district, he was based in Sundown. That district included production in Levelland, Hobbs and Denver City.

Bearden's family consists of his wife, Laura, also a Hobbs native; a son, 12; and a daughter, 10.

They will continue to live in the Lubbock area, said Bearden.

Bearden said his move reflects no organizational changes within Mobil, just career moves.

ASK US

Q—If a student becomes ineligible for extra-curricular activities because of grades at the end of the present six weeks, when will the student become eligible again?

A—After officially being declared ineligible on Dec. 26 at 3:30 p.m., the student would become eligible on Jan. 30.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 65 degrees; low, 26; 7 a.m. Thursday, 34; no precipitation; total for 1997, 24.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low around 45. S wind 10-20 mph. Friday, increasing clouds, cooler. High 60-65. SE wind 10-20 mph, becoming NE by afternoon.



Dalton Cole
Cloudy, cooler

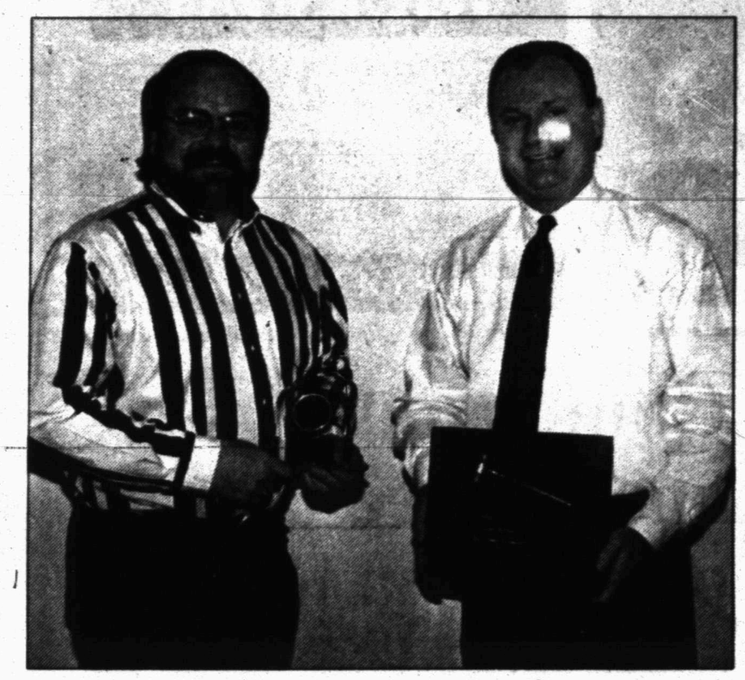
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5:44 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:38 p.m.
Of 351 days in 1997, the sun has shone 336 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You see things and you say "Why?" I dream things that never were and say "Why not?"

George Bernard Shaw

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RECEIVE AWARDS — Two past chamber of commerce presidents received plaques from executive director Donna Fowler. Rob Sanders, left, retires from the board this year. Jeffrey Martin, receiving a past president's plaque, turned the gavel over to Keith Hackfeld at Monday's meeting, but will remain on the board another year. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

TV cartoon sickens Japanese children

TOKYO (AP) — Government officials sought medical experts' help today in the investigation into why an episode of a popular TV cartoon triggered convulsions, vomiting and seizures in hundreds of children.

The government also asked television production specialists for help determining what set Tuesday night's episode of "Pocket Monster" apart from dozens of other brightly illustrated cartoons broadcast on Japanese television.

The investigation was expected to focus on whether a scene featuring rhythmic bursts of blue, red and white light was so rapid and intense that it interrupted normal brain function.

Such scenes, however, are not uncommon in Japanese cartoons, making the wave of illnesses all the more mysterious.

"Many commentators have been saying the colors or the flashes were the cause but we want to look at the entire program and see if there was anything else that could have led to the problem," said Yoshihiko Fujiwara of the broadcasting bureau of the Posts and — Telecommunications Ministry.

"It's important that we find out why so many people were sickened and what can be done to prevent it from happening again," Fujiwara said.

Beyond medical experts, Fujiwara said the ministry was working closely with TV Tokyo, the network that aired the cartoon.

Nearly 700 people, nearly all of them children, were treated and 208 were hospitalized after the 30-minute program triggered symptoms including blackouts, nausea, and fainting, according to the Health Ministry.

The cartoon, shown since April, is the highest-rated program in its time slot and is aimed at kindergartners and the early elementary levels.

TV Tokyo is canceling it until the cause of the reactions becomes clear. The network today also called on video stores to stop renting all episodes of the show.

Dr. Philip Sheridan, chief of the epilepsy branch of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke in Bethesda, Md., said the children's reactions could have two different causes.

Some children may have started to hyperventilate from the excitement and the flashing lights, he said Wednesday. That can cause dizziness, nausea and fainting. This kind of problem often spreads in groups of children as they see each other having trouble, Sheridan said.

In other children, the flashing lights might have acted directly on the brain to cause seizures, he said. An affected child would momentarily stare and not respond even to shouting, or have a stiffening of the body with jerking arms and legs for up to a minute. That would happen if the flashing disrupted the natural pacemakers that regulate patterns of activity in the brain's circuits, he said.

Such brief seizures do not damage the brain and do not mean a child has epilepsy, Sheridan stressed. Epilepsy involves repeated seizures without provocation.

Church dispute in Boerne ended

BOERNE (AP) — A landmark dispute over an old stone church has ended with the Boerne City Council approving a settlement allowing part of St. Peter's Catholic Church to be torn down and an 800-seat addition built.

"We're all pleased it's moving to resolution," Mayor Patrick Heath said Tuesday after the council voted unanimously to approve the settlement in a case that reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

The agreement permits the church, which sits in the city's historic district, to tear down 20 percent of its old sanctuary. Construction bids will be sought in January for the $2 million project.

"I think our congregation, especially, is just happy we are moving forward," said church pastor Rev. Tony Cummins. "The past is the past."

Boerne is located about 30 miles northwest of San Antonio.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Dec. 19, 1997

Several important changes in your career and social life could await you in the year ahead. How you respond to these shifting conditions will determine your degree of success in each venue.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you hope to be successful and effective, you must be decisive. You won't have much to show for your efforts today if you can't make decisions. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Privileged information that comes your way today might not be of significant value. Before acting upon it, check out the facts carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Enigmatic friends or strangers should be dealt with cautiously today, or else you might be taken in. Be selective when deciding in whom you place your trust.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In a partnership arrangement today, have a clear-cut understanding as to who is responsible for what. Lay ground rules if there aren't any.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Avoid criticizing others today for the same shortcomings you find intolerable in yourself. It is time to forgive human frailties, including your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Speculative situations should be avoided today if you wish to be wise. You can't depend upon Lady Luck to back you up each time you fail to act responsibly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A bad situation could be made worse today if disagreements between you and your mate aren't resolved privately. Keep an outsider from butting in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your chances for getting qualified help to handle your daily duties do not look very strong. Do the tasks on your own, or wait until help is available.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If reciprocating a social commitment today, don't feel obliged to spend more than the person spent on you. It is the intention, not the tab that counts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Situations over which you'll have little control could severely restrict your mobility today. Instead of getting frustrated, smile and flow with events.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Basically, you're a rather optimistic individual, but today you might evaluate people and conditions from a negative perspective.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not be intimidated by your peers today and feel you must go along with something you really can't afford. It is okay to be frugal sometimes!

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Aches of Older Parents Were Big Worries for Little Child

DEAR READERS: On Oct. 15, I asked those of you who were the children of "older parents" to write me about how it affected you, in order to help a couple in their 40s decide whether or not to start a family. I was unprepared for the avalanche of letters I received passionately arguing both sides of the issue. Some of the loving tributes brought tears to my eyes.

The letters ran about 4-to-1 in favor of starting a family. However, today we'll hear from those who voted "no." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: While I love my parents very much and thank God for them daily, having aging parents was hard on me emotionally. I remember praying to God when I was only 4 years old that he would allow my parents to live until I grew up. I worried they wouldn't live to see me through elementary school. Every ache and pain weighed heavily on my heart. Of course, having older parents was not all bad — I learned to be very independent at a young age, because I was preparing to carry on alone.

My advice to the couple considering having children: If you are in good health and are well prepared to be around for the next 40 to 50 years, by all means have children. Just keep in mind that they'll be counting on you to be around, so take care of your health.

Another suggestion: If you're hesitant about having children, why not share your love and life by adopting older children who need loving homes? That way, you won't be the oldest parents at PTA meetings.

CALIFORNIA READER

DEAR CALIFORNIA READER: Your letter touched on several points that were echoed by many readers. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I hope the 40-somethings who are considering becoming parents will consider my advice: *Please don't*!

You might be fooling yourselves about how young and fit you are. When your child is an infant, maybe you won't look like his grandparents. But trust me, the age difference will show up before long.

Have you ever taken care of an infant long enough to discover how exhausting infant care can be? Will you have the stamina to stay up all night with a sick child and still go to work in the morning? When you're in your 60s and your child is a teen-ager, will you snap back after being up all night wondering where that child is? Or worse, because you *do* know — thanks to a cop who called to say your kid has been arrested? Don't think it won't happen.

No matter how healthy you feel, the actuarial tables are not on your side. If you feel the need to have children in your life, I recommend you take in foster children.

NO NAME PLEASE, ORLANDO, FLA.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother was 45 and my dad was 51 when I was born. Dad died when I was 16, leaving me to care for my mother, who was 62. I basically had no parents, and my youth was stolen by responsibility.

If those people want children in their lives, please tell them to be a Big Brother or Sister, or adopt an older child. There are too many unwanted and neglected children out there already.

I grew up with parents who were too old and too tired all the time. I grew up in funeral homes because my dad was the youngest of 12, and the aunts and uncles were dropping like flies. Believe me, it's no life for a kid. Sign me ...

THE ACCIDENT

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Tomorrow we'll hear from those readers who spoke for the majority — and urged the hesitant couple in their 40s to "go for it!" Stay tuned.

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For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Early in his career, revolutionizing physics was Albert Einstein's hobby, his day job was as a patent clerk in Switzerland.

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PARTY HONORS KEEBLE — Ladies' Golf Association of Snyder Country Club had a surprise birthday party honoring Lou Keeble on her 91st birthday on Dec. 17. Keeble has served as treasurer of the golf association since 1953. Seated from left are Norma Thompson, Keeble, and Jo Sterling; middle row includes Carolyn Greene, Sue Reed, Donna Stehley, Finnie Seale; back row from left are Stacey Reed, Colleen Duke, Luann Burleson, Anita Talbott, Gwen Sealy and Kathy Stephens. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Top 10 towns for newlyweds listed

NEW YORK (AP) — Where are the best places for the newlyweds to settle down?

Editors of Bridal Guide magazine analyzed cities around the nation in terms of cost of living, transportation, job opportunities, education, and recreation, and came up with these "Top Ten Cities for Newlyweds," featured in the January-February issue:

Atlanta, Chicago; Dallas; Denver; Detroit; Minneapolis-St. Paul; Philadelphia; Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz.; and Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, Wash.

Runners-up were Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, Ohio; Los Angeles-Long Beach, Calif.; New York City; St. Louis; and Salt Lake City-Ogden, Utah.

Life Advice Pamphlets

Silver is challenge

NEW YORK (AP) — Your new silver gifts come with the challenge of keeping them gleaming. Some tips from the Silver Information Center:

— Before storing silver, wash and thoroughly dry each piece. Store it in an airtight drawer, a chest lined with a tarnish-preventive cloth, or in protective bags. Remember to rotate flatware, not using the same pieces for each meal. This will ensure the patina develops evenly.

— Keep larger pieces such as trays, candlesticks and serving dishes in flannel cases or wrap them in acid-free tissue before putting them into a reclosable plastic bag. Never wrap silver in plastic food wrap, aluminum foil, or newspapers, and don't bind it with rubber bands.

— The best way to keep your silver looking its best is to use and enjoy it every day. Frequent use prevents silver from tarnishing.

Snyder native elected chairman

Jeana L. Riley, former Snyder resident, has been elected chairman of the Eastern Oklahoma ASID for the 1997-98 term.

Comprised of over 17,000 practicing designers worldwide, the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), is the world's largest organization in the interior design community.

Jeana has been a professional member of ASID since 1989. She has served in many capacities with Oklahoma Eastern Association of ASID from 1992 to the present which includes Atlas Showcase invitations chair; calling committee chair, Eastern Association chair-elect; association representative to state board; and Eastern Association chairman.

As part of her new resonsibilities, she recently chaired the Oklahoma ASID state meeting in Tulsa. Events included an informal party of all board/committee members, a continuing education units course, a luncheon featuring the national past president Kathy Ford Montgomery FASID, and a vendor's trade fair and student ASID display.

Jeana received her bachelor's of fine arts in interior design degree from Texas Tech University in 1983. She practiced design in Snyder from 1983 to 1991 and was licensed by the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners in 1993.

After moving to Tulsa, she participated in the 1994 Parade of Homes. In addition, she was in the Tulsa Philharmonic Designers showcase in 1994, and 1997. She is currently practicing full time in her business, Classic Designs, in Tulsa. She is also a participating merchant in Windsor Market, an antique, art and interior design mall.

Jeana is the daughter of Max and Anne von Roeder. She and her husband, Kinney, have two daughters, Lauren and Erin. They are members of the Tulsa First United Methodist Church. Jeana is also involved in Junior League of Tulsa, South Tulsa Executive Group, and the Carnegie Elementary PTA.



Jeana Riley

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

Three support groups: Divorce Recovery, Cancer/Grief, and Caring for Aging Parents; in Family Life Center of First Baptist Church; 6:30 p.m.; for more information call the church office at 573-2631. Anyone is welcome to attend and child care will be provided.

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

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 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.

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.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 12-18-97
♠ J 5 4
♥ Q 3
♦ K Q 9 4
♣ K Q J 3

West
♠ 10 7 6 3
♥ 10 6 4
♦ 7 3
♣ 10 9 8 7

East
♠ Q 8
♥ K 9 8 7 5 2
♦ 6 5 2
♣ 4 2

South
♠ A K 9 2
♥ A J
♦ A J 10 8
♣ A 6 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	6 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 10

The same and different

We have many contradictory sayings. For example, John Adams, in defense of the British soldiers in the Boston Massacre Trials of Dec. 1770. said, "Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence." On the other other hand, in "The Old Judge," Thomas Chandler Haliburton wrote, "Circumstances alter cases."

In today's deal, how would you play the spade suit, if taken in isolation, for three tricks? Then, how do you plan the play in six no-trump after West leads a club?

You have 11 top tricks: two spades, one heart, four diamonds and four clubs. There are two chances for number 12: a third spade trick or a winning heart finesse.

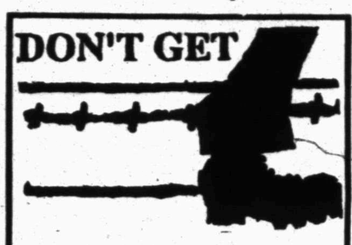
In isolation, the best play for three spade tricks is to cash the ace, then to lead low toward dummy's jack. If it loses to East's queen and the 10 still hasn't appeared and West hasn't discarded, you cash the king on the third round.

That seems perfect, because if you don't get the third spade trick that you're after, apparently you can fall back on the heart finesse. However, in these circumstances an astute East, on winning with the spade queen, will switch to a heart. Now you must commit yourself before knowing the lie of the spades.

So, here it is better to cash the spade ace, enter dummy in a minor, and play a spade, intending to finesse your nine. If it loses to the 10, you can check the spade distribution before, if necessary, falling back on the heart finesse. And with this layout, when the spade queen appears on the second round, you are home.

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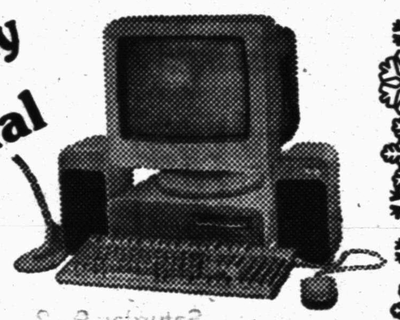
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16 Looked fixedly
18 Favorite
19 Chemical suffix
20 Snake shape
22 Curved molding
26 Battle for two
28 Engine sound
29 Whale school
32 Say cheese!
34 Sweet potato
35 Entertainer Sumac
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38 Ceremonies
40 Tie the —
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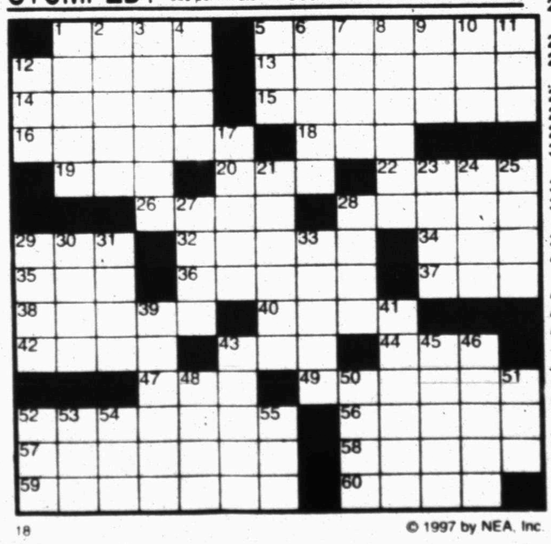
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10 Recent (pref.)
11 — Aviv
12 Owns
17 Judges
21 Like some evening gowns
23 Spanish painter
24 Of the dawn
25 Jane Austen title
27 Info. agcy.
28 Reject
29 Funeral item
30 Fail to mention
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33 Solitary person
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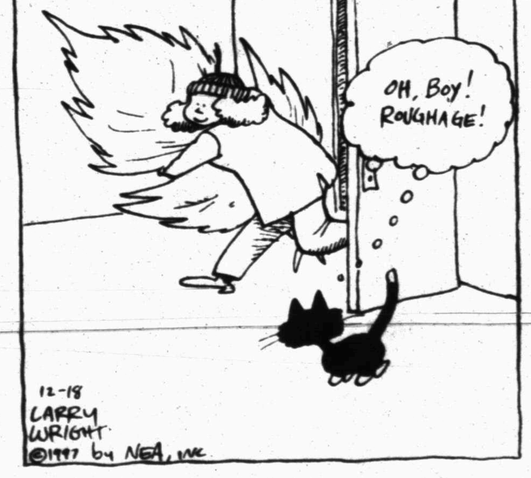
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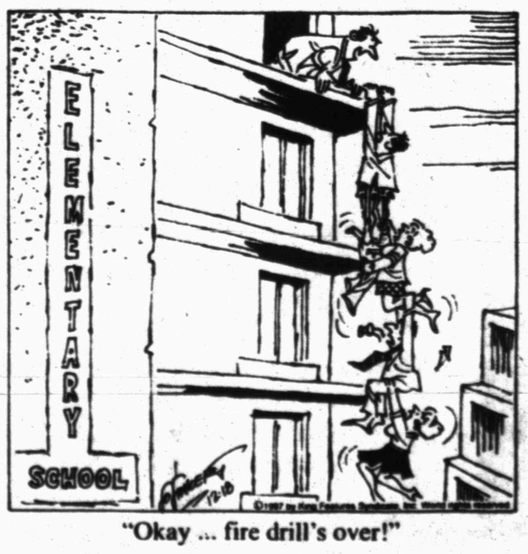
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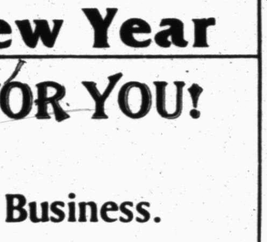
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Probe stretches from Florida to Texas in death of mother

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sheila Bellush saw her husband off to work and her 13-year-old daughter off to school before apparently strapping her quadruplets into life jackets to keep the toddlers safe around the swimming pool in the back yard.

But it was Mrs. Bellush, not her children, who needed protection. She was found shot to death, her throat slit, her 23-month-old children crawling around in her blood in their Sarasota, Fla., home.

"My mom is dead," her sobbing 13-year-old daughter, Stevie, told a 911 operator after finding the body when she arrived home from school Nov. 7. The teenager cried, "Oh my God, who would do this?"

Three men have been charged with what investigators say was a contract murder, and one pleaded guilty Wednesday. Suspicion has also fallen on Mrs. Bellush's ex-husband, a golfing partner of one of the men charged.

How much the killer might have gotten, exactly who paid it and why have not been answered.

Investigators have refused to give a motive for the slaying.

Allen Blackthorne, Mrs. Bellush's former husband, became an immediate focus of investigators and hired a defense attorney, Roy Barrera Jr., though he has not been charged with a crime.

Blackthorne and his ex-wife had fought their way through a divorce in 1988, followed by nasty accusations and legal battles over their two daughters, Stevie and 12-year-old Daryl. In September, Sheila and her husband, James Bellush, moved to Sarasota from San Antonio — where their quadruplets had become celebrities of sorts — to start a new life.

Through his lawyer, Blackthorne denied involvement in Mrs. Bellush's slaying. "He is as shocked and surprised as anyone else by what happened," Barrera said.

Blackthorne so far has not accepted an offer to testify before the grand jury, saying he has no helpful information, said Steve Hilbig, district attorney in San Antonio.

"We would always like to hear from Mr. Blackthorne," Hilbig said. "I might suggest that he might not know what will help us and what won't help us."

Less than a week after the attack, Jose Luis Del Toro, 21, of Texas, was charged with first-degree murder. He was captured in Mexico on Nov. 20.

Del Toro had been seen in camouflage clothing spying on the family home before attacking Mrs. Bellush near a laundry room adjacent to her garage, authorities said.

Investigators said they found his fingerprints on a clothes dryer in the Bellush home. The alleged murder weapon, a .45-caliber gun, was found in Del Toro's car in Texas.

Welfare fraud nets probated sentences

Two Snyder residents have pleaded guilty in 132nd District Court this week to welfare fraud and have been assessed probated prison sentences.

Cary Mark Thurmond, 32, and Cindy Kay Garcia, 40, each pleaded guilty to separate counts of tampering with a government record.

Thurmond's offense occurred April 5, 1996 and Garcia's violation occurred May 15, 1996. Court records indicate each defendant used deception and failed to fully report household income in order to receive food stamp benefits.

Thurmond, who lives at 1500 Ave. T, and Garcia, 1800 19th Street, were each given a two-year state jail sentence, probated for five years. Each was also fined $500.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	129⅝	128⅜	128⅝— 1⅜
AT&T Corp	58⅜	57⅝	58 9-16+11-16
AirTouch	39 3-16	38 5-16	39 3-16+ 1⅜
Albertsons	46 1-16	45⅜	46 — ⅛
AlldSignal s	36⅞	36 7-16	36⅜— 1-16
Alltel	40⅝	40 1-16	40 3-16— ⅛
AmerOnline	83 15-16	82⅝	83 5-16— ⅜
AmStores	20 3-16	20 1-16	20 1-16
Ameritech	81⅜	80 9-16	81⅛+ ⅜
Amoco	84 5-16	83 13-16	83 13-16+ 1-16
AndrkPtr	61½	60 7-16	60⅝— ½
Amcolnc	4 15-16	4⅞	4⅞— 1-16
AtlRichfld s	78⅜	78 5-16	78 9-16+ 1-16
ATMOS Egy	27⅝	27 11-16	27⅝+ 1-16
Aviall	15 3-16	15 15	— 3-16
BakerHughes	42 41	3-16	41¼+ ⅜
BellAtl	90 3-16	89 7-16	89 11-16— ⅝
BellSouth	55⅛	55⅜	55⅝— ¼
BethSteel	8¼	8	8 1-16— 3-16
BritPet s	81 11-16	81 5-16	81⅜— 1-16
BurlNoSFe	94 11-16	94	94 7-16+ 7-16
CBS Corp	29⅛	28⅛	29
Caterpillar s	50⅛	49¼	49¾—1 7-16
CenSoWst	26⅛	25⅞	26⅛
Chevron	75⅛	74 9-16	74 15-16+ 1-16
Chrysler	36 15-16	36¼	36¾— 1-16
Coastal	60 1-16	59⅝	60 1-16+ 1-16
CocaCola	66⅜	65 7-16	65 9-16— 5-16
ColgatePalm s	68⅜	67 11-16	68 — ⅛
ComclMetals	32⅜	32	32 — ⅛
Cooperln	50 9-16	50	50 —11-16
CyprusAmax	15⅞	15 7-16	15⅝— 5-16
DallSemicn	37⅛	36⅜	37⅛+ ⅛
DeltaAirl	117 15-16	115⅝	116⅝— 1⅜
DigitalEq	38 9-16	37 3-16	37½— ⅝
Dillards Inc	35⅝	35 5-16	35 7-16+ ⅛
DowChem	99⅝	97⅛	98⅛— 1⅝
DresserInd	41	40 7-16	41 + 7-16
DuPont s	61⅜	60¼	60⅝— ⅜
EastmanChem	58⅝	58⅛	58⅜
EstKodak	59 11-16	58 7-16	58 15-16+2 7-16
EDS Corp	42 13-16	42¼	42⅝— ½
Entergy	27 11-16	27 9-16	27⅞
Exxon s	63⅛	62 3-16	62⅝+ ⅜
FstBksAm	24	23⅝	24
Flowers s	19⅜	19	19 11-16— 9-16
FordMotor	48 15-16	48¼	48 5-16— ⅜
GTE Cp	50 13-16	50¼	50⅝— ⅜
GenDynam	86⅛	84 13-16	84 15-16— 1¾
GenElecs	75 1-16	73⅞	74 9-16— 7-16
GenMills	74 13-16	74⅜	74 11-16— ⅜
GenMotors	64⅞	64 3-16	64 5-16— 1-16
GaPacGP s	62 15-16	61 7-16	62⅛— ⅛
GlobalMar	26 3-16	25⅜	25 9-16
Goodrich	43 5-16	42	42⅜—1 5-16
Goodyear s	64 15-16	64	64 5-16— ⅜
GtAtlPac	29⅛	28 9-16	28 11-16— ⅛
Halliburtn s	51 3-16	49 13-16	50 — ⅛
Hanson ADS	23⅝	23 11-16	23 13-16— ⅛
HarteHanks	36¼	35⅞	36¼+ ⅛
HomeDepot s	58⅝	58	58 5-16+ ⅛
HoustonInds	25¼	25 3-16	25 3-16— 1-16
IBM s	102 15-16	101⅞	102¾+ ⅛
IntlPaper	43 15-16	43 5-16	43⅜— 1⅛
JohnsonJn	67	65 15-16	66⅛— ⅛
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Kroger s	34 7-16	34⅛	34⅛— 3-16
Litton	55⅜	55	55⅜+ ⅛
LockhdMart	96⅛	95 15-16	96⅛— ⅛
Lowes Cos	47⅛	46⅝	46⅝—15-16
Lubys	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛+ ⅛
LucentTech	76 15-16	76	76 9-16+ 9-16
MayDeptStrs	52 7-16	51 13-16	52⅛— ⅛
Medtronic s	51 13-16	51 1-16	51 9-16
Mobils	72	70 13-16	70 13-16—1 3-16
Monsanto	42 15-16	42 1-16	42 9-16— 7-16
MorganJP	121⅛	119⅛	120 9-16—1 7-16
Motorola	56⅛	54 13-16	55⅛+1 11-16
NCR Corp	27⅛	26 15-16	27 + 1-16
NationsBk s	62⅜	61⅛	62⅛—1-256
Navistar	24 7-16	24 1-16	24 5-16+ ⅛
Norwests	37⅛	36⅜	36 15-16—13-16
OryxEngy	24⅛	24	24⅛
Penney JC	63 5-16	61⅞	62⅝— 9-16
Pennzoil	66 13-16	66⅛	66⅝— 1-16
PepBoys	23 15-16	23⅛	23⅜+ 1-16
PepsiCo	34⅜	34 5-16	34 9-16— 5-16
PhelpDodge	64 1-16	62⅝	62 15-16— 1⅛
PhilipPet	47⅜	47 3-16	47 9-16— 3-16
PilgrmPrd	15 3-16	15⅛	15⅜— ⅛
Polaroid	44⅞	44⅛	44⅛+ 9-16
Praxair	45	44⅛	44 11-16— ½
ProctGamb s	81 11-16	79⅞	79¾—1 7-16
PubSNwMx	22 9-16	22 5-16	22 9-16+ 3-16
RoyalDut s	55⅛	54 5-16	54⅜— 3-16
SBC Comm	75 1-16	74	74 3-16—13-16
SaraLee	55⅛	54⅜	55⅛+ ⅛
Scripps EW	46⅞	46⅛	46½+ 7-16
SearsRoeb	44	43 1-16	43⅜— 7-16
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SmthBc ADS s	53 3-16	52⅝	52 13-16— 3-16
SouthernCo	23 15-16	23 13-16	23⅞— 1-16
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Sprint	57 11-16	56⅛	56⅜— ⅜
SunCo	42 9-16	42⅛	42⅜— 3-16
TNP Ent	29 11-16	29⅜	29 11-16+ 1-16
Tandy s	39 1-16	37⅜	37 7-16— 1⅜
TempleInland	54	53⅛	53½+ 1-16
Tenneco	39 5-16	38⅜	39⅛+ ⅜
Texaco s	53⅜	53⅛	53⅜+ ⅛
TexInd s	44⅛	43 11-16	43 15-16— ⅜
TexasInst s	44 7-16	43 1-16	43⅜— ½
TexUtil	40 11-16	40¼	40 7-16— ⅛
Textron s	61 1-16	59⅛	60 1-16— 1⅛
Travelers s	56	54⅛	54⅜—1 5-16
TriconGlbR n	30 3-16	29 9-16	29 13-16— 9-16
TrinityInds	42 7-16	41	42 7-16+ 1⅛
TritonEngy	30 11-16	30 5-16	30½+ 3-16
Tyler	5⅛	5⅛	5½— 1-16
US WestCm	45⅞	45⅛	45 11-16— 3-16
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WstnGasRs	22	21⅞	22 — 1-16
WinnDixie	43 1-16	42 9-16	42 9-16— ⅛
Woolworth	21⅛	20⅝	20⅝— ⅛
Xerox Corp	71 7-16	69 13-16	69 13-16—1 9-16
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Datebook

Dec. 18, 1997

Today is the 352nd day of 1997 and the 89th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1737, Antonio Stradivari, the famous violin-maker, died.

On this day in 1892, British scientist Sir Richard Owen died; he created the word "dinosaur."

On this day in 1992, Kim Young-Sam was elected South Korea's first civilian president in three decades.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph J. Thomson (1856-1940), physicist; Paul Klee (1879-1940), artist; Ty Cobb (1886-1961), baseball great; Christopher Fry (1907-), dramatist, is 90; Ossie Davis (1917-), actor, is 80; Ramsey Clark (1927-), U.S. attorney general, is 70; Keith Richards (1943-), musician, is 54; Steven Spielberg (1947-), director-producer, is 50; Leonard Maltin (1950-), movie reviewer, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, fullback Bo Jackson played in his first bowl game, scoring twice.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Landlords, like all other men, love to reap where they never sowed." — Karl Marx

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1988, in Hawaii, wind, snow, ice and cold led to evacuations on Mauna Kea.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 13) and last quarter (Dec. 21).

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Is surgery needed for herniated disc?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: An MRI test has shown that my chronic back pain is caused by a bulging disc that is pressing on some nerve roots. My doctor likens it to squeezing the filling in an Oreo cookie. He has prescribed muscle relaxants, physical therapy and stretching exercises. He says that if these treatments don't work, I'll be a candidate for surgery. But I don't want surgery. What would you do?

DEAR READER: Exactly what you're doing.

Initial treatment for a herniated disc consists of precisely the therapy your doctor ordered. In addition, you might consider acupuncture and chiropractic manipulation. If these nonsurgical methods are effective, fine; if not, you'll have to consider an operation to repair the disc.

I must say that I am impressed with the simile your doctor used. The spinal discs ARE like Oreo filling, with the cookie portion representing the bones. If the bones are squeezed together, the disc tends to protrude out of place.

Your doctor not only gets an "A" for his approach to disc disorders, but he also gets extra credit for explaining the situation to you in understandable terms.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 70 years old. Every morning I faithfully drink a tablespoon of apple cider vinegar in a glass of cranberry juice. This has kept me from having arthritis. Are there side effects?

DEAR READER: There are no serious complications from drinking small quantities of vinegar. However, I think I should tell you that the vinegar/cranberry juice cocktail is of absolutely no benefit in preventing or treating arthritis.

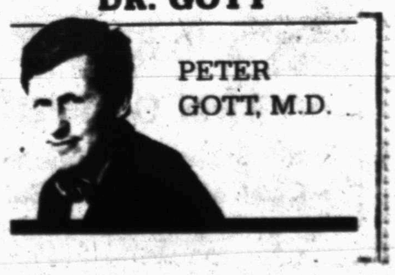
You will probably disagree with that statement because you (a) take the combination, and (b) have no arthritis. One plus one equals two, right?

Consider this. I drink orange juice every morning (because I like it) and I have yet to have a stroke. Am I justified in believing that the juice prevents strokes? I think not. Such cause-and-effect relations can only be proved by scientific testing. For example, take 1,000 similar people, give half of them orange juice daily and the other half plain water. Then in five years, analyze the incidence of stroke in both groups. This sort of study would indicate whether orange juice plays any role whatsoever in stroke prevention.

In your case, your morning beverage and arthritis-free existence are unrelated.

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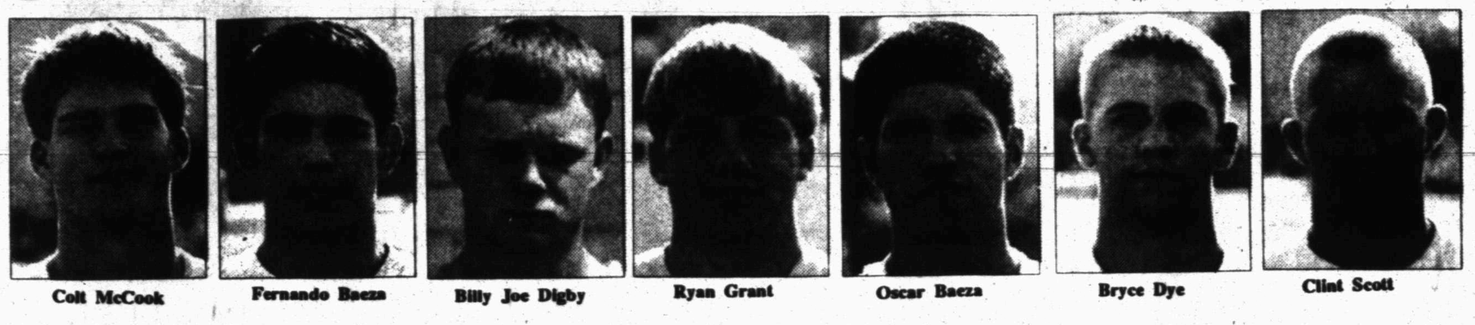
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SPORTS

Borden County, Ira, Hermleigh players earn all-district honors



Colt McCook | Fernando Baeza | Billy Joe Digby | Ryan Grant | Oscar Baeza | Bryce Dye | Clint Scott

Hermleigh's Billy Joe Digby and six Borden County players received first team all-district honors for the 1997 season.

Digby, a 5-10 190-pound senior, was selected first team running back along with Borden County junior Fernando Baeza.

Also on offense were junior QB Colt McCook and senior end Oscar Baeza, both members of the state champion Coyotes.

Garnering first team defensive recognition were six Borden County players.

Senior Bryce Dye and junior Ryan Grant were selected along the defensive line, while seniors Clint Scott and Oscar Baeza were placed at linebacker.

Fernando Baeza was chosen for safety and Dye received the punting honors.

Ira's Logan Daves was named to the second team offense and defense.

The 6-6 sophomore was joined at second-team linebacker by Digby, while Hermleigh sophomore Caleb Callaway was picked for the defensive line.

Cardinal senior Larry Lambaren was named as second team safety and quarterback.

Joining Lambaren in the offensive backfield was Borden County senior Clint Scott.

Dye picked up honors for center, with Hermleigh junior Kenny Hancock being named as kicker.

For the Bulldogs, Jerek Brown and Donnie Sims received offensive honorable mention. Perry Jamison nabbed the honors on defense.

Picking up honorable mention for the Cardinals offensively were Ricky Luna, Jason Hernandez, Johnny Garza and Callaway.

Hernandez and Hancock were named for their defensive efforts.

Ryan Grant, John Brummett and Trini Vasquez received offensive honorable mention for Borden County, while Colt Miller was chosen for defense.

Dye and Oscar Baeza were also selected as the district's all-stars, an honor given to two seniors from each district.

The two Coyotes will play in the 1998 Six-Man All-Star game in the summer.

Alternates for the contest will be Digby and Scott.

All-Stars: Oscar Baeza and Bryce Dye, Borden County

Alternates: Billy Joe Digby, Hermleigh; Davey Daniels, Westbrook; Clint Scott, Borden County.

First Team Offense

Tight QB: Colt McCook, jr., Borden County.
Spread QB: Vincent Soliz, sr., Westbrook.
Running backs: Fernando Baeza, jr., Borden County; Billy Joe Digby, sr., Hermleigh.
Ends: Oscar Baeza, sr., Borden County; Juan Rodriguez, jr., Highland.
Center: Stoney Burke, jr., Highland.
Kicker: Juan Rodriguez, jr., Highland.

First Team Defense

Linemen: Ryan Grant, jr., Borden County; Juan Rodriguez, jr., Highland; Thad Rich, jr., Westbrook; Bryce Dye, sr., Borden County.
Linebackers: Clint Scott, sr., Borden County; Oscar baeza, sr., Borden County; Davey Daniels, sr., Westbnrook; Michael Rogers, jr., Highland.
Safety: Fernando Baeza, jr., Borden County.
Punter: Bryce Dye, sr., Borden County.

Second Team Offense

Tight QB: Greg Landfried, jr., Highland.
Spread QB: Larry Lambaren, sr., Hermleigh.
Running backs: Clint Scott, sr., Borden County; Michael Rogers, jr., Highland.
Ends: Logan Daves, soph., Ira; Davey Daniels, sr., Westbrook.
Center: Bryce Dye, sr., Borden County.
Kicker: Kenny Hancock, jr., Hermleigh.

Second Team Defense

Linemen: Jon Jones, sr., Westbrook; Caleb Callaway, soph., Hermleigh; Michael Wade, jr., Highland.
Linebackers: Logan Daves, soph., Ira; Billy Joe Digby, sr., Hermleigh; Marcus Garcia, jr., Loraine.
Safeties: Larry Lambaren, sr., Hermleigh; Chris Chambers, jr., Westbrook; Greg Landfried, jr., Highland.
Punter: Greg Landfried, jr., Highland.

Honorable Mention Offense

Quarterback: Jerek Brown, soph., Ira.
Running backs: Donnie Sims, soph., Ira; Ricky Luna, sr., Hermleigh.
Ends: Jason Hernandez, sr., Hermleigh; Johnny Garza, sr., Hermleigh; Ryan Grant, jr., Borden County; Trini Vasquez, sr., Borden County.
Center: Caleb Callaway, soph., Hermleigh.
Kicker: John Brummett, sr., Borden County.

Honorable Mention Defense

Linebackers: Perry Jamison, jr., Ira; Jason Hernandez, sr., Hermleigh; Colt Miller, jr., Borden County.
Punter: Kenny Hancock, jr., Hermleigh.

Longtime Cowboy, Bill Bates, may be suiting up for last time

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys safety Bill Bates has been through it many times before.

The season is winding down and again there are reports that his career with the Cowboys may soon be over after 15 seasons.

It's been the same every year as the final game approaches. There are reports that Sunday's game against the New York Giants will be his last in a Cowboys uniform.

Bates, who has spent his entire career with the Cowboys, says that final game may really be approaching.

"In the back of my mind, I know this has a very good chance of being my last game," Bates said Wednesday. "It's going to be special. Obviously, there aren't many games left for me."

Bates made the team in 1983 as an undrafted free agent from the University of Tennessee, somehow surviving 15 seasons, three owners and three head coaches.

He has played in 230 games, including the playoffs, which is the second-highest total in team history. His 216 regular-season appearances are just seven shy of the club record held by defensive end Ed "Too Tall" Jones.

Although Bates would like to return for a 16th season to break the club record, he realizes that the uncertainty surrounding the Cowboys' off-season plans and the development of several younger players could force him to retire.

The team is 6-9 and out of the NFL playoffs for the first time since 1990.

He is second on the Cowboys with 21 tackles on special teams this season and remains the captain of that unit. He also is the middle linebacker in long third-down situations, although the Cowboys appear to want to take a longer look at Randall Godfrey in that role.

Coach Barry Switzer didn't sound optimistic about Bates' future.

"It's going to depend on what we draft, where he fits in and what he plans to do," Switzer said. "Does Bill work into the nickel (third-down) package any more? Should Randall Godfrey play every down? You're always trying to improve."

Bates said Wednesday he will talk to owner Jerry Jones after the season about coming back, but he's not taking any chances.

Numerous family members, including his wife and five children, will attend Sunday's game just in case.

Bates has said he would like coach with the Cowboys when his playing career is over, but he didn't want to discuss it as the team prepared for the season finale against New York.

"I'll cross that bridge when the time comes, but that time is getting pretty close," he said. "Real close, in fact."

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	16	8	.667	-
Miami	15	8	.652	½
NewYork	14	10	.583	2
NewJersey	13	10	.565	2½
Boston	11	12	.478	4½
Washington	11	14	.440	5½
Philadelphia	6	16	.273	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	19	5	.792	-
Charlotte	15	7	.682	3
Cleveland	15	8	.652	3½
Indiana	15	8	.652	3½
Chicago	15	9	.625	4
Milwaukee	11	12	.478	7½
Detroit	11	14	.440	8½
Toronto	2	22	.083	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	13	7	.650	-
Utah	14	9	.609	½
SanAntonio	14	10	.583	1
Minnesota	10	13	.435	4½
Vancouver	9	16	.360	6½
Dallas	5	18	.217	9½
Denver	2	20	.091	12

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	19	5	.792	-
L.A.Lakers	18	6	.750	1
Phoenix	13	8	.619	4½
Portland	13	9	.591	5
Sacramento	8	16	.333	11
GoldenState	5	16	.238	12½
L.A.Clippers	4	20	.167	15

Tuesday's Games

Utah 103, Miami 95
Cleveland 103, Phoenix 90
L.A. Lakers 109, Minnesota 96
New York 83, Detroit 78
Houston 118, Vancouver 91
San Antonio 99, Denver 85
Seattle 109, L.A. Clippers 94
Golden State 103, Dallas 92
Sacramento 94, Portland 87

Wednesday's Games

Washington 88, Miami 74
Boston 88, Toronto 83
Indiana 87, New York 80
New Jersey 105, Detroit 101
Minnesota 94, Philadelphia 90
Charlotte 99, Milwaukee 90
Atlanta 94, Cleveland 83
Chicago 104, L.A. Lakers 83
San Antonio 98, Vancouver 87

Thursday's Games

Utah at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Golden State vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Toronto, 8 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	23	9	0	46	98	58
Philadelphia	19	9	6	44	97	76
Washington	15	12	7	37	101	93
N.Y.Islanders	14	15	5	33	93	89
N.Y.Rangers	10	15	11	31	94	101
Florida	11	18	5	27	84	106
TampaBay	7	21	5	19	60	103

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	18	10	7	43	96	81
Montreal	18	13	4	40	103	88
Boston	16	13	5	37	86	86
Ottawa	14	16	4	32	84	80
Carolina	13	16	5	31	89	95
Buffalo	10	16	6	26	80	93

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	22	9	4	48	114	75
Detroit	19	9	7	45	113	87
St.Louis	20	12	3	43	101	81
Phoenix	13	15	6	32	89	97
Toronto	11	16	5	27	73	86
Chicago	10	17	7	27	72	86

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	18	8	10	46	107	90
LosAngeles	12	14	6	30	92	94
Anaheim	12	16	6	30	78	101
Edmonton	11	16	8	30	82	101
SanJose	13	18	3	29	87	98
Calgary	10	18	7	27	91	105
Vancouver	11	19	4	26	103	117

Tuesday's Games

Tampa Bay 1, Pittsburgh 1, tie
N.Y. Islanders 2, Washington 2, tie
Carolina 2, Ottawa 1
New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
Calgary 4, Chicago 3, OT
San Jose 5, Detroit 1

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Islanders 4, Buffalo 0
Tampa Bay 2, Boston 0
N.Y. Rangers 4, Florida 2
Detroit 2, Colorado 2, tie
Vancouver 5, Phoenix 1
Chicago 0, Edmonton 0, tie
Toronto 6, Anaheim 2

Thursday's Games

Florida at Washington, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Toronto at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Montreal at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

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Lady Bulldogs trounce Patton Springs, 61-21

PATTON SPRINGS — The Lady Bulldogs finished the 1997 portion of their basketball schedule on a good note.

Morgan Clements poured in 20 points, as Ira trounced Patton Springs, 61-21, Tuesday night.

The Lady Bulldogs, who won't be in action again until Jan. 2 at Hermleigh, improved to 13-1 on the season.

Ira held a slim six-point advantage to close the first quarter, but came out firing in the second.

The Lady Bulldogs hung 24 points on Patton Springs in the second period, grabbing a 34-11 lead by halftime.

Ira kept the defensive pressure going in the last two quarters, surrendering only 10 points over the final 16 minutes.

In addition to Clements, Terri Robinson posted double digits with 14.

Jamee Goolsby posted nine and Kacie Daves, six.

Brook Wilkes and Audra Oliver chipped in four apiece, while Tara Allen finished with three and Korby Calley, one.

Wannstedt says he'll return to coach Chicago

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Dave Wannstedt says he is returning to the Chicago Bears despite the team's miserable season and its failure to make the playoffs in four of his five years as coach, newspapers reported today.

The Bears are 4-11 headed into the season finale Sunday at Tampa Bay. Wannstedt, who is under contract through 2000, has a 36-43 record since replacing Mike Ditka in 1993.

"I put an awful lot of hours and work and sweat and tears into this damn job. My commitment is to see the thing through and get us on top," Wannstedt told the (Chicago) Daily Southtown.

And the Chicago Tribune reported that an unidentified top Bears executive said Wannstedt would return.

Bears president Michael McCaskey suggested in a radio interview several weeks ago that he was not inclined to make a coaching change, saying that Wannstedt was not to blame for poor player performance and injuries.

He has not said publicly that Wannstedt is returning, but one of his management people has. "Dave is going to be the coach here next year," Bears vice president of player personnel Mark Hatley said Wednesday.

Hatley does not hire or fire the head coach. McCaskey, who has refused interview requests to discuss Wannstedt's future, does.

Dowell takes over Mustang grid program

SWEETWATER — Sweetwater's new head football coach won't have to worry about learning his players' names — he's been a Mustang for 12 years.

Hank Dowell, the Mustang's defensive coordinator for the past 12 seasons, was named head coach Wednesday after Sweetwater school board unanimously approved his appointment Tuesday night.

The job became vacant when Tom Ritchey retired from coaching two weeks ago as the school's winningest coach.

The 47-year-old Dowell inherits a program which has lost only three games over the past three years.

This season the Mustangs finished 13-1 after being knocked off by Denison in the state quarterfinals.

Daves posts 28 in 76-38 Ira victory

PATTON SPRINGS — The 6-6 frame of Logan Daves is a dominating presence for the Ira Bulldogs.

Patton Springs can testify to that.

Daves dominated the Rangers to the tune of 28 points Tuesday night, as Ira posted a 76-38 blowout of Patton Springs.

The Rangers tried to stay within striking distance, trailing by only seven after one quarter.

But the Bulldogs picked up the pace in the second.

Ira outscored the Rangers, 20-6, to seize a 40-19 advantage at the half.

Patton Springs managed to keep up with the Bulldogs in the third period, but not in the fourth.

The Ira defense killed any thoughts of a Ranger comeback by surrendering just four points in the final eight minutes of action.

Daves' 28 was a game-high, while Jerek Brown canned 14 and Billy Keith Box posted 12.

The victory moves the Bulldogs to 9-5 on the season.

Ira won't be on the court again until Jan. 2 at Hermleigh.

SDN Sports Week

Friday

Snyder varsity boys at Slaton, 7:45.
Colorado City at Snyder JV & varsity girls, 5 p.m., 6:30.
Colorado City at Snyder 9th girls, SJHS gymnasium, 5 p.m.
Borden County JV boys, varsity & JV girls at Lubbock High, 4:30.
Snyder JV boys at Sweetwater tourney.

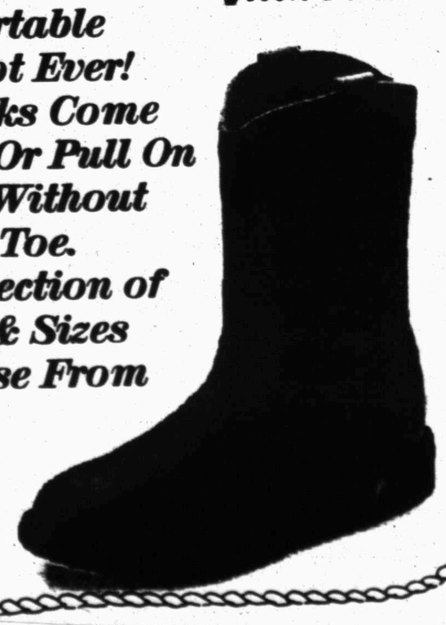
Saturday

Sweetwater at Snyder varsity boys, 7:30.
Snyder JV & varsity girls at Sweetwater, 6 p.m., 7:30.
Snyder JV boys at Sweetwater tourney.

Monday

Big Spring at Snyder JV & varsity boys, 6 p.m., 7:30.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Deputy goes from Grinch to Santa

RACELAND, La. (AP) — Sgt. Craig Jaccuzzo took away the Christmas tree, the lights and all the trimmings. He took the baby dolls, remote control cars, fishing poles and even gift wrapping paper.

He had to. All the items — including a go-cart, television, video recorder, car stereo and other expensive gifts — had been purchased with bad checks.

Nolan "Redbean" Vedros Jr., 32, was wanted in four parishes for cashing lost or stolen checks, with forged signatures on a closed account, and using the money to buy $5,000 worth of presents for himself and the woman and children he lived with.

When Jaccuzzo arrived Dec. 6 at the family's mobile home, they were decorating their new tree. Boxes of new ornaments were torn open and scattered throughout the living room. Holiday music was playing.

"The real Christmas spirit was going on," said Jaccuzzo, who patrols low-income housing developments in Raceland, 40 miles southwest of New Orleans.

It fell to Jaccuzzo to break the mood. He arrested Vedros on charges of forgery, theft and illegal possession of stolen property.

Then the woman began handing Jaccuzzo the gifts, saying her boyfriend bought them when he went shopping with her children — ages 12, 7 and 4.

"I felt terrible, like the Grinch," Jaccuzzo said Wednesday.

The 12-year-old boy bravely helped him load the presents into his patrol car while the other two children cried. "Mr. policeman, why are you doing this?" the 7-year-old girl asked him tearfully.

"It was devastating. You never think you have to take a tree. But it was an artificial tree, it was something of value and it was something bought with stolen checks," Jaccuzzo said.

So he took a stuffed raccoon toy he kept in his patrol car and gave it to the crying girl, promising her he would come back with a tree and gifts they could keep.

"It broke my heart to take all these gifts away from the children. They were not aware of the forged checks. They just thought it was going to be their best Christmas ever but, in fact, it turned out to be the worst," he said. "That's when I knew I had to do something."

A business in Bayou Blue donated a real tree. Jaccuzzo went to the sheriff's motor pool in Lockport and picked up three bicycles that were being fixed up to give away at Christmas.

On Tuesday, he delivered the gifts to the mother.

She looked at him incredulously when he showed up with the tree and the bikes. "She just couldn't believe it. She said, 'You kept your word.' I told her I try to."

Jaccuzzo, a 26-year-old father himself, has since driven by that house and watched the children ride the bikes.

"They don't look at me so much as a police officer," he said. "They couldn't believe a policeman would do that."

Other deputies and a church are helping collect dolls and toys for the children. Jaccuzzo said he will help pay for some of the gifts.

"When you can actually give to someone outside your family that doesn't expect it, it makes your Christmas a little bit sweeter," he said.

Local featured on TV program

Mary Goodwin of Snyder will be a featured guest on "Good Morning Texas" which will air at 9 a.m. Friday on Channel 8 on the local cable.

Goodwin is one of three women to be featured in a make-over contest sponsored by the station.

Being accepted was a complete surprise to Goodwin who did not know that her sister, Alice Ybarra, had submitted pictures of her new look.

Obituaries

Peggy Dickson

1948-1997

ROBY — Funeral service for Peggy Terry Dickson, 49, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Roby Church of Christ. Curtis Ward will officiate and burial will follow in the Roby Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dickson died Tuesday, Dec. 16, in Abilene's Hendrick Medical Center after a brief battle with brain cancer.

Born Aug. 3, 1948 in Rotan, she married Thomas Dickson on Sept. 20, 1965 in Roby. She was the bookeeper and secretary for the family-owned Terry Gin.

A lifelong resident of Roby, Mrs. Dickson was a member of the Roby Church of Christ and the Roby Fire Department.

She was preceded in death by her father, L. Kermit Terry, and a sister, Patricia Ann Morton.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Dickson of Roby; two sons, Heath Dickson of Westbrook and Nick Dickson of Alpine; her mother, Mrs. L.K. Terry of Roby; a sister, Marty Williamson of Rotan; a brother, Mike Terry of Roby; and a cousin, Dianna Riggan of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to the Roby Fire Department, Roby Cemetery Fund, Roby Church of Christ or the Roby Library.

J.B. Burditt

1910-1997

ROTAN — J.B. Burditt, a native of Snyder, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, in Fisher County Hospital.

Graveside service for Mr. Burditt, 87, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Roby Cemetery. The Rev. L.D. Parks officiated, and arrangements were under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 4, 1910 in Snyder, he married Fern Foreman on Aug. 16, 1941 in Sweetwater. She died in 1990. He was also preceded in death by a stepston, Robert Booth, in 1978.

Mr. Burditt was a World War II veteran and served 25 years in the U.S. Air Force.

He attended Calvary Baptist Church in Beeville before moving to Rotan in 1983. He was also a member of the VFW.

Survivors include six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and 10 nieces and nephews.

Belinda Miles

1979-1997

COLORADO CITY — Funeral service for Belinda Miles, 18, is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church. The Revs. Robert Bracy, Chris Neal and Irma Wilson will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Miss Miles, a high school senior and starter on the Lady Wolves basketball team, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, from injuries sustained in a two-vehicle accident near Dunn in Scurry County.

Born in Abilene, Miss Miles was a lifelong resident of Colorado City. At Colorado High School, she was a freshman class officer, sophomore class favorite and a member of the student council for two years.

She was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Homemakers of America and Spanish Club. She also played volleyball and worked as a checker at Fuller Foods and was a member of the Payne Chapel CME Methodist Church.

Survivors include her mother, Betty Miles of Colorado City; two sisters, Tera Williams of Loraine and Stacie Rena Miles of San Angelo; one brother, David Miles of San Angelo; an aunt; one niece; two nephews and numerous other relatives.

Personal, Professional Service

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Outstanding warrants...

Five jailed Wednesday and today by law officers

Outstanding warrants landed three people in jail Wednesday while two more were taken into custody early today.

A 39-year-old female was arrested in the 2900 block of College Avenue at 7:55 p.m. on outstanding DPS warrants out of Tom Green County.

Officers arrested a 32-year-old male in the 1800 block of Avenue R at 8:47 p.m. for public intoxication and an outstanding warrant for public intoxication.

Deputies booked a 26-year-old female into jail at 9 p.m. following her arrest earlier in Delta County in the northeast part of the state. She was wanted on a misdemeanor theft warrant out of county court and six warrants for the issuance of bad checks. She was also wanted on a Howard County warrant for the issuance of a bad check.

Early this morning, officers arrested two people in the 1800 block of 37th Street.

Taken into custody was a 25-year-old male on outstanding city warrants for driving while intoxicated, no driver's license and failure to appear. A 25-year-old female was also arrested at the same time on outstanding city warrants for failure to wear a seat belt and failure to appear. She was also wanted on an outstanding DPS warrant from Midland for speeding.

Officers also investigated two theft reports.

Lisa Ponce reported the theft of a bicycle from the 1300 block of East Coliseum Drive while Nikka Porter reported the theft of a stereo from Snyder Gymnastics in the 2500 block of Avenue V. Class B theft reports were filed in both cases.

Deputies investigated a report of a vehicle being "keyed" while parked at the Hermleigh schools. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed in the incident.

During routine patrol early Wednesday, officers discovered grafitti on the walls of the Latin American Center.

Victim's condition upgraded to serious

The condition of Colorado High School student Jebby Forbes, 17, has been upgraded to serious, according to a University Medical Center spokesman.

Forbes was admitted to the Lubbock hospital in critical condition following a two-vehicle accident Tuesday night that killed an 18-year-old classmate.

Forbes had been on a ventilator since being air-lifted from Cogdell Hospital following the accident, but has begun to breathe on his own, said the spokesman. He sufferered severe head injuries in the accident, which took place at the intersection of FM 1606 and Highway 208 in Dunn.

Forbes was a passenger in the back seat of a vehicle driven by Amanda Swann, 17, also a student at Colorado High School. Swann was admitted to Cogdell Hospital following the accident and she was later released.

Belinda Miles died at Cogdell Hospital about an hour after the accident.

She was a passenger in the 1995 Plymouth's right front seat that took the brunt of an impact of a 1998 Ford Expedition driven by Billy Hamaker, 64, of Montgomery. Hamaker was admitted to Cogdell Hospital for treatment of injuries, but was released Wednesday.

Investigating DPS trooper Jeff Buuck said Swann's vehicle ran a stop sign at the intersection. Her vehicle was east-bound on 1606 and Hamaker's was northbound on 208, said Buuck.

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ONGOINGS

Support group ministry

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet at 6:30 this evening 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 is provided.

Out for the holidays

Classes at Ira and Hermleigh ISDs will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. Friday for the holidays. Classes will be dismissed at 2 p.m. Friday for Snyder ISD students.

'Everlasting Light'

"Everlasting Light," a Christmas musical by the First Baptist Church music ministry, will air at 7 p.m. Friday on Channel 2.

Stanfield's 'Night Before Christmas'

Stanfield Elementary will celebrate the coming of the Christmas holidays with a visit from Santa and the famous Clements version of the "Night Before Christmas," to be read by Tom Holcomb. All students and staff are to come to school dressed in their winter pajamas or sweats and sockies or houseshoes.

Parents Night Out

Snyder Senior Class will sponsor Parents Night Out, a babysitting service, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, for children 4 years old through the 4th grade. For reservations, call Jill at 573-7073 or Traci at 573-1400 by Thursday.

A Christmas Celebration

Calvary Baptist Church adult choir will perform the musical, "Christmas, Sing Noel!" at 10:50 a.m. Sunday.

For the 6 p.m. service, the youth will present "The True Meaning of Christmas." The public is invited and the church is located at 2405 35th St.

'A Christmas Story'

The Western Texas College planetarium will present "A Christmas Story" at 2 p.m. Sunday. There is no charge for admission.

'Does Santa Really Care?'

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

'Put Jesus First'

Hermleigh United Methodist Church will have its annual Christmas service at 6 p.m. Sunday with pastor Glenda Johnson. The theme will be "Put Jesus First." The service will be by candlelight and holy communion will be served. The bell from the old 1907 building will be rung. The public is invited.

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 narrates The Story of the Bible. The next video, "What Happens After Death," airs at 7 p.m. Monday, followed by Lesson 3 of The Story of the Bible.

Road to Recovery program

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

Shelled pecan halves

Snyder High School Technology Student Association (TSA Club) is selling shelled pecan halves at $6 per pound. Contact a club member or call 573-6301 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.

Snyder High yearbooks

Snyder High School yearbook staff is still taking orders for the 1998 Tigers Lair. Books are $35 through Friday 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.

Pick 3

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

6-2-4

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The tickets would have been worth an estimated $12 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 9, 15, 18, 24, 30 and 44.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $18 million.