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Flash floods sweep Texas

One boy drowned

From local, wire reports

The National Weather Service issued a tornado warning in the Stephenville area and flash flood warnings for much of North Texas because of the thunderstorms that roamed across the state on Sunday.

A severe thunderstorm warning was issued Sunday evening for the northern portion of Scurry County. Residents in Dermott reported pea-sized hail but only two-tenths of moisture.

Hermleigh residents reported dime-sized hail but very little rain. The most rainfall in the county was reported by residents in the western portion, who recorded between two and three tenths.

Ira and Dunn residents received only a trace and in Camp Springs, it rained, but "not enough to wet the pavement," according to one resident.

Snyder got just five one-hundredths at the water plant.

Rains elsewhere caused some major problems and the death of one teen-ager.

The body of a 15-year-old boy presumed to have drowned in a flooded Dallas area creek was found downstream today after a night of severe thunderstorms that closed highways and triggered wrecks across North and Central Texas.

Irving police said they were still trying to identify the body, which was found three miles downstream from where three boys were playing.

Two boys were swept away in waters that were over 20 feet deep and moving at 15 mph, according to police reports.

Rescue workers managed to save the boy's companion, 13-year-old Carlos Ramirez, who had to cling to a railroad crossing while a third boy, 13-year-old Kelly Honey, rode his bicycle to a nearby police station for help.

The waves of severe thunderstorms that roared across Texas also closed Interstate 35 between Waco and Temple for several hours.

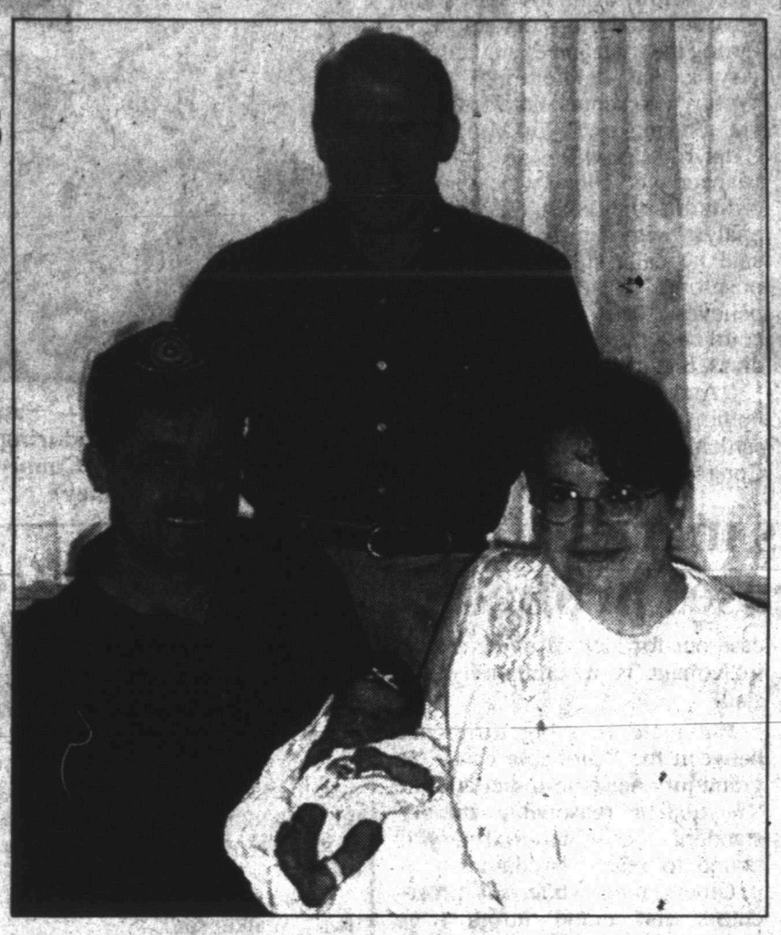
Most of the heavy rainfall had ended early today, but flash flooding remained in many areas.

Texas Department of Transportation spokesman Bill Powers said Interstate 35 near Temple was closed for several hours and reopened at 2:15 a.m. today.

The I-35 closure was at Troy, about 30 miles southwest of Waco, at 10 p.m., backing up traffic for miles in both directions.

U.S. 75 was closed in Ellis County, just south of Dallas, for a time during the night because of high water.

High water also forced the closing of U.S. 82 in Fannin County between Sherman and Bonham. Fannin County authorities reported several bridges were washed out in the county.



NEW YEAR BABY — Kelsey Nicole Reed was Scurry County's new year baby, born at 11:36 p.m. Saturday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Kenneth and April Reed. Delivered by Dr. James Burleson, she weighed five pounds, 12½ ounces. April's doctor, Gary Nussey, stands behind the couple. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Clinton aides, GOP spar

Over how to start the search for Social Security fix

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House officials and a Republican leader are at odds over how to start the search for a financial fix for Social Security as the giant baby boom generation begins retiring in the next century.

Budget director Franklin Raines and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said Sunday that the Clinton administration want the problem addressed as soon as possible.

"Effectively, what that means is it has to be done in the next two years," Raines said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "Once you get into the presidential election, a season after that, we won't probably see any legislation."

But do not wait for a proposed solution from President Clinton. He plans instead to talk with Congress' Republican leaders on developing a bipartisan solution, Raines said.

"We need a bipartisan agreement to move forward on this," Raines said. "We can't do it by the president alone or Democrats can't do it alone. It has to be bipartisan."

But House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said Clinton should go first.

"The president needs to exert leadership on this," Armey said on CNN's "Late Edition." "He needs to go forward on it. And we're anxious to see him make a proposal."

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, suggested establishing a commission to study all retirement plans, including Social Security and private pensions.

Democrats and Republicans also sparred over the best way to handle a possible future surplus in the federal budget.

While GOP lawmakers called for tax cuts, most notably the marriage penalty, administration officials cautioned against steps that would raise the deficit.

Rubin said on CBS' "Face the Nation:" "If people propose tax cuts, I think it is very fair to ask them how they're going to pay for those tax cuts, with which specifics, and what effect those tax cuts are going to have on middle-income people and working people, and what effect they think those tax cuts are going to have on the ... overriding objective of maintaining our fiscal discipline."

Clinton will offer some tax breaks in his budget for the 1999 fiscal year, but they will be modest, Rubin told CNN.

He said the plan includes a break to middle-income people for day care expenses and energy conservation costs. The tax cuts would be paid for by closing corporate tax loopholes and eliminating some subsidies, Rubin said.

House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said he would oppose increasing federal spending above the limits provided for in last year's balanced-budget agreement.

"The idea that we ought to take any of this money and expand government for anything, to have any additional spending beyond the budget agreement, would be a terrible mistake, and I intend to fight it," Kasich said on NBC.

At the same time, two Democratic senators, Paul Wellstone of Minnesota and John Kerry of Massachusetts, called for spending more money on education and other programs directed at young people.

"We have to invest in the health and skills and intellect and character of our children, all of our children," Wellstone said on ABC's "This Week."

Annexation on council agenda today

Snyder City Council will consider the first reading of an ordinance annexing some 3.3 acres into the city limits in a meeting set for 6:30 this evening at City Hall.

The owners of the Willow Park Inn have requested the annexation.

The council acted last month on a similar request from the owners of the Rip Griffin complex.

The council will also consider a resolution noting a name change for TCA Cable TV to TCA Cable Partners II, hear a proposal from TU Electric for a state-wide rate reduction for retail customers and consider awarding a bid for a pick-up for the city engineer.

The council will also hear an update on the STAR Program and will go into executive session for the continuation of the evaluation of City Manager John Gayle.

Nichols' choices killed 168

Attorney argues for the death penalty in Oklahoma bombing

DENVER (AP) — Terry Nichols should be sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City bombing because he knew the 4,000-pound fertilizer-and-fuel bomb detonated outside the federal building would kill people, a prosecutor said today.

"Everyone else said 'no' to Timothy McVeigh. Terry Nichols said 'yes,'" prosecutor Beth Wilkinson said in his closing arguments to the jury.

"There are 168 consequences to his choices, 168 dead people in Oklahoma City within seconds of 9:02 a.m. It is because of Terry Nichols' choices that 168 people were killed," Wilkinson said.

Although Nichols wasn't in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995, he is as culpable as McVeigh because he intended to use the bomb and participated in the plot, she said.

"He didn't care whether those 168 people lived or died," Ms. Wilkinson said.

The prosecutor asked the jurors to set aside emotions and base their sentencing decision on the facts of the case.

Nichols, who was home with his family in Herington, Kan., when the bomb went off, was convicted Dec. 23 of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter but acquitted of first-degree murder and use of a truck bomb.

The defense was set to give its final arguments later in the day, followed by jury deliberations.

For his conspiracy conviction, the jury will decide if Nichols should be sentenced to death, life in prison or a lesser term to be decided by U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch.

The judge will sentence Nichols on the eight involuntary manslaughter convictions.

To impose a death sentence, the jury first will have to determine that Nichols intentionally participated in the plot or that his participation constituted a reckless disregard for human life.

Then, jurors must weigh aggravating factors — premeditation, multiple deaths and serious physical and emotional injuries from the bombing — against mitigating factors — that Nichols is a productive man and committed father.

Classes resume at public schools

After a two-week holiday, Ira and Hermleigh students found themselves back at their desks this morning.

"We're all here, but after that great holiday it may take us a few days to get back to the work at hand," laughed Hermleigh ISD Supt. Jerry Church.

At Snyder ISD, teachers were busily getting ready for students, who report back to class Tuesday.

Offices reopened at Western Texas College today, although faculty doesn't report until Jan. 14.

The first day of classes will be Jan. 21.

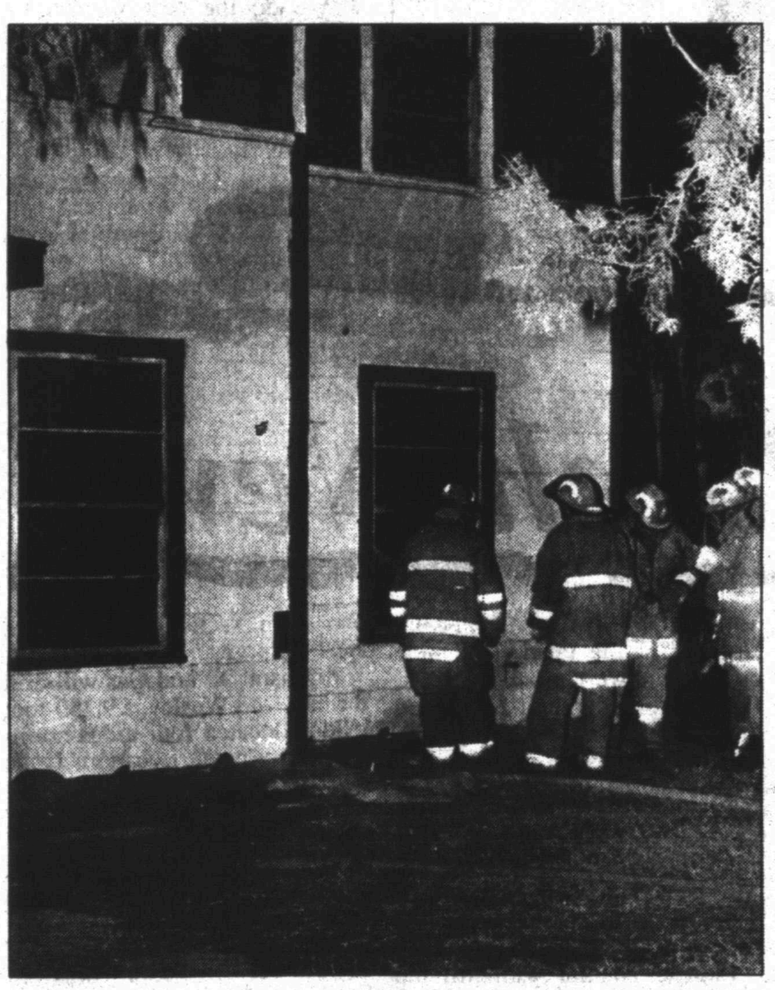
Three arrested on drug charges

Three people were booked into jail Saturday afternoon following their arrest for possession of a controlled substance.

Dispatchers received a call at 2:53 p.m. that a truck with possibly two intoxicated subjects was southbound on U.S. Highway 84. Officer David Presley located the vehicle at the intersection of Highway 84 and Ennis Creek Road and stopped it at the Highway 180 overpass.

He arrested three subjects on felony possession of a controlled substance. Taken into custody were Vickey Feller, 29, of 417 North Fifth St., #1, in Clyde, Carl Alvin Jones, 50, 4609 Pine in Abilene and James Rodney Lewis, 22, of Spinks Road in Abilene.

All three were released after posting $5,000 bond.



STRUCTURE FIRES — Firemen responded to an apartment fire at Coleman Avenue Saturday and a mobile home fire on North Avenue M Sunday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Firemen battle structure fires

Snyder firemen were busy over the weekend as they responded to two structure fires.

At 5:59 p.m. Saturday, the department responded to a report of a fire at the Cedar Row Apartments at 1903 Coleman Avenue.

The fire, which started in a closet, gutted a bedroom. The fire was caused by batteries shorting out in a plastic toy.

The remainder of the apartment received moderate smoke damage and other apartments in the building received minor smoke damage. No injuries were reported.

The building is owned by Lawrence Outlaw and was occupied by the Sammy Vasquez family.

At 4 a.m. Sunday, the department responded to a mobile home fire at 1213 North Avenue M. The home, owned and occupied by the Reynaldo Flores family, was destroyed.

Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell said the fire was caused by an electric heater being placed too close to a couch in the living room. There were no injuries to people, but the family did lose a pet in the blaze.

County opts to table bids

The Scurry County commissioners court and Sheriff Darren Jackson reviewed three bids for inmate telephone service for the county jail this morning before opting to table action for two weeks.

The bids, all several pages in length, were received from Southwestern Bell, International Communication Solutions, Inc., and Alliance-Tel Com., Inc.

The present contract with SA Telecomunications, Inc., expires on Feb. 6.

County Judge Ricky Fritz presided at this morning's meeting and all commissioners were in attendance to include Howard Limmer, Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.

ASK US

Q—Is it too late to register to vote in the March 10 party primaries?

A—No. You have through Monday, Feb. 9, to register at the county clerk's office.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 66 degrees; low, 54; high Sunday, 56; low, 40; 7 a.m. Monday, 41; .05 of an inch precipitation; total for 1998, .05 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Monday night, partly cloudy; slight chance of showers. Lows, upper 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy, breezy, cooler. Highs, upper 40s.

Monica DuBois
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 5:55 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:44 a.m.
Of four days in 1998, the sun has shone 3 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.

Thomas Alva Edison

Tobacco suit may be settled out of court

DALLAS (AP) — Attorneys on both sides say no deals are on the table or planned, but some legal experts and tobacco industry insiders predict that Texas' $8.6 billion tobacco lawsuit will be settled outside the courtroom.

The Dallas Morning News reported in Sunday's editions that even insiders are saying privately that they expect a settlement either before jury selection begins a week from today — or not long after testimony gets under way.

However, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and Dan Webb, the lead trial lawyer for the tobacco companies, both say they're preparing for trial, not putting together offers.

"I haven't devoted two seconds of thought to a settlement," Morales said.

But there's increasing evidence that neither side actually wants to go to trial. The Dallas Morning News reported that it has learned that some of the industry's corporate lawyers and lobbyists are confidentially recommending to top executives that they try to settling the Texas case.

Their argument for a settlement is that a nasty trial or a negative jury verdict could damage their chances of winning approval of the $368.5 billion national settlement agreement now pending before Congress, according to people closely tracking the Texas suit.

And some private lawyers representing the state have asked Democratic members of the Texas congressional delegation to put pressure on the industry to settle. Lawmakers and lawyers met in early November to discuss the case, although Morales said it was only a briefing on the pros and cons of the national deal and not an overture toward a Texas settlement.

"What they said was that it would be much better if they (the industry) settled with Texas before we got to trial," U.S. Rep. Gene Green, D-Houston, told the newspaper. "They said that if we talked to the industry people, as members of Congress, the industry might be more willing to settle."

U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Beaumont, said he spoke only briefly with the lawyers but the gist of the conversation was that "they would like to see a settlement happen."

Texas is among the 40 states that have sued cigarette makers for reimbursement of public funds spent on smoking-related illnesses. Last June, a coalition of states and private lawyers negotiated a "global" settlement with the industry to pay off those suits and end certain other tobacco litigation.

If approved, the pact also would give the industry some future lawsuit protection in exchange for new restrictions on nicotine and cigarette marketing.

While that proposal has been stalled in Washington, court dates arrived for cases in Florida and Mississippi, prompting those states to settle on their own for a combined $14.7 billion.

Texas' case is next on the docket, thus raising speculation for a third settlement.

"We all know the state of Texas is willing to settle," said Calvert Crary, a litigation analyst with Auerbach, Pollak & Richardson in Stamford, Conn. "And the industry simply cannot afford to be severely embarrassed in a high-profile trial like this while they are seeking peace in Congress."

A settlement in the Texas case likely would result in the industry paying the state about $13 billion to the state — Texas' approximate share of the proposed national settlement — according to lawyers familiar with that settlement and the cases in Florida and Mississippi.

Phil Carlton, who is working on the national agreement for top tobacco executives, said that settling the Texas case "makes sense."

Many insiders and outsiders say they're not surprised negotiations have yet to begin in Texas. They note that the Florida case was in the third week of jury selection when a deal was reached, while a private secondhand smoke case in Miami was four months into trial when the industry agreed to settle.

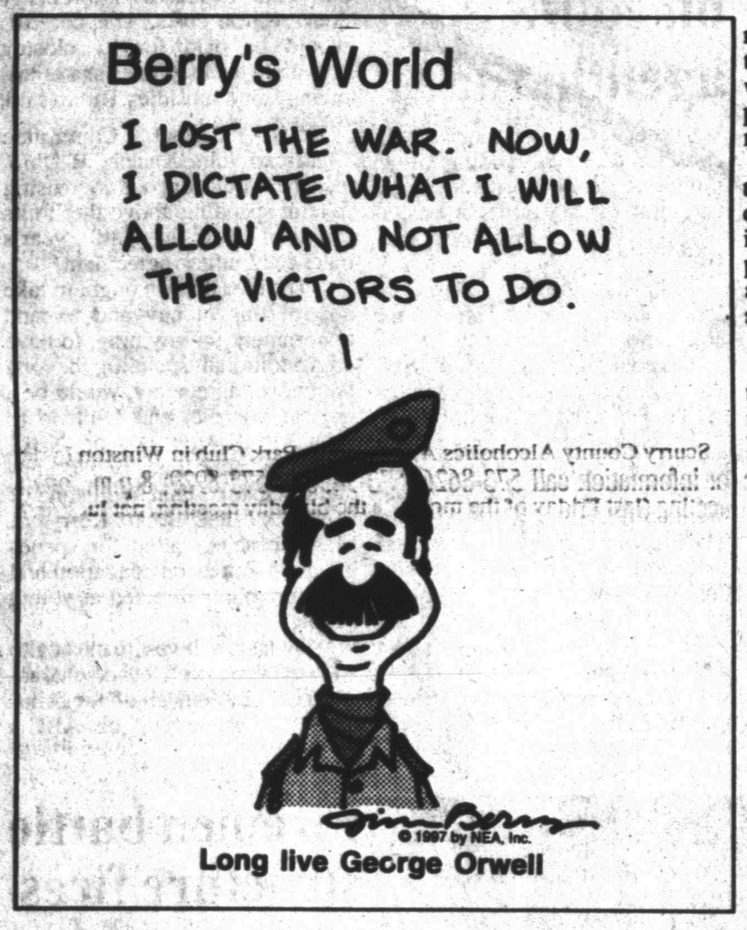
"I know of many cases that have settled during jury selection, during the trial, and even while the jury is out deliberating," said Webb, who represents the largest cigarette maker, Philip Morris Inc. "But right now we are going to trial and we believe we can win."

Martin Feldman, a tobacco analyst with Smith Barney Inc., said he calls such talk "simply posturing," adding that he believes "they will settle any court case that in any way jeopardizes the global agreement."

"And settling Texas will do nothing but help the national settlement's chances in Congress," he said.

COMPUTER WINNER — Sandi Wells of Snyder won a 1228 Computer in a drawing during the holidays. The drawing was sponsored by the Scurry County Museum as a fund raiser. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Berry's World



Long live George Orwell

As indictments increase, soundness of cases probed

DALLAS (AP) — A state district judge says grand juries are returning indictments too often in Dallas County.

Consequently, State District Judge John Creuzot said, he and other judges are spending too much time on cases that should never have made it to court.

Grand juries returned indictments in 91 percent of the cases they reviewed in 1997, compared with 81 percent in 1990 and 76 percent in 1986, according to data released last week.

"There are an awful lot of cases that are indicted that I think everyone would agree ought not to be indicted," said Creuzot, a former prosecutor. "I don't think there is a guiding principle when a case should be indicted or not."

Dallas County assembles four 12-member grand juries every three months. Each panel meets two to three times a week and hears an average of 60 cases each time it meets. An indictment requires the vote of at least nine grand jurors.

First Assistant District Attorney Norm Kinne told The Dallas Morning News that the standard for indictment "probably has been lowered" since District Attorney John Vance took office in 1987, but he defended that standard and the performance of recent grand juries.

"We do the best we can to indict those cases that need to be indicted and not indict those cases that we can't prove," Kinne said.

If prosecutors are confident that a judge won't summarily throw a case out for lack of evidence, an indictment is recommended, he said.

But there is a big difference between the "probable cause" a grand jury needs to indict and the "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard a criminal trial jury is bound to reach to convict.

Others, meanwhile, say prosecutors and grand jurors have become less vigilant.

"The grand jury is not sifting through the evidence sufficiently to see if the case can be properly prosecuted," said criminal defense attorney Mark A. Troy. "This is really clogging up the system."

In November, the district attorney's office dismissed a capital murder case against one of Troy's clients because it lacked enough evidence to go to trial. Troy said closer scrutiny could have saved his client, Adonis Fitzpatrick Baxter, more than eight months in jail.

Leo Navarro, 59, who served as a grand juror during the first quarter of 1997, said his panel followed prosecutors' recommendations in about 90 percent of the cases it heard.

"We all felt like we tried to do the best we could do without being prejudiced to anyone," Navarro said. "All the time we get letters from defense attorneys that their clients are innocent — we read those letters.

Felines frolic in home tailored to their needs

SAN DIEGO (AP) — If a man's home is his castle, then this house is a kitty kingdom.

What started out as a small remodeling project — including the installation of a floor-to-ceiling scratching post — has grown into more than 100 feet of elevated catwalks and a home designed around the whims of Bob Walker and wife Frances Mooney's nine cats.

"You do something for your cats and it takes on a life of its own" Walker said.

To say the least.

Walker, 48, and Mooney, 47, are professional picture framers and artists by trade. They decided to create an area for their cats that would challenge their feline instincts and keep them active in a 1,500-square-foot home.

Now, TomCat, Jerry Lee, Bernard, Charlotte, Denise, Frank, Louise, Little Jimmy and Molly are in cat heaven.

They first installed a support column and beam to hang a leaded glass window. The column became a fiber-covered scratching post, intersecting with a bright pink beam for catwalking.

The cats took to it immediately. One problem, though: From there they had no place else to go.

Soon the couple was cutting cat-sized holes through walls that allowed the cats to travel from one end of the home to the other — without ever touching the ground. Then a carpeted ramp was installed for the older cats to make their way down.

Toy mice hang suspended from their tails in cages, just a paw's reach away from the catwalks. A mouse skull-and-crossbones portal leads to a special "cats only" illuminated green room, tucked into the wall above a clothes closet.

On a recent day, a zigzag, aerial walkway trimmed with neon leads down the hallway, where a cat that looks curiously like a Dalmatian dangles her paws at passers-by.

"As I say, cats like to look down on us," Walker said.

'Titanic' continues to hold the helm in box office battle

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Titanic" sank the competition for a third consecutive week with $32.2 million in ticket sales, playing more theaters and continuing to run sold-out performances.

Riding good word of mouth and facing little new competition, James Cameron's $200 million epic had more than double the weekend ticket sales of its nearest rival, according to Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. on Sunday.

"Titanic" now has earned $156.4 million in less than a month despite a length topping three hours that limits the number of screenings. More theaters were being added.

"Tomorrow Never Dies," the latest James Bond film, was second with $14.1 million. By comparison, "Titanic" made $12.7 million on Saturday alone for its best single day since its release, said Wayne Lewellen, president of distribution for Paramount studios.

"We're up to almost 1.4 million seats (and) we still find ourselves selling out shows," Lewellen said.

The romantic comedy "As Good As It Gets," starring Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt, was in third place with $12.3 million.

Kevin Costner's "The Postman," a nearly three-hour epic, faced oblivion in the nation's theaters. The $80 million film about a future America devastated by war made $3.7 million in its second week to drop off the top 10 list.

No new films got a wide viewing but several had good debuts in limited release.

"The Boxer," with Daniel Day-Lewis as an Irishman caught in the middle of the Catholic-Protestant wars, earned $93,504 at three theaters. The movie actually opened Wednesday, earning a total of $137,322.

"Oscar and Lucinda," a period piece starring Ralph Fiennes and Cate Blanchett as a couple united by gambling and a dare to build an all-glass church, grossed $82,000 on seven screens.

Final figures were to be released Monday.

Here are estimated grosses for the top 10 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday:

1. "Titanic," $32.2 million.
2. "Tomorrow Never Dies," $14.1 million.
3. "As Good As It Gets," $12.3 million.
4. "MouseHunt," $8.7 million.
5. "Scream 2," $8 million.
6. "Jackie Brown," $7.7 million.
7. "Amistad," $4.7 million.
8. "An American Werewolf in Paris," $4.6 million.
9. "Flubber," $4.5 million.
10. "Mr. Magoo," $4.4 million.

Clothes dryer lint filters that have not been cleaned are a common cause of household fires.

Picasso burned some of his drawings to keep warm during the early days of his career.

Datebook

Jan. 5, 1998

Today is the fifth day of 1998 and the 16th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1914, Henry Ford announced the adoption of a minimum wage of $5 for an eight-hour day.

On this day in 1972, President Nixon signed a $5.5 billion bill to develop the Space Shuttle.

On this day in 1987, President Reagan produced the first trillion-dollar budget in U.S. history.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Stephen Decatur (1779-1820), U.S. naval hero; Zebulon Pike (1779-1813), explorer; Konrad Adenauer (1876-1967), German statesman; Jeane Dixon (1918-1997), astrologer; Walter Mondale (1928-), U.S. politician, is 70; Alvin Ailey (1931-1989), choreographer; Robert Duvall (1931-), actor, is 67; Diane Keaton (1946-) actress, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, the San Diego Chargers beat the Boston Patriots, 51-10, in the AFL championship game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Man is a beautiful machine that works very badly." — H.L. Mencken

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1988, more than 69 inches of snow fell on Highmarket, N.Y.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 7 Henderson-Sterling in the Sharon Ridge field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 119 barrels of oil and 20 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,363-3,177 feet, and location is in Section 148, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Brothers Production Company has completed the No. 15-672 Parks in the Fluvanna southwest field, six miles northwest of Fluvanna. The well was finaled to produce 84 barrels of oil and 42 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,486-491 feet, and location is in Section 672, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

J.M. Huber has completed the No. 606 Post Estate in the Aljenda field, eight miles northeast of Post. The well was finaled to produce 63 barrels of oil and 319 barrels of water. Perforations were from 8,085-111 feet, and location is in Section 6, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Mitchell County

Pioneer Natural Reserve will drill the No. 451-2 Mary Foster Account in the Iatan field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 2,200 feet, location is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Pioneer Natural Reserve will drill the No. 452-1 Mary Foster Account in the Iatan field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Also scheduled for a depth of 2,200 feet, drill site is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Pioneer Natural will drill the No. 453-2 Mary Foster Account in the Iatan field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Scheduled depth is 2,200 feet, and location is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Pioneer has completed the No. 396 Mary Foster in the Iatan field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 143 barrels of oil and 191 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,498-3,117 feet, and location is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Howard County

Bettis Boyle and Stovall will drill the No. 2-BB Winters, an 8,000-foot wildcat located one-half mile west of Vincent. Location is in Section 9, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Brigham Oil and Gas will drill the No. 1-45 Wesley, a 9,250-foot wildcat located four miles northeast of Knott. Location is in Section 15, Block 33, T3N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Walter Exploration Inc. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Merry Laine, a 4,300-foot wildcat located 12 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Location was in Section 3, Block X, T&P survey.

Walter Exploration will drill the No. 1 Marshall, a 4,500-foot wildcat located 11 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 83, Block 21, T&P survey.

Robertson Resources has completed the No. 1 George in the Little Horn field, 18 miles north of Sweetwater. The well was finaled to produce 107 barrels of oil and 49 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,533-541 feet, and location is in Section 143, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

The streets of London were lit by coal-powered gaslights (instead of torches) for the first time in 1807.

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10 people dead in 2 accidents

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A father sat alone in a motel room mourning the death of his only son, hundreds of miles away. A woman remembered her sister in the eerie silence of her stunned hometown.

And two Pennsylvania towns 45 miles apart spent the weekend coping with 10 deaths in a pair of strikingly similar auto accidents.

In each case, a car loaded with people. A missed turn. A plunge into frigid water. Five lives snuffed out.

"What a waste," Allentown Mayor Bill Heydt sighed.

Early Saturday morning in Allentown, five friends — four teen-agers and a 20-year-old — sped down a road along the Lehigh Canal. The driver apparently missed the turn onto a narrow bridge, and the car rammed into a guardrail before flipping into the 33-degree water.

Police said the passengers in the back seat kicked out a tiny rear window in a frantic effort to escape. A passerby spotted the tires poking out of the water later that morning.

Divers pulled out five bodies and an empty liquor bottle.

Two days earlier in Luzerne County, an hour drive north, five men and a woman were four-wheeling along the trails of an abandoned strip mine. The trail turned, their Jeep rolled onto a frozen pit, broke through the ice and sank.

One man swam to safety, pounding through the ice with his head.

"It's so sad. All those lives," said Ruth Cunningham, whose only son, Chris Richardson, 19, died in the Allentown crash.

She had read about the Luzerne County accident in a newspaper, then lived through the same drama herself.

"I'm looking at the paper today and seeing them pull the car out. I can't describe the words to you. I can't," Ms. Cunningham said.

Gayflor Ghanwoloku, the father of 19-year-old Allentown crash victim Somo Lake, was in an Indiana hotel room when he heard that his teen-age son had drowned. On Sunday, he was too distraught to speak about his son.

Autopsies on three of the five Allentown victims showed they all died of accidental drowning. The two other autopsies were pending.

The driver, 20-year-old Kamal Gonzalez, had a blood alcohol content level of .17 — above the legal limit of .10, Lehigh County Coroner Scott Grim said.

In addition to Lake, Richardson and Gonzalez, 17-year-old Brian Island and 19-year-old Michael Valiente died in the crash.

In Luzerne County, the New Year's crash seemed to touch most everyone in the little valley.

The five people killed were Steve Nowak, 22; Richard Ammons Sr., 42; William Fishburn III, 25; William Vincent, 31; and 18-year-old Jennifer Dragon.

"The way the town is around here, everybody knows everybody, so the whole town has been quiet," said Kelly Dragon, Jennifer's sister.

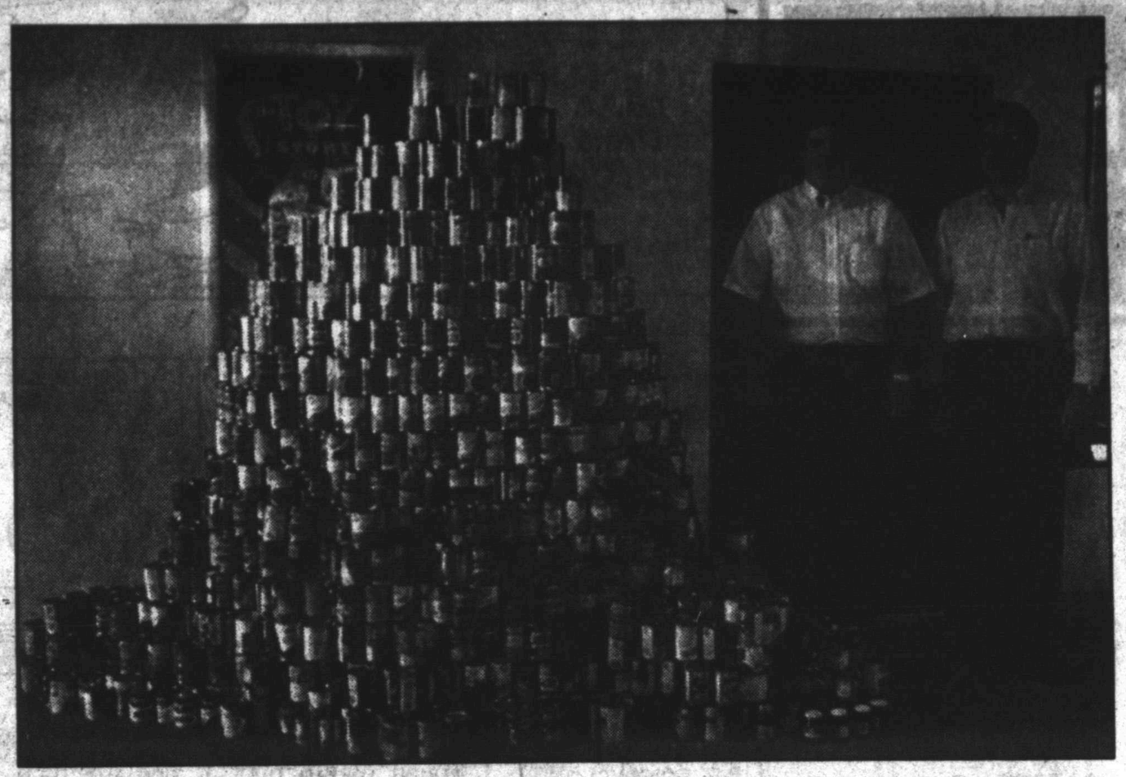
Skiing accident

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Gov. Gary Locke will be returning to the capital with his arm in a sling after breaking a bone in his right shoulder while skiing.

The governor is "not a highly accomplished skier," spokesman Chris Thompson said.

The governor's wife, Mona, was skiing with Locke on a family vacation when he fell Friday at the Sierra at Tahoe resort.

Minnesota is also known as the Gopher State.



FOOD DRIVE — TCA Cable TV and the Goodfellows joined forces to feed approximately 290 families, nearly 1,000 people, during the holidays. Shown with a pyramid of canned food items donated by local citizens are Scott Gassiot, with the Goodfellows, and cable TV general manager Archie Kountz, chairman. Not pictured is Sheriff Darren Jackson, who headed the Goodfellow organization this year. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Evidence shows food-stamp cut means more are hungry

CHICAGO (AP) — Congress' rewrite of the nation's welfare law wrung billions of dollars from the main federal program designed to keep the poor from going hungry: food stamps.

Now, four months after the last of $27 billion in food-stamp cuts took effect, evidence is mounting of a large increase in the number of people who can't get enough to eat without help. Surprised and worried by the news, charity leaders and experts on hunger believe the cuts are at least partly to blame.

"The economy is booming by most standards we use to measure it, and yet we're saying our demand is up," says Sister Christine Vladimiroff, a Benedictine nun who runs Chicago-based Second Harvest, the nation's largest charity which gives food to the poor.

"People come to us because their cupboards are bare," Sister Vladimiroff said. "We don't want to have to say, 'Well, ours are, too.'"

The U.S. Conference of Mayors released a survey last month that reported average 1997 increases of 16 percent in requests for emergency food — the largest jump in the 29-city survey since 1992. In addition, the study found that 19 percent of those seeking help were turned away, and 46 percent of the cities reported that charities and other private programs provided inadequate amounts of food to those helped.

Forty-four percent of city officials cited cuts in the food-stamp program as a chief cause of the problem.

But many said the blame cannot be placed solely on the changes in the food-stamp program, which reduced the stamps' value, limited to three months the eligibility of able-bodied, childless adults and denied benefits to most legal immigrants. Other, perhaps larger, factors include unemployment and low-paying jobs, they said.

For instance, the Weld Food Bank in Greeley, Colo., reported one of the highest increases in the number of people asking for help — 50 percent — of any Second Harvest affiliate, but marketing manager Jim Riesberg cautioned against simple explanations.

"Sure it's had a tremendous impact, but we can't put everything off on the food-stamp cuts," Riesberg said. "It's too easy."

Second Harvest supplies through a network of food banks more than a billion pounds of food a year to soup kitchens, battered women's shelters, meals-on-wheels programs for the elderly and other services for the downtrodden. In an informal survey, Second Harvest found it took an average of 14 percent more food to feed the hungry this November than last.

Matthew House, a service center for the homeless in the struggling Douglas neighborhood on Chicago's South Side, sees such statistics played out firsthand. To try to make up for some of what the government will no longer do, the agency is moving from a tiny, crumbling church capable of serving only about 40 "guests" each mealtime to a newly renovated, spacious facility a few blocks away that can handle more than double that.

For people like Everton Greenaway, who came to Chicago from Montserrat after the British colony's volcano buried much of the Caribbean island two years ago, Matthew House is a haven. He works at odd jobs to try to make ends meet. But since he is no longer eligible for food stamps, Greenaway often winds up there for meals.

"I might be down, but I always remember that they respect us and love us," he said after a recent breakfast.

The state tree of Connecticut is the white oak.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

01-05-98

North
♠ 6
♥ K Q 5
♦ A K Q 8 3
♣ 10 7 5 3

West
♠ 9 7 3
♥ J 10 8 4 3 2
♦ 9
♣ K 8 2

East
♠ A 5 2
♥ A 9
♦ 10 7 5 4 2
♣ J 9 6

South
♠ K Q J 10 8 4
♥ 7 6
♦ J 6
♣ A Q 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

Who were they?

By Phillip Alder

It disappoints me when a bridge writer features great play or defense without naming the players. It is even worse when they are only 16. With names, we could look for them in the future. Still, that doesn't detract from the excellent defense found on this deal by two teen-agers from Krusevac, Yugoslavia.

I'm not keen on the bidding. Presumably, South's three-spade rebid was forcing (I much prefer to play it as invitational), but why didn't he pass over three no-trump? That contract would have cruised home.

At the other table in the match, South was also in four spades. West led his singleton diamond. Declarer won with dummy's queen to play a trump. East flew in with the ace, gave his partner a diamond ruff, got back in with the heart ace, and played another diamond. However, South ruffed high, drew trumps, played a heart to dummy's king, and threw his club losers on the diamond ace-king for plus 620 — no sweat!

At this table, though, teen-ager West led the heart jack: queen, ace, six. Teen-ager East switched to a low diamond. Again East won the first trump trick and gave his partner a diamond ruff. But now a heart return burnt up dummy's entry to the diamond winners before declarer had had a chance to denude West of trumps. Whatever declarer did now, he was doomed to finish two down.

Success at bridge often depends on timing. As Agesilaus, who lived from 444 to 400 B.C., pointed out: "It is circumstance and proper timing that give an action its character and make it either good or bad."

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

Ladies' Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; 9 a.m.

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

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 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for 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

First Presbyterian Women's Group; MAWC; 12:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; "Community Gardening in Lubbock," by Jerry Sears; hostesses, Pam Browning and Mary Ann Key; 9:30 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.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

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

Defensive Driving Course; Snyder Savings and Loan; no reservations necessary; call 573-2850 for more information; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

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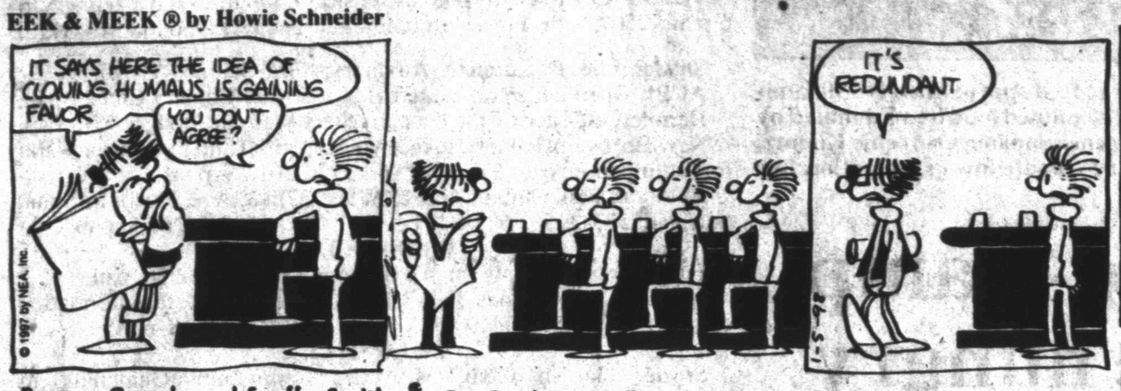

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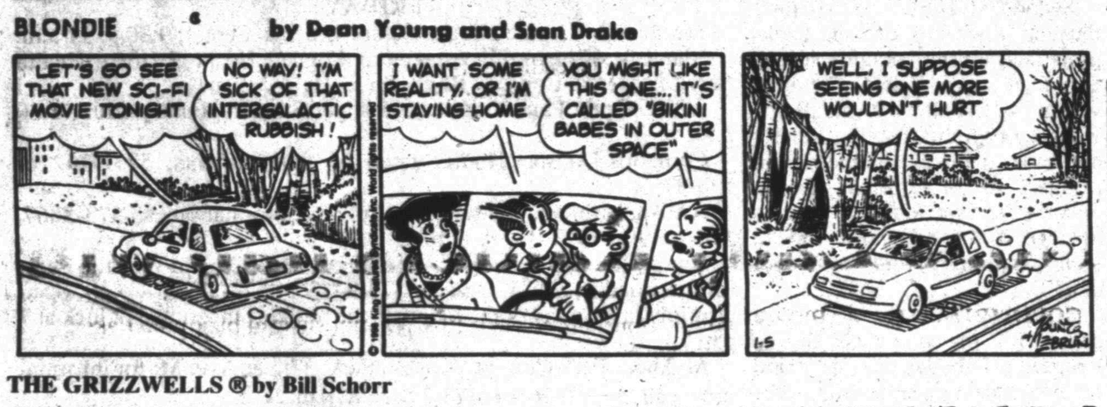

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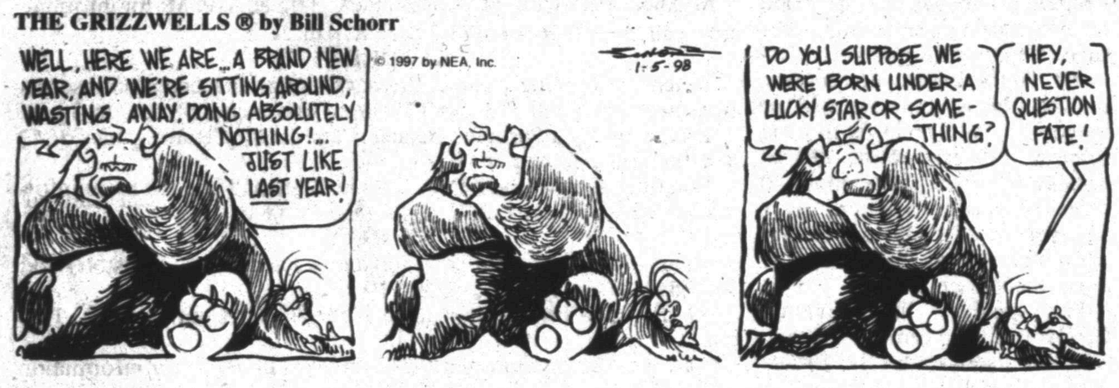

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4 Deduce
9 Pt. of ESL
12 Wide shoe size
13 Orono's locale
14 Fair grade
15 Mobster of a sort
17 — Tin Tin (movie dog)
18 Actor Peter —
19 Palate part
21 Cool, slangily
22 Forearm bone
24 Opera house, La —
26 Meaner
30 — Hari
31 WWII area
32 Actor Gulager
33 Suffix for Japan
34 Computer abbr.
35 Tale of adventure
36 Christmas drink
39 Seductive arts
40 Secondhand
41 Actress Gardner
42 — — case
45 Offensive smell
48 — -de-sac
49 — Saints
52 Noun suffix
53 Auto racer Al —
54 I think, therefore — —
55 Genetic material (abbr.)
56 Is introduced to
57 TV co.

DOWN

1 Finnish first name
2 Like Felix Unger
3 Prepares for a party
4 Mrs. Marcos
5 Basketball's Archibald
6 Shame!
7 Chemical suffix
8 Summer TV offerings
9 Natural color
10 Astronaut Armstrong
11 Actress Rowlands
16 Australian tree-dweller
20 Tank
22 Not published
23 Asian country
24 Diving bird
25 House (Sp.)
27 Of a North Atlantic nation
28 Threat ender
29 Furrows
31 Singer Adams
35 Donor
37 Source of light
38 Haven
39 Sprays
42 Cooled
43 Senator Sam —
44 Utah ski resort
45 Editor's order
46 Actor James —
47 Sacred song
50 Chemical suffix
51 Mao — -tung

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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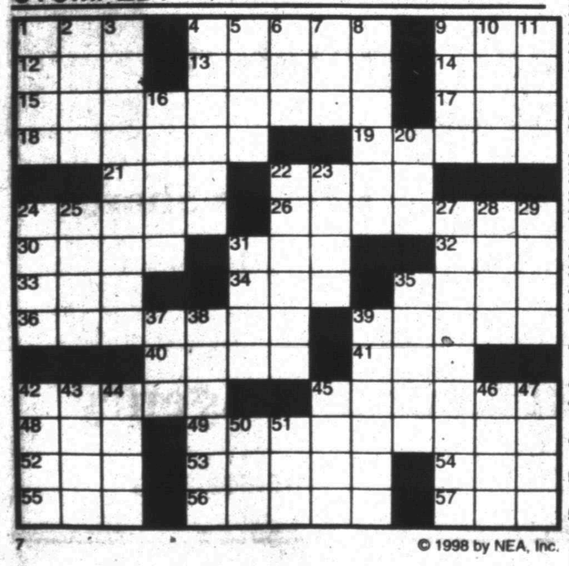

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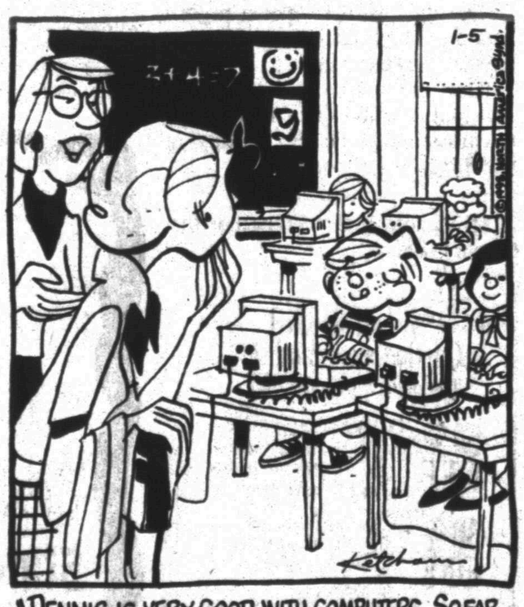

"DENNIS IS VERY GOOD WITH COMPUTERS. SO FAR HE'S TAKEN THREE OF THEM APART."

SPORTS

Lady Tigers roll in final 2-4A tune-up

BIG SPRING — There was certainly no lack of offense in the Lady Tigers' contest with Big Spring.

But what won it for Snyder was a defensive stand.

The Lady Tigers broke a 35-35 tie at halftime by holding Big Spring to only six points in the third quarter for a 75-60 victory Saturday.

The win improves Snyder's record to 10-7, entering Tuesday's district opener at Lamesa.

Coming off consecutive losses during the Caprock tourney, the Lady Tigers responded with an offensive outburst led by Melanie Kidd.

Kidd, who finished with a game-high 28, poured in three three-pointers and drained seven of 10 free throw attempts.

But heading into the third quarter, with the score knotted at 35, Snyder's defense picked up the pace.

The Lady Tigers surrendered only six points in the period, while posting 15 of their own.

Snyder topped off the contest with a 25-point fourth quarter for the 75-60 victory.

Following Tuesday's 6:30 match-up at Lamesa, the Lady Tigers host defending 4A state champion Levelland at 8 p.m. Friday.

SNYDER — Bane 0 5-6 5, McGuire 1 4-4 7, Hall 1 1-2 3, Delce 4 0-2 8, Kidd 9 7-10 28, Hess 1 3-4 6, Kallemeyn 1 2-6 4, Peoples 2 10-13 14. Totals 19 32-47 75.

BIG SPRING — McWherter 0 3-4 3, Lott 2 1-3 5, McBee 0 2-2 2, Haddad 1 2-4 4, Bellinghausen 9 2-5 20, Hughes 1 2-2 5, Light 1 8-12 10, Cole 4 3-5 11. Totals 18 23-37 60.

Snyder	20	15	15	25	— 75
Big Spring	13	18	6	19	— 60

Three-point goals: Snyder 5 (Kidd 3, McGuire, Hess); Big Spring 1 (Hughes).

Broncos oust AFC's top seed

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — John Elway and Marty Schottenheimer each have their demons to conquer — like getting Super Bowl rings.

But when it comes to the Elway-Schottenheimer rivalry, it's no contest. The Denver Broncos and their quarterback have held the upper hand over Schottenheimer, no matter where he has coached.

And so it was Sunday — Denver 14, Kansas City 10 — with the Broncos moving on to Pittsburgh for next Sunday's AFC championship game.

"I think Marty's record in the regular-season speaks for itself," said Elway, a sometime off-season golfing partner of the Kansas City coach.

Yes, but these are the playoffs, where Schottenheimer is 5-11 after Sunday's loss — the second time in three seasons that his team has lost its first game at home as the AFC's top seed. As in 1996, when it was Indianapolis that won 10-7, Kansas City had been unbeaten at home in the regular season.

Technically, it was Elway again — the quarterback who authored "The Drive" that tied the 1986 AFC championship game against Schottenheimer's Cleveland Browns and beat those Browns again the following year.

He drove the Broncos into position for Terrell Davis' 1-yard run for the go-ahead touchdown 2 minutes, 28 seconds into the fourth quarter. That marked the 44th time in his 15-year career that he's authored a game-saving drive in the final period.

But Elway wasn't even on the field when the game was won, putting Denver (14-4) one game away from becoming the fourth wild-card team to make it to the Super Bowl and compensating for its first-game elimination last season.

It was the Denver defense that won the game — Darrien Cordon knocking away an Elvis Grbac pass thrown into double coverage on a fourth down from the Broncos 20 with 12 seconds left.

It was a drive that took just under four minutes while Kansas City had trouble managing the clock. The Chiefs took their last timeout just nine seconds after the 2-minute warning when it could have saved it for later. And Kansas City took more than 20 seconds to get off the last play.

This was classic tough playoff football — taking place in Kansas City because the Chiefs (13-4) had turned around the AFC race with a 24-22 victory over Denver Nov. 16 on Pete Stoyanovich's 54-yard field goal on the final play of the game.

Sunday's game had its mistakes.

After a cautious first two quarters, the Chiefs finally appeared to score on Stoyanovich's 34-yard field goal.

But Greg Manusky was called for holding and Stoyanovich, pushed back 10 yards, missed from 44 yards. Then Elway drove the Broncos 65 yards and went ahead 7-0 on the first 1-yard run by Davis, who gained 101 yards on 25 carries.

The Broncos missed another chance to score in the final minute of the half when Elway was sacked and fumbled.

And after Kansas City cut Denver's lead to 7-3 on a 20-yarder by Stoyanovich, the Broncos blew a big chance.

Davis went 41 yards to the Kansas City 11, but had to rest the ribs he bruised last week in the wild-card win over Jacksonville. Two plays later, his backup, Derek Loville, fumbled the ball away.

That allowed the Chiefs to take their only lead — on a 12-yard TD pass from Grbac to Tony Gonzalez following a 50-yard pass to little-used Joe Horn, who had just two catches in the regular season.

But Denver came right back, helped by another mistake — an unsportsmanlike conduct call on Danan Hughes on the kickoff.

That gave Denver the ball on the Chiefs 49. A 43-yard Elway to Ed McCaffrey connection put it on the 1 and Davis took it in on his third try.

As WJCAC play nears...

WTC looking to keep momentum in Waco

The Lady Westerners are hoping to build on their last performance as they prepare for the start of conference play.

With the WJCAC opener only a week away, Western Texas College gets the opportunity to fine tune its game at the Southwest Athletic Women's Basketball Conference Classic, which begins today at McLennan CC in Waco.

The Lady Westerners, 5-8 on the season, are fresh off an impressive 86-65 victory Friday over Rose State.

WTC lost its leading scorer last week when freshman Whitney Kimbley unexpectedly quit the team.

But the Lady Westerners pulled together against Rose State.

Latasha Vizcorrondo finished with 20 points, while Pamela Odhuoug'o poured in 18 more and Lacedra Miller drained three buckets from behind the arc.

The Lady Westerners were to have faced Panola this afternoon, before squaring off with Blinn at 4 p.m. Tuesday. WTC closes the SAWBC against Angelina at 2 o'clock Wednesday.

The Lady Westerners host WJCAC opponent New Mexico at 7:30 next Monday at Scurry County Coliseum.

WTC then hits the road Jan. 15 to face Howard, before returning home for a Jan. 19 match-up with Clarendon.

Packers struggle in 21-7 win; Bucs' Cinderella season ends

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers know they'll have to play like Super Bowl champions next weekend to have a chance to become Super Bowl champions again. What they displayed in their first playoff effort simply won't be good enough.

The Packers were ragged for most of their 21-7 victory over the Buccaneers on Sunday. Luckily for Green Bay, the playoff novices from Tampa Bay were in a charitable mood.

"I think we struggled today," Green Bay receiver Antonio Freeman said. "But we did enough to win the ballgame. There is a lot of room for improvement."

That improvement must come rapidly: the Packers play at San Francisco next Sunday for the NFC championship. The 49ers aren't likely to be as generous.

Green Bay (14-3) easily could have blown this one. In their first meaningful game in nearly a month, the Packers' rust showed early. Their tackling was sloppy, they dropped a half-dozen passes, lost a fumble and Favre was intercepted twice.

Luckily, they were at home, where they've never lost in the playoffs (12-0) and have won 27 straight overall. And they were facing a team in its first playoff season since 1982. The Bucs (11-7) also haven't won a game with the temperature below 42 degrees at kickoff; it was 29 at gametime Sunday.

Tampa Bay seemed to have stage fright, particularly on special teams. The Bucs had a field goal attempt blocked, another thwarted by a bad snap and still another error when backup snapper Dave Moore's snap was too high for holder Steve Walsh to handle.

Trent Dilfer went 11-for-36 for 200 yards and was intercepted twice. The previously potent running game behind Offensive Rookie of the Year Warrick Dunn and fullback Mike Alstott stumbled.

"When you're playing a great team, you need to make great plays," Dilfer said. "We came up a bit short. We're not in the upper echelon yet, but we're close."

The Packers are there, as are the 49ers. Levens, who rushed for a team playoff record 112 yards and a clinching 2-yard touchdown, can't wait for the trip to San Francisco.

"That's the kind of game you live for," Levens said.

Levens, who gained 1,435 yards this season after being promoted to first string when Edgar Bennett was injured in training camp, had 88 yards in the second half. He made nearly all the key plays for Green Bay on offense after being held to 98 yards in two regular-season wins over the Bucs.

"It was a challenge," Levens said. "Are they going to do it again? Or are we going to step it up and prove we can run the ball?"

On defense and special teams, the Pack got a more balanced effort. Robert Brooks, returning punts for the first time in three years, broke free for 28 yards to set up one of Ryan Longwell's two field goals. Freeman had a 90-yard kickoff runback negated by a penalty.

Generally, the Bucs weren't outclassed. They just were inexperienced.

For instance, Tampa Bay tackle Warren Sapp was the best defensive player all day. He had seven tackles and three sacks, forced two fumbles and recovered one.

No. 6 Lady Raiders nab win

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Coming into its Big 12 opener, the Texas Tech women's basketball team knew it had to forget about last week's heart-breaking loss to No. 2 Old Dominion.

The Lady Red Raiders, ranked No. 6 in the nation, were able to do that, and started conference play on the right foot, beating Missouri 79-65.

Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp admitted the Old Dominion loss was something she was still concerned about.

"You have to be concerned about it a little bit, as far as their (the players') mentality," Sharp said. "They wanted to come back and make a statement, but this is a very difficult place to do that. Missouri has a great home-court advantage."

To beat the Tigers (8-3, 0-1 in the Big 12), the Lady Red Raiders (8-2, 1-0) needed a season-high 39 points from pre-season Big 12 Player of the Year Alicia Thompson.

"You're always glad to have that first one, especially if it's on the road," Sharp said.

For the first 11 minutes of Sunday's game, the Tigers held Thompson scoreless, but couldn't do much to stop her from there.

"You're not going to keep her from getting any points," Missouri coach Joann Rutherford said. "But, you don't give her 40. She's got half their points. That's ridiculous."

Thompson was as quick to pass the credit to her teammates as her teammates were quick to pass her the ball.

"Give credit to my teammates," Thompson said. "They did a great job of finding me on the blocks. I was just pleased with them. There was so much pressure on them."

Neither dominated the game, but the Lady Red Raiders took control of it during a four-minute stretch during the second half. When Missouri's Tanisha Johnson hit a layup to cut the Texas Tech lead to 38-37, the Lady Red Raiders responded with a 13-5 run, capped by a Julie Lake layup with 13:44 to play. That made the score 51-42.

Texas Tech led by as much as 15 before Missouri mounted its final run. But, the Tigers couldn't get any closer than six. The last time the Tigers got that close was at 69-63 with 2:33 to play.

"I thought we played awful well in the first half," Rutherford said. "I thought we had break downs in the second half in our offense and defense. You've just got to be consistent for 40 minutes."

Julie Lake and Rene Hanebutt added 11 points a piece for the Red Raiders and Thompson led all rebounders with 13.

The Lady Red Raiders led the Tigers 33-31 at the half. Missouri's leading scorer, Julie Helm, was held scoreless in the first half. Helm finished with four points.

"We really wanted to attack her in our zone," Sharp said. "I've said for a long time that a zone defense is better to defend a great shooter than a man-to-man.

"I thought out kids did a great job of finding her and staying with her."

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	20	11	.645	-
NewYork	18	13	.581	2
NewJersey	17	14	.548	3
Boston	16	14	.533	3½
Orlando	17	15	.531	3½
Washington	17	17	.500	4½
Philadelphia	9	22	.290	11
Central Division				
Chicago	22	10	.688	-
Indiana	21	10	.677	½
Cleveland	19	11	.633	2
Atlanta	19	12	.613	2½
Charlotte	19	12	.613	2½
Detroit	15	18	.455	7½
Milwaukee	14	17	.452	7½
Toronto	4	28	.125	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
SanAntonio	20	11	.645	-
Utah	20	11	.645	-
Houston	16	12	.571	2½
Minnesota	16	15	.516	4
Vancouver	10	23	.303	11
Dallas	5	27	.156	15½
Denver	2	28	.067	17½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	26	6	.813	-
L.A.Lakers	24	8	.750	2
Phoenix	19	10	.655	5½
Portland	19	11	.633	6
Sacramento	13	20	.394	13½
L.A.Clippers	8	24	.250	18
GoldenState	7	22	.241	17½

Saturday's Games

Indiana 89, Toronto 77
San Antonio 84, Miami 77
Cleveland 95, New Jersey 81
New York 88, Orlando 84
Chicago 105, Detroit 96
Minnesota 109, Denver 87
Portland 97, Houston 95
Utah 97, Atlanta 82
Boston 106, Milwaukee 99
L.A. Clippers 97, Dallas 88

Sunday's Games

Washington 109, Phoenix 99
Seattle 120, Vancouver 108
Sacramento 106, Charlotte 90
Philadelphia 113, L.A. Lakers 107

Monday's Games

Houston at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Washington at New York, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Portland, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Houston at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Utah, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Seattle, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	24	10	7	55	125	88
NewJersey	26	12	2	54	121	82
Washington	18	16	8	44	114	113
Florida	15	20	8	38	110	123
N.Y.Rangers	13	18	12	38	107	116
N.Y.Islanders	15	22	5	35	107	118
TampaBay	9	24	8	26	73	121
Northeast Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	23	15	6	52	127	105
Pittsburgh	21	13	8	50	116	98
Boston	18	16	8	44	104	103
Ottawa	18	19	5	41	101	100
Carolina	15	22	5	35	105	120
Buffalo	14	19	7	35	94	105

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	27	9	7	61	136	87
Detroit	25	11	8	58	146	107
St.Louis	23	15	6	52	128	111
Phoenix	19	16	7	45	118	110
Chicago	15	18	8	38	95	94
Toronto	13	20	7	33	92	118
Pacific Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	22	8	13	57	131	103
LosAngeles	17	17	7	41	115	116
Anaheim	14	21	8	36	102	129
SanJose	15	21	5	35	98	112
Edmonton	11	22	9	31	97	127
Calgary	11	24	8	30	109	132
Vancouver	11	24	6	28	111	145

Saturday's Games

Boston 3, San Jose 0
Dallas 6, Carolina 1
Colorado 5, Pittsburgh 4, OT
N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 2
Anaheim 4, Tampa Bay 1
Philadelphia 7, Ottawa 2
New Jersey 4, Toronto 2
St. Louis 4, Calgary 3
Phoenix 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Montreal 4, Vancouver 2

Sunday's Games

Los Angeles 3, Edmonton 2
Anaheim 3, Florida 3, tie
Chicago 3, Detroit 1

Monday's Games

Ottawa at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Toronto at Washington, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

SDN Sports Week

Today

WTC at SAWBC Classic, Waco.

Snyder 7th, 8th and 9th girls at Colorado City, 5 p.m., 6:15, 7:30.

Colorado City at Snyder 7th, 8th and 9th boys, 5 p.m., 6:15, 6 p.m.

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

Tuesday

WTC at SAWBC Classic, Waco.

Snyder JV and varsity girls at Lamesa, district opener, 5 p.m., 6:30.

Andrews at Snyder JV and varsity boys, 6 p.m., 7:30.

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

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

Wednesday

WTC at SAWBC Classic, Waco.

Thursday

Hermleigh varsity boys and girls at Lueders-Avoca tourney.

Snyder JV boys at Snyder tourney.

Friday

Levelland at Snyder JV and varsity girls, 6:30, 8 p.n.

Hermleigh varsity boys and girls at Lueders-Avoca tourney.

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

Snyder 9th boys at Big Spring tourney.

Saturday

Hermleigh varsity boys and girls at Lueders-Avoca tourney.

Snyder JV boys at Snyder tourney.

Snyder 9th boys at Big Spring tourney.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 27
Minnesota 23, New York Giants 22
Denver 42, Jacksonville 17
Sunday, Dec. 28
New England 17, Miami 3
Tampa Bay 20, Detroit 10

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
Pittsburgh 7, New England 6
San Francisco 38, Minnesota 22
Sunday, Jan. 4
Green Bay 21, Tampa Bay 7
Denver 14, Kansas City 10

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 11
Denver at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Green Bay at San Francisco, 3 p.m. (FOX)

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Sunday, Feb. 1
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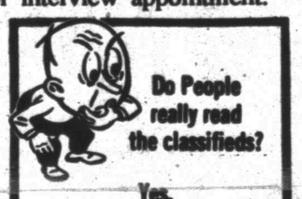

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First of septuplets goes home

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The first of the McCaughey septuplets was sent home Saturday, six weeks after the babies were born.

Kenneth McCaughey, weighing 5 pounds, 4 ounces, was released from the children's hospital at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.

The other six McCaughey babies are in fair condition, said hospital spokeswoman Lynne Yontz. Doctors have said they hope to send them home by the end of January.

Yontz said Kenneth was released because he was ready.

"The signs doctors look for to help determine each premature infant's readiness to go home include maintaining body temperature, remembering to breathe, taking feedings dependably and demonstrating ongoing weight gain," Yontz said.

The babies born to Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey are the world's only living set of septuplets.

Fire razes downtown hotel

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A four-alarm fire early Sunday destroyed a downtown hotel construction site and damaged a nearby Spanish-language newspaper, a television station's studio and an apartment building.

There was no word Sunday morning on the cause of the fire, District Fire Chief Carl Wedige said. No injuries were reported.

The fire began about 11 p.m. Saturday at the 149-unit Hawthorne Suites hotel project. Within minutes, flames had engulfed the three-story structure, ruining its wooden structure.

Around 1 a.m. Sunday, gusty winds whipped flames throughout the hotel and spread the fire toward KMOL-TV studios and the Lexington Building,

Man sought in crime wave

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who allegedly killed two men, abducted two women and carjacked a man in a 24-hour period is being sought by police.

Police said Sunday the man is "very dangerous" and may be a drug addict because he demands money and crack cocaine during the attacks.

Police were working on a composite drawing of the man on Sunday.

"This man is a particularly dangerous predator," Houston police spokesman Fred King said. "He is clever, he is vicious and he has no respect for human life."

The latest attack came early Sunday when he shot Christopher Thomas to death at his home in southeast Houston. Thomas, 34, was robbed of his jewelry and shot.

Physical evidence at the scene led them to believe that the gunman was the same person involved in the other incidents, police said.

Eric Bridgeford, 23, was shot to death about 5 a.m. Saturday when he confronted the man robbing the apartment he shared with his parents and sister.

Earlier, Bridgeford's sister had been robbed, forced into the trunk of a car and driven to another location where she was assaulted.

After he couldn't use the woman's ATM card, he drove back to her apartment and forced her to let him inside. While her parents slept upstairs, the man searched for money and other valuables.

Bridgeford and a friend arrived home and confronted the man, who chased the two from the apartment and shot Bridgeford.

He took the friend's car and drove to another apartment complex where he forced a woman into the trunk of the car and stole her purse and her pickup truck.

Police said he then drove the pickup truck to another location where he carjacked a man and forced him into the trunk.

Tardy juror is sentenced

HOUSTON (AP) — A capital murder trial led to jail time and a fine, but for a juror, not the defendant.

Nicolas Chavarria, 19, was sentenced to six days in jail and fined $300 Friday for holding up proceedings because he was home asleep. State District Judge W.R. Voigt will let him serve the contempt of court sentence over three weekends so he won't lose his new job.

Voigt had never before sentenced a juror.

"It's the first time one has put me in the position to do that," Voigt said. "Most people aren't so inconsiderate as to keep their colleagues on the jury waiting. ... It is most annoying."

Chavarria was serving in the trial of James LeDale Godbolt, 16, accused of taking part in the robbery and killing of Levy V. Perry Jr. Godbolt and three others were accused of attacking Perry, who was jogging in a Houston park to train for the Houston marathon.

When Chavarria failed to show up the morning of Nov. 18 to begin hearing testimony, court staff was unable to reach him by phone or pager. Finally, Voigt sent sheriff's Deputy Joe Pitico to Chavarria's home, where Chavarria was just emerging with a young woman, Pitico said.

"I just overslept. I forgot," was Chavarria's excuse, Pitico said.

"I guess he just didn't give a damn," Pitico added.

Pitico drove Chavarria to the courthouse, where the judge dressed him down.

"Because of this jerk, we shot the whole morning," Voigt said.

Chavarria was late again the next day. He remained on the jury, which found Godbolt guilty and sentenced him to 17 years in prison.

Four hurt in bomb blast

VALLEJO, Calif. (AP) — A package wrapped as a Christmas present and left on a front porch exploded after a teen-ager brought it inside the house, injuring four people.

The package was addressed to 15-year-old Malcolm Penton, who took it inside Sunday, police said. He was being treated at an Oakland hospital for first- and second-degree burns on his face, arms and chest.

"The bomb was a container — like a Christmas candy canister — and we believe it had some type of relatively sophisticated switching device in it," police Lt. Ron Jackson said.

His brother, 14-year-old Marco, and a friend, Ricky Lumsey, 17, suffered first-degree burns to their faces. The Pentons' mother, Angela Bass, 42, also had first-degree burns, police said.

Husband accidently shot

ARLINGTON (AP) — A woman mistook her husband for a burglar and fatally shot him as he returned home early Saturday morning, police said.

Lilly Childers, 67, heard someone trying to get in the front door at about 1:30 a.m. and took her .38-caliber pistol to see who it was, according to a police report.

Police believe that Mrs. Childers fired a single shot as the door opened. Kenneth Childers, 51, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	128⅝	127 11-16	128⅛+ ⅛
AT&T Corp	58 11-16	57 13-16	58 11-16— ⅛
AirTouch	41⅞	41 1-16	41⅛— ⅛
Albertsons	47	46⅝	46 15-16— ⅛
AlldSignal s	40	39⅞	39⅞+ ⅛
Alltel	41 15-16	41 3-16	41 13-16+13-16
AmerOnline	89⅝	88⅞	89 3-16— 7-16
AmStoress	20⅞	20 9-16	20 9-16— 1-16
Ameritech	83⅛	82	82 5-16+ 7-16
Ameritech wi	41⅛	41⅛	41⅛+ ⅜
Amoco	85 9-16	85 3-16	85 3-16— 9-16
AndarkPtr	59 9-16	58 13-16	58 13-16— ⅜
Armcolnc		5	1-16 4 15-16 5
AtlRichfld s	78 13-16	77⅞	77⅞—1 7-16
ATMOS Egy	28⅜	27⅞	27⅞—1 3-16
Avisll	14⅞	14⅞	14 13-16— 1-16
BakerHughes	43⅞	41⅞	41⅞— ⅞
BellAtl	90 13-16	88⅞	89⅛—1 11-16
BellSouth	56⅞	56⅛	56 3-16— 9-16
BethSteel		9	8⅞ 8⅞— ⅜
BritPet s		79⅞	79 79 1-16+ ⅛
BurlNoSFe		94 5-16	93 13-16 94 + ⅛
CBS Corp		29⅛	28⅞ 28 15-16+ ⅜
Caterpillar s	49	48 3-16	48 15-16— 1-16
CenSoWst		27 11-16	27⅞ 27⅞+ 7-16
Chevron		78	76⅞ 77⅛—13-16
Chrysler		35⅛	34⅞ 35 5-16+ ⅜
Coastal		60⅞	60 3-16 60⅞— 1
CocaCola		66⅞	65⅞ 66 —15-16
ColgatePalm s		74⅛	73 11-16 74 3-16+15-16
ComclMetals		32 1-16	31⅞ 31 15-16— ⅛
CooperIn		49 15-16	49 9-16 49⅝+ ⅛
CyprusAmax		15⅝	15⅝ 15⅝+ ⅛
DallSemicn		42	41⅞ 41 15-16+15-16
DeltaAirl		118 1-16	116 9-16 117 15-16+ ⅜
DigitalEq		39⅞	39 1-16 39⅝+ ⅜
Dillards Inc		35⅛	34⅞ 35 5-16+ 5-16
DowChem		100⅝	100 3-16 100 5-16— 7-16
DresserInd		41 7-16	40⅝ 40 11-16— ⅜
DuPont s		61⅞	61 61 3-16+ 7-16
EastmanChem		60 9-16	60⅞ 60½+ ⅜
EstKodak		64 3-16	62⅞ 63 — ⅜
EDS Corp		43⅞	43 3-16 43⅝— ⅜
Entergy		29	15-16 29 9-16 29⅝
Exxon s		62	3-16 61 7-16 61⅞
FstBksAm		23⅜	23 5-16 23 3-16+ 1-16
Flowers s		20⅝	20⅝ 20⅝+ 3-16
FordMotor		48⅝	48 48⅝— ⅜
GTE Cp		51 15-16	51⅝ 51⅝+13-16
GenDynam		87⅞	85 13-16 87 +1 3-16
GenElecs		75	74 3-16 74⅞+ ⅜
GenMills		72⅞	72 1-16 72⅞— 1-16
GenMotors		61⅛	60⅞ 60⅞— ⅛
GaPacGP s		62 7-16	61 5-16 62 + 3-16
GlobalMar		24 9-16	23 3-16 23⅛—11-16
Goodrich		42 3-16	41 13-16 42 + ⅛
Goodyear s		62 15-16	61⅞ 62 13-16+ ⅛
GtAtlPac		29⅛	28 11-16 29 3-16+ ⅛
Halliburtn s		51 11-16	49⅞ 49½— 1⅜
Hanson ADS		23⅛	22 15-16 23⅛+ ⅛
HarteHanks		36⅛	36⅛ 36⅛— ⅛
HomeDepot s		58 11-16	57 13-16 57 13-16—11-16
HoustonInds		26 7-16	26 1-16 26 7-16+ 7-16
IBM s		106⅛	105 106 5-16+11-16
IntlPaper		46⅝	45⅞ 46⅛+1 1-16
JohnsonJn		65⅝	64 13-16 65 3-16+ ⅛
K mart		11⅞	11 7-16 11½— ⅜
Kroger s		36 7-16	36 36 5-16— ⅛
Litton		58	56⅞ 57⅝+ ⅜
LockhdMart		98 15-16	98⅛ 98⅝+ ⅜
Lowes Cos		47⅞	47½ 47 11-16+ 5-16
Lubys		17⅞	17 9-16 17⅝+ 1-16
LucentTech		81⅛	80⅞ 81⅛+1 11-16
MayDeptStrs		53⅝	52 15-16 53 + 1-16
Medtronic s		50⅝	50⅞ 50⅝+ 5-16
Motuis		72 9-16	71⅞ 71⅛—13-16
Monsanto		41⅛	40⅞ 41⅛— ⅛
MorganJP		114 15-16	111⅞ 114 15-16+2 15-16
Motorola		59 15-16	58⅛ 59⅝+ 1⅜
NCR Corp		28 13-16	28⅛ 28 11-16+ 3-16
NationsBk s		62 11-16	61⅞ 62½+ 1⅜
Navistar		24⅞	24⅛ 24½+ 1-16
Norwests		38 15-16	38 3-16 38⅜+ 7-16
OryxEngy		25⅛	24⅞ 24 13-16— 9-16
Penney JC		61⅛	60 7-16 60 13-16+ ⅜
Pennzoil		67⅞	67 67 3-16+ ⅛
PepBoys		24 13-16	24⅝ 24 11-16+ 3-16
PepsiCo		36⅛	35⅞ 36⅛+ ⅛
PhelpDodge		64⅛	63½ 64 5-16+ ⅞
PhilipPet		48 3-16	47 1-16 48⅛+ ⅜
PilgrmPrd		15 11-16	15 9-16 15 11-16
Polaroid		49⅞	49 49⅛+ ⅛
Praxair		46 13-16	46⅛ 46 9-16+ 1⅛
ProctGamb s		82 3-16	80 7-16 82⅛+1 3-16
PubSNwMx		23 13-16	23⅝ 23⅝— ⅛
RoyalDut s		55⅛	55 1-16 55⅛— ½
SBC Comm		74	72 11-16 72⅞—2 1-16
SaraLee		57⅞	57 57 5-16+ ⅛
Scripps EW		48 7-16	48⅜ 48⅜— 1-16
SearsRoeb		46 9-16	45⅞ 45 15-16— ⅛
SherwinW s		27⅞	27 27⅛— ⅜
SmthBc ADS s		51 15-16	51 3-16 51 3-16— 3-16
SouthernCo		26	25 13-16 25⅞— 1-16
SwstAirl s		24 15-16	24⅛ 24⅛+ ⅜
Sprint		58⅞	58 58⅛+ ⅜
SunCo		42	41 7-16 41 15-16+ 9-16
TNP Ent		33 1-16	32 15-16 32 15-16— ⅜
Tandy s		38⅞	38 38⅛+ ⅛
TempleInland		53⅛	52 11-16 53⅛+ 9-16
Tenneco		40⅝	40 40⅛+ ⅛
Texaco s		53⅞	52⅞ 52 15-16— 9-16
TexInd s		48	47½ 47 11-16+ ⅜
TexasInst s		49⅝	47⅞ 49⅝+1 5-16
TexUtil		41 15-16	41⅞ 41⅞+ ⅛
Textron s		63⅞	61 15-16 62⅞+ ⅛
Travelers s		54⅞	53 9-16 53⅞+ ⅜
TriconGlbR n		29⅛	28⅛ 28⅛— ⅜
TrinityInds		46 9-16	45⅞ 46 1-16+ 9-16
TritonEngy		30	29 3-16 29⅛— ⅜
Tyler		5⅜	5⅛ 5⅛— 3-16
US WestCm		46 15-16	45 9-16 45⅞— ½
USWstMda		28 13-16	28 5-16 28 11-16+ 5-16
USX Delhi		20	9-16 20⅛ 20⅛
USX-Marathn		34⅛	33 7-16 33 7-16— ⅛
USX-USS		31 1-16	30 11-16 30⅞— ⅜
UnCarbde		44	43⅞ 43⅞— ⅛
UnionPacif		63⅞	62 3-16 62 11-16+ 7-16
UnitedTech		74	73⅛ 73 13-16+11-16
Unocal		38⅞	38⅛ 38⅛— 5-16
WalMart		39 13-16	39 9-16 39⅝+ ⅜
WstnGasRs		21 7-16	21⅛ 21 7-16
WinnDixie		44	43⅞ 43 7-16— 9-16
Woolworth		20 11-16	20⅛ 20⅛+ 5-16
Xerox Corp		75 5-16	74 15-16 75 5-16+ 7-16
ZenithE		6⅛	5 15-16 6⅛+ ⅛

Patterson declares 2-for-1 stock split

Snyder-based Patterson Energy, Inc. has announced a 2-for-1 stock split of its common stock following a $40 million purchase of Robertson Offshore Drilling, Inc.

The split means the company's shareholders of record on Jan. 9 will receive an additional share of common stock for each share they already own, to be distributed Jan. 23.

Stock in the company surged almost 16 percent after the split was announced. Shares rose 5 1/8 on trading of almost 1.4 million shares.

Patterson is one of the leading providers of domestic land drilling services and currently has 92 operable land-based drilling rigs.

Hermleigh School Menu

Milk is served with all meals.

BREAKFAST
TUESDAY
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Fried Ham
Toast

THURSDAY
Fruit
Toast/Jelly

FRIDAY
Juice
Cinnamon Rolls

LUNCH
TUESDAY
Smothered Steak
New Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Hot Rolls
Bread Pudding

WEDNESDAY
Chili Beans
Au Gratin Potatoes
Corn Bread
Chilled Pears

THURSDAY
Pepper Steak
Steamed Rice
creamed Style Corn
Hot Rolls—Pink Applesauce

FRIDAY
Vegetable Soup
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Potato Chips
Crackers
Cardinal Cake

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Proper diagnosis is the key

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You saved my daughter's life. She suffered from weight gain, hypertension, weakness and bruising. Her doctors were unable to diagnose her illness.

Then I read your article on Cushing's disease and showed it to the physicians. Further testing showed a tumor on her adrenal gland. Now, since surgery, she is back to normal. I will always be grateful for your column.

DEAR READER: Thank you for the compliment. Cushing's disease is unusual, but it can profoundly affect its victims. Fortunately, the condition is curable.

As an aside, I often receive letters from irate physicians who object to some of the material I write. However, a testimonial such as yours makes all the work worthwhile.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please settle an argument between my (know-it-all) mother-in-law and me.

I know two family members who are 65, have no gray and don't color their hair. She says that everyone over 65 has gray hair and that the two family members DO color their hair but refuse to admit it. Who is right?

DEAR READER: I don't want to get into a family squabble, but I believe that your mother-in-law's general statement is incorrect. I personally have several elderly patients who have little or no gray. Gray hair is genetically determined; some of us get it earlier than others do — but we all have it if we live long enough.

Could your family members be secretly dyeing their hair? Sure. But that's an issue you'll have to take up with them.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My grandmother swears that Worcestershire sauce helps prevent hypertension and high cholesterol. She faithfully takes a shot a day. My mother takes apple cider vinegar for the same reason. Is there any truth in these practices? I think that both women have pickled themselves!

DEAR READER: Worcestershire sauce is a delicious condiment that contains spices and herbs. It does not protect against hypertension and high cholesterol. In fact, because it is so salty, its use should be limited by people with blood-pressure problems.

Apple cider vinegar also has no health benefits. Therefore, if the women in your family want to pickle themselves, as you put it, they should do so for reasons of taste, not to improve their health.

To give you more information, I am sending you my Health Reports "Hypertension" and "Understanding Cholesterol." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 for each report 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.

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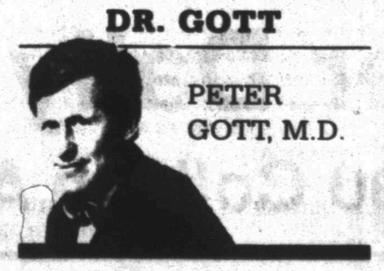
DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

MARS PATHFINDER — The Mars Pathfinder rover vehicle and an impact-stopping airbag are shown on the surface of Mars in this image transmitted to Earth from the probe on July 4. (Photo Provided By NEA)

Maine set for controversial 'death with dignity' option

READFIELD, Maine (AP) — Karen Cox tenderly watches over her sleeping husband at home. She strokes his head, bald from radiation, and whispers lovingly, hoping he understands despite the three tumors ravaging his brain.

Alan Cox, a 49-year-old analyst for the state Department of Labor, felt dizzy Oct. 20. Two weeks later, he lapsed into a coma. He has regained consciousness and feels no pain, his wife says, but his left side is paralyzed and he can't converse. Alertness fades in and out.

Standing by the side of his bed, Cox, 43, a city worker in Augusta, doesn't know if she'll ever get her Alan back. One thing she is certain of, however, is that she would never help her husband of two years end his life.

"It's not my call to end his suffering," she says. "I'm experiencing the loss of my husband, but this is his life and I don't know why he's suffering, I don't know why he has to go through this. It's not up to me to determine to end his suffering because I don't want to suffer anymore."

She calls his experience a "spiritual journey."

A widow in York County feels differently. Her husband, a self-made millionaire and voracious reader in his late 70s, shot himself 10 years ago after a long battle with severe asthma capped by late blindness.

It would have been better "if he could just have been given something to have let him go to sleep and been put out of his misery, rather than to have my daughter go into the room with me and find that gun in his right hand and his head drooped over on his right shoulder and blood coming out of his mouth," says the woman, who asked not to be identified.

These are the polar ends of the emotional, gut-wrenching debate in Maine and across the country about assisted suicide, or "physician aid in dying" as supporters call it.

This month, Maine's Legislature takes up a bill that would legalize it under certain conditions. The bill's sponsor, Democratic Rep. Joseph Brooks, is a Roman Catholic who expects the Church will fight him ferociously.

Maine lawmakers have considered the issue three times before, most recently in 1995, when the bill made it out of committee for the first time but was soundly defeated on the floor.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 24 states introduced legislation concerning assisted suicide last year. South Dakota and Virginia enacted laws that prevent authorities from holding physicians liable for prescribing or administering medication to relieve pain even if the dosage hastens death.

Only Oregon allows terminally ill patients to request a prescription for medication to commit suicide. Before a prescription may be written, two doctors must determine the patient is mentally competent, not depressed and has less than six months to live. Then the patient must wait 15 days between requesting the drugs and picking them up from a pharmacist.

Brooks' bill is similar to Oregon's law.

Brooks and Fred Richardson, a former state legislator who has sponsored assisted suicide bills in the past, say the election of more liberals to Maine's Legislature and developments this year in Oregon and the U.S. Supreme Court have improved the odds of passage.

Over the summer, the high court said terminally ill people have no constitutional right to assisted suicide, but it did nothing to bar states from legalizing it.

In November, Oregon voters soundly rejected a ballot proposal to repeal their assisted suicide law.

Assisted suicide supporters have formed PRO-916, named after the number on Brooks' bill. The fledgling group has received $10,000 from the right-to-die Hemlock Society USA and about $15,000 from individuals, Richardson says.

Marc Mutty, spokesman for the Portland Roman Catholic Diocese, says he expects a tough campaign but doesn't think the Legislature will approve assisted suicide.

Instead of helping people take their lives, society should be focusing on alleviating pain and improving care for the terminally ill, Mutty says.

"It's putting the emphasis in the wrong place," he says.

Brooks, who says his support for assisted suicide was influenced by his father's agonizing death from cancer 10 years ago, expects few people to take advantage of his bill if it passes. But he wants it to be an option for terminally ill patients who "have already been condemned to death by their disease."

"I look at this as being the last house on the last street," Brooks says.

Phoenix inmate on hunger strike dies

PHOENIX (AP) — A convicted murderer who refused to eat for five months to demand a religious diet died after falling to half his original weight.

Teshone Abate, 39, stopped eating in August and eventually dropped to 75 pounds before dying at St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson on Saturday night. It was his second hunger strike in less than a year.

"He was bound and determined to carry out his hunger strike. There was nothing we could do," Michael Arra, a spokesman for the Arizona Department of Corrections, said on Sunday.

In a 1989 federal lawsuit, Abate claimed prison officials failed to provide a diet that conformed to his strict Ethiopian Orthodox Christian beliefs. Prison officials said Abate consistently changed his dietary demands.

Ethiopian Orthodox leaders told prison officials their faith requires adherence to Old Testament dietary laws, yet Abate also refused to eat the prison's kosher diet.

Federal Judge Paul Rosenblatt called Abate's demands "eccentric and erratic" and said they could threaten his health. He ruled against Abate's claim in 1994.

A federal appeals court upheld the ruling, as did the U.S. Supreme Court.

Abate had been hospitalized since Sept. 3, when prison officials received a court order to force-feed him. But Abate frustrated those attempts by pulling out the feeding tubes, Arra said.

As his body weakened, the insertion of the feeding tubes resulted in the development of infections, Arra said.

In recent weeks, the Corrections Department consulted with the state Attorney General's office and decided not to continue attempting to force feed Abate.

Naneen Karraker, a prison advocate with the California Criminal Justice Consortium, criticized the prison system's refusal to provide Abate's special diet.

"The prevailing attitude across the country is prisoners don't deserve anything," she said Sunday.

Abate was sentenced to 20 years for second-degree murder for the 1987 slaying of his of his landlady. Abate shot his landlady four times when she told him he would have to move out.

Happy 14th
Birthday
Brooks Nunley

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1997

In the year ahead, you might move at a more rapid pace than you have previously. More travel, interesting adventures and more recognition in your career are all possibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your judgment in joint endeavors should be quite good today. It might fall short, however, if you have to make decisions concerning your own entitlements. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Kibitzers might bug you to distraction today with their trivial interruptions. Hold off serious work until you get rid of some couch potatoes.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) When socializing with friends today, do not play favorites or show indications of partiality. You could seriously wound a sensitive pal's feelings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may experience buyer's remorse today if you spend money on things you had earmarked for a more practical purpose. Be prudent and thrifty.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The ability to visualize feasible concepts could be your best asset today, but you'll need to stop trying to guess how others will react to your plan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not make concessions today before you know what the other guy has to offer. You could get tied down to a commitment that doesn't serve your best interests.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Things should run smoothly for you today in your relationships with people who share similar views, but you'll want to avoid problematic connections.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A dubious situation looks like it'll work out OK for you today, but it might be wise not to broadcast results to others before they're verified.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will treat your peers in an amicable fashion today, but the same may not be true when involved with individuals you feel are beneath your station.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Early in the day, you might feel like the world has a grudge against you. By afternoon, though, you may discover your biggest impediment was negativity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your desire for recognition might not be fulfilled today until you come home and realize how much your family appreciates you. Who needs outsiders?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Others may be inclined to bring their problems to you today. Just when you feel you've had enough, someone might do something nifty for you.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Grandma Thinks Teachers Could Lighten Girl's Load

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter, at the age of 14, is seeing a chiropractor because of back problems caused by the backpack she carries to school five days a week.

Her teachers require her to have a three-ring binder for each class, no exceptions. Abby, this school has no lockers, and each child is expected to carry the pack home each night and return it to school the next day.

Twenty pounds and up is too much for an adult to carry, let alone a growing child. A newspaper article said children in France are fighting the same problem and that it has become a national disgrace. What are teachers thinking of?

As yet, I haven't seen a backpack with wheels, so I may have to get my granddaughter a luggage cart to save her back. Any comments?

AN OUTRAGED GRANDPARENT
IN BOULDER, COLO.

DEAR OUTRAGED GRANDPARENT: Backpacks distribute weight more evenly than the old book bags we carried in school, but I agree that 20 pounds is a heavy weight.

Many college students, who have even larger books, often strap their books and documents onto portable luggage carriers for easy transport. At age 14, your granddaughter may not want to be different from her friends who still use backpacks, but wheels would ease the strain on her back.

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DEAR ABBY: It is unfortunate that "Dumbfounded in Foxboro, N.C." was suspected of shoplifting, detained and questioned. It is even more unfortunate that he felt humiliated and will no longer shop in that store again.

The security officer acted discreetly by asking "Dumbfounded" to follow her. When she realized her mistake, she apologized. Why didn't "Dumbfounded" think, "At least I know this store is trying to hold people accountable and not permit shoplifters to get away with theft (which causes retail prices to rise)"?

Abby, the security officer made a mistake for which she apologized. An apology should be sufficient.

The world would be a much kinder and gentler place if we treated each other with understanding and forgiveness, not retaliation.

KATHY IN WASHINGTON

DEAR KATHY: I agree, and since this is the beginning of the new year, I'm sure the security officer who made the mistake would be relieved to know that she has been absolved.

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DEAR ABBY: As my Christmas cards arrived this year, I noticed there were a few familiar names missing.

It would be so nice if children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews would let folks know if Aunt Mary in California, Sally in Illinois or Gladys in North Dakota were in nursing homes, or deceased.

When my beloved mother died, I wrote to all the people she corresponded with or sent holiday cards to, to inform them of her passing.

I received so many letters telling me how grateful they were that I had written. It takes so little time and it's very much appreciated.

BEVERLY IN DENVER

DEAR BEVERLY: An excellent suggestion. Thank you for this thoughtful reminder we can all use.

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Thousands evacuated during fire

MAYSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A fire at a fertilizer plant filled with herbicides and pesticides forced thousands of people on both sides of the Ohio River to evacuate their homes.

The fire started early Sunday morning at the Cargill Inc. plant, and smoke rolled across the river for more than 14 hours. One firefighter suffered a minor injury.

About 2,500 people were evacuated from their homes in Maysville and across the river in southern Ohio, about 45 miles southeast of Cincinnati. They were allowed to return about 5 p.m.

The fire was discovered at about 3 a.m. by a Maysville police officer who was responding to a car fire at a restaurant near the plant, which was not in operation when the fire started.

Authorities decided to let the fire in the 25,000-square-foot building burn itself out rather than fight it with water and risk washing toxic chemicals into the Ohio River about 600 yards away. Fire officials also feared that dousing the flames could create clouds that could spread to populated areas.

Two explosions shook the plant during the fire, likely from propane canisters, officials said.

The plant contained stockpiles of herbicides and pesticides, as well as 420 tons of ammonium nitrate, the fertilizer that is half of the mixture that made up the bomb set off at the federal building in Oklahoma City.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Kenny Johnson said the cause of the fire may never be known. It appears to have been accidental, he said.

Wetter was better in 1997...

Heavy rainfall busts mid-90s drought

LUBBOCK (AP) — A wetter-than-normal 1997 refilled reservoirs, smoothed parched earth and moistened crops and pastures keeping the 1990s from joining the 30s and 50s in Texas drought lore.

Almost every part of the state received precipitation at or above average levels. For much of Texas, it was the first adequate rainfall year since the early part of the decade.

"The reservoirs aren't full, but at least we're not rationing water anymore," said Tom Deaver, hydrometeorological technician for the National Weather Service in Corpus Christi.

A big chunk of the 1997 figure came from a killer October flood that brought too much water. The Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon reservoirs have rebounded somewhat from frighteningly low levels just months ago.

"This year we had a pretty good dryland (cotton) crop," said Chris Locke, who spent the last day of '97 at the Maple Co-Op Gin northwest of Lubbock. "The last time that happened was 1988."

Although state Comptroller John Sharp said Texas farmers "knocked off the dust from the '96 drought," he noted that the dry years forced many growers to miss stretches of high market prices.

"And though the rains were welcome, producers had to contend with more insects, as well as lower market prices that accompanied higher levels of production," Sharp said.

The biggest turnaround in rainfall was around Corpus Christi, where 36.16 inches were received, nearly doubling the 1996 total of 18.63 inches. The 1996 figure was more than 11 inches below average, forcing water rationing.

Del Rio and Midland-Odessa also nearly doubled 1996's totals while easily eclipsing their historical averages. Abilene and El Paso had roughly the same amounts as the previous year.

No region was wetter than southeast Texas. Houston, which nearly met its average of 45.85 inches in 1996 anyway, absorbed 60.24 inches in 1997.

Some areas remained a bit dry. While rains restored lakes across the eastern half of the state to near-capacity, the reservoirs on the Rio Grande remained extremely low.

Both Falcon Lake and Lake Amistad were more than 34 feet below normal at year's end despite increased rainfall along the Texas-Mexico border. In general, lake levels for the state's western half stayed constant.

Meteorologists agree that current wet, mild pattern fueled by the El Nino phenomenon should continue.

"Generally, El Nino for this particular area brings more rain in the winter and late fall," Deaver said.

In addition to farms and reservoirs, Texas' struggling cattle industry experienced an unexpected and dramatic turnaround. The rains arrived along with lower feed costs and improved cattle prices.

"We started off the year rather dry," said Gene Sollock, a retired agriculture teacher who runs cattle near Bryan-College Station. "Along up in June we began to get some little old showers. Not much, just to keep things growing pretty good."

Then the skies opened up in late summer, and Sollock said pastures throughout East Texas have stayed green ever since.

Kennedy's autopsy released

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Michael Kennedy suffered "instantaneous and incapacitating" injuries from his fatal crash into a tree while playing a game of football on skis at Aspen Mountain, according to an autopsy report.

Pitkin County Deputy Coroner Tom Walsh said Sunday that Kennedy would have been paralyzed from the shoulders down even if Kennedy had survived the head-on crash on New Year's Eve.

"This was a Christopher Reeves kind of" accident, Walsh said, referring to the fall from a horse that left the actor a quadriplegic.

The 39-year-old son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy fractured his skull and cervical vertebrae and severed his spinal cord, according to the report released Sunday by Rob Kurtzman, the coroner who performed the autopsy.

Two sets of drug tests found no trace of alcohol, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, cocaine or opium in Kennedy's system, the report said.

"Injuries were instantaneous and incapacitating and death was in seconds to minutes," the report said.

Walsh said a helmet might have helped Kennedy survive the impact, but it would not have protected him from the spinal and neck injuries.

Time magazine reported in its Jan. 12 issue that a senior Aspen Skiing Co. official had asked Kennedy's mother, Ethel, to try and stop the family from playing the dangerous game the night before her son was killed.

Online service: Parents eye child care

DALLAS (AP) — Not everyone is comforted by being able to monitor a child's day care activities through a computer.

Melinda Fagin filed a lawsuit alleging that Children's Courtyard, Inc., a statewide child-care chain based in Arlington, invaded her daughter's privacy with its cameras.

In December, a restraining order forced the cameras to go offline with its cameras.

"I do criminal defense, and I'm well aware of the number of pedophiles out there," Ms. Fagin said. "I just don't want people watching my kid all day. If I wanted that, I'd set up an exhibit at the zoo."

Joyce Anderson, vice president of education for Children's Courtyard, said, "The benefits to parents outweigh the risks."

A video service called Watch Me! charges parents $20 a month for the service. Child care centers are charged about $200 a month or between $6,000 and $8,000 to install the service, which can work off closed-circuit cameras already installed in some child care facilities.

System operators contend it is safe from pedophiles prowling the Internet, noting that only parents are given passwords to a site on the World Wide Web.

Passwords change monthly and pictures are presented without any identifying information, said John Schoenthaler, who owns Kids R Kids, a center in suburban Coppell.

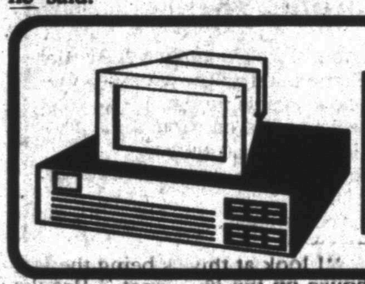
Ms. Anderson said the service creates a more "family-friendly solution."

Many parents love it.

"It just gives me a warm, fuzzy feeling," said Shannon Mayfield, a 31-year-old software consultant who uses the service to check on her son Nicholas three or four times a day.

Frank Wagner, a co-founder of Online Video Communications Inc., said the service isn't an attempt to put classrooms under surveillance.

"Right now parents see the hectic time at the beginning of the day when they drop them off and the hectic time when they pick them up," Wagner said.



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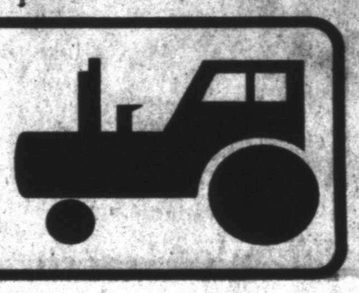

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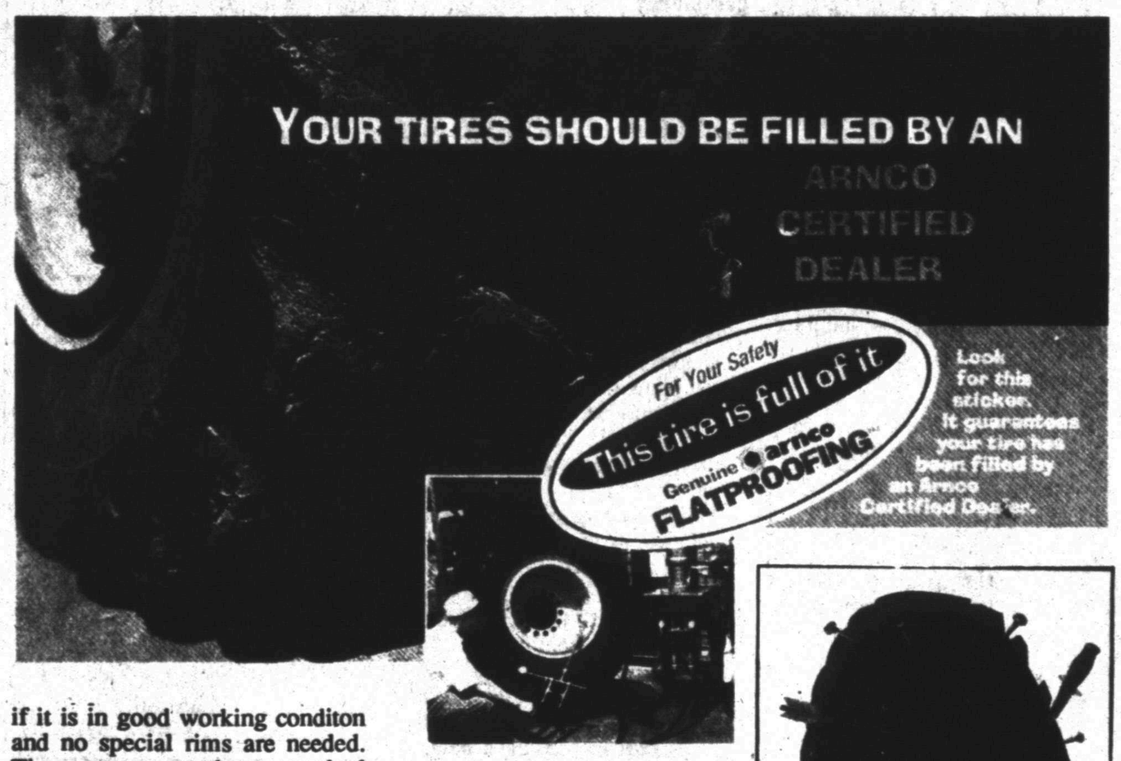

USDA: Europeans may not cut sdubsidies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Countries in the European Union will have trouble keeping their promises to cut subsidies on their farm exports in the 2000-2001 marketing year unless they change policies, the Agriculture Department predicts.

"Because the EU is a major U.S. competitor in many markets, whether it meets the commitments, and how it does so, bear watching," says a new USDA study, "International Agriculture and Trade."

The prediction is based on European figures for the 1995-96 crop year. Statistics for 1996-97 will become available later in 1988.

For grain, which the EU and the United States both have heavily subsidized exports in the past, the U.S. analysts see more European surpluses. They say EU authorities are considering policy changes because the worldwide trade agreement called the Uruguay Round has limited both subsidies and support prices.

In addition, the EU's 15 member nations are working on expensive plans to take in countries from among 10 in Eastern Europe that were formerly under communist rule.

According to the report, changes that EU officials are considering include lowering floor prices for wheat and coarse grains and increasing direct payments to farmers instead. But they also may eliminate the requirement that European farmers set aside some of their land to qualify for those payments.

The report projects that abolishing the set-aside would increase the sowing of grain — largely wheat — in the EU countries by nearly 10 percent in 2000-2001. That increase would lead to a European exportable surplus of 33 million tons of grain in 2000-2001, rising to 43 million tons in 2005-2006, USDA officials estimate. Of those surpluses, 80 percent would be in wheat.

While much of this surplus may not have to be subsidized, subsidies still could be increased in particular markets to edge out a competing exporter.

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Trial halted...

Kaczynski asks to talk to judge

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Theodore Kaczynski halted his Unabomber trial before it got under way today, asking to make a statement to the judge about his attorneys.

The judge immediately adjourned into a private meeting with Kaczynski and his lawyers.

Kaczynski, who could face the death penalty if convicted of two fatal bombings, spoke calmly and deliberately, first telling U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. that he couldn't stand up because federal marshals told him he had to stay seated.

"I want to make a statement," said the former math professor turned recluse. He clutched a manila envelope in his hands, saying he wanted to read something he had written. He said he wanted to "address the issue of my attorneys."

Last month, he had met twice with the judge in an attempt to fire his defense attorneys in a dispute over whether they would argue that he was insane. They attorneys eventually dropped plans for a defense based on the notion that their client suffered from a mental defect.

As Kaczynski entered the courtroom, he refused to acknowledge the presence in the front spectator row of his brother, David, and mother, Wanda. Tears streamed down their faces and they held their hands tightly as Kaczynski turned his back to them and sat down, only a few feet away.

It was David Kaczynski who first tipped investigators to the possibility that his brother might be the man the FBI had sought for 18 years. He has since condemned the government for its decision to seek the death penalty.

Fossett's fourth attempt comes to end

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Steve Fossett's fourth attempt to pilot a balloon nonstop around the world ended on the edge of the Black Sea early today, stymied by uncooperative wind, low fuel and equipment problems that left him shivering.

After flying about a third of the way, Fossett decided to end the attempt and land after crossing the Black Sea, his control team said. He landed smoothly at 6:27 a.m. EST about 50 miles north of Krasnodar, Russia.

Fossett was brought by helicopter to Krasnodar where doctors found him in excellent health, said Vladimir Chizhik, an emergency services spokesman there.

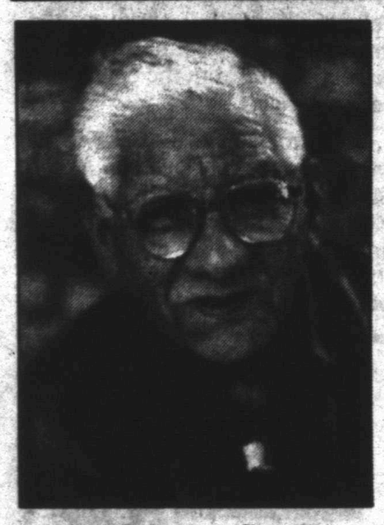
Fossett planned to spend the night in Krasnodar. His balloon remained at the landing site near the town of Kalininskaya, about 3,000 miles short of the distance record he set on his last attempt to circle the world.

"It's just a really, really difficult task to accomplish," mission control director Alan Blount said.

Asked about the possibility someone else will beat him to the record, Blount said: "If they do, it's great. More power to them, but they'll encounter the same sort of obstacles."

Two other balloonists were gearing up make their own try this week. Pilot Dick Rutan of Mojave, Calif., veteran of the first nonstop airplane flight around the world, and co-pilot Dave Melton of Espanola, N.M., plan to launch early Tuesday from Albuquerque, N.M.

Obituaries



Salvador Garza

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1921-1998

A funeral mass for Salvador M. Garza is set for 1 p.m. Tuesday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Fr. Patrick Maher will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Garza, 76, died Sunday, Jan. 4, in Snyder Healthcare Center.

Born Dec. 15, 1921 in Runge, Tex., he married Blanco O. Garcia on March 2, 1947 in Odem, Tex. She died in 1989.

A. U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Garza was a retired farmer.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Roy Garza, in 1997; and one grandson.

Survivors include three sons, Oscar Garza of Midland, Rene Garza of Snyder and Lee Garza of LaGrange; a daughter, Palmira Alonzo of Snyder; three brothers, Jesse Garza of Corpus Christi, Felix Garza of Runge and Pete Garza of San Antonio; a sister, Maria Sepulueda of San Antonio; 16 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Ruby Young

1920-1998

Ruby Estelle Young, 77, died Saturday, Jan. 3, in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital.

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born June 7, 1920 in Groesbeck, she married James H. Young on Aug. 17, 1935 in Groesbeck. He died in 1991.

Mrs. Young had been a resident of Snyder for 48 years and was a retired waitress. She was a member of the Avenue D. Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Hazel Nichols of Snyder and Jane A. Robbins of Denison; her mother, Marian Jane Carroll of Bogata; a sister, Mavis Jackson of Kilgore; a brother, Ernest Carroll of Lindale; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Pauline Drew

1929-1998

SAN ANGELO — Pauline "Polly" Drew, a nurse for some 42 years, died Friday, Jan. 2, in Shannon Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Drew, 68, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Jim Wilkerson Jr., pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Grape Creek Cemetery.

Born Jan. 18, 1929 in San Angelo, she was a graduate of Sonora High School, San Angelo College and Shannon School of Nursing. She retired from nursing in 1993. Mrs. Drew was a member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Ida Allen; and by a brother, John Watson.

Survivors include a son, Duane Drew of San Angelo; a daughter, Diana Bugg of Corsicana; six brothers, Jimmy Allen of California, Louis Watson of Sterling City, Wilburn Watson, Weldon Allen, Bobby Allen and Stacy Allen, all of San Angelo; four sisters, Joyce Dupree of California, Winnie Easmyer of Missouri, Shirley Foley of San Agnelo and Barbara Euler of New Mexico; six grandchildren; three-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and aunts.

Ted Trepke

1958-1997

LONGMONT, Colo. — Ted K. Trepke, the grandson of Modine Johnston of Snyder, died Monday, Dec. 29, at his home in Longmont.

Funeral service for Mr. Trepke, 39, was held Friday in the Howe Mortuary Chapel. Burial followed in the Mountain View Cemetery in Longmont.

Mr. Trepke was the owner of Trepke's Tire Town in Longmont and Boulder. He had lived in Longmont since 1988, moving from Lafayette, Colo.

Born March 1, 1958 in Denver, he married Pamela Hoffman on Oct. 11, 1981 in Wheatridge, Colo. He was a 1976 graduate of Gateway High School in Aurora, Colo., and was a Little League baseball coach.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela Trepke of Longmont; four sons, Keith, David, John and Marcus Trepke, all of Longmont; his parents, Norman and Charlene Trepke of Boulder; a sister, Terri Boroviak of Denver; grandparents, Orville and Berniece Johnson of Denver; and several aunts and uncles including Rita and Bobby Staton of Dunn.

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Netanyahu given narrow approval

JERUSALEM (AP) — In a first test of his government's strength after the resignation of its foreign minister, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu today won narrow approval for his 1998 budget in parliament.

The spending plan passed 58-52, with one abstention.

Despite the victory, Netanyahu's government still has not fully weathered the crisis, with parliament preparing to hold a vote of no confidence next week.

After Foreign Minister David Levy's resignation Sunday, Netanyahu's ruling coalition is left with the thinnest of majorities in the Knesset, or parliament — 61 of 120 seats.

Netanyahu can also count on the support of two far-right legislators who are not part of the coalition, while rebels in his Likud Party have threatened to bring him down.

Talk of early elections swept Israel today following Levy's decision to step down in a dispute with Netanyahu over social policy and the peace process. Levy's resignation becomes final Tuesday.

Netanyahu faces another hurdle Jan. 20 when President Clinton expects him to present a detailed plan for a troop pullback in the West Bank. Moderates in Netanyahu's coalition have said they would bolt if there is no pullback, while hardliners have threatened to topple the government if any land was handed to the Palestinians.

One of the moderates, Public Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, said today that if the hawks blocked a pullback by the end of January, "then we will start counting 60 days to the elections."

At the start of the session, Levy sat in his assigned seat next to Netanyahu, and the two men shook hands and exchanged a curt greeting.

Earlier in the day, Netanyahu met with coalition legislators — except the five from Levy's Gesher Party — to ensure support for the budget.

Family needs some clothing

A family victimized by fire is in need of clothing.

The Saturday evening fire destroyed a bedroom at an apartment at the Cedar Row Apartments which was being rented by Sammy and Nancy Vasquez and their two boys.

Needed are clothing for boys ages 3 years and 5 years, men's size 32-34 shorts and ladies clothes, size 9-10.

Clothing donations can be taken to 1205 29th Street.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Jan. 2-Colleen Bishop, J.H. Myers Jr., Felice Ramirez, Tonya Scott; Jan. 3-Juanita Kizer, April Reed, Billy Durham, Arvel Hall; Jan. 4-Christy James, Quintell Rose, Charles Laster, Shirley Tealer.

DISMISSALS: Jan. 2-David Clinkinbeard, Carolyn House, Gerald Springer, Betty Williams; Jan. 3-Mack Gray, G.L. Wall, Tonya Scott; Jan. 4- Burnidean Callaway, Lori Manlief, J.H. Myers Jr.

CENSUS: 49 (Med., Surg.-13, Long-term Care-30; OB-3, Nursery-3).

Births

Randy and Christy James of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter at 9:39 a.m. on Jan. 4. She was born, weighing seven pounds, 11½ ounces in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Kenneth and April Reed of Snyder announce the birth of their five-pound, 12½-ounce daughter, Kelsey Nicole Reed, at 11:36 p.m. on Jan. 3 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Her grandparents are Kenneth and Sheila Reed and Gerrid and Carolyn Bowen, all of Odessa.

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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.

Tiger banners for sale

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

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.

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.

College information Hotline '98

The Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC) and the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation will co-sponsor a toll-free HOTLINE. 1-800-347-3475 will be available on Jan. 17-18, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to all Texans who desire to find out more about post-secondary educational opportunities and financial aid options.

Students and their parents will be able to ask questions about college selection, admission, testing and financial aid.

Spanish speaking counselors will also be available.

Circus Gatti

Scurry County Sheriff's Posse will be sponsoring the annual Circus Gatti productions in mid-February. Representatives from the production will work on ticket sales in the coming weeks.

Pick 3

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

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(three, two, zero)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-10-19-22-33-44.
Estimated jackpot: $18 million.
Number matching six of six: 1
Winning ticket sold in: Gatesville.
Matching five of six: 309. Prize: $723.
Matching four of six: 11,317. Prize: $71.
Matching three of six: 175,997. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.

Avalanches kill 11 people in British Columbia, U.S.

OSLO, British Columbia (AP) — Avalanches that swept through British Columbia, Montana and Idaho killed 11 skiers and snowmobilers, and blizzards delayed recovery of bodies and a search for missing skier.

Eight skiers and snowmobilers perished in southeastern British Columbia in three avalanches in the Kootenays on Friday. Avalanches on Saturday killed two people in Montana, an experienced climber and an avid snowmobiler, and one in Idaho.

Canadian authorities said weather conditions caused hundreds of snow slides.

A blast of arctic air, which froze the snow and formed a crust, was followed by a warmer air current, causing an unstable situation, said Evan Manners of the Canadian Avalanche Centre.

"When you have a trigger, like the weight of a skier, that can put it over the critical point," he said.

The avalanche danger throughout the Kootenays, about 155 miles from the Alberta border, remains high and more snow was forecast.

Rescuers were trying today to recover bodies of the five skiers killed in remote British Columbia backcountry accessible only by helicopter, and police say they expect to find the body of a sixth missing skier nearby. They were reported missing Friday.

Vince Nicola, father of one of the skiers, Lise Nicola of Nelson, stood stunned Sunday night in the Cranbrook airport as he and his son prepared for a four-hour drive to the rescue base at Kaslo.

Flights into Castlegar, a Kootenay airport closer to the scene, had been canceled.

Nicola, who still held hope that his daughter was alive, said, "I honestly don't want to be part of a disaster story."

Winds up to 50 mph raged and a heavy blizzard hit the area Sunday, the worst storm so far this winter.

In New Denver, 30 miles northwest of Kaslo, searchers recovered the bodies of two skiers killed in an avalanche on Friday. Police said they were experienced back-country skiers and were wearing locators.

An Alberta snowmobiler was killed Friday after he and three others were caught in an avalanche in the Sparwood area, where the borders of British Columbia, Alberta and the United states converge.

Canada's most deadly avalance was in March 1991, when nine people died in southeastern British Columbia near Golden.