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President Clinton gets power of the pen

Aides: he's eager to use veto power

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the thick of budget negotiations with state lawmakers, Michigan Gov. John Engler once issued this threat: "If you go too far, just watch my pen," he warned, holding the instrument aloft.

Now President Clinton is the first U.S. president to have the same power — the ability to slash with the stroke of a pen budget line items in bills that are otherwise acceptable.

The new authority becomes available with the new year, but in reality Clinton won't be able to use it until Congress sends him the first budget bills in late spring or summer.

It's a power that many American governors have had for decades — a total of 44 at last count. They find it an effective tool to inject discipline into the legislative process and control state spending — although legislatures and Congress can vote to override those decisions.

In 1991, Republican governor Engler used his authority to veto specific dollar amounts in spending bills to eliminate a $1.8 billion deficit.

"He struck money from virtually every department — all kinds of nickel and dime things," said Engler spokesman John Truscott.

Last June, Republican Gov. Christie Whitman used her line-item veto pen to cut $112,000 for a three-person staff of the New Jersey Agent Orange Commission. It researches health issues for Vietnam veterans.

Lawmakers said the loss effectively killed the independent panel after 16 years. Whitman said the commission will continue, with the state veterans department handling its tasks instead. A spokesman said the panel's independent staff was a luxury taxpayers could no longer afford.

In Wisconsin, Republican Gov. Tommy Thompson has issued more than 1,500 vetoes — most line items — to stop $850 million in tax and spending hikes.

"Our boss has been very aggressive in using it," said Kevin Keane, spokesman for Thompson.

Thompson used the veto often during his first term in 1987 against what he saw as excesses of a Democratic-controlled legislature, Keane said. Republicans were so delighted that one lawmaker gave Thompson a 6-foot yellow pencil, now on display in the governor's office.

"If you're serious about balancing the budget and controlling spending and taxes, it's essential for the executive branch to have that authority," Keane said.

Clinton has said the line-item veto will help cut "special-interest boondoggles, tax loopholes and pure pork" by increasing presidential discretion over spending. He's eager to use it, his aides say.

The way it works is the president would sign a spending bill and then act within five days to reject an item. He could not rewrite spending figures — only reject them entirely — but he could cancel spending for new entitlement programs or eliminate tax breaks benefiting groups of fewer than 100.

Congress then could pass a bill to reinstate the specific spending. And if the president vetoed that, a two-thirds vote in Congress would be required to override him and force the administration to spend the money.

Stanley Collender, a federal budget expert at Burson-Marsteller, a public relations agency, noted that the president's ability is limited compared to governors who can reduce the size of a budget line item.

"For most states, the governor's line-item veto is more encompassing and gives them more discretion than the president's," he said.

Critics don't believe the line-item veto is all it's cracked up to be. Brian Roherty, executive director of the National Association of State Budget Officers, sees it as a club the executive branch may use in negotiations with lawmakers — but not particularly as a money-saving tool.



NEW SHERIFF — Darren Jackson was administered the oath of office as Scurry County Sheriff in ceremonies Wednesday in the 132nd District Courtroom. District Judge Ernie Armstrong administered the oath to a number of county employees. (SDN Staff Photo)

Elected officials take office

New sheriff plans no immediate changes

Close observers of the Scurry County Sheriff's Office won't notice many immediate changes as Darren Jackson takes over the leadership of the department from Keith Collier, who served 32 years as sheriff.

Jackson was among a number of county employees who received the oath of office during brief ceremonies Wednesday at the courthouse.

"Let me say first, that it was a privilege to work for Keith," said Jackson who served as a deputy for 10 years before being elected sheriff in November.

Jackson said there will be no major changes in day-to-day operations of the office, and what changes will be made will be gradual.

Jackson has appointed Jerry Cowin as his chief deputy. Delwyn Davis will be the new jail administrator. Davis, who currently serves as the DARE officer, will continue in that spot until August.

Maurice Herridge, who has served as a deputy in Garza County for the past 10 years, is a new member of the department and he will head the DARE program next school year.

A Borden County native, Herridge has intensive training as a narcotics officer.

Jackson said he is looking forward to this year.

"We're all excited about giving the people of Scurry County the best service possible."

A newcomer to the political scene, Howard Limmer, was also sworn in Wednesday to his new position as Precinct 3 commissioner.

Limmer and his foreman, Bob Pollard, were out early this morning looking over the precinct.

"We're making a list of priority items which we feel need to be done," said Limmer.

"We have identified some trouble spots on roads and water washouts that need attention immediately, and just making general plans," said Limmer, who also owns Limmer's Ladies Apparel. He said day-to-day operations of the store will be in the hands of Jane McCarty and Patsy Groves.

Besides Jackson and Limmer, several other county officials were sworn in by 132nd District Judge Ernie Armstrong Wednesday morning.

These included County Attorney Michael Hartman, Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey, District Attorney Dana Cooley, County Tax Assessor Rona Sikes, Precinct 1 Constable Rodney Josey and Precinct 2 Constable Billy Joe Gannaway.

Armstrong was administered the oath of office by Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A real economy car is one that has an air bag that the owner has to blow up."

Wallace and Bobbie Combest retired from the public schools last year.

Instead of relaxation, the couple has experienced plenty of stress which peaked just a couple of days before Christmas when their grandson, visiting from Denton, choked on what is believed to be a plastic cap of a pen that caused him to stop breathing.

The grandson, Wesley Murphy, is showing daily improvement in a Lubbock hospital, but the first relief for the family came Friday when the sixth grader woke up and starting writing questions:

"What happened?

"Where am I?

"What town?

"Who's here?"

Wallace said he knew things were looking up when Wesley scribbled, "Can I change channels?"

Wesley's family will cherish that piece of paper.

Combest said he credits the quick and professional response of Snyder EMS for saving Wesley's life. "They were at the house in less than two minutes."

One visitor to Snyder during the holidays read about Wesley's close call and said she was returning home with a clipping to try to impress on kids in her classroom to keep objects out of their mouth.

We've all done it. Even adults.

DQ coffee drinker Herman Milton said he was doing some carpentry work a few years ago and put a two-inch nail in his mouth, which he swallowed.

Milton said the nail showed up perfectly on the X-ray. Three days later, fortunately, the nail and the crisis passed.

Lots of folks can probably identify with the 9-year-old kid in Colorado who learned a cold weather lesson the hard way.

The boy decided to stick his tongue to a metal pole. The fire department had to be called to extricate the boy.

1996 in review...

Academic achievement noted in second quarter

Editor's note: The following is the second in a four-part series retracing the year 1996 in Scurry County.

Weather continued to make a major impact on Scurry County as 1996 moved into the second quarter.

The county received a surprise snowfall on Good Friday and children responded by building dozens of snow creatures, including the traditional Frosty in top hat.

The Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone announced in mid June that it would locate an office in Snyder.

The word became official after the Board of County Development voted to support the program by providing $42,000 in lease payments. It seemed a small price to pay for a program expected to generate $6 million to the local economy over a three-year period.

But boll weevils turned out to be a distant problem in 1996. Where there is no cotton, there are no weevils. As of May 22, the city had received just 2.13 inches of rainfall — no rain to plant on.

As for Snyder's water supply, Lake Thomas, Colorado Municipal Water District officials said the lack of rainfall was a cause for concern, but not panic.

It wasn't long before the CRMWD began hooking up wells to the water system, and in late June, Lake Thomas dropped below five percent capacity.

The second quarter was a time for academic achievement and graduation. Sterling Cave was named valedictorian and David Kerr salutatorian at Snyder High School.

Other top students, listing valedictorian followed by salutatorian, were Donnis McHaney and Jack Hudgins at Hermleigh and Jeremy Howard and Misty Chance at Ira.

Chris Lambaren of Hermleigh and Rachel Brown of Jayton were named outstanding male and female academic students at Western Texas College, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1996.

Graduation time was not without tragedy, however. Just weeks before he was to have graduated, 18-year-old Snyder High School student Marlowe Riggins was killed in a shooting in Haskell. It was a case, investigators said, of being in the wrong place at the wrong time, a senseless act of violence. Two Haskell youths — boys ages 16 and 18 — were charged with the crime.

Counselors were brought in at Snyder High School to help students deal with the loss. Several hundred people attended the funeral.

In June, 19 employees of BJ Services split $17 million in the Texas Lottery. It was the talk of the town, even getting more comments than the lack of rain — at least for a week or so.

A Snyder tradition changed hands in May when Don and Sara Gressett sold Lota' Burger to Allen Hodges. The Gressetts had operated the business for 41 years.

And there was another change in familiar faces as well. Frances Billingsley, county clerk, resigned in June. She had planned to serve until Dec. 31, but in early July would leave office.

These were among the other highlights in the second quarter of 1996:

—New Scurry County Museum director Charlene Akers began her duties on April 1.

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ASK US

Q—When is the chamber of commerce banquet and who will be the guest speaker?

A—The banquet is set for Thursday, March 13, with State Comptroller John Sharp as guest.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 71 degrees; low, 42; 7 a.m. Thursday, 45; no precipitation.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low, lower 50s. S-SW wind 10-20 mph. Friday, partly cloudy and record high temperatures likely. High around 80. SW wind 10-20 mph, gusty.



Amanda M. Murray
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
5:53 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:43 a.m.
Of 1 days in 1997, the sun has shone 1 day in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

(Psa 5:2 NKJV) Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray.

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Parents of slain girl warn that 'killer is on the loose'

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The parents of a 6-year-old beauty pageant winner found strangled in her home say they don't believe the killer was a family member or friend.

"Our family is a loving family, a gentle family," John B. Ramsey, JonBenet's father, told CNN Wednesday.

Ramsey and his wife, Patricia, were interviewed by the network in Atlanta, where they buried their daughter Tuesday.

"We are a Christian, God-fearing family. We love our children. We would do anything for our children," Mrs. Ramsey said.

The body of JonBenet, last year's Little Miss Colorado, was discovered the day after Christmas in the family's upscale home in Boulder, about eight hours after she was reported kidnapped.

Authorities have refused to discuss the case. While a police spokeswoman said earlier this week that no suspects have been identified, she said the public is in no danger from the girl's killer.

But Mrs. Ramsey warned her neighbors to be careful.

"There is a killer on the loose," she told CNN. "There's someone out there ... I don't know who it is. I don't know if it's a he or a she. But if I were a resident of Boulder, I would tell my friends to keep your babies close to you."

Ramsey, a president of a computer company, said he raised the $118,000 ransom a kidnapping note demanded on just an hour's notice.

Ramsey said the three-page kidnapping note, found on some little-used back stairs in their expensive Boulder home, said they would get a telephone call with further instructions, but no one called.

Later, he said, "one of the detectives asked me and one of my friends who was there to go through every inch of the house and see if there was anything that was unusual or out of place.

"We had one room in the basement that when I opened the door — there were no windows in the room — and I turned the light on and ... it was her," he said. "I hoped that she was still OK but I could tell that she probably wasn't."

The parents said that the family will hire attorneys and private investigators to help police find their daughter's killer.

"Whatever they want. Whatever anyone wants, we will cooperate," Mrs. Ramsey said.

They've already given samples of their hair, handwriting and blood to Boulder investigators, and say they aren't offended by the immediate suspicion that falls on the family.

The parents could do little but shake their heads when asked if they had any idea of why their daughter would be targeted.

"It makes no sense," Ramsey said. "I don't know if it was an attack on me, on my company..."

He is president of Access Graphics, a branch of Lockheed Martin, and has been placed on leave to give him time to grieve, company officials said.

1 of 2 escapees captured

BEAUMONT (AP) — One of two men who bolted from a Beaumont prison Monday was captured Wednesday, while the second escapee, a convicted killer, remained on the loose.

Charles Hoffman, 32, was stopped by Port Arthur police as he walked along State Highway 59 near Port Arthur. He was returned to the Mark Stiles unit in Beaumont, where he faces felony escape charges, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman David Nunnelee said Wednesday.

On Monday, Hoffman and Charles Everitt, 40, escaped from the prison. They turned up missing during a routine prison check. Both men worked as janitors.

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WILDFIRES — California wildfires spread across thousands of acres during October 1996. According to the National Interagency Fire Center, 1996 produced the nation's worst wildfire season in more than four decades. (NEA Photo)

2 young people charged with kidnapping, slaying doctor

ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. (AP) — More than seven months after a locally prominent doctor was slain, two people were charged Wednesday with robbing, kidnapping and killing her.

Oakland County District Judge James Sheehy entered innocent pleas for Anitra Lynn Coomer and McConnell Adams Jr., 21-year-olds who lived together in Clawson, and ordered them held without bond.

Dr. Deborah Iverson, 38, who ran an eye care institute at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, disappeared May 16 after leaving her psychiatrist's office in the wealthy suburb of Birmingham. Her body was found the next morning in the back seat of her vehicle. She had been strangled.

Assistant Prosecutor Jennifer Stout said both suspects had given confessions.

"I was struck at how young they are. ... It's a tragedy all the way around, isn't it?" said Mrs. Iverson's widower, Dr. Robert Iverson.

"This fills in the gaps. There were no names, no faces, no reasons, or whether they even knew her," he said. He had offered a $500,000 reward for information leading to a conviction.

An informant's tip led investigators to the couple on Monday. Authorities wouldn't say anything about the tipster.

Mrs. Iverson, the mother of two young children, was abducted from a parking lot as she got into her $40,000 Toyota Land Cruiser, said Sheriff's Lt. William Kucyk. Investigators believe the suspects forced her into the back seat, equipped with child locks so she couldn't open the doors, then drove her to a bank to cash one of her checks.

Another of her checks, this one bearing a forged signature, was also cashed, the lieutenant said.

Kucyk said Adams had a job but Ms. Coomer had become unemployed shortly before the robbery.

"They were broke," Sgt. Bill Harvey said. "They needed the money, to pay bills, rent, whatever."

Harvey said the trap was set before Mrs. Iverson reached her car. He said the couple's car was blocking the driver's door of her Toyota.

The couple had to move to let Mrs. Iverson into her vehicle, then pulled out a weapon, police said. The type of weapon wasn't disclosed.

"It was just a matter of seconds. It's hard to imagine how someone would have seen it," said Capt. Damon Shields. "They would have had to be in just the right place and time."

Iverson was ruled out as a suspect, authorities had said in October, but Iverson said that until this week, there were still "whispers and innuendos. That's only human nature, I think."

High tides sweep 27 sightseers into ocean

REDONDO BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Storm-whipped waves that arched as high as 10 feet swept 27 people off a rocky jetty on this Southern California beach, leaving many with neck and back injuries.

Those toppled by two big waves that crashed the rocks at King Harbor included tourists, fishermen and children. All were rescued by lifeguards.

"Signs are posted all the time, but there are long lulls where nothing breaks and then something knocks you off," said lifeguard Lt. Phil Topar.

"It's quite a tumble — about 15 feet down to the big boulders. If you're lucky you'll end up in the ocean, but the water is 57 degrees," Topar said.

Date Book

Jan. 2, 1997

Today is the second day of 1997 and the 13th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1492, Spanish forces retook the city of Granada from the Moors, ending seven centuries of Muslim rule in Spain.

On this day in 1930, the trial of Bruno Hauptmann for the kidnapping and murder of the Lindbergh baby began.

On this day in 1939, Time magazine named Adolf Hitler Man of the Year.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathaniel Bacon (1647-1676), American colonial leader; James Wolfe (1727-1759), British general; Isaac Asimov (1920-1992), writer; Dan Rostenkowski (1928-), U.S. congressman, is 69; Roger Miller (1936-1992), singer-songwriter; James Bakker (1940-), TV evangelist, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1865, bare-knuckle boxers Hugh O'Neill and Con Orem fought to a 185-round draw.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I've always been slightly drunk with facts, and almost all of my... books have dealt, at least incidentally, with facts." — Isaac Asimov

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1913, a system of extreme low pressure moved up the Appalachian Mountain chain.

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TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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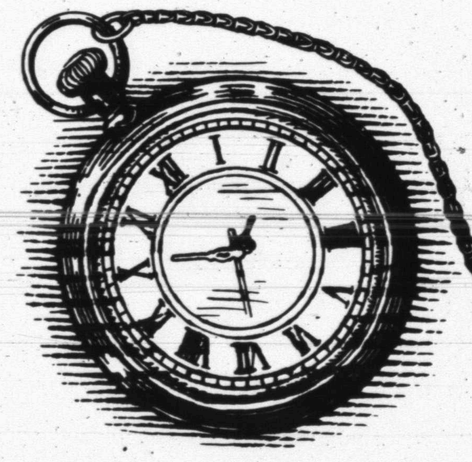
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Time To Get A Move On!



Many thanks for giving us so much to celebrate this past year. We've enjoyed every minute of serving you and look forward to your continued support.

The clock has ticked down on the old calendar. Now is the time to gear up for a fresh start and look ahead to success and happiness in 1997.

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SCOUTS VISIT FIRE STATION — Daisy Girl Scout Troop 354 recently visited the fire station where Walter Banks was pictured explaining the gear they wear when fighting fire. Tommy Guynes, assistant fire chief, is pictured right. Troop members include Amanda Kerr, Mariah Robbins, Kayla Liccardi, Rebekah Turley, Shelbie Talavera, Lindsey Cox, Morgan Fenner and Jessie Timora. Girl Scouts is an agency of the United Way. (Contributed Photo)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man tries to make good on his 14-year-old promise

DEAR ABBY: In January 1983, my wife and I sailed on the Queen Elizabeth II from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to San Francisco. We were in the middle of a bon voyage party when a young man around 30 peeked into our stateroom. He was a visitor on board, and asked if he could see what a cabin looked like. I invited him in, and we chatted for a few minutes.

As he was leaving, he asked me to do him a favor and purchase four QEII World Cruise T-shirts for his children. (The ship's shops were closed while we were in port, and he would have to disembark before they opened.) He told me what sizes to buy and gave me $30 to cover the cost of the shirts, plus mailing. He gave me a business card — he worked for a financial organization in Fort Lauderdale.

"How do you know I won't just keep the money and not send the T-shirts?" I asked. He said he had faith in people's honesty.

To make a long story short, I lost his card, so I couldn't send him the T-shirts. When we arrived in San Francisco, I got a Fort Lauderdale telephone directory and made over two dozen calls to different financial companies, but I couldn't locate the young man.

My wife has been nagging me all these years to write to you because we still have the T-shirts. You could put my mind at ease and restore a young man's trust in people by printing my letter. And if you do, I hope he sees it.

EUGENE GAZZOLO,
AUBURN, CALIF.

DEAR EUGENE: It's never too late to make the effort to right a wrong. Should the man see your letter in my column, he will finally know why you didn't send the T-shirts. Then his trust in people may be restored. If I hear from him, I'll let you know.

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DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "Jennifer in Norfolk, Va.," dealing with the issue of sex education. The question was who should be teaching kids about sex: parents or teachers?

Jennifer makes a broad assumption when she states, "Teachers don't like to talk about the 'touchy-feely' stuff." Well, it's not that teachers don't like to talk about it, but oftentimes they *can't* talk about it.

I am a young English teacher in the Bay area. I would like nothing better than to discuss sex openly and honestly with my students, but if I decided to do that, I could kiss my teaching career goodbye.

Until the classroom stops being a place for moral battles and starts becoming a place where open communication can flourish without fear, sex education will stay where it is — buried.

NO NAME PLEASE,
SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR NO NAME: Several of my readers have suggested that rather then calling it "sex education," if it were viewed as health education, the topic might be less controversial. While some parents fear that these classes are sex manuals, in reality all they teach is how pregnancy occurs and diseases are transmitted. Teen-agers need to know much more than this in order to make wise decisions, and ideally both schools and parents should educate young people about sex.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Girl Scouts are invited to enter volleyball league

West Texas Girl Scout Program Center for Girls invites all girls, grades 4-12, to participate in their volleyball league. Games and practices will be held on Saturday mornings, beginning Jan. 18.

Girls will be divided into age appropriate teams for play. Each girl will receive a T-shirt.

The center is located at 3125 Oldham Lane, Abilene.

For more information, call Jennifer Stuckey at 915-670-0432.

The graves of some pre-Columbian Indians have been found to contain kernels of popcorn.

Several good crops for winter gardening

By George Bria

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — Snow started falling just as I went out to the garden to pick the season's first Brussels sprouts.

Close by, but invisible except for marker stakes, parsnips sweetened underground as snowflakes accumulated on the leaf mulch covering them.

Beets, kale, Chinese cabbage, collards and turnips are also a boon for people who want to keep gardening the year around. Long after the first frosts, I'm still harvesting broccoli florets while some herbs and greens like broadleaf parsley, sage and arugula keep thriving as late as December in my southeastern New York garden.

Cut back to ground level, Swiss chard will live out the winter under mulch and produce tender leaves for an early spring salad. Some varieties of the gloriously red Italian chicory called radicchio will flourish deep into October and peep through the mulch again in late winter.

While cold weather crops are not grown in the home garden nearly as much as midsummer favorites like tomatoes and peppers, some of them rank among the Earth's most nutritious foods. Brussels sprouts and broccoli are extraordinarily rich in vitamins and minerals and some researchers have found them potentially helpful in reducing the risk of developing cancers.

Sprouts get their name from Brussels, Belgium, where they made their first recorded appearance in the 13th century. Americans are said to eat fewer of them than any other vegetable except artichokes. But many of us, I'm sure, never knew better, having been turned off by servings of overcooked sprouts. They're much better al dente — firm to the fork.

More than that, sprouts need frost to achieve their best taste. The surest way to experience the genuine thing is to grow them yourself. In my climate, I sow seed indoors at the end of May and transplant seedlings to the garden in late June. That gives me a crop that starts maturing at frost time in mid-October and continues producing deep into winter. I like to pick some for Christmas dinner.

Kale, like sprouts and broccoli a member of the cabbage family, also thrives in winter, its lacy dark green leaves standing out strikingly against the snow. Freshly cut kale makes a great stir-fry green.

Parsnips grow underground like carrots and their seeds bedevil gardeners with a similar reluctance to germinating. The usual suggested remedy is to place a dampened board or wet newspapers over the seedbed to keep it moist. But the way that works best for me is to sow them in flats indoors under lights where I can easily control the moisture. Then I transplant the seedlings to the garden.

Planted early in the spring, parsnips make strong growth throughout the summer, both the root underground and the leaves overhead. The leaves die away, but the roots begin to sweeten after frost and they become harvestable through the late fall and winter. They may reach their sweetest stage in early spring — a whole year after you planted them.

Some beets also make it through the winter. I've dug beets in March as sweet as those of summer, retaining their flavor underground through the long winter months. The best variety I've found is appropriately named "Winter Keeper." It's likely to grow lopsided, but the taste is true.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-02-97
♠ J 10 8 7 2
♥ K 7 5
♦ J 6
♣ J 10 2

West
♠ 9
♥ 10 2
♦ A K Q 9 5 4 2
♣ Q 4 3

East
♠ 6 3
♥ A J 9 8 6
♦ 10 8 7
♣ K 8 5

South
♠ A K Q 5 4
♥ Q 4 3
♦ 3
♣ A 9 7 6

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
1 ♠	3 ♦	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

The brightest light in the east

If you asked 100 experts who is the best player ever to come out of the Far East, it is probable they would all vote for Patrick Huang from Taiwan. Now 53 years old, he is a financial executive in a plastics corporation. He won silver medals in the 1969 and 1970 Bermuda Bowl. He has won the Far East Open Teams seven times and the Far East Open Pairs five times in 20 appearances. Worldwide, this is easily the highest percentage success rate. He first played in the Far East Open Teams when only 15, the youngest-ever representative at such a level.

In this deal, playing in four spades, Huang had two certain losers in the minors, so he had to avoid two heart losers.

After cashing the diamond ace West switched to the heart 10. If West's 10 was a singleton, declarer had to play low from the dummy. But knowing it was more likely hearts would be 5-2 than 6-1, and perhaps thinking West might have led a singleton heart at trick one, Huang called for dummy's heart king.

After winning with the ace, East returned the heart jack. Huang won with the queen, drew two rounds of trumps ending in the dummy, and ran the club jack to West's queen. After ruffing West's diamond return high, declarer played a trump to dummy, repeated the club finesse, and discarded dummy's last heart on his 13th club.

Note that if Huang plays low from the dummy at trick two, he should fail. East plays an encouraging spot card. Then, when West gets in with the club queen, he returns his second heart, allowing East to cash two tricks in the suit.

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Texan Zelleger knows her makeup

NEW YORK (AP) — In the big state of Texas, native Renee Zellweger says she used to sport the big-hair look.

"We know how to use eyeliner, hair spray and the curling iron in Texas," the "Jerry Maguire" co-star says in the January issue of US magazine. "It's a prerequisite to going to high school."

Zellweger says her acting projects determine how she'll look. She lightened her hair for "Jerry Maguire" and dyed it dark brown for the independent film "The Whole Wide World," due out this month.

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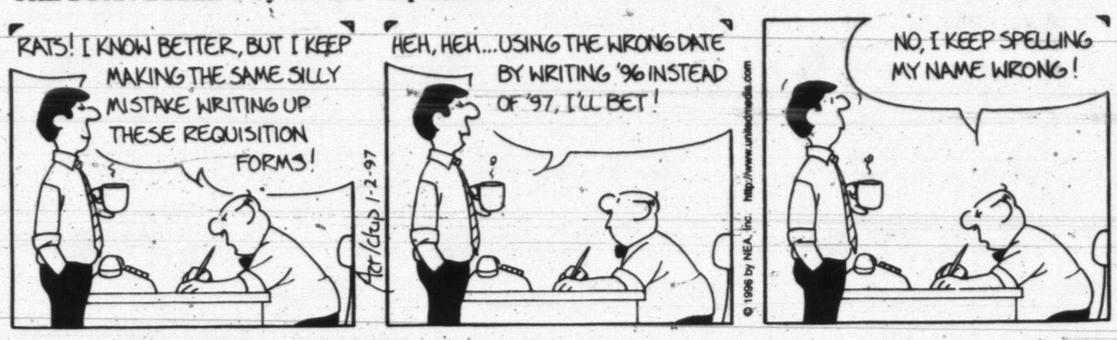
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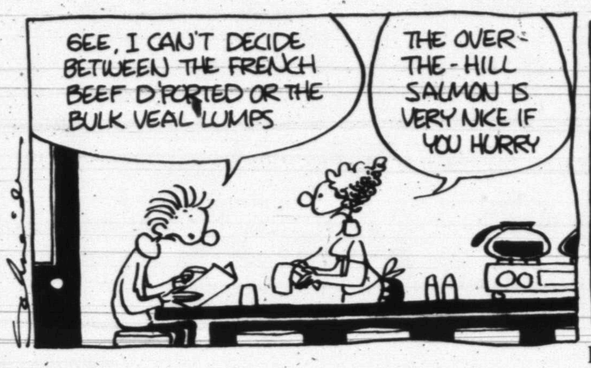


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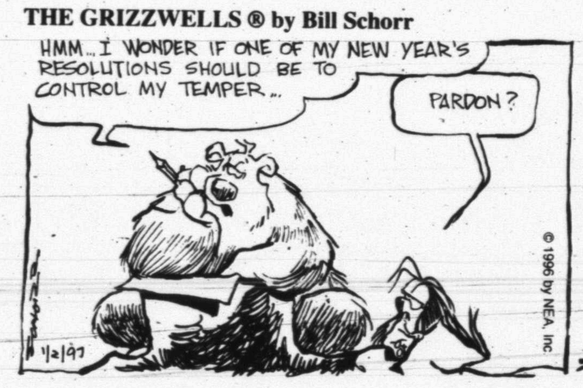
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13 Mosquito genus
14 Hurry
15 Canine's foot
16 Grating quality
18 Church council
20 Actress Day
21 Use a straw
23 Coarse hair
24 Before now
28 Epic poem
31 Scratches
33 Chemical suffix
34 By means of
35 Nashville's state
37 Slave
39 Type of muscle
40 Photocopy
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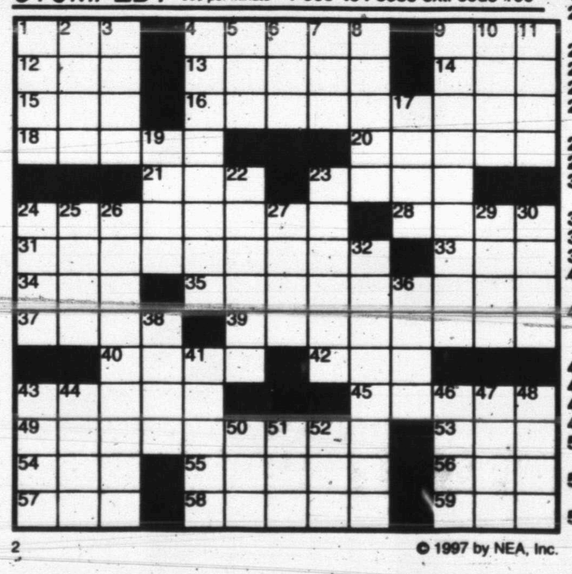
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11 Hardy heroine
17 Musical character
19 Safety org.
22 Member of the clergy
23 14-line poem
24 Own
25 Nile bird
26 Like some workers
27 Honky- —
29 Concert halls
30 Close falcon eyes
32 Chose
36 Fortuneteller
38 Lab burner
41 Confused (2 wds.)
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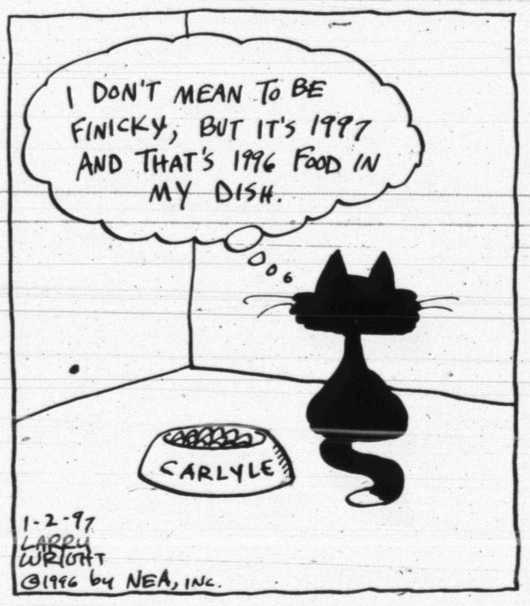
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SPORTS

College Bowls

Texas devoured by Nittany Lions

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The setting was right for Penn State, which always steps up at the Fiesta Bowl. So was the situation.

When the Nittany Lions trailed Texas 12-7 after a lackluster first half, historians could have warned the Longhorns to watch out: Penn State likes to close with a rush.

It happened again Wednesday night. The No. 7 Lions (11-2) regained the lead after a big kickoff return, and three backs ran for a total of four touchdowns in the second half to beat No. 20 Texas 38-15 and stay unbeaten in six Fiesta Bowl appearances.

It was reminiscent of the Lions' last trip to Tempe, when they scored six times in the second half and routed Tennessee 42-17 five years ago. Penn State also came from behind late to beat Miami 14-10 on Jan. 2, 1987, the next most recent of Paterno's six Fiesta victories — one-third of his 18 bowl wins that top the coaching fraternity.

This time it was part workhorse Curtis Enis, part brilliant individual effort by two freshmen, and a big part defense, which held Texas (8-5) to minus-19 yards rushing in the second half.

"We feed off our defense," said Enis, who ran for two touchdowns and 72 of his 95 yards in the second half. "When they came out and played hard, Texas wasn't able to put together drives and stuff like that. I kind of took it personal and said that we had to start moving the ball."

Earlier, Kenny Watson gave all of his teammates a lift with an 81-yard return of the second-half kickoff.

It set up a 5-yard scoring run by Aaron Harris that gave Penn State a 15-12 lead 2:33 into the third quarter.

The Longhorns were able to counter once. Phil Dawson tied it with his third field goal, a 48-yarder, with 8:10 left in the period.

But Enis, who caught a 4-yard scoring pass for the first points of the game, gave the Lions a 22-15 lead when he scored on a 2-yard dive with 3:23 left, and Anthony Cleary scored from 1 yard with one second left in the third.

Enis had 13-, 12- and 13-yard runs that preceded his rushing score, while Cleary was the recipient of another big play — freshman Chafie Fields' 84-yard run on a reverse to the Texas 5.

The run was a bowl record for Penn State, eclipsing an 83-yard scamper by Ki-Jana Carter in the 1995 Rose Bowl.

National title will be decided tonight

The Associated Press

Ohio State's long game-winning drive in the Rose Bowl quickly ended the possibility of arguments over "Who's No. 1?"

The fourth-ranked Buckeyes scored with 19 seconds left Wednesday night to beat No. 2 Arizona State 20-17, meaning tonight's Sugar Bowl between No. 1 Florida State and No. 3 Florida will almost certainly decide college football's national championship.

"Arizona State's loss solved any potential debate of two undefeated teams and which ones should be the champions," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "The Rose Bowl's outcome means the Sugar Bowl truly is for the national championship. If a vote was taken (Wednesday night), I assume we would be No. 1 and Florida No. 2."

Arizona State (11-1) had been the only team besides Florida to go unbeaten through the regular season. The Sun Devils appeared to be ready to win their last game of the year when quarterback Jake Plummer scrambled 11 yards into the end zone for a 17-14 lead with 1:40 to go.

Enter Joe Germaine, half of the two-quarterback platoon used all season by Ohio State (11-1). He led the Buckeyes on a 12-play, 65-yard drive capped by a 5-yard TD pass to David Boston.

The victory was the first in a Rose Bowl for Ohio State since 1974. Coach John Cooper had won just one of his previous seven bowl games at Ohio State.

"We've won a lot of big games," Cooper said. "Maybe you guys should stop writing about not being able to win the big ones.

Germaine finished 9-of-17 for 131 yards, while Stanley Jackson, the starter in the two-man rotation, was 6-of-14 for 59 yards.

Plummer, who had led the Sun Devils through some fourth-quarter heroics a few times this season, was 19-of-35 for 201 yards. He got the Sun Devils as far as their own 48 before time ran out.

Outback Bowl

Alabama 17, Michigan 14

Gene Stallings' final game as coach of the Crimson Tide (10-3) was approriately enough decided by the defense. Linebacker Dwayne Rudd returned an interception 88 yards for a touchdown that gave Alabama a 10-6 lead in the fourth quarter. Shaun Alexander's 46-yard scoring run 10 minutes later provided the insurance to withstand a touchdown and 2-point conversion with 1:16 left by Michigan (8-4).

Alabama averaged 10 victories a season in seven years under Stallings, who had a 70-16-1 record there, including the 1992 national championship, and a 97-61-2 mark overall in 14 college seasons.

Gator Bowl

N. Carolina 20, W. Virginia 13

Oscar Davenport, making his first career start, threw for one score and ran for another in a 17-point second quarter as the Tar Heels (10-2) finished with 10 wins for only the sixth time in 106 years of football. All-America freshman cornerback Dre' Bly had his 12th and 13th interceptions of the season as the nation's top team in turnover margin had four while losing the ball only once. Davenport was replacing all-ACC quarterback Chris Keldorf, who broke his ankle.

The Mountaineers (8-4), who lost their sixth straight postseason game, had started the season 7-0.

Citrus Bowl

Tennessee 48, Northwestern 28

Peyton Manning threw for 408 yards and four touchdowns and ran for another score one TD as the Volunteers (10-2) wrapped up their third 10-win season in the past four years. Manning, who has to decide whether to return to Tenneessee or apply for the NFL draft, was 27-of-39, including a 67-yard touchdown to Joey Kent that put the Volunteers ahead for good late in the first half.

The Wildcats (9-3), who trailed 21-0 in the first quarter, were led back by Steve Schnur, who was 25-of-45 for 228 yards and two touchdowns, but he also had three costly interceptions.

Cotton Bowl

BYU 19, Kansas St. 15

The Cougars (14-1), who felt snubbed by the Bowl Alliance, rallied for the victory as Steve Sarkisian hit K.O. Kealaluhi with a 28-yard touchdown pass with 3:39 remaining. Kansas State (9-3), twice converted on fourth down in a final drive to the BYU 12, but Omarr Morgan intercepted Brian Kavanagh at the 3 with 55 seconds to play.

Sarkisian was 21-of-36 for 291 yards and two TDs. He tied a Cotton Bowl record for completions and fell one yard short of the record for yardage.

Off-field distractions...

Cowboys try to stay focused

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith says he and his teammates are "just fed up" with the controversy surrounding the Dallas Cowboys this season.

Then he adds: "We'll just shake it off and keep on moving."

The Cowboys are trying to do just that after being jolted by the latest distraction in a season full of them: A 23-year-old woman accused wide receiver Michael Irvin of holding a gun to her head while offensive tackle Erik Williams and another man allegedly raped her.

Irvin and Williams practiced Wednesday for Sunday's NFC divisional playoff game against the Carolina Panthers. Police said they planned to call the pair in for questioning today.

Coaches have a backup plan for a worst-case scenario should the pair miss the game. However, police have said neither player would be prevented from leaving the state while the investigation was under way.

Irvin, on probation for a drug offense, said he is innocent; Williams has declined comment.

As he left the Cowboys' Valley Ranch training facility Wednesday evening, Irvin said he wasn't at Williams' home Sunday night.

"I'm ... looking forward to seeing how you guys go rewrite, reprint, rerun all these things about what happened Sunday night when you find out that I wasn't even at Erik's house," Irvin said.

"I'm real anxious to see how that's going to happen. Can you run it with the same intensity that you ran this other stuff? Can you run it with the same intensity? I want to see if it's possible."

Troy Aikman said the team was handling the latest distraction fairly well.

"Obviously it's some distraction, but I don't think it's going to keep us from preparing to play like we have to come out and play," the quarterback said. "I don't know if you ever get used to distractions. This team has overcome a great deal of adversity. We'll just have to see.

"I want to be proud of this organization," he said. "I'm proud of what we have accomplished."

So is teammate Bill Bates, though he said all the turmoil "makes me sick to my stomach."

The safety-linebacker said his children asked him what was going on.

"I just told them that people in life sometimes have problems and that nobody is perfect," he said. "Things happen, and not just to the Cowboys. It's happening all over the NFL, the world, the nation. Nothing shocks me anymore. Just turn on the TV. It's society in general."

Fullback Daryl Johnston said the Cowboys' image was definitely taking a hit.

"You would have to be foolish not to be concerned about what the public perception would be," he said.

He said Dallas players are accustomed to circus sideshows at Valley Ranch. "It's just another thing we are forced to overcome," he said. "It comes at a critical time. But we've done it (overcome adversity) in the past."

Johnston, who is a free agent after this season, said before he re-signs with Dallas he would consider things such as image.

Should Irvin and Williams miss the game, the Dallas coaches could move All-Pro right guard Larry Allen to right tackle for Williams and put backup Derek Kennard in Allen's spot.

Snyder hosts JV tourney

Four area teams will join Snyder in the Snyder High School JV tournament starting at 9 a.m. Friday. All games will be played in the SHS Gym.

The classic-styled lineup will feature junior varsity teams from Sweetwater, Abilene Wylie, Lamesa and Andrews, as well as Snyder.

Snyder will play at noon and at 3:30 p.m. both Friday and Saturday. Wylie and Snyder clash at noon Thursday and the Tigers face Andrews in the 3 o'clock game.

Snyder's opponents on Saturday include Lamesa at noon and Sweetwater at 3 p.m.

Friday's Games
Sweetwater vs. Wylie, 9 a.m.
Andrews vs. Lamesa, 10:30 a.m.
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NFL playoffs

By The Associated Press

Wild Cards

Saturday, Dec. 28
Jacksonville 30, Buffalo 27
Dallas 40, Minnesota 15

Sunday, Dec. 29
Pittsburgh 42, Indianapolis 14
San Francisco 14, Philadelphia 0

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 4
San Francisco at Green Bay, 11:30 p.m. (FOX)
Jacksonville at Denver, 3 p.m. (NBC)

Sunday, Jan. 5
Pittsburgh at New England, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Dallas at Carolina, 3 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 12
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Super Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 26
At New Orleans
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Pro Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 2
At Honolulu
TBA, 8 p.m.

College bowls at a glance

Las Vegas Bowl
Nevada 18, Ball State 15

Blue-Gray Classic
Blue 44, Gray 34

Aloha Bowl
Navy 42, California 38

Liberty Bowl
Syracuse 30, Houston 17

Carquest Bowl
Miami 31, Virginia 21

Copper Bowl
Wisconsin 38, Utah 10

Peach Bowl
LSU 10, Clemson 7

Alamo Bowl
Iowa 27, Texas Tech 0

Holiday Bowl
Colorado 33, Washington 21

Heritage Bowl
Howard 27, Southern U. 24

Sun Bowl
Stanford 38, Michigan State 0

Independence Bowl
Auburn 32, Army 29

Orange Bowl
Nebraska 41, Virginia Tech 21

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl
Alabama 17, Michigan 14

Gator Bowl
North Carolina 20, West Virginia 13

Citrus Bowl
Tennessee 48, Northwestern 28

Cotton Bowl
Brigham Young 19, Kansas State 15

Rose Bowl
Ohio State 20, Arizona State 17

Fiesta Bowl
Penn State 38, Texas 15

Thursday, Jan. 2

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida State (11-0) vs. Florida (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

NBA at glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	23	7	.767	-
NewYork	21	8	.724	1½
Washington	15	14	.517	7½
Orlando	10	16	.385	11
NewJersey	8	19	.296	13½
Philadelphia	8	20	.286	14
Boston	6	21	.222	15½
Central Division				
Chicago	27	4	.871	-
Detroit	22	7	.759	4
Cleveland	19	10	.655	7
Atlanta	16	11	.593	9
Charlotte	16	13	.552	10
Milwaukee	15	14	.517	11
Indiana	13	15	.464	12½
Toronto	10	19	.345	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	24	6	.800	-
Utah	22	7	.759	1½
Minnesota	12	18	.400	12
Dallas	10	17	.370	12½
SanAntonio	7	20	.259	15½
Denver	8	22	.267	16
Vancouver	6	25	.194	18½
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	22	9	.710	-
Seattle	21	11	.656	1½
Portland	16	15	.516	6
Sacramento	13	18	.419	9
GoldenState	11	18	.379	10
L.A.Clippers	11	19	.367	10½
Phoenix	10	19	.345	11

Monday's Games
New York 98, New Jersey 86
Charlotte 101, Washington 92
Cleveland 108, Minnesota 96
Detroit 97, Orlando 85
Chicago 81, Indiana 79
Houston 99, Seattle 91
Boston 104, Denver 102
Phoenix 100, Sacramento 88
San Antonio 95, Vancouver 88
L.A. Clippers 115, Utah 101

Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled

Thursday's Games
New York at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

WTC hosts three-team classic starting tonight

Western Texas College will host its second tournament of the 1996-97 season, starting tonight in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Participants, in addition to the Lady Westerners, are Clarendon Junior College and Paris Junior College.

WTC, sporting a 4-9 season record under first-year coach Anthony Portley, opens play at 7:30 tonight against Clarendon.

At 7:30 Friday, Clarendon takes on Paris JC. At 7:30 p.m. Saturday, WTC will line up against Paris.

Coach Portley said two WTC players will not be back for the spring semester, but a pair have been added. Those not returning for the second half of the season are Jennifer Northcott, a sophomore from Ira, and Jennifer Peters, a sophomore from Seymour.

Joining the team are Amanda Walling, a freshman rodeo team member from Moriarty, N.M., and Shanna McKee, a freshman from Roby.

The Lady Westerners, 2-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference Play, return to loop action Jan. 11 when WTC travels to Howard College in Big Spring.

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Melting snow, rain swell rivers in NW

GUERNEVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Rain and melting snow pushed rivers out of their banks across the Northwest today, forcing hundreds of people from their homes.

But for the first time in more than a week of storms that have caused at least 14 deaths in Oregon and Washington and millions of dollars of damage in five states, forecasters said drier weather was on the way. The rain was expected to taper off across much of the Pacific Northwest by Saturday.

More than 40 counties in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Nevada have been declared disaster areas because of damage from flooding, rain and snow. Three climbers were missing today on Mount Shasta in northeastern California.

In Napa, the heart of California's wine country, residents watched the Napa River rise to 4 feet above flood level Wednesday, but only minor damage was reported. More than 100 people were asked to evacuate.

Near Guerneville, about 70 miles north of San Francisco, the muddy Russian River rose Wednesday evening to nearly 45 feet, 13 feet above flood stage. As it churned past town, it carried tree limbs, old tires, shopping carts, a beer keg and bobbing propane tanks.

"I'm losing it all," Ron Jones murmured as he watched the river engulf his home.

"It's like we're standing here on a cruise ship," Maureen Weinstein said, watching the surging water just beneath her feet on the Guerneville Bridge.

Up to 7 inches of rain around Reno, Nev., caused the worst flooding in the city in more than 40 years. Dozens of homes and businesses were flooded by the Truckee River and hundreds of people were evacuated.

"I flew over it by helicopter and I'll tell you that the damage will be substantial," Washoe County Sheriff Dick Kirkland said. "It'll be in the millions of dollars before it's over."

Gov. Bob Miller shut down state government offices today in Reno and Carson City.

Farther north, record warmth swelled rivers and caused dangerous mudslides in Washington and Oregon, where the Army Corps of Engineers used dams in the Willamette River system to hold back floodwaters. The Lost Creek and Applegate dams in southern Oregon were so full that water releases were boosted.

"This is certainly the largest flood to hit this area since those dams were completed," said Dick Cassidy, chief of water regulation for the corps in Portland.

Only the major flood in 1964 was considered worse by Cassidy and many homeowners along southern Oregon's Rogue River. In Grants Pass, Ore., Bill Long had a couple of feet of water in the basement of his home, which sits at the edge of the river.

"It's a mess," he said. "Sandbags don't help when the river comes up this high."

A ground search for three hikers who left Friday for Mount Index near Stevens Pass in Washington was called off late Wednesday because of danger from unstable snow.

1996: Year in review

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—Snyder High School drama department's one-act play won district, area and region and advanced to state on May 3. The play didn't win in Austin, but Katie Thornton was named to the all-star cast and Matt Parker received honorable mention.

—A Snyder ISD facilities committee described the district's facilities as "embarassing," but did not offer any solutions as to how to cope with the situation.

—Attorney General Dan Morales joined area legislators here in saluting law enforcement personnel who he described as "over-criticized and under-appreciated."

—Vanessa Williams of Snyder was named queen of the annual Western Texas College NIRA rodeo on April 18.

—Edwina Brooks and Wayne Braziel were named SHS Athletes of the Year.

—Bill Seale announced that he was resigning from the Development Corporation of Snyder board after service since 1992. In June, Bill Wilson III was named to replace him on the board.

—The high school band won sweepstakes at the Region 16 contest

—Pennzoil confirmed that it was proceeding with plans to process SACROC field gas to reinject into the field.

—Several hundred volunteers pitched in to repair nine homes for the annual Snyder Neighbors Sharing workday on April 27.

—Contested office-seekers elected in the May 4 election included Jackie Greene to the WTC board of trustees; Burton Sandefur, Tony Lambaren and Tim Dacus to the Hermleigh ISD board; and Vernest Tippens and Jerry Webb to city council seats. Uncontested incumbents were also re-elected and Drew Bullard joined the WTC board in an uncontested role.

—Snyder High's accounting team of Kenneth Darlin, Jami Brown and Jason Crow placed second at the State UIL Spring Academics Meet. Darlin was third in individual competition. Kathryn Robbins was third in computer applications and Ryan Neves was second in T-Shirt design.

—PKG Contracting, Inc. of Fort Worth bid just under $3 million to construct a five-million-gallon per day water treatment plant for the City of Snyder. The city council was expected to act on the bid in June.

—Christy Garner was selected to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State. Casity Reneau was chosen for American Legion Boys State.

—Mary Dulaney was appointed to the Republican Party of Texas Platform Committee. She was to serve as sole representative for Senate District 30, which includes 36 counties.

—Snyder hosted the Legends of Western Swing Festival in late June and the event was a large success. Before the end of the event, organizers agreed to return the festival to Snyder in June 17-21 of 1997.

Local man injured in 1-vehicle mishap

It was a relatively quiet New Year's Day in Scurry County Wednesday, but a one-vehicle accident adjacent to Snyder Country Club sent one person to Lubbock's University Medical Center.

James Smith, 36, of 1308 23rd St., was taken by private vehicle to Cogdell Hospital before being transferred by EMS at 3:30 a.m. today to Lubbock. His condition was listed as serious in UMC's intensive care unit this morning. His 12-year-old son, James Jr., was a passenger in the vehicle. He was treated and released at Cogdell.

Officers investigated a one-vehicle accident at 10:26 a.m. involving a 1986 Oldsmobile driven by Modesto Estrada of 1208 26th Street and a gas meter belonging to Lone Star Gas Co.

Soloman Suarez notified officers at 2:52 p.m. that an unknown vehicle had run over his mailbox at 2810 Ave. J.

Officers were called to 208 24th St. at 1:44 p.m. by Valene Smith in reference to a stolen bicycle. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

An offense report for family violence was submitted at 9:52 p.m.

An offense report for a runaway was submitted at 10:25 p.m. in reference to a 16-year-old female not returning to her home.

[redacted] from the 500 block of 34th Street.

Bomb explodes in Damascus, as many as 12 reported killed

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A bomb exploded aboard a bus in the Syrian capital, wounding dozens of people and killing as many as 12, sources reached by telephone in Damascus said today.

The explosion occurred Tuesday near the Baramkeh bus station in the city's center, the sources said. The Syrian government has yet to issue any report on the blast.

At least 40 people were taken to hospital after the explosion and the sources said that eight to 12 were killed. They said the bus was headed for the northern city of Aleppo.

No one has claimed responsibility for the bombing.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	88⅛	86⅝	86⅛	—1⅝
AT&T Corps	42⅜	41⅜	41⅜	+ ⅜
AirTouch	25⅛	24⅜	24⅞	— ⅜
Albertsons	35⅜	34⅛	35½	— ⅛
AlldSignal		67⅛	66⅝	67
Alltel	31⅛	30⅜	30⅝	— ⅜
AmerOnline	33	31⅛	32⅛	—1
AmStores	40⅜	39⅜	40	— ⅛
Ameritech	60⅞	59⅛	59⅞	— ⅜
Amoco	81	80¼	80⅝	+ ⅛
AndarkPtr	64⅛	64	64	— ⅛
ArmcoInc	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	+ ⅛
AtlRichfld	133⅜	132	132⅜	— ⅜
ATMOS Egy	24	23⅜	23⅜	— ⅛
Aviall		9⅝	9⅝	9⅝
BakerHughes		34⅜	34⅛	34⅛
BellAtl	64⅜	64	64⅜	— ⅜
BellSouth	40⅜	39⅜	39½	—1
BethSteel	9⅛	8⅝	9	+ ⅛
BritPet	140⅛	139	139⅛	—2⅛
BurlNoSFe	85⅛	84⅜	85⅛	— ⅞
Caterpillar	73⅛	72⅛	73⅛	—2⅛
CenSoWst		25⅛	25⅛	25⅛
Chevron	65⅛	63⅞	64⅛	— ⅞
Chrysler s	33⅜	33	33½	+ ⅛
Coastal	48⅜	47⅞	47⅞	—1
CocaColas	52½	51⅛	51⅝	—1
ColgatePalm	92⅛	90	90⅝	—1⅝
ComclMetals	30	29⅜	29⅜	— ⅜
Cooperin	41⅞	41¼	41⅜	— ¾
CyprusAmax	23⅛	23	23	— ⅛
DallSemicn	23	22⅜	22⅜	— ⅛
DeltaAirl	71⅛	69½	70	— ⅝
DigitalEq	37⅛	36	36½	+ ⅛
Dillard	30⅜	30 1-16	30⅛	— ⅜
DowChem	78⅜	77⅞	78½	+ ⅛
DresserInd		31⅛	30⅜	31
DuPont	94⅜	92⅞	93⅛	— ⅜
EastmanChem	55⅛	54⅜	54½	— ⅛
EstKodak	80	78⅛	79⅛	—1
EDS Corp	43⅜	42⅜	42⅜	— ⅛
ElJerInd		23⅜	23⅜	23⅜
Enserch	22⅜	22⅛	22⅛	— ⅛
Entergy		27⅞	27⅞	27⅞
Exxon	98⅛	96⅝	96⅞	—1⅛
FstBksAm		10⅜	10⅜	10⅜
Flowers	21⅛	21⅛	21⅜	— ⅛
FordMotor	32	31⅛	31⅜	— ⅜
GTE Cp	45⅜	44⅛	44½	— ⅜
GenDynam	71	68⅛	69	—1⅝
GenElec	99	95⅞	97	—1⅝
GenMills	63⅛	62⅜	62⅝	—1⅛
GenMotors	56⅜	55⅛	56	+ ⅛
GaPacif	72	71	71⅜	— ⅜
GlobalMar	20⅛	19⅜	19⅜	— ⅛
Goodrichs	40⅜	39⅞	39⅜	— ⅛
Goodyear s	51⅛	50⅜	51	— ⅜
GtAtlPac	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	— ⅛
Haliburtn	60⅜	59⅜	60	— ⅛
Hanson ADSs	7	6⅞	6⅞	+ ⅛
HarteHanks	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛	— ⅛
HoustonInds	22⅝	22	22⅜	— ⅛
IBM	154⅛	151⅛	152	+ ⅛
IntlPaper	40⅜	39⅞	40	— ⅛
[redacted]				
K mart	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	— ⅛
Kroger	46⅛	46⅛	46⅛	+ ⅛
Litton	47⅜	47	47	— ⅛
LockhdMart	91⅛	89⅛	90⅛	—1
Lowes Cos	35⅞	35⅛	35⅝	— ⅛
Lubys	20⅜	20⅛	20⅛	+ ⅛
LucentTech n	46⅜	45⅛	45⅝	— ⅛
MayDeptStrs	46⅜	45⅛	45⅛	—1⅛
Medtronic	68⅛	66⅛	67⅛	— ⅛
Mobil	122⅜	121⅛	121⅛	— ⅛
Monsanto s	39⅛	38⅛	39	+ ⅛
Motorola	61⅛	59⅛	59⅜	—1⅛
Nationsbk	98⅛	96⅛	96⅜	—1
Navistar	9⅛	9	9⅛	+ ⅛
NoramEngy	15 7-16	15⅛	15⅜	— ⅛
Norwest	44⅛	43	43	— ⅛
Nynex	48⅛	47⅛	47⅜	— ⅛
OryxEngy	24⅛	23⅛	24	— ⅛
PacTelesis	36⅛	35⅛	35⅝	— ⅛
PanEnergy	44⅜	44⅛	44⅜	— ⅜
Penney JC	48⅛	46⅛	46⅜	—2⅝
Pennzoil	56⅜	55	55⅜	— ⅛
PepBoys	30⅛	29⅜	29⅜	—1
PepsiCo s	30	29⅛	29⅜	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	69	68	68⅝	+1⅛
PhilipPet	44⅜	43⅛	43⅜	— ⅛
PilgrmPrd		8⅛	8⅛	8⅛
Polaroid	43⅛	42⅜	42⅜	— ⅛
Praxair		46⅛	45⅞	46⅛
ProctGamble	107⅝	103⅜	105⅛	—2⅜
PubSNwMx	19⅜	19⅛	19⅜	— ⅛
RoyalDutch	171⅛	170⅛	170⅜	— ⅛
SBC Comm	52⅜	50⅜	50⅜	—1⅜
SaraLee	37⅛	36⅜	36⅜	— ⅛
SearsRoeb	46⅛	44⅛	44⅜	—1⅛
SherwinW	56	54⅝	55	—1
SmthBchADS	68	66⅝	66⅜	—1⅛
SouthernCo	22⅜	22⅛	22⅛	— ⅛
SwstAirlines	22⅜	21⅛	21⅛	— ⅛
Sprint	40	39⅜	39⅜	— ⅛
SunCo	24⅛	24	24	— ⅛
TNP Ent		27⅛	27⅛	27⅛
Tandy	44	42⅜	43⅛	— ⅛
TempInl	54⅛	53⅛	53⅜	— ⅛
Tenneco	45⅛	44⅜	44⅛	— ⅜
Texaco	98⅛	97⅛	98⅛	+ ⅛
TexasInd		50⅜	50⅛	50⅜
TexasInst	64⅛	62⅛	62⅜	—1⅛
TexUtil	40⅜	40⅛	40⅜	— ⅛
Textron	94⅛	91⅛	91⅛	—2⅜
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TritonEngy	48½	48⅛	48⅛	— ⅛
Tyler	2	2	2	+ ⅛
US WestCm	32⅛	31⅛	32	— ⅛
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USX-Marathn	24⅛	23⅜	24	+ ⅛
USX-USS	31⅛	31	31⅛	+ ⅛
UnCarbde	41	40⅛	41	+ ⅛
UnPac s	60⅛	58⅛	58⅝	—1⅜
UnitedTech s	66⅜	65⅛	65⅝	— ⅛
Unocal	40⅛	40⅛	40⅛	— ⅛
WalMart	23⅛	22⅛	22⅜	— ⅛
WstrnGasRs	19⅜	19	19⅛	— ⅛
WestghEl	19⅛	19⅛	19⅜	— ⅛
WinnDixie	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	— ⅛
Woolwoth	21⅜	21⅛	21⅜	— ⅛
XeroxCp s	52⅜	51⅜	51⅜	— ⅛
ZenithE	11⅛	10⅜	10⅝	+ ⅛

Mrs. Dole returns to Red Cross post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elizabeth Dole returns today to her $200,000-a-year job as president of the American Red Cross and says she can't wait to tackle the many challenges awaiting the country's best known disaster relief agency.

"Coming back to the Red Cross is like coming home," she said in a statement, adding that she considers working there something more than a job. "For me the Red Cross is a mission field and it's great to be back."

Mrs. Dole took a 14-month leave of absence from the Red Cross to help in her husband Bob Dole' unsuccessful presidential campaign and has said all along that she planned to return.

Although there has been speculation that Mrs. Dole, who held Cabinet positions in both the Reagan and Bush administrations, might one day herself run for political office, she repeatedly has said she wanted foremost to return to the Red Cross.

She was widely seen as one of her husband's greatest assets during his campaign for president and won plaudits for her appearance at the National Republican Convention in San Diego.

Mrs. Dole became president of the American Red Cross in February 1991. She took a leave of absence from the relief agency in November 1995 to help her husband's presidential bid.

"I look forward to taking on the numerous humanitarian challenges in the months ahead and to intensify Red Cross services to families and individuals in neighborhoods across the nation and around the world," she said.



BREAKS RECORD — Astronaut Shannon Lucid returned home on Sept. 27, 1996, after ending a record six-month journey in space. (NEA Photo)

Firebombs damage abortion clinic

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Two firebombs were thrown at an abortion clinic Wednesday, causing minor smoke and fire damage. No one was inside the building, which was closed for the New Year's holiday.

One of the bombs broke through a window and started a small fire. The second started a grass fire outside, said Sherri Finik, director of the Reproductive Services clinic. Smoke detectors went off, sending firefighters to the scene.

Ms. Finik called the attack "an act of futility and stupidity" and said the clinic would remain open.

Police and fire investigators were investigating and said they had no immediate suspects.

Berry's World



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"I said 'Happy New Year.' Want to make something out of it?"

Market for Texas ranch land said continuing to strengthen

HOUSTON (AP) — The market for Texas ranch land is continuing to strengthen, with prices rebounding from early-1990s lows and booming interest in property for hunting and other non-agricultural uses.

The land bank association in Devine, southwest of San Antonio, is doing a lively business financing 10-acre parcels of ruggedly attractive land for people who want to live in a rural setting and commute to work.

Rick Rothe, chief executive officer of Devine's Federal Land Bank Association, said doctors and lawyers and big-city business owners are buying ranch-size tracts of 500 acres and larger.

Overall, the Farm Credit Bank of Texas reports the strongest demand for new rural property loans since 1981. The bank, whose Federal Land Bank Associations are the single largest source of credit for land purchases in the state, expects to set a record volume in new loans for rural properties in 1996.

Charles Gilliland, a Texas A&M University research economist specializing in land, calls this an "active, up market, possibly more favorable than anything seen since the 1970s."

"Anything that is realistically priced will sell immediately," says Hondo real estate agent Bob Heyen, whose office is in the town of 6,217 on U.S. 90 heading west beyond San Antonio.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1995 charted a 7 percent increase in the value of farm real estate nationwide, compared with 6.4 percent gains in both 1994 and 1993.

For Texas, the agency showed an average value of $566 per acre, up from $550 in 1995 and $522 in 1994. The value had declined continuously from 1989 to 1992.

The lure of this property is deer with big horns, large populations of quail and doves.

Prices have still not completely recovered from the drought of 1996, which brought with it record low prices for cattle.

Per acre, prices aren't up to the inflated levels of the early 1980s. Small tracts in South Texas that went for $1,500 an acre at the peak will bring $650 to $750 an acre now, Heyen estimates.

The Rolling Plains of west central Texas haven't caught on as a recreation location like South Texas. And the farmers there, who depend on profit from farming the land for repayment, aren't in a buying mood after three years of disappointing yields.

According to Dale Bullinger, chief executive officer of the Federal Land Bank Association in Haskell, land prices have stayed pretty much the same since the plunge of 1985-86.

Good land for growing crops without irrigation that sold for $800 to $900 an acre at the peak fell to $550 to $600 an acre and still can be bought for that amount, said Bullinger.

Presidential oath-taking goes on despite weather

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Harry S. Truman received the formal invitation to his 1949 inauguration he replied: "Weather permitting, I hope to be present."

The weather did permit. Truman took the oath of office beneath sunny skies in 38-degree weather.

Mother Nature hasn't always smiled as America's leaders accepted the job for which they campaigned so hard. Indeed, Inauguration Day weather has been the death of some.

William Henry Harrison declined the offer of a closed carriage and rode on horseback to the Capitol, braving cold temperatures and a chill northeast wind on March 5, 1841.

After speaking for more than an hour he returned to the White House on horseback, catching a chill that eventually turned to pneumonia. He died a month later.

"He was the first American president to die in office, a victim of his militant disdain for the elements," historian Patrick Hughes observes in Weatherwise magazine.

Ronald Reagan, who broke Harrison's record as the oldest man to become president, was more cautious in 1985 when the coldest weather in inaugural history struck Washington. Reagan moved the ceremonies indoors and canceled the parade.

When Franklin Pierce was sworn in on March 4, 1853, the weather was raw and windy with light snow falling. Abigail Fillmore, wife of outgoing president Millard Fillmore, caught cold while sitting on the windswept inaugural platform. She died of pneumonia within weeks, Hughes reports.

Originally, presidential inaugurations were held on March 4, a date selected in an era of slow travel so that all the participants could be present for the ceremony.

By the 1930s transportation was much better and politicians wanted to end that long "lame duck" period between the November election and inauguration, so a decision was made to change the date to January.

Weather bureau records showed that Jan. 20 tended to have few storms and mild conditions — on average — so it was chosen as the new date. But the first ceremony on that date, in 1937, took place in a deluge, with 1.77 inches of rain pouring on the Capital City.

Aides tried to talk Franklin D. Roosevelt into moving the ceremony indoors but he looked out at the soggy crowd and replied: "If they can take it, I can take it."

Weather historian David M. Ludlum reports in his book "The Weather Factor" that Sen. George Norris of Nebraska, author of the amendment changing the date, declined to accept blame for the fiasco.

Before complaining, he said, wait until March 4 and see what the weather is like on the old date. It was sunny and 67 degrees.

Nonetheless, despite the bitter cold for Reagan, a blizzard for John F. Kennedy and the rain that dampened Roosevelt, Jan. 20 has a good track record at avoiding rain and snow.

Meanwhile, miserable weather has occurred on March 4 the past three inaugural years, according to statistics compiled by Tom Ross of the National Climatic Data

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Park fees too low, some say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Looking for a vacation bargain? Try a lakefront cabin in a national forest.

A lot along Minnesota's Lake Winnibigoshish can be had for a fee of $355 a year, less than a third of what it should be, according to congressional auditors who say people are being charged too little to use national forests.

The Forest Service, which charges fees for cabin sites and commercial operations like marinas and guide services, doesn't even recover the cost of handling the permits, according to a new report by the General Accounting Office.

Fees for cabin lots are based on appraisals done in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Fees for commercial operations are based on a system that hasn't been updated in nearly 30 years, GAO said.

Similar criticisms have been leveled at other fees charged by the Forest Service and the National Park Service, which in the next few months is phrasing in sharp increases in fees for entry and various services.

"You see across the board the charges that the government imposes are usually much lower than what you're going to see from the private sector or even state governments," said Jerome Uher, a spokesman for the National Parks and Conservation Association.

The Forest Service collected $36.7 million in recreation fees in 1994, the latest year for which the total was available.

Marinas and other commercial operators in national forests usually are charged less than 3 percent of their gross sales, while fees on state-held land are typically 5 percent to 15 percent of gross sales, according to the GAO, which is the investigative arm of Congress.

In Colorado, for example, marina operators pay fees of 7 percent on state land and 2.8 percent in national forests.

For cabins, the Forest Service fee is set at 5 percent of the land's appraised value and then increased each year according to the Consumer Price Index, an estimate of the cost of living. Those increases haven't kept pace with the rise in land values, GAO said.

Along Lake Winnibigoshish in the Chippewa National Forest, a typical lot is appraised at $3,900. That's $18,400 less than what county assessors estimate it is worth, the GAO said. Based on the county estimate, the annual fee would be $1,115, not the $355 charged by the Forest Service.

Forest Service officials agree that the fees are too low.

"They're not up to date because they're based on appraisals done 20 years ago," said Kevin Heikkila, a realty specialist for the Chippewa National Forest.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 3, 1997

Some of the good seeds you have sown in the past have taken root and sprouted. The year ahead represents the potential harvest of a well-deserved bounty.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Shy away from cliques or groups today if the members are more concerned with what you have than with who you are. You don't have to prove anything to anyone. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) What you promote will win the approval of others today, but you may not know when to stop. If you push too hard, you will scare your customers away.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If others agree with your ideas today, you'll be a fun person to have around. However, if you encounter opposition, you could become abrasive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It will be essential be extremely detail-oriented when conducting business deals today. Carelessness could cause you to lose what you have gained.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you need advice today, choose your adviser carefully. Poor suggestions from the wrong source could lead you to fool's gold instead of precious metal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will not be very productive today, but what little you do, you'll do well. Try to be more enthusiastic.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A friend who frequently gets involved in foolish endeavors might talk you into taking a risk today. Avoid the urge to act impulsively.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are likely to have better ideas early in the day. Make every effort to take action as soon as possible. Time will not be your ally.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Pay attention today if someone tries to teach you how to operate unfamiliar equipment. Do not just pretend to listen to what he says.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your finances might be subject to some broad swings today. You will have the potential to turn a profit, but you will be just as likely to experience a loss.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will be very tolerant if an outsider makes a mistake today, but if a family member or an old friend does the same thing, you might come down hard on him.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone will offer to do you a favor today. However, she might try to attach so many strings that it will not make sense to accept her proposal.

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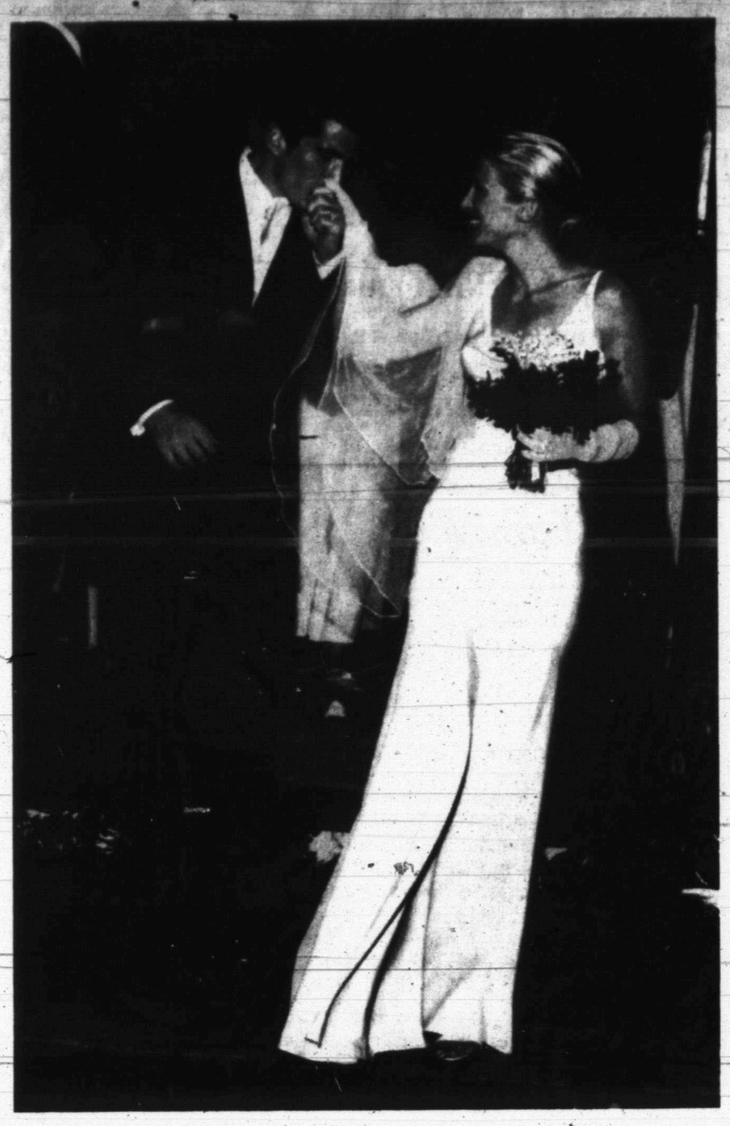
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AFFLUENT WEDDING — John F. Kennedy Jr. wed Carolyn Bessette in a private ceremony off the coast of Georgia. (Photo Copyright: 1996, Denis Reggie)

FDA issues advisory on synthetic drugs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The government warned consumers not to ingest synthetic designer drugs with names like "Cherry fX Bomb" that violently sickened dozens in a crowd of young party-goers at a New Year's Eve "rave" concert.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration warned people Wednesday not to consume colored liquid products named "Orange fX Rush," "Lemon fX Drop," and "Cherry fX Bomb." The liquids are stored in glass vials.

"These products have been implicated in severe adverse reactions including dizziness, nausea, severe shortness of breath and respiratory arrests that affected approximately 50 people — some of whom were hospitalized," said FDA spokesman Jim O'Hara in Washington, D.C.

O'Hara said confiscated vials of the "fX" products will be tested by the FDA. The vials were handed out at the concert, attended by about 10,000 people. Six people have been arrested for investigation of selling and distributing drugs.

A 17-year-old boy who suffered a heart attack and an 18-year-old woman were upgraded from critical to stable condition today. Another boy remained in critical condition after being struck by a car during the melee that erupted when the concert was canceled.

Concertgoer Charlie Bambrook had to be treated for four hours after he drank an "fX" product and fell to the ground writhing in pain, vomiting.

"Then they had an announcement: 'Do not take this fX, whatever it is, do not take it,'" the 18-year-old Bambrook told KCAL-TV on Wednesday.

The rave, an advertised, all-night party known for loud, techno-music was shut down early, angering youths who paid about $25 to attend. The concert ended in a bottle- and stone-hurling melee on downtown streets. A city bus was violently rocked.

One young man was hit in the head by an object and a policeman suffered minor injuries when he was hit by a bottle, Officer Mike Partain said.

Officers in riot gear dispersed the crowd by firing rubber pellets. Order was restored about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, officials said. Four people were arrested for resisting arrest and failing to disperse.

Dr. Robert Splawn of California Hospital Medical Center said patients admitted at the center had symptoms from a mix of a variety of drugs.

"Apparently several drugs were being abused," he said. "We've heard everything from X (Ecstasy), to LSD to the new one, GHB (Gamma hydroxybutyrate also known as Liquid X). Some participants told me people were using a combination of them." GHB is a legal substance.

The drugs cause euphoria, convulsions and comas, the doctor said.

A concert promoter described the drink as a legal, herbal stimulant, but police said they were unsure what the substance was.

New program

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Calling all Hollywood stars — "Crook & Chase" is coming to a studio near you.

The syndicated cable TV show will begin production at CBS' Television City in Los Angeles on Jan. 22, ending months of work done at a Nashville studio owned by Jim Owens Enterprises. Show officials say the move will make the one-hour show more accessible to the stars.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What's an anti-gout diet?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son-in-law has uric-acid kidney stones, for which his doctor prescribed an anti-gout diet. That was it. No further clarification. What foods should be avoided?

DEAR READER: The crystals of uric acid, a normal product of metabolism, can cause kidney stones, as well as the joint pains so familiar to patients with gout. Ordinarily, gout (and uric-acid stones) are treated with medication (allopurinol and others) and a high fluid intake (to flush out the kidneys).

As a general rule, dietary prohibitions are not necessary. Nonetheless, many practitioners urge their patients to avoid foods rich in substances that may aggravate gout. Such foods consist primarily of organ meats, including kidney, liver, calves' brains, sweetbreads, and so forth. Perhaps your son-in-law should consult a registered dietitian for more specific advice.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've recently been diagnosed with something called C. difficile infection. Where did I get this and how do I get cured?

DEAR READER: The extended use of powerful antibiotics, for a wide variety of ailments, often depletes the normal bacterial popula ion of the intestine, leading to a fo m of infection (colitis) that is marked by severe diarrhea, bloating and malaise.

This infection is caused by a type of bacteria, called C. difficile, which is resistant to many antibiotics. As bacterial competitors are killed off, the C. difficile micro-organisms multiply and take over, resulting in the symptoms I mentioned.

The diagnosis is made by a special stool examination. Treatment consists of a combination antibiotic regimen (metronidazole, vancomycin and others) for a week or more. Relapses may occur but are rare, once time has re-established the normal colonic bacterial balance.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have psoriasis and recently purchased a product (from a mail-order catalog) that contains Pyrithione. I spray it on and it helps. Is there a danger to using this substance?

DEAR READER: Psoriasis, a chronic and common skin disorder marked by scaly patches, may be difficult to treat. Standard therapy includes cortisone creams, coal tar emollients, ultraviolet light therapy, and methotrexate (a prescription antimetabolite).

Pyrithione is an anti-scale compound that is a common ingredient in over-the-counter anti-dandruff shampoos. To my knowledge, it is safe to apply topically. I was not aware that it is a particularly effective treatment for psoriasis, but if it works for you, fine.

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

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Once homeless and suicidal, investor turned life around

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Brokenhearted over a woman, Johnny Jay Johnson spent all his money on a bus ticket from Virginia and rolled into town five years ago in tears, planning to kill himself.

Today, the 40-year-old married salesman owns a two-bedroom house, invests at a brokerage house and preaches positive thinking and self-discipline, sounding not unlike the speakers on motivational tapes he listens to daily. He's confident he'll reach his goal of having $2 million by the time he's 54.

While Johnson sought help from counselors and a homeless shelter, he says he regained his will to live at the Free Library of Philadelphia, where a librarian helped him find books on investing and self-help that turned his life around.

"If it wasn't for the library, God knows where I'd be right now," said Johnson, a talkative man who sells cleaning additives for septic systems, making about $570 in a good week.

Five years ago, Johnson was forced to quit a retail sales job in Virginia because he would cry at work over his breakup. He stopped eating, lived on Gatorade and worked as a dishwasher. He spent his free time trying to kill himself.

First, he stood in a Kmart and selected a rifle by putting it in his mouth. When he tried to use it later, it jammed. Then he bought some rope and tried to hang himself from a tree, but the branch snapped and hit him in the head.

He decided to catch a bus from Norfolk, Va., to a faraway city, thinking he'd be more successful at suicide elsewhere. A bus to Philadelphia was sitting outside the station, so he spent his last $18 on the ticket.

Soon, he was on Philadelphia streets, eating at church soup kitchens. He spent six months in a homeless shelter.

He first visited the library in the neighborhood where he got meals at churches. Sandra Owens, the head librarian at the time, said Johnson was different from the other homeless people.

"There's always homeless that come in all the time ... but I really think it's more to pass the time, either to get out of the weather or they have nowhere else to go," she said. "But he used his time. That's unusual."

Johnson's transformation included therapy and job-skill lessons, welfare, menial jobs and help from the St. Barnabas Mission for the Homeless, near the home he now owns.

He learned from what he read to save. In the shower, he left the water on long enough to get wet, then turn it off to apply his discount shampoo.

At one job, Johnson saw coworkers spend their money on junk food and cigarettes, then complain about the bad neighborhoods they lived in. He brought peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches and drank water from the cooler.

"You'd have enough money to get a better apartment in a better neighborhood" by saving money on food, he said

Mission coordinator Helen Allen said Johnson stops in from time to time to offer encouragement to the residents. "He's encouraged others to go the way he went," she said.

His way includes daily study of business, health and psychology, meditation and a nightly review of his day to see what he's done to improve himself. He insists he's neither smart nor unusual.

"This is anything anybody can do. This is no big deal. All you have to do is just apply yourself," he said.

Nazi suspect recalled as 'nice man' by some

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — A man whom neighbors alternately described as friendly and menacing will face assault charges for allegedly shooting at police and journalists hours after he was accused of working as a Nazi death camp guard.

Michael Kolnhofer, 79, was hospitalized in critical condition Wednesday with a gunshot wound to his left leg, a day after police said he stood on his porch and fired a gun at them and reporters.

Kolnhofer will be charged today in Tuesday's shooting, which injured no one else, Wyandotte County District Attorney Nick Tomasic said Wednesday.

"We will be filing criminal charges against him," Tomasic said. "Definitely."

Kolnhofer could be charged with aggravated assault against a uniformed officer, Tomasic said.

Hours before the shootout, Justice Department prosecutors had filed papers to strip Kolnhofer of his citizenship, accusing him of applying for a visa in 1952 while concealing his past as a guard at Nazi concentration camps in Sachsenhausen and Buchenwald during World War II.

The news about the former construction worker and widower was "very difficult for us in the neighborhood," said Catherine Selma, who lives next door.

Kolnhofer, a large, square-jawed and balding man, had lived in the neighborhood for about 18 months, neighbors said.

He often spent warm days sitting in a lawn chair in his open garage, watching the goings-on, they said, adding that he was proud of the green peppers he grew and enjoyed sharing them.

"I don't believe it," William Lattin said of the accusations against his neighbor. "He was too quiet, too neat and too clean."

But some said Kolnhofer would routinely barrel down sidewalks with a scowl and a glass tumbler of vodka. He often shouted or snarled, and people would avoid sitting on their their front porches because of his habit of glaring.

"He wasn't the type of neighbor you were sad to see move away," said Nick Ventura, a former neighbor.

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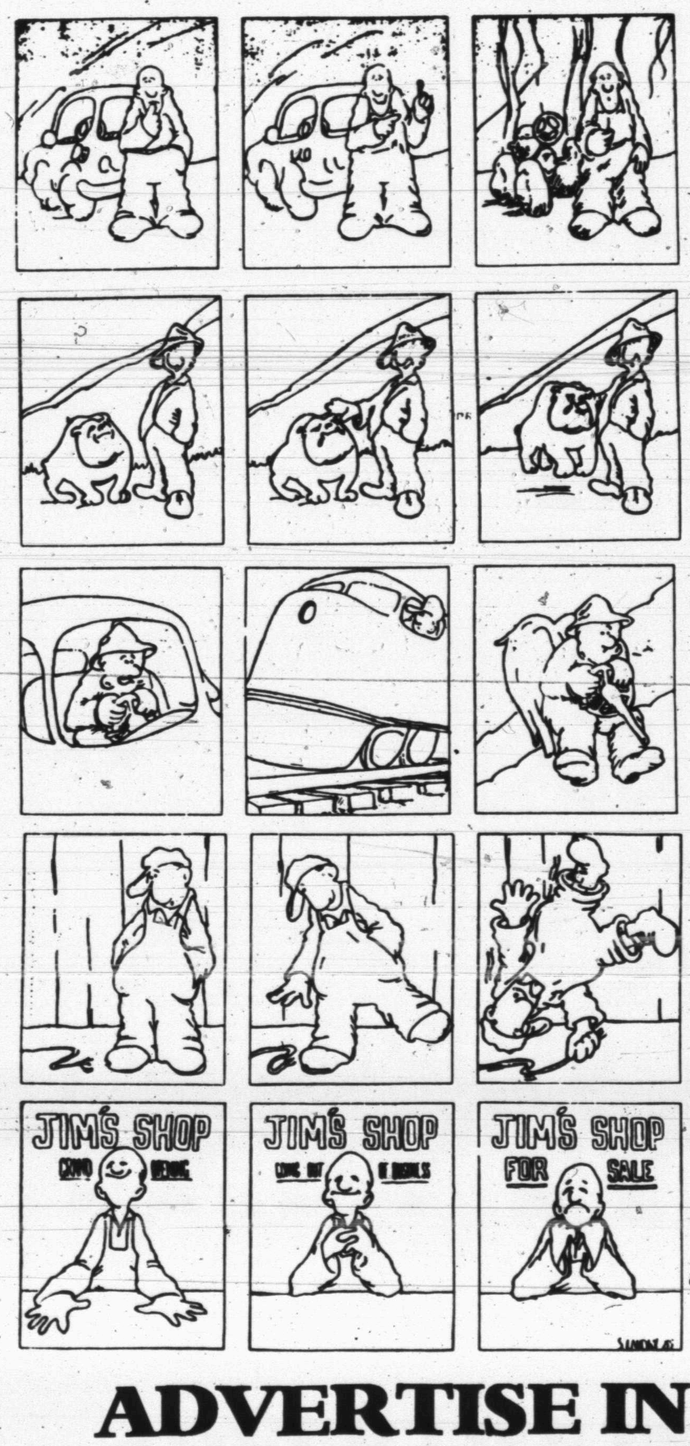
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Subcommittee recommends reprimand

This would enable Gingrich to keep his job

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House ethics subcommittee will recommend that Speaker Newt Gingrich be reprimanded, a punishment that would allow him to keep his job, sources close to the investigation said today.

The recommendation goes to the full ethics committee next Wednesday, a day after the speaker's election, and virtually rules out a more serious censure. A censure would make Gingrich ineligible to serve as speaker under Republican caucus rules.

The sources, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said Gingrich's defense team negotiated the recommendation as part of the speaker's admission Dec. 21 that he violated House rules.

The four-member investigative subcommittee includes two Republicans and two Democrats. The full committee, including the subcommittee members, has five Republicans and five Democrats.

With the subcommittee's unanimous recommendation, there's virtually no chance that the three Republicans on the full committee would accept an effort to upgrade the punishment to a censure.

And since the two Democrats on the investigative panel would be backing a reprimand, it's unlikely the three full committee Democrats would push for a censure either.

Both a censure and a reprimand involve a vote by the full House to criticize a member's conduct. However, the censure vote is supplemented by rules of both parties that force the censured member to step aside from a committee chairmanship or leadership post.

Politically, this means the only thing that could defeat Gingrich in next Tuesday's vote would be defections from his own party.

Meanwhile, a former Democratic chairman of the ethics committee says he can't recall members of the ethics panel ever publicly opposing censure for a colleague before deliberating on a punishment, as two Republicans are doing with the speaker.

"I'm unaware of a member of the ethics committee heretofore communicating to the leadership of either party their predisposition to vote a certain way on a sanction," Rep. Julian Dixon, D-Calif., who was the ethics committee chairman for six years starting in 1989, said in an interview Wednesday.

"It's my recollection during my tenure that members were exceptionally cautious on making public utterances on issues pending before them," added Dixon, who chaired the committee when it charged then-Speaker Jim Wright with ethical wrongdoing. His former chief counsel, Ralph Lotkin, agreed.

The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct — the ethics committee — will conduct a public hearing on sanctions as early as next week, but not before Tuesday's election for speaker. Gingrich admitted on Dec. 21 that he violated House rules.

Ethics committee members Porter Goss, R-Fla., and Steve Schiff, R-N.M., informed fellow Republicans by letter Tuesday that they would vote to re-elect Gingrich. The two men, who are the Republicans most familiar with the ethics investigation of Gingrich, wrote that they saw nothing in the evidence that would warrant a censure — a punishment that would cost the GOP leader his high office under House Republican rules.

The letter was distributed by House Majority Whip Tom Delay.

Of Slobodan Milosevic...

Serbia's Orthodox Church has issued toughest criticism today

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serbia's Orthodox Church issued its toughest criticism ever of Slobodan Milosevic today, accusing him of trying to set Serb against Serb in order to maintain power.

The statement boosted the ... of some 30,000 demonstrators on the icy streets of Belgrade, who are demanding that the Serbian leader reinstate opposition victories in Nov. 17 elections.

Milosevic opponents had hoped they could rally today without interference from police. But several hundred heavily armed riot police were deployed around the demonstrators in downtown, preventing what have become daily marches on Belgrade streets since the election results were annulled.

The Serbian church never has spoken out so strongly against Milosevic. It previously backed the nationalist wars he unleashed in neighboring Croatia and Bosnia that only ended just over a year ago.

Its statement now is important because the church is one of the few organizations that nearly all Serbs give at least nominal allegiance. It could serve as a unifying force for protests, and strengthen their sense that their cause is right.

Church leaders met in an emergency session today, and later criticized Milosevic for "strangling political and religious freedoms" and "falsifying peoples' votes."

"He has already placed us against the whole world, and now he wants to set us against each other and trigger bloodshed just to preserve power," said the statement faxed to The Associated Press.

It accused Milosevic, in power since 1987, of "bringing the country and the nation to the complete collapse, and making people beggars."

"The Serbian Orthodox Church strongly condemns such policies of this regime," said the statement, which was read out to protesters who gathered in downtown Republic Square.

It called on Milosevic to concede the Nov. 17 municipal losses and give Serbs "some hope for a better and quiet future."

The emotional crowd chanted "God Help Us!" and "Down With Red Bandits!"

Opposition leader Vuk Draskovic indicated that new ways of conducting the protests, a daily occurrence for six weeks, may be announced in the coming days.

"Our battle for a democratic Serbia is entering a final phase," said Draskovic. "We won't be demonstrating on streets forever."

Draskovic called on people to stage smaller rallies throughout Belgrade "behind the police cordons" because "the next few days will be crucial for our decisive battle."

The opposition claims police have been increasing pressure on demonstrators by taking some of them from their homes for interviews.



What's Up?

Quintuplets on tape

The ZTV production featuring the Taylor family quintuplets will be reshown at 6:30 this evening Thursday on Channel 2.

Model airplace club to meet

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 tonight at Winston Field. Visitors are welcome.

Girls softball meeting

Anyone interested in girls softball is invited to a meeting set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Reef Chemical office.

Volleyball fund-raiser

Snyder's Lady Tigers volleyball team is holding its annual fund-raiser. The team is offering a Win Win Discount Card, good for savings at 15 local businesses. The cards are $5 each and good for one year. For information, call Patty Grimmett at 573-6301 or 573-9416.

SNS accepting applications

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is accepting applications for its 1997 workday. Applications may be picked up at Sam Robertson's Insurance Agency, the chamber of commerce or West Elementary and returned to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Texas, 79550. Applications will also appear randomly in the Snyder Daily News.

Applications are due by Jan. 15. To be considered, applicants must own and be living in the house, be current on taxes and be age 65 or older or disabled.

Donkey basketball coming

Snyder High School girl's basketball program will bring donkey basketball to Tiger Gym at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30. Ticket information will be announced soon.

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "God's Glorious Church" (Part I), will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the First Presbyterian Church.

Pick 3

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

7-5-7

(seven, five, seven)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — There were no winners in Wednesday's Lotto Texas drawing by the Texas Lottery. The numbers drawn were:

4-17-22-26-31-45

(four, seventeen, twenty-two, twenty-six, thirty-one, forty-five)

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot for Saturday: $12 million

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Five tickets matched all the numbers drawn in Tuesday's Cash 5 lottery game.

State lottery officials said the tickets are each worth $39,462. The locations where the five big winning tickets were purchased were not immediately released.

There were 667 tickets sold with four correct numbers. Those tickets are worth $443. And 22,751 tickets, each worth $21, had three winning numbers.

Cash 5 numbers drawn Tuesday night, from a total of 39 numbers, were 5-6-13-18-21.

B'wood publisher loses cancer battle

BROWNWOOD (AP) — H. Shelton Prince, editor and publisher of the Brownwood (Texas) Bulletin, has died at a Huntsville, Ala., hospital after a 9-year battle with cancer.

Prince, 52, was a vice president of Boone Newspapers and president of its Southwest Operating Group. He had been with the Bulletin since 1989.

Graveside service is planned at 11 a.m, Friday a.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery in Jasper, Ala. Prince was born in nearby Oakman, Ala., and grew up in Cedartown, Ga.,

Prince was publisher of The Selma (Ala.) Times-Journal during 1980-89 and the Daily Mountain Eagle in Jasper during 1970-80. He had begun his newspaper career as a teen-ager with the Cedartown Standard, a job that led him to becoming a journeyman offset pressman and printing company manager before becoming a newspaper publisher.

"The newspaper profession lost a great editor and a successful and accomplished publisher in the premature death of Shelton Prince," said James B. Boone Jr., chairman of Boone Newspapers.

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Oath-taking reviewed

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Center in Asheville, N.C., and reported in Weatherwise.

Here's a look at some extraordinary inauguration day weather:

—Fillmore in 1850 recorded the hottest inaugural on record at 92 degrees. He was sworn in on July 10, following the death of Zachary Taylor, who had collapsed from heat exhaustion at the dedication of the Washington Monument.

—Kennedy took office in 1961 following a blizzard that required a herculean effort by snow removal workers to clear a path for the parade. Eight inches of snow lay on the ground but skies cleared by noon and the sun shone on the ceremony.

—William Howard Taft was inaugurated in 1909 in weather conditions The Washington Post called "most unpropitious." Indeed, wet snow drove people indoors and marooned carriages. It took 6,000 shovelers to clear the area in front of the White House and a howling wind and freezing temperatures prevailed. "I always knew it would be a cold day when I got to be president," Taft quipped.

—Ulysses S. Grant took his second oath of office in 1873 in the coldest inaugural weather until Reagan, with the temperature at 4 degrees at daybreak and only 16 by noon. A gusty wind caused his speech to be unintelligible to all but those nearby and several West Point and Annapolis cadets and midshipmen, who had been standing at attention for over an hour, collapsed.

—Benjamin Harrison took the oath in 1889 in a driving rain despite the fatal example of his grandfather. By the time he finished speaking most of the spectators and even his wife and daughter had gone indoors.

Toddler has minor injuries

TYLER (AP) — Three members of a Bedford family escaped without serious injuries when someone in a passing car fired a gunshot through the rear window of their car as they drove on Interstate 20, authorities say.

Officers said Jeffery and Lisa Anne Eichbaltt and their child, who wasn't identified, drove to a convenience store where they called Smith County deputies following the shooting Tuesday night.

Emergency medical personnel gave first aid to the child, who was riding in the car's back seat when glass from the shattered window fell into the seat.

Smith County Sheriff's Sgt. Larry Wiginton said deputies arrested two of three occupants of car matching the description of the one involved in the shooting.

Erasmo Serrato, 19, of Houston, and his brother, Jerardo Serrato, 22, of Dallas, were charged with deadly conduct and injury to a child. They were released from the Smith County Jail late Wednesday after posting $20,000 bond each.

Wiginton said the Eichbaltts were eastbound on the interstate near the U.S. 69 exit in Smith County when the shot was fired into their rear window from a passing Jaguar.

"They were very, very lucky," Wiginton said.