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Home of Darrell Mayo

Family escapes from burning home

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

A Snyder family miraculously escaped injury this morning after an early morning fire caused major damage to their home at 4514 Houston Avenue.

"The Lord was with us this morning," said Allen Hodges as he surveyed the damage to his residence.

Hodges, his wife Sandra and son Jacob, were sleeping when he awakened around 2:15 as smoke and flames began to fill the master bedroom.

"The smoke had already filled the room and I could see flames when I woke up," said Hodges, owner of Lota' Burger.

"I saw flames in the hallway adjacent to our room and knew we couldn't get out through the doors."

Hodges said he threw an antique telephone desk out the front window in order for him and his wife to escape the flames.

"Sandy dialed 911 and about the same time, I broke out the window. By the time I looked back at her, I couldn't see her because of the smoke."

Hodges said Jacob, a sophomore at Snyder High School, had apparently awoke about the same time they had.

"He heard the roar of the blaze and thought there was a storm outside."

Hodges said Jacob checked the weather channel on television to see if there were any storms in the area, and then opened the door of his room to look outside.

"The smoke filled his room. He immediately shut the door and proceeded to climb out one of the windows in his room," said Hodges.

"By the time I got around the house to his room, he was almost out himself."

Hodges said the fire began to spread rapidly after his family got out of the house. He was quick to commend the Snyder Fire Department members for their response.

"They were here almost before we knew it and were able to control the flames before there was even more damage."

The heat was intense inside the home as plastic items throughout most of the living areas were beginning to melt.

"We were lucky," said Hodges.

Sheriff's dispatchers received the 911 call at 2:22 a.m. and some 21 firemen responded.

The cause of the blaze is still under investigation, fire officials said this morning.



NEW YEAR'S BABY — Patricia Faye Rayvon, daughter of Tommy and Emma Rayvon, is Snyder's 1997 "new year's baby." She was born at 10:16 a.m. Jan. 1, at Cogdell Hospital. Patricia weighed six pounds, six ounces and is pictured with a brother, 14-month-old Thomas. The Rayvons have three other children, Shaunee, 9; Mikala, 6; and Nathan, 5. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Having a good idea should be like sitting on a sharp tack. It makes you jump up and do something."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

O.G. Nieman, in the Hereford Brand, says that he found a cure for boredom after several days in the hospital. It might also work for folks suffering from post-holiday blues.,

Anybody who has ever played solitaire can identify with this story:

It seems that Joe had taken a job working alone in Alaska's frozen tundra. "Here's your emergency survival kit," said his boss. "It contains a box of flares, a radio and a deck of cards.

Joe wanted to know the purpose of the deck of cards.

"In case the flares don't work and the radio freezes up," replied the boss, "Just take out the cards and play solitaire. In about a minute, someone will tap you on the shoulder and say,'Put the red nine on the black ten.'"

Maybe the kid was bored or stupid — or both.

John Moseley, in the Big Spring Herald, said police were privately giggling about an incident that occurred in West Plains, Mo.

It wasn't the visiting basketball player's uniform that caused a stir at the local McDonald's - it was a lack of one.

It seems that a 16-year-old member of the Cohen High team from New Orleans walked into the fast-food restaurant — wearing nothing but his tennis shoes.

The streak was badly timed. Almong the customers at the time of the bare-all was a police officer who happened to be helping celebrate his grandson's birthday.

The police officer chased the teen out of the restaurant to a nearby hotel where the team was staying. The player had managed to scramble back into his clothing before being nabbed.

Police called a personal foul and returned the player — fully clothed — to the restaurant where he apologized to birthday guests and other patrons.

2 injured in accident

One critical

A one-vehicle accident around 5:38 p.m. Thursday, some two miles north on U.S. Highway 84, sent two Georgetown residents to Lubbock's University Medical Center.

Brian Stewart, 19, was listed in critical condition in UMC's intensive care unit while Kristy Young, 17, was listed in serious condition.

DPS trooper Marquis Cantu said the two were in a late-model Honda Accord and apparently lost control of the vehicle after passing an 18-wheeler in the southbound lane of the highway.

The vehicle veered off the roadway and overturned at least twice, said Cantu.

They were first transported by EMS to Cogdell Hospital where they were stabilized and then airlifted to Lubbock in separate helicopters.

Cantu said his investigation into the accident would be continuing today, including determining the driver of the vehicle.



WELCOME TO TOWN - Rep. David Counts, right, spoke to Snyder's Rotary Club Thursday and welcomed new Development Corporation of Snyder executive director John DeLille to the area. DeLille is the former director of the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission. (SDN Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Counts tells Rotary...

Tax relief, water rights among legislative focus

State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) said water rights — as well as property tax relief — will be major issues addressed by the Texas Legislature when it convenes Jan. 14.

Counts was guest speaker Thursday at the Snyder Rotary Club and made a presention to Rotary exchange student Lone Pederson as part of her birthday celebration. Pederson will be presented a Texas flag that flew over the state capitol on her birthday.

Counts, who was re-elected by District 78 voters last November, said the next session will be utilized to "clean up" some legislation adopted two years ago.

"School control was put where it belongs, in the hands of local educators, but we have found that we need to address some discipline areas."

Counts said federal handgun language was written into the bill, and such language did not fit some pistols that also are lethal. Counts said the local school districts also need the authority to deal with violations away from schools. "Otherwise you could have criminals sitting in class with our kids and grandkids."

Counts said experts are saying that Texas is only halfway through the current drought, and that water rights issues will be major issues this season.

"We are going to have to address the long-standing 'rule of capture' concerning water rights." The practice allows the landowner rights to water under the property.

Counts said that worked well when neighbors knew each other, and cooperated with one another. "The growing trend of absentee land ownership is resulting in the sale of water rights to cities or corporations that drain the aquifer

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1996's third quarter was a time for growth here

The third quarter of 1996 was a time of growth for Scurry County — both in the number of citizens and in the number of jobs.

Snyder's population grew by five overnight with the birth of quintuplets — Jacob, Kenedy, Jonah, Zachary and Aleksi — to DeShonna and Brent Taylor on Sept. 21. The event drew publicity nationwide, and got even more attention later in the year with a city-wide shower. By year's end, all five babies would be home from the hospital.

The number of jobs available also increased. It was announced on Aug. 28 that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice warehouse on the Highway 84 bypass would be expanded by 50,000 square feet and 13 new jobs created.

Good news concerning Lorber Industries was heard in July. Western Texas College presented itself as a "willing and enthusiastic partner," ready to assist the Development Corporation of Snyder in training workers for Lorber Industries, and any other business. John Gibson, WTC's director of workforce education, said the college was committed to placing a special emphasis on training people for job skills. Later, Gibson was among a group which traveled to California to meet with Lorber Industries officials.

Snyder motorists got a break in August when a gasoline war was held here. The per-gallon price dropped as low as $1.07 on Aug. 16 at One Stop on the Lamesa Highway. Residents were also treated to 99-cent gasoline when Tiger Mart opened.

Not all of the news which took place in the third quarter was good. Some was tragic.

The city was shocked when little Megan Jalamos died on Aug. 1 from injuries which appeared to have been caused by abuse. The three-year-old girl's step-sister was arrested and would be sentenced to 40 years for capital murder. The girl's mother, Rose Mary Jalamos, would later be arrested and charged in the case.

In a far more uplifting story, Leroy Key was nominated for the prestigious Department of Public Safety Director's Award. Key pulled an Ira man, Bill Roe, from his burning pickup on July 3.

Snyder lost a tradition when Louise's Coffee Shop closed, was sold and reopened under a different name. Louise Rice had run the downtown business for 17 years.

Rain finally began to fall. Storms dropped a little more than six inches in the two-month period from August through September.

And elected officials made it through another time of budget planning and the setting of tax rates. Scurry County Commissioners Court set the tax rate at 53.51 cents per $100 valuation, five cents below the previous year. A day earlier, commissioners by a 3-1 vote had approved a 3-percent raise in salaries.

Ira ISD trustees also cut taxes by a nickel, setting the rate at $1.45.

Western Texas College trustees set the college district's tax rate at 29.08 for third year in a row.

In a 5-2 vote, Snyder ISD trustees approved a three-cent tax hike to $1.50.

Snyder City Council backed off a proposed raise for employees but approved higher sewer and landfill rates and set tax rate at 40.21, up from previous year of 39.77.

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ASK US

Q—How long must a person work for Scurry County before getting a pay increase?

A—A person must be employeed for one year before being considered for a merit raise.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 80 degrees; low, 48; 7 a.m. Friday, 55; no precipitation.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 45-50. SW-W wind 10-20 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy, cooler. High 60-65. W-NW wind 10-20 mph.



Kennon Garcia
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 5:54 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:43 a.m.
Of 2 days in 1997, the sun has shone 2 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

(Psa 5:3 NKJV) My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.

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Teen-ager dies from deadly heroin dose

BEDFORD (AP) — While his family slept, 13-year-old Derrick Dowse injected himself with a deadly dose of the heroin that members of his family shared, police said Thursday.

The boy was found unconscious in his bed Thursday morning by his stepbrother and was pronounced dead at Harris Methodist H.E.B. hospital at 10:44 a.m.

Deputy Chief David Flory said police are considering drug or child-endangerment charges against other members of the household.

"We want to determine if the mother could have prevented or played a part in anything that could have contributed to her son's death," Chief Flory said.

"That's something we'll have to talk to the district attorney's office about."

The relatives could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Police said they confiscated what they believe to be black-tar heroin, marijuana and other narcotics in pill form from throughout the house the boy shared with his mother, stepfather and stepbrother.

Dowse is the second teen in Northeast Tarrant County to die of a heroin overdose in two months, police said.

"There was a time when it was mostly an inner-city drug and we didn't see it out here," said Euless police Lt. Steve Kockos, a member of the Northeast Drug Task Force.

Berry's World



NOTICE:

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Trees may be taken to the collection site at 30th and Avenue Q (south side of 30th) for chipping.

Please be sure all spikes, nails, etc. have been removed. NO flocked or artificial trees.

After January 5th, all trees must be carried to the landfill.

Mulch may be picked up anytime it is available at no charge. Please bring your own container, shovel, etc.

City of Snyder

Supporters praise cancer doctor's work

HOUSTON (AP) — Shawn Yates wears a green backpack to carry the device that pumps an experimental drug into his 4-year-old body to fight a brain tumor, which has destroyed the vision in his left eye.

His father, John, holds a sign with the Seattle boy's picture and a declaration that the child will die without the treatment by cancer doctor Stanislaw Burzynski.

Yates and his wife, Sandy, take their son each month to Houston for the treatments that began last summer.

"The tumor has stopped growing," Yates said. "It's beginning to break down."

On Thursday, the Yateses and their son were among three dozen supporters of Burzynski who rallied in front of the federal courthouse before a pre-trial hearing.

The doctor goes on trial next week on federal charges of mail fraud and violating Food and Drug Administration regulations in the use of the medication.

His supporters say patients have a right to make treatment choices and that patients' claims that the non-toxic drug has saved their lives should be allowed in Burzynski's trial.

But U.S. District Judge Sim Lake said during the hearing Thursday that the effectiveness of antineoplastons is not relevant in the federal case.

He said an opinion might be allowed if a witness is qualified as an expert but that patients cannot be asked about the drug's outcome.

John Ackerman, one of Burzynski's attorneys, argued that jurors will wonder if the drug is successful.

"That's the question they will have in their mind," Ackerman said.

But Lake said Burzynski should have gone through the FDA to get approval on whether the treatment is safe and effective.

"It is not relevant in this criminal trial," said Lake, although he left it open to the defense to present further arguments.

Burzynski has pleaded innocent to the 75-count federal indictment that accuses him of making $40 million by selling unproven antineoplastons to 2,500 patients and violating judges' orders to stop.

If convicted, he could face up to 290 years in prison.

Burzynski says antineoplastons, which he discovered in human urine and now makes synthetically, serve as biochemical switches that "turn off" cancer genes by interrupting signals for cells to multiply.

Jury selection in Burzynski's trial is to begin Monday.

Burzynski said he is confident he will be acquitted.

"(The treatment) helps people," he said. "It saves their lives."

Demonstrators on Thursday carried signs with pictures of patients like Shawn and chanted, "FDA, go away. Let us live another day."

At present, about 400 patients approved by the FDA to enter clinical trials are receiving the drug from Burzynski.

"The truth is Dr. Burzynski is saving lives," said Steven Siegel, president of the Burzynski Patients Organization. "If we cannot bring that in as part of this case, that will be devastating."

Siegel said that his wife, Mary Jo, was diagnosed six years ago with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma but that the cancer is now in remission.

"She is a living testimonial to the fact that this medication works," said Siegel of Pacific Palisades, Calif. "If her disease comes back and Dr. Burzynski is in prison, she will die."

Prosecutor asks court to reconsider Mowbray

AUSTIN (AP) — Cameron County's district attorney wants the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to reconsider its decision to throw out the murder conviction of Susie Mowbray.

Mrs. Mowbray was convicted in 1988 of shooting her husband, Bill Mowbray, in the head while he slept in their south Texas home. She said he killed himself.

Last month, the court agreed with a lower court recommendation that Mrs. Mowbray's conviction be reversed because evidence that could have helped her was not presented during her trial.

Mrs. Mowbray, her son and her lawyer argued that Cameron County District Attorney Luis Saenz withheld evidence that may have shown that she didn't kill her husband.

Robert Moore, an assistant district attorney in Cameron County, said the request for a rehearing was filed Tuesday.

Mrs. Mowbray, 48, could face a new trial if the court rejects the request.

"It doesn't surprise me," Robert Ford, her attorney, said of the rehearing motion. He said he didn't expect a quick decision from the nine-member court, which gets three new members this month.

For almost nine years, Mrs. Mowbray worked from inside a women's prison in Gatesville to prove she was wrongly convicted. She remains in prison pending the appeal.

Prosecutors contended Mrs. Mowbray killed her husband, a prominent Brownsville car dealer, for $2 million in insurance money. Mrs. Mowbray said her husband shot himself because of emotional and financial troubles.

The state's star witness was Austin police Sgt. Dusty Hesskew, a blood-spatter expert who testified he found microscopic traces of blood on Mrs. Mowbray's nightgown even though no bloodstains were visible.

After a highly-publicized three-week trial, Mrs. Mowbray was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

During a 1995 appeals hearing, Mrs. Mowbray's attorneys presented a report by Dr. Herbert MacDonell, one of the country's foremost blood-spatter experts, who said he found no blood on Mrs. Mowbray's nightgown.

MacDonell, who had been hired by prosecutors before the 1988 trial, told the state's lawyers at the time that his findings supported Mrs. Mowbray's suicide argument. But MacDonell never testified, and Mrs. Mowbray's attorneys did not learn of his existence until a few days prior to trial.

At the evidentiary hearing, Hesskew admitted his trial testimony was scientifically invalid because a follow-up test wasn't done to confirm his conclusion that there was blood on the nightgown.

Singer-songwriter Townes Van Zandt dead at age 52

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The songs of folk singer Townes Van Zandt, who died Wednesday at 52, are held in awe by the toughest possible critics — his peers.

The Texan could and did write sublime love songs (the most famous was "If I Needed You," a No. 3 hit for Don Williams and Emmylou Harris in 1981).

But Van Zandt, whose health had become precarious in recent years, specialized in more complex fare that brought more comparisons to novelists than other songwriters.

A short list would include narratives like "Pancho and Lefty," "Our Mother the Mountain," "Mr. Mudd and Mr. Gold," "A Song For," "Marie" and "Cowboy Junkies Lament."

His songs were recorded by Nanci Griffith, Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Bobby Bare, Hoyt Axton, The Cowboy Junkies and Steve Earle. "White Freight Liner Blues" is a barroom staple that country star Hal Ketchum uses to open his show to this day.

Friend and fellow Texas songwriter Guy Clark said in a 1992 interview with The Associated Press that Van Zandt "doesn't do craft songwriting."

"It's literature. It approaches that to me. I think we should all aspire to that."

Clark was visiting at Van Zandt's Smyrna home when Van Zandt died of an apparent heart attack. Van Zandt had recently returned home after undergoing hip surgery a week before. It was the latest in a series of setbacks including a long-running drinking problem and pneumonia in 1994.

Wednesday evening, Clark and Jeanene Van Zandt, Townes Van Zandt's ex-wife, were in another room when daughter Katie Belle Van Zandt alerted them that something was wrong.

Woman loses job when constable begins job

HOUSTON (AP)— A woman fired in 1981 for her comments about an attempt on President Reagan's life who was later rehired after a favorable ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court has been fired again.

Ardith McPherson Jackson was rehired after the high court ruled the 1981 firing was unconstitutional.

After the March 30, 1981, assassination attempt on Reagan, Constable Walter Rankin terminated Ms. Jackson, who worked as a clerk, after another employee told him that the woman said, "If they go for him again, I hope they get him."

The Supreme Court ruled in 1987 that Ms. Jackson's freedom of speech was violated by her termination. In 1988, U.S. District Judge Norman Black ordered Harris County to reinstate Jackson with back pay of $97,031.

Chief Deputy Constable J.C. Mosier said Thursday that this week's decision to terminate Ms. Jackson and 12 other employees was based upon job performance.

Constables, like other county officials, have the right to terminate any employee at the beginning of a new term.

Mosier said the earlier firing and the court action had nothing to do with her latest termination.

Of those fired, 11 were deputy constables and two were clerks. Two other deputy constables were demoted during the reorganization.

Ms. Jackson said at the time that her comment about the attempt on Reagan's life was made because she disagreed with his policies.

"It didn't mean I was going to go up there and shoot him or anything," she said.

She was not available for comment Thursday, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Republic of Texas denied Capitol use

AUSTIN (AP) — The Republic of Texas group, which contends Texas isn't a state but a nation, can't use the state's Capitol to hold a "hearing" on its claim.

The Texas attorney general's office told the group that its planned five-day gathering next week can't take place in the Capitol rotunda, as Republic officials announced earlier.

"It will not be possible for the 'self-styled' Republic of Texas to use the rotunda of the Capitol building for the dates requested," said a letter written by Drew Durham, a deputy attorney general.

The group president, Archie Lowe, on Thursday accused state officials of attempting to cover up Republic arguments. He said they wouldn't "force our way" into the Capitol but would continue lawful efforts to invalidate state and federal claims to Texas.

"This clearly demonstrates to the people of Texas that officials supposedly representing them are avoiding the truth in this matter, are in fact hiding from the people's just grievances against outlaw, out-of-control government," Lowe said.

Republic members contend that Texas was unlawfully annexed by Congress in 1845. They do not acknowledge state or federal laws and claim Texas is a "free and sovereign nation."

Durham's letter said the Republic's planned Jan. 7-11 hearing failed to comply with the rules of the State Preservation Board, which oversees use of the historic building.

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FDA set to change livestock-feed regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to prevent the kind of cattle epidemic that struck Britain, the U.S. government is preparing to ban slaughtered-animal parts in livestock feed because of links to "mad cow disease."

The disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, drew attention last year after the British government announced that a new version of a fatal human brain illness might have been caused by eating infected beef. At least 10 Britons died of this new type of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Whether eating infected beef sickened the humans is still not proved, and the U.S. government insists it has found no mad cow disease in American cattle regardless.

But animals are known to get the fatal brain disease by eating the tissue of other infected animals. British cows, for example, probably were infected by eating feed made from sheep, who get a similar illness.

Arguing that the nation would be at risk if even one U.S. cow were somehow sickened and then used in feed, the Food and Drug Administration proposed the ban Thursday.

"If we don't take preventive action today, we may regret it three to four years down the road," FDA Commissioner David Kessler said. "By saying that cattle and sheep cannot get fed any products that cause this disease, we are in essence erecting a fire wall that will reduce whatever risk humans have even further."

Putting these "ruminant" products in animal feed not only recycled otherwise unusable parts of slaughtered animals, it added protein.

But last year, the livestock industry announced it would voluntarily ban sheep and certain other parts from U.S. animal feed.

The FDA's proposed ban goes further, ensuring no cows or sheep would eat feed made with proteins from cows, sheep, goats, deer, elk or mink — species known to be vulnerable to these fatal diseases that literally eat spongy holes in their brains.

That's the same way Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease attacks humans. CJ disease is very rare, striking one in a million people every year, but it is invariably fatal, usually killing within a year of the first sign of dementia.

The rendering industry had questioned whether the FDA's ban was necessary. U.S. cattle feed has always contained far less sheep tissue than European feed simply because this nation produces far fewer sheep. And U.S. firms process animal parts at higher temperatures for a longer time than do foreign companies, said veterinarian Don Franco of the National Renderers Association.

He could not estimate how much the rendering industry would lose in sales because of the ban.

But the FDA said the ban could cost between $21 million and $48 million a year. A small portion may come from supplementing feed with certain nutrients that once came from rendered products, but Kessler said the cost won't be large enough for consumers to notice a change in meat prices.

The ban does not affect pet food or chicken or hog feed. The FDA also will continue to allow cows' blood, gelatin and milk as feed ingredients, because there is no evidence these products can transmit the brain diseases.

The public may comment on the FDA's proposed ban for 45 days.

Ex-chief justice named to lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush hopes his appointment of former Texas Supreme Court Justice John L. Hill to the Lottery Commission will give Texans confidence in the state's numbers game.

Bush appointed Hill on Thursday, saying he "brings impeccable credentials of integrity, honesty and public service to this important commission."

Hill, a Houston lawyer, is a former secretary of state and attorney general. He was elected chief justice in 1984, stepping down in 1988.

"He has agreed to serve for all the right reasons, because he loves Texas and understands how important it is that the people of Texas have confidence in the honest operation of the lottery," Bush said.

Hill's appointment comes as questions continue to swirl around the $3 billion-a-year Texas Lottery.

Controversy erupted in November amid revelations that GTECH Corp., a private company that runs the lottery's on-line games, gave a $30,000 contract to a close friend of lottery director Nora Linares.

Ms. Linares has denied wrongdoing, saying she didn't know until recently about GTECH's contract with Mike Moeller. A former state agriculture official, Moeller in federal prison on charges unrelated to the lottery.

GTECH said Moeller's contract was the work of its former national sales manager, J. David Smith. Smith was convicted in federal court in October for defrauding the company through kickback schemes with lobbyists in New Jersey.

Hill, who was the Democratic Party's nominee for governor in 1978, will begin serving on the three-member lottery commission immediately, said Karen Hughes, a spokeswoman for Bush.

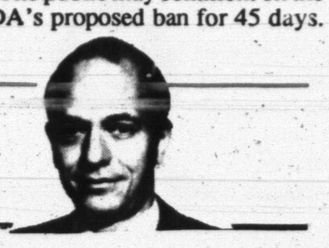
In announcing his appointment, Bush said, "I am confident that Chief Justice Hill has no agenda other than the integrity of the lottery, and that he will not be influenced by any interest other than the best interests of the people of Texas."

Hill replaces Joe Morin, who resigned from the lottery's governing board last month after news reports that GTECH officials are part owners of a building in which the association Morin heads leased space. Morin said he didn't know about the officials' interest in the building when the space was leased.

Ms. Hughes said Hill planned to take part in the Lottery Commission meeting Tuesday, when the commissioners' agenda calls for them to discuss removing Ms. Linares and appointing a temporary replacement.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Dealer: South

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3 ♥	Pass	6 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

The timing must be perfect

By Phillip Alder

Agesilaus was the king of Sparta from 399 to 360 B.C. But he was also a budding bridge star because he realized that "it is circumstance and proper timing that give an action its character and make it either good or bad."

In this deal, three declarers tried to make six hearts. Two played imperfectly and finished with a minus score. Only one spotted the proper circumstance for success. What would you have done after the spade-queen lead?

Following North's transfer bid, South's jump to three hearts showed a maximum no-trump with four trumps and a doubleton somewhere. North bid what he hoped his partner could make.

The first declarer won with the spade ace, led the heart queen and put up dummy's ace when West played low. A moment later, South tried the diamond finesse, but that failed, and he was one down.

The second declarer immediately cashed his four black-suit winners, discarding a diamond from the dummy on the spade king, and ruffed the spade two in the dummy. Then he played the ace and another heart. However, West won with the king and switched to a diamond: one down.

The third South also eliminated the black suits, ending in hand. Then he ran the heart queen. Here, when the finesse won, South drew the last trump and tried the diamond finesse for an overtrick. Yet suppose East had won with the singleton heart king — what then?

Right — East would be endplayed. He must lead either a diamond away from the king or a black-suit card. In the latter case, declarer ruffs in hand and discards dummy's last low diamond.

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Woman Abused as Child Still Bears Pain of Waiting to Tell

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter signed "Living in God's Glory and Grace," which described a so-called respectable, churchgoing man who had been a child molester for years, but nobody suspected it until he was caught.

Recently my 10-year-old niece was molested by a family member. She is not getting counseling and seems to be fine; however, this event brought out an issue that my sister and I kept hidden for close to 20 years. We are now 28 and 29, but when we were 10 and 11, a family friend molested me on a camping trip. He had repeatedly molested my sister prior to that, but I found out only after I confessed my tragedy. Although the man never threatened to harm us, it was an unspoken command that we were going to keep it to ourselves.

The day after my niece came forward, a flood of emotions overcame me. We were at my sister's house and I told my mom everything. Mom contacted the police and they sent someone out. We learned that this man now lives in Florida. (We live in California.) The police in both states did extensive background checks, but no records of any kind were found. We were told that they did not have enough manpower to pursue this; also, too much time had elapsed. Today this man is free to do whatever he pleases — including molesting other children.

I pray every day that this was a one-time incident, but somehow I'm not sure.

Please tell your young readers never to be afraid to tell someone right away. Twenty years proved far too long to wait.

NO JUSTICE SERVED
IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NO JUSTICE SERVED: Far too often, many child molesters go unpunished because their victims are too shy or embarrassed to come forward, or worse yet, because they fear they will not be believed. But the suffering of not reporting abuse can be worse then any embarrassment or disbelief one might encounter. I encourage anyone who has been molested to summon the courage to report the crime, and if the first person you tell doesn't believe you, keep telling people until you find someone who does believe you.

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DEAR ABBY: As a longtime reader, I have often been inspired and touched by the special poems and essays you include in your columns. A few years ago, I sent for your "Keepers" booklet, so that I would have some of your favorites on hand in times of need.

Our special "time of need" came last fall, with the death of our daughter Kathy after a long and fierce battle with kidney disease. Her death came about seven months after my mother's death and just three weeks after my mother-in-law's passing.

In the midst of our grief, it was very important to us that Kathy's services be appropriate to her courage, her love, and our belief that death could not destroy the love our family has shared. From "Keepers," we selected two poems, the beautiful "Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep" and "A Parable of Immortality." We have had many positive comments on both readings and requests for copies.

Thank you for compiling your "Keepers" booklet. There are many poems that we love and use often. And once again, thank you for being there. You have often lifted my heart with hope, and at times provided a good chuckle as well.

BARBARA P. KRAUS,
CLAYMONT, DEL.

DEAR BARBARA: Thank you for your kind letter. Clearly, 1996 has been a difficult year for you. Please accept my deepest sympathy not only on the loss of your mother and mother-in-law, but on your cherished daughter as well. I am gratified that I was able to provide some comfort to you and your loved ones.

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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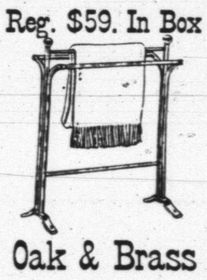
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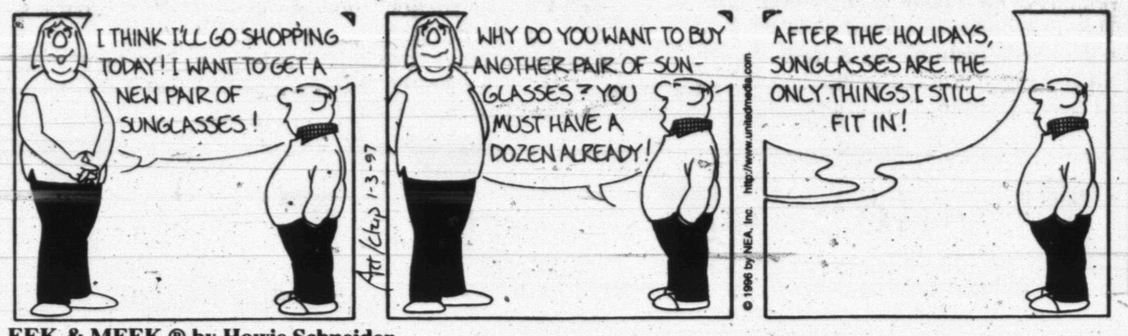
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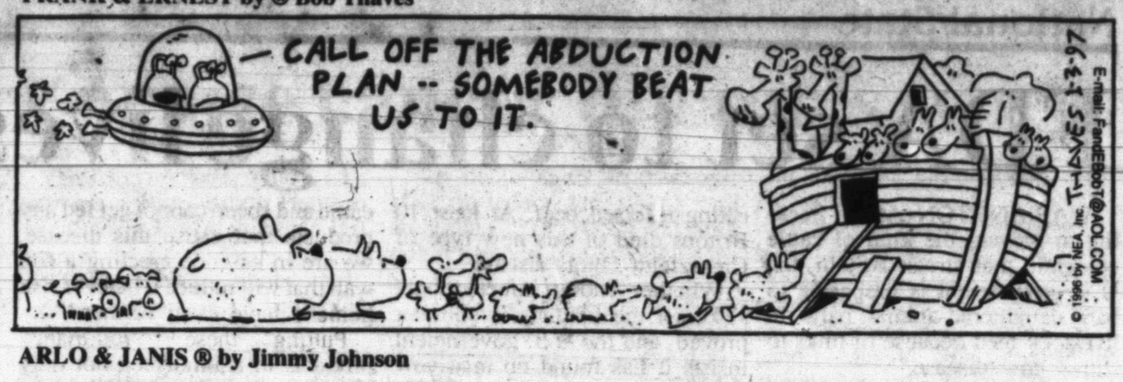
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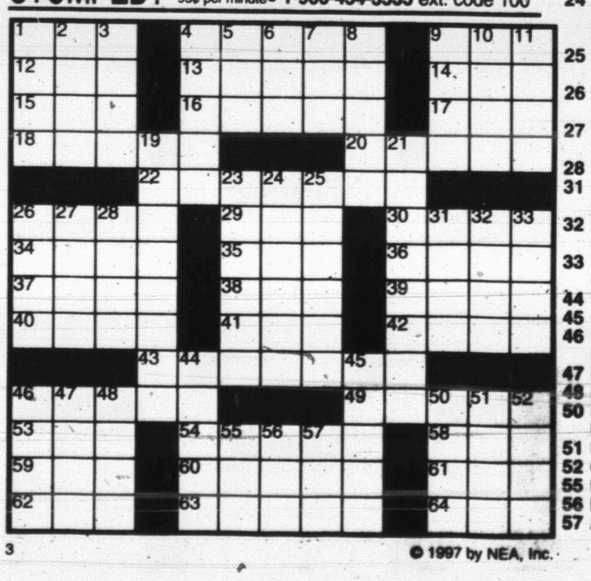
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"WHEN I GET OLDER, WILL THE TOOTH FAIRY GIVE ME A RAISE?"

SPORTS

Snyder Lady Tigers, Levelland in District 2-4A cage game tonight

Coach Rick Archer's Lady Tigers want a perfect district record when they face state-ranked Frenship next Tuesday.

Snyder must first beat Levelland in a District 2-4A tilt set for 8 tonight in Levelland. The Lady Tigers have a 13-7 season record and are 1-0 in loop-play after coming from behind to defeat Lamesa 66-55 here last Tuesday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rockets come up short

HOUSTON (AP) — The fact that the Houston Rockets couldn't shoot straight didn't dampen the Portland Trail Blazers' celebration in beating them.

Isaiah Rider scored a season-high 31 points and brunted Houston's fourth-quarter charge with two timely 3-pointers as the Trail Blazers held off the Rockets 112-96 Thursday night.

"All you can do is make their three superstars work hard," Portland coach P.J. Carlesimo said. "Then you try to kind of control the other guys.

"This was an enormous win. We played well. This was our fourth straight good effort. We haven't won them all, but we've played well the last four games."

The Rockets hit only 18 of 30 free throws and finished 6-of-27 from 3-point range, but they still made it interesting in the fourth quarter when they closed to 89-86 with 6:36 left on a free throw by Charles Barkley.

Rider then came to the rescue.

Rider and Cliff Robinson hit consecutive 3-pointer, Gary Trent made a basket and Rider hit another 3-pointer for a 100-87 lead with 3:44 to play.

Spurs surprise Jazz

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It's not every day the San Antonio Spurs beat a team with a winning record.

Or to beat any team, for that matter.

So when the Utah Jazz showed up at the Alamodome struggling after a 17-2 start, the Spurs didn't want to let a golden opportunity slip away.

San Antonio defeated Utah 83-80 Thursday night as Avery Johnson scored 22 points for the Spurs — including 12 in the fourth quarter. Three 3-point attempts by Utah failed in the final seconds.

"We came out and played aggressively. We forced a lot of turnovers. When you force 21 turnovers, you have a good chance to win the game," Johnson said. "We're just fortunate to win."

The Spurs scored 20 points off turnovers, compared with 14 points off turnovers for the Jazz.

It was only the fourth win of the season for the Spurs against a team with a winning record, and it came against the team that eliminated San Antonio from the playoffs last season.

Sean Elliott scored 18 points and Will Perdue had 12 rebounds for the Spurs, who improved to 8-20. Utah has lost six of 11 after the great start.

"We're not looking at standings and position right now. We're trying to improve ourselves," Elliott said. "Even if we would have lost we would have been proud of our effort."

But winning felt good. The team ran off the court cheering after 3-point attempts by Karl Malone, John Stockton and Jamie Watson all failed before time expired.

Charlotte dumps Mavericks

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — As the number of able-bodied Charlotte Hornets decreases, Glen Rice's role is increasing. So far, that's been a winning equation.

Rice, who had a season-high 38 points to lead the Hornets past Washington on Monday, followed it with 37 Thursday night in Charlotte's 107-97 victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

"We have to go to him," said Charlotte coach Dave Cowens, whose team has been thinned by illness and injury in the last week.

Matt Geiger was placed on the injured list earlier Thursday with a herniated disc, Scott Burrell underwent knee surgery last week and Dell Curry is recovering from the flu.

"Glen just feels like he wants to step it up and he wants to contribute more, and we need to use him more," Cowens said.

In 46 minutes against the Mavericks, Rice made 11 of 20 field-goal attempts, 12 of 15 free throws and had five rebounds and three assists.

"I haven't been going out and playing as aggressive as I possibly can," Rice said. "I've always realized in the past that when I go out and try to pick it up on the defensive end, it really gets me more involved in the game. That's something I'm trying to do."

Bowls at glance

Las Vegas Bowl
Nevada 18, Ball State 15
Blue-Gray Classic
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Navy 42, California 38
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Carquest Bowl
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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
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Citrus Bowl
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Cotton Bowl
Brigham Young 19, Kansas State 15
Rose Bowl
Ohio State 20, Arizona State 17
Fiesta Bowl
Penn State 38, Texas 15
Sugar Bowl
Florida 52, Florida State 20

Final college grid poll

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1.Florida(65½)	12-1	1,673½	3
2.OhioSt.(1½)	11-1	1,585½	4
3.FloridaSt.	11-1	1,529	1
4.ArizonaSt.	11-1	1,486	2
5.BrighamYoung	14-1	1,360	5
6.Nebraska	11-2	1,316	6
7.PennSt.	11-2	1,293	7
8.Colorado	10-2	1,228	8
9.Tennessee	10-2	1,172	9
10.NorthCarolina	10-2	1,070	12
11.Alabama	10-3	977	16
12.LSU	10-2	849	17
13.VirginiaTech	10-2	786	10
14.Miami	9-3	690	19
15.Northwestern	9-3	663	11
16.Washington	9-3	643	13
17.KansasSt.	9-3	625	14
18.Iowa	9-3	535	21
19.NotreDame	8-3	511	18
20.Michigan	8-4	466	15
21.Syracuse	9-3	451	23
22.Wyoming	10-2	314	22
23.Texas	8-5	169	20
24.Auburn	8-4	130	-
25.Army	10-2	71	24

Others receiving votes: West Virginia 43, Navy 41, East Carolina 37, Southern Miss. 22, Stanford 16, Wisconsin 14, San Diego St. 4, Virginia 3, Clemson 2.

No. 1 Florida State falls...

Gators win national crown

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Exactly a year to the day after his most embarrassing loss, Steve Spurrier got even and got a national title, too.

All those "Gator haters," as he likes to call them, can lose those smiles now. Instead, they belong to Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel and a Florida team — and coach — that proved they could indeed win the big one.

Shielded by Spurrier's shotgun, Wuerffel and No. 3 Florida rolled to a record-setting 52-20 romp over No. 1 Florida State in the Sugar Bowl on Thursday night, a victory that gave the team its first national championship.

"God has smiled on the Gators, no question about it," Spurrier said even before the final poll votes were tallied.

The Gators finished 12-1 for the second straight season, although this one had a different ending. Last year, they got clobbered 62-24 by Nebraska in the title game in the Fiesta Bowl.

No regrets this time, though. Not even with Spurrier's team drawing 15 penalties after he spent a month complaining about Florida State's late hits on Wuerffel.

"Danny did it all and the whole team played super," Spurrier said. "Proud of everybody."

Wuerffel threw three touchdown passes to Ike Hilliard and scrambled 16 yards for another score as the Gators avenged a 24-21 loss at Florida State on Nov. 30 that cost them their No. 1 ranking.

But playing the Seminoles (11-1) for the fifth time in 25 months, Florida could not be stopped in the rematch. It set a record for the most points in a Sugar Bowl, and also stopped the Seminoles' NCAA records of 11 straight bowl wins and 14 bowls in a row without a loss.

"They just beat the heck out of us," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "You can see why we didn't want to play them again, don't you? Too good.

"We thought as long as we kept it close we could beat them," he said. "You won't beat them in routs. They win all the routs."

This game was still close early in the third quarter when Scott Bentley's 45-yard field goal pulled the Seminoles within 24-20. But Bowden's hopes for a second national title and first perfect season quickly fell apart.

For one thing, Wuerffel could not be slowed. The shotgun, which Spurrier used sparingly this season, gave Wuerffel just enough time to elude the rush from All-America defensive ends Peter Boulware and Reinard Wilson.

"You got to do what you got to do, and we had to do that to win," Wuerffel said.

Wuerffel's 8-yard TD pass to Hilliard, plus a touchdown scramble made it 38-20 going into the fourth quarter. Wuerffel finished 18-for-34 for 306 yards in his last game for the Gators.

"The shotgun was big, big, big," Bowden said. "The shotgun was probably the smartest thing Steve has done. They just beat us at every part of the game. They kept us pinned down the whole night."

For another thing, the Seminoles were done once Warrick Dunn left in the third quarter because of leg cramps. He'd run for a career-high 185 yards against Florida the last time they played, but he rushed for just 28 and his absence forced Florida State and quarterback Thad Busby into an air battle it could not win.

Terry Jackson ran for TDs of 42 and 1 yard in the fourth quarter as Florida overwhelmed a Seminoles team that had never trailed by more than seven points in a game this season, and had allowed a total of only 122 points.

The 52-20 defeat was the biggest loss by a No. 1 team in a bowl. In the 1978 Cotton Bowl, Notre Dame beat Texas 38-10. The 32-point margin was the worst for a No. 1 team since Penn State beat Pitt 48-14 in 1981.

Also, it was Florida State's most-lopsided defeat since a 59-27 mashing by Bo Jackson and Auburn in 1985.

And, it again showed how hard it is to win rematches. This marked the 11th time that two teams have played twice in a season, and there have been only four sweeps.

Florida State came out strong as Busby threw a 55-yard pass on the first play from scrimmage. But Florida later held on fourth-and-1 at its 23, and Wuerffel and the offense then took over.

In the end, Spurrier became the first Heisman Trophy winner to coach a national champion. He did it with a team that took advantage of second chances — he got to make up for last year's Fiesta loss, helped this season when Texas beat Nebraska in the Big 12 title game and Ohio State toppled Arizona State in the Rose Bowl.

Cold shooting is WTC's woe again

When Western Texas College Coach Anthony Portley called a time out late in Thursday's game with Clarendon, he had one message for his Lady Westerners.

"Settle down, settle down, settle down," he repeated calmly.

But despite a good defensive effort, the Lady Westerners could never gain composure offensively. They connected on just two of 12 field goal attempts in the final four minutes and fell to the Lady Bulldogs, 50-48.

The WTC-hosted classic continues tonight with Clarendon taking on Paris Junior College at 7:30 p.m. Western Texas returns to the court on Saturday, to face Paris at 2 p.m.

Defensively last night, Coach Portley's squad played tough, scrappy ball, forcing enough turnovers and grabbing enough rebounds to win the game. The problem was, they couldn't turn the steals and rebounds into points. They missed from 3-point range, from 10 and 15 feet, and from underneath the basket.

Western led early, going up by as much as 12-3 when Shanna Gathright made a steal and scored.

It appeared as if the Lady Westerners might make a quick night of things, but four more shots at the basket bounced harmlessly off the rim, and Clarendon began to come back.

WTC kept a one- to five-point lead for most of the rest of the half. With 2:22 to play Clarendon's Angie Kenley scored to put the Lady Bulldogs within two, 23-21. Brandy Thomas blocked Amanda Walling's shot at the other end, and Jodi Card tied the game on a short jumper with 1:51 left.

Western went back in front momentarily when Celestine Otuoro bagged a pair of free-throws, 25-23, but the teams went into halftime tied after Maxi Flores put a rebound back up and in for Clarendon with under a minute to play.

The second half was played even more closely. Western took an early lead but Clarendon went in front on a 3-pointer by Kenley. The lead changed several times, with Western last having the advantage on a layup from Otuoro with 7:33 to play. She was fouled on the shot and made the free throw to give WTC a 42-41 lead.

The Lady Westerners had their chances to build on it, but weren't able to capitalize. Two layups and a couple of short jumpers wouldn't fall for the home team, and Clarendon finally went back in front on a bucket from Alfred with 5:55 to play. A pair of free throws from Flores seconds later made it a 45-42 advantage for the visitors.

The rest of the game was one of missed opportunities for the Lady Westerners, who simply could not hit from the field. Clarendon went up by as many as six points, 50-44, when Moni Hernandez hit a free throw with 1:40 left.

WTC's Caitlin Behrens missed back-to-back 3-point attempts but Western rebounded both and Otuoro laid one back in as the hosts pulled within four points, 50-46.

A turnover sent WTC's Angelia Brooks one-on-one with a driving layup, but it wouldn't fall. She was fouled, however, and sank both free shots to make it a 50-48 game with 29 seconds to go.

Western fouled Clarendon's Jodi Card on the inbounds pass, and she went to the line. Her shot missed and WTC rebounded.

The Lady Westerners got one more shot — a 3-point try by Behrens which hit the rim and spun away. Thomas rebounded for Clarendon, sealing the win for the Lady Bulldogs.

Otuoro lead the scoring for WTC, which fell to 4-10 on the season. The 6-1 freshman from Edison, N.J. scored 18 points. Brooks had 12, Freda McKnight 7 and Walling — who joined the team at the holiday break — 6.

Thomas led Clarendon with 15 points, 11 of which came in the first half. Kenley scored 12 and Card had 10.

NBA at glance

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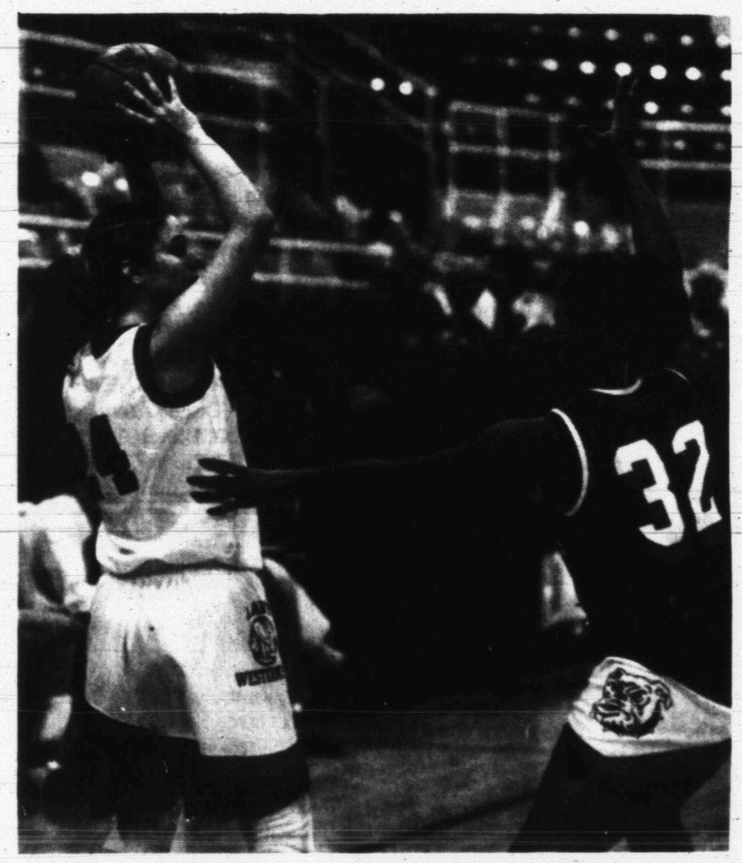
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L.A.Clippers	11	19	.367	11
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New York 92, Washington 80
Miami 101, New Jersey 91
Charlotte 107, Dallas 97
Cleveland 103, Phoenix 94
Detroit 99, Boston 87
Orlando 96, Toronto 94, OT
San Antonio 83, Utah 80
Portland 112, Houston 96
Seattle 96, Philadelphia 82
L.A. Lakers 90, Sacramento 83
Friday's Games
Minnesota at Boston, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Washington at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
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LOOKING — WTC sophomore Shanna Gathright looks to pass off in Thursday's Holiday Classic game with Clarendon Junior College. The WTC Lady Westerners were defeated, 50-48, and will play Paris Junior College at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

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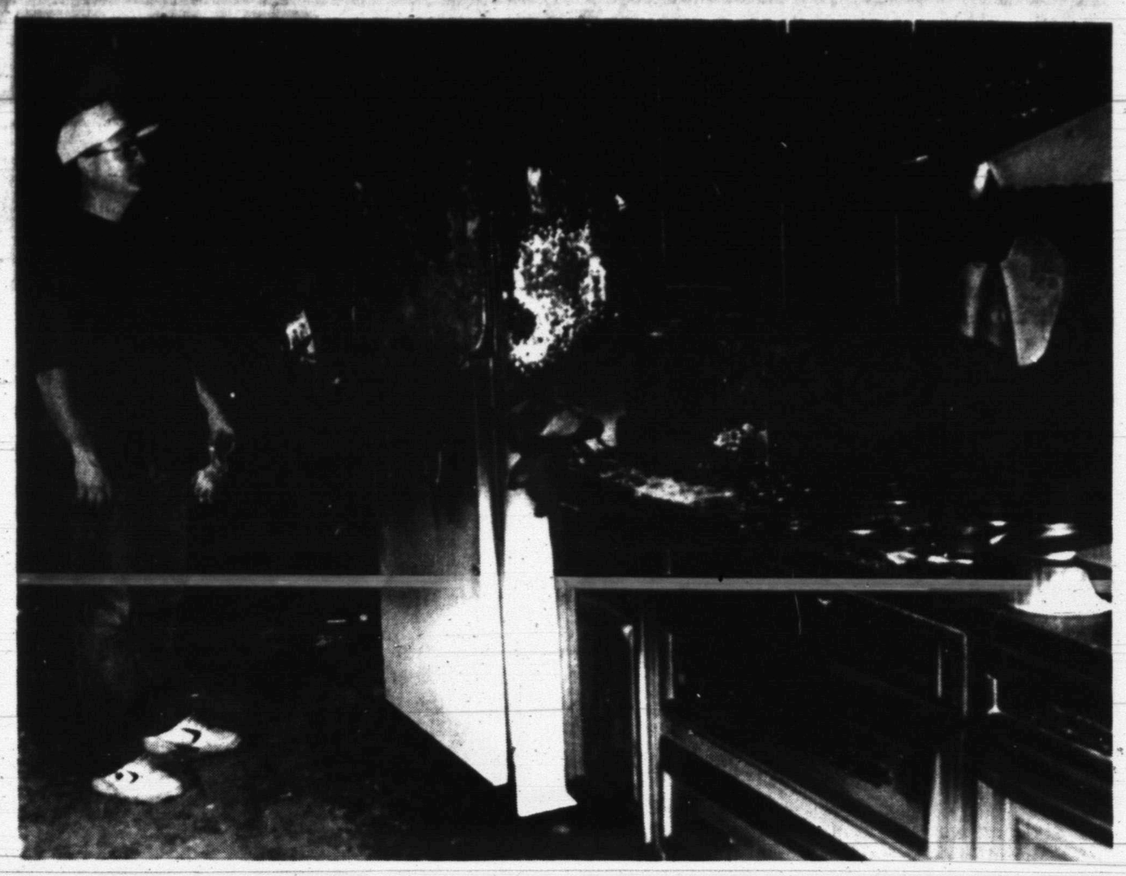
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Gumbel bids tearful farewell

NEW YORK (AP) — For once, the man famed for his careful preparation and controlled manner during "Today" interviews had no homework to do and tears in his eyes.

Bryant Gumbel has hugged Barney, jousted with celebrities from Prince to presidents and sampled the fruits of countless cooking segments. This morning, his 15-year reign as "Today" host ended with an emotional salute to his colleagues.

He said he carried extra handkerchiefs to prepare for the day. And late in the show, the 48-year-old host's voice trembled and his eyes filled with tears as he bid farewell.

"It has been a real pleasure and a genuine privilege to represent this program and the wonderful, wonderful people who put it on," he said. "I've had a great time, I really have. I hope that you all enjoyed it a fraction as much."

Earlier, "Today" Executive Producer Jeff Zucker promised the show would prove to be "a nice, fun, sentimental yet happy day."

Gumbel, a professed "control freak,' admitted he was uncomfortable with the producer's insistence that he not know what would be on the two-hour tribute.

"I'm OK — a little bit apprehensive," Gumbel said at the show's start. "It was the first time I spent the night before a broadcast with nothing to do."

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, former President Bush and actress Sandra Bullock, and actors John Travolta, Tom Cruise and Jeff Daniels paid tribute on tape.

Muhammad Ali, poet Maya Angelou and the rocker formerly known as Prince were there in person. Ali, one of Gumbel's favorite interview subjects, rose in mock anger when Gumbel kissed his wife.

Outside the ground-floor windowed studio in Rockefeller Center, a marching band greeted tourists who showed up to watch the last day first hand.

"We're going to miss him. I think he is very witty and sharp," said Jamie Blazer of Athens, Tenn., who traveled with her friend Jill Gregory to watch the show.

Gumbel's final program came one day short of 15 years after his first one, when he was plucked from NBC Sports to replace Tom Brokaw. He says it's time to do something new in television, although he hasn't made clear what that will be.

"I would hope that people would simply say ... for 15 years, he's shown up for work every day, he has shown up prepared and he was real consistent," Gumbel said. "If that's what they say, that's plenty for me, because I'm very proud of that."

Former "Today" host Jane Pauley was invited to the tribute but the woman who replaced her, Deborah Norville, was not.

Norville was Gumbel's co-anchor from January 1990 until April 1991. Her elevation over Pauley was controversial and the show's ratings suffered. Katie Couric stepped in when Norville went on maternity leave and Norville never returned.

Zucker said it was his call not to invite Norville.

"I made the decision that we were going to celebrate the happy days of the last 15 years and there's no getting around the fact that that year and a half was one of the rockiest points of the 'Today' show," he said.

Gumbel will be respected for his work on "Today" in much the same way as former "Today" host Dave Garroway is, said Steve Friedman, executive producer of the show from 1979 to 1987 and 1993-94.

"Bryant will be the standard by which everyone is judged by," Friedman said.

"Today's" new co-host, Matt Lauer, assumes the anchor chair next to Couric on Monday.

Markets — Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	86⅞	86¼	86⅝+ ⅛	
AT&T Corps	42⅛	41⅞	41⅞— ⅛	
AirTouch	25	24⅞	24⅞+ ⅛	
Albertsons	36⅝	36¼	36½+ ⅛	
AlldSignal	68¼	67⅛	68⅛+1	
Alltel		31⅛	31⅛ 31⅛	
AmerOnline	34⅛	32⅞	34 +1⅛	
AmStores	41¼	40⅜	41⅛+ ⅛	
Ameritech	61	60¼	60⅝+ ⅜	
Amoco	81⅜	81⅛	81⅛+ ¼	
AndarkPtr	64⅜	63¾	64⅜+ ⅛	
ArmcoInc		4⅜	4¼ 4⅜	
AtlRichfld	132⅜	131⅞	132⅛+ ⅛	
ATMOS Egy	23⅜	23⅛	23⅛+ ⅛	
Aviall		9⅛	9⅛ 9⅛	
BakerHughes	34⅞	34⅜	34⅜+ ⅛	
BellAtl	67⅛	66	66⅛— ⅜	
BellSouth	41⅛	40⅜	41 — ⅛	
BethSteel		9⅜	9⅛ 9⅛	
BritPet	139¼	137¼	138¼—1	
BurlNoSFe	87½	86⅜	87 + ½	
Caterpillar	75	73½	74¾+1¼	
CenSoWst	25⅜	25½	25½— ⅛	
Chevron	66⅞	66	66⅜+ ⅜	
Chrysler s	34⅜	34¼	34⅜+ ⅛	
Coastal		48¼	47⅞ 48⅛	
CocaColas	52⅜	52¼	52⅜+ ⅜	
ColgatePalm		91⅛	90⅝ 91	
ComclMetals	29⅜	29¼	29⅜— ⅛	
CooperIn	41½	41¼	41½+ ¼	
CyprusAmax	23⅜	23½	23⅜+ ⅛	
DallSemicn	23⅛	23	23⅛+ ⅛	
DeltaAird	69⅞	69¼	69¾+ ⅛	
DigitalEq	36½	35¾	36½+1	
Dillard	30⅝	30¼	30⅜— ⅛	
DowChem	79¾	78⅜	79½+ ⅛	
DresserInd	32¼	31⅜	31⅝+ ⅛	
DuPont	96½	95⅞	96¼+ ⅛	
EastmanChem	55⅛	54⅜	55 + ⅜	
EstKodak	79½	79	79¼+ ⅜	
EDS Corp	43⅜	42⅜	43¼+1⅛	
EljerInd		23⅜	23⅜ 23⅜	
Enserch	22⅜	22⅜	22½+ ⅛	
Entergy	27⅛	27⅛	27⅜+ ⅛	
Exxon	99⅛	98½	99 + ⅜	
FstBksAm		10⅛	10⅛ 10⅛	
Flowers	21⅛	21⅛	21⅜+ ⅜	
FordMotor	32½	32⅛	32½+ ⅜	
GTE Cp	45⅝	45½	45½+ ⅛	
GenDynam	70	69⅜	70 + ⅜	
GenElec	99¼	97⅞	99⅝+1⅛	
GenMills	63¼	63	.63⅛+ ⅛	
GenMotors	58⅜	57⅜	57⅝— ⅜	
GaPacif	73	72⅛	72⅛+ ⅛	
GlobalMar	19⅜	19¼	19⅜— ⅛	
Goodrichs	40⅛	39⅞	40 + ⅛	
Goodyear s	51⅜	51¼	51⅜+ ⅜	
GtAtlPac		31⅛	31 11-16 31⅛	
Halliburtn	60½	60	60½+ ½	
Hanson ADSs	7⅜	7¼	7⅛— ⅛	
HarteHanks	27⅛	27	27 — ⅜	
HoustonInds	22⅛	22¼	22⅛— ⅛	
IBM	157	154⅞	156¼+3	
IntlPaper	41⅛	40⅛	41 — ⅜	
JohnsnJn s	50⅛	49⅝	50¼+ ⅛	
K mart	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛— ⅛	
	47¼	47	47⅛— ⅛	

Litton	46⅞	46¼	46⅝+ ⅛	
LockhdMart	89⅛	88⅜	89⅛+ ⅛	
Lowes Cos	35⅛	34⅜	35⅛+ ⅛	
Lubys	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛+ ⅛	
LucentTech n	46⅜	46¼	46¼+ ⅛	
MayDeptStrs	46⅜	45¾	46 — ⅛	
Medtronic	68⅞	68⅜	68⅞+1⅛	
Mobil	123⅞	123	123⅛+1	
Monsanto s	39⅞	39	39⅛+ ⅜	
Motorola	61⅜	60⅝	61⅛+1¼	
Nationsbk	98⅜	97⅞	98⅛+ ⅛	
Navistar	9⅝	9¼	9⅜+ ⅛	
NoramEngy		15⅜	15¼ 15⅜	
Norwest	43⅞	43¼	43⅜+ ⅛	
Nynex	50⅛	49¾	49⅝— ⅛	
OryxEngy	24⅞	24¾	24⅞+ ⅛	
PacTelesis	37	36⅝	36⅞+ ⅜	
PanEnergy	44⅛	43⅞	43⅝— ⅛	
Penney JC		48⅛	47⅞ 47⅞	
Pennzoil		56⅜	56¼ 56⅜	
PepBoys	30⅛	30	30⅛+ ⅛	
PepsiCo s	29⅜	29⅜	29⅜+ ⅛	
PhelpDodge	70⅛	69⅝	69⅞+ ⅜	
PhilipPet	44⅜	44⅛	44⅛+ ⅜	
PilgrmPrd	8⅜	8⅜	8⅜+ ⅛	
Polaroid	42⅜	42¼	42⅜+ ⅛	
Praxair	47⅛	46⅝	46⅞+ ⅜	
ProctGamble	107⅜	106⅝	107⅜+1	
PubSNwMx		19⅜	19¼ 19¼	
RoyalDutch	172⅜	171⅜	172 + ⅛	
SBC Comm	52⅛	52⅛	52⅛+ ⅛	
SaraLee		37⅛	36⅞ 37	
SearsRoeb	45⅜	44¾	44⅝— ⅜	
SherwinW	55⅛	55⅛	55⅛+ ⅛	
SmthBchADS	67	66¾	67 + ⅛	
SouthernCo	22⅛	22¼	22⅜+ ⅛	
SwstAirlines	22⅜	22⅛	22⅜+ ⅜	
Sprint		39⅜	39⅛ 39⅜	
SunCo	24⅛	24	24⅛+ ⅛	
TNP Ent	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛+ ⅛	
Tandy	43⅜	42¾	43⅜+ ⅛	
TempleInl	54⅜	53⅛	54 + ⅛	
Tenneco	44⅛	43¾	43⅞— ⅜	
Texaco	100⅞	99⅝	100⅝+ ⅛	
TexasInd	50⅜	49⅝	50⅛+ ⅛	
TexasInst	65⅜	64⅜	65½+1⅛	
TexUtil	40⅞	40⅜	40⅞+ ⅛	
Textron	93	92	92¾+1⅛	
Travelers s	45⅜	44¾	45 + ⅛	
TrinityInds	36⅞	36⅜	36⅝— ⅜	
TritonEngy	49⅛	48⅞	49⅛+ ⅜	
Tyler		2	2 2	
US WestCm	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛— ⅛	
USWstMda	18⅞	18⅛	18⅛— ⅛	
USX-Marathn	24⅞	24⅛	24⅜+ ⅛	
USX-USS	32⅛	32¼	32⅛+ ⅛	
UnCarbde	41⅞	40⅝	41¼+ ⅛	
UnPac s	60⅛	59⅜	59⅞+ ⅛	
UnitedTech s	67⅞	66	67⅝+2⅛	
Unocal	41⅞	40⅝	41⅜+ ⅜	
WalMart		23⅛	22⅞ 23	
WstnGasRs	19⅜	19⅜	19⅜— ⅛	
WestghEl	20⅜	19⅞	20⅛+ ⅛	
WinnDixie	31⅛	31⅛	31⅝+ ⅛	
Woolworth		21⅜	21⅛ 21⅛	
XeroxCp s	53⅜	52⅝	53 + ⅛	
ZenithE	11⅛	11⅛	11⅜+ ⅛	

3 jailed by police

Three people were taken into custody Thursday on separate charges, including one for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officers arrested a 36-year-old man at 20th Street and Avenue G at 2:49 p.m. for possession of drug paraphernalia and no driver's license. Officers arrested an 18-year-old male at the same location for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 48-year-old male at 8:38 p.m. at Avenue E and Highway 84 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity, an officer was requested at Wilson Motors at 2:30 p.m. in reference to damage to a new vehicle. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

An offense report for family violence was submitted at 6:43 p.m.

A criminal trespass report was filed at 8:49 p.m. in reference to someone trespassing in a residence in the 3000 block of Avenue N.

A report of a gas drive-off was made at 9:35 p.m. from Skinny's on 37th Street in reference to someone not paying for $4 worth of gas.

Judy Smith requested to speak to an officer in reference to someone breaking a window out of a vehicle. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted at 5:55 this morning in reference to someone throwing a rock through a window at 904 27th St.

FBI investigating links between letter bombs

WASHINGTON (AP) — An FBI investigation into seven letter bombs that were mailed to the Washington office of an Arabic newspaper and a federal penitentiary in Kansas will examine the prison's inmate population, which includes a man convicted in the World Trade Center bombing.

"We will be studying the ethnic makeup of that prison's population in the course of our investigation," said a federal law enforcement official who asked not to be identified by name. "We have drawn no conclusions, but this is one obvious area to look at."

None of the seven letter bombs exploded, and no one was injured. The bombs discovered Thursday were disguised as musical holiday cards and mailed from Egypt. Four went to the Washington office of an Arabic newspaper, Al Hayat, at the National Press Building, and one was found at a post office handling the newspaper's mail. The Al Hayat is owned by a member of the Saudi royal family.

Two similar cards were sent to an unnamed "parole officer" at the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

"We are treating it as a terrorism matter," FBI spokeswoman Susan Lloyd said. The agency had no suspects, she added, but was mobilizing its Cairo-based legal attache and its terrorism task force in Washington.

Among the inmates at Leavenworth is Mohammad Salameh, one of four people convicted in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center in New York that killed six people and injured more than 1,000.

"We're trying to determine what the connection is between Leavenworth, Kansas, and the ... newspaper," Raymond Mislock, special agent in charge of the FBI's Washington field office, said late Thursday. "We don't know what connection that is at this point."

The seven bombs were in holiday cards, postmarked from Alexandria, Egypt, in plain, white, 5 1/2 by 6 1/2 envelopes with computer-generated addresses and no return addresses, the FBI said. Some were postmarked Dec. 21.

"These would have gone off. They weren't duds," said Jeff Lanza, an FBI spokesman in Kansas City, Mo. "They would have caused serious harm had they exploded."

The FBI warned the public to be wary of similar cards.

"We're concerned that there could be additional such letters still in the mail," Mislock said. "We would very much like anyone who identifies a similar piece of mail not to touch it or disturb it any way."

Tom Johnson, chief inspector for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, said all mail headed to all offices of the newspaper will be inspected, but for now, no broader surveillance was planned. One place where the newspaper has an office is the United Nations in New York.

Mislock and Johnson said the federal bureau of prisons, which handles mail sent to federal penitentiaries, will conduct similar searches.

Two of the bombs were detonated by authorities and the envelopes were destroyed. But the others were "fairly whole" and were being examined in the FBI laboratory in Washington, Lloyd said.

Rodney Monroe, a District of Columbia Police inspector who heads the bomb squad, said the remaining bombs had been neutralized by treating them with a chemical that scrambled the bomb's electronic circuitry.

All seven bombs had the "same type of address, format, same kind of parcel, same postmark from the Middle East," Lloyd said.

The FBI said the envelopes also had other markings, which it did not identify.

In its issue today, Al Hayat said it will publish a statement later about the incident when more details were known.

"Al Hayat will remain dedicated and honest to its mission of moderation and professional responsibility. It will continue to condemn all kinds of terrorism and pledges that one or two bombs will never force it to change its line," it said.

The daily newspaper, which has its headquarters in London, is owned by Prince Khalid bin Sultan, nephew of King Fahd and son of the Saudi defense minister. Prince Khalid, the overall commander of Arab forces in the U.S.-led coalition that drove Iraq out of Kuwait in the 1991 Gulf War, bought Al Hayat in 1987 from its Lebanese owners.

The highly respected paper usually reflects the views of the Saudi royal family, although it sometimes takes a contrary tack. Its editorials have been consistently critical of radical Islamic groups and opposed to violent activities of these groups, especially in Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Egypt.

The Saudi royal family faces home-grown opposition from Muslim extremists opposed to the kingdom's close ties to the West. Saudi Arabia also has been the site of two deadly attacks in the past 13 months that killed 24 U.S. military personnel.

As police investigated those bombs, another batch of mail was delivered in the afternoon. The same employee noticed an envelope that looked similar and called police.

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Focus of investigation shifts to Georgia

ROSWELL, Ga. (AP) — Detectives from Colorado, who followed the family of a slain 6-year-old beauty queen to this Atlanta suburb, said they still haven't interviewed the little girl's parents.

"We're just happy that we're here," Boulder police Sgt. Larry Mason said Thursday, declining to answer questions about the investigation.

Mason said the five Boulder, Colo., officers have no set schedule and don't know how long they will be in town.

John and Patricia Ramsey, the parents of JonBenet Ramsey, spent much of Thursday secluded in the home of Mrs. Ramsey's parents in Roswell, where they have stayed since they buried their daughter in nearby Marietta on Tuesday.

A news release issued Thursday stated the Boulder police had not requested any arrest warrants and that no suspects have been named. A Boulder city spokeswoman said the police were interviewing relatives in Georgia and that the Ramseys themselves wouldn't be interviewed until they returned.

"I'm sure they're just gathering information that will help their investigation out there," said Roswell police Chief Edwin Williams, who provided office space and assistance to the detectives.

JonBenet, last year's Little Miss Colorado, was found strangled the day after Christmas in the basement of the family's home in Boulder.

The investigators requested a copy of a CNN interview given Wednesday by her parents in which they said they did not believe the killer was a family member or friend and vowed to cooperate with the investigation.

CNN's policy is to produce any aired material with an appropriate subpoena, spokesman David Talley said. He said CNN will not turn over any of its unaired material.

At the home of Mrs. Ramsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Paugh, friends arrived throughout the day to offer food and sympathy.

The Ramseys and Paughs declined to talk to reporters. On the front door of the Paughs' one-story, white-columned, red-brick home was a note that said, "To the press: no comment."

A man who answered the Paughs' phone Thursday afternoon said the Ramseys were not at the house and he did not know their schedule.

TWA families entitled to autopsy results

HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. (AP) — The Suffolk County medical examiner says his office will release autopsy reports for TWA Flight 800 victims following a recommendation by the state attorney general and months of requests by survivors' families, Newsday reported today.

"We were waiting to see where the investigation was going to lead," Suffolk County Medical Examiner Dr. Charles Wetli told Newsday in today's editions.

New York Attorney General Dennis Vacco released his legal interpretation of the issue on Tuesday, recommending that autopsy reports be given to the family of those who died on the Paris-bound 747 jumbo jet.

Wetli had indicated that he would turn over the reports, but had not said when. He said on Thursday that his office would begin releasing the reports early next week, according to the paper.

Wetli said he also consulted with the FBI because the crash still might be declared a criminal act, making the autopsy documents classified as being part of a homicide investigation. On Dec. 23, FBI spokesman Jim Margolin wrote to Wetli, also saying the reports should be released to families who wanted them, according to Newsday.

The Paris-bound Boeing 747 crashed into the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Long Island, minutes after taking off from Kennedy Airport. All 230 on board were killed. Investigators have yet to determine the cause, theorizing only that either a mechanical failure, a bomb or a missile brought down the plane.

Wetli has said that the explosion killed most of the passengers instantly and knocked others unconscious, making it unlikely anyone experienced the horror of the free fall into the ocean.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



When does drinking cross the line?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please settle a disagreement between my husband and me concerning "moderate" alcohol consumption. I think that he drinks too much, but he assures me that a six-pack of beer (he says it doesn't count because it's "lite"), plus a mixed drink and several glasses of wine a day is OK. I tease him about his beer gut, but I am concerned about his health.

DEAR READER: First of all, let me give you a fact. Social drinkers who can take or leave alcohol don't count their drinks: They may have a cocktail or two (or a few beers) and it's no problem. The observation that your husband's drinking pattern has caused some disagreement in the family is a red flag that a problem exists.

The average adult can metabolize up to four ounces of spirits (or the equivalent in wine or beer) a day without health consequences. Above this amount, people risk adverse effects, including cirrhosis and brain damage.

Your husband is drinking too much. Lite beer contains alcohol. This, plus his other drinks, puts his consumption at eight or more ounces a day, by my reckoning.

The concept of moderate alcohol consumption has changed over the past few years. Today, most authorities consider one mixed drink or two glasses of wine or three to four beers to be moderate; whereas a decade or two ago, a moderate alcohol level would have been considered to be about twice this amount.

I will not say that your husband's problem is alcoholism; only he can decide that when he is ready to analyze his drinking behavior objectively. But I can say, from a medical perspective, that his intake is excessive. And, as you pointed out, his attitude of denial certainly suggests that the problem is more than simple overindulgence.

Show him my response to your concerns. If he refuses to alter his behavior and stop drinking, you might consider speaking to your family physician or attending an Al-Anon meeting, which is a support group for people whose loved ones have drinking problems.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." 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: At the age of 92, I believe that what feels good to me is good for me. And I need sleep. To help me sleep, I take two teaspoons of liquid Banadryl at bedtime. Any harm in this?

DEAR READER: None whatsoever. Benadryl is a safe, non-prescription, inexpensive, and non-habit-forming antihistamine that causes drowsiness. I often recommend it to patients in pill or liquid form (50 to 100 milligrams at bedtime).

I agree that at 92, you can do what feels good. More power to you.

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Date Book

Jan. 3, 1997

Today is the third day of 1997 and the 14th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1847, Yerba Buena, Calif., changed its name to San Francisco.

On this day in 1959, Alaska became the 49th state in the union.

On this day in 1969, Newark, N.J., police declared the cover of John Lennon and Yoko Ono's "Two Virgins" album pornographic and confiscated 30,000 copies.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lucretia Mott (1793-1880), abolitionist-feminist; Father Damien (1840-1889), missionary; J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973), writer; Victor Borge (1909-), comedian-pianist, is 88; Sergio Leone (1921-1989), director; Bobby Hull (1939-), hockey great, is 58; Victoria Principal (1945-), actress, is 52; Stephen Stills (1945-), musician, is 52; Mel Gibson (1956-), actor, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1993, the Buffalo Bills defeated the Houston Oilers 41-38 after having trailed by 32 points.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Let woman then go on — not asking favors, but claiming as a right the removal of all hindrances to her elevation in the scale of being — let her receive encouragement for the proper cultivation of all her powers, so that she may enter profitably into the active business of life." — Lucretia Mott

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1949, a school bus driver stopped briefly south of Haynesville, La., while a tornado crossed the road several hundred yards ahead of him.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Jan. 4, 1997

Acknowledgment in your field could be forthcoming in the year ahead. You might get a position you've wanted for a long time. Keep up the good work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone who wasn't fond of you is being converted into an admirer. Perhaps this is because you're seeing more to like in him or her. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The lines will be drawn today in a competitive situation and you might be on the minority side. However, if you envision victory it could happen.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Usually, it's unwise to offer unsolicited advice, but today might be an exception. If you think you have the solution to a close pal's problem, speak up.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you might get drawn into a situation, even though you thought you were only a spectator. However, if you follow your instincts you'll succeed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Others will cooperate with you if you set a good example today. Your initial gesture will set the tone. Think before you act.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make an effort to conclude matters which will be beneficial to your career. Do not leave any loose ends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you have authority over others, lead by example rather than by a show of force. Save your muscles for the gym.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you want something done right today, you should do it yourself. Keep this in mind if you are faced with an issue which demands immediate attention.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will have an edge over others in your financial dealings today. However, to your credit, you will not try to take advantage of anyone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) History has a way of repeating itself. In your case, you might have an opportunity similar to one that brought you good fortune in the past.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your position and point of view will be more important to others than you think. Do not hesitate to voice your opinions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Regardless of initial appearances today, have faith in your ability to manage your finances. Everything will work out in the end.

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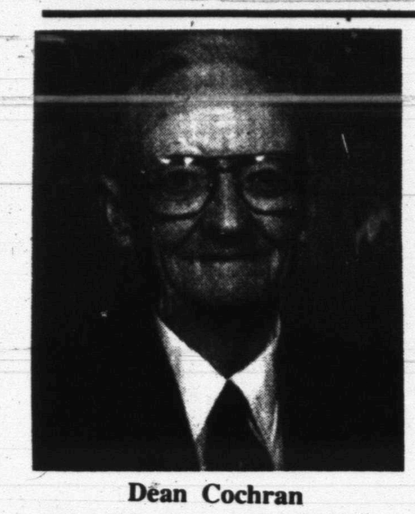
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Obituaries



Dean Cochran

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1909-1996

Service is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Dean Cochran, 87, longtime Snyder resident. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Officiating will be Rick Cunningham of Big Spring, a former minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ. Assisting will be Homer Anderson, minister at 37th St. where Mr. Cochran was a long-time member.

Mr. Cochran died at 4:30 a.m. today in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Born on April 27, 1909 in Mt. Pleasant, he married Ovella Gannaway on July 26, 1934 in Snyder. She died on Aug. 6, 1978.

Mr. Cochran moved to Scurry County in 1924 from Hunt County. He had lived in the Polar Community for several years before moving to Snyder. He attended Draughon's Business College and owned and operated Cochran Grocery and Produce for many years. After retirement, he worked at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for many years. He was an active member of the Senior Center, the Kitchen Band and the LLL Club.

Mr. Cochran was known as the "chewing gum man" and for many years carrried popcorn to residents in nursing homes each Friday.

Mr. Cochran was the first resident to be honored by Snyder National Bank as a "Bright Spot in Our Hometown."

He was also preceded in death by an infant son, Danny Porter Cochran, and eight brothers and sisters.

Survivors include two nephews, Marion A. Cochran of Snyder and Elam Ward of California; four nieces, Melba Jo Williams of Houston, Virginia Stephens of Venus, Imogene Cochran McFarland of Mt. Pleasant and Atha Lou Logston of Dallas; one great-niece, Laketa Cochran of Snyder; four great-nephews, Joe Dean Cochran of Beaumont, Robert Williams, Paul Williams and Steve Williams, all of Houston; and numerous other great- and great-great-nieces and nephews and cousins.

Wayne Cain

1938-1996

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Wayne Cain, 58, a former resident of Snyder.

Mr. Cain died today in Albuquerque's University Hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Dec. 6.

Mr. Cain was a resident of Irving and was employed as a program engineer with Bell Helicopter.

Born April 29, 1938 in San Angelo, he was a graduate of Hermleigh High School.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Cain of Irving; two sons, James Cain and Joe Cain, both of Irving; two brothers, Bill Cain and James Cain, both of Snyder; a sister, Virginia Smith of Flower Mound; and his parents, Charles and Clara Cain of Snyder.

J.J. McDonald

1899-1996

JAYTON — J.J. McDonald, a former employee at Winston Field in Snyder, died Thursday, Jan. 2 in Kent County Nursing Home. He was 97.

Graveside service is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Jayton Cemetery.

Born in Florence, Ala., Mr. McDonald married Lela Henshaw in 1918 in Weatherford. She died in 1959.

A retired farmer, Mr. McDonald had worked as a night watchman at the county airport in Snyder.

Survivors include a son, E.W. McDonald of Rotan; two sisters; a brother; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joe Farrias

1933-1996

LUBBOCK — Joe Farrias, 63, of Snyder died Thursday, Jan. 2, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel in Lubbock. The Rev. Dan Davila will officiate and burial will follow in the Peaceful Garden Cemetery.

Born Nov. 9, 1933 in San Antonio, he married Trinidad Alvarado in 1958 in San Antonio. Mr. Farrias was a brick layer and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Trinidad Farrias of Snyder; three sons, Max Grendado of California, Gilbert Rodriguez of Colorado and Johnny Ovalle of Killeen; three daughters, Celia Ruiz and Minevera Adams, both of Lubbock, and Anita Bowels of California; two brothers, Humberto Farrias of New York and Jessie Farrias of California; three sisters, Alicia Alvarado of California and Rosa Lemon and Josie Moreno, both of San Antonio; 19 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Austin Curb

1904-1996

PLAINVIEW — Funeral service was set for 11 a.m. today in the Garland Street Church of Christ for Austin W. Curb, 92, who died Tuesday, Dec. 31, in Prairie House Living Center. Burial was to follow in the Hollis, Okla., Cemetery.

Mr. Curb, a retired farmer, was the stepfather of Nelda Brooks of Snyder.

Born in Harmon City, Okla., he attended Petersburg schools. He married Willie Mae Little on Nov. 17, 1924 in Gould, Okla. She died in 1986. He married Ebah Johnson Leatherman on Dec. 4, 1993 in Plainview.

Mr. Curb had farmed in Petersburg until his retirement in 1975, and he moved to Plainview in 1977. He had served as an elder at the Main Street Church of Christ in Petersburg.

Survivors include his wife, Ebah Curb of Plainview; a son, Wafford Gene Curb of Austin; two stepsons, David Leatherman of Tulia and Gary Leatherman of Irving; another stepdaughter, Dee Stone of Albuquerque; two sisters, Melba Bosley of Sun City, Ariz., and Viva Croson of Mesquite; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Richard Jewell receives six figure settlement

NEW YORK (AP) — Richard Jewell, the security guard who was the focus of the investigation into the Olympic bombing before he was cleared by the government, reached a settlement of more than $500,000 from NBC, The Wall Street Journal reported today.

When the settlement was announced on Dec. 9, no amount was revealed and NBC issued a statement saying it agreed to the settlement to protect confidential sources and would have no further comment. No apology or retraction was issued.

The Journal said the two sides agreed on a settlement of more than $500,000, quoting people familiar with the deal. It quoted Jewell, 34, as saying he was "very satisfied" with the settlement.

NBC spokeswoman Beth Comstock today refused to confirm the reported amount of the settlement. And Jewell attorney Wayne Grant said, "We did not disclose the terms of the settlement to The Wall Street Journal, and I can't comment on its report."

The case centered on comments anchorman Tom Brokaw made on the air after Jewell was named a possible suspect in the July 27 blast during a concert at Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park. One woman was killed and more than 100 others were injured.

Brokaw had said: "Look, they probably got enough to arrest him. They probably have got enough to try him." Brokaw has since emphasized that he finished his on-air remarks by saying: "Everyone, please understand absolutely he is only the focus of this investigation — he is not even a suspect yet."

Jewell was cleared Oct. 26.

Jewell's attorneys have twice asked The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the first newspaper to identify Jewell, to retract the story. The newspaper has stood by its coverage and refused.

Jewell's attorneys say that while they would like some apologies, they and Jewell want financial compensation.

"We're going to sue everyone from A to Z," said attorney L. Lin Wood Jr.

"You can't spend 60 percent of an apology," he said, referring to a client's typical share of a settlement after attorneys' fees. "This litigation is not about principle. It's about compensation for injury done."

Jewell's lawyers would not divulge how they would divide the NBC settlement with their client, the newspaper said.

Births

Greg and Andrea Kiker of Littlefield announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Alyse. She was born at 12:35 p.m. on Dec. 31, 1996 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed eight pounds, 14 ounces.

Grandparents are Jimmy and Susan Kiker of Snyder, Ona Higgins of Abilene and Ben and Carol Veazy of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Frances Thomason of Hermleigh, Wendell and Lavinia McWhirter of Roby and Ruby Smith of Snyder.

Power to veto disputed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six lawmakers, led by the senior Senate Democrat Robert C. Byrd, are seeking speedy resolution of a lawsuit they filed to test President Clinton's new power of the pen: the line-item veto.

A law that became effective Wednesday gives the president the historic authority to slash items from spending bills that Congress sends to his desk. The lawmakers filed the U.S. District Court lawsuit on Thursday, challenging the statute as an unconstitutional encroachment of Congress' legislative power.

"The budget calendar underscores the need for expedition," the lawmakers said in court papers seeking a hearing by Feb. 3, the same day Clinton must deliver his 1998 budget to Congress.

The plaintiffs said they wanted a verdict before Clinton got a chance to use his new power in this year's budget battle. Under the line-item veto law, the lawmakers can appeal directly to the Supreme Court.

White House spokesman Barry Toiv said Clinton wanted to use the line-item veto to help eliminate excessive or unnecessary spending and deny special-interest tax breaks that Congress sometimes attaches to bills.

"He believes it's a long overdue tool for reducing wasteful spending," said Toiv, who added that the White House expected the lawsuit.

Previously, presidents had only the power to approve or veto a bill in its entirety. Now they can not only cut specific spending items in bills, but also strike out targeted tax breaks covering 100 or fewer people and new or expanded entitlements, such as Medicare or veterans' benefits.

The new law allows the president to sign a bill and then within five days reject an item. Congress then may pass a separate bill to reinstitute the specific item and the president has the power to veto that bill. At that point, the presidential line-item veto, like any other veto, can be overridden by two-thirds votes in both houses of Congress.

The Republican-controlled Congress passed the law last year as part of its "Contract With America" to put the brakes on federal spending and balance the budget. It's a power that nearly every president has sought in the past century.

When Clinton signed the legislation in April, he said it would help slash "special-interest boondoggles, tax loopholes and pure pork."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who sponsored the measure, said the law protects lawmakers' power because it "gives Congress the last word."

"It would be a terrible injustice to Americans if the opponents of the line-item veto were to prevail and Congress would once again be given the green light to continue their longstanding practice of wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars," McCain said in a statement.

The lawsuit was filed by Byrd and Sens. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore.; Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y.; and Carl Levin, D-Mich.; and Reps. David Skaggs, D-Colo.; and Henry Waxman, D-Calif.

A similar lawsuit filed last year by the National Treasury Employees Union was dismissed by a federal appeals court in Washington. The court upheld a trial judge's decision that the union failed to show it had been injured.

The Senate approved the line-item veto 69-31. The House approval came on a 232-117 vote. But it was tied to a procedural rules question and some Democrats complained they would have voted against the measure if it had only addressed the line-item veto.

What's Up?

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.

Canyon Reef 4-H to meet

Canyon Reef 4-H will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the East Elementary Cafeteria. Shelly Henington will give a program on her recent trip to Ireland.

Pick 3

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

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(four, four, five)

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-13-15-17-29.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Driver killed following chase

EL CAMPO (AP) — Texas Rangers and Wharton County officials are looking into the fatal police shooting of a man who led officers on a high-speed chase in a van filled with suspected illegal immigrants.

The man, 22-year-old Albert Gutierrez, was shot to death Wednesday after the van he was driving slammed into a constable's car at a roadblock near Pierce, said Wharton County prosecutor Josh McCown.

According to police reports, Gutierrez jumped out of the van after the collision and was on foot when the shots were fired.

Both a state trooper and a Wharton County sheriff's deputy fired shots at Gutierrez, who authorities said was unarmed.

McCown refused to say where or how many times Gutierrez was shot.

Review

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Finally, Snyder VFW marked 1996 by celebrating the post home's 50th anniversary. The VFW was instituted on Aug. 29, 1946.

Among the other events occurring in July, August and September were these:

—In late July, Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers approved a bid of almost $700,000 with Gailey and Meador of Lubbock for renovation of the OB department.

—DCOS executive director Doug Hutchinson resigned to take a position with Glen Rose in August.

—First-day enrollment for Snyder ISD was down 94 students, from 3,247 to 3,151.

—Melissa Flores was named to serve as queen of the Diez y Seis de Septiembrie Fiesta in mid-September. Veronica Martinez was princess and Monica Leiva was duchess.

—Scurry County United Way began its campaign in September and set a goal of $73,000.

—John Fagin announced that he would resign at the end of September after serving on Development Corporation of Snyder board for 3½ years.

—Kathryn Roberts, county extension agent, received a national award of excellence by the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in Providence, R.I.

—Elyse Merritt was named Snyder High School homecoming queen on Sept. 20.

—Lisha Leatherwood was named Ira homecoming queen on Sept. 29.

Counts

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shared by adjacent land owners."

Counts added, "I have learned that water runs uphill — to money. Water is just too precious and we need the ability to protect our neighbors."

Counts said he doesn't know what to expect concerning property tax reform. He said a blue ribbon committee that conducted 14 hearings across the state could not come up with a firm proposal, because any proposal merely shifted the tax burden from one segment to another.

"We're talking about the need for $10 billion. Texas is growing and the economy is good. We need to be careful that we don't discourage growth with new taxes. Property tax relief is needed, but maybe there can be some kind of combination or transistion into a new system."

Counts called the current school finance bill "ugly" but said Texas is the only state out of the courts on school financing. Counts said legislative leaders are concerned about any proposal that would put the state back in litigation.

Counts credited Gov. George Bush and U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm with getting Texas an exemption to federal welfare regulations. "It saved Texas taxpayers $3 billion."

Other top issues this session include deregulation of ultility companies and second lien mortgages on homesteads.

Concerning utilities, Counts called it a "complicated and sticky" issue, but predicted more long-term planning than wholeale changes coming out of the upcoming session.

Counts said he is hearing sound arguments coming from both sides concerning equity lending on a person's home. "I need to hear from citizens on this," Counts added. Texas is the only state that prohibits home equity borrowing.

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