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Holiday prompts buildings to close

City, county and federal office buildings in Scurry County will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday for the Christmas holidays.

Those include City Hall, Scurry County Courthouse, the Senior Citizen's Center, health unit and library.

Snyder Post Office will close its windows at 1 p.m. Tuesday and will not pick up mail after 3 p.m. The office will be closed all day Christmas Day.

Snyder Chamber of Commerce will close tomorrow and reopen Jan. 2.

Financial institutions in Snyder will close early Tuesday and remain closed Wednesday. Snyder Savings & Loan, American State Bank, Snyder National Bank and West Texas State Bank will close at noon Tuesday. First American Bank will close at 3 p.m.

Public schools and Western Texas College closed last week and will remain closed through the first of the new year. Ira classes resume Jan. 2. Hermleigh teachers will return on Jan. 3 and students come back on the 6th.

Snyder ISD teachers return Jan. 6 and students on the 7th.

Western Texas College will reopen offices on campus Jan. 6. Faculty and staff return for in-service on Jan. 8. Registration for the spring semester is set for Jan. 13-14 and classes will begin Jan. 15.

County residents are advised that city, county and federal offices will also be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

SDN plans early delivery Tuesday

The Christmas Eve edition of the Snyder Daily News will be delivered to homes early Tuesday morning. As customary, there will be no edition published Christmas Day.

The SDN office will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, and regular publication schedule will resume Thursday.



WITH GUSTO - Head Start classes at Snyder Child Day Care were really in the Christmas spirit as they entertained residents of Snyder Healthcare Center with Christmas carols. They wanted to let Santa Claus know they had been good in their rousing version of "Here Comes Santa Claus" as the jolly ole man will be here in just a couple of days. (SDN Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Tupac Amaru rebels release 225 hostages

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Rebels held a pared down group of 140 hostages today at the Japanese ambassador's residence and settled in for a sixth day of tough bargaining. Their "Christmas gesture" of freeing 225 VIPs brought no immediate concessions from Peru's government.

"The fact that they've released two-thirds of the hostages means in effect that they've pared it down to a number they can control," Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told reporters in Tokyo. "To that extent, the tension has increased."

The Tupac Amaru rebels are demanding the government release about 300 jailed comrades. President Alberto Fujimori has refused.

The hostages freed Sunday night appeared weary as they filed out the of the residence and boarded buses and vans that took them to a nearby hospital. Thousands of supporters in the streets shouted joyfully.

A U.S. Embassy official said all American hostages — seven officials from the embassy and the U.S. Agency for International Development — were believed released.

In Washington, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said President Clinton welcomed the release of the Americans and called for the remaining hostages to be freed immediately.

"The United States expresses its great appreciation to the government of President Fujimori for the support and consideration given to the Americans who were held, to their families, and to the entire American community in Peru," McCurry said in a statement.

The Red Cross said 140 men were still inside, mostly Peruvian officials and Japanese businessmen. Ambassadors from Japan, Malaysia, Bolivia, Guatemala, Honduras, the Dominican Republic and Uruguay also remained.

Fujimori's younger brother, Pedro, is among those still held, El Comercio newspaper quoted the president's former wife, Susana Higuchi, as saying.

While the rebels described the release as a "Christmas gesture," it undoubtedly will make it easier for the kidnappers, who number fewer than 20, to guard their captives.

In Tokyo today, celebrations marking the birthday of Emperor Akihito were canceled out of respect for the hostages.

"I ardently hope that everything will be brought under control and that all of the hostages will be released without harm as soon as possible," Akihito, who turned 63, said in a statement.

The rebels captured more than 500 men and women during a gala reception Tuesday night marking the emperor's birthday. About 170 of them, including all of the women, were freed within hours and 38 more were released Friday.

Those released Sunday night slowly walked to freedom. A few looked faint and faltered. Fujimori greeted them at the hospital and most went home immediately.

"I'm going to get a bath," said Estuardo Marrou, a professor at Lima's Pacific University. "We're going to sleep all day."

Conditions inside the residence were cramped, freed hostages said. Fifty people were held in one 30-square-yard room and hostages slept in rows while guerrillas slumped in a corner of the room kept guard.

"We tried to keep ourselves busy, organizing brigades for cleaning bathrooms, floors," said Fernando Gonzalez-Vigil, an economics professor at Pacific University. "You can't imagine how many things can be done if you have nothing to do."

Fujimori had announced Saturday night that he would not free imprisoned rebels but the kidnappers made no comment until they announced the release: They described Fujimori's comments as "confrontational language."

The rebels reiterated their demand for the release of jailed comrades and called for negotiations toward what they termed a just peace.

A former Tupac Amaru commander, Sistero Garcia Torres, warned against releasing the imprisoned guerrillas. Doing so, he told El Comercio, would "convert them into a very large subversive force."

The Japanese prime minister has said he backs Fujimori's call for terrorists to lay down their arms.

At least eight dead in factory explosion

HOUSTON (AP) — At least eight people are dead today following a factory explosion that blew a hole through the roof of one of the buildings at a metal forging company in northwest Harris County, a federal official said.

Two others were hospitalized and one was missing after the blast at Wyman-Gordon Forging Co., said Roy Piggee, assistant area director for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in Houston.

Fire and company officials say the blast occurred about 11:30 p.m. Sunday during the third shift at Wyman-Gordon Forging, which employs about 1,200 workers to produce extruded pipe used in power and chemical plants.

Wallace Whitney, general counsel at parent Wyman-Gordon Co. in North Grafton, Mass., said he didn't know what caused the blast, which occurred near a 35,000-ton press, nor how many people were working nearby at the time. He also said he didn't know how many workers were supposed to be on the shift.

"That plant has an exemplary safety record. At this point, we just don't know what happened," he said. "This is a terrible, terrible accident. We've just got our hands full trying to deal with the employees (and) trying to deal with the situation on the ground."

Erik Petocz, assistant chief of the Cypress-Fairbanks Volunteer Fire Department, estimated the hole in the roof at 40 feet by 50 feet and said body parts were thrown as far as 100 yards outside the building.

"It reminded me of Hollywood," said Petocz, likening the scene to a disaster movie or airplane crash. "Is this really what I'm looking at?"

He said workers were searching nearby fields for body parts, debris and a 3-foot-by-4-foot cap that had blown off a machine called an accumulator.

The wife of one of the injured workers, Linda Dargin, said her husband, Greg, suffered burns to his chest, face and arm and had scrap metal embedded in his chest.

Dargin declined to be interviewed.

"He's not sure what caused the explosion or anything," Mrs. Dargin said of her 31-year-old husband, who was being treated at Hermann Hospital. "All I'm saying over here is thank God he's here."

Dargin and Jimmy Galindo, 57, were both listed in stable condition today at the hospital, spokesman Mike Togliatti said.

No fire was reported, a dispatcher for the Cypress-Fairbanks Volunteer Fire Department said.

Longtime worker G.H. Bell, who came in to work a 6 a.m. shift, said the losses were especially devastating because several of the dead and injured were related to other workers.

"Most of the employees that were killed were new hires. They were sons of older employees," Bell said. "I'm just fortunate that my son wasn't there."

Leslie Schroeter, special representative with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said he visited the plant shortly after the accident and addressed a gathering of workers this morning at the union hall about 20 miles away.

"The press is run under high pressure and they really don't know what happened," Schroeter said. "The press wasn't in operation at the time of the explosion. A maintenance crew was working."

Fortune ranks most generous

NEW YORK (AP) — They know how to make money but they're not necessarily good at giving it away, according to a survey of the nation's tycoons by Fortune magazine.

In its Jan. 13 issue, the magazine ranked the nation's top 25 philanthropists and found they gave away more than $1.5 billion this year.

Topping the list is George Soros, president of Soros Fund Management, who donated $350 million this year, followed by retired grocery and drug store magnate L.S. Skaggs, who made gifts of $155 million.

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates was ranked third, with $135 million in donations. Walter Annenberg, former chairman of Triangle Publications, made gifts of $128 million, and William Hewlett, co-founder of Hewlett-Packard, $100 million.

The magazine, which released the rankings today, said it gleaned the information from community foundations, financial filings and interviews with wealthy Americans. The totals reflect donors' new giving commitments for 1996.

It found similar traits among the 25 most generous.

Most are self-made; only four inherited fortunes. Most are religious and attributed their generosity in part to their religious backgrounds. And most have been giving to others for years, even before they had much themselves.

The magazine chided some for not doing more.

"Many billionaires whose names you might expect to find ... aren't listed, some because their giving (in relation to their wealth) is stingy," it said.

Some have made large contributions in the past but didn't in 1996, and others have put off their biggest gifts until after their deaths, it said.

ASK US

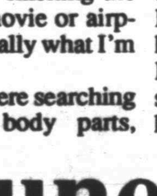
Q—When is renovation of the obstetrics department to be completed at Cogdell Hospital?

A—The projected completion date is March 2 and the project is on schedule, officials say.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 65 degrees; low, 32; high Sunday, 71; low, 35; 7 a.m. Monday, 41; no precipitation; total for 1996, 18.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy, colder. Low 25-30. Wind becoming NE 5-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High, mid 50s. Variable wind 5-15 mph. Christmas forecast, dry. Low around 35. High 60-65.



Rene Hernandez
Cloudy, Colder

Sunset: 5:46 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:40 a.m.
Of 357 days in 1996, the sun has shone, 353 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

(Psa 3:7 NKJV) Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.

Contest winners

Snyder Chamber of Commerce today announced winners in the annual Gold Coats lighting contest.

First place is the Gary Luft residence at 2905 36th St. Second is the James Wenetschlaeger residents at 5502 Cedar Creek Dr. Third place is the Leon Autry residence at 5501 Cedar Creek Dr.

Some 12 residences entered the competition, which was held Friday.

Central

Third six weeks awards

Positive Action Super Kids

Barrett Bowlin, Jordan Lollar, Dondi Brock, Ashley Flores, Noe Ruiz, Racheal Herrera, Jackie Hernandez, Jill Rodgers, Kenetra James, Kim Henkell, Austin Lyle, Chris Suber.

Unit Recognition Awards

Ashton Wall, Jamie Putnam, Jeremy Ruiz, John Liccardi, Antonio Rivas, Garrett Pinson, Kasey Krop, Chance Grantham, Chris Lopez, Benji Rodgers, Justin Riddle, Adel Vasquez.

Tokens

Magdalena Jaimes, 1; Judy Barkowsky and Betty Thompson, 3; Paula Bowden, 4; Molly Kattes, 5; Edilyn Smith, 6; Judy Moss, Deborah Judah, Kathy Spoor and June Holcomb, 7; Kathy Moore and Stanley Cozart, 8.

Italians peeved when Madonna arrives late

ROME (AP) — It was one thing Madonna probably didn't think Italians would get riled up about: being late.

The Italian-American kept a VIP audience waiting about 1½ hours at a Rome cinema showing the Italian premiere of "Evita," which stars the singer in the role of Evita Peron, the late first lady of Argentina.



Madonna

"A diva can't forget to be a lady," said an RAI state radio announcer during Saturday's main lunchtime newscast. He suggested Madonna take a lesson from classy stars like Sophia Loren.

"Madonna, how rude," was how Il Messaggero began its account Saturday of the previous evening's gala premiere. While the film was well-received, the Rome daily went on to note, the first applause of the night went to several in the invitation-only audience who walked out before it began to protest Madonna's lateness.

After a brief appearance at the movie theater, Madonna took off for a trattoria, Il Messaggero reported.

In a country where showing up any earlier than 20 minutes late for an appointment is surprising, the hoopla over Madonna's manners was unexpected.

But Madonna's organization quickly started damage-control.

A day-after news conference in Rome — to which Madonna was 40 minutes late — began with a statement by publicist Liz Rosenberg, who said Madonna's security detail wanted to wait until it was "100 percent" safe to move past the screaming fans outside the cinema. And she rushed away from the theater to feed her 2-month-old daughter, the publicist said.

"We regret the inconvenience" caused by the lateness, the statement concluded.

Shoppers crowd stores

By RACHEL BECK
AP Business Writer

Rick Cave waited until the last weekend before Christmas to finish his holiday shopping, and the nation's retailers are hoping more people procrastinated like him.

"It is very hurried and hectic, but I like it," said Cave, surrounded by bags as he rested on a bench at New Jersey's Quakerbridge Mall.

After last year's dismal Christmas, retailers were hoping for a burst of last-minute shopping to leave them with respectable sales for this holiday season.

Thirty-two percent of all holiday purchases last year were made during the week before Christmas, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers, a New York-based trade group.

"It used to be the Friday after Thanksgiving was the biggest shopping day, but really now it's the Saturday before Christmas that's No. 1," said Karen Sack, an analyst at Standard & Poor's Corp.

Stores opened early and many ran pre-Christmas sales — some offering discounts as high as 50 percent off. But most retailers hoped that merchandise would sell without significant price cuts.

"Our inventories are in excellent shape and we've avoided any panic promotions like last year, when we cut prices due to competition issues, bad weather and a shaky economy," said Ed Carroll, executive vice president of marketing at Carson Pirie Scott department stores.

Apparel is a bright spot this Christmas, and many shoppers are purchasing more expensive styles. Luxury fabrics like cashmere, chenille and velvet are all selling out of many stores, as are name brands, like Ralph Lauren and Tommy Hilfiger.

Jewelry also is popular, as are fragrances for both men and women. In toy stores and departments, the scarcity of Tickle Me Elmo, Holiday Barbie and Nintendo 64 video game systems has shoppers scurrying for other gifts.

Consumer electronics and computers aren't faring as well, mostly due to waning demand after several strong years. Some retailers are slashing prices to spur demand.

The arrival of winter weather helped rather than hurt.

"Our outerwear had started the season very slow," said Barger Tygart, president and chief operating officer at J.C. Penney Co. Inc. "But the cold weather in the Midwest and Northeast really helped us this week."





CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS — Stanfield second grade students in Sheila Collier's, Jean McMillon's and Sherry Patterson's classes dressed in red, white and green shirts and joined Santa and Mrs. Claus (at right, top photo) for a program about Christmas traditions. Top photo, from left, bottom row, Gabriel Sanchez; Ashley Guerrero, Angie Massey, Raymond Cortez, Amber Acosta, Alyssa Davis, Casey Long, James Hernandez, Brandon Robbins, Tara Robertson; second row, Brandon Morris, Chelsey Drummond, Steven Hubanks, Ember Proffitt, Stephanie Castenada, Misty Barry; third row, Marleah Akins, Adam Smith, Hank Berkley, Michael Mann, Adriana Sosa, Kyle Sanchez, Aspen Mann; fourth row, Levi Stahl, Tyler Everett, Kaitlyn Greenlee, Nicholas Salazar, Courtney Tyrrell, Roman Romero; bottom photo, bottom row, from left, Chris Gutierrez, Christina Guzman, Roman Munoz, Roy Sosa, Michael Alaniz, Adrian Sosa, Steven Alaniz; middle row, Jessica Yanez, Sarah Covington, Adrian Padron, Austin Owens, Katie Orosco, Josh Blackwell; next row, Joey Rosas, Clay Fritz, Cheryl Massey, Cody Reed, Ami Foreman, Lea Ann Beaird; top row, Jeremy Rodriguez, Kelbi Pitner, Trent Early, Cory Callison. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Date Book

Dec. 23, 1996

Today is the 358th day of 1996 and the third day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1783, George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief of the American Army.

On this day in 1888, artist Vincent Van Gogh cut off his own ear with a razor.

On this day in 1947, the transistor was invented by a team of three scientists.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Smith (1805-1844), religious leader; James Stockdale (1923-), Naval hero-vice presidential candidate, is 73; Robert Bly (1926-), poet, is 70; Akihito (1933-), Japanese emperor, is 63; Paul Hornung (1935-), football player-announcer, is 61; Susan Lucci (1949-), actress, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, 8-year-old Richard Knecht did 25,222 pushups in 11 hours, 14 minutes.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace." — George Washington

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1989, coastal sections of North and South Carolina, Georgia and northeast Florida were blanketed with snow.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon.

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Stolen Christmas gifts replaced

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Some needy kids whose Christmas looked grim after a massive charity toy theft got a reprieve from a Santa with bulging biceps and a washboard stomach.

Arnold Schwarzenegger donned a red suit and played St. Nick for thousands of children at the Hollenbeck Youth Center, which lost 3,500 donated toys from its warehouse to thieves.

The youth center has distributed toys to low-income children for 16 years. After the Dec. 15 theft, residents, celebrities and companies responded with a flood of gifts and donations.

Justin wrote imaginary story featuring O.J. as murderer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson's 8-year-old son wrote a fictional murder mystery for a school assignment that ended with his father being the killer, a television station reported.

The story, which featured a killer holding a hostage with a knife and a machine gun, was written by Justin Simpson this fall and was used as evidence in the battle between Simpson and his former in-laws for custody of Justin and his 11-year-old sister, Sydney, KCBS-TV reported Sunday.

Simpson was awarded full custody of his two younger children on Friday. They had been living with their maternal grandparents since their mother, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, were slain in June 1994.

The story was titled "Justin the Murder," KCBS reported.

The station said Justin wrote:

"People: The murderer, me, my friend Romez and Aaron the hostage.

"Setting: At my houce with Romez and my dad and mom.

"Missing: Aaron and his mom and dad.

"The murderer has Aaron as hostage. Romez and I have found the murderer but the murderer has a knife and machine gun held to Aaron's head.

"He wants to kill Aaron, me and Romez but he diden't think of killing Aaron with the knife and us with the machine gun but he was to stoped to doo that.

"Solved it: Romez and I found out that the murderer was my dad."

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

RUWCO Oil and Gas Corp. will drill the No. 1 Bullard unit in the Tri-Rue field, three miles northwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 7,000 feet, location is in Section 160, Block 97, H&TGC survey.

Spalding Energy Inc. will drill the No. 3-A Fuller in the Corazon field, two miles northwest of Fullerville. Contracted for 2,300 feet, location is in Section 87 Block 5, H&GN survey.

Howard County

Vista Resources Inc. will drill the No. 1 Taylor, a 9,800-foot wildcat located five miles southeast of Ackerly. Location is in Section 35, Block 34, T3N, T&P survey.

Charter Petroleum will drill the No. 1-A Shaffer in the Sara-Mag field, 20 miles northeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 7,600 feet, location is in Section 12, Block 25, H&TC survey.

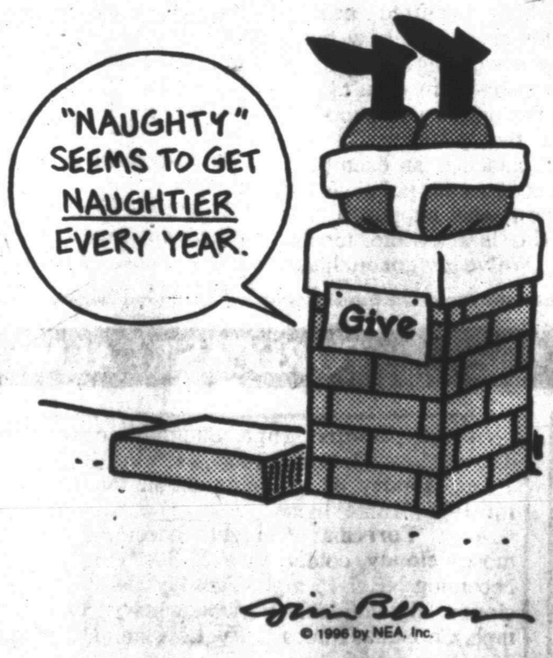
Charter Petroleum Co. will drill the No. 1-B Shaffer in the Sara Mag field, 20 miles northeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 7,650 feet, location is in Section 12, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Patterson Petroleum Inc. has completed the No. 2 TXL-A in the Lake Trammel south field, five miles north of Maryneal. The well was finaled to produce 62 barrels of 40-gravity oil and three barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,359-368 feet, and location is in Section 31, Block X, T&P survey.

Amerac Energy Corp. will drill the No. 8 Coda Whiteaker in the Blackwell north field, three miles north of Blackwell. Planned for a depth of 6,800 feet, location is in Section 34, Block Z, T&P survey.

Berry's World



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Report says...

Boiler defects found in 20 new prisons

AUSTIN (AP) — Boilers at about a third of state prisons built in the past four years don't meet state safety standards because of design and installation errors, according to a newspaper report.

Citing state records, the Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday that design or construction flaws are so widespread that state regulators have issued at least 146 waivers of Texas' strict boiler safety law — a record number.

Boiler defects were found in 20 of 56 of the state's newest prisons, despite millions of dollars the state paid on design experts to assure such mistakes weren't made.

"This situation never should have happened," said George Bynog, chief boiler inspector at the Department of Licensing and Regulation. "I don't understand how so many professionals who were overseeing these projects could have allowed this to happen."

Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials said the problems pose no safety threat. But the newspaper said the department has begun an investigation after an Aug. 10 boiler explosion at the Hutchins State Jail southeast of Dallas and an malfunction at the Lychner State Jail in Humble, also in August.

Both mishaps were blamed on construction mistakes, even though the state spent millions of dollars during its $1.5 billion prison construction program on experts to make sure the designs and installations were done correctly, the newspaper reported.

The state investigation will seek information on how much the repairs will cost and who should pay.

"There are a variety of people who should have caught these problems but didn't," said Mike Collins, the prison system's construction design manager. "We want to know what happened."

Two other state agencies are investigating, as well: one that licenses boilers and one that licenses engineers.

At some prisons, officials concede that water-heater boilers were stacked two and three high, a code violation. Others were installed just six inches from the nearest wall. The code requires a minimum of two feet of clearance.

Others do not have enough combustion air to function properly because of design or construction flaws.

Adding to officials' frustration is that many of the disputed installations were done according to manufacturers' recommendations. And they are safe, prison officials insist, even though they don't comply with state law.

At two prisons, state inspectors have ordered prison officials to change the way boilers are installed or face fines of up to $1,000 a day. The state agency that licenses engineers listed "adequacy of boiler designs and installations" among 23 pages of alleged construction violations forwarded to prison officials for investigation last week.

Collins and other prison officials insist they were unaware of the boiler clearance problems until most of the affected units were nearly complete.

But prison boiler maintenance personnel, whose offices are just down the corridor from prison officials', said they were well aware of some of the problems.

Bobby Unser at home after two-night ordeal

CHAMA, N.M. (AP) — Without food or water, car racing legend Bobby Unser and a friend survived temperatures as low as zero degrees by staying in a snow cave overnight and hiking about 14 miles in chest-high snow.

"I'm telling you, there's no way to describe to anybody how bad it really was," Unser, 63, said Sunday. "And every decision that we made had to be made right."

Unser, a three-time winner of the Indianapolis 500, and Robert Gayton, 36, were stranded when their snowmobiles broke down Friday night. They spent nearly two nights in the bitter cold and biting 70-mph winds before finding a barn with a heater and a phone late Saturday.

Unser and Gayton began their outing Friday morning from Unser's ranch at Chama, about 120 miles north of Albuquerque and six miles south of the Colorado state line. Unser's racing brother, Al, and nephew, Al Jr., also have ranches at Chama.

Gayton's snowmobile broke down first, and after the two doubled up on Unser's snowmobile, it started sputtering.

"The more it ran, the worse it got," Unser said. "It just quit on us."

The two men carried no food or water, but they were dressed in insulated snowmobiling gear. They hiked into a canyon to get out of wind they estimated at 70 mph and built a snow cave, covering it with branches and filling it with twigs for insulation.

"It took a lot of energy to build it," Gayton said. "He went in feet first, me, head first."

The cramped conditions of the cave were tolerable because it protected them from the cold, Gayton said. Temperatures were zero to 10 degrees, with wind chills well below zero.

They were thirsty, but Unser "couldn't keep anything down, not even snow," Gayton said. "We were talking through the night. We alternated sleeping some."

They set out hiking again on Saturday morning, through 2 to 4 feet of snow, sometimes sinking up to their chests.

Late Saturday, they followed lights from the valley below and found a barn, apparently closed for the winter, a few miles into southern Colorado.

Gayton estimated they had hiked about 14 miles over mountainous terrain.

After calling for help, they were picked up by Al Unser Sr. an hour later. The were examined at a clinic before being sent home Sunday.

Cindi Unser, Unser's daughter, said this was not the first time her father was stranded while snowmobiling.

"He had this happen about 15 years ago. A blizzard moved in on him. He built a snow igloo then," she said.

She told him, "I don't know how many lives you have or how many lives you've used."

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

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

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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SUNDAY

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

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

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1996

In the year ahead, you are likely to fare better in joint endeavors if you maintain control of situations instead of abdicating too much power. Try to be firm but fair.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Associates will exert a strong influence on your decisions today. Make sure to get all the facts, and try to remain objective. 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) Strive to accomplish your tasks, responsibilities and assignments today. If you fall behind, you might not catch up later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today, you should trust your ability, but you will also have good luck. There is nothing you cannot accomplish if you set your mind to it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If an important family matter has to be ironed out today, it will be best to bar the door to relatives, in-laws and neighbors. Resolve it without their input.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might have to deal with a vociferous individual who is a legend in his own mind. Bite your tongue instead of crossing swords with this loudmouth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You should not let your lack of material wealth make you unhappy today. Make sure to take the time to count your blessings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you want others to cooperate with you today, you must be willing to share what you hope to acquire. You must provide an incentive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you perform assignments carelessly today, your efforts could be counterproductive. Take pride in what you do, even your most menial tasks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Before getting involved in a new, unfamiliar endeavor today, try to weigh all of the pros and cons. Do not skid around corners and run into walls.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You should not ignore a domestic dispute today. If you do, the problem will persist and may get worse over time. Take action as soon as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you are not having any fun today, stop everything and examine your attitude. Negative thoughts will generate negative effects.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Caution and prudence in your commercial affairs will be essential today if you want satisfactory results. Try to avoid mistakes.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North 12-23-96	
	♠ K 4	
	♥ 10 3	
	♦ Q J 4	
	♣ A J 8 7 6 3	
West		**East**
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♥ K 8 7 5 4		♥ 9 2
♦ 8 3		♦ K 10 7 6 2
♣ Q 10		♣ K
	South	
	♠ Q 6	
	♥ A Q J 6	
	♦ A 9 5	
	♣ 9 5 4 2	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	1 ♥	2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

spade, one heart, two diamonds and five clubs. Who was at fault?

West should have cashed the spade ace at trick four. If East had the diamond ace as an entry, he would have discarded a high, encouraging diamond, not the discouraging heart two. And if South had the diamond ace, he was ready to run for home.

However, East could have helped his partner. If West had led from a three-card spade suit, the contract was probably impregnable. So, East should have discarded the diamond *king*: an eye-opening play asking for something extraordinary.

That sentence was part of a speech by John Kennedy in April 1962 at a White House dinner honoring Nobel Prize winners.

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Wipe the sleep from his eyes

By Phillip Alder

Who said the following, and on what occasion? "I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever been gathered together at the White House, with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

In this deal, how should the play go in three no-trump after West has led the spade two?

North's two-heart cue-bid showed at least a limit raise in clubs. A jump to three clubs would have been pre-emptive.

When South called for dummy's spade king, East played the jack, which told West that South held the queen. (You play the top of a run of honors in this type of situation.) Declarer continued with the ace and another club. On the second of these tricks, East discarded the heart two. West promptly switched to a diamond, giving declarer his contract with one

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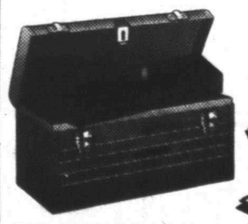
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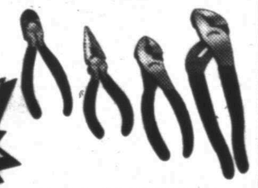
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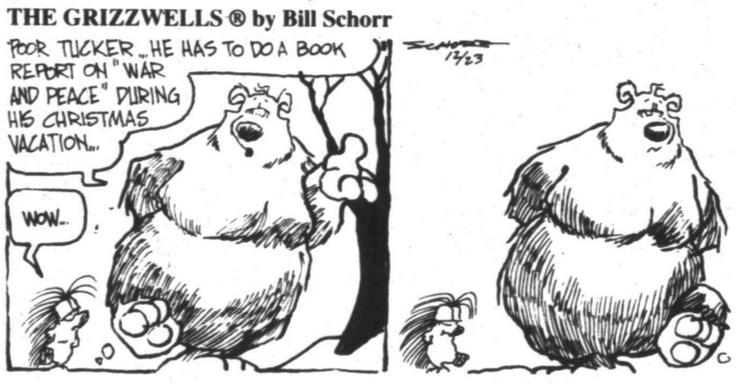
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13 Part of TGIF
14 Sorrow
15 Roster
16 Be nosy
17 Rye fungus
19 Ginger —
20 Used scissors
22 Disconcert
25 — Angeles
26 Baseballer Nolan —
30 Harness attachment
31 Distinctive air
32 Cupid
33 Cover (a package)
34 Musical sound
35 Scale units (abbr.)
38 Ireland
39 Race official
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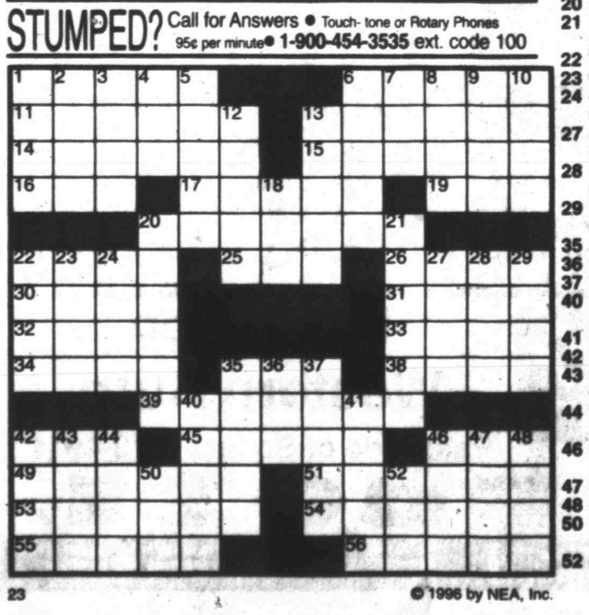
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10 Use a keyboard
12 Actor — Ritchard
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18 Mail center abbr.
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22 Worry
23 Of aircraft
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29 Back of the neck
35 Burdened
36 Sibling of sis
37 Type of mail
40 Eagle's claw
41 Boredom
42 Singer Ed —
43 Musical finale
44 Work on manuscripts
46 Corn leftovers
47 Shoe part
48 Run
50 Neighbor of Mex.
52 Cozy room

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tech tops Fresno State

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Cory Carr scored 34 points to help No. 23 Texas Tech spoil Jerry Tarkanian's homecoming Saturday night with a 111-101 win over No. 21 Fresno State in the Las Vegas Shootout.

Texas Tech (7-1) led most of the game and was never really threatened after opening up a 16-point lead midway through the second half that had Tarkanian chewing on his courtside towel.

It was the first time Tarkanian retumed as a coach to UNLV's campus arena since March 3, 1992, when UNLV beat Utah State in Tarkanian's last game as coach of the Runnin' Rebels.

But Tarkanian, who was 130-6 in the Thomas & Mack Center as UNLV's coach, wasn't as successful in his return as the Red Raiders shot 66 percent in the first half to take a 58-53 halftime lead, then broke open the game in the second half.

The final score was the closest the Bulldogs (6-3) got to Texas Tech since closing the margin to 89-77 on a 3-pointer by Dominick Young with 8:05 left in the game.

Tarkanian was greeted by a standing ovation from the sparse crowd that showed up for the tipoff of the game, which was followed by a game between UNLV and Tulane.

Instead of sitting on the home team side of the court where he enjoyed so much success at UNLV, Tarkanian watched in frustration from the other end of the court as his Bulldogs missed shot after shot in the second half and let Texas Tech have its way inside.

Texas bows to Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Keith Van Horn wore a lump on his forehead from a Longhorn's elbow, but he still insisted ninth-ranked Utah's victory was won in the arena of thought.

"It was all mental. I don't think my physical effort was any different, but my mind was into it," the 6-foot-10 preseason All-American said after scoring 34 points as the Utes rallied for an 80-68 win over No. 14 Texas Saturday night.

"I just have to have my mind in the game," said Van Horn, who also pulled down 12 rebounds and hit three 3-pointers. "When I'm into the game, the rest of the team gets pumped up."

The senior forward had 23 of his points in the second half, including the first 8 points, to erase a 34-28 halftime deficit and give the Utes (6-1) the lead.

"We knew if we came out strong for the first five minutes of the second half, it would set the tempo for the rest of the game," Van Horn said.

Mike Doleac, despite battling a virus, added 17 points, seven rebounds and a blocked shot for Utah. Andre Miller had 13 points and five assists and was a key to breaking a Texas press that forced 18 Utes turnovers in the first half.

Texas (6-2) was led by Reggie Freeman with 23 points, 20 in the second half. However, he hit only 7-of-20 shots for the Big 12's Longhorns. DeJuan Vazquez scored 14, but had only two in the second half.

Clemson survives Aggies

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — At halftime, leading 38-21, Clemson players were hearing approximately the same message from coach Rick Barnes that Texas A&M players were hearing from coach Tony Barone.

"I told the team that their fans would not let them stop playing," Barnes said. Barone said he was telling his players "this was a 40-minute game and keep hanging in there."

The Aggies (6-2) went on a 22-9 run to cut No. 8 Clemson's lead to 47-43 with 10:38 remaining, but the Tigers (10-1) turned up the pressure on defense and persevered, 76-64, on Sunday.

Terrell McIntyre scored 21 points and Greg Buckner added 19 for Clemson.

Jerald Brown, a freshman, led Texas A&M with 17 points, while Brad Stricker added 11 points.

Rams fire coach

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rich Brooks was fired Sunday as coach of the St. Louis Rams, a day after the team rallied to beat New Orleans.

Brooks, who had two years left on a four-year contract that will pay him approximately $600,000 a year, led the Rams to a 6-10 record this year after going 7-9 in his first season with the team.

Giants oust Dan Reeves

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Dan Reeves is through as coach of the New York Giants.

It was not immediately clear whether Reeves was fired or the two sides reached a settlement on the final year of the five-year contract, but sources close to the team said Reeves will not return as coach in 1997.

Giants spokesman Pat Hanlon said general manager George Young was to speak at a noon news conference, with Reeves to follow. Hanlon had no comment on Reeves, whose dismissal was widely anticipated.

Reeves was to meet with Giants management today, and he was not expecting a reprieve.

"I'll just see what they have to say," the NFL's winningest active coach said Sunday. "I'm sure it won't take long. We'll get things discussed and we'll have an idea then."

Reeves compiled a 31-33 record in four seasons, missing the playoffs the past three years and posting losing records the last two.

Snyder freshmen overcome C-City

Snyder freshman girls continued their season turnaround with a 45-35 win over Colorado City Saturday.

The frosh, winning four of their last five games, are now 4-7 for the season. The freshmen play Lubbock High Jan. 4.

Snyder jumped off to a 19-9 lead and the hosts tied the score 18-18 at the half. Snyder moved out front by three going into the final period and then the Lady Tigers outscored C-City 14-6 in the final quarter.

Tessa Hildebrand led the scoring with 9 points while Christy Tomlinson, Courtney Rinehart and Amber Burt each canned 8. Kaycee Marricle and Bridget Espinosa each put in 6.

The Snyder JV, 3-16, bowed to C-City, 38-27. The JV's next game is at 2 p.m. Dec. 31 in Snyder against Lamesa.

Renee Trevino led the Snyder scoring with 6 points while Amanda Scott, Felsha Biggers and Courtney Rinehart each put in 4. Whitney Owen had 3 while Amber Haddox, Terrie Moore and Lexie Beard each put in 2.

NFL playoff picture in focus

By The Associated Press

Ray Rhodes is going back to San Francisco for the playoffs. This time, however, he'll be coaching the visiting team.

Rhodes, a former defensive assistant with the 49ers, will take his Philadelphia Eagles to the Bay area for a wild-card game against his old team next Sunday.

"It doesn't matter who we play," Rhodes said Sunday after the Eagles closed their regular season with a 29-19 victory over Arizona.

The playoffs open Saturday with Jacksonville (9-7) at Buffalo (10-6) and Minnesota (9-7) at Dallas (10-6). On Sunday, it's Indianapolis (9-7) at Pittsburgh (10-6) and Philadelphia (10-6) at San Francisco (11-4).

Green Bay (13-3), Carolina (12-4), Denver (13-3) and New England (11-5) have first-round byes.

Buffalo and Jacksonville won Sunday to earn playoff berths, while Indianapolis backed into the postseason with a loss.

Flu-weakened Jim Kelly threw a pair of fourth-quarter touchdown passes to lead Buffalo over Kansas City 20-9. The Bills made the playoffs for the eighth time in nine seasons, while the Chiefs (9-7) failed to reach the postseason for the first time this decade.

"We persevered," Bills coach Marv Levy said. "We didn't set the world on fire, but we got moving when we needed it. It's a great credit to our players. It's as exciting win as I've had in some time."

Jacksonville slipped into the playoffs with a 19-17 victory over Atlanta, which blew a chance to win when Morten Andersen missed a 30-yard field goal with four seconds left. It broke Andersen's streak of 59 straight without a miss from 30 yards or closer.

The Jaguars joined the NFL's other second-year franchise, Carolina, in the playoffs.

"It almost renders me speechless," Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin said. "We're in the playoffs."

Indianapolis made the playoffs despite a 31-24 loss to Cincinnati, but lost a chance for a postseason home game.

"We're disappointed with the way the season ended," quarterback Jim Harbaugh said. "We would like to have a home game. There were big incentives for us to win today and we just couldn't pull it off."

Carolina, which clinched a playoff berth two weeks ago, won the NFC West title Sunday by beating Pittsburgh 18-14.

In other games, it was Tampa Bay 34, Chicago 19; Houston 24, Baltimore 21; Miami 31, the New York Jets 28; Green Bay 38, Minnesota 10; Washington 37, Dallas 10; Seattle 28, Oakland 21; and San Diego 16, Denver 10.

Eagles 29, Cardinals 19

At Philadelphia, Gary Anderson kicked five field goals and the Eagles got five sacks. William Fuller had three sacks for Philly, which held the Cardinals (7-9) to 229 yards.

Jaguars 19, Falcons 17

At Jacksonville, the Jaguars celebrated after Andersen's last-second kick sailed just wide of the left upright. Atlanta finished 3-13 a year after making the playoffs.

Oilers 24, Ravens 21

At Baltimore, Steve McNair threw for a TD and ran for another as Houston (8-8) set a franchise record with its 6th road win. Baltimore's Vinny Testaverde threw three TD passes to Michael Jackson for the Ravens (4-12).

NBA at glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	19	7	.731	-
NewYork	18	7	.720	½
Washington	12	13	.480	6¼
Orlando	9	13	.409	8
Philadelphia	7	18	.280	11½
NewJersey	6	16	.273	11
Boston	5	19	.208	13
Central Division				
Chicago	23	3	.885	-
Detroit	20	5	.800	2½
Cleveland	17	8	.680	5½
Atlanta	15	9	.625	7
Charlotte	15	11	.576	8
Milwaukee	14	11	.560	8½
Indiana	12	12	.500	10
Toronto	9	18	.333	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	21	5	.808	-
Utah	20	5	.800	½
Dallas	9	16	.360	11½
Minnesota	9	17	.346	12
Denver	7	19	.269	14
SanAntonio	6	17	.261	13½
Vancouver	6	22	.214	16
Pacific Division				
Seattle	20	9	.690	-
L.A.Lakers	19	9	.679	½
Portland	14	13	.519	5
GoldenState	10	17	.370	9
L.A.Clippers	10	17	.370	9
Sacramento	10	17	.370	9
Phoenix	8	17	.320	10

Saturday's Games
New York 95, Detroit 92
New Jersey 101, Boston 100
Chicago 111, Philadelphia 105
Charlotte 98, Atlanta 93
Minnesota 103, L.A. Lakers 88
San Antonio 101, Phoenix 88
Miami 86, Houston 66
Milwaukee 103, Orlando 85
Sacramento 101, Portland 99, OT

Sunday's Games
Cleveland 100, Utah 94
Indiana 111, Toronto 92
Charlotte 102, Boston 98
Golden State 97, L.A. Clippers 91
Seattle 93, Dallas 79
Vancouver 91, Washington 87

Monday's Games
Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Washington at Portland, 10 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games
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Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

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Lady Tigers win another close encounter, 57-56

COLORADO CITY — Snyder's Lady Tigers held off a fourth-quarter rally to preserve a 57-56 non-conference victory over Colorado City Saturday night.

Tied 56-56 with 20 seconds remaining, Colorado City was stalling for a final shot. Trying a pass, Snyder's Tiffany Garza was fouled. She made the front end of the 1 and 1 with four seconds remaining. Melanie Kidd got the rebound of the errant charity shot and held the ball until the buzzer.

It was the second time in two nights that Snyder girls had escaped with a narrow victory. On Friday, Snyder had edged Sweetwater, 55-53, in double overtime.

The two wins send Coach Rick Archer's Tigers into the Christmas break on a high note, sporting a 12-7 season record. The important games begin Dec. 31 when Snyder hosts Lamesa in a District 2-4A clash at 3:30 p.m. in Tiger Gym.

The Lady Tigers trailed by one point at the end of the first quarter and then scored 19 in the second period to enjoy a 29-26 advantage at intermission.

In the third period, Snyder increased its lead by one, going into the final eight minutes leading by a score of 46-42.

In the fourth quarter, Colorado City rallied for 14 points and held Snyder to only 11.

Snyder's leading point producer, Erica Garvin, was held to only eight points.

However, two Lady Tigers came through to get into double digits. Alicia Peoples led the Tigers with 14 points while Darla Blackwell canned 11.

Garza sank eight while Kidd and Mandy Hess each hit for five points while Sannon Hall put in four and Haley Brown contributed three.

Redskins rip Dallas in symbolic victory

WASHINGTON (AP) — With an end-of-season, largely symbolic victory over the Dallas Cowboys, the Washington Redskins closed the book on RFK Stadium they way they started it in 1961.

The final chapter was Sunday's 37-10 rout over the Cowboys' B-team, giving the Redskins (9-7) their first winning season in four years and matching their biggest-ever margin of victory over their fiercest rival.

The first triumph had come 35 years earlier, on Dec. 17, 1961, when a 34-24 victory saved Washington from a winless season.

"There's no way to really make anything better in terms of not making the playoffs," said cornerback Darrell Green, one of 32 current and former stars introduced during halftime ceremonies. "But this is the best you can get. You end up winning nine; you finish in RFK beating the Cowboys. If I can't get what I want, I'll take this any day of the week."

The Redskins, who started 7-1 before suffering one of the biggest second-half collapses in recent NFL history, had been eliminated from the postseason picture the previous week. Meanwhile, Dallas (10-6) had already clinched the NFC East title, allowing coach Barry Switzer to rest stars such as Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith.

"We sat Troy and Emmitt down, but we don't realistically expect to win a game without them," Switzer said. "The Redskins played well, they were happy, and Merry Christmas to them."

The 56,454 fans, anxious to make the most of an emotional afternoon, weren't the most gracious recipients of Switzer's holiday cheer. They spent the fourth quarter serenading the visitors with various derogatory chants, and, after the game, thousands overwhelmed police and invaded the field.

"I just wanted a piece of RFK," said Jonah Ray, 14, carrying a handful of sod.

District of Columbia police said at least four people were arrested.

Westbrook, Roby win

IRA — The hosts unsuccessfuly played for third place while Westbrook girls and Roby boys took home the championship trophies in the Ira Dog Pound Tournament that concluded Saturday.

In the boys' title game, Roby raced to a 65-41 victory over Highland while the Westbrook gals clobbered Blackwell, 62-45, for the crown.

In the consolation game, the Blackwell boys tripped Midland Trinity, 48-39, while Midland Trinity girls ripped Highland 71-23.

Ira girls fell to Roby, 54-31, in the third place game, with Roby putting the game out of reach in the third period, outscoring Ira 21-6.

Terri Robinson led the Lady Bulldog scoring with 11 points.

In the boys' game, Westbrook ripped Ira, 98-46. Logan Daves was high scorer for the Bulldogs with 23 points.

NFL at glance

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-NewEngland	11	5	0	.687	418	313
y-Buffalo	10	6	0	.625	319	266
y-Indianapolis	9	7	0	.562	317	334
Miami	8	8	0	.500	339	325
N.Y.Jets	1	15	0	.063	279	454
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	10	6	0	.625	344	257
y-Jacksonville	9	7	0	.562	325	335
Cincinnati	8	8	0	.500	372	369
Houston	8	8	0	.500	345	319
Baltimore	4	12	0	.250	371	441
West						
x-Denver	13	3	0	.813	391	275
KansasCity	9	7	0	.562	297	300
SanDiego	8	8	0	.500	310	376
Oakland	7	9	0	.438	340	293
Seattle	7	9	0	.438	317	376

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Atlanta	3	13	0	.186	309	465
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT-BY-RULE TO OPERATE A CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION SUBCHAPTER K RULES

Tim Collier and Keith Collier, dba T and K Dairy Farm, 3300 CR 461, Snyder, Texas 79549, have filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to amend an Air and Water Quality Permit-By-Rule under 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 321, Subchapter K rules (Permit-By-Rule No. 03367). If this application is approved, Tim Collier and Keith Collier will be authorized to expand a(n) existing dairy from 700 milking head to a maximum of 1800 (total) head. The location of the dairy facility is 3.0 miles southeast of the intersection of U. S. Highway 180 and U. S. Highway 84 in Scurry County, Texas. The facility will generate and collect animal waste and wastewater on-site. Wastewater will be beneficially used on 48 acres of agricultural land located on-site. Waste will be beneficially used on 570 acres of agricultural land located on-site. The facility is in the drainage area of the Colorado River Below Lake J. B. Thomas in Segment No. 1413 of the Colorado River Basin.

This application was received by the TNRCC on August 28, 1996 and was declared administratively and technically complete on December 5, 1996. A copy of the facility's application is available for public review during normal business hours at the dairy office at the location described above.

Legal Authority: Section 26.040 of the Texas Water Code and 30 TAC Sections 321.181-321.198, Subchapter K of the Rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Written comments concerning this application for permit-by-rule may be submitted. Comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711. Comments must be received no later than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. In order for comments to qualify for consideration by the Executive Director, they must: (1) be sworn and in writing; (2) describe in detail how the application, if approved, would affect a person, property, or other legally justiciable interest of the commenter; (3) describe in detail how the application lacks technical merit, i.e.; fails to meet the applicable requirements set forth in the rules of Subchapter K and therefore issuance of the permit-by-rule may result in detrimental impacts to ground water quality underlying the related concentrated animal feeding operation and/or detrimental impacts to surface water quality within one mile of the facility or present evidence demonstrating that the history of compliance by the applicant has resulted in detrimental impacts to such ground or surface water quality within these geographic limits; and (4) describe the specific action the commenter wishes the TNRCC to take in response to the application.

Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting processes, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040.

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Mamie M. Black, Acting Chief Clerk

Weekend report...

Arrests keep officers busy

Seven people were arrested over the weekend and alcohol was the contributing factor in the majority of them.

Following a report at 11:41 p.m. Sunday that someone was stuck on the railroad tracks at the crossing on CR 241 near U.S. Highway 84, DPS troopers arrested a 62-year-old male for public intoxication and no liability insurance. A wrecker was required to move the vehicle from the tracks.

Officers arrested a 22-year-old male at 3:04 a.m. Sunday in the 1800 block of 27th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. A 26-year-old male passenger in the vehicle was arrested for public intoxication.

DPS troopers responding to a one-vehicle accident at 9:41 a.m. Sunday on CR 226 near the Snyder Country Club, arrested an 18-year-old female for driving while license suspended.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male at 2:58 p.m. Sunday in the 4200 block of Avenue U for public intoxication. A 20-year-old male was arrested at the same location and on the same charge.

At 4:30 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 28-year-old male in the 1300 block of 26th Street on an outstanding warrant for public intoxication.

In other activity over the weekend, the fire department responded to two reports of fires within minutes of each other Saturday afternoon.

At 1:24 p.m., the department extinguished a grass fire some 10 miles north on U.S. Highway 84. The Fluvanna VFD also assisted in this call.

At 1:46 p.m., the department responded to Snyder Laundry and Dry Cleaners where a person using a cutting torch in the clean-up process of the building accidentally set some roofing material on fire.

An offense report for Class C family violence was submitted at 7:36 p.m. Saturday.

Roger Lyons notified deputies at 11:11 p.m. Saturday of money missing from a residence on Lyon Road. An offense report for theft was submitted.

Deputies were called to the North College Avenue Baptist Church at 2:02 p.m. Sunday in reference to several windows being broken. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted at 9:17 p.m. Sunday in reference to graffiti being sprayed on the Hair Works building. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident at 3:45 p.m. Saturday in the 4100 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1993 Saturn driven by Melissa Horn of 3302 Irving and a 1990 Chevrolet driven by Natalie Dolliver of 100 E. 37th St. Dolliver went by private vehicle to Cogdell Hospital where she was treated and released.

A hit-and-run accident was investigated at 9:50 p.m. Friday in the 1300 block of 35th Street. Involved were a 1987 Ford driven by Shanna Fisk of 3511 Ave. A and an unidentified vehicle which left the scene.

No alcohol

NEW YORK (AP) — Dick Clark, perennial host of New Year's Rockin' Eve, won't celebrate with a glass of champagne until after the show is over.

"Good things to keep in mind when ad-libbing in public," Clark says in the Dec. 28 issue of TV Guide.

Clark, 67, joins his wife for a light supper with no alcohol before the 25th anniversary of the ABC show, which he hopes to continue hosting through the year 2000.

And what can go wrong during a New Year's broadcast?

"I've been through wind chill factors of 20 degrees below zero, but last year, it was so warm that sweat ran into my boots," he said.

Beavis and Butt-head take weekend box office throne

LOS ANGELES (AP) — MTV's animated morons Beavis and Butt-head set a record for the largest December opening ever, taking in $20.5 million in ticket sales this weekend, according to industry estimates.

"Beavis and Butt-head Do America," in which the sex-crazed cartoon characters trek cross-country to find their stolen TV, handily surpassed three other newly released films in the crowded holiday marketplace.

The old record was $18.1 million, set in 1991 by "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country."

"Jerry Maguire," the critically praised Tom Cruise film, was second with $13.4 million in its second week.

"101 Dalmatians" was No. 3 in its fourth week.

"Scream," horror master Wes Craven's violent spoof of the genre, opened at No. 4 amid good reviews, followed by the debut of "One Fine Day," a romantic comedy with Michelle Pfeiffer and "ER" star George Clooney.

"My Fellow Americans," starring Jack Lemmon and James Garner, opened at No. 9.

Of the weekend's top 10 films, "Jingle All the Way" has been around the longest — five weeks — as movies pour into theaters during the lucrative holiday season.

The limited release openings included "Ghosts of Mississippi," starring James Woods as a white supremacist who was convicted of murder 31 years after killing civil rights leader Medgar Evers. The film grossed $175,000 on 21 screens.

The holiday influx enlarged the box office pie rather than dividing it into smaller pieces.

The estimated three-day box office total for the Christmas weekend was $85 million, about 17 percent higher than last year.

Final figures were due out Monday.

The top 10 weekend films:

1. "Beavis and Butt-head Do Atherica," $20.5 million
2. "Jerry Maguire," $13.4 million.
3. "101 Dalmatians," $6.8 million.
4. "Scream," $6.3 million.
5. "One Fine Day," $6.1 million.
6. "The Preacher's Wife," $5.3 million.
7. "Mars Attacks!" $4.7 million.
8. "Jingle All the Way," $3 million.
9. "My Fellow Americans," $2.8 million.
10. "Daylight," $2.3 million.

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AirTouch	25⅞	25⅛	25⅝	— ⅛
Albertsons		36	35⅞	35⅞
AlldSignal	68⅛	67⅞	68⅛	+ ⅛
Alltel	30⅝	30⅛	30⅛	— ⅛
AmerOnline	37	36⅜	36⅝	+ ⅛
AmStores		42⅛	42	42
Ameritech	58⅝	58⅛	58⅝	+ ⅛
Amoco	80⅝	80⅛	80⅝	+ ⅛
AndrkPtr	65⅝	64⅞	64⅞	— ⅛
Armcolnc	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	— ⅛
AtlRichfld	135⅛	134⅛	134⅛	— ⅛
ATMOS Egy	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	— ⅛
Aviall	9⅛	9⅛	9⅛	— ⅛
BakerHughes	36⅛	35⅛	36⅛	+1⅛
BellAtl	63⅛	62⅞	62⅞	+ ⅛
BellSouth	39⅝	38	39⅛	+1⅛
BethSteel	9	8⅞	9	+ ⅛
BritPet		139	138⅝	138⅝
Bt NoSFe	87⅛	86⅛	87⅛	—1
Caterpillar	76⅛	75⅛	76⅛	+ ⅛
CenSoWst	25⅝	25⅜	25⅝	— ⅛
Chevron	66⅛	65⅞	66⅛	+ ⅛
Chrysler s		33⅛	32⅞	33
Coastal	50⅛	50	50⅛	+ ⅛
CocaColas	53⅛	52⅝	52⅝	— ⅛
ColgatePalm	93⅛	92⅛	92½	+ ⅛
ConcilMetals	30⅛	30⅛	30⅛	+ ⅛
Cooperln		40⅛	40	40
CyprusAmax	23⅛	23⅛	23⅜	— ⅛
DallSemicn	23	22⅞	23	+ ⅛
DeltaAirl	72⅛	71⅛	72⅛	+ ⅛
DigitalEq	39	38⅜	39	— ⅛
Dillard		30⅛	30⅛	30⅛
DowChem	79⅛	78⅛	79	— ⅛
DresserInd	32⅛	31⅝	32⅛	+ ⅛
DuPont	96⅛	96⅛	96⅛	— ⅛
EastmanChem	56	55⅝	55⅝	— ⅛
EstKodak	81⅝	81⅛	81⅝	— ⅛
EDS Corp	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛	+ ⅛
ElsterInd		23⅜	23⅜	23⅜
Enserch	22⅝	22⅛	22⅝	+ ⅛
Entergy	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛	+ ⅛
Exxon	100⅜	99⅛	100⅛	+1
FstBksAm		10	10	10
Flowers	20⅜	20⅛	20⅜	— ⅛
FordMotor	31⅜	31⅛	31⅜	— ⅛
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GenElec	102⅝	102	102⅝	+ ⅛
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GenMotors	55⅝	55	55⅛	+ ⅛
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Goodyear s	51⅛	50⅝	51	+ ⅛
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K mart	10⅜	10⅛	10⅜	+ ⅛
Kroger	45⅛	44⅝	45⅛	+ ⅛
Litton	45⅞	45⅛	45⅞	+ ⅛
LockhdMart	90⅛	89⅛	89⅜	+ ⅛
Lowes Cos		38	37⅞	37⅞
Lubys	21⅜	21⅛	21⅜	— ⅛
LucentTech n	47⅞	47⅛	47⅛	+ ⅛
MayDeptStrs	47⅛	46⅝	46⅝	— ⅛
Medtronic	67⅝	67	67⅛	+ ⅛
Mobil	125	124⅛	125	+ ⅛
Monsanto s	40⅜	39⅝	40	— ⅛
Motorola	59⅝	58⅜	59⅛	+1⅛
Nationsbk	98⅛	98⅛	98⅜	— ⅛
Navistar		9⅝	9⅝	9⅝
NoramEngy		15⅜	15⅛	15⅛
Norwest	46	45⅛	45⅜	— ⅛
Nynex	47⅛	46⅛	47⅛	+ ⅛
OryxEngy	23⅜	23⅛	23⅜	+ ⅛
PacTelesis	36⅛	35⅞	36⅛	+ ⅛
PanEnergy		43⅛	43	43⅛
Penney JC	49⅝	49⅛	49⅛	+ ⅛
Pennzoil	57	56⅜	57	+ ⅛
PepBoys	31⅞	31⅛	31⅛	+ ⅛
PepsiCo s	29⅞	29⅛	29⅞	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	69⅛	68⅛	69⅜	— ⅛
PhilipPet	45	44⅛	44⅜	— ⅛
PilgrmPrd	9	8⅞	9	+ ⅛
Polaroid	41⅞	41⅛	41⅜	— ⅛
Praxair	45⅛	44⅞	45⅛	+ ⅛
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PubSNwMx	19⅛	18⅞	19⅛	+ ⅛
RoyalDutch	171⅛	169⅝	170⅝	+ ⅛
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SearsRoeb	45⅛	44⅞	45⅝	+ ⅛
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SmthBchADS	67⅛	67⅛	67½	+ ⅛
SouthernCo	22⅝	22⅜	22⅝	— ⅛
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Sprint	38⅝	38⅛	38⅝	+ ⅛
SunCo	24⅝	24⅛	24⅝	+ ⅛
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Texaco	98	97	97⅝	+ ⅛
TexasInd	52⅝	52	52⅝	+ ⅛
TexasInst	64⅝	64	64⅛	+ ⅛
TexUtil	41	40⅝	40⅝	— ⅛
Textron	91	90⅛	90⅝	+ ⅛
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TrinityInds		36⅛	36	36⅛
TritonEngy	48⅛	48	48⅛	+ ⅛
Tyler		1⅛	1⅛	1⅛
US WestCm	31⅞	31⅛	31⅝	+ ⅛
USWstMda	19	18⅝	18⅞	+ ⅛
USX Delhi	15⅞	15⅝	15⅝	— ⅛
USX-Marathn	24⅜	24⅛	24⅜	+ ⅛
USX-USS	30⅝	30⅛	30⅜	+ ⅛
UnCarbde	41⅛	40⅝	41	+ ⅛
UnPac s	60⅞	60⅛	60⅛	— ⅛
UnitedTech s	67⅛	67	67⅛	— ⅛
Unocal	40⅜	40⅛	40⅜	+ ⅛
WalMart	24	23⅝	23⅞	+ ⅛
WstnGasRs	19⅝	18⅞	18⅛	+ ⅛
WestghEl	18⅛	18	18⅛	+ ⅛
WinnDixie	32⅞	32	32⅜	— ⅛
Woolworth		22	21⅞	22
XeroxCp s	51⅛	51⅛	51⅜	— ⅛
ZenithE	11⅛	10⅝	10⅝	— ⅛

ST. NICK OF TIME by Jimmy Johnson





CHRISTMAS PLAY — Melony Early's fourth graders at East Elementary presented "Happy and Holli Day vs Santa University." Top row, from left, Karen Taylor, Kayla Guerrero, Clint Cooper, Nicole Dabney, Stephanie Parmer, Traci Jordan; middle row, Adrian Brooks, Kalli Wesson, Matthew Morris, Paul Jackson, Logan West, Heather Polk; bottom row, Lico Castillo, Patrick Jones, Meggan Minor, Blake Robertson, Whitney Warner; front row, Matthew Kerr and Chelsea Wood. This play tells the story of the day Happy and Holli Day tried to enroll in Santa University, not as an elf, a reindeer, or even a stand-in for Mrs. Claus, but as a legitimate Santa Sub. As Rudolph would say, "It went down in history!" The renewal of hope, the sense of community and the rediscovery of the giving heart is rediscovered in this 1990s musical. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Former Donna police officer sought for questioning in case

DONNA (AP) — Authorities want to question a former Donna police officer and current federal fugitive about the October slaying of a McAllen physician.

Gilberto Salinas, 38, a federal fugitive since 1990, is sought for questioning in the slaying of McAllen physician Francisco Jusino.

Authorities said Salinas, also known as Gilberto Doria, is believed to be the father of a baby boy that Jusino delivered on Sept. 11. The child's mother died three days after the birth.

Police also said they are investigating alleged threats made against Jusino by the woman's family.

Salinas' family declined to comment on the murder investigation, but the family's attorney, Tony Canales of Corpus Christi, said the allegations were false.

"He is not involved in this case," Canales said of Salinas.

In Donna, a town of 13,000 people located 12 miles east of McAllen, a street and elementary school carries the family surname in honor of Salinas' brother, Navy Capt. Daniel Salinas II. His father, Alfonso Salinas, known around town as "The Lightning Bolt" in Spanish, was a popular elections judge.

"(Gilberto Salinas) was unassuming," said Joe Perez, a local barber who knows the family. "He wasn't like his father. His father was very charismatic."

Gilberto Salinas started as a police patrolman in Donna in 1979, then moved to the police force in nearby Weslaco the following hear.

Weslaco police records said he was fired in December 1982 after he was investigated for alleged loan fraud, questionable firearms sales and an alleged attempt to sell drugs to a Donna police officer.

In 1983, he pleaded guilty in Kleberg County to smuggling marijuana and received three years' probation. In 1988, Salinas pleaded guilty to another marijuana charge in Corsicana. Initially, Salinas received 10 years in prison, but a judge later reduced his sentence to 10 years' probation.

Since October 1990, Salinas has been in violation of his probation, officials said.

"We still have a warrant for his arrest," Patrick Batchelor, Navarro County criminal district attorney in Corsicana, told The Monitor of McAllen. "We just figured he was in Mexico."

That arrest stemmed from a sting involving a Corsicana family that was hauling marijuana from the Rio Grande Valley to Michigan. At the time of his arrest, Salinas was delivering 1,500 pounds of marijuana, authorities said.

Behind the facade of a middle-class home, the Corsicana connection of the Valley's intricate drug scheme netted millions of dollars, according to Navarro County officials. Investigators found $1 million buried under a dog house and $70,000 in change buried under a flower bed.

"It was just a lot of dope," Batchelor said.

Gilberto Salinas is believed to still be hiding out in Mexico, although many Donna residents say they see him occasionally in town. McAllen police recently questioned a family member about the custody of the baby delivered by Jusino. Police refused to reveal who they questioned.

Police also have questioned Hidalgo County Judge J. Edgar Ruiz about his role in the child's custody. Ruiz told police a relative of the child contacted him, asking for help in the custody proceedings.

Ruiz, who once served as Donna's city manager, told The Monitor that he had met Gilberto Salinas' father but did not know the fugitive.

Soldier cleared of espionage charges, convicted of others

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — A soldier accused of passing a classified computer code to a Chinese citizen was cleared of spy charges, but found guilty of damaging government property and computer fraud.

A court-martial jury on Sunday sentenced Pfc. Eric Jenott, 21, to three years in prison, gave him a bad-conduct discharge and ordered him to forfeit his military benefits. The sentence will be appealed automatically.

Jenott, of Graham, Wash., had access to the communications password in his job as a switch operator for the telephone system. Prosecutors said he used the code to break into Pentagon computers and gave it to Chinese citizen Qihang Liu, who has since returned to China.

The Army claimed that Jenott was trying to gain favor with the Chinese government because he wanted to defect.

Defense attorneys argued the password was not classified and that Jenott was fascinated with China because he had grown up in a Chinese neighborhood in Vancouver, British Columbia.

They also contended that his hacking was only found out when he tried to point out weaknesses in an Army computer system.

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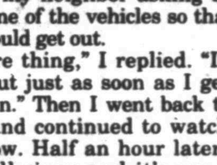
NEW YORK (AP) — Lionel Richie has found his endless love.

The 49-year-old singer married his longtime girlfriend, clothing designer Diane Alexander, Saturday at the Metropolitan Club in New York City, his publicist said.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Opposites Find Less to Attract After Five Years of Marriage

DEAR ABBY: Jerry and I have been married for five years. It's a second marriage for both of us. The problem is we have a serious clash of personalities, which was probably true when we were dating, but I was wearing rose-colored glasses back then.

I'm naturally a positive, upbeat person; Jerry is stubborn and grouchy 90 percent of the time. He picks apart every little thing and looks for reasons to pout or be mad. I found out after we were married that he has been this way since he was very young. I'm usually relieved when he goes off to do something without me, just for the peace I get while he's gone.

I've tried everything I know to help him, but it's very tiring trying to cheer Jerry up. I've come very close to leaving him twice in the last two years.

How does a woman with a positive attitude live with a complaining, nagging man who seems hell-bent on inflicting everyone with his negative attitude?

TIRED OF LIVING WITH A GROUCH

DEAR TIRED: It is highly unlikely that you can change your husband's personality. However, you can change the way you react to Jerry's moods.

Counseling should help you learn to tolerate his moods so that you will be less affected by them. Ideally, you should both have counseling. If he refuses, go without him.

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DEAR ABBY: Your answer to "Frustrated Homeowner," who was upset because his neighbors parked in front of his house, was good up to a point. But what if you got a response like this: "You don't own the street. I need the space in front of my house in case company comes," plus a few choice remarks about your ancestors?

In my case, my neighbor's mother would drive up almost every Saturday morning and park in front of my house, and her car would just sit there until she left Sunday night. The curb in front of my neighbor's house was always empty.

Well, I had phone messages from friends who said, "We drove by Sunday afternoon, but didn't stop because you had company," etc. So one day I went over to my neighbor and asked him if his mother could please park in front of his house. Well, I got a tongue-lashing I'll never forget and went home with my tail between my legs.

The next weekend I brought the company pickup truck home and parked it so that my neighbor's mother would have plenty of room for her car. On Sunday afternoon I pulled the family station wagon out of the garage and parked it up close to the back bumper of her car. Next I backed the pickup close to "Mom's" front bumper and locked both vehicles up tight. Then I went inside to watch television.

About 3 p.m., my doorbell rang. It was my neighbor asking me to move one of the vehicles so that his mom could get out.

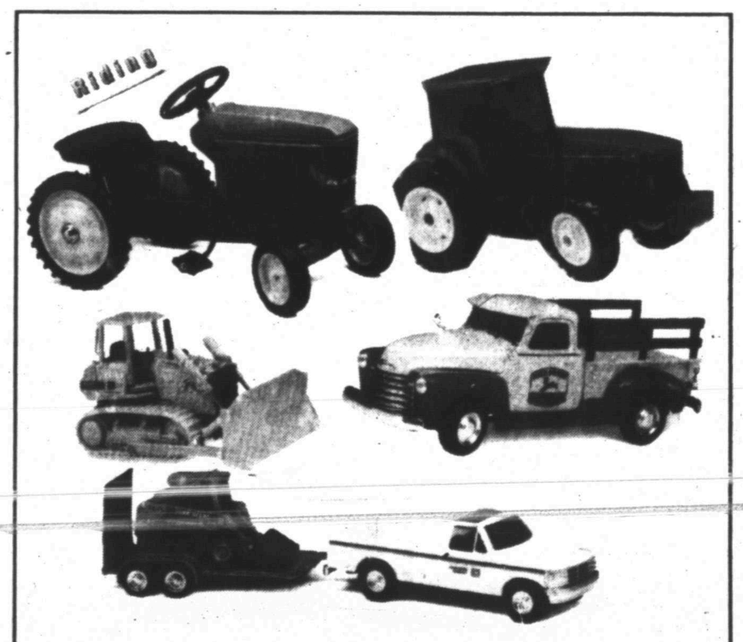
"Sure thing," I replied. "I'll be right out just as soon as I get my shoes on." Then I went back to my chair and continued to watch my TV show. Half an hour later, the doorbell rings and it's my irate neighbor wanting to know, "How long does it take to put on your damn shoes?"

Well, after an hour and a half, I moved my pickup, and Mom shot out of there and burned rubber for half a block. I gathered that she was a little upset with me, but she never parked in front of my place again.

VINCE WOGMAN, CHEHALIS, WASH.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)



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Dr. Gott

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Lyme disease may worsen with time

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son was diagnosed with Lyme disease almost two years ago. He was treated with several prolonged courses of oral antibiotics. After thinking he was cured, he is now experiencing more fever, headache and joint pains. Weren't the antibiotics enough?

DEAR READER: Lyme disease, a bacterial infection spread by the bite of the deer tick (or Lone Star tick in the Southwest), initially causes joint pains and flu-like symptoms, with or without a rash. If treated adequately at this stage (with oral antibiotics), patients recover completely, as a rule.

However, some treated patients — and many undiagnosed and untreated individuals — may progress to the second stage of the disease, characterized by fatigue, malaise, severe arthritis, headache, Bell's palsy (weakness on one side of the face), heart inflammation, and other complications.

Second-stage Lyme disease is puzzling, because it may appear months after the tick bite and is difficult to cure. Treatment ordinarily consists of several weeks of intravenous antibiotic therapy.

Chronic or third-stage Lyme disease — marked by exhaustion, brain inflammation and other serious consequences — is incurable by present techniques.

Without knowing more specifics, I cannot speak with certainty, but I believe that your son may be a treatment-failure that has progressed to the second stage. He needs further blood tests, a cardiogram, and — perhaps — a spinal tap. If the tests confirm Lyme disease, he should have a prolonged course of IV antibiotics.

Lyme disease can be difficult to diagnose, and — depending on the period of infection — extremely challenging to cure. Until proved otherwise, your son should be considered to have Lyme disease and ought to be treated aggressively.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Which vitamins are harmful if taken in amounts exceeding the Recommended Dietary Allowance?

DEAR READER: Vitamins are trace substances necessary for proper functioning. The RDA is merely a guide that indicates the minimal quantities necessary for good health.

Most vitamins are safe when consumed in amounts even two or three times the RDA. However, so-called "mega-doses" (above this amount) can cause ill health, such as liver inflammation, depending on the vitamin and the magnitude of the dose.

As a general rule, the most troublesome are the fat-soluble vitamins (A, D, E, K) because they are stored in the body's fat cells and can build up to toxic levels. Water-soluble vitamins (the remaining B vitamins, C and others) cause fewer problems because they are constantly washed out of the body. Nonetheless, most nutrition experts warn against consuming any vitamin in quantities that vastly exceed the RDA, as usually listed on the label.

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

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Off-duty deputy killed in restaurant shooting, 1 hurt

HOUSTON (AP) — A 24-year-old man accused of fatally shooting an off-duty Harris County sheriff's deputy and wounding another has been charged with capital murder.

Man Truong, 24, is sought in the weekend slaying of deputy Randy Eng, who had told Truong to leave his sister's wedding reception after a disturbance, police spokesman Jack Cato said Sunday.

Authorities said Truong had not been captured by early today.

Eng and deputy Murray Campbell, who was wounded in the arm, were providing security at the southwest Houston restaurant where the shooting occurred late Saturday.

Eng, who was shot in the head and leg, had settled a disturbance in the men's restroom at the Imperial Palace that had involved Truong and several other men, Cato said.

"Deputy Eng escorted the suspect to the front door and told him to leave," Cato said.

Eng, 38, and Campbell then went back to the restroom to settle another disturbance. While doing so, Truong returned to the restaurant, Cato said.

"As they were leaving the men's room, the two deputies were ambushed by the suspect," Cato said.

Cato did not know what led to the disturbances. He said neither deputy had time to fire his weapon and both were in uniform.

Campbell, 34, was in stable condition Sunday at Ben Taub General Hospital, said sheriff's Deputy Denise Daniels.

ValuJet cancellations throw kink in many holiday plans

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Out of breath and saddled with three suitcases, aircraft mechanic Larry Norwood rushed into a terminal at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport hoping to make his 10:30 a.m. flight.

That's when he learned he wasn't going anywhere on ValuJet.

After a deep breath, Norwood gathered his belongings and ran straight back to his car, steeling himself for a 14-hour drive.

"I can only stay in Atlanta for a few days and then I have to head to Florida to work, so if I can't get there soon I won't be able to see my son," Norwood gasped as he sped out of the airport.

He was one of many holiday hopefuls who arrived at airports Sunday morning only to learn there were no planes to take them to their destinations. The 10:30 a.m. Dallas-Atlanta ValuJet flight was the first of several canceled after the company decided Saturday that a charter company scheduled to make flights out of Dallas, Fort Myers, and West Palm Beach, Fla., was unreliable.

The carrier said it tried to reach all ticketholders by phone. But, like Norwood, would-be Atlanta passenger Kerry Mullis got to the airport only to learn he was out of luck.

"Now you've gone and done it....now you've made my mother mad," Mullis told ValuJet ticket agents after calling to inform his family he would likely miss Sunday dinner.

The canceled flights were to have been operated by Kiwi International Airlines. ValuJet spokeswoman Marcia Scott said Kiwi failed to provide adequate staffing and reliable service. Only one of 21 Kiwi-operated flights Friday and Saturday was on time and six had to be canceled, she said.

ValuJet announced in a press release Saturday that all passengers on cancelled flights would receive a full refund and a round-trip certificate for a future ValuJet flight.

Wisen Mullis, a Dallas attorney, complained he would still be out $500 after buying a replacement ticket on Continental, ValuJet's Michael Lederman offered to pay the difference between the two fares.

"There is no (written) 'in stone' rule on what we can offer customers, especially in a case like this where we couldn't get a hold of him," Lederman said. "We just want to get everyone home for Christmas."

The cancellations will affect about 3,000 passengers out of Dallas booked for the six round-trip flights each day from Sunday to Jan. 6 to Atlanta.

After the May 11 crash of a ValuJet airliner that killed all 110 passengers, ValuJet was required to get FAA approval to expand its fleet beyond 15 aircraft.

The Atlanta-based discount carrier announced plans last month to expand service to Dallas-Fort Worth and Fort Myers and West Palm Beach, Fla., and sold tickets, although it didn't yet have the government approval.

When the FAA denied the plan last week, the airline sought out charter companies to make the flights.

Ms. Scott said ValuJet hopes keep customers coming back to the company after the latest trouble.

"We think people realize that we're being subject to special rules and that we're still looking out for their best interest," she said.

Mullis said that the low fares and good service had kept him with the airline despite safety questions raised after the crash.

But now, even his loyalty has run out.

Plane crashes in Virginia

NARROWS, Va. (AP) — A DC-8 cargo plane crashed Sunday in the mountains of southwest Virginia, and state police said there were no apparent survivors.

It was not immediately clear how many people were on the plane. A spokeswoman for Airborne Express said there were six people on board; the Federal Aviation Administration said there were only three.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the flight crew and passengers," Jennifer Peacor, a spokeswoman for Airborne Express in Seattle, said Sunday night. "We have received no word on their conditions."

She said the plane was flying for Airborne Express' subsidiary ABX Air, based in Wilmington, Ohio. The plane crashed about three miles from Narrows.

There was no indication that anyone survived the crash, which occurred during a steady rain, said state police Sgt. David Shaver.

"All we know is that there's not a lot left," Shaver said of the wreckage found scattered over about 3,500 feet up Wolf Creek Mountain, near the Jefferson National Forest.

The FAA said the plane was flying from Greensboro, N.C., to Wilmington, Ohio, on a maintenance trip and wasn't carrying cargo, said state police Sgt. L.W. Findley.

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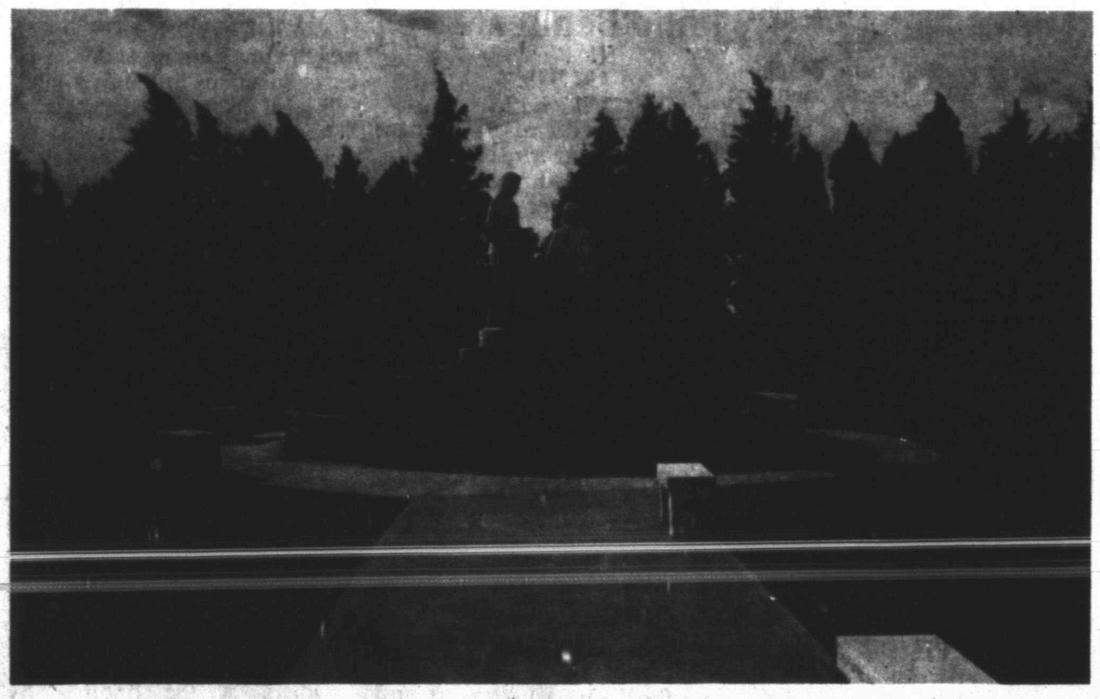
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Gingrich ruling sought before Jan. 7

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairwoman of the House ethics committee says she hopes her panel can rule on admitted violations by Speaker Newt Gingrich before a vote on his re-election as presiding officer in two weeks.

In a telephone interview Sunday night, Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., could not say for sure when her panel of five Republicans and five Democrats would act on a report filed by a four-member investigative subcommittee.

House Republican leaders were pushing for a vote before Jan. 7, when the 105th Congress convenes and Gingrich's re-election to the speakership comes before the House.

"I hope (the committee) can act promptly," Johnson told The Associated Press. "It's very hard when you have two weeks, both with major holidays."

The investigative subcommittee issued a report Saturday accusing Gingrich of violating House rules regarding use of tax-exempt organizations to finance his college course and televised workshops, and giving untrue earlier responses to the ethics committee.

Gingrich issued a statement of regret, saying the violations were not intentional but that he took full responsibility for them.

It will be up to Johnson's committee to recommend whether the full House ought to reprimand Gingrich or impose a censure, a more serious punishment that would prevent him from serving as speaker.

While praising the subcommittee's work, Johnson said she would take no position on Gingrich's fate until the matter was settled.

But Republican leaders rallied around Gingrich.

"They are serious (charges) and Newt Gingrich has owned up to these two allegations," House Majority Whip Tom Delay, R-Texas, said this morning on NBC's "Today." Democrats "who would like to bring this speaker down for their own political gain ... have failed in trying to destroy this speaker."

"I do not believe that censure would be appropriate," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, chairman of the House Republican Conference, told ABC's "This Week" that GOP lawmakers "are fully supportive of Newt. ... They've looked at these charges. ... They feel comfortable that they were nothing more than technical infractions of the rules."

Two Republicans who had said previously they could not support Gingrich — Reps. Peter King of New York and Christopher Shays of Connecticut — also announced their backing for the speaker.

But Democratic leaders continued to press for Gingrich's removal from the speakership.

"We don't need people in the speaker's chair who lie to Congress," House Minority Leader David Bonior, D-Mich., said on CNN's "Late Edition."

B. Yeltsin returns to office; says he is 'ready for battle'

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin returned to his office at the Kremlin today declaring himself "ready for battle" after six months on the sidelines with heart trouble.

Arriving in his black stretch Mercedes, Yeltsin said he was "full of energy and strength" after his Nov. 5 quintuple heart bypass surgery.

Clad in a fur hat and an overcoat, he emerged unaided from his limousine at about 9:40 a.m. and spoke briefly with reporters as aides hovered nearby.

"I'm ready for battle," he said.

Yeltsin's return effectively marks the start of his second term. His heart trouble struck at the end of June, only days before his July 3 re-election victory. Since then, the 65-year-old leader has made only rare public appearances.

The president looks slimmer and more alert than before the surgery, and his breathing seems less labored. Doctors say his heart function is normal and he could work for another decade.

The Russian leader called British Prime Minister John Major, one of several items on a busy agenda that also includes meetings with his defense and security councils and a special tax commission.

"The country needs an active, energetic president, especially now," Yeltsin said Friday in a televised address. "There is no time to waste."

Yeltsin, who always has governed with big, bold strokes, said he was impatient with the country's social problems and warned his staff there would be a reckoning for anyone who slacked off during his absence.

Shaking up his staff would allow Yeltsin to reassert his authority, but it probably wouldn't amount to much more than rearranging the furniture. Most of Russia's entrenched problems can't be fixed by presidential decree.

It remains unclear whether Yeltsin can infuse new life into policies that have failed to solve the country's most important problems: an economy that's still shrinking, millions of workers who have been unpaid for months and lingering tension in the breakaway Chechen republic.

Christmas Day marks the 5th anniversary of the collapse of the Soviet Union, and Yeltsin will face an increasingly skeptical public if he tries to shift the blame for problems unsolved during his watch.

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov wasted no time in attacking his political rival. He told a news conference that Yeltsin was still in no condition to rule Russia.

"Even when he was healthy and sober he couldn't come up with an answer to any of the issues facing Russia," said Zyuganov, whom Yeltsin defeated in the presidential race.

Thompson's burglarized

Around $600 worth of merchandise was taken from Thompson's On The Square in a burglary that was discovered around 12:54 a.m. Sunday.

Sgt. Jerry Parker said entrance to the building was gained through an air conditioning duct on top of the building.

"The person, or persons apparently climbed up the side of the building with the aid of some drain pipes," said Parker.

Two officers responded to the scene on the southeast corner of the square at 2526 Ave. R.

Obituaries



Lois Seagler

Lois Seagler

1910-1996

Lois Belle Germany Seagler, 86, died Sunday, Dec. 22, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Service is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the White Funeral Home Chapel in Lubbock. Dr. Darold Baldwin, director of Missions for the Mitchell, Scurry and Sweetwater Baptist Area, will officiate. Burial will follow in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Born April 4, 1910, she moved to Lubbock County in 1924 from White City. She graduated from school in Acuff. A former resident of Idalou, she moved to Snyder in 1991. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

She married Graham Seagler on Dec. 16, 1933 in Acuff, and he died in 1988.

Survivors include a daughter, Anita Baldwin of Snyder; a son, Stanley Seagler of Gruver; a brother, George Germany of Idalou; three sisters, Zelma Rush of Acuff, Merel Kerr of Lubbock and Rachael Abel of Sacramento, Calif.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Mrs. Seagler will lie in state at White Funeral Home in Idalou and the family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The family suggest memorials to the First Baptist Church of Gruver or the First Baptist Church of Snyder.

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P.M. Bristow

1919-1996

STANTON — Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church for P.M. "Doc" Bristow II who died Saturday, Dec. 21, in Midland. He was 77.

Masonic graveside rites will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Born in Westminster, he moved to Stanton in 1922. He married Mary Kathryn Barfield on May 3, 1941 in Snyder.

A farmer and rancher, Mr. Bristow was a past master of the Masonic Lodge 951 and a member of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Scottish Rite and Shriners. He was a Navy veteran of WW II.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Bristow of Stanton; a son, Timothy Bristow of Eastsound, Wash.; a daughter, Marsha Todd of Stanton; a sister, Bertie Long of Colorado Springs; two grandchildren; and two-great-grandchildren.

Idilio Benitez

1917-1996

MONCLOVE, Mexico — Funeral service was held at 4 p.m. Sunday in Nadadores Coahuila, Mexico, for Idilio Benitez who died Saturday, Dec. 21, in Monclova Coah, Mexico, after a lengthy illness. He was 79.

He was born in 1917 in Nadadores Coahuila.

Mr. Benitez was preceded in death by a brother, Erineo "Eddie" Benitez of Snyder in 1977. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Ofilia Benitez, his parents, four brothers and six sisters.

Survivors include three sons, Eliodoro Benitez, Romero Benitez and Lilio Benitez, all of Mexico; one daughter, Ludivina Benitez; one brother, Sabino Benitez of Mexico; several nieces and nephews of Snyder and Mexico; and several grandchildren.

Leck Browning

1957-1996

JAYTON — Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church for Leck Arthur Browning, a former Western Texas College student. Burial was to follow in the Jayton Cemetery.

Browning, 39, died Friday, Dec. 20, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born in Spur, he also attended the University of Houston and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his mother, Rogene Browning of Jayton; a brother, Les Browning of Clovis, N.M.; and a grandfather, Leck Wall of Jayton.

Clinton's key aides studied returning money from Trie

WASHINGTON (AP) — A month after learning about suspicious donations to the first family's legal defense fund, six senior White House aides met with the fund's director and expressed concerns about offending donors if the money was returned, officials confirmed.

The high-level meeting on May 9, which is likely to draw the interest of investigators, included the president's most trusted adviser, Bruce Lindsey, and Hillary Rodham Clinton's chief of staff, Margaret Williams, the officials said.

The purpose was to discuss $460,000 in two large manila envelopes that had been delivered to the defense fund on March 21 by Charles Yah Lin Trie, an Asian-American businessman and friend of the president. The money was eventually returned because of suspicions about its origins.

Others at the briefing by Michael Cardozo, the fund's executive director, included deputy chiefs of staff Harold Ickes and Evelyn Lieberman, White House counsel Jack Quinn and associate counsel Cheryl Mills, according to the officials. They spoke on condition they not be identified.

Meanwhile, Clinton said he remained reluctant to criticize Trie and another Democratic fundraiser whose activities have come under scrutiny, John Huang.

"The reason I have not been more critical of Charlie Trie or John Huang is that it is not clear to me ... to what extent they knew exactly what they were doing and whether it was wrong," Clinton said in an interview published in today's editions of the Los Angeles Times.

"One thing we know is that the culture out of which they come doesn't draw the same bright lines between politics, government and business that we do," Clinton said.

Lindsey's attendance at the May meeting marks the first time that the president's closest confidant has surfaced in the week-old controversy.

Rabies watch issued

A rabies watch has been issued by the area public health veterinarian.

A calf from Garza County has been tested for rabies and the tests were returned "inconclusive."

Officials are fearful that that the calf could be affected by an abnormal strain.

Snyder veterinarian Charles Church said the state is asking for livestock owners to report any abnormal behavior by either livestock or wildlife.

"The purpose is not to alarm anyone, but to be cautious in order to prevent a reoccurrence of a couple of years ago when more than 40 cases were confirmed in Howard County."

Church said a drop vaccination program last year has helped, but that it could also make residents complacent. "Just report any abnormal behavior by animals," he said.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dec. 20-Veronica Fajardo, 1500 27th #18; Vera Hamilton, 1000 CR 146; Dec. 21-Frances Vicars, 1607 52nd #42; Breanna Williams, Loraine; Dec. 22-Brenda Alarcon, 1907 Scott; Jacqueline Fye, 1908 Coleman #1; Henry Clark, 3306 Ave. U; Stella Jones, 2401 Ave. A; Carl Whitfield, 2703 47th; Bidal Salas, 700 37th #115.

DISMISSALS: Dec. 20-Blanca Alfaro and baby girl, Janie Davis, Maxie McNew, Evelyn Murphy, Jennifer Rios and baby girl, Catarina Torres, Joyce McIntire; Dec. 21-Angelita Silva.

CENSUS: 56 (Med., Surg.-10, Long-term Care-39, CCU-2, OB-3, Nursery-2).

Births

Maurillo and Veronica Fajardo of Snyder announce the birth of their son weighing nine pounds, 5½ ounces. He was born at 11:32 p.m. on Dec. 20 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Randy and Brenda Alarcon of Snyder announce the birth of their son at 9:12 a.m. on Dec. 22 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, four ounces.

What's Up?

'Tree of Light' to air

The First Baptist Church presentation of "Tree of Light" will air at 5:30 today on Channel 2.

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "I Can't Possibly Obey That," will air at 7 tonight.

Mass schedule changed

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will not have Christmas Day Mass beginning at midnight this year. Instead, Mass on Christmas Eve will begin at 10 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day will begin at 10:30 a.m.

St. John Catholic Church in Hermleigh will have Christmas Eve Mass at 7 p.m.

Grief support group

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

Reception planned Friday

A reception for commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. and deputy county clerks Beverly Glasscock and JennaVee Miller will be held from 3-5 p.m. Friday in the county courtroom. The public is invited.

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.

Angel Tree ministry

Angel Tree is a volunteer ministry of Prison Fellowship that provides Christmas gifts for children of prison inmates. The ministry needs families, churches, Sunday School classes or other organizations to help in purchasing these gifts. Any group that can help provide a Christmas gift for some children in Snyder whose parent is in prison is asked to call a Colorado City number, 728-5829, after 5 p.m.

Pick 3

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

9-8-3

(nine, eight, three)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 7-17-18-22-30-35.
Estimated jackpot: $8 million.
Number matching six of six: None
Winning ticket(s) sold in: N/A
Matching five of six: 107. Prize: $1,599.
Matching four of six: 6,153. Prize: $100.
Matching three of six: 120,973. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $12 million.

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