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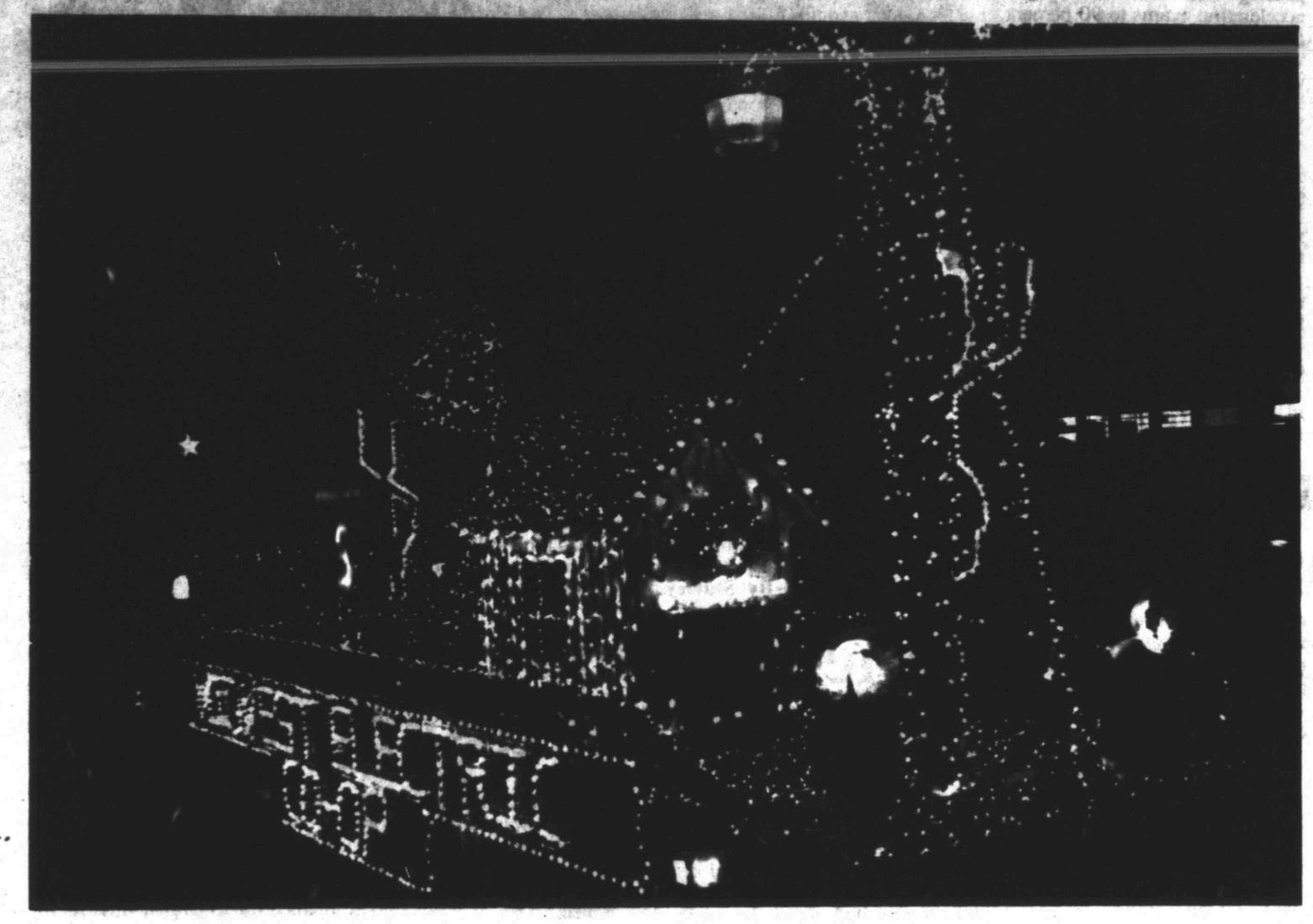

BEST OF THE BEST — This float by Midwest Electrict Cooperative won Best Use of Lights in Saturday's annual Lighted Christmas Parade. First Baptist Church took second place in the category. Floats entered by Scurry County employees and East Side Church of Christ took first and second respectively in Most Unique. (SDN Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

College trustees to continue their workshop tonight

Western Texas College trustees will resume their workshop tonight after taking care of routine matters and hearing a couple of presentations.

The only action items on the agenda are approval of minutes and financial information.

Carolyn Osborn is scheduled to give a presentation on Phi Theta Kappa and the board will also be updated on construction at the college farm.

Trustees began a budget workshop last month, reviewing and discussing the majority of 15 proposals, involving everything from general maintenance to the possibility of adding new athletic programs.

Workshop topics the board will discuss tonight are the recruitment of foreign athletes and the English as a Second Language (ESL) and General Education Degrees (GED) programs.

It has been proposed that WTC establish a center for GED/ESL instead of continuing with the seven-school consortium currently administered by People for Progress, Inc. of Sweetwater. According to one report, the WTC program continues to have major budget reductions through People for Progress, despite a positive production record.

Any move such as that would require approval from the Texas Education Agency.

Also on tonight's agenda is information from an interim report by the House Committee on Higher Education.

Trustees are also scheduled to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

DCOS may name director Tuesday

Development Corporation of Snyder board could name a new executive director as early as Tuesday.

The board is scheduled to interview two finalists for the position Tuesday afternoon.

Directors will convene at 1 o'clock and go into executive session at 1:15 to interview Kent Sharp, director of economic development for the city of Stamford for the past three years.

At 3 p.m., the board will interview John DeLille of Bella Vista, Ark., a former director of industrial development for Arkansas Industrial Development Commission.

The two applicants, recommended by the search firm of Andersen and Associates, were first interviewed by the board last Thursday.

Commissioners open airport bids

Scurry County Commissioners Court opened two bids this morning for the lease of Winston Field, but no action is expected until after the court studies them.

Walton Construction of Snyder submitted a bid, as did Gray Aviation of Atwood, Kan.

Walton's bid was for $2,400 per year, while Gray's bid was for $500 for the first two years, with the other three years negotiated at a later time.

However, Walton's bid stated that "consideration will be given to aircraft mechanics in order to do aircraft repairs," while Gray's bid would have mechanics on duty to service its chemical application airplanes and would be available to service other airplanes as well.

Three members of the local pilots association met with the court this morning and told the court that they would "rather not" have spray planes worked on at the main hangar of the airport.

"We welcome them out there," said pilot Bob Stanfield, but he added the combination of corporate planes in the main hangar and spray planes with their chemicals would not be a good mix.

"I think you will find most all pilots objecting to that," said Stanfield.

He and the other pilots suggested a hangar could be built for the spray planes south of the present hangars.

All three pilots and the court agreed that a mechanic based at the field would definitely be an asset to the facility.

In other action this morning, the court approved one budget amendment and four line-item transfers.

These were:

—A budget amendment of $2,125 in the justice of the peace office for autopsy expenses.

—A budget transfer for the airport from $300 in fuel, oil and grease and $333 in state sales tax $600 in resale and $33 in insurance.

—A transfer in the district clerk's office of $100 from supplies to travel expense.

—A transfer of $1,000 in the county clerk's office from equipment to other equipment to purchase a fax machine and an office chair.

—A transfer in the county judge's office of $1,000 ($685 court reporter, $300 petit jury, $15 communications) to court appointed attorney.

County judge Ricky Fritz presided. All commissioners were in attendance, to include C.D. Gray Jr., Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.

Court turns away disaster dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today turned away a dispute stemming from the 1983 downing of a Korean airliner by the Soviet Union. The court action, although not a ruling, could benefit some relatives of the disaster's victims.

The court, without comment, left intact a ruling that said relatives of victims killed in air crashes over international waters can collect monetary damages for the victims' pre-death pain and suffering.

Federal appeals courts have split on that issue.

In other action today the court:

—Listened to a spirited debate in a Georgia voting-rights over when election districts can be drawn to maximize black candidates' success at the polls. A Clinton administration lawyer underwent sharp questioning from several justices when he argued that a lower court wrongly ordered a Georgia congressional map that features just one majority-black district.

—Refused to kill a California prisoner's lawsuit against two doctors he accuses of imposing cruel and unusual punishment by delaying his kidney transplant.

Korean Air Lines was found guilty in federal court of willful misconduct because its jet had strayed into Soviet air space before it was shot down Sept. 1, 1983. The disaster claimed 269 lives.

The former Soviet pilot who shot down the flight continued to

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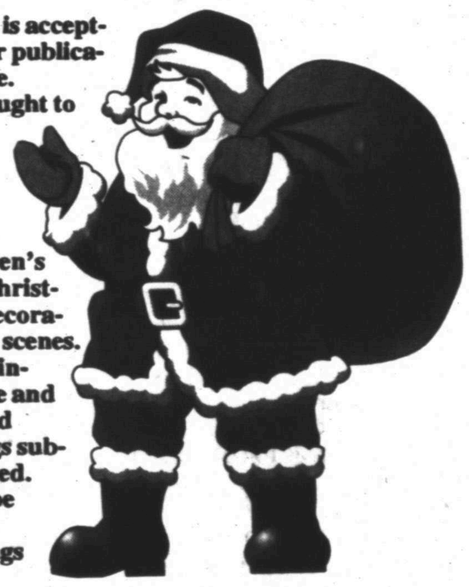
Letters to Santa



Snyder Daily News is accepting letters to Santa for publication in its Dec. 24 issue.

Letters may be brought to the newspaper office at 3600 College Avenue or mailed to P.O. Box 949.

This year, the SDN will also accept children's drawings depicting Christmas, such as Santa, decorated trees and Nativity scenes. The drawings should include the child's name and age. Because of limited space, not all drawings submitted can be published.

Drawings will not be returned.

Letters and drawings must be received by 5 p.m. Dec. 18 in order for them to be forwarded to the North pole in time for Christmas.

TBS blood drives are scheduled here this week

Texas Blood Institute will hold blood drives in Scurry County on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Those who sign up to donate will receive a special holiday T-shirt.

The community is invited to participate in Tuesday's drive at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, a drive will be held from noon until 5 p.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Thursday, the donation effort will move to the Price Daniel Unit for Texas Department of Criminal Justice employees from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donors may request that their blood be designated for local resident Jean Yearwood, who has been diagnosed with leukemia. Her treatment requires frequent blood transfusions.

In appreciation for blood donations, each participant will receive coupons for a DQ Sundae from Dairy Queen, a malt or n ilk shake from Sonic, a medium drink with the purchase of any dessert at Whataburger, a small soft drink and order of Potatoes 'Ole from Taco John's, food from McDonald's, a medium drink with any food purchase from Wal-Mart, a medium drink with a meal purchase from Long John Silver's and a $1 savings at Golden Corral.

To be given away by random drawing are seven $5 gift certificates from Rudy's, Jaramillo's and Spanish Inn; seven coupons for one six-inch or two four-inch sandwiches from Subway; and a Sunday buffet for two at The Shack.

Every fifth donor will receive a six-pack of cola and every other donor will receive a coupon for a regular order from Gill's Fried Chicken.

Orange juice will be furnished by Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary, fruit drink by TBI and cookies by Lawrence IGA.

Senior Center VIVA volunteers have been making reminder telephone calls.

Donors are reminded that they are required to show identification before donating blood. Acceptable identification can be a driver's license, birth certificate or Social Security number.

It is not necessary to make a reservation to donate blood. However, it will speed the process for those who have little time. Donors are invited to make reservations for Tuesday's community drive by calling 573-8626.

Burger King to help with Toys for Tots

Burger King has joined the Toys for Tots drive here.

For every new, unwrapped toy dropped off at the restaurant, Burger King will give away a whopper combo meal.

Girl Scout Troops 100 and 158 are sponsoring Toys for Tots this Christmas season.

Anyone having toys to donate to the program can drop them off at the Snyder Daily News office, 3600 College, during regular business hours, or the Girl Scout Hut, 2501 35th, in the afternoons.

Toys for Tots can accept toys until Dec. 19 for this Christmas.

For more information on applications or donations, call 573-3525.

ASK US

Q—Has the St. Mary Healthcare Center coat drive been cancelled because of the fire at Snyder Laundry?

A—No. Coats are still being collected at the Center, 5301 Trinity Boulevard, Suite B.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 61 degrees; low, 31; high Sunday, 69; low, 31; 7 a.m. Monday, 43; no precipitation; total for 1996, 18.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low near 50. S wind 10-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy, windy. High, mid to upper 70s. SW wind 20-30 mph, gusty.

Tonya Robles
Windy

Sunset: 5:41 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:32 a.m.
Of 343 days in 1996, the sun has shone 339 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

Psalms 1:1

New law eases requirements for skipping grades in school

FORT WORTH (AP) — Bev Cassler is anxious for her 9-year-old son to do something rare among Texas public school students — skip a grade.

Ms. Cassler said her son Carl, who learned to read when he was 3, has learned all he can in fourth grade.

"It's one thing to have a child getting all A's," she said. "It's another thing to have a child finished with the curriculum already."

Because of recent changes in state law, Ms. Cassler can soon do something to move Carl's studies along.

If he scores at least a 90 on each of four grade-acceleration exams this month, he'll jump from fourth grade at Park Glen Elementary School to sixth grade at Chisholm Trail Intermediate School in January.

The change is rooted in a provision of Senate Bill 1, the state education code that took effect Sept. 1. The law, and its interpretation by the Texas Education Agency, created an open-door policy on grade acceleration from kindergarten to 12th grade, with several key provisions.

The new law makes the exams available to all students, not just those in the top 10 percent of their class, as provided in the previous law.

To wipe out economic barriers, school districts now must pick up the tab. Previously, parents had to pay $120 for each exam packet.

The exams must be offered twice in each school year, on assigned dates. And schools must send exam notices home to parents, and advertise in newspapers and other media.

The result: a flurry of interest from parents and some livid school district officials.

"That segment of the law has caused more discussion and more controversy than any other part that I've been involved in," said Mike Murphy, assistant superintendent for curriculum in Southlake north of Fort Worth.

No one expects to see thousands of students blasting through an abbreviated school career. One reason is the new law raises the passing standard for grade-acceleration exams to 90 percent, from 70 percent.

But school districts say they will be socked with phenomenal increases in test costs. The Fort Worth district, for example, received almost 900 exam requests this year, compared with about 150 in previous years. The $9,000 bill could easily triple when more people find out the tests are available, officials said.

"The state is doing a terrible thing to us," said Teresa S. Stegall, the district's coordinator of assessment. "The state has opened up a keg of worms."

Critics say testing is an exercise in futility for students with less than brilliant transcripts.

BLOOD DRIVE — Special holiday T-shirts will be given to persons who donate blood Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Bill Dickinson, lab manager at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, displays the front of the T-shirt and Pat Moffett displays the back. On Tuesday, donations may be made from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. On Wednesday, donations will be accepted from noon to 5 p.m. at Cogdell. On Thursday, employes of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice may donate blood from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Price Daniel Unit. Dickinson and Moffett represent Scurry County's Blood Council for the Texas Blood Institute which sponsors all three blood drives. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Fund-raising deadline looms for lobbyists working in state

AUSTIN (AP) — Just before the holidays every two years, Austin lobbyists rush around throwing fund-raising receptions for lawmakers in anticipation of a mid-December deadline for contributions.

It's one holiday tradition the government watchdog group Public Citizen hopes to wipe out.

The group is hoping to move the contribution deadline up more than a month, to the day after November elections. Contributions are now banned from 30 days before the Legislature convenes until the end of the session.

"This is a time where legislators are being approached by lobbyists to carry their bill and oppose others and a time they no longer have a need for money to win a race," Public Citizen director Tom Smith told the Austin American-Statesman.

Texas Ethics Commission reports show about one-third of the $1.46 million contributed to returning committee chairmen during the last six months of 1994 — or $550,420 — was donated during the five weeks after the election.

Most of those contributions came from political action committees, law firms or lobbyists, according to the reports.

"This basically is a time for the Legislature to shake down the lobby," Smith said.

Atheist group reports money missing after disappearance

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The mystery of atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair's disappearance has deepened amid allegations that hundreds of thousands of dollars vanished about the same time she did.

Two atheist groups once controlled by Ms. O'Hair say that $627,500 disappeared last year about the same time that she, her son and adopted daughter disappeared, the San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday.

The American Atheists Inc. and the United Secularists of America reported $627,500 in missing assets to the Internal Revenue Service, the newspaper said.

Ms. O'Hair, whose lawsuit led to the landmark 1963 Supreme Court decision outlawing public school prayer, was last seen more than a year ago when she told friends she was going to New York City to picket the pope's appearance.

Her disappearance prompted rumors that she had died and her followers kept it quiet because they feared Christians would claim she found God on her deathbed. Besides Ms. O'Hair, now 78, her son, Jon Murray, and adopted daughter, Robin Murray-O'Hair, also vanished.

"The two organizations which reported the losses are among five operated in Austin by the Murray O'Hairs to promote atheism and the separation of church and state. The other groups did not report missing funds.

The United Secularists in its 1995 tax statement said it believed Jon Murray has $612,000 of its missing assets; he was also blamed by American Atheists for $15,500 in missing assets.

Ellen Johnson, who replaced Murray as president of the American Atheists and the United Secularists, did not return a telephone message left Sunday at her home in Rockaway Township, N.J.

Austin police Detective Stephen Baker said little progress has been made since a missing persons report was filed this fall by Ms. O'Hair's son, William Murray. He said the case is still open.

Oil Patch News

Borden County

Fagadau Energy Corp. will drill the No. 7 Clayton Ranch north field unit, 15 miles north of Gail. Planned for a depth of 5,700 feet, drill site is in Section 23, Block 31, T6N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Rocker A. Operating Inc. will drill the No. 1-20 Post-Montgomery in the H&L field, eight miles northwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Maynard Oil Corp. has completed the No. 104-H Slaughter in the Happy field, 21 miles north of Gail. The venture was finaled to produce 87 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 8,136-974 feet, and location is in Section 42, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Palmer Oil Properties has completed the No. 1 Lott, a wildcat located 14 miles southwest of Post. The well was finaled to produce 69 barrels of 39 gravity oil. Perforations were from 5,705-732 feet, and location is in Section 305, Block 31, HE&WT survey.

Texland Rector and Schumac has completed the No. 2-5 Canyon Valley unit in the Forbes field, six miles south of Caprock. The well was completed to produce 25 barrels of 30 gravity oil and 45 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,558-568 feet, and location is in the R.L. Adams survey.

Kent County

Sharp Image Energy has completed the No. 3-B Salt Creek north in the Salt Creek field, 22 miles northwest of Jayton. The well was finaled to produce 45 barrels of 36 gravity oil and 32 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,729-753 feet, and location is in Section 65, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Sharp Image Energy has completed the No. 1 Morrison, 26 miles northwest of Jayton. The well was finaled to produce 78 barrels of 42 gravity oil and 35 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,415-515 feet, and location is in the J.B. Morrison survey.

Mitchell County

Baytech Inc. has plugged and abandoned the No. 1-5 McCabe in the McCabe field, six miles north of Silver. Drilled to a depth of 7,350 feet, location was in Section 5, Block 12, H&TC survey.

Parker and Parsley has completed the No. 48 Watson in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 23 barrels of oil and 24 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,461-3,239 feet, and location is in Section 20, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Merit Energy Corp. will drill the No. 709 Coleman Ranch field unit, two miles west of Cuthbert. Planned for a depth fo 3,500 feet, location is in Section 70, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Merit Energy will drill the No. 817 Coleman Ranch field unit, two miles west of Cuthbert. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and drill site is in Section 70, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Parker and Parsley Development will drill the No. 393 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,250 feet, location is in Section 6, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley will drill the No. 394-WI Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Contracted for 3,300 feet, drill site is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley will drill the No. 395 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for 3,330 feet, location is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley will drill the No. 396 Mary Foster in the same field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned depth is 3,285 feet, and location is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley will drill the No. 397-WI Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles west of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,285 feet, location is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley will drill the No. 398 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for 3,285 feet, location is in Section 18, Block 29, T1s, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley will drill the No. 399 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Scheduled depth is 3,285 feet, and location is in Section 18, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Howard County

Kent Walker will drill the No. 2 Wilkinson in the K-Jack field, eight miles northwest of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 10,800 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 34, T1N, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Cholla Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 1 Huddleston in the Newman field, nine miles south of Roby. Planned for a depth of 3,800 feet, drill site is in Section 10, Block K, T&P survey.

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 708 Claytonville field unit, 10 miles northeast of Roby. Planned for a depth of 6,400 feet, location is in Section 183, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 906 Claytonville field unit, 10 miles northeast of Roby. Also contracted for 6,400 feet, drill site is in Section 209, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Clear Fork Inc. will drill the No. 4057 C.E. Boyd in the EVP field, three miles northwest of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,750 feet, location is in Section 57, Block X, T&P survey.

Amerac Energy Corp. will drill the No. 2 Burwick in the Blackwell north field, four miles north of Blackwell. Planned for a depth of 6,800 feet, location is in Section 31, Block Z, T&P survey.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996

Conditions look favorable for you in the year ahead in regard to your ability to earn money. Your chart shows that you will have several new opportunities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You can achieve your goals today without resorting to the unsavory methods an associate uses to get his way. Live by your own standards. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. paper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might have second thoughts today about a commitment you made hastily. This situation can be readjusted to give you peace of mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Proceed cautiously in business deals today. Make sure that the terms are not altered after the deal is set. Get everything in writing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Strive to be considerate today, and don't slight one friend unintentionally by excluding her from plans you make with another friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can achieve a significant personal objective by yourself today. Do not try to seek support from well-meaning, but ineffective co-workers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Self-discipline will be your strong suit throughout most of the day, but in the evening your behavior might become too lax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Outstanding accomplishments are probable today, provided you are tenacious and dedicated. Do not walk off the field until you've achieved a complete victory.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A concerned adviser might offer valuable advice today. Do exactly as this person says, because the advice will be less effective if you attempt to modify it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A joint endeavor in which you're presently participating will succeed as long as everyone contributes equally.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not be suspicious of others without proper cause today. If you are, you might misinterpret the motives of a colleague who is just trying to be cooperative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you might accidentally stumble on a company secret which should be kept confidential. Subdue the temptation to reveal your findings to co-workers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It will be reasonably safe to gamble on something today as long as it has been well thought out. However, do not press your luck.

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Berry's World

"Basically, what happened was I went from paper to paperless — then from office to OFFICELESS."

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors' regualar meeting; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

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

Defensive Driving Course; Monday and Tuesday required; community room of Snyder Savings and Loan; 6 to 9 p.m. Call 573-2850 for more information.

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

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association; social; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 7 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 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.

AARP Chapter luncheon; Martha Ann Woman's Club; Shirley Mease, district coordinator from Abilene will install officers for 1997; noon.

Plainview TAFCEC; 2 p.m.; for more information, call Nancy Higgins at 573-7770.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

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

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Gene Bowlin.

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.

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's; 10 a.m.

Snyder Palette Club Christmas luncheon; airport terminal building.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

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.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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

Defensive Driving Course; community room of Snyder Savings and Loan; one-day class from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 573-2850 for more information.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

Can officer order passengers out of car?

BALTIMORE (AP) — It was a lazy summer's evening when Trooper David Hughes saw the white Nissan speed by.

The Maryland State Police officer pulled onto Interstate 95 and paced the car at nine miles above the speed limit before pulling it over. After talking to the driver, he asked the front seat passenger, Jerry Lee Wilson, to get out. Hughes says Wilson opened the door and took one step; a packet of crack cocaine dropped to the ground.

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Wednesday on whether the trooper had the right to order Wilson out of the car. At issue is police safety versus privacy rights — whether police officers anywhere can order passengers out of vehicles even if they arouse no specific suspicion.

The issue has attracted the attention of Attorney General Janet Reno, who will argue Maryland's case in her first appearance before the high court.

The court ruled in 1977 that drivers stopped for routine traffic violations can be ordered out of their vehicles to protect officers from assault.

Maryland prosecutors said the ruling should extend to passengers.

"If he thinks there is a handgun in the car, then the passenger is several feet away from it," said Maryland Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, who is arguing the case with Reno.

"If the officer has to wait until the gun is pulled, then it would be too late."

The National Association of Police Organizations, which supports Maryland in the case, said 445 police officers have been killed while enforcing traffic laws since 1977.

"Pulling over an occupied motor vehicle constitutes one of the least predictable, and hence most potentially dangerous of a police officer's routine duties," the group said in a friend-of-the court brief.

Wilson, his cousin, Terrance MacNichol — who was driving — and a juvenile friend were returning to South Carolina from a visit with relatives in Connecticut when they were pulled over near Baltimore on June 8, 1994. Hughes said the car was driving 64 mph in a 55-mph zone.

The car had no license plates and appeared to be rented, the trooper said. MacNichol continued for 1½ miles after the cruiser's lights and siren were turned on.

After stopping, MacNichol immediately got out of the car to talk to Hughes. The trooper says he saw the passengers ducking below the seat.

"Our trooper saw movement in the car. He was concerned that there might be something taking place that might cause harm," said Col. David Mitchell, Maryland State Police superintendent.

Wilson's attorneys dispute the account, saying Wilson merely looked back at the trooper a couple of times. They also say Wilson did not initially refuse to get out of the car, as the trooper claims.

Wilson, 26, was charged with possessing 74.7 grams of cocaine with intent to distribute.

But a Baltimore judge later suppressed the drugs as evidence, ruling that Hughes shouldn't have ordered Wilson out of the car.

Poll: many Americans expect decrease in SS

NEW YORK (AP) — Most Americans believe that by the time they retire, they won't get all the Social Security benefits now available to senior citizens, a new poll says.

The poll, released Sunday by the Empire State Survey on the Generations, also showed that younger Americans have much less faith in the system than older Americans.

Only one in four Americans believe that when they retire, they will get all the benefits that retirees are currently entitled to, the poll found. Another 25 percent expect no benefits at all when they retire, while 46 percent expect some but not all the benefits available to current retirees.

Two-thirds of senior citizens trust the system, compared to 41 percent of those age 51 to 64; 17 percent of those age 36 to 50; and 9 percent of those between 18 and 35.

Thirty percent of the respondents believe they will receive Medicare benefits, while 58 percent say the Medicare program will not have the money available to provide expected benefits in their retirement.

About three-fourths believe it is OK for Congress to change the Medicare system so that people with higher incomes pay more of their medical costs than those with lower incomes. But just over half say it would be acceptable for Congress to reduce the Social Security benefits received by those with higher incomes; a third are opposed to lowering Social Security for wealthier recipients.

Americans split — 46 percent in favor, 42 percent opposed — on proposals to turn Social Security into a private retirement system no longer completely funded by the government.

Thirty-eight percent of Americans think Social Security benefits are too low; the same number think it is just right. Only 9 percent think it is too high.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

12-09-96

North
♠ Q 7 4
♥ 9 8
♦ J 9 7 4 2
♣ K 9 7

West
♠ K
♥ J 7 5 3 2
♦ K 10 5 3
♣ 8 5 3

East
♠ A 8 3
♥ 10 4
♦ A Q 8 6
♣ A 10 6 2

South
♠ J 10 9 6 5 2
♥ A K Q 6
♦ ---
♣ Q J 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	1 ♣
1 ♠	Dbl.	2 ♠	2 NT
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♣ 3

amond with five spades to the K-J-10, three low hearts, king-doubleton of diamonds and three low clubs.

The book ends with eight illustrative deals from the 1995 European Championships. In this one, West's double was negative, promising four hearts but perhaps hiding a fifth heart if the hand was too weak for a two-heart response.

East won the first trick with the club ace and returned a club. South played one round of trumps, and a moment later, ruffed his heart six with dummy's spade queen to register plus 790.

At the other table, North passed over the negative double. East rebid two diamonds, South was still there with two spades, and West raised to three diamonds. Holding five trumps, North passed again. Yet the contract was made for plus 110 to East-West.

The moral is: When you have support for your partner, raise. Don't lie in the bushes, as you'll probably be stung.

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Does it travel well?

By Phillip Alder

British bridge books on bidding don't sell well over here because the Acol system is so different from our Standard American. This is a snag with "Step by Step: Competitive Bidding" by Tony Sowter (Batsford; $19.95, postpaid, from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies; 800-274-2221). However, the work does contain good explanations of when and why you should be competing. Even if some recommendations don't mesh with American styles, you will gain useful pointers. And there are copious quizzes.

In particular, the simple overcall promises less in England. With neither side vulnerable, Sowter recommends bidding one spade over one di-

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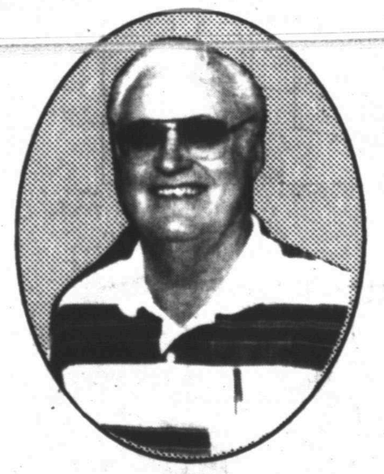

A resident of Scurry County since 1957, Charles Anderson has recorded much of the history of Deep Creek. He is a retired school principal and writing is a lifelong hobby.

Anderson's writings of J. Wright Mooar have caught the attention of Dallas Morning News writer Kent Biffle who said: *"No one is better equipped to record this Western saga of J. Wright Mooar than historian Charles G. Anderson. He tells the tale with the accuracy and wallop of a buffalo rifle."*

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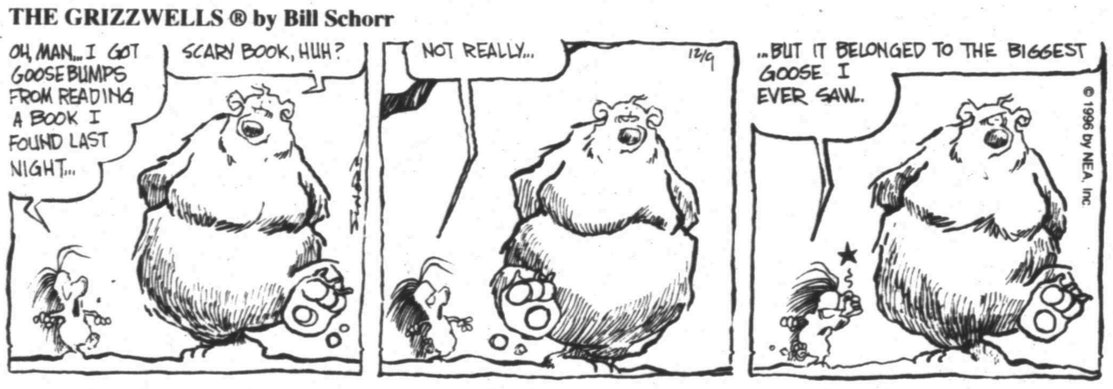

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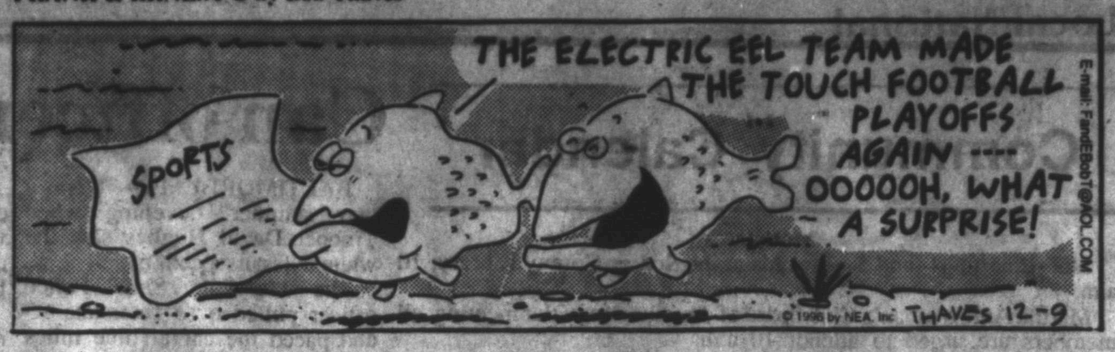

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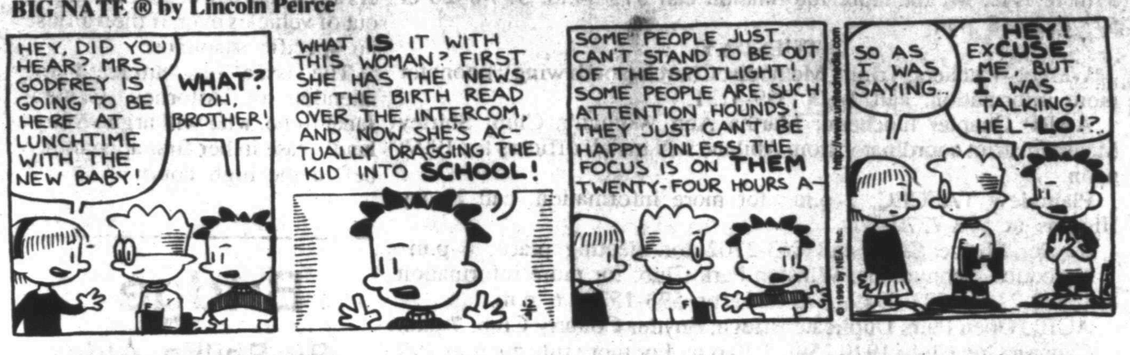

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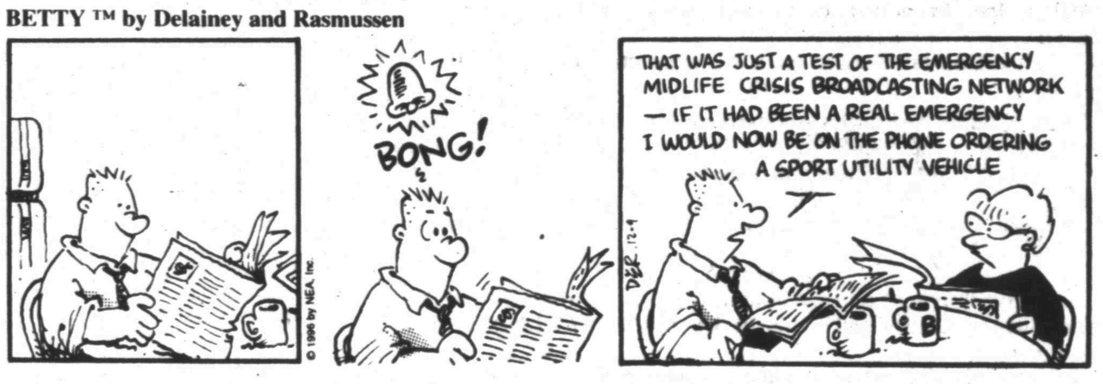

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ACROSS

1 Beach resort
5 — Got a Secret
8 Use a keyboard
12 Thought
13 Resounding noise
14 Keep afloat
15 Coral area
16 Sault — Marie
17 Heraldic border
18 Have goals
20 Fumed
22 — Diego
23 — de France
24 Marina sight
27 Had a snack
28 Workers' assn.
31 Vine
32 Cozy
33 Roman dozen
34 Greek letters
35 Cans
36 Sick
37 Superlative suffix
38 Those holding office
39 Irish poet
41 Commerce agcy.
42 — a Camera
43 Dreaded fly
46 Particles
50 Arm bone
51 — Tin Tin (movie dog)
53 Baba au —
54 Hammer or gimlet
55 WWII area
56 Actor Richard —
57 — -daisy
58 Decay
59 Art deco illustrator

DOWN

1 Italian coin
2 Bad day for Caesar
3 Intense
4 Like a slow-witted person
5 Doll's House author
6 Dyeing tub
7 Professor —
8 Cut of beef
9 Circular tent
10 Warsaw native
11 Observed
19 Rodent
21 Shake — —!
24 Cry of pain
25 Rara —
26 Sac
27 Beattie and Jillian
28 Corn lily
29 Cadence
30 Lubricates
32 Franker
35 Nervous spasms
39 Puppy sound
40 Become manifest
41 Where Naples is
42 For valour, — — love a Hercules . . .
43 Dance costume
44 Swill
45 Adam's grandson
47 Sonny's ex
48 Author Vonnegut
49 Sea pheasant
52 How was — — know?

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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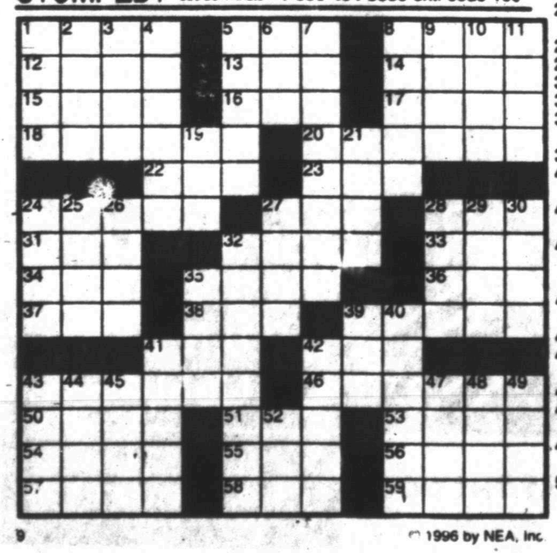

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers see lead evaporate

BROWNFIELD — A nine-point run by Lamesa at the end of the third quarter upended the Snyder girls' varsity basketball team Saturday in the Brownfield Charity Tournament.

Leading by nine points at halftime, Lamesa canned 22 in the third quarter while Snyder got only 14, but Snyder still held a one-point margin going into the final period of play.

In the decisive fourth stanza, Lamesa raced for 25 points — 20 of them from the free-throw line — while the Lady Tigers picked up only 15, giving the Lady Tors a 70-61 victory.

In Friday's action, Coach Rick Archer's troops dropped a two-point heart-breaker to Amarillo Caprock and then demolished Alpine, 56-34.

The Lady Tigers now sport a 8-5 record and host Lubbock Coronado at 7:30 Tuesday in the SHS Tiger Gym. A junior varsity game is set for 6 p.m.

Snyder's Erica Garvin, who scored 15 in the losing effort against Lamesa, was named to the all-tournament team. Garvin was shut down in the second half as she scored all but two of her 15 points in the first 16 minutes of play.

"We were ahead by nine at the half. We just mentally shut down in the seocond half and evidently not ready to play. We can't do that against Lamesa, or anyone," Archer said.

Snyder had otherwise balanced scoring with Alicia Peoples canning nine points while Melanie Kidd popped the nets for eight. Mandy Hess and Jamie Burleson each put in seven. Shannon Hall contributed four points while Haley Brown, Leslie Daniell and Darla Blackwell each got a three-pointer.

Kizzie Fleming led the Lamesa scoring with 24 points, nine field goals and six from the charity line.

Trinity rips WTC, 86-39

TYLER — Western Texas College Lady Westerners traveled to the pines of East Texas over the weekend and ran into a buzzsaw.

WTC, after losing its first game Friday in the Tyler Junior College Classic to the host team, 78-50, WTC took on Trinity Valley Saturday night.

Trinity Valley demolished the Lady Westerners, 86-39. Celestine Otuoro led the WTC scoring with 12 points while Shanna Gathright added 11. Dionna Russel contributed nine points — including WTC's only three-pointer in the team's 15 attempts for a trey.

Angelica Brooks added four points while Freda McKnight put in two and Jessica Jeffrey added one.

WTC's won-loss record is now 3-9. The Lady Westerners return to conference play at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Coliseum against Frank Phillips College. WTC's conference mark is 1-3.

Lady Bulldogs wait too long to regroup

HIGHLAND — Ira's Lady Bulldogs learned a valuable lesson in the consolation game of the Hilltop Classic Saturday: a team must play all four quarters.

Ira jumped out to a 14-8 first quarter lead over Roby, but in the end lost by a 40-36 margin.

Ira scored only two points in the second quarter and four in the third. Ira awoke with 16 points in the final period, but it was too little, too late.

Terri Robinson led the Lady Bulldog offense with 16 points while E'Lyssa Goolsby provided six. Lisha Leatherwood and Brook Wilkes each had three points.

NFL at glance

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-NewEngland	10	4	0	.714	389	279
Buffalo	9	5	0	.643	285	241
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	269	284
Miami	6	8	0	.429	292	283
N.Y.Jets	1	13	0	.071	231	402
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714	315	214
Jacksonville	7	7	0	.500	286	305
Houston	7	7	0	.500	308	277
Cincinnati	6	8	0	.429	320	332
Baltimore	4	10	0	.286	334	390
West						
x-Denver	12	2	0	.857	357	240
KansasCity	9	4	0	.692	262	230
SanDiego	7	7	0	.500	280	339
Oakland	6	7	0	.462	274	234
Seattle	6	8	0	.429	276	335

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	9	5	0	.643	264	207
Philadelphia	8	6	0	.571	313	302
Washington	8	6	0	.571	301	275
Arizona	6	8	0	.429	254	342
N.Y.Giants	6	8	0	.429	217	257
Central						
x-GreenBay	11	3	0	.786	387	197
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	267	267
Chicago	6	8	0	.429	237	257
Detroit	5	9	0	.357	285	313
TampaBay	5	9	0	.357	177	253
West						
y-Carolina	10	4	0	.714	322	188
y-SanFrancisco	10	4	0	.714	349	22
8						
St.Louis	4	10	0	.286	255	369
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	265	408
NewOrleans	2	12	0	.143	199	322

x-clinched division title.
y-clinched playoff spot.

Thursday's Game
Indianapolis 37, Philadelphia 10

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 31, New Orleans 15
Cincinnati 21, Baltimore 14
Green Bay 41, Denver 6
Jacksonville 23, Houston 17
New York Giants 17, Miami 7
Chicago 35, St. Louis 9
Pittsburgh 16, San Diego 3
Tampa Bay 24, Washington 10
New England 34, New York Jets 10
Seattle 26, Buffalo 18
Carolina 30, San Francisco 24
Dallas 10, Arizona 6
Minnesota 24, Detroit 22

Monday's Game
Kansas City at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14
Philadelphia at New York Jets, 12:30 p.m.
San Diego at Chicago, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 15
Baltimore at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
New England at Dallas, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 4 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Seattle at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 16
Buffalo at Miami, 9 p.m.

NBA at glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	15	5	.750	-
NewYork	12	6	.667	2
Orlando	8	8	.500	5
Washington	7	10	.412	6½
Philadelphia	7	11	.389	7
NewJersey	4	11	.267	8½
Boston	4	14	.222	10
Central Division				
Chicago	17	3	.850	-
Detroit	15	3	.833	1
Cleveland	12	6	.667	4
Atlanta	11	8	.579	5½
Milwaukee	10	8	.556	6
Charlotte	9	9	.500	7
Indiana	8	9	.471	7½
Toronto	7	12	.368	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	17	2	.895	-
Utah	16	2	.889	½
Dallas	7	11	.389	9½
Minnesota	7	12	.368	10
Denver	5	15	.250	12½
SanAntonio	3	15	.167	13½
Vancouver	3	17	.150	14½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	15	6	.714	-
L.A.Lakers	15	7	.682	½
Portland	12	8	.600	2½
GoldenState	7	13	.350	7½
L.A.Clippers	7	13	.350	7½
Sacramento	7	13	.350	7½
Phoenix	4	14	.222	9½

Saturday's Games
New York 89, L.A. Clippers 80
Milwaukee 126, Washington 118
Atlanta 101, Toronto 75
Detroit 95, New Jersey 69
Miami 83, Chicago 80
Dallas 96, Vancouver 85
Houston 123, Philadelphia 108
Utah 104, Denver 91
Charlotte 94, Seattle 92

Sunday's Games
Cleveland 90, L.A. Clippers 69
Milwaukee 100, Boston 87
Golden State 114, San Antonio 88
Toronto 97, Chicago 89
Sacramento 91, Orlando 84
Phoenix 106, Indiana 93
L.A. Lakers 110, Minnesota 86

Monday's Games
Seattle at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Golden State at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Portland, 10 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

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8th grade A & B-teams host C-City, 5 and 6 p.m. at junior high gym.
7th grade A & B-teams host C-City, 5 and 6 p.m. at Travis Gym.
SHS freshman boys at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.
Hermleigh Junior high at Highland, 6 p.m.
Dawson at Ira Junior High, 6 p.m.

Travel plans change for Texas Longhorns

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Longhorns' holiday travel plans have changed.

Forget the Alamo. Hello Arizona.

Texas (8-4), which rebounded from a losing record more than midway through the season to upset Nebraska and win the Big 12 championship, was picked Sunday to play No. 7 Penn State in the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day.

"I don't think anyone is playing better football than your team right now," Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno told UT coach John Mackovic following the announcement.

"It's a great matchup," Mackovic responded in the nationally televised linkup. "I really have a lot of respect for Joe Paterno and the Nittany Lions. We're really excited to be going to Tempe."

The 20th-ranked Longhorns threw the bowl picture out of focus with a 37-27 victory over the Cornhuskers (10-2) in St. Louis on Saturday, perhaps the biggest victory at Texas in 35 years.

By winning the Big 12 title, the Longhorns upgraded themselves from a likely Dec. 29 appearance in the Alamo Bowl, which has a payout of about $1 million, to a bowl alliance berth worth $8.486 million.

About 20 Texas players gathered on campus to watch the televised announcement of the bowl alliance. They yelled and flashed hook 'em horns signs when they heard they were headed to the Fiesta Bowl.

"You can't say you're back until you beat the best teams in the country consistently," said linebacker Tyson King. "Penn State has been a great team for a long time. It would be a huge win for this program."

Added tight end Pat Fitzgerald, "After beating Nebraska like this, everyone is going to want to cap off the season with another win."

Fans, honking horns and standing on top of city buses, crowded the downtown streets of Austin into the early hours of the morning Sunday in celebration of the win over Nebraska.

After the team arrived in Austin Saturday night, they showed off the first-ever Big 12 trophy at a men's basketball game against North Texas. Fans were so exuberant, play was stopped for several minutes late in the second half to salute the team.

Mackovic, whose gutsy call for a pass on fourth-and-inches from the Longhorns' 28 late in game secured the victory, called the Nebraska game one of the finest in his 15 years as a head coach.

Snyder JV thumped by Midland G'wood

COAHOMA — Midland Greenwood held Snyder JV to only 17 second half points in a 65-41 victory that eliminated the Tigers from the consolation bracket of the Coahoma basketball tournament Saturday.

Snyder bowed in the tournament's quarterfinals game after having lost to host Coahoma, 61-42, on Friday.

Snyder led 13-12 at the end of the first quarter, but Midland Greenwood had gone out front 29-24 by intermission. While Snyder's JV scored only eight in the third period, Greenwood exploded for 26.

Justin McNair was Snyder's leading scorer with 14 points.

The junior varsity will travel to Slaton Tuesday night for a 6:30 contest.

College bowl lineup

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Thursday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Nevada (8-3) vs. Ball State (8-3), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, Noon (ABC)

Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
California (6-5) vs. Navy (8-3), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Friday, Dec. 27
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Houston (7-4) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Carquest Bowl
At Miami
Miami (8-3) vs. Virginia (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)

Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Utah (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 28
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Clemson (7-4) vs. LSU (9-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 29
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Iowa (8-3) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Washington (9-2) vs. Colorado (9-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 31
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Howard (9-2) vs. Southern U. (7-4), Noon (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Stanford (6-5) vs. Michigan State (6-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Auburn (7-4) vs. Army (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (10-1), 7 p.m. (CBS)

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Alabama (9-3) vs. Michigan (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
North Carolina (9-2) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Brigham Young (13-1) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (CBS)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Northwestern (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Arizona State (11-0) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Penn State (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4), 8 p.m. (CBS)

Thursday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida State (11-0) vs. Florida (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 11
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
West vs. East, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 18
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 19
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At Honolulu

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Tigers fall to Lamesa, 55-39

BROWNFIELD — The Snyder Tigers, playing for the championship trophy in the Brownfield Charity Tournament Saturday, saw a couple of quick three-pointers and two turnovers shift momentum as the Lamesa Tornadoes grabbed a 55-39 victory.

Despite the loss, Snyder landed two players — senior Rick Henderson and junior Jimmy Taylor — on the all-tournament team.

Snyder, now 7-3 for the year, had defeated Ozona and host Brownfield to earn a shot at the tournament crown.

"We had a real good ball game for the first half, but the third quarter was the big key to the game," said Coach Bud Birks. "I think our players know now that you have to stay focused the entire game. We'll be working hard this week in practice on things we've been having trouble with."

Snyder is on the road again Tuesday night, challenging Slaton in a non-district game following the 6:30 p.m. varsity contest.

Against Lamesa, the Tigers outscored the Tors 9-8 in the first quarter and the Tigers enjoyed a 20-17 halftime advantage.

But the Lamesa turnaround in the third stanza proved fatal for the Tigers. Lamesa ignited for 19 points — including the pair of treys by Kevin Larry who finished the night with eight points.

Leading 36-28 going into the final period, Lamesa racked up 19 more points in the final period while Snyder could manage only 11.

Henderson, who also got a three-point basket in the second quarter, led the Snyder scoring with 13. Chris Riggins, who had five first-quarter points, ended the game with 9. Taylor put in eight points while Jeremiah Johnson contributed five. Ramsey Castillo and Chad Carter each contributed two.

Chris Roberts led the Lamesa scoring with 13 points. Thyrone Harris and Courtney Edwards managed nine apiece.

Dallas gets ugly win

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, accustomed as they are to winning, didn't feel so good about their 13th consecutive victory over the Arizona Cardinals.

To many, the slimness of the 10-6 victory Sunday was in some ways reflective of their season.

Michael Irvin, who hooked up with Troy Aikman on a 50-yard pass for the game's only touchdown, was suspended for five games to start the season after pleading no contest to cocaine possession.

"I thought about a lot of things and a lot of memories, things I'd like to forget," said Irvin, one of several Cowboys who have experienced off-the-field problems this season.

Dallas (9-5) took over first place in the NFC East by winning after Washington and Philadelphia faltered, but Aikman said that was meaningless with two games left.

"If we are there after the next two weeks, then we can say, 'Yeah, it feels pretty good,'" he said after Dallas completed a sweep of Arizona.

Despite playing the first game without Leon Lett and with Deion Sanders out for more than a half because of back spasms, the Cowboys kept the Cardinals out of the end zone by forcing four turnovers.

Sanders, who had trouble straightening up during the first half, decided to play after Boomer Esiason passed for 170 yards on 13 completions by halftime.

"He wasn't going to take advantage of a situation that I wasn't out there. The adrenalin kicked in," said Sanders.

High school grid playoffs

By The Associated Press
Texas High School Playoff Results

CLASS 5A
Division I
Final
Lewisville (14-0) vs. Converse Judson (13-1), Saturday, 12:07 p.m., Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco

Division II
Semifinals
Abilene Cooper (11-3) vs. Richardson Lake Highlands (13-1), Friday, 7:30 p.m., Texas Stadium, Irving
Aldine (13-1) vs. Austin Westlake (14-0), Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Astrodome, Houston

CLASS 4A
Division I
Final
Grapevine (14-0) vs. Hays Consolidated (13-0), Saturday, Time TBA, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco

Division II
Semifinals
Denison (13-1) vs. Highland Park (13-1), Friday, 7:30 p.m., Amon Carter Stadium, Fort Worth
La Marque (12-2) vs. Corpus Christi Calallen (14-0), Saturday, 4 p.m., Astrodome

CLASS 3A
Semifinal
Friona (13-1) vs. Tatum (10-4), Saturday, 1 p.m., Texas Stadium, Irving
Coldspring (13-1) vs. Sealy (13-1), Saturday, Noon, Astrodome

CLASS 2A
Semifinal
Iraan (14-0) vs. Holliday (12-1-1), Saturday, 7 p.m., Jones Stadium, Lubbock
Groveton (14-0) vs. Ganado (14-0), Friday, 8 p.m, Astrodome

CLASS A
Final
Windthorst (13-0) vs. Tenaha (14-0), Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Pennington Field, Bedford

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Eighty-five percent of the U.S. population aged 25 to 64 had completed at least high school in 1994, according to the study released today by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Fifty-nine percent was the average rate for the more than two dozen countries surveyed for the study by the Paris-based group representing the wealthiest nations.

"For the United States, the picture looks very good, but upper secondary education (high school in America) is now becoming the norm and other countries are catching up," says Andreas Schleicher, the main author of the report.

People ages 25 to 34 are obtaining more education than those 55 to 64, the study says.

In Finland and France, the percentage in the younger group who completed upper secondary education was more than 40 percentage points higher than it was for the elder group. The difference is only about 10 percentage points in the United States.

In post-secondary education, Canada holds a comfortable lead. Fifty-one percent of its 25- to 34-year-old adults having completed post-secondary degrees in 1994. The United States was second with 32 percent. Norway and Belgium ranked third and fourth with about 30 percent each.

"The United States is ahead, but not by all that much. Norway and Belgium are getting closer," said Marshall Smith, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

The study says the level of schooling completed by people in OECD countries has grown rapidly during the past few decades.

In the 1960s, an average of 54 percent of the 45- to 54-year-olds in these countries had earned the equivalent of a high school diploma. The rate in the United States then was five of six young people, while in southern European countries it was between one in six and one in three.

By the 1980s, 69 percent of all 25- to 34-year-olds in these countries were completing what is the equivalent of high school in America. A number of countries had caught up with the United States. Five European countries — Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Britain and the Czech Republic — equaled or exceeded America's 86 percent rate.

"Upper secondary education has changed from being a privilege of an elite minority to being the expected norm for most young people," the study said.

Amy Kaslow, a fellow in economics and employment at the Council on Competitiveness, a Washington-based research group for business, labor and educators, said the United States' high ranking unfortunately reflects an education system that is failing to educate future workers.

"We may still be up there in the rankings, but let's look behind the numbers. My field research shows the picture is not all that bright," Kaslow said. "It's absolutely staggering how poorly educated our workers are, and the unskilled jobs are going offshore."

She recently has visited a Midwestern steel plant and other factories where companies give remedial training in reading and math to workers with high school diplomas. One company offers woodworking classes that include lessons in math and reading as a way to make the remedial work less embarrassing to workers.

"They don't have basic math and reading skills and logic to absorb the new training," she said. "A high school diploma? What's it worth?"

Births

Austin Gunnar Belcher was born at 7:05 p.m. on Nov. 27 in Atlanta, Texas, to Robyn and Clint Belcher of Avinger. He weighed six pounds, 9¾ ounces.

Grandparents are Mary and John Hardin of Snyder, Steve Beckham of Colorado City, Kitty and Jim Downs of Jefferson, and Woodard and Debbie Belcher of Linden. Great-grandparents are Jacque Chorn and Mary Lemons, both of Snyder, and the late Jesse Lemons. Great-great-grandparents are Althea Belcher of Jefferson, Waidus and Joyce Rose of Linden, and the late Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Chorn.

Dude and Theresa Jones of Snyder are parents of a son, Bryce Tyler, born at 5:20 p.m., Dec. 1 in Lubbock Methodist Hospital. He weighed six pounds, six ounces. He was welcomed home by his sister, Baily.

Grandparents include Larry and Betty Hildreth, John and Pat Jones and James and Dorothy Snowden, all of Snyder.

David and Josie Guzman announce the birth of their six-pound, 12-ounce daughter at 8:45 a.m. Dec. 9 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. They named her Savannah Brooke, and she is also welcomed by two brothers, David Jr. and Matthew.

Grandparents are Carmen Guzman of Snyder and Lupe and Carmen Salazar of Colorado City.

William and Sally Miller announce the birth of their son at 8:14 a.m. Dec. 7 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, 10 ounces.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dec. 6-Javiel Esparaza, 413 31st; Ray Smith, 208 32nd; Dec. 7-Bettie Keeling, Madera; Wayland Lomax, Ira; Mildred Merritt, 358 CR 466; Sally Miller, 4501 Denison; Dec. 8-Shawn Jackson, 2105 26th; Margaret Linville, 218 36th; Mary O. Smith, 2200 43rd.

DISMISSALS: Dec. 6-Grant Knipe, Barbara Owen, Eliza Trew, Alice N. Jones, Katrina Ledbetter, Sheila McCormack, Dec. 7-Wortham Loyd, Ray Smith, Javiel Esparza, Dec. 8-Wayland Caldwell, Wayland Lomax, Mildred Merritt, Ronald Morris.

CENSUS: 55 (Med., Surg.-12, Long-term Care-40, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Markets

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	91⅛	89⅝	90⅝	+1⅛
AT&T Corps	39⅝	39	39⅛	+ ⅛
AirTouch	26⅝	26	26⅛	+ ⅛
Albertsons	36	35¼	35⅞	+1⅛
Alldsignal	70⅛	69⅝	69⅞	+ ⅜
Alltel	31⅜	31⅛	31⅜	+ ¼
AmerOnline	40⅛	39¼	39¼	+ ⅜
AmStores	41⅜	41⅛	41⅛	— ¼
Ameritech	57⅞	57⅞	57⅞	— ⅛
Amoco		77⅞	77⅞	77⅞
AndarkPtr		66	65¾	65¾
ArmcoInc		4⅝	4⅝	4⅝
AtlRichfld	140¼	140¼	140¼	— ¼
ATMOS Egy	22⅝	22⅜	22½	+ ⅛
Avnll		9⅞	9⅝	9⅝
BakerHughes	36⅝	36⅜	36⅜	— ¼
BellAtl	60⅞	60⅝	60⅝	— ⅛
BellSouth		39⅛	38⅞	39
BethSteel	9⅝	9	9⅛	+ ⅛
BritPet	135⅞	135	135⅛	+ ⅛
BurlNoSFe	87⅛	86⅞	86⅞	— ⅜
Caterpillar	77⅞	77	77⅞	+ ¼
CenSoWst		26⅛	26	26⅛
Chevron	65	64⅝	64⅞	+ ⅛
Chrysler s	36⅛	35⅞	36	+ ⅛
Coastal	48⅜	47⅞	48	— ¼
CocaColas	49⅞	49⅝	49⅞	+ ¼
ColgatePalm	91⅛	89⅝	91⅛	+1⅛
Coopertn	40⅛	39⅞	40	+ ¼
CyprusAmax	24⅜	24⅛	24⅜	+ ⅛
DellSemicn	23⅜	22⅞	23	+ ⅛
DeltaAirl	75⅞	74⅞	75	+ ⅜
DigitalEq	40⅝	40	40⅝	+1⅛
Dillard		30⅜	30⅛	30⅛
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EastmanChem		57⅞	57⅞	57⅞
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Enserch	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	+ ⅛
Entergy	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞	— ⅛
Exxon	95⅞	94⅞	94⅞	— ¼
Flowers	22	21⅞	21⅞	+ ⅜
FordMotor	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛	+ ¼
GTE Cp	44⅞	44⅜	44⅜	+ ⅛
GenDynam	70⅞	70	70⅞	— ⅜
GenElec	99⅝	98⅜	99	+1⅛
GenMills	62⅞	62⅛	62⅛	+ ¼
GenMotors	57⅞	57⅞	57⅞	+1
GaPacif		74⅛	73⅞	73⅞
GlobalMar	19⅛	18⅞	19⅛	+ ⅜
Goodrichs	42⅛	42⅛	42⅛	— ⅜
Goodyear s	49⅝	48⅞	49	+ ⅛
GtAtlPac	31⅞	31⅛	31⅜	+ ⅛
Haliburta		60⅛	59⅞	59⅞
Hanson ADSs		6⅝	6⅝	6⅝
HarteHanks	25⅛	24⅞	25⅜	— ¼
HoustonInd s	21⅛	21⅛	21⅜	+ ⅛
IBM	157⅞	156¼	156⅞	+1
IntlPaper	41⅞	41	41⅛	— ⅛
JohnsnJn s	52⅛	51⅛	51⅛	— ¼
K mart	11⅛	10⅞	11	+ ⅛
Kroger	44⅛	43⅞	44⅛	— ¼
Litton	46⅜	45⅞	46⅛	+ ⅞
LochhdMart		90⅛	89⅞	89⅞
Lowes Cos		39⅛	39⅛	39⅛
Lubys	22⅛	22	22⅛	+ ⅜
LucentTech n	50⅛	49⅞	49⅞	+ ⅜
MayDeptStrs	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	— ⅜
Medtronic	63⅜	62⅞	63	+ ⅛
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Norwest	44⅜	44⅛	44⅛	+ ⅛
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PhilipPet	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛	— ⅛
PilgrmPrd	8⅜	8⅜	8⅜	— ⅛
Polaroid	41⅞	41⅛	41⅞	+ ⅛
Praxair	47⅞	46⅞	47⅞	+ ⅛
ProctGamble	105	104⅛	104⅞	+ ⅜
PubSNwMx	19	18⅞	19	+ ⅛
RoyalDutch	165⅞	164⅞	164⅞	— ⅛
SBC Comm		51⅜	51⅛	51⅜
SaraLee	37	36⅞	37	+ ⅜
SearsRoeb	49⅛	49	49	+ ⅛
SherwinW	55⅛	54⅞	55⅛	+ ⅜
SmthBchADS	66⅞	66⅛	66⅛	— ⅜
SouthernCo		22⅛	22⅛	22⅛
Sprint		39⅝	39⅛	39⅝
SunCo	25	24⅞	24⅞	+ ⅛
TNP Ent	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	+ ⅛
Tandy		42⅛	42	42⅛
TempInl	54⅛	54⅛	54⅛	+ ⅛
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TexUtil	40⅜	40⅛	40⅛	+ ⅛
Textron	92⅜	91⅞	92⅜	+ ⅜
Travelers s	43⅜	43⅛	43⅛	+1⅛
TrinityInds		34⅛	34⅛	34⅛
TritonEngy	50⅜	49⅝	50⅛	+1⅛
Tyler	1⅜	1⅛	1⅜	— ⅛
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USX Delhi	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	+ ⅛
USX-Marathn	24⅛	24	24⅛	+ ⅛
USX-USS	29⅜	29⅛	29⅛	+ ⅛
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UnPac s	57⅞	57⅞	57⅞	+ ⅛
UnitedTech	134⅛	133	133	+ ⅛
Unocal	40⅝	40⅛	40⅛	— ⅛
WalMart	25⅛	24⅞	24⅞	— ⅛
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WestghEl	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛	+ ⅛
WinnDixie		33	32⅞	32⅞
Woolworth	23⅛	23	23	— ⅛
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Berger says expanded NATO tops goals in foreign policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — An expanded NATO including a stronger partnership with Russia will top the Clinton administration's second-term foreign policy goals, the incoming White House national security adviser says.

A more united Europe and greater U.S. presence in Asia are part of "some very broad strategic objectives for the second term that build upon the foundation of the first term," Sandy Berger said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

Berger, who has been deputy national security adviser, was named by President Clinton on Thursday to succeed CIA Director-designate Anthony Lake as head of the National Security Council staff.

In the television interview, Berger outlined five main foreign policy goals during the president's second four-year term.

The first, he said, is to "complete the work of building, perhaps for the first time, a democratic and united Europe around an expanding NATO and a partnership with Russia."

Clinton has pledged to work for an early inclusion of some former Warsaw Pact states, including Hungary and Poland, into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Convincing Moscow that this expansion is not a threat and that Russia can benefit from a greater partnership with the NATO alliance will be a theme of Clinton's scheduled meeting with Russian President Boris Yeltsin next March.

Berger said the second goal was increasing the U.S. presence in Asia.

Other priorities are dealing with a "cluster of new security challenges" such as drugs, terrorism, rogue states and the environment; "recognizing that we are the indispensable nation which can contribute to peace where our interests and our values are engaged;" and creating jobs by boosting the global economy.

Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Berger's goals "offer some possibility for a strategic vision."

But Lugar told ABC that both diplomatic and military policies are hampered by a lack of adequate funding.

Speaking of Clinton's naming U.N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright to be secretary of state, he said Clinton "has got to make some basic decisions or she will have so little money it doesn't matter what the strategic vision was if she had one."

Elsewhere in the interview, Berger stressed that while U.S. troops will continue to participate in NATO peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia, "we can't be there forever" and "sooner or later the parties in Bosnia are going to have to make their own way."

House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said a permanent U.S. presence in Bosnia would be "a major mistake." The lawmaker said he was working with a bipartisan group of lawmakers to urge that American troops be withdrawn by spring.

"The risks to our troops over time is too high and it is not in the vital American interest," Kasich said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "We've done our job. Now we've got to think about coming home and letting them complete the job over there in Europe."

On Middle East topics, Berger called Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank "a complication to the peace process" and said chances of a U.S. reconciliation with Iraq's Saddam Hussein are slim.

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'Dalmatians' beats 'Daylight'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Daylight," Sylvester Stallone's latest action film, failed to unseat Disney's "101 Dalmations" as the weekend's top box office draw, according to industry estimates.

"101 Dalmatians" had $13.5 million in ticket sales while "Daylight" debuted with $10.2 million, according to estimates released Sunday. That was good enough for second place despite its star, big-budget effects and the lack of other big studio openings.

"Star Trek: First Contact" was third with $6.65 million, followed by "Jingle All the Way" and "Ransom" with $5.4 million each.

Two films did respectable business in limited-release debuts: "Everyone Says I Love You," Woody Allen's stab at a musical, took in $134,000 on three screens while "The Substance of Fire" grossed $14,800 on two screens. That film is based on Jon Robin Baitz's play about the clash between a New York publisher and his family.

Estimated grosses for Friday through Sunday (final figures to be released Monday):

1. "101 Dalmatians," $13.5 million.
2. "Daylight," $10.2 million.
3. "Star Trek: First Contact," $6.65 million.
4. "Jingle All the Way," $5.4 million.
5. "Ransom," $5.4 million.
6. "Space Jam," $4.4 million.
7. "The English Patient," $2.78 million.
8. "The Mirror Has Two Faces," $2.5 million.
9. "William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet," $1.2 million.
10. "Set It Off," $1.1 million.

ST. NICK OF TIME by Jimmy Johnson

Government planning to bury, burn weapons-grade material

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stuck with 50 tons of surplus weapons-grade plutonium, the government plans to encase some of it in glass and bury it, but tons more may be burned at civilian nuclear power plants, officials say.

The Energy Department plans a decades-long, two-pronged approach for dealing with the plutonium left over from 50 years of nuclear weapons production during the Cold War, department sources said Sunday.

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary called a news conference today to announce the $2 billion project.

The decision follows several years of debate within DOE over how to get rid of the plutonium that is stockpiled from dismantled warheads and as nuclear [illegible] at federal weapons production facilities.

It has been one of the most challenging and complicated issues facing the government as the United States and Russia shrink their nuclear arsenals.

The material stays highly radioactive for tens of thousands of years and only a small amount is needed to make a nuclear weapon.

The department said last March that it was considering three options:

—Using commercial atomic power plants to burn the plutonium after it is mixed with uranium into a mixed oxide, or MOX.

—Encasing it under high temperature in glass — a process called vitrification — so it can be more easily handled and stored, and eventually buried.

—Putting the plutonium into deep bore holes.

Officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the department ruled out the bore hole approach and will concentrate over the next two years in resolving technical issues in vitrification and in commercial burning of the plutonium.

It is not known how much of the plutonium would be disposed of through burning and how much would be encased in glass and buried. That likely will not be worked out for several years. The total disposal process could take decades.

One DOE official familiar with the plan said about one-third of the plutonium is not suitable for commercial burning as a fuel because of impurities. Sixteen electric utilities with more than three dozen reactors have expressed interest in taking part in the disposal effort, the official said.

No American commercial reactor currently uses MOX. The fuel was abandoned in the 1970s in the United States as part of a policy of not mixing military and civilian nuclear programs, although MOX is used in some European reactors.

Critics of using such fuel argue that weapons-grade plutonium should not be free in civilian commerce and that to burn plutonium — even as a mixed oxide — would blur the separation of military and civilian nuclear programs.

"The United States would be signaling that plutonium has some value" as a commercial reactor fuel, argued Daniel Horner of the Nuclear Control Institute, a private watchdog group.

He and other critics say use of plutonium by civilian utilities also runs counter to the Clinton administration's anti-proliferation policy and sends the wrong signal to other countries where security and safeguards may be less stringent than in the United States.

But Energy Department officials say adequate safeguards can be maintained and still allow plutonium to be used in civilian reactors.

Earlier this month, a group of leading nuclear technology specialists sent a letter to President Clinton endorsing the two-track approach, including vitrification and mixed-oxide burning, a senior DOE official.

Three years ago, the National Academy of Sciences also concluded that the conversion of plutonium into a mixed-oxide fuel, along with vitrification, should be pursued.

Both vitrification and commercial burning are expensive.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Trustee of College Makes Classes His No. 1 Priority

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: May I add to your continuing saga of persons "too old to go back to school"?

At the age of 64 and having only a 1937 diploma from an apprentice training school, I decided to enroll in a new weekend college program at Findlay (Ohio) College — now the University of Findlay. The result? In 1985, at the age of 69, I was granted dual B.A. diplomas engraved "Cum Laude," which meant a five-year grade-point average of 3.56 on a scale of 4.0. My degrees are in business administration and information systems analysis (meaning computers).

My "excuse" for going to college at the age of 64 was to find out what I did right in business for 33 years. The secondary reason was to prove to myself that I was an "A" student — which I accomplished by making the dean's list the second semester.

Because the dean of the college knew I expected to be treated like any other student, we both laughed about the professor who rushed into the dean's office and exclaimed, "I have a trustee of the college in my class! What do I do?" When the dean told me about it, my response was, "I hope you told him to fail me if I didn't do the work." To which the dean replied, "That is exactly what I told him."

WAYNE I. PRIBBLE,
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DEAR MR. PRIBBLE: Your letter proves it's never too late to resume one's education. We're never too old to learn as long as we're willing to make the effort. Congratulations on your accomplishment.

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DEAR ABBY: "Wally" and I have been married for 15 years. We've had our ups and have been through some difficult situations. We support each other and care deeply, but there's one problem we cannot agree on.

Wally loves our house and has decided that all the walls should be painted white. We don't paint that often, but now that we've made some improvements to our home, it's time to paint again.

I would like to get away from the all-white look and consider using wallpaper. I've brought home wallpaper sample books and paint color charts, but all he'll say is that white looks best. He refuses to look through the books or compromise in any way.

We have lived in this white house for 12 years, and I think it's time I had my way. I could wait until he goes on a business trip and redecorate while he's gone, but that would be dishonest. I'm home more than he is since our children have come along. What should I do?

COLORLESS IN
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DEAR COLORLESS: An interior decorator who is used to sales resistance may help you convince Wally that a dash of color will liven up the place. Keep in mind that it doesn't have to be all or nothing. A decorator can help you "accessorize" your home with accents of color and texture, making it more visually interesting and less sterile. The bathrooms and kitchens would be the least threatening places to begin.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

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Date Book

Dec. 9, 1996

Today is the 344th day of 1996 and the 79th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1843, the first Christmas cards were printed.

On this day in 1978, "Soul Man" was released by Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi, alias Jake and Elway Blues, the Blues Brothers.

On this day in 1990, Lech Walesa was elected president of Poland.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Milton (1608-1674), poet; Douglas Fairbanks Jr. (1909-), actor-producer, is 87; Thomas "Tip" O'Neill (1912-1994), speaker of the House; Kirk Douglas (1918-), actor, is 78; Redd Foxx (1922-1991), comedian; Beau Bridges (1941-), actor, is 55; Dick Butkus (1942-), football great, is 54; Tom Kite (1949-), golfer, is 47; John Malkovich (1953-), actor, is 43; Donny Osmond (1957-), singer, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, Los Angeles Rams kicker Bob Waterfield booted five field goals in a game against the Detroit Lions.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Millions of spiritual creatures walk the earth / Unseen, both when we wake, and when we sleep." — John Milton

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1952, London, England, experienced the fourth and final day of severe smog that killed about 1,000 people.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon.

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Residents believe movie patterned after town

SENECA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) — The steel truss bridge just upstream from the Seneca Knitting Mill here looks remarkably like the one George Bailey dives off in "It's A Wonderful Life."

In the 50-year-old movie classic, a suicidal George comes to his senses with help from Clarence, a guardian angel who jumps first and draws out George's do-good instincts.

An old plaque on this village's Bridge Street Bridge tells of similar heroism, but with a tragic twist — how Antonio Varacalli leaped into the icy Seneca River in April 1917 to rescue a woman but drowned himself.

Therein lies one of the many tantalizing parallels that have convinced village planner Francis Caraccilo and his neighbors that Seneca Falls was the model for Bedford Falls, the make-believe mill town from upstate New York erected on a Hollywood studio ranch in the mid-1940s.

"I've crossed this bridge in the middle of winter and seen whitecaps on the water and chunks of ice and snow floating by, and it looks just like the movie," Caraccilo said, peering over the bridge railing. "You could almost envisage Clarence jumping off and George following to save him.

"Perhaps it's a little romanticized, but Bedford Falls is a good place with good people in it, and any community would love to lay claim to that."

No evidence has surfaced that director Frank Capra or screenwriters Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, all now dead, ever ambled through Seneca Falls, home to 7,400 people in the rural Finger Lakes region.

But the movie setting was clearly hereabouts, based on dialogue referring to the nearby cities of Rochester, where George's rich friend Sam Wainwright considered building a plastics plant, and Elmira, where the bank examiner was eager to spend Christmas with his family.

George's Uncle Billy, as devoted fans know, had misplaced the Bailey savings-and-loan's deposits, deepening George's despondency and sending him to his appointment with his angel on the snowy bridge.

It's Clarence who sends George whirling in panic and astonishment through a harsher and meaner Bedford Falls and convinces him the little town would have suffered had George never been born.

Seneca Falls half a century ago certainly looked like Bedford Falls, from its globe street lamps, hydrangea bushes and skating ponds to its Victorian-era buildings, train station, fading economy and the grassy island running down the middle of its main street.

But then, say the doubters, so did a lot of small American towns.

Capra was asked about the movie setting "a million times" and never once mentioned Seneca Falls, said Jeanine Basinger, author of "The It's A Wonderful Life Book" and a film studies professor at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

Bedford Falls, she believes, "is a composite of small towns and the way they were at that time, which is what helps to make this film seem so right to people."

"They're really stretching it here," she says of Seneca Falls believers. "God love them for wanting it."

Some physical resemblances are gone now — the grass was paved over in the 1960s and the knitting mill is the lone survivor of the 116 factories and mills that once lined the river.

And, charm aside, this is hardly a backwater. As the site of the first women's rights convention in 1848, its park and hall of fame devoted to feminism draw 30,000 tourists a year.

"Wouldn't it be nice if we could prove, on top of everything else we do, that we're the home of George Bailey and his wonderful life?" mused Fran Barbieri, acting director of the Seneca Falls Historical Society.

"I mean, the women's right movement — that's peanuts compared to George Bailey! The tourists would be killing us to get here."

Caraccilo has been intrigued by the similarities of place since he first saw the movie 25 years ago. What's more, he believes the movie shares with Seneca Falls some distinct similarities of person. George's kindness, Caraccilo says, recalls a beloved, 19th-century local factory owner named John Rumsey.

Rumsey built low-cost housing for his immigrant workers, even advancing money for them to move into a neighborhood that became known as Rumseyville. In the movie, George's savings-and-loan association builds Bailey Park.

"I like to think," Caraccilo said, "that we in Seneca Falls still have that quality of standing by our own, that when someone needs help or someone's in trouble, someone else will be there to help out."

LA party boat catches fire

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. (AP) — A nighttime fire on a party boat after a harbor cruise forced dozens of passengers to jump overboard and swim for their lives. Six people suffered burns.

The yacht Sundowner was carrying 61 people attending a corporate party and a crew of seven Saturday night when the fire broke out, said Los Angeles County sheriff's Deputy Bob Killeen.

Flames raging through the boat forced dozens of partygoers to leap into the waters of a harbor channel and swim for the nearby docks of a local yacht club.

Six people required hospital treatment for minor burns from the fire caused by stray sparks from an upper-deck engine exhaust stack.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My beautiful 30-year-old daughter has informed me that she is gay and plans to move in with another woman. I'm heartbroken and, you may be sure, will never see her or speak to her again. What are her chances of getting AIDS?

DEAR READER: Your daughter is at low risk for AIDS, which is not readily spread during lesbian intimacy. The human immunodeficiency virus, the cause of AIDS, is ordinarily transmitted by blood transfusions and the exchange of bodily fluids during heterosexual or male-male intercourse.

That being said, I really believe that I should touch on your feelings of anger, betrayal and frustration.

Regardless of religious proscriptions to the contrary, gay and lesbian relations are a reality. Like you, I grew up in an environment that condemned same-sex relations. As young adults, we looked down on male and female homosexuals as not only morally inferior, but sad and deficient individuals who were somehow less than human.

That attitude was wrong, deceitful and unjust.

Homosexuality is merely a sexual preference. It does not reflect a lack of humanness. Gays and lesbians are as valid as anybody else. They have the same feelings, goals and dreams. They have contributed an enormous amount of good to society as a whole. They, too, need love and acceptance.

I urge you to let down the barriers that you are erecting between you and your daughter. Rather than shutting her out, open your arms and let her in. She was courageous to make the decision to "come out." She is, after all, your daughter — and always will be.

I'm afraid that your decision to distance yourself from her will cause unnecessary pain and acrimony; it may even come back to haunt you in later years. Wouldn't it be better for you to accept her AS A PERSON, instead of isolating her because you don't agree with her sexual preferences?

Please think about this. Carefully analyze the consequences of your attitude. Once you have dealt more effectively with your disappointment, perhaps you will agree that your relation with your daughter needs strengthening, not weakening.

It is perfectly acceptable to disapprove of her sexual orientation, but don't let that destroy the more important blood-bond between you. In actual fact, the natural mother-daughter alliance may be just beginning.

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Wheat in better shape

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — There are still some problems to overcome, but an agricultural consultant says Oklahoma's wheat fields are in better shape than they were during the drought-damaged season of a year ago.

Dale Fain, a retired extension agronomist at Oklahoma State University, said the wet fall has kept the root structure of wheat plants from being as deep as he would like. He said the overabundance of moisture could lead to problems from insects, weeds and disease.

"We're seeing quite a bit of nitrogen deficiency, for example, in these fields," he said. "It's kind of a good problem in some ways, because we've got some growth.

Oklahoma farmers harvested just 93.1 million bushels of wheat in 1995, a 25-year low.

Farmers are against tougher regulations for storing eggs

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A proposed federal rule requiring colder storage for eggs is getting a heated response from farmers in Arkansas, one of the nation's largest poultry-producing states.

Under the proposed regulation, eggs intended for food would have to be cooled to an internal temperature of 41 degrees. Current law requires producers to store and transport eggs in refrigerated compartments at 45 degrees.

The aim of the tougher cooling standard is to prevent food poisoning from salmonella in eggs, which, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, caused 70 deaths and 24,058 reported illnesses from 1985 through 1995.

Danny Hughes of the state Livestock and Poultry Commission said there is no evidence the cooler temperature would prevent salmonella any better than the current rule.

"You would have to process the eggs, then put them in a cooler, then run them back through the line again to pack them," he said. The added step would double the labor time and costs for processing, he contended.

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Mary Leakey, anthropologist, dies today

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Mary Leakey, half of the team whose discoveries in East Africa brought the world closer to understanding the origins of man, died today. She was 83.

A statement from her son Richard announced her death but did not give its cause, saying only that she died peacefully.

Leakey and her late husband, Louis, astounded the world with their fossil discoveries in Tanzania and Kenya that indicated man's evolution began in East Africa far earlier than had been believed.

And in 1978, after her husband's death, she found footprints made in volcanic ash that showed early hominids walked upright 3.5 million years ago.

"I think it's the most important find in view of human evolution," Leakey said during an interview at her home outside Nairobi in September. "I was really looking for tools, but we never found any at the site."

The Leakeys met in 1933 and were married in 1936. Working with her husband in Kenya in 1947, Mary Leakey discovered the skull of Proconsul africanus, an apelike ancestor of both apes and early humans that lived about 25 million years ago. In 1959, she discovered a skull of an early hominid Louis dubbed Zinjanthropus at Olduvai Gorge in northern Tanzania.

It was at Laetoli, a site south of Olduvai Gorge, where she found the footprints made in volcanic ash by hominids who lived 3.5 million years ago.

In August, Leakey traveled to Laetoli for a final glimpse of the footprints before they were covered with high-tech materials to protect them from the elements.

She said then that she and colleagues stumbled on the footprints by accident: "They looked startlingly like our own."

At the time of her death, Leakey had been working to put her papers in order with the help of a friend.

"She obviously was instrumental in much of what this museum stands for today, especially in terms of archaeology," said Mohamed Isahakia, director of the National Museums of Kenya.

Louis Leakey took over management of the main museum in the early 1940s when Kenya was a British Colony and turned it into one of the best museums in Africa.

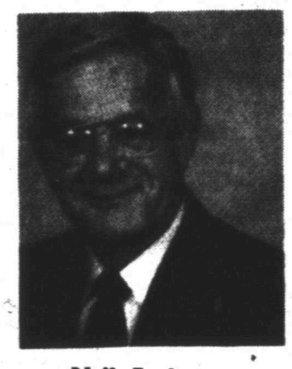
Clive Gamble, professor of archaeology at the University of Southampton in England, said Mary Leakey's "interpretation of ... the scattering of stones and bones where early humans lived moved us toward thinking about what they did, who they were."

"She breathed new life into them, ... all within a scientific framework. She kept meticulous records, made scrupulous analysis and was always careful to publish her findings," he said.

Eric Delson, an anthropologist at the City University of New York's Lehman College, said her research "demonstrated a sequence of cultural change over a period of nearly 2 million years in East Africa."

"She added a full stage to the beginnings of human culture," the so-called Oldowan culture that produced the simplest stone tools, he said.

Obituaries



Neil Jackson

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1925-1996

GRANBURY — Neil A. Jackson of Granbury, formerly of Snyder, died Sunday, Dec. 8, at his residence in Granbury. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Acton United Methodist Church. Officiating will be Beverly Carnes and H.F. Meier. Cremation will follow.

Mr. Jackson, born on July 3, 1925 in Muskogee, Okla., was a retired independent oil producer. He was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a degree in geology, and was on the administrative board of Acton United Methodist Church.

He married Carolyn Shaw on May 3, 1974 in Arlington.

Survivors include include his wife, Carolyn Jackson of Granbury; three sons and daughters-in-law; Don Stephen and Donna Jackson of Whitefish, Mont., Robert Byron and Becky Jackson of Dallas, and David Alan Jackson of Carrollton; a daughter, Jennifer Jackson of Fort Worth; two stepsons and their wives, John Stuart Waddell of Waco, and Gregory Scott and Krystn Waddell of Richardson.

The family suggests memorials to the Acton United Methodist Church, 3433 Fall Creek Rd., or to the Habitat for Humanity, in care of the church.

Jimmy Davis

1916-1996

Jimmy A. Davis, a resident of Snyder since 1957, died Saturday, Dec. 7, in Abilene Regional Medical Center after a lengthy illness. He was 79.

Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the Northside Baptist Church, with the Rev. Bob Rhodes officiating. Burial was to follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 25, 1916 in Cunningham, Tex., he married Opal Wilson on July 27, 1940 in Clarksville, Tex. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

A member of the Northside Baptist Church, Mr. Davis had worked for the Texas Highway Department for many years. He was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Alan Davis, in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Davis of Snyder; four daughters, Nada Cotton, Shirley Kelly and Nell Scott, all of Snyder, and Elaine Wilkerson of Abilene; a sister, Marie Crawford of New Boston; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Clara Smedley

1903-1996

MIDLAND — Clara Smedley, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday night in a Midland hospital. She was 93.

Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Jerry Murphy officiating.

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born in Proctor County, she grew up in Snyder and was a member of the Assembly of God Church. In 1920, she married David Smedley in Snyder. He died in 1950. She was also preceded in death by three sons, D. Smedley, W.L. Smedley and James T. Smedley, and by a daughter, Peggy Louise Cain.

Mrs. Smedley lived in Snyder and Arkansas. She moved to Midland in 1972 to be close to her family. In Midland, she was a member of Jesus Way.

Survivors include a son, Danny L. Smedley of Lewisville; three daughters, Thelma Geurin of Hot Springs, Ark., Mary Virginia McGeary of Las Vegas and Shirley Ann Matusek of Midland; 22 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Hazel Berry

1920-1996

LEWISVILLE — Hazel Josephine Berry, formerly of Snyder, died Sunday in a Lewisville hospital. She was 76. Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Dalton and Son Funeral Home in Lewisville. Burial will follow in Martin Oaks Cemetery. The Rev. Ben Smith will officiate.

Born Sept. 2, 1920 in Quanah, Mrs. Berry lived in the Snyder area most of her life. She had worked for the late Lucille Bynum in her fabric shop and for Tot-To-Teen while living in Snyder. Mrs. Berry was a housewife and a member of Lakeland Baptist Church.

Her husband, Jack Berry, died in 1988.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Nancy Berry of Flower Mound; four sisters, two brothers; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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insist the plane was on a spy mission, according to an newspaper interview published today.

Retired Lt. Col. Gennady Osipovich, who lives in the Caucasus region, told The New York Times he did not mistake the civilian plane for a military reconnaissance plane. "I knew this was a civilian plane," he said. "But for me this meant nothing. It is easy to turn a civilian type of plane into one for military use."

The 1929 Warsaw Convention treaty covering international air disasters generally limits damages to $75,000 per passenger but sets no limits for injuries or deaths caused by an airline's willful misconduct.

Eric Forman of Brooklyn, N.Y., whose wife Evelyn was killed in the KAL disaster, sued in his own behalf and as administrator of his wife's estate. After a trial on damages, a federal jury in the District of Columbia awarded him $1.27 million — $120,000 of which was for the pain and suffering Mrs. Forman experienced between the time a Soviet missile hit the jet and its crash into the sea.

While the airline's ensuing appeal was pending in a federal appeals court, the Supreme Court ruled in another case that people cannot win monetary awards for loss of companionship when relatives die in airline crashes over international waters.

In the unanimous January 1996 ruling, the justices said U.S. lawsuits in such cases are governed by the Death Over the High Seas Act and allows damages only for "pecuniary loss."

Busy weekend for peace officers

More than 90 calls were handled by sheriff's dispatchers this past weekend and local peace officers made four misdemeanor arrests and responded to a number of complaints.

Police responded to a complaint of someone damaging a pickup at 11:14 p.m. Saturday at the Sonic. Officers took a juvenile into custody for resisting arrest.

A 24-year-old male was arrested at 1:55 a.m. Sunday in the 1300 block of 26th Street for public intoxication.

Following a report of a family disturbance at 2:14 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 29-year-old male in the 500 block of 15th Street for assault/family violence.

At 3:15 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 21-year-old male in the 3900 block of College for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity, Allan Pollard contacted officers at 8:24 a.m. Saturday in reference to someone throwing a rock through the front door at The Hair Station. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

A clerk at Allsup's in Hermleigh reported at 12:15 p.m. Saturday that someone left without paying for $30.50 worth of gasoline. A sheriff's deputy located the vehicle and the subject returned to pay for the gasoline.

Police were advised of a juvenile shoplifter at 1:46 p.m. Saturday at Anthony's. A citation for theft was issued.

Jack Nachlinger contacted sheriff's deputies at 2:03 p.m. Saturday to report that someone had taken some items from a former residence north of Hermleigh.

A woman called deputies at 7:71 p.m. Saturday to report telephone harassment.

At 8:45 p.m., police were notified that some individuals in a pickup had been harassing a Midland ISD bus driver and students. Police contacted the individuals in the pickup and advised them of the complaint.

Police were called to the high school gym at 8:45 p.m. Saturday in reference to two adult males who were arguing. An officer responded to discourage any further problems.

At 8:53 p.m., police were called to TJ's on the square in reference to a broken window. An offense report for reckless damage was submitted.

Richard Donnell contacted police at 9:41 p.m. to report that someone had taken a mobile phone from his vehicle during the Christmas parade. A report was filed.

A report for Class C assault was filed after police were called to the Coleman Apartments at 1:01 a.m. Sunday in reference to loud music.

At 9 a.m. Sunday, police were called to the Coleman Apartments in reference to some damage. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

A woman contacted police at 11:56 a.m. Sunday in reference to problems she was having with a neighbor. A report for Class A criminal mischief was filed.

A Class A assault report was filed in reference to a fight between two sisters in the 4400 block of Avenue U at 5:49 p.m. Sunday.

DPS troopers were notified at 7:55 p.m. Sunday that a subject had left Rip Griffin's without paying for $35 worth of gasoline.

Jimmy Murphy contacted police at 9:20 p.m. Sunday to report that a tire on his vehicle had been cut. A report is pending.

What's Up?

Christmas concert tonight

Snyder High School choirs will perform their Christmas Concert at 8 tonight in Worsham Auditorium. A reception will follow in the choir room.

Fun, facts, fashion event

A fun, facts and fashion evening for working women is slated for 7 p.m. today at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Dr. Kathleen Weaver will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge.

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "A Recipe for Happiness," will air at 7 tonight.

GED test date Tuesday

The last GED test date for 1996 will be Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the college Learning Resource Center. For more information or to make an appointment, call Geraldine Parker at 573-8511, ext. 322, from 8-11 a.m. Tuesday. A new minimum standard for passing the GED will become effective Jan. 1.

Extended clinic hours

Scurry County Health Unit will be open until 6 p.m. Tuesday for extended clinic hours.

Stanfield meeting planned

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday. All parents are invited.

Junior High concert slated

The Junior High band will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Worsham Auditorium. Admission is free.

Grief support group

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

Stanfield yearbook orders

Orders are being taken through Friday for Stanfield Elementary's 1996-97 yearbook. The yearbooks are $6 each and should be paid at the time of ordering.

NHS sale to help needy

Snyder High School National Honor Society will hold its Pink Elephant and Garage Sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the foyer of the girls' gym. Funds raised through the project will go to help needy families during Christmas. Donations are welcome.

Post office extends hours

Snyder Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday to assist those mailing Christmas packages. Also, a box has been set up by the flagpole at the post office for Santa Letters bound for the North Pole.

Tiger's Lair yearbooks

Snyder High School Tiger's Lair yearbooks are on sale for $35 until Dec. 20 in the journalism department. After the 20th, the price will be $40. The journalism department suggests that the yearbooks make ideal Christmas gifts.

Volleyball fund-raiser

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

SNS accepting applications

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

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

Christmas open house

Parents and students of the Hobbs Alternative School are invited to a program at the campus from 7-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16. There will be a brief program and visitation.

Pick 3

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

3-2-9

(three, two, nine)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 05-16-28-32-42-43.

Estimated jackpot: $4 million.

Number matching six of six: none.

Matching five of six: 112. Prize: $1,397.

Matching four of six: 4,903. Prize: $116.

Matching three of six: 97,481. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: $8 million.

VMI accepts first 4 women

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) — One of the first four women accepted to Virginia Military Institute may instead go someplace else, even though her mother had a role in the lengthy court case that opened VMI's doors to women.

Lauren Wagner still wants a military education, but she's really more interested in the Air Force Academy. The 18-year-old is a lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol and is working toward a private pilot's license.

"I want to be a career officer in the U.S. Air Force," said Miss Wagner.

VMI, which does not emphasize aviation, is her backup choice, she said. She has until Jan. 15 to accept VMI's offer.

Her mother, attorney Eileen Wagner, sounded relieved.

"I'm not all that enthusiastic that she'd be the one to beat down the trail," said Mrs. Wagner, who filed a friend-of-the-court brief in 1993 on the VMI case on behalf of a group of women attorneys.