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Bush proposes $84.7 billion budget for 1998-99

$4 billion higher than 96-97 proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush today proposed an $84.7 billion budget for the two-year period that begins later this year.

Albert Hawkins, the governor's budget chief, today told the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee that Bush believes there will about $988 million in revenue left over from the 1996-97 budget that can be used in the next budget.

Comptroller John Sharp has estimated a $688 million surplus.

Hawkins said the additional $300 million comes from lower-than-expected caseloads at the departments of Health, Criminal Justice, and Health and Human Services. Each of those agencies, Hawkins said, has been directed not to spend money budgeted for cases that have not materialized.

"In looking at 1997, they took a conservative approach," Hawkins said of the comptroller's surplus estimate. "We know those agencies have been directed not to spend those funds."

Bush's budget proposal is $1.4 billion higher than the $83.3 billion budget proposal state lawmakers already are considering. The governor's proposal also is $4 billion higher, or 4.9 percent, than his 1996-1997 proposal.

The budget includes $1 billion for local property tax cuts and additional spending for education, health and human services, public safety and criminal justice agencies.

General government spending, which covers Bush's office, the comptroller's office and other statewide elected offices, would be cut by $87.5 million from the 1996-97 budget.

"The governor's budget increases funding for several of his priorities," his office said. "Gov. Bush's budget also leaves more than $237 million unspent and available for additional priorities that emerge during the legislative session."

'The Hobbit' scheduled at Worsham Auditorium

"The Hobbit," a Snyder High School drama department production, will be on stage Friday and Saturday at Worsham Auditorium.

Curtain time is 7:30 nightly. Tickets, available at the door, are $3 each.

"This play has become a children's classic over the years," said drama director Jerry Worsham. "But it has something to appeal to every age group."

The cast includes L.S. McClain as Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit; Ryan Landes as Gandalf, a great wizard; and Mac McCraw as Thorin, leader of the dwarfs.

Others are Joey Steakley and Christina Bullard as dwarfs Kili and Fili; Colby Stoker and Scott Love as dwarfs Oin and Bofur; Andy Parker and Mark Rodriguez as dwarfs Dwalin and Balin; Kade Kubena as the dwarf Bombur; and Kevin Taylor as Gloin, an intellectual dwarf.

Cole Jackson plays the grocery boy while Corey Knipe, Amy Brooks and Matt Billings play trolls Bert, Essie and Tom. Reid Johnson plays Gollum, a slimy creature.

Melanie Gibson plays the elfin queen. Elf guards are Tara Kincaid, Brandi Handcock and Shala Gilliland. And Reid Johnson plays Smaug, the dragon.

Assistant to the director is Eldon Scott.



MAKING IT RIGHT — Brad Runnels, of A&B Construction, checks out some measurements at the Wright Colonial Funeral Home which is being built in the 200 block of East 37th Street. Builders have targeted March 1 as the completion date. (SDN Staff Photo)

St. Mary pact on CMH agenda

Consideration of a management contract with St. Mary Hospital of Lubbock is among the items on the agenda Thursday morning for Cogdell Hospital's board of managers.

Also on the agenda is reorganization of the board, including recognizing out-going members Ted Crenwelge and Sue Mize and swearing-in of new members Dr. Mark Weaver and E.D. Walton.

Election of officers will follow the swearing-in.

The meeting will begin at 8 a.m, in the hospital board room.

Cogdell Hospital has been operating under a management contract with St. Mary for the past nine years. The most recent contract was to have expired at the end of 1996 but is continuing after both parties signed a 30-day extension.

The proposed three-year contract has a key clause that separates it from previous contracts between the two healthcare organizations. This contract includes an at-risk agreement, whereby St. Mary would fund 50 percent of any operating loss incurred by Cogdell, up to $400,000. St. Mary would also share in any operating gain, again at 50 percent, up to $400,000.

Those limits would effectively be $200,000 since $200,000 is half, or 50 percent of $400,000.

The clause excludes tax funds and disproportionate share monies.

Consideration of the contract comes on the heels of an offer by Community Health Systems on Monday to lease Cogdell Hospital for a 30-year period. The lease agreement would include an up-front payment of $5 million and other payments that would make $9,838,973 available to the county at the signing of the lease. In addition, Community Health Systems would fund a minimum of $3 million in capital expenditures and improvements at the hospital over the next four years and would pay the county $250,000 annually beginning in the sixth year of the lease. The firm would also pay local taxes in an estimated amount of $200,000. The county's subsidy of some $395,000 annually would be eliminated.

Despite the lease proposal from the Tennessee firm, Cogdell's board of managers is expected to approve the three-year pact with St. Mary on Thursday. The contract could be rescinded at anytime by giving 180-day notice.

Other items on the agenda are routine and include the medical, financial and nursing reports, approval of previous minutes and accounts payable.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A flying rumor never has difficulty making a landing."

Dayton Robertson, engineer for Y-Z Industries and Snyder city councilman, at least has an excuse.

The only thing we can come up with concerning David Harrell is that he's been hanging around too much with Dayton — an Aggie.

Harrell, owner of Lone Star Cleaners, and Robertson went south a couple of weeks ago to run a 26-mile marathon in Houston.

Not only did they run — and finish — the Snyder duo ran the course in 25-degree weather.

Running in the cold, even for a long time, has to be more sane than running with the bulls in Spain.

But if they ever hold a bull-shooting competition, Snyder can offer up professional competitors.

Talking about being fast, one needs to be in a city like Houston.

A witness told the court he had heard two shots. The attorney asked him how far apart the shots had been.

The witness slapped has hands together twice to indicate an interval of less than a second.

The attorney asked, "Where where you when you heard the first shot?"

The witness answered, "I was in my hotel room next door."

"Where were you when the second shot was fired?"

"At the airport, buying a ticket back home."

Running five miles a day was once offered as advice to a man who was having trouble getting along with his wife.

The marriage counselor suggested, in order to relieve stress, that the man run five miles a day and then call him in a week.

The man did call and the counselor asked how things were going with him and his wife.

"Great," said the man. "I'm 35 miles away."

Jury still deliberating in Simpson civil trial

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — For a second time, in a second trial, a jury began deliberating whether O.J. Simpson, once a hero, is really a killer.

The seven-woman, five-man panel got the wrongful-death case at 2:26 p.m. Tuesday and deliberated for two hours — about half the time it took the criminal trial jury to acquit Simpson of murder in 1995.

Deliberations, which resume today, started after a theatrical finish by plaintiff lawyer Daniel Petrocelli. He waved a wad of $20 bills in front of Simpson and accused him of cheapening the lives and memories of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

That followed Monday's powerful summation from Simpson's lead attorney, Robert Baker, who contended the plaintiffs failed to prove their case and pleaded with jurors to give Simpson back his life.

The jurors, who have not been sequestered, listened to nearly five days of summations from seven lawyers, four for the three plaintiffs and three from the Simpson defense team.

The trial featured 43 days of testimony consuming about 8,000 pages of transcripts. There were hundreds of pieces of evidence, from DNA test results to a pair of bloody leather gloves.

The relatives of Ms. Simpson and Goldman are suing Simpson, claiming he slashed the two to death on June 12, 1994, outside Ms. Simpson's Brentwood condo. If found liable, Simpson could be ordered to pay millions.

In his final words to the jury, Petrocelli responded to defense arguments that the wrongful-death claim was baseless and that anyone paying a $200 fee can file such a lawsuit. He took out some bills and waved them in front of Simpson.

"In their zeal to get your verdict, have they become so insensitive to the greatest of human tragedies, the loss of life ... that they tell you it costs $200 to file a lawsuit?" Petrocelli said.

"Mr. Simpson, here's $200. Give ... my client back his son!"

Baker rose from his seat and yelled back: "Give it up! Give it up!"

"Give my client back his son and we will march out of here in a heartbeat," Petrocelli raged.

Simpson showed no reaction.

Intersection claims back-to-back wrecks

Two vehicles, including a Snyder patrol car, wrecked at the same intersection Tuesday evening in separate, but related incidents.

Police Sgt. Brian Haggard was driving a 1996 Ford when it overturned at the intersection of County Road 127 and 1137 around 9 p.m. The accident occurred as Haggard was trying to locate a 1986 Chevrolet Camaro which he had clocked going 73 mph in a 50 mile zone on North College Avenue.

The Camaro had also wrecked at the intersection. Haggard witnessed the driver fleeing into a field.

A search by DPS troopers, deputies and city officers failed to find the driver. The search was called off around 11 p.m.

The suspect had not been located this morning, although officers have a possible identity.

DPS troopers responded to a one-vehicle roll-over at 7:35 a.m. Tuesday, 10 miles west of Snyder on U.S. Highway 84. Involved was a 1996 Ford owned by Hertz, Inc., and driven by Tonia Anzjon of Missouri. A Snyder EMS ambulance was dispatached to the accident, but the woman refused treatment.

Deputies were called to the area of the Hermleigh schools at 4:20 p.m. in reference to a report of a fight. A 12-year-old male juvenile was transported to Cogdell Hospital as a result of the assault. He was treated and released at the emergency room.

At 6:24 p.m., a 14-year-old juvenile who had been involved in the assault was reported as a runaway. He was later taken into custody by deputies and released to the juvenile probation officer. The youth was transported to the juvenile detention center in Sweetwater.

ASK US

Q—How can someone get in touch with the Make A Wish Foundation?

A—The nearest chapter is in Odessa. Send mail to 521 West 10th Street, Odessa, TX 79761 or call (915) 550-9474.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 45 degrees; low, 19; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 20; no precipitation; total for 1997, .42 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low, mid 20s. N-NE wind 10-20 mph becoming variable 5-10 mph after midnight. Thursday, partly cloudy. High, mid 50s. Variable wind 5-15 mph.



Gabrielle Ivey
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:16 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:38 a.m.
Of 28 days in 1997, the sun has shone 25 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If I had eight hours to chop down a tree, I'd spend six sharpening my axe.

- Abraham Lincoln



NEW SITE — Karen and Keith Herrley are owners of the Pizza Inn, now open at its new location at 3907 College Ave. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Pizza Inn open at new location

The Pizza Inn is now located at 3907 College Ave. Keith and Karen Herrley, owners, recently moved the business from 912 25th Street.

"We made the move because this location has higher traffic volumn, more visibility and is more convenient for customers," Herrley said.

They employ 18 people and the main menu consists of a variety of pizzas, stromboli, pasta, sandwiches, salad bar and pizzerts.

The restaurant has a drive-through window on the north side of the building. Deliveries are also available by calling 573-3542.

Daily business hours are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The present location was formerly Reta and Mike Graham's Cake Shop and Texas Bar-B-Q. After the Herrleys purchased the business, they changed the name to Outwest Barbecue.

Mrs. Herrley said she is continuing the tuxedo service and invitations. Space is also available for parties and group meetings.

Holiday Inn drops transexual ad

ATLANTA (AP) — Holiday Inn's TV ad featuring a transsexual was pulled quickly after its Super Bowl premiere because some people found it offensive.

The ad, aimed at dramatizing the company's $1 billion renovation program, showed a woman drawing admiring glances at a class reunion. She turns out to be a male alumnus who had a sex-change operation.

"We understand that the ad has offended some people. That was never our intention, and that's why I have today taken the action to discontinue any further broadcast of the Super Bowl ad," John Sweetwood, executive vice president and chief marketing officer for Holiday Inn Worldwide, said Tuesday.

The company said it aired the ad because consumer sampling prior to its broadcast showed many people liked it. The commercial ran in the second half of the telecast of Green Bay's 35-21 victory over New England.

On Monday, Holiday Inn spokesman Craig Smith said about two dozen people called corporate headquarters in Atlanta about the commercial, and half of them liked it.

Gary Schahet, head of the hotel's franchise owner group, said about 30 calls came into the association's offices from franchisees and were 5-to-1 in support of the ad.

Bush seeks lottery funds for education

AUSTIN (AP) — Many Texans believe it. Some state lawmakers wanted it. And now it's time to do it, Gov. George W. Bush says of earmarking state lottery funds for public education.

In his State of the State address, Bush on Tuesday said the public's confusion over revenues from the 4½-year-old lottery should be resolved by dedicating the money — nearly $4 billion since the games began in May 1992 — to a trust fund for public education.

"We should end the confusion and earn the trust of many Texans by dedicating all the proceeds from the lottery to the school trust," Bush said.

Income from the lottery is not earmarked for education in Texas. Money from the games goes to the state's general fund. Most state spending, including school funding, comes from that account.

But when lawmakers approved the lottery in 1991, some said the revenues should be dedicated to education. That didn't make it into the law, but it stuck with many Texans, says Karen Hughes, a spokeswoman for Bush.

Ms. Hughes said the lottery already adds more funds to education even though it's not dedicated. But she said nearly 90 percent of Texans believe lawmakers dedicated lottery money for schools.

"It's a credibility issue," Ms. Hughes said. "(The governor) thinks the people of Texas were led to believe that the lottery funds would go to education."

Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo and chairman of the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee, calls the idea "a shell game."

"It doesn't raise a dam nickel for more money for education. We just back out the general revenue that's going there," he said.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson and head of the House Public Education Committee agrees. But he said it could be time to put the question to rest.

"I think members of the Legislature have been asked so many times about that issue that there is such a general level of frustration of 'Fine, if that's what everyone wants, let's just do it,'" he said.

Of the nation's 37 lotteries, 16 dedicate all or part of their revenues to education, according to the National Association of State and Provincial Lotteries in Cleveland. It's not clear whether the lottery money in those states is added to state education funds or whether they replace other state education funds, said David Gale, executive director of the group.

Leticia Vasquez, a spokeswoman for the Texas Lottery, said the agency won't take a position on the idea.

"We don't make policy," she said. "We'll do what we're told to do."

Selena's killer not entitled to new trial, state judge says

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The former fan club president convicted in the shooting death of Tejano singing star Selena does not deserve a new trial because records she claimed are missing never were admitted into evidence, the judge who presided over her trial says.

"All exhibits which were properly marked, offered and admitted into the record are accounted for and are in the custody of the 14th Court of Appeals," State District Judge Mike Westergren said Tuesday.

The judge, responding to a request from the 14th Court of Appeals, said he told a clerk or other court employee to make a box of documents subpoenaed from the singer's father part of the trial record even though he did not allow them into evidence.

His instruction, however, was not followed and the judge said none of the court clerks or court reporters recalls receiving such directions, he said.

Westergren said it was up to Ms. Saldivar, serving a life prison term for the March 1995 shooting of Selena Quintanilla Perez, 23, to make sure a sufficient record was presented to show her case should be overturned.

He noted Ms. Saldivar never made the documents part of the trial record for review by the appeals court. In addition, he said, most of the papers that remained in the Houston courtroom after the October 1995 trial were delivered to Ms. Saldivar's attorneys.

The appeals court, which is reviewing Ms. Saldivar's conviction and sentence, asked for an explanation about the claims of missing records, prompting Westergren to hold an evidentiary hearing earlier this month in Houston.

Nueces County prosecutor Carlos Valdez said the judge's finding supported his contention nothing was missing.

"It goes a long way in resolving this one issue of the missing records by the court finding what we've been saying all along, that all the exhibits are present and accounted for," he said.

Attorneys for Ms. Saldivar, who is not eligible for parole until 2025, contended the records were critical to her appeal because trial witnesses should not have been allowed to testify about their belief that she embezzled money from the singer.

There was no immediate comment from Ms. Saldivar's attorney. A telephone message left for her lawyer, Patrick McGuire, was not immediately returned.

During a Jan. 13 evidentiary hearing in Houston, Westergren acknowledged he had a box of financial files that belonged to the singer's father, Abraham Quintanilla Jr., and that he directed the court clerk or other court employees to include it in the trial record.

The files were brought to Houston when Westergren granted a change of venue for the murder trial, moving it from Selena's hometown of Corpus Christi to Harris County because of widespread news coverage.

Berry's World



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"How would you feel if you had to balance the budget, do something about education, fix campaign spending, get Medicare...?"

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is doctor's diagnosis wrong?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am in high school and going to college, but my studies and interpersonal relations are being upset by excessive sweating and nervousness, weight loss, rapid pulse, heat intolerance, emotional instability and other symptoms. My doctor prescribed Xanax and told me I was just "high-strung." However, I've done some reading and believe that I have hyperthyroidism. How can this be diagnosed? I don't have much money or any health insurance, but could I be correct?

DEAR READER: Indeed you could be, and probably are. In my opinion, your doctor missed the boat, because weight loss and heat intolerance are not ordinarily caused by anxiety.

An overactive thyroid gland (hyperthyroidism) speeds up metabolism, leading to the very symptoms you described. Frankly, I'm somewhat astounded that your doctor failed to consider this diagnosis, when your symptoms are so characteristic.

No matter. It's not too late to straighten things out. Hyperthyroidism can be diagnosed by a simple and relatively inexpensive blood test, called a "T3/T4." Of course, in the presence of a thyroid disorder, physicians prefer to obtain other tests as well, including an ultrasound and, perhaps, a thyroid scan. Nevertheless, the T3/T4 analysis will give you the answer you seek. Then you can begin therapy with anti-thyroid medication.

Either return to your doctor and show him my answer to your question or — better yet — find a new doctor who is a more alert diagnostician, such as an internist.

You deserve kudos for carrying out such sensible research on your condition. This skill should serve you well in college. Good luck.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have toenail fungus and am trying your remedy of soaking my feet twice a day in LaPacho tea. Is there some sort of time frame for treatment? I am not looking forward to performing this chore for many months.

DEAR READER: Toenail fungus is usually very resistant to any treatment, because therapy that kills the fungus must do so at the nail bed, where the nail is formed. As everyone knows, toenails grow very slowly, so treatment customarily takes several months.

Since I wrote my original column about soaking fungus-infected toenails in herbal LaPacho tea, two new prescription drugs — Sporanox and Lamisil — have become available. Although expensive, these treatments have — in medical studies — been shown to be effective in curing toenail fungus. However, the pills must be taken for at least three months, usually longer.

I'm afraid that you are looking at a long-term commitment for this common condition, regardless of the form of therapy you choose.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Strike ends for GM's Ohio plant

MORAINE, Ohio (AP) — Workers returned to their jobs today at a General Motors Corp. truck assembly plant, ending a three-day strike after negotiators reached a tentative agreement on a new contract.

GM agreed to settle all grievances, which included disputes over overtime and sick days, the International Union of Electronic Workers said.

Production at the Moraine plant resumed at about 5 a.m. today, said GM spokesman Jim Hagedon. The plant in this Dayton suburb makes the Oldsmobile Bravada, Chevrolet Blazer and GMC Jimmy.

Jim Marlow, shop chairman for IUE Local 801, predicted the plant's 4,300 workers would approve the contract during voting on Thursday and Friday.

The strike began Sunday after workers rejected a three-year contract proposal.

Border shooting causing controversy

EL PASO (AP) — Violence is inevitable as long as the military is involved in border law enforcement operations and eventually even non-threatening crossers could bear the brunt, civil rights groups say.

Pointing to the weekend shooting of an alleged Mexican bandit by a U.S. soldier as proof, immigration advocates said putting battle-trained troops into law enforcement situations may have dangerous consequences.

"We can't underscore enough the danger that we could see killings on the border," Roberto Martinez, a San Diego immigration activist, said Tuesday. "The kind of training they get, it's always us against the enemy and they may have trouble distinguishing (during potential confrontations) between the unarmed civilian crossing the border to come to work and the drug smuggler."

Six soldiers from the 5th U.S. Special Forces Group based at Fort Campbell, Ky., were assisting the Border Patrol in an anti-drug surveillance operation Friday when they saw a group of men wade across the Rio Grande near Brownsville.

The crossers were robbed by a bandit. The soldiers reported the incident to the Border Patrol while remaining in position. A federal law that forbids the military from performing civilian law enforcement functions prevented them from intervening.

Three other armed men then appeared. A man with a pistol stumbled across one of the soldiers and when ordered to stop, opened fire, according to Border Patrol officials.

The solider, who has not been identified by the military, returned fire with his M-16 rifle.

Cesario Vasquez, 30, of Matamoros, Mexico, was wounded slightly in the left shoulder. He was in stable condition Tuesday at a Brownsville hospital, where he was in the custody of local and federal authorities.

The other men fled.

The military is investigating the shooting.

But preliminary findings indicate the soldier did comply with regulations that allow military personnel to defend themselves, although troops in such operations are generally forbidden to confront suspects, said Maureen Bossch, spokeswoman for Joint Task Force Six.

The El Paso-based task force coordinates anti-drug operations involving the military and civilian authorities and set up the surveillance exercise in Brownsville.

Maria Jimenez, director of the Immigration Law Enforcement Monitoring Project in Houston, said there is a problem in that "the military has only one response, which is shoot to kill."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 01-29-97
♠ Q J 4
♥ A 3
♦ Q J 10 2
♣ Q 5 4 3

West
♠ 9 6
♥ 9 8 2
♦ 7 5 4 3
♣ 10 9 8 6

East
♠ 10 8 5 2
♥ 7 6 4
♦ A K 9 8
♣ 7 2

South
♠ A K 7 3
♥ K Q J 10 5
♦ 6
♣ A K J

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	6 ♠!	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

From the real world

By Phillip Alder

Do you sometimes think that bridge columns don't feature the game from the real world, the "real world" being the macrocosm occupied by players below the expert strata? I do! So, to try to balance the books, as it were, I present this deal. It was reported by Robin Young, from Blenheim, in the October 1996 issue of New Zealand Bridge.

South opened two clubs, showing either a balanced hand with at least 23 high-card points or, as here, an unbalanced game-force. North gave the balanced positive response of two no-trump. Then, over the natural three-heart rebid, North used two doses of Blackwood. (The second spoonful was an "error." If you follow four no-trump with five no-trump, you guarantee that all four aces are held. Here, as an ace was missing, North should have bid the final contract — not that he knew where to go.) Finally, when South bid six spades to show three kings, North also bid six spades!

East objected to this and called for the tournament director. The TD gave East the option of accepting the bid, but East declined to do so. Now North had to change his insufficient bid.

You or I — well, I — would have opted for six no-trump. Then, East would have had no trouble in doubling and cashing two diamond tricks. But somehow North found a pass! And when West didn't lead a diamond, South drew trumps and claimed 13 tricks: four spades, five hearts and four clubs.

Now you've seen a pair make a slam in a suit never bid naturally!

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Grand jury clears daughter in 'vampire cult' slayings

TAVARES, Fla. (AP) — A 15-year-old girl has been cleared in the so-called vampire cult killings of her parents.

Heather Wendorf testified for two hours before a grand jury, which found no probable cause that she helped bludgeon Richard and Naoma Ruth Wendorf to death on Nov. 25.

Four other teen-agers have been charged with murder. Police said they were part of a cult that drank each other's blood.

Heather, who had been held in a juvenile detention center since being arrested shortly after the slayings, was released Tuesday. Her lawyer, James Hope, said she would try to rebuild her life with the help of a court-appointed guardian.

"She was near hysterical crying," Hope said of the girl's reaction when he called with the news. "It doesn't change the fact that she has been orphaned by the murders. But it certainly gives her some reprieve."

State Attorney Brad King agreed with the grand jury's decision.

"They did what was right," he said. "We spent a lot of time together going through the evidence."

The grand jury cited recantations by two witnesses, inconsistencies in witness statements and the unreliability of witnesses.

Heather told police she no idea her friends had killed her parents before stealing the family car.

One of the accused, Rod Ferrell, 16, was Heather's boyfriend. He was indicted along with Scott Anderson and Charity Keesee, both 16, and Dana Cooper, 19.

Ferrell, of Kentucky, once went to school in Heather's hometown of Eustis, about 30 miles northwest of Orlando and she wanted to run away with him, she told police. The group planned to go to New Orleans and were arrested three days later in Louisiana driving the Wendorf car.

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ACROSS

1 — in Cincinnati
5 Attention-getting sound
9 Roman 905
12 At the drop of — —
13 Volume
14 Roman three
15 Storyteller
17 Type of shirt
18 Compass pt.
19 Organ for hearing
20 Kasparov's game
22 Heart
23 Life story
24 Rare gas
27 Mournful cry (3 wds.)
31 Do farm work
32 — the Boss?
33 Lincoln or Ford
34 Contemporary painter
35 Actress Moran
36 Gully
37 Junior
39 Sailing ship
40 Electrified particle
41 Mother of Mlle.
42 Not suitable
45 Hawaiian volcano, Mauna —
46 Fair grade
49 Actress Charisse
50 Holding steadfast
53 Guided
54 Scorch
55 Actor Alan —
56 — — loss
57 Type of bag
58 Many (2 wds.)

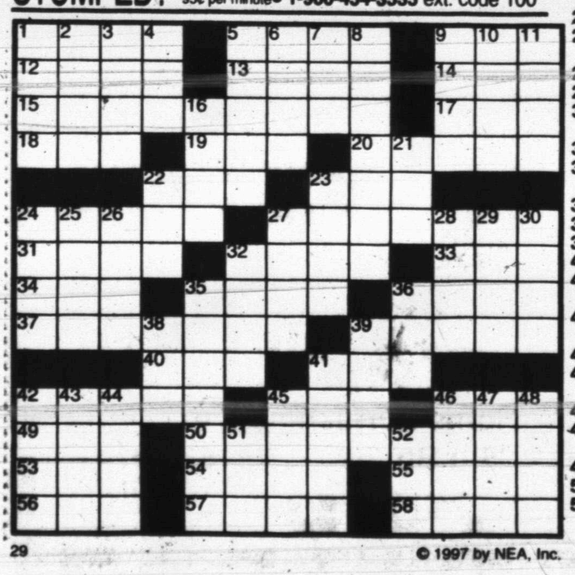
DOWN

1 Caution
2 Ali —
3 Marathon
4 Turn the page (abbr.)
5 Perfume ingredient
6 Cultivator
7 Flightless bird
8 Tender — (Robert Duvall movie)
9 Mention
10 Architect — van der Rohe
11 Contends
16 Gas for signs
21 — poilloi
22 One with a beat?
23 Blessing
24 Medical picture
25 Architect Saarinen
26 Small deer
27 Fluttering sound
28 Injury mark
29 Manufactured
30 Journalist Sevareid
32 Small bird
35 Conceited person
36 Tiny
38 Bite
39 Dec. holiday
41 Watered silk
42 W. Coast coll.
43 Soviet refusal
44 Sand lizard
45 Future attys.' exam
46 Con's room
47 Opposite of ecto
48 Coup d' —
51 New (pref.)
52 Chinese pagoda

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	H	S		A	H	A	T		A	H	A	B
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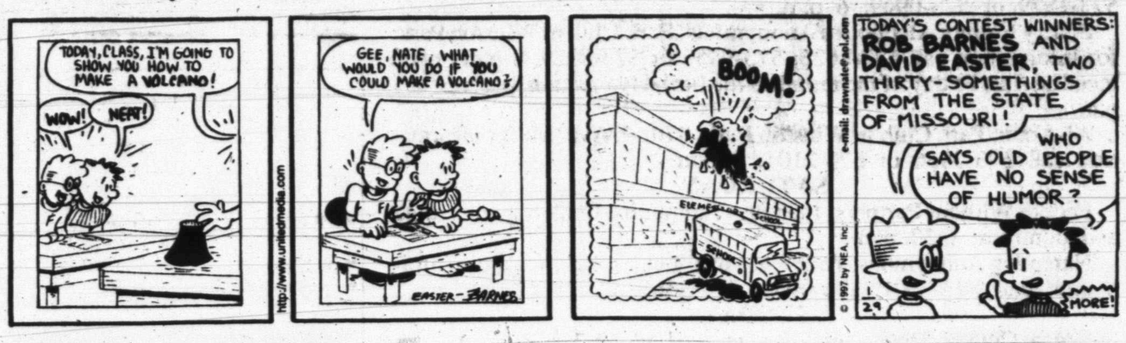
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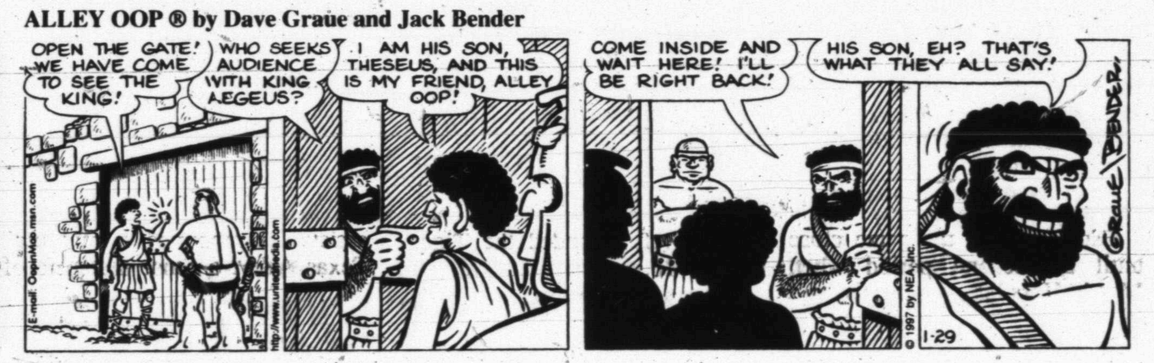


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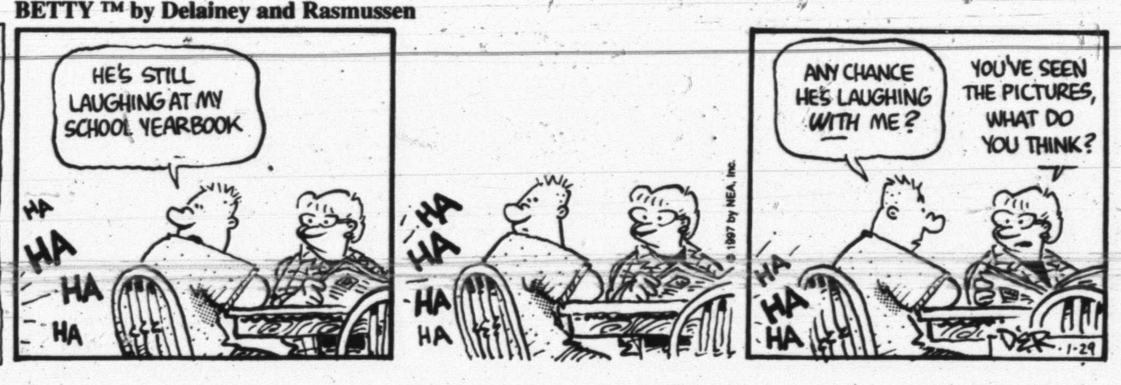
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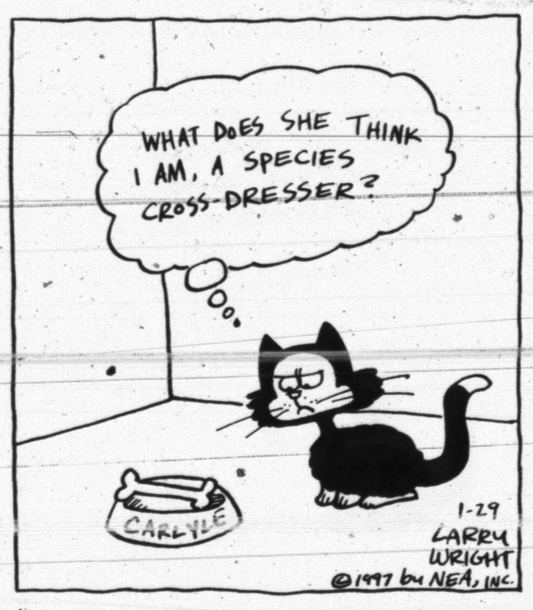
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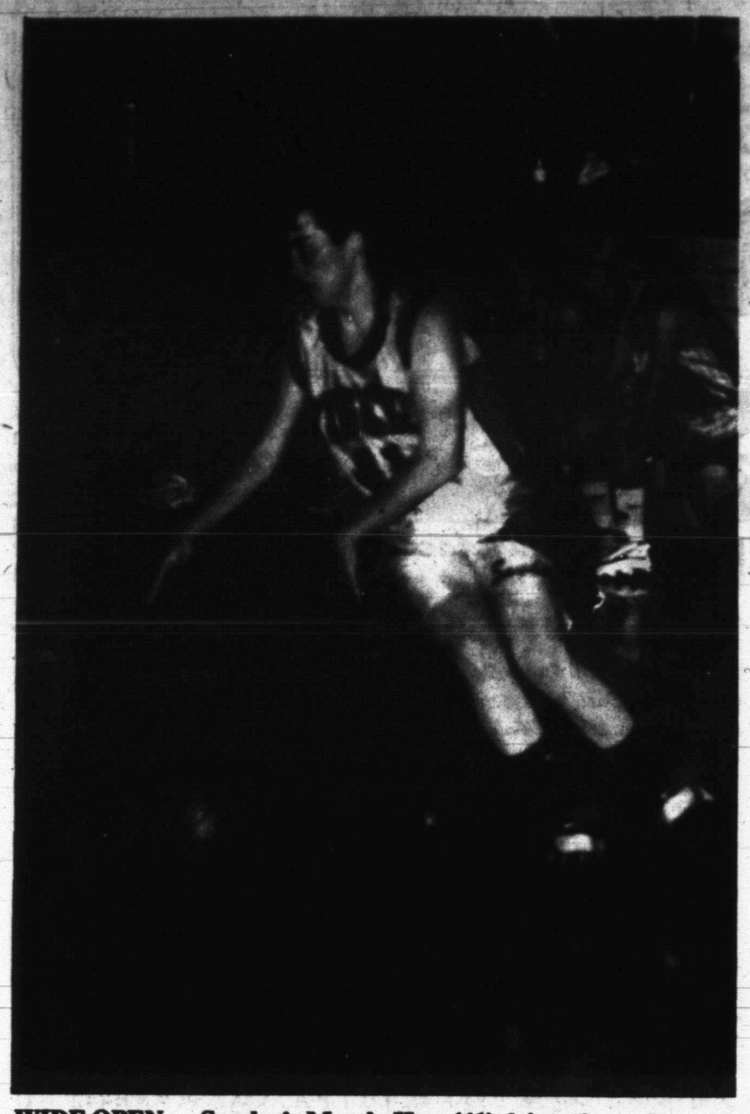
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"The opening goes in the *back*, Mr. Foster!"





WIDE OPEN — Snyder's Mandy Hess (41) drives down the court in the Lady Tigers' 68-54 win over Estacado Tuesday night. Hess finished with four points as Snyder improved its district record to 4-5. The Lady Tigers will play their final game of the season this Friday when they travel to Plainview to meet the Lady Bulldogs (Photo by Stephanie Whittenburg)

In tie for first...

Snyder Tigers thump Mats

By Jamie Sharp
Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers came out with their fangs bared ready to devour the Estacado Matadors, and they did just that.

The Tigers handed the number one team in the district a convincing, 69-49, loss, putting the Tigers in a three-way tie for first in District 2-4A.

Rick Henderson, the area's leading scorer, hit a game high 29 points, 13 above his average. The senior was the spark for the Tigers, shooting a red-hot 68 percent from the floor. As a team, the Tigers were equally impressive, shooting a steady 56 percent from the field.

Snyder came out of the locker room fired up and ready to avenge the loss the Matadors had handed them earlier this season. Jimmy Taylor scored the Tigers' first bucket of the night on an inside spin move. The scoring from down low would become a pattern for the night, despite Estacado's 6-5" Charles Woodruff

At the 5-minute mark, Taylor blocked an Estacado shot and fired the ball down court to Ramsey Castillo who banged a trey, breaking a 4-4 tie. The Tigers never relinquished the lead, and Snyder held a 20-14 lead at the buzzer.

The first period saw the Tigers shoot 76 percent from the field, and although they dropped to 46 percent in the second, Snyder's smothering defense kept the Matadors from getting back in the game.

Henderson and Taylor were the stars of the second, with Henderson scoring eight and Taylor hitting for six. Two of Taylor's six came on a break-away dunk that electrified the partisan crowd, giving the Tigers a 26-16 pad with 5:30 left in the first half. When the buzzer sounded at intermission, the Tigers enjoyed a 35-22 lead.

Snyder continued to dominate in the second half, scoring 34 to Estacado's 27. Snyder ruled the third period, hitting shots at will and continuing to keep Estacado on its heels with pressure defense. Taylor and Henderson continued their stellar offensive play, along with Matthew Fambro and David Smith's defensive efforts. The Tigers scored eight unanswered points in the final two minutes of the third and Snyder led 49-34 going into the final stanza.

The fourth quarter saw the Tigers camp out at the charity stripe, as Estacado was forced to take too many chances on defense. Snyder made the Mats pay, hitting 11 out of 12.

Tiger reserve Geff Loper came off the bench, and with 45 seconds left, hit a three in the corner to put an exclamation point on the Tigers' victory.

"We played great defense all night long," said Coach Bud Birks. "and were able to execute our offense effectively against a very quick defense."

Taylor finished the night with 14, while Castillo added five. Smith and Chris Riggins each bagged four, and Loper and Fambro nailed three each. Jeremiah Johnson contributed two.

The Tigers' district tally stands at 5-2, and their season mark at 19-10. Estacado fell to 5-2, and 13-14 for the season. Snyder is now tied with Estacado and Plainview for first place in the district, and the Tigers travel to Plainview for a crucial contest Friday night. Estacado hosts Levelland.

The JV boys were unable to duplicate the varsity performance, as Snyder was upended by Estacado, 57-40.



29 POINTS — Snyder senior Rick Henderson paced the Tigers with 29 points in a 69-49 win over Estacado Tuesday night. The Tigers are now in a three-way tie for first in District 2-4A with the Matadors and Plainview. The Tigers travel to Plainview Friday night. (SDN Staff Photo)

Boys basketball 2-4A Glance

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	5	2	19	10
Estacado	5	2	13	14
Plainview	5	2	15	12
Levelland	4	3	12	18
Lamesa	2	5	18	9
Frenship	0	7	12	16

Tuesday's Results: Snyder 69, Estacado 49; Levelland 51, Frenship 38; Plainview 64, Lamesa 44.

Friday's Games: Snyder at Plainview; Frenship at Lamesa; Levelland at Estacado.

Sports Briefs

Tech hosts No. 1 Kansas

LUBBOCK (AP) — James Dickey has faith in his basketball prognosticating. After all, he came through last season with his preseason pick of Kentucky to win it all.

The Texas Tech coach today faces his choice for the 1997 championship.

"I think (Kansas) is the best team in the country," Dickey said of the No. 1 Jayhawks. "And I think they're head and shoulders above everyone the league."

Dickey is in crowded company right now. The Jayhawks are 20-0, including a 6-0 Big 12 mark, and they own the top spot on all 70 Associated Press poll ballots.

No. 22 Texas Tech (13-4, 5-2), which on Saturday lost at now-No. 11 Iowa State 64-61, gets a break with the absence of Kansas center Scot Pollard, out for a month with a fractured left foot.

As they were at Colorado, the Jayhawks will be greeted by a rare capacity crowd at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Baylor surprises Longhorns

WACO (AP) — In his ninth year as Texas coach, Tom Penders is hard to shock.

But Baylor's Damond Mannon sent a jolt through the Longhorns' court boss Tuesday night by banking in a 3-pointer with 21 seconds to play to give the lowly Bears a 76-72 win over No. 23-ranked Texas.

Mannon launched his bomb from about 23 feet and banked it home off the glass. Penders could only stare in wonder of how a possible victory was lost.

"When something like that goes in, you know it wasn't meant to be," he said. "I don't know, the basketball gods. ... I've never seen anything like it."

The upset was all the more startling considering that the Bears had won only one of its six Big 12 Conference games and the win was the first for Baylor (13-7, 2-6 Big 12) against a ranked opponent since the Bears upset Arkansas in 1990.

Aggies nudge Missouri

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Brian Barone had only 4 points, but the Texas A&M freshman point guard was all over the floor, literally, against Missouri.

Barone, the son of Aggies head coach Tony Barone, had six assists, six rebounds, a steal and only one turnover, directing a Texas A&M defense that held off Missouri in a 61-57 victory Tuesday night.

"It really pumps us up to see him dive on the floor after loose balls. His hustle gets the crowd pumped up as well," said Shanne Jones, whose career-high 21 points led A&M (8-9, 2-5 Big 12).

After an 0-5 start in the inaugural Big 12 season, the Aggies now have two straight wins, counting Saturday's 76-67 victory over Kansas State.

"These last two victories are really a confidence builder for us. It lets the rest of the conference know that we are here and have to be reckoned with," Jones said.

Missouri (10-10, 2-6) went on a 14-4 run late in the game, but the Aggies made six free throws in the final minute to preserve the victory.

IRS wants $8.3 million from Jones

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service claims Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and his wife owe $8.3 million in back taxes and penalties from 1992, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today.

The newspaper said Jones and his wife, Gene, are contesting the matter in U.S. Tax Court, with the couple's tax lawyers saying that such disputes with the IRS are not uncommon and won't affect the team.

An IRS spokesman would not comment on the case, but an IRS lawyer told the newspaper about 95 percent of tax disputes are settled before they reach a tax court judge for a ruling.

Snyder sweeps Lady Mats, 68-54

By Jamie Sharp
Sports Editor

The Lady Tigers took their second game in a row from the Lady Matadors in a 68-54 district win Tuesday night,

Estacado kept the game close until the second period when Mandy Hess hit a jumper that put the Lady Tigers on top 17-16. Snyder never trailed again.

The first period was a see-saw battle that saw the contest deadlocked at 14 when the buzzer sounded. The game was tied four times in the quarter, and there were five lead changes before the period ended.

The second period saw Snyder take the lead for good. The Lady Tigers shot a miserable seven percent from the field, but Estacado sent Snyder to the line eight times in the quarter. The Lady Tigers hit 10 out of 15 for 66 percent. Snyder scored eight unanswered points in the final 2:30 minutes of the half to take a 28-21 lead into the locker room.

Darla Blackwell and Tiffany Garza scored the Tigers' first nine points in the third, with Blackwell draining a trey and a jumper for five, and Garza hitting for four. Shannon Hall's jumper with one minute remaining put the Lady Tigers up 45-30, giving Snyder its largest margin of the game. A charity toss by Garza with 17 seconds left extended the Tiger lead to 16.

Garza continued her offensive show at the beginning of the fourth, hitting a trey to put Snyder up 49-34. Not to be outdone by her teammate, Blackwell hit a three of her own, putting the Lady Tigers on top, 52-39. Erica Garvin got into the act, scoring on consecutive baskets late in the period, and the Tigers walked away with the win.

"We played really well from the get go." said Coach Rick Archer. "We had balanced scoring and a great effort by the whole team."

Garza finished the night with a game high 20 points to pace the Lady Tigers. Garvin followed with 10, while Blackwell bagged nine. Alicia Peoples added eight, and Melanie Kidd nailed seven. Hall contributed six, while Hess knocked down four. Brooke McGuire and Jamie Burleson rounded out the Tiger scoring with two apiece.

The Lady Tigers stand at 4-5 in district play, and 17-12 for the season. Estacado fell to 0-9 in loop play, and 2-24 for the season.

The Lady Tigers will continue their district schedule when they travel to Plainview Friday night to take on the Lady Bulldogs.

The JV girls could not top the Lady Mats, losing 52-37.

NBA at glance

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Miami	31	12	.721	-
NewYork	31	13	.705	½
Washington	22	21	.512	9
Orlando	19	20	.487	10
NewJersey	11	30	.268	19
Boston	9	31	.225	20½
Philadelphia	9	33	.214	21½
Central Division				
Chicago	38	5	.884	-
Detroit	31	11	.738	6½
Atlanta	29	12	.707	8
Charlotte	25	18	.581	13
Cleveland	24	18	.571	13½
Milwaukee	21	22	.488	17
Indiana	19	22	.463	18
Toronto	15	27	.357	22½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	32	11	.744	-
Utah	30	13	.698	2
Minnesota	19	24	.442	13
Dallas	14	27	.341	17
Denver	13	31	.295	19½
SanAntonio	11	29	.275	19½
Vancouver	8	38	.174	25½
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	32	12	.727	-
Seattle	30	13	.698	1½
Portland	25	19	.568	7
Sacramento	19	25	.432	13
GoldenState	17	25	.405	14
L.A.Clippers	16	25	.390	14½
Phoenix	15	28	.349	16½

Monday's Games
Miami 125, Phoenix 97
Golden State 122, Vancouver 97

Tuesday's Games
Toronto 120, Portland 84
New York 109, Boston 107
Cleveland 84, New Jersey 62
Washington 102, Orlando 82
Charlotte 98, Indiana 97
Detroit 93, Milwaukee 84
Sacramento 91, Minnesota 88
L.A. Lakers 102, Dallas 83
Utah 114, Denver 99
Chicago 111, Vancouver 96
Atlanta 112, L.A. Clippers 96

Wednesday's Games
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Estacado	0	9	2	24

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Friday's Games: Snyder at Plainview; Frenship at Lamesa; Levelland at Estacado.

College scores

EAST
Harvard 74, Lehigh 58
Michigan 67, Penn St. 59
Syracuse 93, Seton Hall 60
Temple 70, La Salle 67, 2OT

SOUTH
Auburn 72, Alabama 62
Charleston Southern 79, Radford 73
Louisville 71, DePaul 54
Troy St. 71, Alabama St. 67
Virginia 56, N. Carolina St. 50
Wake Forest 61, Virginia Tech 44

MIDWEST
Xavier, Ohio 91, Rhode Island 79

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 76, Texas 72
Texas A&M 61, Missouri 57

Lady Cards take third loop win

BLACKWELL — Sophomore Jennifer Roemisch canned 16 points Tuesday night to pace the Hermleigh Lady Cards to a 65-49 District 25-A victory over Blackwell.

In the boys' varsity game, Blackwell ripped Hermleigh, 87-54.

The Lady Cards led the entire game and enjoyed a 32-15 advantage at intermission.

Hermleigh is now undefeated in loop play with a 3-0 record.

Junior Melissa Brasuel was also in double figures with 16 points. Also scoring for Hermleigh were Michelle Roemisch with seven, Kelly Gonzalez with six while Ester Martinez put in five. Randi Herring contributed four and Brandy Wood added two.

The Cardinals are now 1-2 in district action following the loss to Blackwell.

Hermleigh's Larry Lambaren led the Cards' scoring with 24 points while Jason Hernandez sank 14. Johnny Garza chipped in 10 while Mario Gonzalez tossed in four and Ricky Luna added two.

Hermligh's two varsity teams host Highland Friday night.

Sands hands Ira two loop losses

IRA — Ira varsity basketball teams are still seeking their first District 27-A victory after losses to Sands Tuesday night.

The Lady Bulldogs bowed to Sands, 78-51, while the boys were tripped by Sands, 73-51.

Terri Robinson led the Ira scoring with 19 points and Jamee Goolsby was close behind with 18. Lisha Leatherwood cashed in six while Rikki Wilkes had four. E'Lissa Goolsby and Audra Oliver each added two.

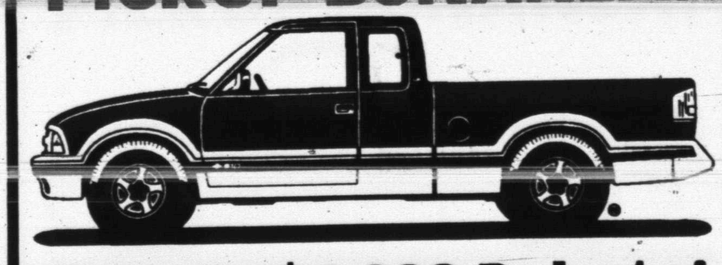
Manoi Floyd led Sands with an impressive 41 points.

For the Bulldogs, Logan Daves popped the cords for 23 points while Richard Wilkins nailed 15. Jose Juarez contributed four while Jerek Brown, Drew Wall and Perry Jamison each added three.

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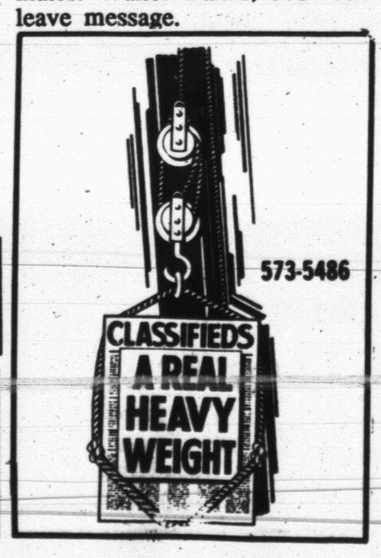
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Cosby's wife more interested in finding who killed her son

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Cosby's wife, brushing aside his admission of infidelity, is pleading for the public's help in catching their son's killer.

"What is very important to me is the apprehension of the person or persons who killed our son," Camille Cosby said in a five-sentence statement released Tuesday. "I appeal to all of you to help us find the murderer."

Asked about Mrs. Cosby's statement, publicist David Brokaw said: "It's about a mother and not understanding why someone hasn't been found already."

No arrests have been made in the slaying of Ennis Cosby, 27, who was shot to death Jan. 16 while changing a flat tire in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Cosby, married to the comedian for 33 years, said her husband's one-night stand with a woman in the early '70s was not a problem for the couple. The woman's daughter, Autumn Jackson — who claims Cosby is her father — is accused of trying to extort $24 million from the entertainer.

"All old personal negative issues between Bill and me were resolved years ago," Mrs. Cosby said. "We are a united couple. What occurred 23 years ago is not important to me except for the current issue of extortion."

Also Tuesday, Ms. Jackson's boyfriend pleaded guilty to helping in the plot by doing research on Cosby and his corporate sponsors, receiving a document from someone at "The Globe" tabloid, and taking Ms. Jackson and alleged accomplice Jose Medina to the airport for a flight from Los Angeles to New York.

Antonay Williams, 26, of Perry, Fla., was released on $250,000 bond.

On the day of the slaying, a Cosby representative received a fax from Ms. Jackson threatening to expose the TV star as her father unless she received a hefty payment, authorities said.

Cosby, who initially said Ms. Jackson was merely one of many young people he has helped with tuition money, has since admitted to an affair with her mother, Shawn Thompson. The entertainer told CBS that he didn't think he was Ms. Jackson's father but acknowledged "there is a possibility."

Jerald Jackson, a truck driver who is listed on Ms. Jackson's birth certificate as the father, has said he would take a blood test to prove his paternity.

Meanwhile, Cosby plans to appear at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach, Fla., on Saturday. The two shows, both sold out, will be his first since his son was killed.

Cosby returned to his CBS TV series on Monday. In the CBS interview, to air Sunday on "60 Minutes," he said his son would have been the first to encourage him to do so.

Shoe photos as much a bombshell as Mark Fuhrman's racial slurs

LOS ANGELES — The timing was superb: Just as O.J. Simpson's photo expert was swearing that a shot of Simpson in Italian designer shoes had to be fake, up pop 30 photos taken at the same place on the same day — with Simpson wearing the same blazer, same slacks, same shoes.

The plaintiffs had rested their case. The defense had Robert Groden on the stand, where he would state that the single frame of Simpson striding across grass at a 1993 football game in Bruno Magli shoes was bogus, that the negative showed clear signs of tampering.

The 30 new frames from a second photographer were a bombshell.

The late evidence, which the plaintiffs introduced to try to impeach Groden's expert testimony, echoed the startling moment near the end of Simpson's murder trial when the defense played audiotapes of police Detective Mark Fuhrman muttering racial slurs.

Whether new evidence will benefit the plaintiffs in this trial to the degree the tapes aided the defense in the first trial is, for now, an open question.

Both episodes point to the importance of new evidence, especially when it comes at an opportune time.

Plaintiffs in the wrongful death trial brought in a host of new evidence, from the shoe photographs to angry diary entries of Nicole Brown Simpson.

Attorneys also introduced references to Simpson's failing a lie-detector test, a secretly recorded police tape of the Simpsons after an argument, details of Simpson's police interrogation, testimony on the rarity of carpet fibers, and evidence about the Bronco chase.

The defense had new hands to play as well. Simpson, of course, took the stand for the first time to emphatically deny he was the killer. And police criminalist Dennis Fung, questioned about apparently new details in a photograph of a crime-scene glove, blurted out that the evidence glove might have been switched with another. He later retracted the statement.

The new evidence generally fell into three categories: material available for the murder trial but bypassed for tactical reasons (the Bronco chase); items ruled inadmissible by the criminal trial judge (Ms. Simpson's writings); and evidence that has arisen since the first trial.

For the most part, it tended to help the plaintiffs. For instance, Ms. Simpson's letters and alleged statements in a phone call to a battered women's shelter bolstered the plaintiffs' theory of motive; Simpson's statements to a police detective during the Bronco chase underscored the plaintiffs' contention Simpson had a guilty conscience.

It was evidence from the last category that most helped plaintiffs in the wrongful death trial.

The 30 photos, discovered over the Christmas break, were taken by E.J. Flammer and depicted Simpson at a 1993 Buffalo Bills football game, the same game where he was photographed by free-lancer Harry Scull.

An FBI shoeprint analyst testified that all the pictures show Simpson wearing the same kind of Bruno Magli shoes that left bloody prints near the bodies of Ms. Simpson and Ronald Goldman about eight months after the photos were taken.

The new photos, analysts said, not only served to place Simpson at the crime scene, but also attacked his credibility since he had denied wearing such "ugly" shoes and tried to prove Scull's picture was a fake.

"The (Flammer photos) are the single most important addition to the case, and the thing that will blow the hole through the physical evidence component," said Southwestern University law professor Robert Pugsley.

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3 agents removed from FBI crime lab

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three supervisors who evaluated evidence from the Oklahoma City bombing are out of their FBI crime lab jobs because of criticism in a Justice Department report, law enforcement officials and other sources say.

And because of the probe, one of them is no longer among the expert witnesses on explosive residues that prosecutors plan to call when Timothy McVeigh goes on trial in March for the 1995 truck-bombing that killed 168 people, officials said.

FBI Deputy Director Weldon Kennedy acknowledged Tuesday that "the FBI and the Department of Justice have together taken significant steps to ensure" that "problems identified by the inspector general's inquiry" have not compromised past, present or future prosecutions. "We have chosen to err on the side of caution."

But McVeigh's attorney, Stephen Jones, said, "It's the worst self-inflicted wound since President Nixon released the White House tapes" during the Watergate scandal.

Justice Department officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, expressed confidence other experts can present all the forensic evidence they need in the Oklahoma City case.

The FBI announced late Monday the removal of four lab workers "who had major responsibilities in explosives investigations," but did not identify them.

One was scientist-agent Frederic Whitehurst, a whistle-blower whose allegations of contamination and pro-prosecution bias in the lab prompted the investigation by the department's inspector general.

Whitehurst, who was the subject of a separate Justice Department investigation of media leaks about his charges, was suspended with pay, his lawyer Stephen Kohn said.

After meeting Tuesday with Kennedy and other FBI officials, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said, "I want to know why the FBI lumped the individuals who committed possible wrongdoing with the individual who spoke up about it. I have major questions about whether punishment of Whitehurst is appropriate, and I will follow up on this" in discussions with the inspector general.

Grassley had said the suspension looked like retaliation for whistle-blowing; Kennedy denied that.

The draft reports of both investigations are still secret. The FBI said all four would receive pay and benefits while it decided whether they had engaged in misconduct.

Federal law enforcement officials identified the other three as:

—Dave Williams, a supervisory agent in a lab explosives unit.

—Roger Martz, chief of a lab chemistry and toxicology unit.

—James T. "Tom" Thurman, chief of a lab explosives unit.

They were transferred to other work but not suspended, officials said.

Officials and sources familiar with the case described their roles in the Oklahoma City case this way:

Williams supervised collection of explosives evidence in Oklahoma City and its removal to the FBI lab here. Prosecutors have dropped plans to call him as an expert witness.

Thurman was quoted in an FBI affidavit supporting the arrest and search warrants against McVeigh.

Martz conducted some tests on Oklahoma City evidence at the lab.

Jones has taken a deposition from Whitehurst and indicated he may call him as a defense witness.

Whitehurst has alleged Martz was not properly trained to conduct experiments and testify about high explosives, and that Thurman only had a degree in political science. The government has said it never intended to call Martz or Thurman as expert witnesses, but Martz may be called to testify about the chain of custody of evidence.

But Jones' first effort to use Whitehurst to attack the government's case was not successful. Defense attorneys challenged the affidavits and argued warrants obtained as a result should be thrown out. But a federal judge ruled the affidavits were sufficient and allowed the evidence to stand.

Meantime, the FBI on Tuesday listed some steps begun "long before the Justice Department study began" to improve the lab, which conducts more than 600,000 examinations annually for local, state, federal and international law enforcement agencies.

A technical group, including experts from Britain, is being formed to improve bombing and explosives analysis.



SCHOLARSHIP — Cody Cribbs, Snyder FFA member, recently received a scholarship from Caprock Electric of Stanton. Making the presentation was Candance Sanchez, Ira FFA member and queen of the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Date Book

Jan. 29, 1997

Today is the 29th day of 1997 and the 40th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, Kansas became the 34th state in the union.

On this day in 1886, Karl Benz patented the first successful gasoline automobile.

On this day in 1990, the captain of the Exxon Valdez went on trial in Anchorage, Alaska.

TODAY'S BIRTHDA Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-17[illegible] ientist-mystic; Thomas Paine (1737-1809), American colonial pamphleteer; William McKinley (1843-1901), U.S. president; Anton Chekhov (1860-1904), writer; W.C. Fields (1880-1946), comedian; John Forsythe (1918-), actor, is 79; Paddy Chayefsky (1923-1981), dramatist, [illegible]m Selleck (1945-), actor, is 52; Ann Jillian (1950-), actress, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1936, the Baseball Hall of Fame was established in Cooperstown, N.Y.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When we are planning for posterity, we ought to remember that virtue is not hereditary." — Thomas Paine

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1969, western Oregon was blanketed with a record snowfall.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 23) and last quarter (Jan. 31).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 30, 1997

You can achieve many of your objectives in the year ahead if you are not too selfish. Helping others succeed will open the door to opportunities for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Take care not to step out of character today and behave in a manner that could cause friends who hold you in high esteem to question their judgment. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Under most conditions your hunches are worth considering, but today they could lead you down a dead-end street.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, you might have better luck with strangers in regard to business propositions. Your friends know you too well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are free to change your mind as often as you like, but if you abuse this privilege today, you might alienate people who are trying to help you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you do not appreciate people who go out of their way to help you today, you can bet that they won't be available to help you in the future.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to avoid risky financial endeavors today, regardless of how appealing they seem to be. Do not get taken for a ride.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to recognize your mate's moods today. You will not want to do something which will be unsettling to this person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, guard against the inclination to take on more responsibility than you can comfortably handle today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Spending more money than you intended won't ensure that you will have a good time today. In fact, pleasurable pursuits with small price tags will be best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When interacting with in-laws, relatives or other family members today, handle delicate issues with care. A lack of tact could spark an argument.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You will ask others to keep a secret today. However, if word leaks out you will probably be the one who broadcast the news.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you fail to structure your day properly, you will waste time, money and energy burning rubber, spinning your wheels and going nowhere.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife Lacks Ginger to Join Husband's Fred Astaire Act

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 14 years. He is a good provider and a loving father to our two children.

We are part of a social circle that entertains frequently, and that is where the problem lies. My husband dances with every woman at the party while I sit at the table watching him make all kinds of sexy movements with them. He doesn't ignore me completely, but I am uncomfortable watching him touch all these other women.

If I say anything, my husband argues that I am the one he goes home with, buys the jewelry and gifts for, and comes home to every night. He says my disapproving looks spoil his fun, and claims he just likes to have a good time.

He shows his affection toward me when we are alone. We go on vacations together frequently. He says he loves me and the children and that our marriage is forever. But this dancing thing is bothering me.

How do I handle this? Should I just not pay attention, or try to give him a dose of his own medicine (but I am not the type to go around asking every woman's husband to dance)?

SITTING ON THE SIDELINES
IN NEW YORK

DEAR ON THE SIDELINES: Your husband is acting as though he has nothing to hide, and apparently he doesn't. He comes home to you every day and is affectionate and generous in word and deed.

Since no one else reacts negatively to his dancing, evidently he is not behaving inappropriately. Consider taking some lessons, thereby making yourself a more interesting and enjoyable dance partner. Then perhaps your husband will ask you to dance more often.

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DEAR ABBY: This is another true story about a kind act from a man of character: Harry S. Truman.

Many years ago, I was a young Army wife traveling with an infant. I was at Washington National Airport, having been bumped from my connecting flight, badly in need of a bathroom, but I could not leave my baby alone.

A gentleman sitting on the bench with me saw my distress and said, "I will be here for the next half-hour and I am experienced in child care, as I have a young daughter." His face was familiar, but I could not place it until the loudspeaker blared, "Senator Truman, please come to the desk." As he left, he said, "Don't worry, I'll be right back."

He was true to his word, and I felt very comfortable letting the man who had recently been nominated for the vice presidency babysit for me. When I returned, he proudly said, "Your baby needed a change, so I found your diaper bag and took care of everything."

How the world has changed!

NANCY HERTZBERG,
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DEAR NANCY: What a wonderfully warm memory of President Truman. Obviously, he could be counted on to do whatever had to be done in any situation. Thank you for sharing it.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from the woman whose husband talked too much reminded me of a humorous incident in which I was involved.

Some years ago a new priest was appointed to our parish. Shortly after he arrived, my wife invited him to our home for dinner as a welcoming gesture. As a special treat, she also invited another couple who were mutual friends. The wife had been a parochial school classmate of the priest, and the husband had been his fraternity brother at the university before he decided to study for the priesthood.

Abby, I love this woman like a sister, but I've often said that she's the only person I know who talks more than my wife. All through the cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and well into dinner that woman dominated — no, she monopolized — the conversation.

After we finished the main course, the women went into the kitchen to prepare dessert. At this point, the priest turned to the two of us and said, "You know, celibacy isn't all that bad!"

NO NAME OR TOWN PLEASE

New Monty Python

LONDON (AP) — And now, for something completely different — Monty Python in Las Vegas!

John Cleese said Tuesday he and other members of Monty Python's Flying Circus are discussing a reunion in the land of mega-resorts and drive-thru wedding chapels.

"Eric Idle is intrigued, as I am, of doing some silly stage show, in Las Vegas," Cleese said in London, attending the premiere of his latest film, "Fierce Creatures," in which he co-stars with fellow Pythoner Michael Palin.

"We'd call it Monty Python in Las Vegas, that's as stupid as you can get," Cleese said.

Man executed for killing 2 teachers

POTOSI, Mo. (AP) — A man who tortured and murdered two teachers during a 1985 robbery at their house blew kisses to an unidentified crying woman just before he was executed by injection early today.

In his last words, Eric Schneider remembered his 2-year-old son.

"I love my son and my wife. I lived my life by music," he said.

Schneider fathered the child while on death row.

Lying on a gurney with a white sheet pulled to his chin, the 35-year-old Schneider raised his head and blew two kisses to an unidentified crying woman, who along with three others, was watching through a glass window.

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Syria accused of spreading false reports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Ben-Elissar accused Syria today of spreading false reports that Israel has already agreed to withdraw to its 1967 border in a peace accord with Damascus.

"There is no agreement," the ambassador said while offering to reopen peace talks with Syria immediately at any site, including Jerusalem and Damascus.

"Syria is trying to create some environment judgment that Israel is not abiding by some agreement not signed because of some technical difficulty," Ben-Elissar said. "There is no agreement whatsoever."

Slow-moving peace talks between Israel and Syria were halted nearly a year ago. Ben-Elissar said Israel was eager to reopen the negotiations "anytime, anywhere and at any level," preferably between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Syrian President Hafez Assad.

"If this seems too difficult for Syria, let's start at a different level," the Israeli diplomat said.

In Jerusalem, Netanyahu likewise urged the Syrians to return to the negotiating table. It would be in their benefit, the prime minister said in an interview published today.

"Syria will benefit a lot economically, because the Syrian economy is not leaping forward," Netanyahu told the newspaper Haaretz. "There are certain things, such as joint ventures, in which Syria can only make progress with an open approach."

Netanyahu's coordinator on security matters with Syria, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, said last week he expects talks to resume in the spring.

Today, Syrian's vice president, Abdel-Halim Khaddam, was quoted by the Emirates News Agency that Mordechai's prediction is "propaganda aimed at deceiving international public opinion."

Ben-Elissar's denial that previous Labor governments had come to terms with Syria on a land-for-peace arrangement conflicts with an account by Syria's chief negotiator, Walid Moualem.

Family investigator: killer worked with JonBenet's dad

NEW YORK (AP) — JonBenet Ramsey's killer knew that $118,000 was in her father's retirement account, suggesting that a disgruntled former employee of John Ramsey killed his daughter, a family investigator said.

"This person has a very unique, intimate knowledge about his financial workings," said John Douglas, a former FBI agent hired by the Ramsey family for his experience in preparing criminal profiles. "Therefore the person would have to be somehow related to his employment."

Douglas, in an interview broadcast Tuesday on "Dateline NBC," said he spent several hours with the Ramseys and visited their three-story mansion in Boulder, Colo., where the 6-year-old's father found her dead Dec. 26.

A three-page ransom note found by JonBenet's mother, Patricia Ramsey, demanded $118,000, the amount of the bonus Ramsey received last year from Access Graphics, the billion-dollar computer company he founded.

"This is money that's electronically placed in his 401 (k) at the end of the year," Douglas said.

It's also important that the home showed no sign of forced entry, Douglas said, noting that JonBenet's abductor grabbed her from her second-floor bedroom and carried her to the basement, where the killer risked being cornered.

"It tells this is a certain breed of cat — a high-risk type of an offender," said Douglas, former head of the FBI's behavioral science unit. "But to Mr. Ramsey, it is somebody who he knows, he knows very very well. The anger and aggression is directed at him more so than the wife."

Obituaries

Emma Gordon

1907-1997

Funeral service for Emma Lee Gordon, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Ernie McGaughey, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Gordon, a long-time resident of Snyder, died Monday, Jan. 27, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Born Nov. 5, 1907 in Honey Grove, Tex., she married Lloyd C. Gordon on Jan. 1, 1933 in Roby. He died in 1993.

A resident of Snyder since 1933, Mrs. Gordon was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Crusaders Sunday school class.

Survivors include a daughter, Marie Walton of Snyder; a son, Ray Gordon of Canton; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Lloyd Jilek

1906-1997

SCHULENBURG — Lloyd Jilek of Schulenburg, father of Snyder resident Shirley Pavlik, died Monday, Jan. 27, two days prior to his 91st birthday in Lavaca County Medical Center.

Service is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Schulenburg. Burial will follow in the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today in the chapel of Schwenke-Baumgarten Funeral Home.

Mr. Jilek was born Jan. 29, 1906 in Yoakum.

Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Virginia Jilek of Schulenburg; one son, James Jilek of Jacksonville, Fla.; two other daughters, Joyce Jilek of Columbus, Tex., and Margaret Citzler of Irving; eight grandchildren including Gregory Pavlik of Vacaville, Calif., Stanley Pavlik of Snyder, John Pavlik of Irving and Roger Pavlik of Snyder; seven great-grandchildren including Andrea Pavlik of Snyder, and Joshua and Jeffery Pavlik of Vacaville.

He was preceded in death by infant twin sons, Harry and Larry Jilek, and by two grandchildren.

Faye Myers

1914-1997

Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel for Ruby Faye Myers, 82, who died Monday, Jan. 27, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

The Rev. Jesse Faulkenberry, Baptist minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born June 10, 1914 in Snyder, she married Clarence Myers on March 18, 1933 in Snyder. He died on May 23, 1972.

A life-long resident of Scurry County, she was a homemaker and a member of the Bethel Baptist Church. Mrs. Myers had also worked in Snyder nursing homes.

Survivors include a sister, Bessie Early of Snyder; two brothers, Willard Gladson and Waylan Gladson, both of Snyder; and several nieces and nephews.

Fannie Mowles

1906-1997

ABILENE — Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Korzenewski Funeral Home Chapel for Fannie Christine Mowles, 90, who died Sunday, Jan. 25, at her home. Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Mrs. Mowles was the mother of Ronnie Mowles of Snyder.

Born in Maytown, she had lived in Tucumcari, N.M., before moving to Abilene in 1993. She married Robert Lee Mowles in 1927 in Baird, and he preceded her in death. Mrs. Mowles was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include a caregiver, James E. Thomas of Abilene; a daughter, Christine Hugger of Abilene; four other sons, John Mowles and Jimmy Mowles, both of Tucumcari, Joe Mowles of Arapaho, Okla., and Charles Mowles of Phoenix City, Ala.; a sister, Carrie Seals of Clyde; 27 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

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Rather identifies attacker

NEW YORK (AP) — Dan Rather has identified the mysterious man who more than 10 years ago yelled, "Kenneth, what's the frequency?" before knocking the CBS anchorman to the ground and repeatedly kicking him.

Rather said the man is William Tager, who is now in prison for shooting an NBC technician to death outside the "Today" show studios in 1994.

Rather was confronted at about 11 p.m. on Oct. 4, 1986, on Park Avenue as he walked home from a friend's apartment. After being knocked down, Rather was kicked in the neck and kidneys before he could summon help.

The attack had been a mystery to Rather, of the "CBS Evening News With Dan Rather." He identified Tager after he was shown pictures of the man by the Daily News.

"There's no doubt in my mind that this is the person," he said Tuesday.

What's Up?

County-Cogdell video to air

Monday's commissioners court meeting concerning the proposed lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital will air at 7 this evening on Channel 2.

Hermleigh boosters to meet

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school library.

Donkey basketball coming

Snyder High School girl's basketball program will bring donkey basketball to Tiger Gym at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Tickets may be purchased from any girl's basketball player, all school campuses, Snyder Insurance Agency, IGA #400 or Subway. Tickets for adults and high school students are $5 in advance or $6 at the door. Elementary, junior high students and senior citizens pay $4 in advance or $5 at the door.

Volunteer help sought by museum

Scurry County Museum is seeking a volunteer or volunteers to help assemble a large pre-cut doll house. If you are interested, please call the museum at 573-6107.

Windbreak trees deadline

The deadline for ordering windbreak trees is Friday. For more information or to place an order, come by the Upper Colorado SWCD office at 5309 Big Spring Hwy. or call 573-6317.

Valentine's dance planned

Hermleigh freshman class will sponsor a Valentine's dance from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday at Towle Park Barn. Admission is $5 per couple, $3 per person. Children K through 6th grade can get in for $1.50.

Order WTC curb logos now

Phi Beta Kappa students from Western Texas College will be painting the WTC logo on curbs Saturday, weather permitting. Donations go to help students attend the state meeting in March. Call Carolyn Osborn at 573-8511, ext. 313, for information.

Chili supper planned

New York bound choir students are selling tickets for a chili supper to be held Tuesday in the high school cafeteria. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat meal are $5.

Circus tickets being sold

Representatives from Circus Gatti will be contacting local residents offering tickets to the circus, which will held at Scurry County Coliseum on Feb. 18. Scurry County Sheriff's Posse is sponsoring the event.

Scurry Youth Center

Scurry Youth Center, located at the Boys & Girls Club, is open Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 until 11. To participate, you must have a current Boys & Girls Club membership or pay $1 admission.

SNS needs financial help

Snyder Neighbors Sharing, which repairs homes of persons over 65 or disabled, is in need of donations for the April 26 workday. Donations can be mailed to SNS, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, or dropped off at Sam Robertson's Insurance or the West Elementary School office.

Central Elementary yearbooks

Central Elementary is selling yearbooks for $6. Orders will be taken until Feb. 3.

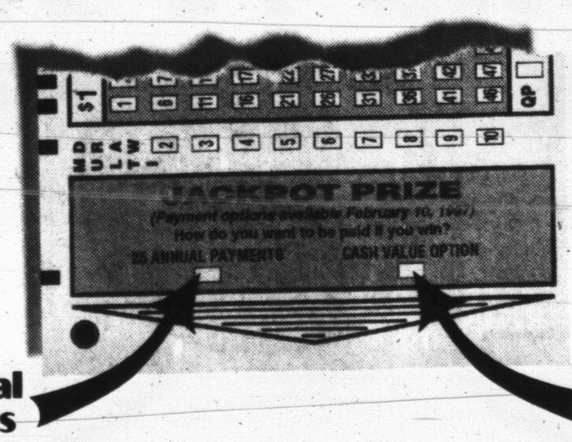
Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-14-18-19-27.
Number matching five of five: three.
Prize per winnner: $56,683.
Winning ticket(s) sold in: Port Isabel, Irving, Houston.
Matching four of five: 450. Prize: $567.
Matching three of five: 16,726. Prize: $26.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

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Scurry County Country

High Plains cotton faces major threat

LUBBOCK — High Plains regional business sales are expected to drop by $500 million a year if impending boll weevil populations are left unchecked, according to a report released recently.

The drop will come from a 30 percent loss of cotton production and this translates into a decline of more than $190 million a year in gross farm income and 9,000 fewer jobs in the region. This also suggests the loss of up to a third of the cotton gins in the region.

"Evidence indicates that the boll weevil has firmly established on the Texas High Plains and can survive harsh winters with existing habitat," said Dr. Ron Lacewell, agricultural economist and assistant vice chancellor of agriculture at Texas A&M.

This comes from a study completed this week by the 18-member Texas A&M/Texas Tech Boll Weevil Assessment Task Froce.

Though the cotton boll weevil has plagued growers across the southern U.S. growing region for more than 100 years, the Texas High Plains has been relatively free of the pest due mainly to the dry climate, harsh winters and an effective diapause program since 1964 which kept the insect from overwintering there.

But in recent years, researchers, county extension agents and crop consultants have reported seeing boll weevils in alarming numbers.

"Compelling data and experiences have been accumulated that indicate the boll weevil has adapted to the High Plains," said Lacewell.

The analysis used information from agricultural economists, entomologists and consultants to determine the potential weevil infestations up to 10 years in the future. These projections were used to estimate the most likely changes from and adjustments to boll weevil infestations.

Task force members didn't address the question of a region-wide control program. Their results simply indicate that the boll weevil left unchecked on the High Plains leaves the area at an increasingly competitive disadvantage for cotton production, Lacewell said. The 30 High Plains counties annually produce about three million bales of cotton, some 20 percent of the U.S. crop.

"Serious economic damages are expected as far north as Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Briscoe and Bailey counties," Lacewell said.

Dr. James Leser, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said trap catches by the end of 1996 had increased almost 40 percent over those captured in traps by the end of 1995.

John R. Hunter, Texas Tech professor, consultant and task force member, noted that he began using boll weevil traps as part of his field scouting technique about three years ago near Lubbock. Since then, he has seen a steady increase in the weevil population.

"It is obvious that the boll weevil cost at least $100 per acre to some of my clients in 1996," he said.

Though the project strongly suggests serious economic impacts in the absence of a regional weevil control program, the task force acknowledged that the study has some limitations.

"The movement and adaptation of the boll weevil is a biological phenomenon and no one can accurately predict how quickly this insect will move across the High Plains," Leser said.

Dr. Don Rummel, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station entomologist, noted that the study also considered only current technology since it is not known at this time what future developments might include, and the analysis used weather patterns for the past 10 years as an indication of what weather will be like in the future.

NRCS Report

By Mark Sides
Range Conservationist

Permanent vegetation in the form of native or introduced grasses is a cost effective alternative to annual forage crops. Under good conditions, a grass stand can become established within one year. This means one seedbed preparation and one planting operation as opposed to yearly seedbed and planting operations with annual forage crops. Permanent grass reduces erosion and the need for costly structural practices like terraces and diversions. Native species can reduce the need for yearly applications of fertilizer while providing grazing for livestock and wildlife habitat.

Here are some important things to remember when planting native or introduced grasses.

Plant at the right time. This takes advantage of spring moisture for germination and establishment. Also, chemical weed control can be accomplished before most annual crops emerge or become established. Optimum planting dates range form Dec. 1 to May 15 for warm-season grasses and from Aug. 15 to Nov. 1 for cool-season grasses.

Plant into a dead litter cover. Make use of last year's crop residues or a terminated small grain cover to keep soil in place, and to protect young grass seedlings during high winds common during the spring. This would be a good time for soil testing to see if fertilizer is needed.

Weed control is important. Keeping the upper hand on weeds can mean the success or failure of a grass stand. Most weeds germinate and become established before warm-season grasses do. These weeds rob valuable moisture from grass seedlings and even shade out young grass if the weed cover is thick enough. Either chemical or mechanical methods can be used, but if you use herbicides make sure they are suited for your grass type(s).

Plant the right grass at the proper rate. Some grasses do well in a variety of soils, but some need a specific type. Seeding rates can vary from one to 15 pounds per acre, depending on variety.

Don't plant too deep. Grass seed are usually smaller than most annual crops, and having smaller stores of energy, they should be planted at shallower depths. Maximum depth should be no more than ¼-inch.

Don't give up too quick." Everyone knows that weather conditions in this area are rarely good every year. Grass seed may take up to two years to germinate and become established, depending on the weather. Weed control is important during this time.

For more information about grass seeding or other conservation practices, call or come by the Natural Resource Conservation Service office. The office is located in the Scurry County USDA office complex at 5309 Big Spring Hwy., and the phone number is 915-573-6317 or 6318.

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Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Let them through... it could be you

Emergency vehicles need our help as they respond to various accidents and emergencies. In an emergency, minutes can mean the difference between life and death, and critical seconds can be lost if drivers don't make way for emergency vehicles. Take sirens seriously — make way for an ambulance, fire truck or police vehicle.

What can you do? There are some simple things to help emergency personnel reach a person in need. Use the letters S-I-R-E-N to remember the right way to yield to an emergency vehicle.

S: Stay Alert — Drive defensively, keep the noise level down in your car and look for more than one emergency vehicle approaching when you hear a siren.

I: Investigate — Check your rear-view mirror, scan in front and on both sides of your vehicle, try to estimate the closing speed of the emergency vehicle and plan your next move.

R: React — React quickly, but calmly and scan in all directions before pulling over. Always use a turn signal when exiting the roadway and don't slam on the brakes or pull over suddenly.

E: Enter — Before re-entering the road, make a visual sweep in all directions, turn on your signal, and gradually merge back into traffic.

N: Never — Never stop at a place that doesn't have enough room to pull over safely and never follow or try to outrun an emergency vehicle.

At intersections, be alert for pedestrians who may be in the crosswalk or at the edge of the roadway.

On the highway, always use your signal, pull as far off the highway as safely possible and gradually brake to avoid losing control.

As pedestrians, always check for turning vehicles before you step into the street. Be sure to stop at the curb, look left, right and left again before crossing the street. Keep looking for vehicles.

As bicyclists, always wear a helmet on every ride and equip your bicycle with reflectors on the front and rear. Bicyclists must obey traffic laws that apply to motor vehicles. When an emergency vehicle is approaching, pull as far to the right as possible.

Not every emergency medical response requires lights and sirens, but next time you encounter such a situation, yield immediately so that the emergency personnel can reach the person who is waiting for help to arrive.

To prevent this situation from happening, respect the laws and remember, it's important to let them through ... next time, it could be you.

Upper Colorado Soil & Water Conservition District Report

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water District is currently selling wildflower seed mix. We are offering two different mixes for spring. These can be planted through the first part of June. We suggest these be planted now to enjoy the full beauty of the cool season plants. There are several warm season plants in these mixes that allow them to be planted later, but for best results, the earlier planting is recommended.

The Texas Native Spring Mixture has seven annuals along with eight perennials. There are four cool season plants and eleven warm season plants. These plants are still native to Texas and are very drought resistant. This mixture can be planted later than the Starburst Mixture and has plants that bloom all through the growing season. This mixture is used in native range land, fields and home gardens. This is our "tough" mixture for native sites.

The Starburst Mixture is designed for its color and beauty. The mixture includes native plants to Texas and introduced plants that grow in Texas. There are 10 annuals and five perennials in the mixture, with six cool season plants nine warm season plants. This mixture was designed for color and can be used for home gardens, fields and pastures as well as borders. Though it is not as tough as our Native Mix, most of the plants grow with limited amount of rain.

These wildflower seeds come in one-pound packages and sell for $16 a package. The seeding rate per one thousand square feet is 1/5 lb. to 1/2 lb. These packages will be available at our office at 5309 Big Spring Hwy. For more information, please call us at 573-6317.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,183 head of cattle for the Thursday, Jan. 23 Sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were $3 to $4 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows High dressing, cutters, utility 31 to 36; Canner and low cutters 24 to 31; Slaughter bulls 40 to 46.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 65 to 80; 400 to 500, 65 to 75; 500 to 600, 65 to 73; 600 to 700, 65 to 74; 700 to 800, 65 to 70.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 60 to 65; 400 to 500, 58 to 65; 500 to 600, 58 to 64; 600 to 700, 58 to 64; 700 to 800, 55 to 61.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 57.50 to 63.50; 700 to 800, 52.50 to 60.

Cow and calf pairs: good 500 to 890 grade 350 to 500.

Springers: 250 to 575; baby calves 50 to 125 doodlers 60 to 130.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,498 head of cattle at the Saturday, Jan. 25 sale. The market was $4 to $6 higher. Our packer cows and bulls were again higher. Cows and calves and bred cows were steady. Choice steers and hefers were $1 to $2 higher.

Heifers: 200 to 400, 55 to 75; 400 to 600, 55 to 77; 600 to 800, 52 to 68.

Steers: 200 to 400, 65 to 90; 400 to 500, 70 to 82; 500 to 600, 68 to 80; 600 to 800, 62 to 80.

Fleshy bull calves: 400 to 500 65 to 75; 500 to 600, 64 to 74; 600 to 800, 55 to 65.

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Medium age to older bred cows: 345 to 440

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Medium age to older cows and calves 375 to 525.

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