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City to consider Lone Star Gas rate request

Snyder's city council will consider a request from Lone Star Gas to increase its rate for local customers when it meets this evening at 6:30.

The utility company will be asking for an increase of 4.63 percent. If approved, rates for residential customers will increase by $3.23 per month during the summer, and will decrease by 46 cents per month during winter.

Commercial customers, who use an average of 25 Mcf per month, will realize an increase of $13.58 per month during the winter, and $26.46 in the summer.

If the ordinance is passed, the Snyder Indpendent School District will see its present rate schedule eliminated, and its rates will increase by 20 percent beginning in October.

This will cause the district's utility budget to increase by at least $18,0000 yearly, as the district has $90,000 budgeted this year for natural gas costs.

The city council will consider the first reading of the proposed ordinance tonight, and if passed, it will consider the second reading when it meets in Februry.

The new rate structure will then go into effect 30 days after the second reading of the ordinance.

Besides the rate request from Lone Star Gas, the council will consider two other items of new business.

Pete Barrera, captain of the S.T.A.R. Program, will present a request for constructing an obstacle course in the Deep Creek area from 30th Street to 37th Street.

The course would be utilized by S.T.A.R. participants, and for training by the Snyder Police Department and Emergency Medical Services personnel.

The council will also consider the city's fourth quarter investment report.

Bids will also be considered for a scraper for the city's landfill, and for a sanitation truck for the sanitation department.

Bids for caustic soda for the water treatment plant will also be considered.

In one other item of business, the council will continue its discussion on engineering services for its waterline replacement program.

The council will also hold a public hearing concerning the use of a grant for the Snyder Police Department.

ONE OF MANY — Over 20 underground gasoline tanks were dug up in Snyder by D & W Pump Co. of Big Spring in December as local companies were trying to beat the deadline imposed by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. Companies which removed tanks before Dec. 22 were eligible for assistance from the TNRCC to clean up contaminated sites. (SDN Staff Photo)

Gospel singing planned Saturday

Snyder will be the site for a gospel singing program on Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m.

There is no admission cost, although donations will be accepted.

Those attending can either sit in the coliseum seats, or bring lawn chairs to sit at floor level.

Presently, there are seven local groups which will sing thoughout the day. In addition, several individuals will also perform on Saturday, said event organizer Steve Mackey.

County tables fund request from CMH

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Scurry County Commissioners Court tabled action this morning on a request from Cogdell Memorial Hospital for $20,000 in additional funding to expand the scope of a pharmaceutical prescription assistance program.

The court will look at the program following additional study.

Jerry Vestal presented the proposal and several other CMH employees were present.

The proposal includes providing the community with a local prescriptions assistance counselor.

Commissioners also appointed two persons to the Child Welfare Board, leaving one vacancy unfilled.

Bill Dickinson and Ricky Nickerson were both unanimously voted onto the board.

The court is expected to fill the final position at its next meeting.

The three spots were left vacant by outgoing board members Donna Zalman and the Rev. Raymond Duncan, as well as by the late James Aaron, III.

Commissioners also voted unanimously to appoint Joan Bunch to the Scurry County Library board.

In other business, the court approved paying the bills.

County Judge Ricky Fritz presided and all commissioners were present to include Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom, Howard Limmer and Chloanne Lindsey.

Dole to leave Red Cross; may run for president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elizabeth Dole, wife of 1996 GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole, is leaving the American Red Cross today to pursue a potential White House bid of her own, several advisers said today.

Mrs. Dole, 62, was announcing her resignation as president of the non-profit organization in a speech to Red Cross employees today. Friends and allies said she didn't want to explore her presidential aspirations while still affiliated with the non-partisan Red Cross.

"I know she wants the opportunity to seriously consider it and you can't really do that when running a $2 billion non-profit organization," said Jenna Dorn, president of the National Health Museum and a Dole friend.

One Dole adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there are plans to form a presidential exploratory committee within the next month.

Mrs. Dole's announcement comes as another GOP hopeful appears to be getting a case of cold feet. Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., a conservative former governor who spent the last year laying the groundwork for a presidential campaign, has told at least one backer he is not likely to run.

Several supporters and Republican operatives said over the weekend they believe he will not take the plunge.

Ashcroft, is scheduled to announce his intentions Tuesday. None of the officials professed to know for certain what Ashcroft had decided to do, which is notable because until recently the senator was widely expected to enter the race.

"All of us want him to run — his staff and supporters," spokeswoman Juleanne Glover said today. "He's clearly had the best year of anybody considering running. But the only announcement of his intentions will be made by himself, the senator, (Tuesday)."

Several backers, particularly Missouri financial supporters, are said to be urging Ashcroft to concentrate on retaining his seat in 2000. Popular Democratic Gov. Mel Carnahan has decided to challenge Ashcroft.

Running for the presidency and re-election to the Senate would be tricky for Ashcroft.

Congress opens Wednesday; Senate studies Clinton issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress convenes this week with Senate leaders still looking for a middle-ground approach that ends President Clinton's impeachment trial quickly while satisfying conservatives' demands for full presentation of his alleged crimes.

The 106th Congress goes into session Wednesday and senators will immediately huddle to consider a plan that could end the impeachment process within four days.

Senate Republicans will meet Thursday, and "my assumption is that this will be the sole topic of the conversation," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

Under a bipartisan proposal by Sens. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., the House "managers," or prosecutors, would present their case on Jan. 11.

Clinton's defense team would have the next day to rebut; questions and answers would occupy the third day and senators would vote on the fourth day whether the House's accusations of perjury and obstruction of justice against the president, even if true, warranted removal from office.

If, as expected, a two-thirds majority is not reached, the Senate could then, with a simple majority vote, adjourn the trial and consider a censure resolution against Clinton.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., told Time magazine that the Gorton-Lieberman plan was a "fair start" but that the situation was fluid and "it could be blown away by any number of people or events."

Lott is under strong pressure from House Republicans and fellow conservatives to allow a full trial, including the calling of witnesses. Whatever is done, he said, he would be "bashed by the left" or "criticized by people on the right."

The GOP concern is that with a lengthy trial, Republicans will be characterized as more interested in punishing the president than attending to the nation's business.

Senators from both parties said Clinton should postpone his scheduled Jan. 19 State of the Union address if the trial is still going on.

"I think it would be unseemly and distracting for the president to be giving a State of the Union address to Congress while he was under trial in the Senate," Gorton said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., appearing with Gorton, agreed. "It's inappropriate to report on the State of the Union as long as the president is under impeachment, because the State of the Union from the perspective of his administration is unclear," he said.

At the White House today, press secretary Joe Lockhart said the president planned to deliver the State of the Union address as scheduled, but he did not rule out a change. "We're planning to give that on Jan. 19," Lockhart said. "I'm not aware of any discussions or requests from the leadership to adjust that date."

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, noted that it was not until the era of television that the president began to appear personally before Congress to outline his legislative goals for the year. Clinton could revert to the old practice of submitting his speech in writing, Gramm said.

Democrats made clear they would oppose any plan to conduct regular business while the trial was under way. "How can you have a trial impeaching the president of the United States and then, in the afternoon or in the morning say, 'Oh, we're going to do Medicare,' or 'Let's now do Social Security,'" Sen. John Breaux, D-La., said on "Fox News Sunday."

House managers — GOP members of the House Judiciary Committee who would act as prosecutors in the Senate trial — insisted they could carry out a full trial, including the calling of witnesses, and still finish in several weeks.

One Republican who has come out against removing Clinton from office, Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, said nonetheless the president should be one of the few witnesses summoned.

Clemency process will be examined

AUSTIN (AP) — The latest challenge to the state's clemency process has been postponed until Tuesday in Austin.

A judge was to examine the process today. An Austin attorney has challenged the way the state Board of Pardons and Paroles decides whether to spare the lives of death row inmates.

Austin lawyer Curt Sauer wants State District Judge Scott McCown to order changes in the way the 18-member board considers clemency for death row inmates.

"Not only the inmates but the people of Texas deserve to know why the parole board is granting some people clemency and not for others," Sauer has said.

Two state district judges already have found the clemency process unconstitutional. A federal judge last week called it "extremely poor and certainly minimal."

The judge at the new hearing could order the 18-member board to change its ways, Sauer said.

After U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks criticized the process last week, board chairman Victor Rodriguez said he would consider some changes.

Sparks ruled that while the process was poor, it provided Joseph Stanley Faulder and Danny Lee Barber with minimal due process. He lifted their stays of execution.

Changing the clemency process will be up to state courts, Sparks said.

That assertion was encouraging, said Sauer, who is representing Faulder, a Canadian whose case has gained the attention of death penalty opponents nationally.

The hearing will center on whether the board is violating the Texas Open Meetings Act by not holding public meetings and the Texas Constitution by not giving reasons for their decisions, Sauer said.

"The Texas Constitution requires the board to state the reasons why they grant or deny clemency," Sauer said. "It also requires the board to give the governor advice in addition to a recommendation on whether to grant a clemency request."

But Ward Tisdale, spokesman for the attorney general's office, said that the state would defend the process in which the board either rejects or grants an inmate's request for a clemency recommendation.

ASK US

Q—Is it possible that the Snyder Daily News will purchase some of the Roadway Express calendars to sell?

A—The only way to buy a calendar is through the company's printer: Sherwood Promotions, 1335. S. Chillicothe Rd., Aurora, OH, 44202. Cost is $5.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 42 degrees; low, 23; high Sunday, 33; low, 16; reading at 7 a.m. today, 17 degrees; no precipitation for 1999.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, cold. Low, mid 20s. SW wind 10-15 mph. Tuesday, sunny, windy, warmer. High 60-65. W wind 15-25 mph, gusty.

Stacey Elam
Warmer

Sunset: 5:54 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:43 a.m.
Of 3 days in 1999, the sun has shone 3 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Happiness is a direction, not a place."

Sydney J. Harris

Bin Laden sends mixed messages in interviews

NEW YORK (AP) — Osama bin Laden, the exiled Saudi millionaire accused of plotting bombing attacks on two American embassies in Africa, told one U.S. news magazine that he did not order the attacks and another that he "instigated" them.

The mixed messages come from interviews released over the weekend that are to be published in the Jan. 11 issues of Newsweek and Time.

Bin Laden previously had denied involvement in the Aug. 7 bombings of the embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

He repeated that denial in the interview with Newsweek, conducted Dec. 22: "I did not order them but was very glad for what happened to the Americans there."

But the next day, Dec. 23, he told Time's reporter that he had "instigated" the attacks — the closest he has come to admitting personal involvement.

"If the instigation for jihad (holy war) against the Jews and the Americans ... is considered a crime, then let history be a witness that I am a criminal," bin Laden said. "Our job is to instigate, and by the grace of God, we did that, and certain people responded to this instigation."

Bin Laden is consistent on two subjects — defending the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction and denying that he is ill, as some U.S. reports have suggested.

"Acquiring weapons for the defense of Muslims is a religious duty... And if I seek to acquire these weapons, I am carrying out a duty," he told Time. "It would be a sin for Muslims not to try to possess the weapons that would prevent the infidels from inflicting harm on Muslims."

In the Newsweek interview, he called it "very strange" that America and Israel could have such weapons, "but if a Muslim state like Pakistan tries to defend itself... everything should be done to prevent it from doing so."

The interviews were conducted by Pakistani reporters who had received clandestine invitations to bin Laden's mountain base in Afghanistan.

Responding to reports that he is ill, bin Laden told Newsweek, "The Americans are committing another lie. I'm healthier now than at any time before." Time said bin Laden seemed "eager to deny reports that he had cancer," but used no direct quotes. It noted that he walked with a stick because of a bad back.

The United States retaliated 13 days after the bombings with cruise missile raids on bin Laden's mountain encampment and on a plant in Khartoum, Sudan, that was suspected of making nerve gas components.

The United States has offered $5 million for bin Laden's capture. Time quoted aides as saying bin Laden relied solely on radio and newspapers for outside contact, and avoids using a portable satellite phone because the Americans might use the signal to target his location.

Bin Laden told the magazines that two men arrested in East Africa and now in custody in the United States had nothing to do with the bombings.

He told Time that he knew one of them, Wadih El-Hage, but had not seen or heard from him in several years. He told Newsweek that the other, Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-'Owhali, had been tortured into confessing and implicating bin Laden.

"What I do know is that those who risked their lives to earn the pleasure of God are real men," Time quoted him as saying. "We pray to God to end the plight (of the arrested men) and we are confident they will be exonerated."

Memories of devastating ice storm still fresh, 1 year later

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — The sounds were frightening, alarmingly like the noises of battle. Trees and limbs broke with loud cracks, then fell with thundering crashes like mortar rounds. Ice on the branches shattered as it hit the crust of frozen snow, rattling like machine-gun fire.

All day, all night.

A year later, reminders linger of the ice storm that left hundreds of thousands without electricity: topless trees along the interstate, ragged limbs still dangling, prodigious stacks of firewood in yards. Newly purchased generators sit in garages and barns, ready for a repeat.

"They say they're never going to be caught short again," said Gil Steward, sales manager of a Lewiston business that sold 550 generators in the aftermath of the two-day ice storm — more than five times the number he normally sells in a year.

It all began with a seemingly harmless light rain the evening of Jan. 7, 1998. But the freezing rain soon formed an inches-thick veneer of ice that caused branches to sag, then snap under the weight.

Before it was over, 700,000 of the state's 1.2 million residents were in the dark. Some had no power for as long as two weeks. A federal disaster was declared and damage was estimated at $100 million.

Perhaps the only consolation of the storm was that temperatures didn't drop to the brutally cold subzero range, as often happens in January.

"We were just lucky it didn't get real cold," said Clark Hatto, whose family survived without electricity for a period that he recalls lasted exactly "seven days and seven hours." They kept the gas stove burning day and night.

Eastern Maine was among the hardest-hit areas, where nine miles of H-shaped wooden power-line supports broke like toothpicks under the enormous weight of the ice.

Central Maine Power, the state's largest electric utility, replaced more than 3,000 poles after the storm. The utility is still trying to recover $50 million of its $65 million storm cost from the federal government.

Maine wasn't alone in the misery. About 70,000 homes and business were left in the dark in New Hampshire, and Canada was hit even harder. At least two dozen people died in Quebec and Ontario, where nearly 1 million customers were left without power.

In Maine, at least a dozen deaths were linked to the storm, including seven carbon monoxide poisonings from heaters and generators used in poorly ventilated areas.

Restoring power was the biggest challenge. Central Maine had to learn literally overnight how to organize and run a major construction effort in the middle of January.

The company brought in nearly 3,900 people from as far away as North Carolina who worked 18-hour shifts for 23 straight days, said President Sara Burns. To keep the troops fed, Central Maine provided as many as 1,500 lunches a day.

Work crews devoted much of the spring and summer to clearing felled branches and trimming trees, but outages of such magnitude could occur again, said Central Maine spokesman Mark Ishkanian.

"If we ever had an ice buildup like we did last year, no amount of tree trimming would prevent the kind of devastation that happened last January," he said. "Aesthetically, it wouldn't be tolerated."

Those who lived through the ordeal remember acts of kindness that softened the harsh impacts.

Christian cult members' kin: arrests won't stop the group

DENVER (AP) — Relatives of Christian cult members who may be among those arrested in Israel fear that even if their loved ones are deported, they still wouldn't be able to break away from leader Monte Kim Miller.

Beverly Stevens said Sunday her 23-year-old daughter, Corrine, is "so brainwashed. He's got such a control over her. Even if she gets out of Israel, I don't know if she will come home."

Fourteen members of Concerned Christians — eight adults and six children — were detained Sunday after Israeli authorities said they plotted to provoke police into a shootout in order to hasten the return of Jesus Christ. Today, authorities moved to deport the children and at least five of the adults.

Only one name had been released in Israel. One of the 14 was taken before a magistrate today in Jerusalem, and court documents identified him as John Bayles.

Miller, 44, was not among those detained, and police said he was not in Israel.

Seventy-eight of the group's members vanished in October from the Denver area. The detainees had been under police surveillance in Israel for a month.

Mrs. Stevens said she hadn't seen her daughter since Thanksgiving 1997.

"When we would discuss things about Miller, Corrine would say 'No, he's not another Heaven's Gate. He's not a cult leader. I'm not going to commit suicide... What they are saying on television is not true,'" she said.

Mrs. Stevens said that just before Corrine vanished she had been living with Jan Cooper, another alleged cult member, in Boulder.

"What I really, really want is to see my mother away from Kim Miller's influence," said Ms. Cooper's 16-year-old daughter, Nicolette Weaver.

"The fact is, that as long as my mother is involved with him she is not going to talk to me," the teenager said.

John Weaver, Nicolette's father, won custody of his daughter after details of the cult's activities were revealed in court. He, too, took little consolation in Sunday's arrests.

"It's nice the group got rounded up, but until the group gets its senses together, they are going to continue," Weaver said. "They are going to build a fort for themselves somewhere, like what happened at Waco."

It wasn't immediately known whether Nicolette's mother and her stepfather, John Cooper, were among those detained.

The Israeli roundup left a big question in the mind of Bill Honsberger, who tracks cults and tried to rescue two adult members from the group two years ago.

"Why did they move today? Did they find guns? If it's about the threat for next fall I can see the group doing that but why today? What set it off?" Honsberger wondered.

Denver police investigator Mark Roggeman, who has tracked the group and tipped off the Israeli government that they were coming, said he fielded several calls Sunday from relatives of cult members.

"I've studied cults for 25 years, and this is a good thing," Roggeman said. "It is something that is out of his (Miller's) control. It shakes them up emotionally."

Roggeman predicted defections from the cult as a result.

Shirley Brownlee, whose 68-year-old sister is cult member Darleen Notts, said she hopes Roggeman is right; "otherwise, Darleen will follow him to the end."

Ms. Brownlee said her sister had just suffered through two deaths in the family when the cult recruited her. "She was very vulnerable."

James Van Beek, an investigator with the Eagle County Sheriff's Office, said he did not know whether his brother-in-law, James Dyck, was among the cult members arrested. Van Beek said his family hopes to find Dyck and persuade him to leave the group.

Woman dies after being pushed under NYC subway train

NEW YORK (AP) — A man with apparent mental problems shoved a 32-year-old woman to her death under a subway train as it pulled into a midtown Manhattan station, police said. He then leaned patiently against a wall and waited to be arrested.

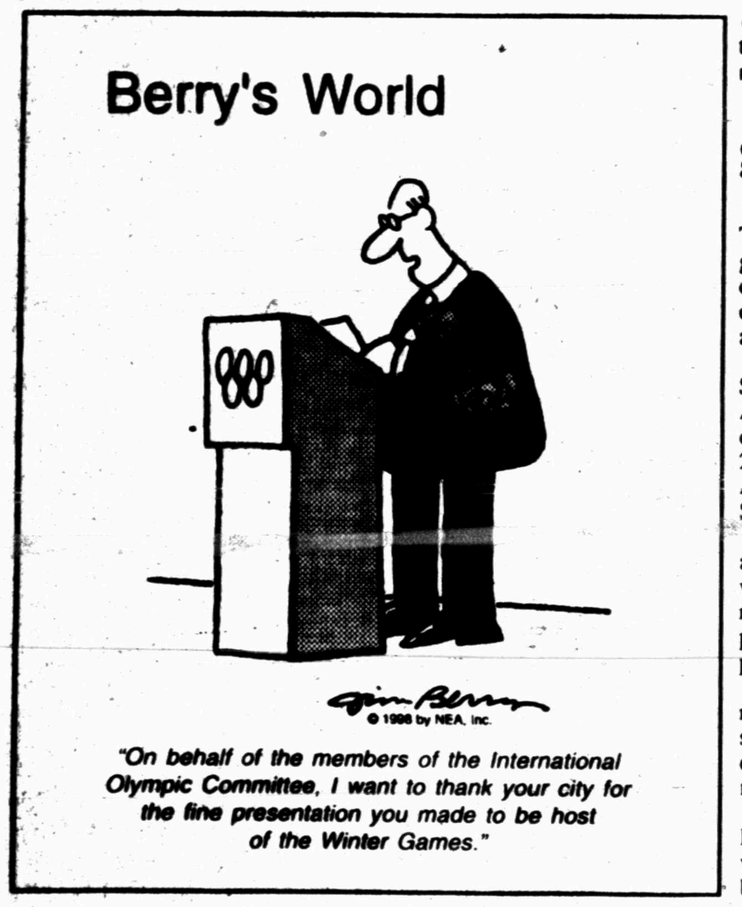
Kendra Webdale, a record company receptionist who lived in Manhattan, was killed about 5:15 p.m. Sunday at the 23rd Street and Broadway station. She was decapitated and her body was dragged under the northbound train.

Steven Ramirez, 19, said he was leaning toward the tracks looking for the train when "I saw these hands in a beige coat push this woman. Then I saw her flying through the air. She said nothing. She didn't have time."

A train operator then hollered for someone to hold the suspect, Andrew Goldstein, 29, of Queens. People waiting on the platform grabbed him, witnesses said. He remained silent and sat down after the incident.

Goldstein, who was charged with second-degree murder, was carrying medical papers indicating he was under psychiatric care at an outpatient clinic, police said.

Witnesses said the two exchanged a few words before Goldstein pushed her from behind.



"On behalf of the members of the International Olympic Committee, I want to thank your city for the fine presentation you made to be host of the Winter Games."

Two security guards killed

COMPTON, Calif. (AP) — Two apartment complex security guards were fatally shot and two others were seriously wounded during an early morning firefight at their guard booth.

An assailant attacked early Sunday at the New Wilmington Arms, a low-income housing complex in this community about 20 miles south of downtown Los Angeles, said police Lt. Danny Sneed.

There were no immediate arrests. Police said the suspect was either a frequent visitor or resident of the complex who had possibly argued with guards the previous night.

Two of the guards were able to return fire, said Terry Jones, spokeswoman for the guards' employer, Cleveland-based International Total Services.

Rodrico Paz, 62, and Remigio Malinao, 49, both of Los Angeles, were each fatally shot in the upper body, Sneed said.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1790, George Washington delivered the first presidential address to the nation.

On this day in 1887, Thomas Stevens completed the first around-the-world bicycle trip.

On this day in 1982, Bryant Gumbel and Chris Wallace replaced Tom Brokaw on the "Today Show."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jacob Grimm (1785-1863), folklorist; Louis Braille (1809-1852), inventor; Jane Wyman (1914-), actress, is 85; Don Shula (1930-), football coach, is 69; Floyd Patterson (1935-), boxer, is 64; Dyan Cannon (1937-), actress, is 62; Michael Stipe (1960-), singer, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, the Dallas Cowboys scored 20 points in the final quarter to beat the Falcons 30-27.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is no subject so old that something new cannot be said about it." — Feodor Dostoevski

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 1) and last quarter (Jan. 9).

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Pennzoil Exploration has completed the No. 11-11A SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, 10 miles north of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 14 barrels of oil and 168 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,795-7,010 feet, and location is in Section 449, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

E.B. Brooks Jr. will drill the No. 601 Bodine, a 3,450-foot wildcat located two miles northeast of Ackerly. Location is in Section 6, Block 33, T3N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Patterson Petroleum Inc. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Adams, three miles north of Maryneal. Drilled to 5,320 feet, location was in Section 190, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Abraxas Petroleum will plug and abandon the No. 1 Nobles, two miles northwest of Roby. Drilled to 5,917 feet, location was in the Bastrocp CSL survey.

McDade remembered at home for helping people

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) — For Lois Fadden, all that mattered about the 36 years that Joseph McDade spent in Congress is this: He helped keep the work going at a local ammunition plant that employed her brother-in-law.

Never mind the eight-year racketeering case that cast a cloud over McDade's career before the Pennsylvania Republican finally won acquittal in 1996.

Nor do constituents ponder over the derisive comment about the $66 million he got from federal taxpayers to build the Steamtown railroad historic site from scratch in Scranton, about 100 miles north of Philadelphia.

They sent him back to Washington 18 times, and no one doubts they would have given him a 19th two-year House term, too, had the 67-year-old lawmaker not elected to retire. For the folks in Scranton, it was the bread-and-butter issues that mattered.

"When you voted for him, you voted for yourself, too," Ms. Fadden said. "He kept a lot of people working, raising families."

McDade, the House's senior Republican, used his spot on the defense spending panel to make sure a local factory kept getting contracts to produce howitzer shells. He also helped businesses battle federal bureaucracy and lured defense companies to replace a collapsed coal industry.

His supporters say most people outside the district heard only one side of McDade, the one presented in the national media.

"They probably know more about the trial and Steamtown," said J.A. Panuska, former president of the University of Scranton. "They are missing the solid, devoted worker who is a person of integrity."

McDade was cleared in August 1996 of federal charges that he accepted $100,000 in vacations, gifts and campaign contributions in exchange for helping defense contractors inside and outside his district win $68 million in contracts.

Although McDade was acquitted, the ordeal took a political and personal toll. He lost the chance to become chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. He also was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, which causes a slow but steady loss of motor skills and flexibility.

Meanwhile, his efforts to create the Steamtown site became a symbol of pork-barrel politics to critics. Local business leaders, however, consider the federally financed project an important economic development tool.

McDade's accomplishments in the district are numerous, and many buildings, a recreational trail and a park built atop an abandoned coal mine bear his name.

McDade entered Congress in 1963 and became a member of the Appropriations Committee two years later, becoming adept at bringing millions of dollars to Scranton and environs.

When President Reagan called for more defense spending in the early 1980s, McDade saw job opportunities and joined the committee's defense panel, rising to the ranking Republican in 1985. It was in that capacity where he had the most influence on national issues.

"Joe McDade is a very strong person, and if there's something he wanted to see accomplished or prevent, he didn't give in easily," said Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla., incoming chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

McDade's office was renowned for constituent service, helping people fill out unemployment claims and resolve Social Security disputes.

McDade rarely sought headlines or television appearances and never sought any higher office. He usually won re-election by wide margins, even while criminal charges were pending against him.

His efforts to help defense firms win contracts ultimately got him in trouble. Federal prosecutors tried to link those contracts to free flights he received on corporate jets, tickets to the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament and other gifts.

On the witness stand in Philadelphia, McDade acknowledged receiving many of the items, but he blamed staff oversight for his failure to report them. The jury cleared him.

A few weeks later, defense contractors and other supporters threw a poolside cocktail party for McDade at the Republican National Convention in San Diego. Later, he invited jurors to Washington for a private tour of the Capitol.

75,000 left without phone service when thieves steal Sprint computer equipment

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Three men wearing ski masks broke into a Sprint telephone office, tied up workers and stole computer equipment, leaving an estimated 75,000 customers without phone service Sunday.

After tying up the two Sprint employees and a contractor, they shot them with stun guns, police spokesman Steve Meriwether said. The workers were not seriously injured.

No arrests had been made, and police had no suspects.

The thieves took telephone-related computer equipment that was in use at the time, knocking out service to some customers, Sprint spokeswoman Detra Page said. Sprint has 845,000 customers in the Las Vegas Valley.

"It was equipment that was being used to relay calls," Ms. Page said. "They did know what they were after. It is believed it was stolen to be resold."

Service was restored to all customers within seven hours.

Downtown Indian ruins dig up past for transient Miami

MIAMI (AP) — The bare-chested man arches the bow and aims his arrow at the sky. Atop a downtown drawbridge, the sculpture of the Tequesta Indian and his family guards the mouth of the Miami River.

Now it also stands sentinel over an archaeological dig wedged among downtown skyscrapers. What is likely prehistoric ruins from the extinct tribe have been unearthed on land slated for a high-rise condominium.

The discovery of a circle made up of dozens of holes carved into bedrock limestone has captured the imagination of city dwellers. Daily, people show up at the fenced-in site to watch researchers sifting the black dirt.

Some even get dirty helping hunt for animal bones and pieces of pottery.

For a city with a largely transient population, where native-born Floridians are almost as rare as manatees, the five-month dig has created a sense that there is more to Miami than neon, drug-related killings and gaudy tourists.

"It allows the public to get a glimpse of what life was like so long ago," said John M. Ricisak, historic preservation specialist with Miami-Dade County. "Even people who have lived here all their lives have the idea that the history of the area is brief, that it doesn't extend more than 100 years."

Lori Glick, a 32-year-old actress, was fascinated by the Tequesta statue she saw outside the window of the apartment she recently moved into. Like many who volunteered to dig, she was born in Miami.

"All of a sudden, there is this discovery right outside where I live," said Ms. Glick, speckled head-to-toe with mud after spraying down artifacts. "It's really interesting to learn about the history of Miami from all this and how other people may have lived. I try to imagine how it must have looked like back then."

Spectacular, said Ricisak.

Before skyscrapers, he said, the Tequesta could see the sun rise over Biscayne Bay and set over the Everglades. Here, fish were plentiful and the river offered easy transportation into the wetlands. Giant flocks of birds filled the sky.

"The mouth of the Miami River would have been a preferred place to be if you were a prehistoric hunter and gatherer," Ricisak said.

Unearthed so far have been stone tools, beads, shells and evidence of animal sacrifice. One of the carved holes in the circle faces directly east, toward Biscayne Bay, and is in the shape of an eye with a stone pupil.

Speculation on the purpose of the circle has focused on the possibility it was a celestial calendar on the order of Stonehenge or perhaps evidence of a breakaway band of sophisticated Mayan Indians from Central America. The latter theory is based on the discovery of small axes made of basaltic stone — a material not native to Florida but found in the Caribbean basin.

Researchers, though, believe the oval outlines the foundation of some type of Tequesta religious building and that many of the carved holes probably held posts. The tribe lived in South Florida before being wiped out by war and disease once Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon arrived in 1513 on a quest for the Fountain of Youth.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Wife's Nagging Jealousy Is Souring Her Sweetheart

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I need your advice. In 1995, I married a wonderful man who has been an excellent father to my three sons. I love him with all my heart.

For the past few months, I've been accusing him of cheating on me. He leaves for work early, has been taking showers, shaving and dressing nicely to go to work in a factory. In the past, he hasn't worried about his looks so much.

Every time I say something like, "Lookin' good for her, huh?" he gets mad. He insists he's not fooling around and never would. I have a hard time believing him.

He says I'm pushing him away by accusing him of cheating, but I can't help it. I'm so scared that I'm giving this man my heart and soul, and I'm afraid of the power he holds in his hands to break me.

My self-esteem is on the low side. I've gained some weight and am feeling old. Our sex life is so-so. I'm not very satisfied, and I have been open and direct about telling him what I like. He acts like he doesn't hear me, which also makes me believe he has someone else.

I've never loved any other man like this and would be devastated if there is another woman. Is it me? Please tell me how to get help for this insecurity.

MISERABLE IN INDIANA

DEAR MISERABLE: Please don't let your insecurities ruin a good marriage. Believe your husband when he says you are pushing him away by accusing him of adultery. For me to doubt his truthfulness, you would have to produce more convincing evidence of "misconduct" than his going to work early, showering and dressing presentably, being a good stepfather to your sons and bringing home a regular paycheck.

You can improve your self-esteem by having a medical checkup and getting back into shape. Joint counseling could help you deal with your irrational jealousy and perhaps improve your sex lives. Get going.

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DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for years but have not come across my problem. My husband, "Mark," is afraid to drive.

When we first married 10 years ago, it wasn't such a problem. We lived in the city and the commute wasn't bad. We now have two children, 6 and 3, and I want to move from the city, but we can't unless buses and trains are within walking distance.

Mark took driving lessons and obtained his license. The trainer told him that all he needs is practice, but he's too afraid to get it.

Abby, Mark is 40 years old, and it's only going to be more difficult for both of us as the years go by. My daughter attends private school and dance lessons, both of which I drive her to. Soon our son will be old enough to go to school and participate in sports. I can't split myself in two to provide transportation for both of our children, my husband and our needs. I suggested counseling, but he refused.

Do you have any suggestions?

DRIVEN CRAZY

DEAR DRIVEN: A phobia is defined as an irrational fear. Your husband is phobic about driving a car. There is medical help available for his problem, but in order to get it, Mark must first have a frank discussion with his doctor. Make an appointment for him, and insist that he keep it.

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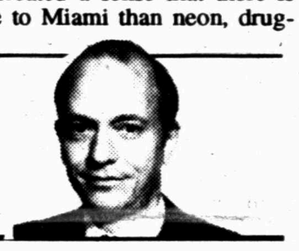

By Phillip Alder

North 01-04-99
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♥ 10 5
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q 10 9 4 3

West
♠ 10 5 2
♥ K Q J 9 8
♦ J 9 4 2
♣ 2

East
♠ Q J 9 8
♥ 6 4 3
♦ 10 8 7
♣ A 8 5

South
♠ A 4 3
♥ A 7 2
♦ A 6 3
♣ K J 7 6

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

To win or lose trick one

By Phillip Alder

First of all, with apologies to Bill the Bard: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous suit breaks, or to take arms against a sea of losing finesses, and by opposing end them? To duck: to win; no more; and, by a duck to say we end the heartache and the thousand natural shocks that going down in a lay-down would bring, that the flesh is heir to, 'tis a consummation devoutly to be wished.

It is trick one. You are the declarer. You have to decide whether to win this first trick. Which way do you turn? There are many reasons for and against, so each deal must be treated on its own merits. But as there are only two choices, *consider them both.*

Here is the most elementary reason for ducking at trick one.

In three no-trump, South receives the heart-king lead from West. Declarer has six top tricks: two spades, one heart and three diamonds. The other three tricks will have to come from clubs. Yet there is a locust in the lubricant. The defenders have struck at South's weakest point: hearts. Once the heart ace is out of the way, when the defenders get in with the club ace, they may cash a fatal number of heart tricks.

As you can see, that will happen if South wins either the first heart trick or the second. But if he holds up until the third round, when East takes a trick with his club ace, he doesn't have another heart to lead. Declarer gets home with an overtrick, not an undertrick. We say that South cut the defenders' communication.

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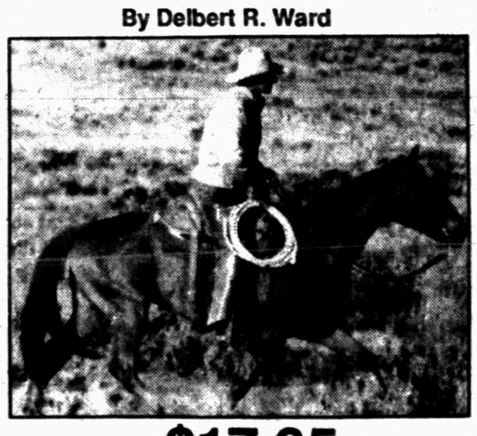

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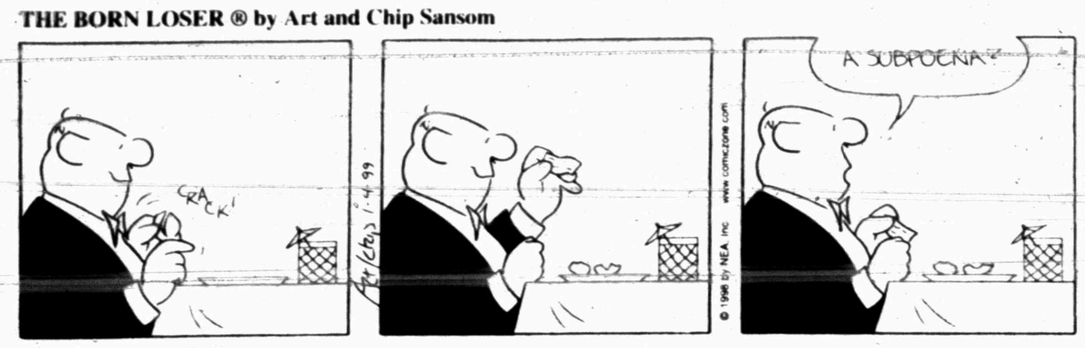

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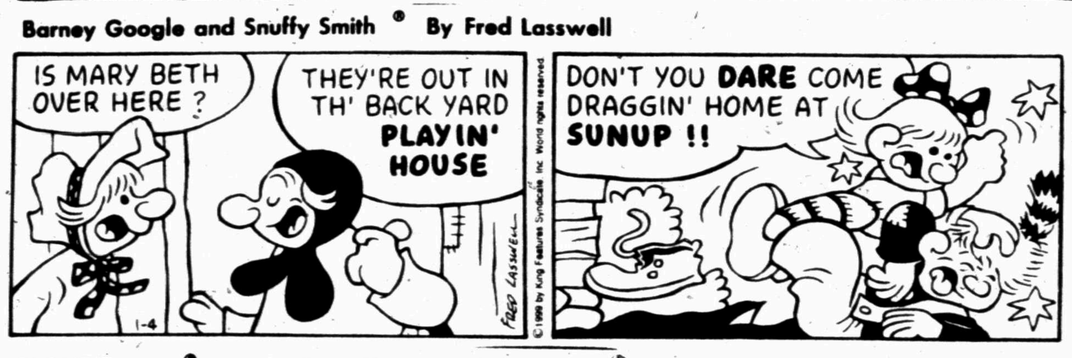

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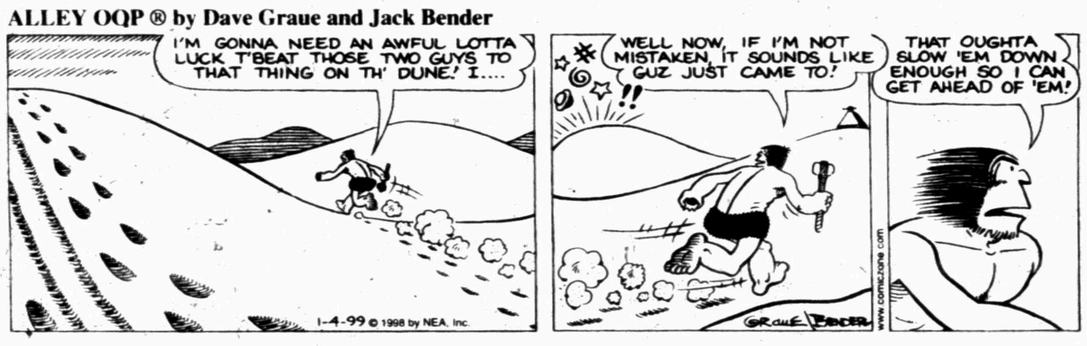

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7 Kampala's land
13 Hansel's sister
14 Child's wagon
15 Thelma and —
16 Western rope
17 Beliefs
18 Roman 502
20 Shade trees
21 Willow
23 Type of potato
27 Dublin's country
32 Tied (shoes)
33 Bar order
34 Standard of perfection
35 Foolish
36 Part of EST
39 Like some seals
40 Places
42 Dreary
46 — Beta Kappa
47 Thrash soundly
51 Crystalline gem
53 Like some fast food
55 Gradual slope
56 Impede
57 Most like a fox
58 Fixed the salad

DOWN

1 Citrus fruit
2 Silk fabric
3 Flower
4 Himalayan plant
5 Intermediate (pref.)
6 Sliding vehicles
7 Homelier
8 Tibetan gazelle
9 Measure of land
10 Hammer's target
11 Perfume quantity
12 ABA members
19 Roman three
21 Lots and lots
22 Depends (on)
23 Tennis pro Nastase
24 Arp's art
25 Highest cards
26 Fever
28 Actress Turner
29 Culture medium
30 Hawaiian goose
31 A Scott
37 Most ready for picking
38 — degree
41 Number of work hours in a day, usually
42 Excavates
43 Bakery buy
44 Jai —
45 Blue pigment
47 Cozy rooms
48 Radiation measures
49 Plaintiff
50 Polar explorer
52 — the season
54 Spanish river

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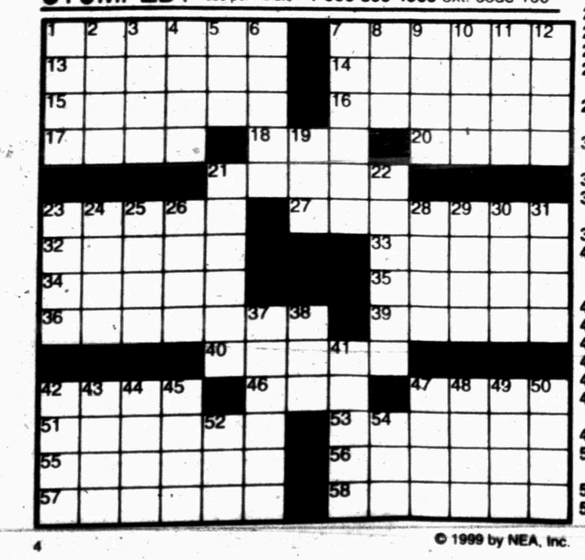

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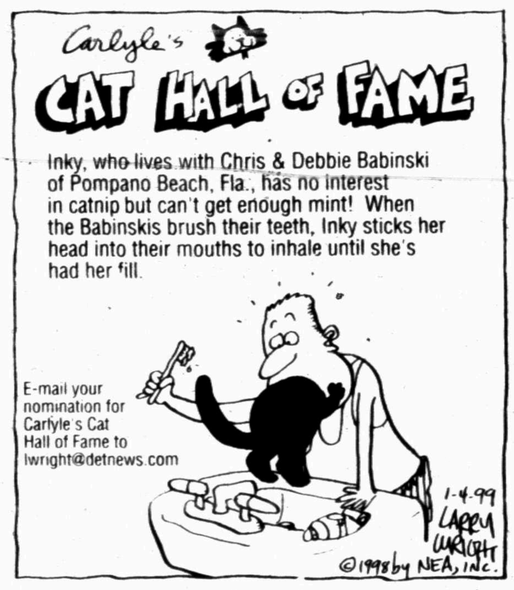

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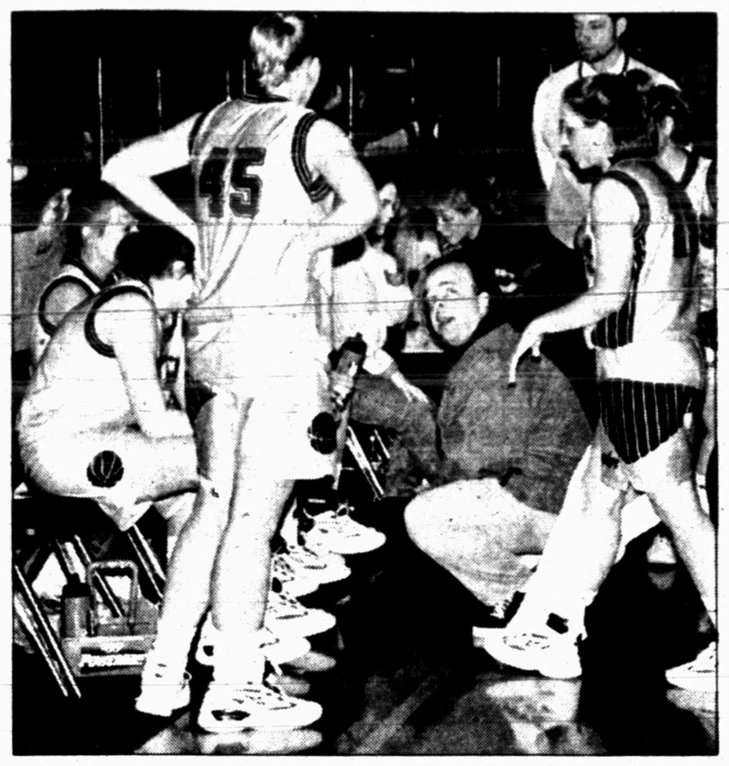

DEVISING A PLAN — Lady Tiger coach Rick Archer glances at the scoreboard Saturday during Snyder's setback to Seminole. Kameron Kallemeyn (45) and T'Leah Eicke (25) listen in.

Maidens' pressure stifles Lady Tigers

Mandy Hess was sorely missed by the Lady Tigers on Saturday.

With Hess' ball-handling skills sidelined due to a knee injury, Snyder committed 37 turnovers in a 59-46 setback to Seminole at the SHS gym.

Forced to play inexperienced guards, Snyder struggled against the Maidens' full-court pressure.

"I was dissappointed in the way we handled the press," Snyder coach Rick Archer said. "We've handled pressure better than that before. We just didn't get the ball to the open person when we needed to."

The Lady Tigers turned it over 14 times in the opening quarter and 24 times in the first half to trail 38-20, entering the third period.

Seminole connected on 14 of 21 free throw attempts in the first half, as both squads commited a barrage of fouls early on. Nine of Snyder's first-half points came from the charity stripe.

The Lady Tigers settled down in the final two periods, cutiing their turnover number in half and more than doubling their points.

"We did a lot better job in the second half," said Archer. "For some reason, we just couldn't get it done in the first half."

Snyder was led by senior Alicia Peoples who poured in 13 points, including a three-of-four performnace from the line.

Ashley Delce posted 10 points, with six of them coming in the fourth quarter. Shannon Hall drained a three-pointer and finished with seven points.

The Lady Tigers' contest at Levelland on Tuesday will be their final tune-up before district play begins on Friday.

Tuesday's action begins at 6:30, with Friday's 2-4A opener at Andrews getting underway at 6 p.m.

Hess was to have been re-evaluated this afternoon and is questionable for this week's ballgames.

Seminole	17	21	16	5	— 59
Snyder	8	12	14	12	— 46

Seminole
A. Wickson 3 7-10 14, M. Wickson 4 4-5 13, Hall 3 4-5 10, Spradlin 1 2-2 4, Winters 1 0-0 2, Williams 3 2-2 8, Ensor 1 1-4 3, Rucker 1 0-0 2, Daves 1 0-0 2. **Totals 18 21-30 59.**

Snyder
Peoples 5 3-4 13, Hall 3 0-1 7, Geiger 1 0-0 2, Mackey 0 0-1 0, Delce 2 6-8 10, Kallemeyn 2 2-2 6, Beard 2 2-3 6, Eicke 0 2-4 2. **Totals 15 15-23 46.**

Three-point goals: Seminole 2 (A. Wickson, M. Wickson), Snyder 1 (Hall). Rebounds: Seminole 32 (M. Wickson 7), Snyder 30 (Peoples 8). Total fouls: Seminole 23, Snyder 21. Fouled out — none.

Late TD lifts San Francisco past Packers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Terrell Owens' moment of redemption came at the last instant.

Owens, who had four drops and a fumble earlier, leaped to catch Steve Young's 25-yard touchdown pass with three seconds remaining, giving the San Francisco 49ers a 30-27 NFC wild-card victory over the Green Bay Packers.

The victory ended San Francisco's run of five straight losses to the Packers, including the last three playoffs, and to their head coach, former San Francisco offensive coordinator Mike Holmgren.

Wild Cards
Saturday, Jan. 2
Miami 24, Buffalo 17
Arizona 20, Dallas 7
Sunday, Jan. 3
Jacksonville 25, New England 10
San Francisco 30, Green Bay 27

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 9
San Francisco at Atlanta, 12:35 p.m. (FOX)
Miami at Denver, 4:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 10
Jacksonville at New York Jets, 12:40 p.m. (CBS)
Arizona at Minnesota, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)

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Sunday, Jan. 17
AFC
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Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 31
At Miami
AFC champion vs. NFC Champion, 6:18 p.m. (FOX)

Gailey era begins with a Cowboy playoff bust

IRVING (AP) — The Chan Gailey era began for the Dallas Cowboys with a division championship and a playoff bust.

Owner Jerry Jones said he's still glad he did what he did when he sent Barry Switzer packing after a 6-10 season.

"We're every excited where we are headed with our new coach," Jones said. "Of course we are disappointed. But this is a good first step."

"We did not play well as a team and we have to get that corrected," said Gailey, who was hired by Jones from Pittsburgh.

Arizona beat Dallas 20-7, snapping a nine-game losing streak in Texas Stadium. It was only the second time in the last 18 games the Cardinals had beaten the Cowboys.

"This season was a crazy rollercoaster ride," said running back Emmitt Smith. "We never got to the point of being consistent for a long period of time. Even when we won four consecutive games in the middle of the season you could still see all the inconsistencies.

"We have a good system and good personnel but surely some changes will be made. Whatever it takes to get this team back on track, I'm all for it."

Cornerback Deion Sanders was openly critical of his teammates.

"If we are going to call ourselves big-time players, then we have to make big plays," Sanders said.

"Everybody wants to think this is the same Cowboys as the old days and it's not," said quarterback Troy Aikman, who was sacked four times and intercepted three times by the Cardinals. "We rely on different people now, and for a few of the people the door of opportunity is shut. We are looking through a different window now."

'Cats nip Tigers in OT

Between the season opener and Saturday's contest, the Snyder Tigers improved by 22 points.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, the San Angelo Central Bobcats were still two points better.

After falling to the Bobcats, 70-46, to begin the year, Snyder was victimized by a late three-pointer, before being edged in overtime by Central, 53-51, on Saturday at the SHS gym.

The Tigers held a 48-45 fourth-quarter advantage, before Central's Adrian Carrasco drained a long-range jumper to send the game into overtime.

"I thought we played hard throughout the whole game," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "We missed a few free throws down the stretch and didn't get out on the three-point shooter, and that was the difference."

Sonny Cumbie posted the first bucket of the extra session to give Snyder a 50-48 lead.

Central answered to knot the tally, before Tyler Warren dropped in a free throw for a one-point Tiger advantage with 2:10 left in overtime.

Snyder failed to score for the remainder of the game, as the Tigers turned the ball over once and had three empty trips.

The action was highlighted by runs from both teams.

Central put together the first streak in the second quarter, scoring seven points in a 12-second span to break a 16-16 tie midway through the period.

The Tigers responded with a run of their own to open the third quarter.

Trailing, 25-20, at halftime, Snyder went on a 14-7 streak to take a 34-32 lead with 4:07 left in the third. A Cory Mandrell three-pointer and a trio of long-range buckets from Justin McNair sparked the rally.

The two squads traded baskets throughout the fourth quarter, until baskets from Cumbie and Jared Hester put the Tigers up, 48-45, with 2:19 left in regulation.

Following the Carrasco's basket to knot the tally, Snyder had one last chance. Mandrell took a Hester pass underneath, but had the shot bounce off the rim as time expired.

The Tigers were paced by 18 points from Cumbie, with Mcnair pouring in all 15 of his points from behind the arc.

Snyder, now 8-10 on the season, travels to Levelland on Tuesday.

The Tigers' last visit to Levelland resulted in a heartbreaking triple-overtime district loss a year ago.

"I don't think last year's game will have any effect on us this year," Birks said. "This is a different set of circumstances this time."

Tuesday's tip-off is slated for 8 p.m.

SA Central	10	15	14	9	5 — 53
Snyder	13	7	18	10	3 — 51

Central
Ward 6 1-1 14, Figaro 4 0-0 8, Young 3 0-2 6, Swann 2 1-2 5, Tillotson 0 2-2 2, Carrasco 4 1-3 10, Bradley 2 0-0 4, Rohlfs 1 0-0 2, Hardin 0 2-3 2. **Totals 22 7-13 53.**

Snyder
Cumbie 7 4-4 18, McNair 5 0-0 15, Mandrell 2 1-3 6, Warren 1 1-2 3, Hester 1 0-0 2, Durham 1 5-6 7. **Totals 17 11-15 51.**

Three-point goals: Central 2 (Carrasco, Ward), Snyder 6 (McNair 5, Mandrell). Total fouls: Central 17, Snyder 16. Fouled out — Hardin.

D-E-F-E-N-S-E — Snyder guard Brady Cobb defends a San Angelo Central ball-handler Saturday during action at the SHS gym. The Tigers fell to the Bobcats, 53-51, in overtime. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ira sweeps Hermleigh

IRA — Competing in separate basketball districts, Ira and Hermleigh will have to wait until next year before they meet again.

But for this year, the bragging rights belong to Ira.

Ira swept a pair victories from Hermleigh on Saturday, as the Bulldogs ran past the Cardinals, 76-32, while the Lady Bulldogs knocked off the Hermleigh girls, 54-44.

Four Ira boys finished in double digits, led by Jerek Brown's 20 points. Logan Daves poured in 16. Nathan Smith posted 13 and Drew Wall notched 12.

Seth Sterling finished with six points, while Jenson Gainer dropped in four. Bryce Wilkins added two points, with Terry Jamison chipping in one.

The Cardinals, who were held to just seven points during the second and third quarters, were paced by the play of Billy Lambaren and Caleb Callaway.

Lambaren rattled home 13 points, with Callaway accounting for 11. Joey Garza and David Digby added four points apiece.

In girls action, Ira ran to a 18-8 advantage in the first period, then held off the Lady Cards for the 10-point win.

Ira's Morgan Clements poured in 32 points to lead all scorers, with Hermleigh's Jennifer Roemisch posting 28.

Korby Calley added 12 for Ira. E'Lissa Goolsby notched five. Tara Allen registered four points and Brook Wilkes chipped in one.

Brandy Wood finished with 10 for the Lady Cardinals, while Cynthia Jackson, Kendra Dacus and Sheena Callaway dropped in two points each.

Ira will be in action again Tuesday when it hosts Klondike at 6:30.

Hermleigh returns home Tuesday to host Loraine at 6:30.

In JV girls action...

Snyder nabs consolation title

MIDLAND — After suffereing an opening-round setback, Snyder's JV girls notched a pair of wins to claim the consolation title of the Midland Christian Invitational.

The Lady Tigers got 13 points from Meagan Hatley and held Midland Trinity's varsity to single digits in all four quarters to win the consolation bracket, 39-20.

In the consolation semifinals, Whitney Webb poured in 20 points to lead Snyder past Midland Christian, 64-33.

The Lady Tigers' only loss of the tourney came in the first round. Despite 18 points from Hatley and 11 from Amber Haarmeyer, Snyder fell to EP Jesus Chapel, 56-46.

The Lady Tigers will be in action again Tuesday when they visit Levelland at 5 p.m.

Snyder 39, Trinity 20
Snyder: Meagan Hatley, 13; Whitney Webb, 11; Andra Lancaster, 5; Taylor Daniell and Amber Haarmeyer, 4; Amber Alexander, 2.

Snyder 64, Midland Christian 33
Snyder: Webb, 20; Hatley, 14; Lancaster, 12; Kallie Billingsley, 7; Alexander, 6; Haarmeyer, 5.

Jesus Chapel 56, Snyder 46
Snyder: Hatley, 18; Haarmeyer, 11; Lancaster, 7; Webb and Alexander, 4; Daniell, 2.

Vols, 'Noles clash for title tonight

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — No. 1 Tennessee can see the numbers. Florida State makes its living turning a team's rushing game into an insignificant afterthought.

Texas A&M got 33 yards against the Seminoles in 31 carries. Miami got 69, Georgia Tech managed 80, North Carolina just 75, Wake Forest 59. The most anybody got all season was Southern California, with 166 yards.

If Tennessee wins its first national championship since 1951 tonight in the Fiesta Bowl, the Volunteers will have to break through on the ground. And they plan to do just that.

Tennessee led the Southeastern Conference in rushing at 211 yards a game and made no secret that running was its game plan for the season.

"It's not like last year when we had Peyton (Manning)," offensive guard Cosey Coleman said of the top-drafted quarterback. "I would assume most teams' focus against us has been to stop the run."

But most teams do not have a run defense like the Seminoles.

If the Vols can break through, the hero likely will be a stocky, powerful runner who started the season as the third-string tailback.

Travis Henry gained 970 yards on 176 carries after Jamal Lewis got hurt in the fourth game and Travis Stephens developed a fumbling problem.

"That's what's been so special about this team," said senior co-captain and kicker Jeff Hall. "It hasn't been so much the people who have been pegged to be successful who have gotten it done, but the people who have risen to the occasion and maximized their potential."

Henry nearly wasn't around to maximize anything. He arrived on campus 18 months ago with torn cartilage in his right knee. Then Lewis emerged as one of the top freshman runners in the country last season, and Henry contemplated a transfer.

But Henry stuck it out, and is glad he did.

"It was an opportunity to step up and show my talent," he said of Lewis' injury. "I prepared myself for a chance like that."

The Vols are in the big game largely because of Henry's production. The running game has carried the brunt of the load as quarterback Tee Martin felt his way through his first season as a starter.

Asked if the Vols can run against FSU, Martin smiled.

"We haven't been stopped running this year," he said. "I'll leave it at that."

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History-making judge will retire

HARLINGEN (AP) — Judge Darrell Hester once earned the nickname "Hang Em High Hester" for his tough brand of justice.

But Hester says his aim during 28 years on the bench was fairness.

"I've tried to be a fair judge, and I've tried to use my position to change things I perceived were wrong," Hester, who recently left his post in the 197th state District Court, told the (Harlingen) Valley Morning Star.

"I think I'm a hard judge; I've tried to be fair, but I have been tough. I have felt the penalty should help bring about improvement or change."

Hester's work is credited with helping to pry political power from the patron system that long dominated South Texas, one of the most corrupt regions of the state.

In the 1970s, he made Texas history as the judge assigned to corruption-ridden Duval County. He helped topple the dynasty of political boss George Parr, whose tentacles once stretched from Texas to the nation's capital. In a 19-month period, Hester presided in trials that led to the removal of 19 county officials.

"I replaced them with people who I felt were responsible and could serve the office," Hester said.

Hester also started packing a .38-caliber revolver after receiving numerous death threats.

The judge's tough-as-nails approach won respect if not friends.

"He was tough but I can't say he wasn't honest," longtime Duval County Sheriff Raul Serna said of Hester.

"Personally, what I didn't like was that he seemed to have a personal vendetta against the people in office at the time," Serna said. "It was a tough time; it was a nervous time. But if every county in the state was investigated the way Duval County was investigated, they'd find the same things."

Born the only child of an auto mechanic, Hester grew up in the East Texas town of Frost, near Corsicana. In World War II, he served as a Navy communications officer aboard destroyers in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters, climbing to the rank of lieutenant.

With the help of the GI Bill, he graduated in 1948 from the University of Texas Law School in Austin, where he met his wife-to-be, Nell Sanders, a student from La Feria.

"I came down to the Valley several times to see her, and I was very taken by the area," Hester said in the office he decorated with the portraits of Mexican revolutionary war heroes Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata.

"I liked the people," he said. "It was a booming area that I foresaw was going to grow. I figured there was a good opportunity for a law practice."

After law school, Hester took a job with the Valley's largest law firm, and later served as a felony prosecutor at the county courthouse.

Hester has lost track of the number of capital punishment trials he has handled during his three decades as a judge. But in many cases, he would have preferred guaranteed life without parole, he said.

"Anyone who is a student of criminal justice would tell you the greatest deterrent to crime is knowledge that punishment is going to be swift and it's going to be certain," he said.

In South Texas, much has changed since men like Parr ruled the region, Hester said.

"We've seen tremendous progress in the citizenry in taking responsibility in the election of good people who can serve them well," Hester said.

Four arrested over the weekend

Felony charges sent one subject to jail over the weekend while three others were arrested for misdemeanors.

Officers took 37-year-old Randall Louis Gillham, a Texas Department of Criminal Justice work release inmate, into custody at 4:33 p.m. Sunday in the 1500 block of Avenue R. He was arrested on an outstanding warrant for parole violation for failing to show up for work.

At 10:58 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 22-year-old female in the 200 block block of 26th Street for public intoxication.

A 23-year-old male was taken into custody at 11:54 p.m. Saturday in the 2100 block of 26th Street for making alcoholic beverages available to minors.

Officers took an 18-year-old male into custody in the 3600 block of Denison at 2:51 a.m. Sunday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity, officers were called to Ken's Chicken at 10:34 a.m. Saturday in reference to the kitchen window being shot out. An offense report for criminal mischief was filed.

Rosemary Jones requested an officer at 6:43 p.m. Sunday in reference to a dog biting a person in the 600 block of Avenue U. An offense report for animal bite was filed.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Jan 2: Norma Gaytan, Lisa Luera, Jessie Roberts; Jan. 3: E.L. Jones, Laura Stewart of Colorado City, Golia Williams, Christi Haltom, Ella Moffett, Christina Jones of Hermleigh, Annmarie Woods and Jan Woods, both of Marble Falls.

DISMISSALS: Jan. 2: Kelcee Oliphant; Jan. 3: Ila Cox, Naomi Larralde and daughter, Rube McKinley, Jessie Roberts, Thelma Wimberly.

CENSUS: 46 (Med., Surg.-15; Long-term Care-25, OB-3, Nursery-3)

Births

Naomi Larralde of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter at 5:01 p.m. on Dec. 31, 1998 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, 10 ounces.

'Patch Adams' tops box office for second week

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Family fare drew audiences to theaters during the New Year's holiday as "Patch Adams," "Stepmom" and "You've Got Mail" finishing on top at the box office, estimates show.

The Robin Williams movie "Patch Adams" took No. 1 for a second weekend with $20.1 million in ticket sales. The film has developed into a hit — even though it was roundly panned by critics for being overly sappy.

"People are really responding to his Golden Globe nomination for best actor and they're very taken by the true-life story of Patch Adams," said Alan Sutton, senior vice president of distribution and marketing for Universal Pictures.

"Stepmom," which also took critical lumps, was second with $15 million, followed by the Tom Hanks-Meg Ryan comedy "You've Got Mail" with $14.1 million, according to industry estimates released Sunday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

Final figures were to be released today.

Without any new competition — not a single film debuted in wide release — animated and children's films held their own. Studios truck out such fare for the holidays because they know families tend to get together and the children are out of school.

"The Prince of Egypt," DreamWorks' animated adult fable of Moses that reportedly cost more than $100 million to make, was in fourth place with $11.5 million.

Disney's "A Bug's Life" had legs — many of them. In fifth place, it lost just 1 percent of its audience in its seventh week for a $10 million gross.

Disney had two other films in the Top 10. The big ape movie "Mighty Joe Young" was sixth with $8.7 million and "Enemy of the State" was at No. 8 with $5 million, behind the horror film "The Faculty," which took in $8 million.

"Star Trek: Insurrection" and "Jack Frost" rounded out the list, with $4.8 million and $3.2 million, respectively.

In its seventh week, "Enemy of the State" was close to hitting the $100 million total gross already exceeded by four other Disney films of 1998: "A Bug's Life," "Waterboy," "Armageddon" and "Mulan."

In fact, Disney expects to have well over $1.1 billion in North American grosses for the box office year running from Jan. 5, 1998 through Sunday. That would put it ahead even of Paramount, which scored with the blockbuster "Titanic."

"We've had a titanic comeback, or actually a comeback from 'Titanic,'" quipped Phil Barlow, president of Disney's Buena Vista Pictures Distribution.

Nutrition

By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Can oranges lose their vitamin C?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Is it the case that people who save their oranges until they are sweeter may lose all the fruit's vitamin C, and that oranges plucked too early may not have any? — S.B., London

DEAR S.B.: There is no reason to "save" an orange in the hopes that it will improve in flavor or nutritional value. It is true that some fruits, such as bananas and stone fruits, contain enzymes that remain active after harvest. These enzymes break complex carbohydrates into simpler, sweeter-tasting sugars. However, this isn't the case with oranges, a fruit traditionally harvested at the peak of ripeness. When it is picked, the orange is just about as sweet as it's going to be. It is also the time at which the vitamin C content will be the highest.

Don't look to color as an indication of ripeness. Oranges often "regreen," a process that has no relation to ripeness or taste. The overall color is more a reflection of the temperature prior to harvest than of the flavors locked inside. Although oranges will keep for a few days at room temperature, the best method for storage is to keep them refrigerated. When an orange begins to shrivel, the nutrient value will have started its decline. The juiciest fruits, incidentally, are the ones that are the heaviest for their size.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: A friend told me to take guarana pills for alertness, better concentration and faster learning. I don't know what to think, as I've heard that guarana is also used as a cure for impotence. Could you tell me if I should try this pill or not? — D.P., Nashville, Tenn.

DEAR D.P.: Guarana comes from the seeds of a South American shrub. The alertness and improved concentration you mention relates to the fact that guarana has a high concentration of caffeine — higher even than kola nuts and coffee and cacao (cocoa) beans.

Regarding guarana and impotence, the financial success of Viagra makes it unsurprising that a host of natural products claiming to have the same or better effects at a lesser cost would appear. There is no research to support the use of guarana or caffeine as a treatment for impotence.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Could you please settle a debate my son and I are having? I told him that when vegetables are boiled, nutrients evaporate with the steam — unless the lid of the pot is kept on. He says they stay in the cooking water. — J.A., Los Angeles

DEAR J.A.: Between the two of you, your son is much closer to the truth. Although some nutrients are destroyed by heat, they do not evaporate with steam. Those nutrients that are water-soluble and heat-stable will remain intact in the cooking water, while the nutrients that don't dissolve in water remain in the vegetable.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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AlldSignal	44½	43¾	44⅜	+ 1-16
Alltel	61 11-16	60	61	+1 3-16
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Ameritech	63¼	62 13-16	63⅜	+ ½
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ArmcoInc	4¾	4 11-16	4	13-16+ 7-16
AtlRichfld	66¾	65 9-16	66	7-16+1 1-16
ATMOS Egy	32	9-16	32¼	32½+ ¼
Aviall		11¼	11	11-16 11¾
BP Amoco	92 11-16	91¼	91	15-16+1 3-16
BakerHughes	18	5-16	17	9-16 18⅛+ ⅜
BankAmerica	62¼	59	11-16	61 9-16+1 7-16
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BellSouth s	49¾	49	3-16	49 5-16— 9-16
BethSteel	8	11-16	8	5-16 8 9-16+ 3-16
BurlNoSFe s	33	15-16	33¼	33¼— ¾
CBS Corp	34¼	32¼	33	5-16+ ½
Caterpillar	47 15-16	47¼	47	11-16+1 11-16
CenSoWst	27¾	27	7-16	27 9-16+ ¼
Chevron	84 7-16	83	1-16	84⅛+1 3-16
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CocaCola	68 7-16	66	11-16	68⅛+ 1¼
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Survey shows violent conflicts on the decline worldwide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The year ended with a war simmering between the United States and Iraq. But a cease-fire by Basque separatists, a letup of terrorism in Greece and the end of Liberia's vicious civil war are among events that contributed to a sharp drop in the number of violent conflicts worldwide, think tanks that track the world's warfare reported Sunday.

In its annual survey of 192 nations and territories, the National Defense Council Foundation counted 60 conflicts. That represents a drop of seven from 1997 but remains well above the 35 conflicts happening when the Cold War ended in 1989.

The Alexandria, Va.-based council, which promotes greater awareness of defense matters, tallies all violent situations that result in regional instability. These include even major criminal activity and drug trafficking.

"The most specific and paramount danger to international peace at present is the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons," warned Andy Messing Jr., NDCF's executive director.

"Theoretically, if the participants in any one of these 60 conflicts obtain weapons of mass destruction, they can turn a relatively minor imbroglio into a cataclysmic situation involving neighboring states and even the entire world," Messing said.

The group's list includes cross-border wars, such as between Ethiopia and Eritrea, and civil wars such as those in Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo, the former Zaire. Countries with major internal insurgencies include Afghanistan, Algeria, Colombia and Yugoslavia.

Italy and Panama were destabilized by mafia and other drug-related violence. "There is a continuing rise in drug trafficking worldwide, polluting capitalism and destroying democracies," the report said.

The report described the situation inside Iraq as "execution of political prisoners, political unrest, Kurdish insurgency, Turkish military incursion, combat with American and British forces."

Some of the hot spots listed are far from daily headlines: a separatist movement in Namibia's Caprivi Strip, separatist violence in Senegal, an insurgency in Tajikistan.

Countries removed from the 1997 list because their conflicts had subsided or turned largely nonviolent include Bangladesh, the Central African Republic, Greece, Papua New Guinea, Spain and Liberia.

The group's criteria for selection is based on the level of disruption of the socioeconomic and security fabric of a country, caused by both internal and external conflicts.

The count differs from that of another Washington-area think tank, the Center for Defense Information, which lists only conflicts resulting in major combat and omits items like major criminal activity.

"We have not finalized our annual count, but it will be in the low 20s," said Daniel Smith, the group's associate director. Last year's count was 26, he noted.

Smith said U.S. involvement in efforts to resolve many of those crises was on the rise, contributing to defusing conflicts.

"The administration played mayor roles in settling the Northern Ireland issue and in preventing the escalation of violence in Kosovo," Smith said.

Thousands left without natural gas

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) — An underground pipeline exploded and burned at a switching station Saturday, leaving up to 10,000 residents of southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon without gas service.

No one was injured in the explosion, which sent a 500-foot flame spiking skyward, said Will Phinney, a tribal spokesman for the Umatilla Indian Reservation, where the blast occurred. He said repairs could take up to three days.

Gas service was cut to the towns of Walla Walla and College Place, Wash., and the Oregon towns of Milton-Freewater, Weston, Mission and Athena.

Cascade Natural Gas Corp., which serves the towns, estimated up to 10,000 customers were affected, said spokesman Frank Mansell.

The Red Cross opened a shelter just west of Walla Walla, Wash., as overnight temperatures were expected to be in the 20s.

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As 20th century dawned...

Brooklyn Daily Eagle predicted the future

NEW YORK (AP) — Electric lights will diminish crime and sidewalks will be kept sparkling clean. The new sport of hockey should increase in popularity but Brooklyn will lose its baseball team. Japan will become mighty and Germany will annex Poland.

These were some of the predictions at the dawn of the 20th century as reported by The Brooklyn Daily Eagle in an edition headlined "Things will be so different a hundred years hence."

On Sunday, Newsday of Long Island reprinted that entire 16-page issue of the Eagle, dated Dec. 30, 1900, as "a reminder of how much the world has changed, and is changing, still."

Some of the Eagle's crystal-ball readings were astoundingly sound. "The most potent force in modern commercial distribution, advertising, is sure to have a larger part in the world's life the coming hundred years than it has ever had before," read one article.

Among the Eagle's essayists was suffragist Susan B. Anthony. Writing 20 years before the Constitution was amended in 1920 to guarantee women the right to vote, she predicted it would come to pass and added that women would become "the peer of man in education, in art, in science, in literature: In the home, the church, the state."

Another writer predicted that the "union of the telephone and phonograph" would bring theater, opera, lectures and mass meetings "into the salon of one's own home. Under these circumstances people of the twentieth are likely to become confirmed stay-at-homes."

But some writers got it all wrong. One said the disappearance of horse carriages would eliminate house flies and street noise, another predicted that "smooth, sanitary pavements used by posterity will be kept thoroughly clean," and one headline proclaimed "Science may find means to bring dead to life."

Some observations from the Eagle show how little things have changed, such as this one: "The poor are dependent for their education on the public schools ... The rich select the best private schools where their sons may receive careful personal attention of teachers such as it is impossible for the overburdened public school teacher to give to the members of her larger class."

An article on sports complained about the "chaotic state" of baseball, blaming the owners for exploiting the players. The article also predicted that Brooklyn's baseball team would be "forced out" despite an argument that "the city is big enough to maintain two clubs."

One article predicted the "imminence of aerial transport" consisting of "the motor-driven balloon and ... the aeroplane."

A page on global affairs got a few things wrong. Writing 14 years before World War I, one writer said the development of an "international court will prevent war." He also forecast the emergence of a French-Italian state and said Turkey would join with Hungary to "become one of the four first-class powers of Europe."

But the same writer also got a few things right, predicting that England would be "shorn of power," Japan would "become mighty" and that Germany would annex Poland and merge with Austria.

500-year-old family handbook gets first showing in the U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A unique family manual for making love, war, sugar cookies and other imperatives of life is getting its first U.S. showing in Washington, illustrated with some of Germany's finest art from 500 years ago.

The medieval version of a one-volume encyclopedia seems to have been put together for a castle in a mining area near the Rhine River not far from Heidelberg. Suggested as the craftsman of the detailed drawings and engravings is an artist named Erhard Reuwich.

But that is little more than a guess, based on a picture of a Turk that Reuwich did in the 1480s that looks a lot like one in the book. To be on the safe side, experts identify the artist only as "the Housebook Master."

"It was a time when artists worked in guilds, not as individuals," explained Andrew Robison, in charge of prints at the National Gallery of Art. "They were known by their work, not by their names."

The roughly bound book has been taken apart to make a facsimile edition of 750 copies, for sale at $1,980 each. One copy of this edition is on show, along with pages from the original and other engravings believed to be by the same artist.

The National Gallery has put together an exhibit with examples of objects that the book depicts: a painted shield, half a suit of armor, an incense burner and a handy gadget called an aquamanile. Servants put it on the table for rinsing fingers, at a time when most Europeans ate with their hands and forks were a novelty.

Unlike some artists of the time, the Housebook Master combined a whimsical sense of humor with a feeling for personality. In a picture of the Holy Family, Joseph hides behind a grassy bench and rolls apples around the front of it to amuse the infant Jesus. The artist also spent hours on an intricately detailed engraving of a dog scratching itself.

The dog picture makes a bit of a mystery because it is done in dry-point, a technique that allows only a few good copies to be made, unlike a normal etching that can produce hundreds of prints fit for sale.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1999

In the year ahead, something you've always wanted but thought was beyond your reach could be in the offing. This could come about in a rather transcendental manner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be certain that you truly want an eager response from any flirtations you shower on another today, because your actions are likely to be taken very seriously. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Visualize a positive outcome, not a negative one, and something you've been concerned about will most likely be resolved to your satisfaction today. It has more power than you think.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Terms of endearment and knowing how much you really care will elevate the spirits of one you love today. Don't hesitate to share your feelings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Because the ways and means could be available to acquire something you've always wanted today, focus your full attention on attaining your desires.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you find yourself higher pitched than usual today, don't tackle things with sheer assertiveness. Instead, mask your inclinations with smiles and thank-yous.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not discuss your ambitious intentions today with persons who are not directly involved in your business. The less people involved, the less muddling will exist.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't let self-doubts permeate your affairs today. In actuality, conditions are starting to look more encouraging for you in achieving something you deem important.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is one of those days where the things that appear to be the most difficult could turn out to be the easiest ones for you to perform. Don't dodge any jobs thrown at you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There is much to be gained today by studying the experiences of others in order to search for ways to better your own life. What you learn could be applicable to your personal affairs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Enterprises initiated by others is where you're likely to be the most successful today. See what people have going for them and jump on board. Sometimes it's smarter to follow the example of others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't protect your own thinking if you discover your mate's judgment is a bit keener than yours today. Instead, be open-minded and grateful for his or her input.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try to utilize your talents to beautify your surroundings today. Chances are, your imagination and deft artistic touches could be better than usual at this time.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Foods to fuel athletic activity

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: As an athlete, I am confused by the conflicting reports about which foods provide the most energy for my strenuous activity. Please clarify.

DEAR READER: There is no single food that will transform you into a champion, but some edibles may help. Here is a brief list.

— Low-fat milk and yogurt are rich sources of protein and calcium, which are important for promoting healthy bones and building muscle.

— Bananas contain carbohydrates (to fuel your muscles) and potassium, which needs to be replaced if you sweat heavily.

— Oranges will give you additional vitamin C and potassium. The fruit sugar contained in them can provide quick energy as well.

— Broccoli and other green vegetables contain vitamin C, beta-carotene, calcium and magnesium, in addition to fiber, which aids elimination.

— Potatoes, which provide many nutrients, are easy to cook and are versatile as snacks, as well as in regular meals.

— Whole grain baked goods should be the foundation of your sports program, because they give you calories to fuel fitness.

— Red meat and tuna are rich in protein, iron and zinc. Try to remove most of the fat (which is unhealthful) or mix your tuna with low-fat mayonnaise.

In short, a balanced diet is your best bet — coupled, perhaps, with one or two tablespoons of honey or a candy bar before your athletic events.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is "chemical imbalance" and how does it affect health?

DEAR READER: The human body is literally a self-contained chemistry lab, in which trillions of chemical reactions occur every second of life. Obviously, these chemical reactions can be modified or inhibited to cause ill health or disease. Fortunately, most of us are in good balance most of the time, but under certain circumstances, such as in the presence of diabetic coma, this metabolic balance is altered. If it is not corrected, death will ensue. The term "chemical imbalance" is broadly descriptive; it is not a medical diagnosis.

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Social Security-Wall St. link far from sure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Using stock market investments to boost the supply of money for Social Security is a complex and controversial idea that will not easily become a reality, even though President Clinton gave lawmakers the go-ahead.

"This isn't as simple a question as it appears at first blush," said Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., chairman of a House subcommittee overseeing Social Security.

Many Republicans long have favored plans that would try to fatten the retirement program by investing its money on Wall Street.

At a meeting with lawmakers on Dec. 9, Clinton endorsed private investment, in general, as one way to help prevent a cash shortfall expected after more than 75 million baby boomers retire and begin collecting benefits.

House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri and the American Association of Retired Persons — the nation's largest organization of older adults — also are offering conditional support.

The reason is simple: Using the stock market to try for higher investment returns is more appealing than the alternatives — deep retirement benefit cuts or sharp tax increases.

"We're all counting on these better returns," said AARP lobbying chief John Rother.

But the consensus ends there.

Disagreements still to be resolved include even the most basic question: Who would do the investing — individual Americans in personal accounts or the government by investing people's Social Security contributions in bulk?

Clinton has taken no position on this, although some top advisers, including Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, have voiced worries about both choices.

Most Republican lawmakers — along with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan — are against bulk investments that would mean government ownership of corporate stock.

"We don't want the federal government running America's corporations, that's socialism, and we sure don't want politics getting involved in the investments," Shaw said.

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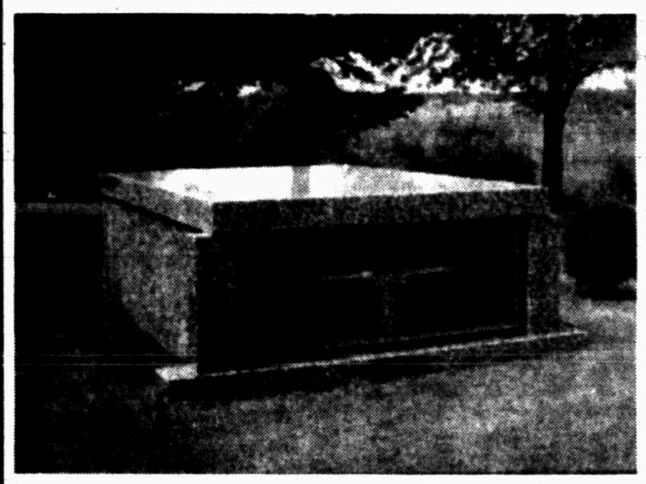

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Iraq will fight no-fly zone patrols

President Saddam Hussein tells his Cabinet on Sunday

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — President Saddam Hussein said the "no-fly" zones imposed on Iraq flout the will of all Arabs, in comments apparently aimed at stoking Arab anger against the United States and Britain.

Saddam called the zones illegal and vowed that Iraq will fight violations of its airspace "with all its courage and bravery."

His remarks to his Cabinet on Sunday were his first comments on the no-fly zones since top officials said last month that Iraq would fire on Western warplanes patrolling the areas.

The no-fly zones, which cover about two-thirds of Iraq, were set up by the United States, Britain and France after the 1991 Persian Gulf War to stop Iraq from using its air force against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq and Shiite Muslims in the south.

Defying Saddam's threats, a U.S.-led force based in Turkey resumed patrolling in northern Iraq after the New Year holiday, a U.S. official said today in Ankara.

The flights were resumed Sunday after a two-day break, said Senior Airman Adam Stump, a spokesman for Operation Northern Watch, which enforces a no-fly area above the 36th parallel in Iraq.

Saddam said the no-fly zones are "not only a stark violation of international laws and norms, especially those of the United Nations, but ... of Security Council resolutions themselves." His remarks were carried by the official Iraqi News Agency and later read on Iraqi television.

"What they are violating ... is the will of the Arab nation and the will of the Iraqi people... which is determined to fight back with all its courage and bravery," Saddam said.

He seemed to be trying to inflame Arab anger against the United States and Britain, which launched four days of airstrikes against Iraq in mid-December.

Protesters took to the streets in several Arab capitals after the air raids, but Arab states have taken little action to support Iraq.

The foreign ministers of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen met this weekend in Egypt to discuss a planned Arab League meeting that is expected to formulate the group's stand on the airstrikes.

Saddam also sought to cast doubt on U.S. claims that its planes were firing back when they fired missiles and bombs at Iraqi anti-aircraft batteries in two recent clashes.

Europe's new currency makes a strong debut

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Europe's new currency, the euro, made a strong debut today, trading at a high of $1.18 in a sign that markets welcomed the single currency as an alternative to the dollar.

Demand for the euro pushed it up from an expected starting point of $1.17 in earlier Asian trading, and it kept on rising as trading moved to Europe.

Political and banking officials in Europe were heartened by the smooth entry on international markets of the currency shared by 11 European Union nations.

Jean-Claude Trichet, governor of the Bank of France and a former candidate for the post of European Central Bank chief, said trading represented "the best possible omen."

"The euro has been greeted well," he said. "This isn't just an absurd craze."

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said the euro offered "friendly" competition for established currencies and would strengthen Europe's profile in international financial markets.

French Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn focused on the unity created by the euro, saying it would help boost growth and cut unemployment in Europe.

"When everybody pushes in the same direction, everybody goes quicker," he said.

Notwithstanding the positive market and political reactions, euro skeptics made their mark, throwing two pies at Dutch Finance Minister Gerrit Zalm as he arrived at the Amsterdam Stock Exchange.

Euro trading opened today in Sydney, Australia, and proceeded smoothly, if quietly, throughout Asia and Europe.

The euro was officially launched Jan. 1, when authorities fixed conversion rates against the 11 participating European currencies. While the euro will not be in consumers' pockets until 2002, it now can be used for non-cash, credit card or traveler's check purchases. Many major firms are converting their transactions to euros, as well.

In Tokyo, trading was limited today as many investors awaited developments in Europe.

"We have seen a lot of inquiries coming in regard to the euro, but not a tremendous amount of activity," said Peter Chen, director of sales for Southeast Asia and North Asia at Deutsche Bank in Singapore.

Survivalists brace for Y2K problems

AUSTIN (AP) — Some Texans are treating the Y2K computer bug threat as seriously as they once took the threat of imminent nuclear war.

Kerry and Prisca Wooster own 15 goats on a 27-acre Hill Country ranch littered with rusting hulks of old cars and scrap metal. A wall calendar in their cottage says March 1972, but they're thinking about Jan. 1, 2000.

They believe that computers, unable to process any year that doesn't begin with 19, will cause so much disruption that only the well-prepared will survive.

"There's virtually no doubt we're going to be dropping back to pre-1800s lifestyle," Wooster told the Austin American-Statesman as he sat in his cluttered cottage.

His wife believes that massive computer failures will lead to a social breakdown, unleashing "the advancing Twinkie-starved hordes" who will scavenge for food next year — presumably because grocery stores won't be able to function.

The Woosters are stocking up on whole grain, seeds, kerosene, medicinal herbs and other necessities.

They're not alone.

Sam Loy, a software engineer at Interphase in Austin, plans to spend about $1,500 laying in a year's worth of emergency supplies for himself, his wife and their two teen-age daughters. He said he'll stockpile 400 pounds of whole grain that can be milled by hand, 3,000 gallons of water, plus canned food, candles and other essentials.

"We're basically preparing as reasonably as we can for a worst-case scenario," Loy told the newspaper. "My gut feeling is it's going to be pretty bad."

Government officials and many computer experts would regard such assessments as excessively dire, but they are beginning to warn the public that some contingency planning might be wise. Experts say there could be disruptions in electricity, telephones and public transportation, but say they will probably amount to inconvenience, not social meltdown.

"Prudent precautions are really all that's necessary," said Gary Chapman, director of the 21st Century Project at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. He said people should store supplies for a week, including food, water, cash and flashlights or candles.

Less than two-thirds of critical government computer systems have been fixed and tested for the year 2000, officials report. The nation's largest companies are in good shape, but smaller companies and local governments might not be as well-prepared.

The cost of all the work will be staggering. The Federal Reserve estimates companies will spend up to $50 billion rewriting computer code, and Texas officials believe they'll spend at least $343 million.

Six of seven breathing on own today

HOUSTON (AP) — Six of the seven surviving Houston octuplets were breathing on their own today, while one continued receiving assistance from a ventilator.

Baby girls Ebuka, Chidi, Chima, Echerem and brothers Jioke and Ikem were breathing without assistance at the neonatal unit of Texas Children's Hospital.

Sister Gorom, the youngest octuplet who underwent surgery to repair an abdominal perforation Dec. 26, remained attached to mechanical ventilators.

All seven were remained critical but stable condition.

The babies' mother, Nkem Chukwu, delivered Ebuka on Dec. 8 and her seven siblings on Dec. 20. The tiniest, Odera, died of heart and lung failure Dec. 27.

The seven babies are being fed intravenously, but two — Chidi and Echerem — also are receiving tiny amounts of breast milk.

The octuplets will remain at Texas Children's Hospital until at least March.

Ms. Chukwu, 27, returned home Wednesday after three months at adjoining St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

Obituaries

Mable McCain

EASTLAND — Services are pending at Edwards Funeral Home for Mable Brock McCain of Lubbock who died Sunday, Jan. 3, in Lubbock.

Mrs. McCain was a longtime Snyder resident and elementary school teacher. A daughter, Johnnie Dale Cogdell of Lubbock is also a former Snyder resident.

Johnson twins

Infants

Amy Leigh and Angela Renea, twin daughters of Larry and Genifer Johnson, were stillborn Monday, Dec. 28, in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital.

A memorial service is set for 4 p.m. Tuesday in the First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Survivors also include their maternal grandparents, Les and Debra Vantine of Snyder; paternal grandparents, Don and Wanda Johnson of Snyder; and great-grandmothers, Jean Shaw and Novella Benitez, both of Snyder.

L.B. Minyard

1914-1999

L.B. "Bill" Minyard of Snyder died at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, in Midland.

Service for Mr. Minyard, 84, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on July 9, 1914 in Union, he married Sibyl Williams Jones in New Mexico on June 28, 1947.

Mr. Minyard was a salesman for All Woods-Schroder Hardwood Co. for many years. He was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church.

The family will be receiving guests at noon Wednesday at 4333 Co. Rd. 132, Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Sibyl Minyard of Snyder; two daughters, Carol Hill of Midland and Patricia Johnson of Rangely, Colo; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

Mrs. Taylor

1912-1999

MARFA — Mary Ellen Martin "Tooka" Taylor, former Snyder resident and sister of Janie Graham of Snyder, died Saturday, Jan. 2, at her son's home in Shreveport, La.

Eastern Star graveside service for Mrs. Taylor, 86, will be held Wednesday in Marfa. A memorial service will be held later at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Austin.

Born on Sept. 9, 1912 in Dermott, she was a graduate of Snyder High School and Draughan's Business College. Mrs. Taylor was employed by the City of Snyder, the City of Marfa, and the office of the state representative of Presidio County in the state capitol until her retirement several years ago. She was an active member of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Episcopal Church.

Her husband, Charles Taylor, preceded her in death.

Other survivors include two sons, Charles Wiley Taylor of Austin and Jim Martin Taylor of Shreveport, La.; four grandchildren, Nathaniel and Charles Taylor of Austin and Heather and Wes Taylor of Shreveport; and a niece, Helen Roberts, a great-niece, Sherry Merritt, and a nephew, Buford Browning, all of Snyder.

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ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 tonight are "The Church as Part of God's Eternal Plan," followed by "Teaching Your Child to Pray."

VFW auxiliary

The auxiliary of Post 8231 will meet at 7 this evening at the VFW hall.

4-H Canyon Reef Club

The 4-H Canyon Reef Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Pizza Hut. Cost is $5 per person.

Lions Club meeting

The Snyder Lions Club will resume meeting at noon Tuesday.

Economic review, outlook

A satellite presentation entitled "Outlook '99: Catch the Vision," will be presented Tuesday at the Edward Jones office in Snyder. Chad Holliday, CEO of DuPont, will be a special guest on the broadcast. For more information or to reserve a seat call 573-4055.

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will have its stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the lodge hall.

Rotary meeting

The Snyder Rotary Club will resume its regular noon meeting on Thursday.

Snyder Bible Institute

Bible History I will be taught for 24 weeks beginning Thursday in the Christian Student Center on the WTC campus. Richard Rogers of Sunset International Bible Institute Satellite School will be the instructor. Classes meet from 7-9 p.m. All Bible students are welcome and tuition is free.

Historical commission

The Scurryn County Historical Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Scurry County Library.

Community singing

Join in singing praise and worship songs and enjoy special music at a community worship set from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum. The public is invited and there is no admission charge. Bring lawn chairs to sit on floor level, or seating in stands is also available.

Y2K preparedness workshop

The FamilyLife Community Church will hold a Y2K workshop from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday at the church, 904 26th St. Admission is free.

Library storytime change

Beginning this month, Storytime for 4-5-year-olds at the Scurry County Library will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Pick 3

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

1-3-0

Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 8-10-22-24-27-36.

Estimated jackpot: $22 million. Number matching six of six: 1. Winning ticket sold in Amarillo.

Matching five of six: 157. Prize: $1,393. Matching four of six: 8,284. Prize: $95. Matching three of six: 155,364. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night. Estimated jackpot: $4 million.