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Ask Us

Q—When is the deadline for employers to send out W2 forms?

A—The deadline is Jan. 31.

In Brief

Trains collide

GARY, Ind. (AP) — Two commuter trains collided head-on this morning, and an undetermined number of people were killed, officials said.

The eastbound and westbound trains collided at 9:37 a.m. CST, said John Parsons, spokesman for Northern Indiana Commuter Transit District.

The two trains were a No. 7 eastbound that left Chicago at 8:45 a.m. CST, and a No. 12 that left South Bend at 9:05 a.m. EST, Parsons said.

Some of the injured were expected at St. Margaret Mercy Hospital in nearby Hammond, said spokeswoman Kelly Hladek.

To go home

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — The first American combat troops are going home Tuesday as Washington moves to transfer military control of Somalia to a U.N. command, a handoff that a U.S. spokesman says could occur as early Feb. 1.

It appears unlikely, however, that such a transfer could be made by month's end. More likely, the United States is simply trying to prod the U.N. into moving faster by announcing it is ready to make the transfer.

Local

Boys Club

Scurry County Boys Club board will meet at 7:30 this evening in the chamber of commerce board room.

Toastmasters

Tumbleweed Toastmasters will meet Mondays at 6 p.m. at American State Bank.

Anyone interested in improving their communication skills is invited to attend.

Appraisal

Scurry County Appraisal District board will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday in the appraisal district office.

Among the business items on the agenda is the appointment of an appraisal review board member, adoption of a reappraisal plan, and amendment of the 1992 and 1993 appraisal and collection budgets.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 67 degrees; low, 28 degrees; no precipitation; high Sunday, 51 degrees; low, 31 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 31 degrees; trace precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, .44 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, rain, possibly heavy at times. Low in the upper 30s. South to southeast wind 10-15 mph. Tuesday, rain, possibly heavy at times. High 45-50. Southwest wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset Monday, 6:06. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:42. Of 17 days in 1993, the sun has shone 15 days in Snyder.

Pledges continuity...

Clinton: U.S. resolve will not waiver

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bill Clinton stepped toward the presidency today pledging continuity in U.S. foreign policy and warning Saddam Hussein that "America's resolve during this transition period will not waver."

It was a time for celebration for the incoming president, but a time tempered by renewed raids on Iraq.

Clinton jogged before dawn in a capital that crackled with anticipation over Wednesday's ceremonial installation of a young, new president whose instincts had been shaped by neither global war nor economic depression.

Clinton's hours until his investiture at noon Wednesday brimmed with purposeful symbolism — a word with the diplomatic corps, a tribute to the slain martyr of black Americans, a meal with some of society's victims.

He started the day with a trademark jog — 2.9 miles down Pennsylvania Avenue, where he shook hands with onlookers and workers putting the finishing touches on the stands for his inaugural parade.

"Beautiful," was his one-word reply when a worker asked the president-elect how he liked the reviewing stand.

Speaking to the diplomatic corps in a chilly courtyard at Georgetown University, Clinton said the United States cannot escape its responsibilities in the world, but "American cannot and should not bear the world's burdens alone."

In Iraq...

Allied attacks repeated today

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S.-led aircraft bombed Iraqi missile sites south and north today in a rolling confrontation between the outgoing Bush administration and a defiant Saddam Hussein.

President-elect Clinton swiftly voiced support for the action, and said America's determination to force Iraqi compliance with Persian Gulf cease-fire resolutions "will not waver" as he assumes command later in the week.

One attack was a planned raid in a southern no-fly zone carried out by an estimated 75 American, British and French aircraft against Iraqi missile sites that survived last Wednesday's bombing.

A Pentagon official said the second attack was made by American aircraft against antiaircraft batteries in the north after they "locked on" coalition planes with their radars, indicating they were ready to fire.

Iraq claimed 21 people were killed in the bombings. American officials said there were no coalition aircraft reported lost in either engagement.

The White House issued a predawn statement that said any further provocative moves by Iraq "will be dealt with forcefully and without warning" as the United States and its partners demand compliance with the cease-fire terms that ended the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The hostilities came a little more than 72 hours before President Bush was to turn power over to President-elect Clinton, who has consistently voiced support for Bush's efforts to force Iraqi compliance.

Bush was monitoring the situation at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md.

The engagements came five days after the United States-led coalition had bombed missile sites in southern Iraq, and one day after the administration targeted about 30 Tomahawk missiles at a facility that officials said was a nuclear complex.

A senior Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Navy and Air Force planes struck at surface-to-air missile facilities in southern Iraq that survived a similar attack last Wednesday.

63 begin COT class at college

Sixty-three students began training this morning for the first Correctional Officer Training (COT) class of 1993 at Western Texas College.

A second class will begin Feb. 15.

Individuals who complete the classes are certified by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to be employed as correction officers in the state penal system.

Of the 63 who began the course today, 14 are female and 49 are male. Included among the group are 11 Hispanics and one American Indian.

Six of the students are from Abilene, five from Colorado City, four from Big Spring and three each from Lubbock and Lamesa. Other towns represented include Snyder, Seymour, San Angelo, Anson and Hermleigh, all with two each. Students also hail from Baird, Coahoma, Crosbyton, Edinburg, Fort Stockton, Gail, Hamlin, Haskell, Jacksboro, Jayton, Lueders, Merkel, Muleshoe, Odessa, Roby, Rotan, Rule and Palmdale, Calif.

The class ends Feb. 10.

College officials said that the second class of 1993 has been moved back from Feb. 22 to Feb. 15 to avoid a conflict with Spring Break. Officials said 195 people made application for the class, which ends March 10. Testing will be held Feb. 2.

A third class has yet to be scheduled.



COT CLASS — J.D. Barham, director of the criminal justice training center at Western Texas College, addresses some of the 63 students enrolled in the first Correctional Officer Training class of 1993. The class began today. (SDN Staff Photo)

County holidays are okayed; board appointments delayed

County commissioners this morning approved county holidays for 1993 and a budget amendment to fund a salary for the constable of Precinct 2.

The court voted to delay county board appointments until Wednesday morning to allow time for current board members to be contacted and asked if they would like to continue serving.

The court approved 106 hours of holiday time for county employees for the new year, including Jan. 1, which was set aside to observe New Year's Day.

Upcoming holidays approved by commissioners include Feb. 15, President's Day; April 9, Good Friday; May 31, Memorial Day; July 5, Independence Day; Sept. 6, Labor Day; Oct. 11, Columbus Day; and Nov. 11, Veteran's Day.

County offices will close Nov. 25 and 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday and Dec. 23 and 24 to observe Christmas, which falls on a Saturday this year.

Commissioners approved a budget amendment of $698 to cover salary and social security expense for Precinct 2 constable Marshall Bryant, who was elected to the position in November of 1992.

County Judge Bob Doolittle and auditor Eddie McHaney requested the amendment for the salary due to the fact that no money was budgeted for a salary for the position.

Bryant is the first person to hold the office since the late 1970s, according to commissioners.

Doolittle said that Bryant has not requested a salary for the position, and may choose not to accept the money. "We feel obligated to have the money in the budget and available," he said.

According to local government

(see APPOINTMENTS, page 8)

City water costs to see slight hike

The City of Snyder will be paying a little over four cents more per 1,000 gallons of water this year than in 1992.

Rates per 1,000 gallons are calculated by the Colorado River Municipal Water District on monthly fixed charges, which reflect the cost of operation and maintenance, and debt service, plus a per-1,000 gallon delivery charge. In 1993, Snyder's monthly fixed charge has been calculated at $48,627, plus a per-1,000 gallons delivery charge of 7.85 cents.

According to CRMWD officials, fixed charges rose somewhat for this year because of increased debt service as a result of the sale of $115 million in bonds to pay for the 157-mile pipeline and seven pump stations from Lake O.H. Ivie to San Angelo and Midland/Odessa.

San Angelo and Midland share in varying amounts of the $115 million bonds debt service, as do CRMWD-member cities Big Spring and Odessa.

Through computations adopted by CRMWD directors earlier this week, rates have been calculated, based on estimated deliveries, at 70.91 cents per 1,000 gallons to Snyder. Actual charge per 1,000 gallons will not be known until the end of 1993 when deliveries are totaled.

When a member city uses more water than estimated, its charge per 1,000 gallons goes down. Last year, Snyder ran under its estimated 950 million gallons by 74 million gallons, or 7.7 percent. Thus, its actual rate was 66.68 cents per 1,000 gallons instead the 62.14 cents the city estimated at the first of the year.

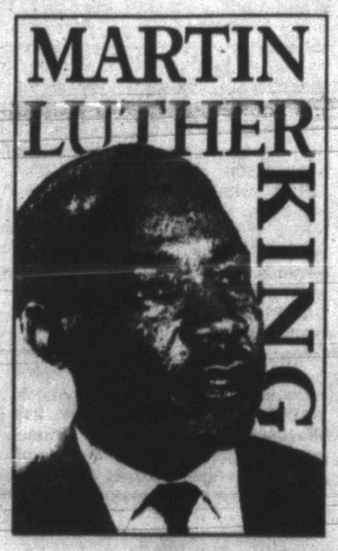
That estimated figure of 62.14 cents for 1992 is 8.77 cents lower than the estimated 1993 figure of 70.91 cents. This year, the City of Snyder has estimated a use of 925 million gallons.

According to CRMWD officials, the charges would have ranged from 16 to 17 cents more per 1,000 gallons to member cities had directors not applied $1.7 million of non-municipal revenues to reduce the charges.

Anticipated charges to Odessa in 1993 will be a fixed monthly charge of $351,574 plus 30.17 per 1,000 gallons. Charges to Big Spring will be $113,819 on a fixed monthly charge, in addition to 13.33 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Coretta King calls for march as a wake-up call to America

ATLANTA (AP) — As Americans honor Martin Luther King Jr., the widow of the civil rights leader warned that racism in the United States was allowed to flourish during the past decade.



In her annual "State of the Dream" speech on Sunday, Coretta Scott King urged Americans to join a national march on Washington this summer to awaken "the slumbering conscience of our democracy."

The march would mark the 30th anniversary of her husband's "I have a dream" speech on Aug. 28, 1963. A 20th anniversary march drew 500,000 people. Today is Martin Luther King Day.

"We go back to Washington because we still have that unhonored check that Martin Luther King Jr. talked about in his dream, the check that promises that all Americans would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," Mrs. King said.

"The cancer of racism flourished during the last decade and a climate of hostility to civil rights was permitted to fester in America, including the Supreme Court and the Justice Department," Mrs. King said.

She spoke at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King and his father were co-pastors. The church is now a national historic landmark.

With ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide looking on, Mrs. King also criticized the U.S. policy of forcibly repatriating Haitian refugees, an action many civil rights leaders have called racist.

She called the recent fighting in Iraq inhumane, saying a stronger United Nations is needed. At home, she said better health care for children is needed.

Mrs. King praised President-elect Clinton for appointing a diverse cabinet, but said his administration faces a formidable task in fulfilling King's call for unity.

People travel to Mexico for cheaper prescriptions

HOUSTON (AP) — Mexico has long been a popular and affordable vacation spot, but many Americans are traveling south for a more serious sort of savings.

Medications are cheaper in Mexico than the United States and Americans are taking advantage of the lower prices.

Houstonian Alverda Wilson Martin, 77, is one person who goes to Mexico to buy prescription drugs for her chronic arthritis and stomach ailment.

She needs all the help she can get as she tries to live on $568 a month in Social Security payments.

When she goes to Mexico twice a year, Mrs. Martin buys a bottle of 30 Naprosyn pills to treat the painful inflammation of her arthritis. The pills sell for just $7 in Mexico; the same bottle would cost her more than $60 in Houston. A bottle of 30 Tagamet tablets to ease her stomach troubles costs Martin $6.67 in Mexico, compared with about $100 in Houston.

She has a son who lives close to the border, and he helps her on her treks south.

U.S. citizens are finding bargains in Mexico because drug prices are controlled by the government, which under the law only has the power to grant price increases of up to 12 percent a year.

The U.S. government places no controls on drug prices. Until a year ago, when Mexico's law changed to give drug companies better patent protection, there also were a lot of competing companies making generic drugs.

Many of the Americans who make the trip live on the border, where Mexican pharmacies are close at hand. Americans can bring back enough medication for their personal [illegible] from Houston. They include retirees, AIDS patients and Hispanics who have cultural and family ties to Mexico.

"It doesn't matter what time of year you go," Ms. Martin told the Houston Chronicle. "You see Americans of all ages . . . down there in droves. You have to stand in line (at the pharmacy) to get waited on. They're from all over: Chicago, Colorado, Nevada, Wyoming, Utah. You name it."

Doctors in Houston say the trek across the border isn't unusual for people who know they can buy the same prescription drugs in Mexico for much less, especially if those people have family near the border or in Mexico.

"The patients I see do it all the time," said Dr. Michael Tristan, a Baylor College of Medicine faculty member who helps to staff the Casa de Amigos Clinic. "They go to Mexico and get medications that they would have to see a physician and get a prescription for here."

A study by Families USA, a non-profit consumer group in Washington, D.C., found the most common reason many Americans seek medical care or prescription drugs in Mexico is lower costs.

The group found a bottle of 100 tablets of Tagamet, made by SmithKline Beecham, cost between $83 and $122 at five different pharmacies in El Paso, while it cost between $21 and $25 across the border in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Similarly, a bottle of 30 tablets of Mevacor, a cholesterol-lowering drug made by Merck Sharp & Dohme, cost an average of $63.87 in El Paso, but $46.94 in Mexico. A bottle of 30 Cardizem tablets, made by Marion Merrell Dow, cost an average of $21.13 in El Paso, but just $5.75 on the average in Ciudad Juarez.

7 in family die

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Mexican authorities say seven members of a Juarez family have died of carbon monoxide poisoning after they used a stove to keep warm.

The victims had been dead 15 days before their bodies were discovered Friday inside their home in Palo Chino, a neighborhood southwest of Juarez, said Eduardo Romero de la Penia, spokesman for the state judicial police.

The poisonous gas came from a stove, he said in a news release.

Two valves on the stove were on when authorities entered the house, said Francisco Huerta, an administrative secretary with the fire department in Juarez.

"It was as though they were using the stove to warm themselves," Huerta told the El Paso Herald-Post. "What happened is that the stove's flames went out and the gas continued leaking."

Romero said a neighbor who detected an odor coming from the house as he walked nearby later called the municipal police.

The officers and firefighters then summoned the state judicial police, who found the bodies in an advanced stage of decomposition.

Judicial police identified the family members as Cristina Lopez de Bustamante, 38; Jose, 13; 11-year-old Maria Teresa; Lorenzo, 9; Brenda, 3; and Daniel, 10 months.



PETITIONS MAILED — Shirley Davis, Nan Love and Pat Gardenhir, standing from left, deposit the first petitions containing 1,715 signatures, which they are mailing to President-elect Bill Clinton. The petition states: "We as Christians want the right to pray out loud restored to our schools and their functions and anywhere we choose. Also, if evolution is allowed to be taught, we want the right to teach the Bible's version of creation." Love holds a copy of the first petition circulated which contains 245 signatures. Approximately 40 petitions have not been turned in. (SDN Staff Photo)

Area weekend voters decided on important municipal issues

by The Associated Press

Residents of several Texas towns will be paying a higher sales tax after voting to approve the 1/2-cent hike over the weekend. In other elections across the state, Texans voted on bond measures and other city issues.

The tax increase was approved in Lubbock, Euless, Hurst, McKinney and Waxahachie, while voters in Crowley, a Fort Worth suburb, decided against the increase. Jacksonville voters rejected it too.

Voters in the Dallas suburb of Colleyville defeated the plan, and they also overwhelmingly refused to raise their city property tax by 6 cents per $100 of assessed value.

In Lubbock, the additional money is targeted to lure a military finance center and 4,000 jobs.

The money in Euless will bring $1.2 million for projects to benefit youths and senior citizens.

Hurst will have $2.5 million more per year to alleviate a property tax burden.

McKinney's money will be used to lure new businesses to the city through marketing and low interest loans.

Waxahachie residents voted for bonds to improve water systems, the police station and streets and drainage, but they shot down plans to upgrade a recreation complex and another to build an auditorium-civic center.

Arlington libraries will get their boost to build two new branches, spend $1.4 million in renovations, get a new bookmobile and two portable kiosks and buy $2.9 million dollars worth of new materials.

"We now have an excellent long-range development package," said Arlington library director Betsy Burson. "I think it will make a lot of difference as far as quality of life goes in Arlington."

About 1,000 Edgecliff residents turned out in support of their rollback plan, which reduces taxes from 33.76 cents to 23.9 cents per $100 valuation.

Mayor Bob Wershay said he was disappointed because he hoped to use the extra money to provide round-the-clock police protection.

"We are disappointed, but the people have spoken," he said. "In my opinion, the citizens are the ones that lose in this."

In a recall election in Ranger, Ronnie Ainsworth retained his post as mayor and Benbrook voters decided not to merge the independent Water and Sewer Authority with the city of Benbrook.

Also, the Alanreed school district was eliminated by a vote of 52-38 in the tiny West Texas town.

Bedford residents voted to elect their municipal judges instead of having them appointed, and C.D. Chumley was elected to the Balch Springs city council.

Chief says officer erred when he chased civilian

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The Fort Worth police chief says a Mansfield rookie police officer overstepped his authority by chasing an unarmed motorist, who was then shot seven times.

Chief Thomas Windham said officer Mark Allen Stroeh, 28, should have called Fort Worth police with a description of the suspect instead of chasing the man across the city.

"In my mind, he should not pursue him," Windham told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Sunday's editions. "He might follow them, but he has no authority to violate any traffic laws in his pursuit."

Stroeh, 28, is charged with attempted murder in the Jan. 9 multiple shooting of Mark Steven Gossett. He surrendered to authorities in Fort Worth and later posted $5,000 bond and was released.

Gossett of River Oaks, was shot seven times — once in the head, three times in an arm and three times in a leg. He was in serious condition Sunday evening at Harris Methodist Hospital' intensive care unit in Fort Worth.

Windham said he issued an arrest warrant for Stroeh before the case could go to a grand jury "to deal with him the same way as any other person."

Windham said he expected the case to go to a grand jury this week.

Stroeh's attorney, Jim Lane, said Friday he was "shocked" that the warrant was issued.

Stroeh, who was hired last November after four years as a reserve officer in Fort Worth, was placed on leave last Monday.

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Toast
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Juice
Cinnamon Coffee Cake
Milk

THURSDAY
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast
Milk

FRIDAY
Juice
Blueberry Muffins
Milk

LUNCH
TUESDAY
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Buttered Corn
Soft Bread Sticks
Pink Applesauce
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Pinto Beans
Fried Squash
Corn Bread
Fruit Cup
Milk

THURSDAY
Chicken Pot Pie
Buttered Spinach
Hot Biscuits
Fruit Jello
Milk

FRIDAY
Fish Nuggets
Potato Wedges
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Rice Krispie Bars
Milk

Astrograph
By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Jan. 18, 1993

Your chart indicates that in the year ahead, you could be luckier than you have been in the past in involvements with large organizations or the government. These are areas where success is likely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be secretive today regarding both your financial and domestic affairs. Things could go a lot better for you if you maintain an air of mystery. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for Capricorn's Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In your involvements with close friends today, don't put material things above your friendship with them. Instead, build upon constructive intangibles that can't be measured in worldly ways.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If your objectives are lofty and noble, you could find yourself much luckier than usual today. Unselfish gestures might produce unique rewards.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you feel you are capable of tackling something today that is a departure from your normal endeavors, the perceptions you're getting are accurate. Give it a go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A joint venture could prove fortunate for you today, provided you're involved with a person who is as serious and ambitious as you are. A frivolous cohort reduces your possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Everyone enjoys feeling appreciated. You have a gift today for making those with whom you're involved feel special and important. Constructive associations are indicated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There are opportunities around you today where your work or career is concerned. Perform to the best of your ability, as if someone from quality control is checking your every move.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Endeavors where you can utilize your organizational and managerial skills are likely to be the ones where you'll get your best results today. Use your strong points to your advantage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Artistic or creative touches that you add to your work today will express your individuality. Practical endeavors could pale in comparison.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Follow your inclinations today to think in expansive terms. If you apply yourself properly, you should be able to increase the benefits of something good you already have going.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your possibilities for personal acquisition are quite strong today owing to two factors you have going in your favor. One is your innate ability, the other is Lady Luck.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Enthusiasm in others is easily aroused today, especially in getting them to participate in things you feel are priorities. Making your interests appealing should be easy.

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Stranded jellyfish clogg beach areas

SURFSIDE, Texas (AP) — Brazoria County workers are puzzled by an unusual wintertime stranding of thousands of jellyfish along the Texas coast.

"I've never seen stranding like this at this time," Charles Moss, county marine extension agent, said Saturday. "We've had some individual strandings, but nothing on this scale."

The largest onslaught on Brazoria County beaches occurred about two weeks ago. At that time, Moss said he counted 20 to 25 jellyfish along every 10 yards of beach.

"There were five or six piled on top of each other," said Moss, who has spent 18 years in the area. "I haven't seen that before, either."

Jellyfish are still washing up, he said, although the frequency of the strandings has decreased in recent days.

Normal stranding times are spring and fall.

An early stranding could leave beaches clear for spring break, but the creatures are unpredictable, Moss said.

"I can't even make an informed guess," he said. "I just hope that we don't have a bunch washing up again when it's the best time for swimming."

Terry Cody, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist, said the jellyfish and Portuguese men-of-war may have eaten plankton in the Galveston area during a large algae bloom, then drifted down to Brazoria County.

Warm water temperatures also may have been a factor in the strandings, he said.

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Oil Patch News

Garza County

George R. Brown Partnership will drill the No. 2,301 West City of Post unit, a Garza field re-entry, one mile west of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,130 feet, location is in Section 1,231, J.V. Massey survey.

Rocker A Operating Co. will drill the No. 3-B Dorward-Sun in the Dorward field, six miles southeast of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 2,550 feet, drill site is in Section 138, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Nolan County

Tucker Drilling will drill the No. 1 Harris Railroad unit, a 5,600-foot wildcat located three miles north of Maryneal. Location is in Section 95, Block, T&P survey.

Howard County

IP Petroleum will drill the No. 1 Walker, an 8,700-foot wildcat located 10 miles northeast of Big Spring. Location is in Section 27, Block 31, T2N, T&P survey.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Holiday Recalls Dr. King's Legacy of Non-Violence

DEAR READERS: Today we pay tribute to a great American, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It's hard to believe that a quarter of a century has gone by since Dr. King was shot to death at age 39 — a martyr of the civil rights movement. Last Friday would have marked his 64th birthday, although we officially celebrate his birthday today.

Dr. King's principles of nonviolence were based upon the teachings of Christianity. He was propelled to international prominence by his eloquent pleas for social justice and his persistence in the face of violent opposition, for which he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

What follows are excerpts from the now-famous speech he delivered from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, 1963:

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.' ... And this will be the day ... when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning, 'My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.'

"And when this happens ... when we allow freedom to ring ... from every village and every hamlet ... every state and every city ... we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty we are free at last!'"

If we have learned anything since the death of Dr. King, it is that there is no such thing as "benign" neglect.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a rather embarrassing question, but I don't know anyone else to ask.

How does a person vote? I have been registered for a number of years, but I can't find my registration card. Will I need it if I go to vote in the next election? I am not even sure I know where I am supposed to go to vote.

I am not a stupid person; I am just embarrassed to admit that I have never exercised my right to vote.

EMBARRASSED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Call your local voter registration office (listed in your local telephone directory) and ask if you are still a registered voter. (Some states require that you re-register each time you change your address.) Registration forms are usually available at your post office, and certainly through your voter or election registration office. Further instructions about when and where to vote can be obtained from this office.

Do not be embarrassed. You are not the first, nor will you be the last, to have questions about voting. The important thing is that you find out how it's done, and vote!

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

Community Calendar

MONDAY

AARP; Senior Center; 1 p.m.

Stargazers Extension Homemakers Club; 3117 Ave. T.; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC 7 p.m.

Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.

VFW Post 8231 and Ladies Auxiliary; VFW Hall; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-9924 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; hostesses, Mary McCown and Miriam Cochran; 6:30 p.m.

Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.

Hobbs Co-Dependent 12-Step Group; Hobbs School gym; call Sharon or Jimmy Prayton at 735-3640 (Rotan); 7 p.m.

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

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

Xi Alpha Alpha Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; hostesses, Vicky and Betsy; program, Martha Knowles; 7:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.

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

WEDNESDAY

Scurry County Penwomen; 1:30 p.m.

Cosmorama Study Club covered dish supper; home of Julie Sentell, other hostesses are Neoma Harlin and Mary Jimm Floyd; 7 p.m. 4:15 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Palette Club; airport terminal building, W. 37th; hostess, Myrtle Joiner, bring pictures for exhibit; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Honey Do's Extension Homemakers; home of Vivian Cochran, 4501 Fredonia; program on stress; 9:30 a.m.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Diabetes Support Group; Senior Center; noon.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Country Club; noon.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

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

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.

Snyder Chapter No.450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall; Jesse Scarbrough and Denise Crawford, hostesses; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 pm.

Saturday

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-2349, 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

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

In 1981, a pair of walkways above the lobby of Kansas City's Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed, killing 114 people and injuring some 200 others.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Dealer: East

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6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

Open up the lines

By Phillip Alder

There are deals in which you need to go backward and forward between your hand and the dummy. Sometimes it's easy; perhaps you are crossruffing. But at other times you must open the lines of communication before going about your business.

In today's deal, you bid aggressively to reach six spades. West leads the club 10. How do you plan the play?

It is a matter of style whether you overcall one spade or double with that South hand. I prefer simple overcalls to have an upper limit of 16 points, so I would double. North's jump to two hearts showed some 9-11 points and at least four hearts. His four clubs was a splinter bid, showing the values for a raise to four spades with at most one club. This was music to South's ears.

You have an automatic heart loser, so you must plan to ruff your three club losers in the dummy. However, if you try to use two of your diamond honors as hand entries, you run the risk of an adverse ruff. It is better to clear the pathways by leading a low heart from the dummy at trick two.

However the defenders maneuver now, you can check that the trumps aren't 4-0 and organize not only the club ruffs but also the hand re-entry to draw the remaining adverse trumps. (If the trumps are 4-0, you will have to hope that the player with the four spades has at least two diamonds.)

As the splinter bid had excited South into using Blackwood, perhaps West should have led his singleton trump at trick one. Here that lead would be fatal to the contract (as would a diamond, for entry reasons).

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Floating seafood farm may come to the Gulf of Mexico

WASHINGTON (AP) — If John D. Ericsson has his way, you'll need sea legs to walk one of his 40-acre farms.

The former Texas oilman hopes to begin this summer building the first of six barge-based fish farms to be anchored off Mississippi's Horn Island in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

When the barges are in full operation, computers on board will monitor eight 100-foot-long, barrel-like cages of redfish, hybrid striped bass and mahi mahi. Fingerlings will be "fattened" with computer-controlled meals of high-protein pellets, then brought ashore for sale to health-conscious Americans demanding more seafood.

Eventually dozens of Gulf species will be raised this way, Ericsson said in a recent interview. He hopes his Sea Pride Industries, based in Ocean Springs, Miss., can help close the gap between the United States and the rest of the world in seafood farming.

Large-scale seafood farming in the United States so far has been confined to clams, mussels, oysters, salmon and shrimp, the National Research Council said in a report last year. Those farms accounted for just one half of one percent of the 14 million metric tons of seafood grown worldwide in 1988.

"Salmon farming is a $250 million-plus industry" in this country, Ericsson said. "The Gulf has at least a dozen species of fish. Each one of them has the potential to be a salmon industry."

But experts say anyone wanting to import salmon-farming technology to the Gulf, as Ericsson is trying to do, faces numerous risks. The net-pens were designed in Norway and the northern United States for cold, clear, deep waters. The Gulf is warm, murky, shallow, and prone to hurricanes.

Water flow rates, fecal contamination, unconsumed feed, underwater visibility of nets and net-fouling organisms are all factors, not to mention the cost.

"It's a toss-up whether you can make any money off it, but you have to keep trying," said G. Joan Holt, a research scientist at the University of Texas' Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas. Such enterprises will really start paying when the natural harvests eventually dwindle from overfishing, she said.

The warmer Gulf waters will cause fish to grow faster, especially the mahi mahi, which can grow to eating size in 150 days, about half the time of the other species.

But he plans to start with redfish and the striped bass because both are more readily available from area hatcheries.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Jan. 18, 1993

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Today is MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY. It is the 18th day of 1993 and the 29th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1982, "Brideshead Revisited" debuted on PBS's "Great Performances."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles de Montesquieu (1689-1755), political philosopher; Daniel Webster (1782-1852), U.S. politician-lawyer; A.A. Milne (1882-1956), children's book author-humorist; Oliver Hardy (1892-1957), comedian; Cary Grant (1904-1986), actor; Muhammad Ali (1942-), boxer, is 51; Kevin Costner (1955-), actor, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Dallas Cowboys, 21-17, in Super Bowl X.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If the English language had been properly organized ... then there would be a word which meant both 'he' and 'she,' and I could write, 'If John or Mary comes, heesh will want to play tennis.'" — A.A. Milne

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1980, storm winds blew in the Anchorage, Alaska, area with gusts of over 100 mph in east Anchorage and the Chugach mountains.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 14) and new moon (Jan. 22).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
Don't be silly. Congressmen don't go on junkets. Didn't you know those trips are fact-finding missions?

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Driver trapped under his bus

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A bus driver spent a half hour pinned under a bus that dropped on top of him, and walked away with only a dirty shirt.

Eduardo "Lalo" Casas of El Paso, Texas, was driving the chartered bus carrying about 30 El Paso high school students home from a workshop in Albuquerque when the vehicle broke down on southbound Interstate 25.

"The rear end broke and I tried to put four bolts in," Casas said. "It's not dangerous."

But as he finished replacing the bolts, the bus' hydraulic system deflated, pinning him on his back with his chest pressed against the luggage compartments and his face next to the right rear wheel.

"He just had his head sticking out from under the wheel and he couldn't get out," said Buddy Davis, a truck driver who stopped to help.

Davis said he placed three jacks from his truck under the rear of the bus to keep it from dropping more.

Rescue workers propped up the bus with wooden blocks and inflated air bags to raise it far enough to free Casas, who remained calm through the ordeal.

Passengers cheered when Casas wriggled free. His white T-shirt was soiled, but he wasn't hurt.

Casas said the same thing has happened to him a couple of times before.

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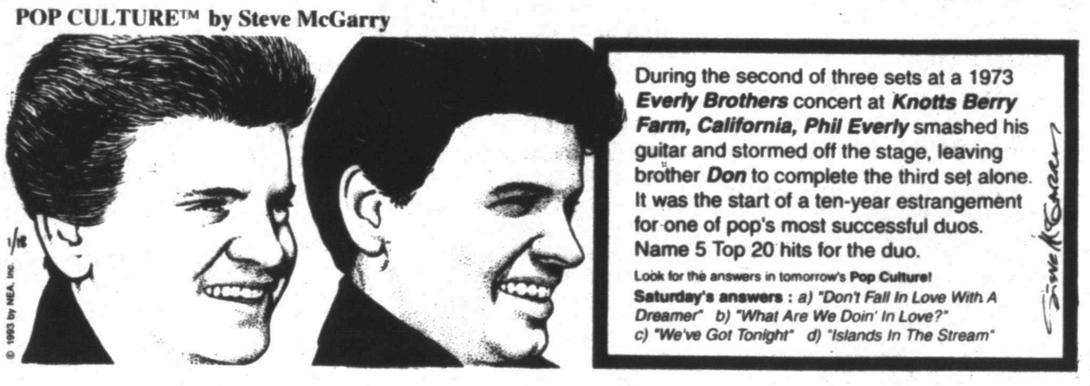
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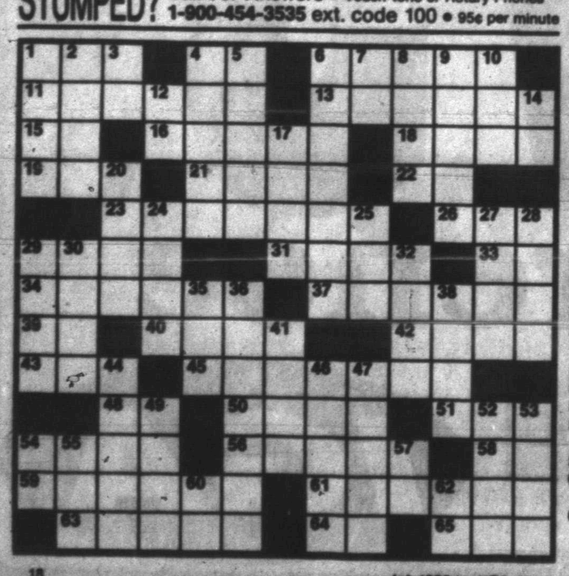
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NMJC visits WTC for WJCAC battle

The Western Texas College Lady Dusters have to put last Thursday's disappointing Western Junior College Athletic Conference loss to Odessa College behind them so they can concentrate on the New Mexico JC Lady Thunderbirds.

The Dusters host the NMJC women in a 7:30 WJCAC battle tonight at Scurry County Coliseum.

Coach Ron Jones and the WTC women fell to Odessa, 79-59, in their last outing, a physical contest that saw the Lady Wranglers shoot 27 free throws, while WTC was awarded only eight freebies.

"It was a physical game," Jones said following the loss, "but we're not that much more physical a team than Odessa is. I didn't feel like it was that one-sided."

The Dusters have to clear their heads from Thursday's disappointment so they can get a bead on Kevia Ford, the Lady T-Birds' top producer.

Ford is among the league leaders in four statistical categories. She is in the WJCAC's top 10 in scoring, hitting an average of 15.2 points per game, shooting 57 percent from the field, while sweeping over 10 boards an outing.

The sophomore post also adds three steals per game.

The Lady Thunderbirds carry a 13-7 overall mark into tonight's tilt, including a 2-2 record in conference games.

Western Texas, led by sophomore scoring machine Allison Garcia, who puts in almost 15 points a game, and top rebounder Paulita Murrell, who grabs nine boards per outing, comes in at 12-7 for the season.

The Dusters are still seeking their first Western Conference win after failing in three tries.

Western Texas was to have played Clarendon College in a non-conference matchup in Clarendon Saturday, but a last-minute schedule change moved the game back to Feb. 8.

WJCAC basketball

Women

Team	Season	League	
Howard	20	0	4	0
Odessa	18	4	3	1
NMJC	13	7	2	2
Frank Phillips	10	7	1	2
South Plains	13	4	0	2
Western Texas	12	8	0	3

Saturday, Jan. 16
Howard 80, Odessa 67
Monday, Jan. 18
South Plains at Frank Phillips
Clarendon at Odessa
NMJC at WTC

Men

Team	Season	League	
Odessa	18	2	4	1
Howard	17	2	3	1
South Plains	15	5	3	1
NMJC	13	8	3	2
Midland	14	5	1	3
NMMI	9	10	1	3
Frank Phillips	1	14	0	4

Saturday, Jan. 16
South Plains 64, Midland 61
NMJC 83, NMMI 71
Odessa 89, Howard 87
Redlands CC 96, Frank Phillips 85
Monday, Jan. 18
NMMI at Howard
South Plains at Frank Phillips
Clarendon at Odessa

Cowboys take NFC title

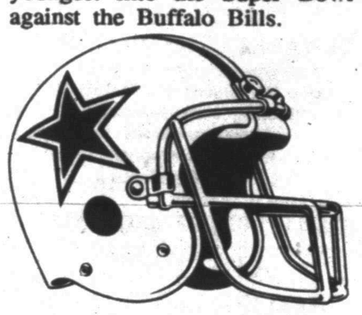
Dallas knocks off 49ers for Super Bowl berth

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Call it a full circle.

The Dallas Cowboys, just three years off a 1-15 season, arrived Sunday at the brink of dominance in the NFL. And they did it at the expense of the San Francisco 49ers, who 11 years ago passed the Cowboys as the two franchises headed in opposite directions.

So far, the Cowboys have dominated the league for exactly one half — the second in the NFC title game on Sunday.

But it was enough to give them a 30-20 win over the four-time Super Bowl champion and send what was once "America's Team" and is now the NFL's youngest into the Super Bowl against the Buffalo Bills.



The Cowboys, despite their youth, have already been installed as a one-touchdown favorite against a team that will be seeking to avoid becoming the first team ever to lose three straight Super Bowls. It will be a record sixth Super Bowl for Dallas, but its first in 14 years.

"We started at rock bottom," said coach Jimmy Johnson, who took over a team that had been 3-13 in 1988 and promptly dropped it to 1-15 the next year. Now they're 15-3 and one game away from the NFL title.

"I know everybody in this league works hard, but I could never, never imagine anybody working as hard as our guys."

That includes Johnson, who with a win in Pasadena on Jan. 31 would become the first coach ever to win both the national championship in college and a Super Bowl. He won the first with Miami in 1987, the job that propelled him to Dallas.

With help from his coaching staff, Johnson made the decision to open up the offense in the second half — something most coaches are loathe to do, particularly on the road, on a wet field and with a young team. The result was two long touchdown drives led by Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Alvin Harper that turned a 10-10 halftime into a 24-13 lead.

That was followed by a 70-yard pass play from Aikman to Harper on first down at their own 21 after San Francisco had cut the deficit to 24-20 with 4:22 left, setting up Aikman's 6-yard TD pass to Kelvin Martin that clinched the game. Most teams would run the ball three times to kill the clock, then wait for the defense to hold.

"We weren't going to play conservative," said Aikman, who was 13 of 16 for 208 yards in that second half; 24 of 34 for 322 for the game. He converted five first downs on five third-down attempts on the first two drives and was six of eight in the second half.

That impressed everyone, most of all Roger Staubach, the quarterback during the Cowboys' glory days who came to Sunday's game as the team's honorary captain.

"His performance in the second half was a good as any quarterback's I've ever seen," Staubach said. "I just stood on the sideline and marveled at what he did."

It was at least partial atonement for the 1982 NFC title game, in which "The Catch" by Dwight Clark started San Francisco on the way to four Super Bowl victories and started Dallas' slow downhill spiral. Only one player from that game, San Francisco's Joe Montana, was in uniform Sunday, and he stood on the sideline watching Steve Young throw for 313 yards in a losing cause.

It didn't start out that way.

San Francisco spent the first half looking like it was a step or two from breaking the game open.

But a fumble by Mike McGruder on a punt set up a 20-yard field goal by Lin Elliott and another fumble by Ricky Watters led to a 39-yard drive capped by a 4-yard touchdown run by Emmitt Smith.

Other mistakes also hurt on a field that was wet but playable despite a week-long downpour and intermittent rain during the game.

A 63-yard TD pass from Young to Jerry Rice on the game's first series was called back by holding on guard Guy McIntyre. And the TD by Smith, who finished with 114 yards on 24 carries, came a play after a defensive holding call on Pierce Holt on third down kept the Cowboys from having to try another field goal.

"I think it hurt us not to get that score," Young said of the Rice play. "I think Dallas was very reluctant to blitz after that and we had orchestrated our game plan to go like that."

"We couldn't take command in the first half, when we played our best football," said San Francisco coach George Seifert. "In the second half, they took control of the game."

And how.

Dallas took the opening kickoff and went 78 yards in eight plays, 38 yards coming when the 6-foot-3 Harper leaped over 5-11 Eric Davis to pull in a pass from Aikman. Fullback Daryl Johnston bulled in from the three on a play that typified San Francisco's half — the Niners were offside on the play, stopped and barely made any effort to stop Johnston.

The Niners came right back, but stalled at the 24 and Seifert elected not to go for it on fourth-and-2. Mike Cofer, who had a 28-yard field goal at the end of the first half, made a 42-yarder and it was 17-13.

Then came the most effective drive, consuming nine minutes of the third and fourth quarters. It covered 79 yards on 14 plays and the score came on a third-and-6, a 16-yard pass to Emmitt Smith for the fifth straight third-down conversion.

Young brought the Niners right back, hitting Rice for a 5-yard TD.

But then came the play to Harper, whose three catches totalled 117 yards. That broke San Francisco's back.

"They went for the jugular at the right time," said 49ers' wide receiver John Taylor.

"A lot of people would have been conservative," said Seifert, whose team finished a league best 14-2 in the regular season and 15-3 overall. " 'But they took their chances and it worked for them."

Well enough to get them to their record sixth Super Bowl. And to keep the 49ers from getting the chance to become the first team ever to win the NFL's biggest game five times.

Since most teams imitate a winner, maybe conservatism is out in the NFL.

At least for two weeks.

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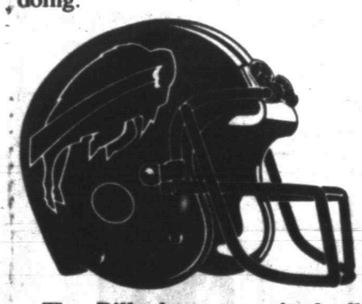
Bills claim third AFC crown

MIAMI (AP) — They were a group of cocky stars who took a relatively easy route to the Super Bowl. Then they failed.

Those Buffalo Bills disappeared sometime in the last few weeks. The team that heads to the NFL title game for the third straight year has grown up.

'We've been in this situation before," Thurman Thomas said after the Bills beat Miami 29-10 Sunday to equal the Dolphins' achievement of two decades ago with a third successive trip to the Super Bowl. "But I think coming like we have — coming back against Houston and going on the road at Pittsburgh and here in Miami — I think this team has matured a lot to where we realize that it's going to take a full effort to go out and win a Super Bowl.

"That's what we plan on doing."



The Bills have exorcised all kinds of demons in the playoffs. They set an NFL record by overcoming a 32-point deficit to beat Houston 41-38 in the first round. They went on the road, where they hadn't won in the postseason since 1981, and took the Steelers and Dolphins.

They won with backup quarterback Frank Reich and with starter Jim Kelly.

They've bonded, become a family, stopped the bickering and begun clicking.

"There wasn't a lot of people who thought we could do this," said Kelly, who was 17 for 24 for 177 yards, with one touchdown and two interceptions after missing 21/2 games with a knee injury.

They did it with superb work from Thomas, the NFL's total offense leader the last four seasons. Thomas rushed for 96 yards and caught five passes for 70 more. He scored on a 17-yard screen pass.

They did it with excellent support for Thomas from Ken Davis, who has emerged as a premium back in the playoffs. He had 61 yards rushing and 52 yards on four catches, mostly spelling Thomas in the second half.

They did it with five field goals by Steve Christie, tying an NFL postseason record.

And they especially did it with a suddenly overpowering defense. Since falling behind Houston 35-3, Buffalo has allowed 16 points in nearly 21/2 games.

Buffalo forced five turnovers and had four sacks Sunday.

"I think that we showed class today," Kelly said. "I think we showed what maturity means. A few years ago, we might have been the ones doing the talking."

They did their talking on the field, where they outgained Miami 182-33 on the ground and had the ball for 36:19. And coach Marv Levy stretched his hex over Don Shula: the Dolphins coach is the second winningest in NFL history, but he's 4-12 against Levy.

"It was a real disappointment that we didn't play better in a game that meant so much to us," said Shula, who has not won a Super Bowl since the 1973 season.

Becker upset in first round at Melbourne

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — An injured Boris Becker was still nearly good enough, but the fourth seed fell victim to mistakes and an opponent ranked 151st in the world as the Australian Open got under way today.

Becker, the 1991 champion, was first up on center court, a schedule he had requested in hopes that a quick victory and a couple of days off afterward would provide time to recuperate from a pulled right thigh muscle.

Instead, Sweden's Anders Jarryd, a qualifier who won only 11 singles matches in 17 tournaments last year, hung on long enough for the injury to steadily erode Becker's power game. The German, sporting a red beard, found himself on the sidelines with a 3-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 defeat.

The men's draw already had been hurt by the pre-tournament withdrawal of Wimbledon champion Andre Agassi and Goran Ivanisevic.

Monica Seles, the defending women's champion and top seed, overcame an early bout of rustiness and fans who mimicked her controversial grunting to breeze past Gloria Pizzichini of Italy 6-1, 6-2.

Her male equivalent, top seed and defending champion Jim Courier, struggled in the first set against Sweden's Lars Jonsson before prevailing 7-5, 6-0, 6-3.

Also advancing on the first day of the two-week, $4.82 million tournament were No. 7 Petr Korda, No. 9 Richard Krajicek, No. 11 Guy Forget, No. 12 Carlos Costa, No. 14 Michael Stich and No. 15 Sergi Bruguera among the men, and No. 6 Conchita Martinez, No. 8 Jana Novotna, No. 9 Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere and No. 16 Zina Garrison-Jackson in the women's draw.

8th B squad drops games

LUBBOCK — Snyder's eighth grade B girls lost both their games at Friday's Christ the King basketball tournament in Lubbock.

The Lady Tigers slipped to Post's A team, 37-21, in the opener, in spite of a 10-point burst by Brandi Roberge, four each by Shawna Huddleston and Monie Pena, Joanie Wemken's two and one from Rachelle Wemken.

Frenship's A team topped Snyder, 24-17, in second-round action.

Roberge led SJHS with seven points, followed by Pena with six, Monica Saenz with two and one epiece by Rachelle Wemken and Huddleston.

All four Snyder junior high girls' team will visit Sweetwater Thursday, then will host their own tourney Friday and Saturday.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	21	14	.600	—
New Jersey	21	15	.583	½
Boston	20	18	.526	2½
Orlando	16	15	.516	3
Philadelphia	13	20	.394	7
Washington	11	24	.314	10
Miami	10	24	.294	10½

Central Division

Chicago	25	11	.694	—
Cleveland	22	15	.595	3½
Charlotte	17	16	.515	6½
Detroit	17	18	.486	7½
Indiana	17	18	.486	7½
Atlanta	16	18	.471	8
Milwaukee	14	21	.400	10½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	24	10	.706	—
San Antonio	21	13	.618	3
Houston	18	16	.529	6
Denver	10	24	.294	14
Minnesota	7	24	.226	15½
Dallas	2	30	.063	21

Pacific Division

Phoenix	25	6	.806	—
Seattle	24	10	.706	2½
Portland	23	11	.676	3½
LA Lakers	19	15	.559	7½
Golden State	18	18	.500	9½
LA Clippers	18	18	.500	9½
Sacramento	13	20	.394	13

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia 123, Detroit 108
New Jersey 109, Washington 101
Cleveland 127, Atlanta 99
Indiana 117, Golden State 116
Houston 104, New York 102
San Antonio 124, Charlotte 111
Boston 110, Milwaukee 99
Denver 106, Dallas 91
Orlando 128, Chicago 124, OT
Utah 108, Sacramento 107

Sunday's Game
Portland 109, Seattle 97

Monday's Games
Phoenix at New York, 1 p.m.
Orlando at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at LA Lakers, 4:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 5 p.m.
Indiana at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
LA Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Virginia stops Duke's home winning streak

by The Associated Press

It's not impossible, after all, to beat Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium. Just ask the Virginia Cavaliers.

The 14th-ranked Cavaliers (11-0, 4-0 ACC) remained the only unbeaten Division I team in the country Sunday as they beat No. 3 Duke 77-69, ending the Blue Devils' 36-game home winning streak.

Duke, playing only 24 hours after struggling to defeat 13th-ranked Iowa 65-56, was held 25 points below its average and shot just 36.8 percent from the field. The Blue Devils (12-2, 2-2) were also outrebounded by Virginia 53-37.

"I told our team coming in that there was nothing to be intimidated about," Virginia coach Jeff Jones said. "It's a great atmosphere for college basketball. ... You might as well use that as a positive rather than a negative."

Duke's last home loss was on March 4, 1990, to North Carolina.

Virginia puts its unbeaten record on the line Wednesday night at North Carolina.

In other Top 25 games, on Saturday, it was No. 2 Michigan 70, Notre Dame 55; No. 4 Kansas 98, Louisville 77; No. 5 North Carolina 82, Clemson 72; No. 6 Indiana 83, Illinois 79; Pittsburgh 76, No. 7 Seton Hall 73; College of Chrleston 84, No. 8 Georgia Tech 67; No. 11 Cincinnati 70, DePaul 64; No. 12 Arizona 87, Washington State 63; No. 15 Connecticut 66, No. 22 Boston College 64; Oregon State 79, No. 15 UCLA 73; No. 17 Purdue 61, Penn State 54; No. 18 UNLV 84, San Jose State 77; Wisconsin 79, No. 19 Minnesota 70; No. 20 Georgetown 66, Villanova 56; No. 23 Michigan State 80, Northwestern 75; No. 24 Syracuse 69, Providence 57; and No. 25 Utah 103, Fresno State 83.

No. 2 Michigan 70, Notre Dame 55

At Ann Arbor, Chris Webber scored 22 points and led a decisive second-half surge by Michigan. The Wolverines (13-2) led only 39-35 when Webber started a 16-point run with a 3-pointer. Ryan Hoover paced Notre Dame with 23 points.

No. 4 Kansas 98, Louisville 77

At Louisville, Kansas broke it open with a 14-0 first-half run that began with a 3-pointer by Rex Walters.

No. 5 North Carolina 82, Clemson 72

At Clemson, George Lynch had 17 points and 13 rebounds as North Carolina survived a poor shooting performance. The Tar Heels (14-1, 4-0 ACC) won despite hitting only 43 percent from the field.

No. 6 Indiana 83, Illinois 79

At Champaign, Calbert Cheaney scored 30 points for Indiana (15-2, 4-0 Big Ten). After Illinois pulled to 75-74 with 2:15 left, Cheaney and Greg Graham each hit four free throws to clinch the win for Indiana.

Pittsburgh 76, No. 7 Seton Hall 73

At Pittsburgh, Garrick Thomas hit a 3-pointer with four seconds left to lead the Panthers (11-2, 4-2 Big East) over Seton Hall (14-2, 4-1).

College of Charleston 84, No. 8 Georgia Tech 67

At Atlanta, Marion Busby scored 29 points and Charleston shot 59 percent from the field to stun Georgia Tech (9-3). Charleston, a former NAIA power, moved up to NCAA Division I last season.

AP cage poll

by The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 17, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kansas (45)	14-1	1,595	4
2. Indiana (7)	15-2	1,510	6
3. North Carolina (8)	14-1	1,483	5
4. Kentucky	11-1	1,362	1
5. Michigan (2)	13-2	1,358	2
6. Duke	12-2	1,339	3
7. Virginia (3)	11-0	1,232	14
8. Arkansas	12-1	1,164	9
9. Cincinnati	11-1	1,084	11
10. Seton Hall	14-2	1,026	7
11. Arizona	9-2	924	12
12. Oklahoma	12-3	888	10
13. Purdue	11-2	737	17
14. Iowa	12-3	694	13
15. UNLV	9-1	647	18
16. Georgia Tech	9-3	562	8
17. Connecticut	8-3	513	15
18. Georgetown	10-2	495	20
19. Vanderbilt	13-3	394	-
20. Pittsburgh	11-2	386	-
21. Michigan St.	10-3	327	23
22. Utah	12-2	320	25
23. UCLA	11-4	252	15
24. Ohio St.	9-3	141	21
25. Long Beach St.	12-1	111	-

Other receiving votes: Florida St. 97, Tulane 90, Syracuse 70, Minnesota 62, New Orleans 52, Houston 41, LSU 28, Marquette 27, Boston College 25, Florida 18, W.Kentucky 14, Brigham Young 8, California 5, Kansas St. 5, Missouri 5, St. Joseph's 5, Oklahoma St. 4, Illinois 3, Nebraska 3, St. John's 3, Temple 3, Wake Forest 3, Xavier, Ohio 3, Coll. of Charleston 2, Oregon St. 2, Clemson 1, Massachusetts 1, Rhode Island 1.

College hoops

by The Associated Press

EAST
Delaware 93, Maine 71
Drexel 73, New Hampshire 52
Temple 74, St. Bonaventure 58
Yale 57, Swarthmore 44

SOUTH
Appalachian St. 78, Davidson 69
E. Tennessee St. 98, Furman 82
Georgia Southern 73, VMI 70
Marshall 62, Citadel 50
Virginia 77, Duke 69

MIDWEST
Wis.-Milwaukee 78, CS Northridge 65

FAR WEST
New Mexico 77, San Diego St. 52
Texas-El Paso 69, Hawaii 68

NFL playoffs

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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
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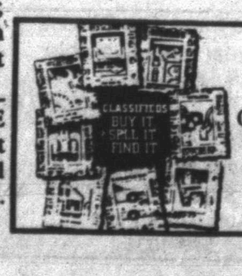
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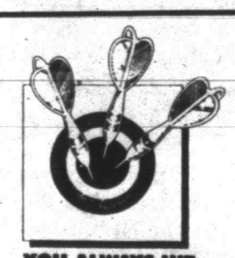
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Female senators said reserving judgment

WASHINGTON (AP) — They swept into office complaining that male politicians "just didn't get it." But, for now, all but one of the six women in the Senate are approaching the sexual harrassment case of Bob Packwood with customary senatorial caution.

"The process ought to have a chance to go forward," Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., says of the Ethics Committee's prelimary inquiry into the charges against the veteran Oregon Republican.

"There are people who say he should resign right now," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D.-Calif. "I am not one of them. If he's guilty, his credibility as a United States senator is destroyed. Then I think he should resign."

In the chummy atmosphere of the Senate, it has always been customary to tread gingerly on the ethics problems of a colleague. When lawmakers voted in 1990 to denounce Sen. Dave Durenberger for financial misconduct, for example, they lined up afterward to shake his hand and offer solace.

If any case could force a break with that tradition, Packwood's might.

Packwood, without discussing specifics, has generally admitted allegations by more than a dozen women - including several of his former Senate employees — that he made unwanted sexual advances. The women said Packwood kissed and touched them, and in some cases tried to rip off their clothing.

His case revives an issue in a Senate still squirming from the effects of its hearings into Anita Hill's allegations that Supreme Court Justice-designate Clarence Thomas sexually harassed her on the job.

Thomas was confirmed, women's groups bridled angrily at Hill's treatment by the all-male Senate Judiciary Committee and politicians such as Moseley-Braun and Feinstein had a ready-made issue for their candidacies.

Now, only California Democrat Barbara Boxer among the six women senators agrees with outside critics who say Packwood should leave the Senate immediately.

"I think he ought to resign," she said recently in an interview, noting the Rules Committee will consider challenges to his qualifications and the Ethics Committee will determine if he's to be disciplined.

In a weekend development, Packwood's former wife broke a long public silence and said her ex-husband has a long-term problem with alcohol abuse.

"This is a decent man who is sick," said Georgie Packwood, who divorced the senator in 1991 after 27 years of marriage. "He's not evil. This is a gentle man. But he has a great capacity to hurt."

In an interview in Sunday editions of The Oregonian in Portland, she said: "I guess I feel I've been silent long enough. I'd like to get on with my life. And I realize that having been married to Bob for more than a quarter of a century, I'm part of his tragedy. I still love the man I once knew."

Packwood declined comment on The Oregonian report, but spokeswoman Julia Brim-Edwards said Sunday that Packwood "has sought counseling for his use of alcohol and he will continue to take steps to address his problems."

Rose Berg, spokesman for freshman Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., said Murray believes "there is a process under way" against Packwood, so "let's see how the process moves forward."

The two veteran women in the Senate also favor allowing the investigatiuon to run its course.

"It's up to the ethics committee," said Republican Sen. Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas.

Sen. Barbara Miksusslski, D-Md., issued a statement after the bipartisan Senate leadership agreed that Packwood could be sworn in while a challenge to his elections was sent to the Rules Committee.

Mikulski said that Majority Leader George Mitchell "has handled the allegations...in the most judicious ways. Any other course of action would not have been fair since there had been no review of the evidence, the law or any Senate precedents."

Serb woman recounts how Muslim neighbors raped her

BRCKO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — When Zeljka Rajcic's Muslim neighbors came to take her from her home last April, they said she would be safer with them than with her Serb parents.

Instead, she says, she was subjected to a monthlong hell of repeated rape and abuse.

"They all were my neighbors ... Ramiz, Meho, Sulejman, Farid," recalled the skinny, brown-haired 18-year-old.

"They kept me under guard in a house. I was beaten and raped every day," she said. "Sometimes Croatian soldiers came. But most of the time my rapists were my friends from the time before the war.

"They said they were doing that to me because my father is a Serb fighter. 'We want him instead of you!' they shouted."

International human rights groups blame Serb fighters for most of what they have called systematic rape in Bosnia's nearly 10-month-old civil war. Bosnia's government claims that 50,000 Muslim women have been sexually assaulted, and that many were impregnated and kept prisoner until it was too late for abortion.

But Serb accounts like those of Ms. Rajcic indicate that all factions in the brutal war have been involved to some extent in atrocities.

The Serbian Information Center in Belgrade has collected numerous personal accounts of Serb women who say they have been raped by Muslims, often former neighbors.

Serbian lobby groups have been encouraging journalists to hear the Serb side of the story. Reporters found Ms. Rajcic after being directed to Bijelina, about 30 miles to the southeast, but finding no rape victims willing to be interviewed.

It was a Muslim who finally helped Ms. Rajcic escape.

"Farid's brother took me to his place," she said. "He persuaded Farid that I needed a rest for a night. After Farid checked on me for the last time that night, his brother and I escaped."

She believes she would have been killed had she not managed to return to her hometown of Brcko in northern Bosnia last June.

"I saw another two Serb girls from Brcko, Tanja and her sister," she said. "They were brought to the same house where I was, but shortly after that they were taken away. I later heard they were killed."

Her voice broke as she spoke of the abortion she said she had in a hospital in Novi Sad, capital of the northern Serbian province of Vojvodina.

"I didn't want that child, but even if I wanted it I couldn't have had it," she said, shutting her eyes and wringing her hands. "They drugged me with some strong tablets ... and I feared the child might have been born with defects."

Doctors in Belgrade who have treated Serbian rape victims said they authorized abortions even if the pregnancies were past the legal maximum of 10 weeks.

They said that those who had to give birth often did not even want to see their children, and that many of the women would suffer long-term or incurable psychological damage.

In a traditionally male-dominated Balkan culture, the rape of a woman is considered the worst possible insult to family honor.

Some historians contend one reason many Christians in Bosnia converted to Islam when the region was under Turkish rule was to save their women from rape by Muslims.

But for Ms. Rajcic, history is of little importance. She fears her future.



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'Cut Your Own Taxes and Save'

Exemptions, dependents made easy

By George W. Smith

The following changes were part of the recent Tax Reform Act: exemptions were increased; children who can be claimed as dependents on their parents' returns may not claim themselves on their own returns; exemptions for age and blindness were replaced by a higher standard deduction; Social Security numbers of dependents at least 1 year old are required to be reported on Form 1040 or 1040A.

The Tax Reform Act continues to increase the amount allowed for each exemption as shown in the following chart. The amount is adjusted each year for inflation.

Tax Year	Amount Allowed
1986	$1,080
1987	1,900
1988	1,950
1989	2,000
1990	2,050
1991	2,150
1992	2,300

For higher income taxpayers, the exemption deduction amount will be phased out. The deduction is reduced by 2 percent for each $2,500 or fraction thereof by which adjusted gross income exceeds the exemption amount.

The threshold amounts at which the phase-out of the tax benefit of the personal exemption begins are as follows:

Married filing jointly	$157,900
Qualifying widow(er)	157,900
Head of Household	131,550
Single	105,250
Married filing separately	78,950

The exemption amount is fully phased out when adjusted gross income is more than $122,500 ($61,250 for married filing separately) over the threshold amount.

You and your exemptions

There are two kinds of exemptions: those for you and your spouse (personal exemptions), and those for children and relatives (dependent exemptions). For 1992, you are allowed a $2,300 deduction for each exemption to which you are entitled.

You can always take an exemption for yourself unless you are a dependent on another taxpayer's return.

If you are married and file jointly, you may claim an exemption for yourself and one for your spouse. If you file separately, you may take your spouse's exemption only if he or she had no gross income and was not a dependent of another taxpayer. If your spouse files separately and has any gross income, you may not claim his or her exemption.

A child born any time during the year entitles either parent to claim a full exemption for the tax year. If the child dies during the year and qualifies as your dependent at the time of death, you are entitled to a full exemption. An exemption may not be claimed for a stillborn child.

If the dependent does not have a Social Security number, either the taxpayer or the dependent should apply for a Social Security number as soon as possible.

Personal exemptions

Prior to the Tax Reform Act, everyone was allowed his or her own personal exemption. Not anymore. Congress changed the rules. Now, a personal exemption may not be claimed by a person who can be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return.

Child support

A divorce or separation involving children often brings problems when it comes to claiming exemptions. Often both parents try to claim them.

The custodial parent is entitled to claim the exemption, regardless of the amount of support furnished by the noncustodial parent in post-1985 divorce agreements. This can be waived if the custodial parent signs Form 8332, Release of Claim to Exemption for Child of Divorced or Separated Parent, and attaches it to the return of the non-custodial parent. The waiver may be made on an annual or permanent basis. For tax planning, the exemption might be better used by the parent in the higher tax bracket.

Exemptions for age and blindness

Under prior law, a taxpayer could claim an extra exemption for being legally blind or age 65 or older. Those extra exemptions also applied to the taxpayer's spouse.

The Tax Reform Act eliminated the extra exemption for age and blindness. It replaced the extra exemptions with an additional standard deduction.

Dependent's Social Security number

If a taxpayer claims an exemption for a dependent who is at least 1 year old by the end of the tax year, the taxpayer must list the dependent's Social Security number under dependents on Form 1040 or Form 1040A. The Social Security number requirement applies to any dependent, adult or child, age 1 or over, claimed on the tax return.

If the dependent's Social Security number is not listed on the tax return, or if the listed number is incorrect, the taxpayer who claims the dependent may be subject to a $50 penalty. The penalty applies to each missing or incorrect number.

If the dependent does not have an Social Security number, either the taxpayer or the dependent should apply for an Social Security number as soon as possible. If the number is not received before the taxpayer's return is filed, enter "applied for" on the return. Social Security numbers can be applied for by filing Form SS-5, available at any Social Security office. When applying, a dependent must also provide evidence of his or her birth date, United States citizenship or legal alien status and identity.

A birth record from a public hospital or religious organization generally will be accepted as proof of birth and citizenship. A school record may be used for proof of identity. All records must be original or certified documents.

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Texas residents mark King holiday with parade, rallies

by The Associated Press

Racial harmony was the theme of Texas parades and other gatherings for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, with church services also planned during the federal and state holiday.

The peaceful celebrations today were a contrast to a Ku Klux Klan weekend protest against King at the Texas Capitol. Austin police said six anti-Klan protesters were arrested Saturday on charges of disorderly conduct.

An annual Dallas parade along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard got under way about 10 a.m. CST. The parade route stretched from near the Oak Cliff section of South Dallas to Fair Park, home of the State Fair of Texas.

In the suburban Grand Prairie, west of Dallas, a silent public march and commemorative program was organized by a chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Banquets and other events were also planned later in the day. The West Dallas Ministerial Alliance scheduled a commemorative service for 7:30 p.m. at New St. Paul Baptist Church for the slain civil rights leader.

The Dallas Urban League and the Greater Dallas Community of Churches sponsored an ecumenical service for noon at First United Methodist Church.

Cause of death is still pending

An official ruling as to the cause of the death of a 27-year-old Snyder woman is pending today, following results of an autopsy, Justice of the Peace Wanda Rushing said.

Eva Marie Slaughter of 201 Hickory died sometime Sunday morning in her home. According to police, Ricky Slaughter called 911 at 8:31 a.m. to report that his wife was not breathing. Snyder EMS was dispatched on the emergency call but could not revive the woman.

A police report for unattended death was filed, and the time of death placed at 9:20 a.m. by the justice of the peace.

Russian Prime Minister lifts all price controls

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin today lifted price controls that he imposed Jan. 1 in a step that had been widely viewed as a setback for free-market reforms.

Deputy Prime Minister Boris Fyodorov announced the decision, and said Chernomyrdin agreed to the reversal. Fyodorov called the original decree "a bureaucratic mistake."

Chernomyrdin issued a new decree saying prices charged by some government-owned monopolies would be controlled, but that most prices in Russia would be allowed to float freely, Fyodorov said.

The initial price control decree had set profit caps of 15 percent on all manufacturers of such staples as bread, milk, meat, sugar and vodka.

"We passed the (new) decree to prohibit the administrative regulation of prices," Fyodorov said at a news conference. "The exception is for monopoly enterprises."

Fyodorov, the government's economic strategist, outlined a broad economic policy that includes an eventual move to world prices for oil and other energy products, whose cost currently is held artificially low.

The government also plans to work more closely with the Russian Central Bank to place stricter control on the money supply to curb inflation.

Hospital Notes

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DISMISSALS: Anissa Reed and baby, Kermit Ford, Beulah Starnes, Sue Griffin.

Census: 52 (Med.-13, Long-Term Care-31, CCU-4, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Phillip and Glenna Kite of Lubbock announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Grace, born at 2:50 p.m. on Jan. 13 at Lubbock. She weighed seven pounds and one ounce.

Grandparents are Jerry and Gloria Dennis of Snyder, Marilyn Kite of San Angelo and Odell Kite of Graham. Great-grandmothers are Christine Singelton of Snyder and Grace Hampton of San Angelo.

Kisha and Billy Howard announce the birth of their 10-pound, 6½ -ounce son born at 10:16 a.m. on Jan. 16 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Robert McGough and Georgie Wright, announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Dewayne McGough, born at 9 a.m. on Jan. 15 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds and four ounces.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	68 1/4	67 1/8	68 1/4	+1/2
Albtsn	50 1/2	50	50	-3/4
AlliedSignal	58 3/4	58 1/4	58 3/4	+7/8
ALLTEL Cp	48 1/4	48	48	-1/4
AmStores	44 1/4	44	44	-1/4
Amer T&T	537/8	531/8	531/2	+1/4
Ameritech	733/8	731/8	733/8	-1/4
Amoco	493/8	491/8	491/4	-1/4
AndarkPtr	273/8	27	27	-3/8
Arkla	73/4	75/8	73/4	
Armcolnc	63/8	61/4	63/8	+1/8
AtlRichfld	109 1/8	108 5/8	108 5/8	-3/8
BakerHugh	191/8	187/8	187/8	-1/8
BancTexas	21/2	21/2	21/2	+1/8
BellAtl	52	513/4	52	+1/4
BellSouth	541/8	533/8	537/8	-1/4
Beth Steel	163/8	161/8	161/4	-1/8
Borden	273/4	273/8	275/8	
Caterplr	563/4	561/2	563/4	
Centel	351/2	351/8	351/2	+1/4
CnSoWst s	295/8	293/8	291/2	-1/8
Chevron	693/8	691/4	691/4	-1/8
Chrysler	37	353/4	367/8	+1/2
Coastal	243/8	241/8	241/4	
CocaCola s	43	425/8	425/8	-5/8
ColgP	563/4	561/8	561/8	-1/4
ComlMetl	271/8	271/8	271/8	-1/8
Cooperin	477/8	471/2	477/8	
CyprusMn	347/8	341/4	341/2	+1/4
DalSemico	141/2	143/8	141/2	-1/8
DeltaAirl	533/4	521/4	533/4	+1 1/4
DigitalEq	411/4	405/8	405/8	-1/4
Dillard s	481/4	473/4	481/4	-1/8
DowChem	541/4	533/8	54	+1/4
DresserInd	177/8	175/8	173/4	
DuPont	47	461/8	463/4	+5/8
EstKodak	491/4	481/2	49	+5/8
EljerInd	83/4	83/4	83/4	+1/8
Enserch	141/2	141/4	141/2	+1/4
Exxon	60	595/8	595/8	-1/2
FlowerInd	20	20	20	-1/8
FordMotor	463/8	457/8	461/4	+1/4
GTE Cp	351/2	351/4	351/4	-1/8
GaDynam	111 3/8	110 1/8	111 3/8	+7/8
GenElct	845/8	841/4	841/4	-3/8
GnMill	683/4	683/8	683/8	-3/8
GenMotors	351/4	345/8	35	+3/8
GenMotrE s	321/4	32	321/8	-1/8
GaPacif	587/8	571/2	587/8	+7/8
GlobalMar	21/2	23/8	21/2	
Goodrich	491/2	493/8	493/8	+1/8
Goodyear	665/8	66	663/8	-1/8
GtAtlPac	243/4	245/8	245/8	-1/8
Gulf StaUt	167/8	163/4	167/8	+1/4
Halliburtn	271/2	267/8	273/8	+1/4
Hanson	183/4	185/8	183/4	
HoustInd	461/8	457/8	46	
IBM	491/4	485/8	487/8	+5/8
IntlPaper	621/4	611/4	621/4	+1/2
JohnsnJns	471/2	465/8	471/8	+1/4
K mart s	231/2	231/8	233/8	+1/8
Kroger	165/8	163/8	161/2	+1/8
vjLTV Cp	5/8	1/2	1/2	
Litton s	447/8	445/8	445/8	-1/8
vjLoneStar	23/8	21/4	21/4	-1/8
Lowes s	261/8	257/8	261/8	+1/4
Lubys	227/8	225/8	223/4	-1/4
Maxus	67/8	65/8	65/8	-1/8
MayDSt	693/8	691/8	691/4	-1/8
Medtronic	901/8	895/8	90	+1/4
Mobil	621/2	621/8	621/8	-1/8
Monsanto	521/4	515/8	521/4	+1/2
Motorola	121	1181/2	1187/8	-2 3/8
Motorla wi	603/4	591/2	591/2	-11/2
Nationsbk	517/8	51	511/2	-5/8
Navistar	21/2	23/8	21/2	+1/8
Nynex	853/8	847/8	847/8	-5/8
OryxEngy	173/4	175/8	175/8	-1/8
PacTelesis	455/8	453/8	451/2	+1/8
PanhECp	183/8	181/8	183/8	+1/8
PenneyJC	743/8	733/4	737/8	-1/2
Pennzoil	497/8	493/4	493/4	-1/8
PepBoys	241/8	235/8	241/8	+3/8
PhelpD s	497/8	491/2	495/8	
PhilipPet	25	243/4	247/8	
PilgrmPrd	71/2	73/8	73/8	-1/8
Polaroid s	291/2	293/8	293/8	+1/8
Praxair n	167/8	163/4	163/4	
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ProctGamb s	511/4	503/4	503/4	-1/4
PubS NwMx	103/4	105/8	105/8	-1/8
SFePacCp	141/4	14	141/8	
SaraLee s	281/2	28	281/8	-3/8
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SherwinW	303/4	301/2	305/8	-3/8
SmthBck s	37	363/4	37	+1/2
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Southern Co	381/8	377/8	38	-1/4
SwAirl s	293/8	291/8	293/8	
SwstBell	741/2	741/4	743/8	
Sprint	265/8	263/8	265/8	+1/8
SterlingChm	37/8	33/4	37/8	
SunCo	275/8	271/2	275/8	+1/8
TNP Ent	185/8	185/8	185/8	
Tandy	287/8	281/2	283/4	-3/8
Templint	473/4	471/2	473/4	+1/8
Tenneco	417/8	413/8	417/8	+1/8
Texaco	585/8	583/8	585/8	+1/8
TexasInd	25	25	25	
TexasInst	551/8	541/4	545/8	-5/8
Tex Util	423/4	425/8	423/4	+1/8
Textron	437/8	433/4	433/4	-1/8
Tyler	51/4	5	5	-1/8
US West	391/8	387/8	387/8	-1/4
USX-Marathn	17	165/8	165/8	-1/8
USX-USS	321/2	323/8	321/2	
UnCarbde	163/4	161/2	163/4	
UnPac	617/8	615/8	613/4	-1/8
UnitTech	471/4	465/8	465/8	-5/8
Unocal	241/8	237/8	237/8	-1/4
WalMart	605/8	601/8	601/8	-3/8
WstnGasRs	245/8	241/2	241/2	
WestghEl	14	131/2	14	+1/4
WinnDixie	783/8	77	77	-15/8
Woolwth	29	285/8	283/4	-1/4
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3	The General's Daughter. Nelson DeMille. Warner. $21.95	5	8
4	Mexico. James A. Michener. Random House. $25	2	10
5	The Tale of the Body Thief. Anne Rice. Knopf. $24	4	12
6	The Pelican Brief. John Grisham. Doubleday. $22.50	6	44
7	Mostly Harmless. Douglas Adams. Harmony. $20	12	11
8	Waiting to Exhale. Terry McMillan. Viking. $22	9	31
9	Terminal. Robin Cook. Putnam. $21.95	-	1
10	The Bridges of Madison County. Robert James Waller. Warner. $14.95	7	21

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		Last Week	Weeks on List
1	The Way Things Ought to Be. Rush Limbaugh. Pocket. $22	1	17
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3	It Doesn't Take a Hero. H. Norman Schwarzkopf with Peter Petre. Bantam. $25	2	14
4	Truman. David McCullough. Simon & Schuster. $30	3	30
5	JFK: Reckless Youth. Nigel Hamilton. Random House. $30	4	5
6	Every Living Thing. James Herriot. St. Martin's. $22.95	5	19
7	I Can't Believe I Said That! Kathie Lee Gifford. Pocket. $22	6	11
8	The Te of Piglet. Benjamin Hoff. Dutton. $16	9	16
9	Lincoln. Philip B. Kunhardt Jr. et al. Knopf. $50	-	1
10	Harvey Penick's Little Red Book. Harvey Penick & Bud Shrake. Simon & Schuster. $19	8	24

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1	Rising Sun. Michael Crichton. Ballantine. $5.99	1	3
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3	The Doomsday Conspiracy. Sidney Sheldon. Warner. $5.99	3	8
4	A Time to Kill. John Grisham. Dell. $5.99	5	29
5	Fugitive Nights. Joseph Wambaugh. Bantam. $6.50	11	4
6	McNally's Secret. Lawrence Sanders. Berkley. $5.99	9	2
7	The Waste Lands: The Dark Tower III. Stephen King. Signet. $6.99	2	4
8	A River Runs Through It. Norman Maclean. Pocket. $4.99	4	11
9	Hideaway. Dean Koontz. Berkley. $5.99	7	9
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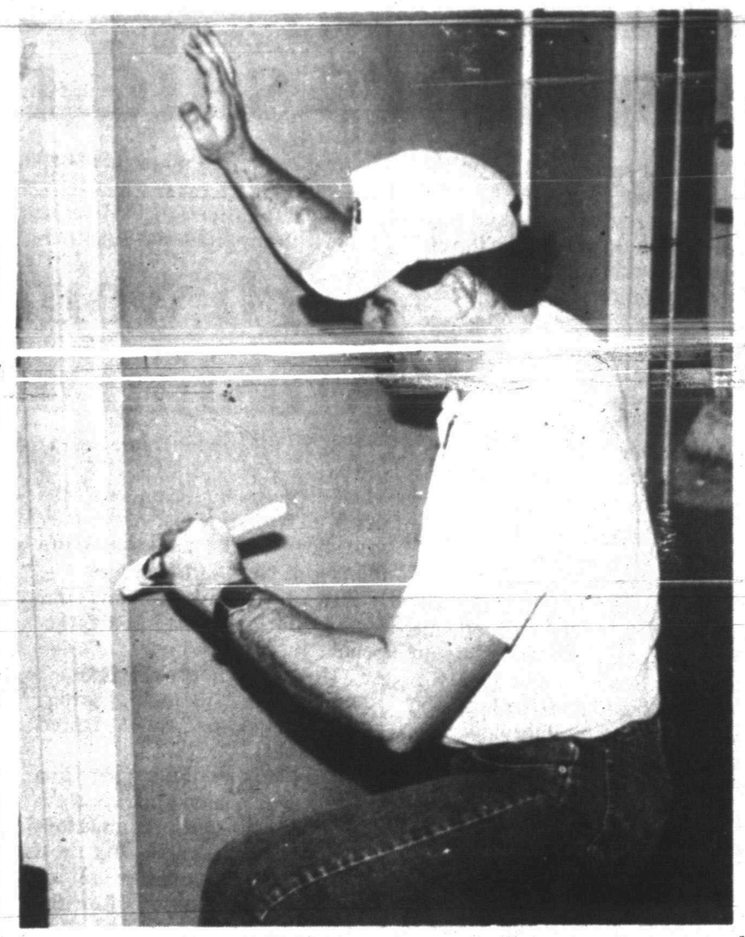
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4	The Indispensable Calvin and Hobbes. Bill Watterson. Andrews & McMeel. $12.95	2	16
5	Cows of Our Planet. Gary Larson. Andrews & McMeel. $8.95	4	11
6	7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Stephen Covey. Fireside. $9.95	7	104
7	Live and Learn and Pass It On. H. Jackson Brown. Plume. $10	6	22
8	Earth in the Balance. Al Gore. Plume. $13	10	2
9	A River Runs Through It. Norman Maclean. Univ. of Chicago Press. $9.95	8	12
10	The T-Factor Fat Gram Counter. Pope-Cordie & Katahn. Norton. $1.95	-	100

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HOSPITAL RENOVATION — Brian Pinkerton paints doorframes as Cogdell Memorial Hospital's emergency room area receives a facelift, complete with a new communications center and updated decorations. (SDN Staff Photo)

Chelsea Clinton helped pick inaugural events for children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chelsea Clinton helped choose the entertainers for the Salute to Youth, one of two inaugural events for children next week, says the producer of the children's events, actress Markie Post.

"I sent a list of people — 'Who do you like?' — and she faxed it back to me with checks and stars," Post said Friday.

Chelsea was particularly enthusiastic about the Joffrey Ballet, which will dance to music by the rock star Prince, Post said.

The Salute to Children and the Salute to Youth will be held back to back Tuesday at the John F. Kennedy Center For the Performing Arts. Tickets to the events are free and were distributed to the public on a first come-first serve basis.

Both President-elect Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, plan to make remarks at the events, Post said.

The Gores will also be present, but Post said she didn't know yet whether Chelsea or the Gore youngsters would appear on stage.

The Salute to Children will include performances by Fred Rogers of "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood," Kermit the Frog and other Muppets, children's singer Raffi and singers Rosanne Cash and Emmylou Harris.

Performing along with the Joffrey in the Salute to Youth will be the group Boyz II Men, Celine Dion and saxophonist Clarence Clemmons. The L.A. Youth Ensemble Theatre from the Van Nuys High School of Performing Arts will perform a piece about the Los Angeles riots, Post said.

Appointments delayed

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code, a commissioner's court may not set a salary for an elected officer, such as a constable, at a lower rate than the salary that was in effect in January of 1973.

The court also approved a line-item transfer for the juvenile probation office to cover the cost of unexpected repairs on a vehicle used by the office, and approved a final reading of a policy prohibiting smoking inside the county courthouse.

Doolittle this morning drew four names to serve on the grievance committee, and said he will notify the court on Wednesday of whether the four have agreed to serve.

The court will reconvene at 9 a.m. Wednesday to consider appointments to some 22 positions on various boards throughout the county, including the airport, library, coliseum, child welfare and county welfare boards and the Board of County Development, hospital board and veteran's land board.

Commissioners were to meet in closed session at 2 p.m. today to discuss personnel matters with full-time employees of Scurry County Airport.

Present at this morning's meeting were Doolittle and commissioners Ralph Trevey, Jerry Gannaway, Roy Idom and C.D. Gray Jr.

Obituaries



EVA MARIA SLAUGHTER

Eva M. Slaughter

1965-1993

Graveside services have been set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Fluvanna Cemetery for Eva Maria (Hernandez) Slaughter, 27, of Snyder, who died at 9:20 a.m. Sunday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Born on Aug. 20, 1965, in Snyder, she married Ricky Dale Slaughter on Jan. 15, 1989, in Fluvanna. Mrs. Slaughter was a waitress and a member of the Fluvanna Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ricky Dale Slaughter of Snyder; one daughter, Cecelie Blair Slaughter of Snyder; her mother, Dominga Hernandez of Fluvanna; two sisters, Donna Kimbler of Snyder and Annette Hernandez of Fluvanna; one brother, Luis Hernandez Jr. of Snyder; two nieces; and two nephews.



BARBARA HULL

Barbara Hull

1941-1993

COLORADO CITY — Services were held at 4 p.m. Friday at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Barbara Hull, 51, who died Tuesday in Lubbock's St. Mary of the Plains Hospital.

Officiating was the Rev. Daryl Kline, and burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery.

A resident of Snyder for 16 years, Mrs. Hull was a homemaker. Born in Nixon, Tex., she married Freddie Hull on Aug. 8, 1974, in Lovington, N.M.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, four children and one grandchild.

Survivors include her husband, Freddie Hull of Snyder; two sons, Tommy Hull and David Sellers, both of Snyder; one daughter, Patricia Torres of Snyder; one brother, Elvin Beene of San Angelo; two granchildren, Kirisa Torres of Snyder and Tommy Hull Jr. of Snyder; an aunt, Myrtle Baker, and several nieces and nephews.

Louise McCarthy

1900-1993

BRECKENRIDGE — Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the St. Paul United Methodist Church for Louise McCarthy, 85, who died Monday at Hendrick Medical Center. The Rev. Sid Bunn will officiate. Burial will be in the Breckenridge Cemetery.

She was the mother of Dorothy and Betty Atkinson, both of Snyder.

Born on Jan. 6, 1908, in Emelton, Penn., she married David A. McCarthy Sr. on July 7, 1923, in Breckenridge. He died on April 26, 1977. She had been a longtime Stephens County resident, a homemaker and a member of the St. Paul United Methodist Church. She was a member of the United Methodist Women.

Survivors include three other daughters, Mary Nell Cox of Irving, Margaret Kinney of Dallas and Shirley Pribble of San Jose, Calif.; two sons, Joe McCarthy of Pasadena and David McCarthy Jr. of Breckenridge; one sister, Evelyn Deaver of Breckenridge; 19 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehab Center.

Much has changed, much remains the same

Supreme Court's abortion ruling's 20th anniversary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roe vs. Wade is 20 years old, unparalleled still in its ability to divide, to evoke raw emotion.

So much so that Justice Harry Blackmun, who penned the words that made abortion legal, receives an unending stream of hate mail. A murderer, a butcher, they call him, 50,000 letters in all.

As the anniversary of the ruling approaches, and the annual anti-abortion protest planned for Friday, the opposing sides have never seemed so entrenched.

"We celebrate 20 years of women knowing they have a reproductive choice," says Sarah Weddington, the Texas lawyer who on Jan. 22, 1973, won the landmark Supreme Court case that legalized abortion nationwide.

"It's a time of sadness," counters Wanda Franz, president of the National Right to Life Committee. "It's a time to solemnly recognize and commemorate the loss of [illegible] million lives each year — 30 million abortions since Roe."

The historic ruling has spawned two decades of hotly contested courtroom argument, annual demonstrations at the Supreme Court building, struggle in the state legislatures. It has led some of those who would ban abortion to commit civil disobedience, and those who would preserve it to help elect a new president.

Some had hoped Roe vs. Wade would settle everything.

"I remember the exhilaration," Weddington said in a recent interview. "The feeling was 'That's finished, let's do something else.' But then the opposition mobilized."

What followed was nothing [illegible] fare. Two decades of it.

A brief preview for 1993:

— Congressional consideration of the proposed Freedom of Choice Act, legislation to give certain abortion rights federal protection.

— A move to lift the import ban on RU-486, the abortion pill.

— The continuing debate over the use of fetal tissue for scientific experiments.

— Efforts in state legislatures to impose new regulations governing women who seek abortions.

— Legislation to overturn last week's ruling that federal judges may not ban blockades mounted outside anti-abortion clinics.

"I knew it was a no-win case, but I didn't ask for the (writing) assignment." [illegible] about authoring the 1973 opinion.

He then was considered a loyal soldier in the court's conservative wing. Today, at 84, the lifelong Republican is viewed as its most liberal member.

Activists on both sides of the enduring national debate agree that what the court, through Blackmun, acknowledged in 1973 still applies.

The decision noted "the sensitive and emotional nature of the abortion controversy, of the vigorous opposing views, even among physicians, and the deep and seemingly absolute convictions that the subject inspires."

The decision added: "One's philosophy, one's experiences, one's exposures to the raw edges of [illegible] gious training, one's attitudes toward life and family and their values, and the moral standards one establishes and seeks to observe are all likely to influence and to color one's thinking and conclusions about abortion."

The Roe vs. Wade case itself, Weddington said, "is now such a dim and distant memory for most women."

Norma McCorvey, an unmarried woman from Dallas County, Texas, who used the pseudonym Jane Roe, sued Texas authorities in 1970.

McCorvey had lied about being raped (she admitted the lie in 1987) and had given up her baby for adoption. No legal abortion was available in Texas because [illegible] from ending her pregnancy unless her life were threatened by it.

Although she was no longer pregnant when she found Weddington and sued, McCorvey's lawsuit was allowed because she someday could have found herself in the same legal predicament.

At the time, 31 states considered the deliberate termination of a pregnancy a crime in most circumstances.

Energized by the crushing defeat embodied in the Supreme Court's decision, anti-abortion forces gained the momentum by the 1980s, especially in the White House and at the Supreme Court.

Major Supreme Court abortion rulings listed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is a chronlogy of the Supreme Court's major abortion decisions since its 1973 ruling legalizing abortion.

—Jan. 22, 1973. In Roe vs. Wade, the court legalized abortion nationwide. The court based its 7-2 ruling on a woman's constitutional right to privacy.

The court said a woman's decision to have an abortion during the first three months of pregnancy must be left to her and her doctor. It said states may impose certain regulations during the second trimester to protect the woman's health, and may take steps to protect fetal life in the third trimester. But second-trimester and third-trimester abortions can be legal under the ruling.

—Jan. 22, 1973. In Doe vs. Bolton, the court struck down by a 7-2 vote restrictions on facilities that could be used to perform abortions. The decision gave rise to a new kind of medical facility, the abortion clinic.

—July 1, 1976. In Planned Parenthood vs. Danforth, the court, by a 6-3 vote, said states cannot give husbands veto power over their pregnant wives' decision to abort their pregnancies. By a 5-4 vote, the court said parents of minor, unwed girls cannot be given an absolute veto over abortions.

—June 20, 1977. In Maher vs. Roe, the court ruled 6-3 that states have no legal obligation to pay for "non-therapeutic" abortions sought by women on welfare.

—Jan. 9, 1979. In Colautti vs. Franklin, reached by a 6-3 vote, the court reaffirmed its intention to give doctors broad discretion in determining the timing of "fetal viability" — when a fetus can live outside the mother's womb. The justices said states may seek to protect a fetus that has reached viability, but the determination is up to doctors, not courts or legislatures.

—July 2, 1979. In Bellotti vs. Baird, the court, 8-1, implied that states may be able to require a pregnant, unmarried minor to obtain parental consent to an abortion so long as the state law provides an alternative procedure to parental approval, such as letting the minor seek a state judge's approval instead.

—June 30, 1980. In Harris vs. McRae, the 5-4 court said the federal government and individual states are under no legal obligation to pay for even medically necessary abortions sought by women on welfare.

—March 23, 1981. In H.L. vs. Matheson, the court ruled, 6-3, that states may require doctors consulted by some minors to try to inform parents before performing a requested abortion.

—June 15, 1983. In three decisions led by one called City of Akron vs. Akron Center for Reproductive Health, the court said, 6-3, that states and local communities may not require all abortions beyond the first trimester be performed in a hospital.

—June 11, 1986. In Thornburgh vs. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the court struck down, 5-4, Pennsylvania abortion regulations that would have required doctors to inform women seeking abortions about potential risks and about available medical assistance benefits for prenatal care and childbirth.

—July 3, 1989. In a series of split votes on Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services, the court provided states with new authority to limit a woman's right to abortion.

The ruling allowed Missouri to restrict the use of public money, medical personnel or facilities in performing abortion procedures. Also upheld was a requirement that doctors determine, when possible, whether a fetus at least 20 weeks old is capable of surviving outside the womb, by testing lung capacity and conducting other tests.

—June 25, 1990. The court, in two decisions, made it significantly more difficult for minors to obtain legal abortions without first notifying their parents.

—June 29, 1992. In its most important abortion ruling since 1973, the court voted 5-4 to uphold the core of its Roe vs. Wade decision and ban states from outlawing most abortions. But, by a 7-2 vote, the court said states may raise new hurdles for women seeking to end their pregnancies.

The court's decision in Planned Parenthood vs. Casey abandoned the trimester-by-trimester approach of its 1973 ruling and adopted a new test — abortion regulations will not be allowed if they represent an "undue burden" on women's constitutional right.

—Jan. 13, 1993. The court, by a 5-4 vote, ruled that an 1871 law known as the Ku Klux Klan Act cannot be invoked to get federal court injunctions barring protesters from trying to block women's access to abortion clinics.

Fewer U.S. doctors now said willing to perform abortions

DALLAS (AP) — Intimidated by protests and Pro-Life campaigns, fewer and fewer doctors are willing to perform elective abortions.

"The problem is there were only so many people with the intestinal fortitude to stand up and be counted that they do abortions," said Dr. Robert Prince of Dallas, a board member of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

"Most of us (who do elective abortions) are of the old school that started with Roe vs. Wade. Most of us are 55 to 60," said Prince. "The younger people who have come in have seen the hassle, and they don't even start."

One doctor targeted by abortion opponents has agreed to stop performing elective abortions.

Another has continued his work despite weeks of picketing and other protests.

Abortion opponents this summer picketed doctors at home and work, telephoned them and printed their faces on leaflets and posters. After seven weeks of the siege, Dr. Clay Alexander agreed to stop performing elective abortions.

But Alexander remains a strong advocate of a woman's right to choose.

Alexander said abortion opponents "know they can't change things at the ballot box, because the electorate also is primarily pro-choice, too. So they try to prevent abortions from being performed by terrorizing physicians."

The opponents' efforts have raised concerns that abortions are now less available to North Texas women as the anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling approaches.

But leaders of the Dallas Pro-Life Action Network said there has been little overall effect.

"The availability of abortion really hasn't been affected," said Tom Cyr, director of Dallas PLAN. "It will take another six months or a year to tell before there is a noticeable difference."

Texas lawyer Sarah Weddington on Jan. 22, 1973, won the landmark case legalizing abortion nationwide.

25 years ago, town ushered in 911 system

HALEYVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Twenty-five years ago, the nation's first 911 emergency telephone system was inaugurated in this small town with a casual call from the mayor's office to the police station.

Afterward, everyone celebrated with coffee and doughnuts.

"It was very radical, but it worked," said Bill Frye, who installed Haleyville's 911 system in a week in January 1968. "We had no intention of being No. 1; it was a community service."

Today, about 75 percent of the U.S. population is covered by 911, altough many rural areas do not have the service, said William Stanton, executive director of the National Emergency Number Association in Columbus, Ohio.

Most big cities now have enhanced systems that provide dispatchers the caller's address even if the caller hangs up or can't explain what's wrong.

Haleyville, a town of about 4,500 in northwest Alabama, decided to institute an emergency number when the local phone company switched to an automatic system.

"When we lost telephone operators, we lost a lot of services," said Frye, a former Alabama Telephone Co. employee who now works restoring cars. "Communications became better, but we lost emergency calls because the operators had been handling them."

Congress had called for a separate national emergency number in 1958. The number 911 was chosen because those digits were not used in any telephone exchange, "and probably would not be used for some time to come," said Larry Williams, a 911 sales engineer for GTE Corp., which took over Alabama Telephone.

But disagreements arose around the country over whether calls should go to hospitals, police stations or fire stations.

In Haleyville, officials decided on the police station.

Frye shuffled subscribers to come up with two lines to the police station and installed a red phone in the dispatcher's office.

"Then we realized we had forgot about pay phones," he said.

"So the next day we modified the pay stations so that a person could make a 911 call without having a dime."

The late Rankin Fite, then speaker of the Alabama House, made the first call on Feb. 16, 1968, to Tom Bevill, then and now a Democratic U.S. representative.

"I had no idea then that the emergency system would become as big as it has," Bevill said.

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Police make three arrests

Snyder police made three arrests over the weekend and handled several domestic disputes.

Police arrested a 20-year-old woman for driving while intoxicated at 3:17 a.m. Sunday in the 2400 block of 29th Street.

At 6:52 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 57-year-old man for driving while intoxicated in the 2800 block of 37th Street.

Police were called to a disturbance in the 1400 block of 20th Street at 9:29 p.m. Sunday. They arrested a 34-year-old woman for Class B possession of marijuana and filed a report for family violence.

A woman contacted police at 5:09 p.m. Sunday to complain that she had been assaulted by her husband. No charges have been filed. Police filled out a report for family violence.

At 5:32 p.m. Saturday, a man notified police that he had been assaulted by another man in the 100 block of 34th Street. A report for Class C assault was filed.

At 6:47 a.m. Saturday, a Plaza Truck Stop employee reported the theft of a pair of sunglasses. A report for Class C theft was filed.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Acne: What's the cause, treatment?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have cystic acne and I am interested in knowing the cause and treatment.

DEAR READER: The causes of acne are complex. Once believed to be merely a skin infection worsened by eating chocolate and sweets, acne is now recognized to be a complicated skin disorder that may affect adults as well as adolescents. The causes, which are not completely understood, appear to involve an interaction between hormones, oily perspiration, skin regeneration and bacteria.

For example, acne usually begins in a pore that has become blocked with skin oils and cellular debris. Bacteria are often trapped in these swollen pores, where they cause infection. In addition, bacterial enzymes break down the oils to form compounds called free fatty acids, which further inflame the skin. Eventually, the infected pore ruptures beneath the skin, releasing these irritating substances that, in turn, cause further inflammation and the formation of cysts.

Acne is best classified as superficial or deep. The superficial variety, marked by blackheads and small cysts, is ordinarily treated with frequent washing (which removes excess oils), gentle extraction of the material from the pores, topical antibiotic solutions, exposure to moderate sunshine, avoidance of cosmetics and face creams, and a variety of over-the-counter products that, when applied to the skin, dry it and prevent the accumulation of oily residue. Most acne is not affected by diet, but the disorder may worsen during pregnancy and at various times during the menstrual cycle.

Deep acne is more difficult to manage and typically causes scars and permanent cysts. Oral antibiotics, such as tetracycline, may lessen infection and modify the oil content of the skin's secretions. Injection of cortisone into the cysts can reduce their size. Dermabrasion, a technique used by dermatologists to sandpaper the skin lightly, removes the outer layers of dead skin, allowing oxygen to reach the inflammation, thereby aiding healing. Surgery to remove cysts may be necessary.

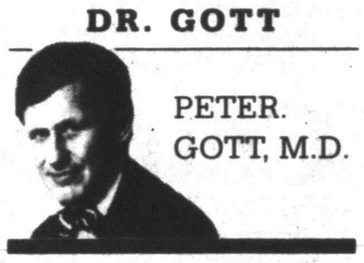
The most spectacular discovery for the treatment of acne is isotrentinoin (Accutane). When taken orally, the drug markedly improves the skin condition. The medicine should, however, be prescribed only by physicians familiar with its use, as it is associated with potential side effects, such as decreased night vision, bowel inflammation, increased pressure within the brain, increased blood fats, and liver irritation. The drug must not be used during pregnancy because of possible fetal damage.

In summary, acne is a common skin disease whose cause is not precisely known. Treatment, which ranges from lotions to surgery, depends on the extent of the skin lesions and should be coordinated by a dermatologist. Accutane is effective but its own use must be closely supervised because of side effects. Acne is not caused by diet, or, as folklore would have us believe, athletics, sex or other normal activity.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Drugs." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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Chocolate faces newest gift idea

HOUSTON (AP) — Face it, trying to find the perfect gift for someone who has everything can be a real headache.

Now you can turn that hassle into pure chocolate.

What could be better than giving a little of yourself?

Houstonian Bill Moore came up with the idea and passed it on to son Steve, who is general manager of European Chocolatier, located in Galleria III.

Steve Moore admits he was a little skeptical at first, but the more he thought about it what sweeter the idea became.

His dad first hit on the notion of creating a chocolate face after watching a TV show, "Target." The program revolved around a main character who stepped in as the target for people who were being tracked by a hit man.

"They had this shrink wrap deal that changed his face to match the target — and that gave me the idea — why don't we do that in chocolate?" said Bill Moore.

Then came the hard part: finding a way to implement the idea. Moore found the answer in a Houston Post article about Willa Shalit, the daughter of television personality Gene Shalit and a life-cast sculptor who has made impressions of some of the world's most famous people.

After reading her book, "Life Cast," Moore began searching for a local sculptor who could create a workable mold. He found Trace Guthrie's business card at Texas Art Supply.

Guthrie, known for the Oliver Twist statue in Hermann Park, a statue of Sam Houston in Huntsville, and "Migration," a flock of five geese each having a 10-foot wing span, found the idea of working with chocolate appealing.

After a period of trial and error, European Chocolatier is now offering its chocolate faces to the public — just in time for Valentine's Day.

Customers set up an appointment to meet with Guthrie. He'll make a mold of the person's face by pouring a non-toxic substance used by dentists onto the face. Once the cast has hardened — a process that takes about 3½ minutes — it's filled with chocolate. It sets overnight and is ready for the customer to pick up the next day.

European Chocolatier priced the solid-chocolate faces at $59.99. For an extra $35 the store will cast the same mold in wax. Bronze is another option.

Bill Moore, who had several casts of his face done during the testing phase, said his face took a pound and a quarter of chocolate. A 10-year-old girl's face only required about a pound of chocolate.

Moore expects the chocolate faces to be popular gifts for husbands and wives, parents and grandparents. He thinks it'll be a hot seller for Valentine's.

"I've heard all the jokes about it," Moore said with a laugh. "Like, bring your girl your face in chocolate and she'll bite your nose off."

Better a chocolate nose than the real thing.

President Richard M. Nixon announced in a nationally broadcast address July 15, 1971, that he would visit the People's Republic of China to seek a "normalization of relations." Nixon made the trip the following February.

Feeding tubes cut to patients

DALLAS (AP) — Police are searching for suspects in the slicing of feeding tubes to four elderly comatose patients at a nursing home.

The women's feeding lines at Four Seasons Nursing Center of Dallas were cut with scissors between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, said police. A nurse's aide discovered the severed lines.

Authorities said the women, aged 67 to 88, were uninjured.

Small, upscale airline takes off

HOUSTON (AP) — UltrAir, a new, small upscale airline, has taken off in style.

There was champagne, pate de foie gras, chilled lobster and a red rosebud in each lavatory on the inaugural flight Saturday. The Boeing 727 took 70 passengers to Newark, N.J., including the two co-founders, travel managers and radio personalities.

"We are a class act," UltrAir co-founder Barney Kogen said before the flight left Houston Intercontinental Airport.

UltrAir's Monday-Friday schedule calls for three daily round-trips between Houston and Los Angeles and two between Houston and Newark. On Sunday, the airline will fly one daily round-trip on each route.

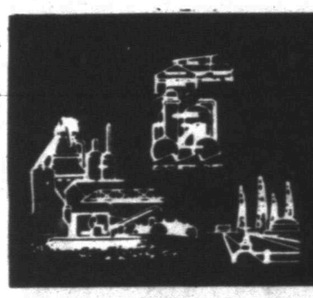
The fares match full coach fares of its competitors.

Kogen said the airline plans to limit the number of passengers to 25 per plane this week and 35 per plane in its second week of operations to perfect its service.

The airline will need to fill an estimated 30 to 35 seats on each flight to break even, said Charles Caudle, president and chief operation officer.

Patricia Will, head of marketing operations, said the company does "not have numbers we can disclose yet" regarding reservations.

Kogen unveiled plans for the carrier last November, saying the carrier would serve a small section of business travelers.



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Former military base accountant pleads guilty

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A former Reese Air Force Base accountant on Friday pleaded guilty to bilking the installation of $2 million over the past three years.

John James Lugas, 42, faces up to 10 years in prison and $4 million in fines. U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings also could order him to pay restitution.

Cummings will set a punishment hearing for Lugas after a presentence investigation.

Lugas was indicted on Dec. 9 for 71 counts of mail fraud, 70 counts of money laundering and one count of using a false Social Security number to open a bank account.

Prosecutors say Lugas, who earned $25,000 a year as the base's lead civilian accountant, used a false billing scheme to submit phony invoices to Reese in the name of a fictitious company he created.

As part of a plea arrangement with federal officials, Lugas pleaded guilty to money laundering and the 141 other charges against him were dismissed.

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