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U.S. vows to continue "no-fly" enforcement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will continue enforcing "no-fly" zones over Iraq in the face of fresh challenges to patrols as Saddam Hussein moves to buck tight U.S. and U.N. controls on his nation, a Pentagon spokesman said today.

A day after a U.S.-Iraq missile exchange in northern Iraq, Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan vowed to fire again at any aircraft he said violates Iraq's airspace. And he suggested Iraqi planes would travel into the "no-fly" areas, as well.

In response, the Pentagon said U.S. and British warplanes won't be intimidated by the latest Iraqi threats, which come in an atmosphere of increased tension after Monday's U.S.-Iraq military clash in which Iraq said four soldiers were killed.

"As the president said yesterday, we will continue to enforce the 'no-fly' zones," Lt. Col. Stephen Campbell said today. "Nothing has changed."

American flyers are prepared to act against any Iraqi aggression, said Col. Richard Bridges. "I'm sure that pilots will be much more alert. There'll be more adrenaline running. But the mechanisms to respond appropriately are already in place."

Ramadan issued a direct challenge: "Our resistance will continue against any penetration," he told Associated Press Television News. "The war is still on."

Iraq has always questioned the legitimacy of the no-fly zones, but has rarely engaged U.S. and British warplanes — the last time was in September of 1996. Now, however, Iraq is trying to provoke the United States as part of a calculated strategy to get out from under strict U.N. economic sanctions and other controls, foreign policy experts say.

"What you're watching here with Iraq challenging the no-fly zones is just the noisiest part of a very broad strategy," said Tony Cordesman, analyst at the Center for Strategic International Studies. "It's a visible sign of resistance."

Saddam's rejection of U.N. weapons inspections prompted four days of U.S. and British missile and bombing strikes earlier this month. Baghdad also is suggesting Iraq might not renew a 2-year-old U.N. oil-for-food program next year designed to ease the impact of economic sanctions on the Iraqi populace.

On Monday, U.S. warplanes fired three missiles and six precision-guided bombs to strike an anti-aircraft site in northern Iraq that launched three missiles at U.S. fighter jets on patrol, the Pentagon said. Iraq reported four soldiers killed and seven injured.

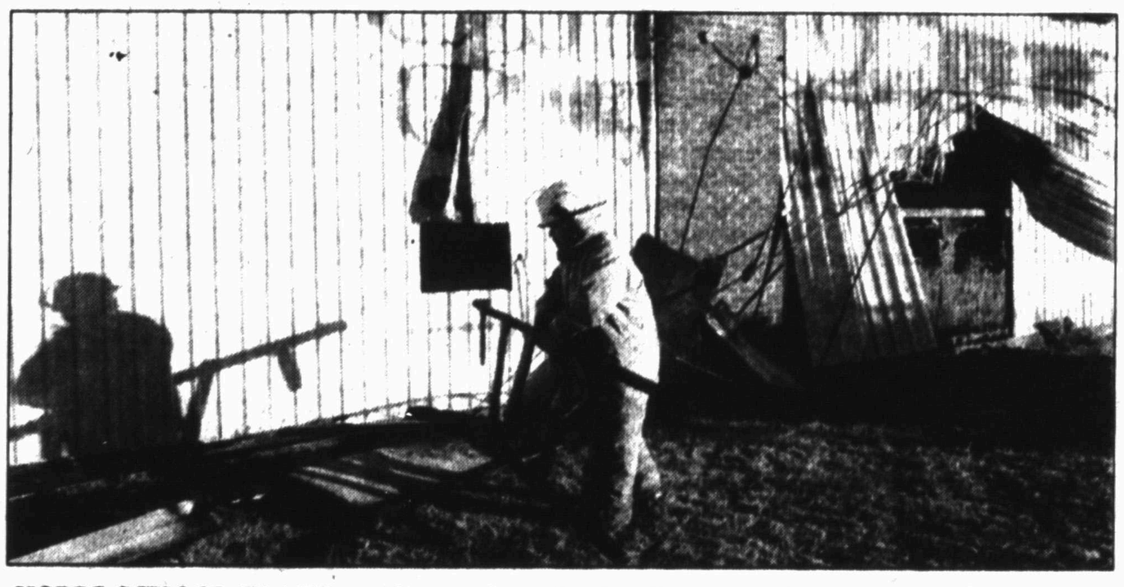
New Year's Day prompts closings

New Year's Day on Friday prompts a number of closings around town.

Financial instituitions will be closed as will all city and county offices.

The Scurry County Library will be closed Friday through the weekend, reopening on Monday.

The post office will be closed as well, with no mail to be delivered or placed in boxes.



HOBBS SCHOOL BLAZE — Firemen from Snyder, Rotan and Roby responded to an early-morning fire at Hobbs School. The blaze, reported about 6 a.m., destroyed the counselor's office, a classroom and the in-school suspension room. Cause of the fire is not determined, but investigators suspect it to be electrical. It was not immediately known if any student records were destroyed. Despite the damage, classes are expected to resume at the school Jan. 4. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Jerry Gannaway to enjoy retirement

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway will have a lot of time on his hands soon — maybe.

His retirement will be effective Dec. 31 and he said he plans to "just farm," but wife Kathy may have other plans.

"He'll just farm...and do everything else he's told to do. All those honey-dos," she joked.

Gannaway has worked for the county for a total of 18 years, beginning in 1963 when he went to work in Precinct 4 for Bill Hairston.

He worked for Hairston six years running a motorgrader.

In 1984, he went to work again in Precinct 4, this time running a motorgrader for Ted Billingsley.

He did this up until being elected commissioner in 1989.

In between, he farmed.

"I've been a farmer all my life," Gannaway said.

Running for commissioner, Gannaway said, was something he had always considered doing.

"Even when I was working in the '60s for the county, I thought it was something I might try, so I waited around until the right time."

He said things have changed since he first went to work for the county.

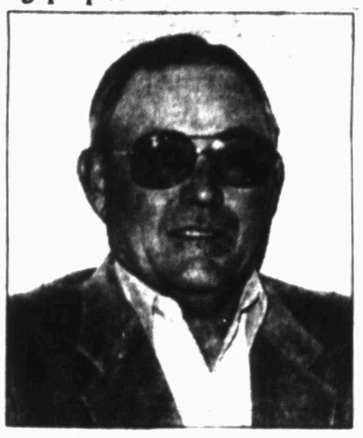
"It's funny, when I was working in Precinct 4 in the '60s, we had 14 employees. Now we have six. There has been lots of changes in the 35 years."

He added, "Most of the changes have been good."

The hardest part of his job, he said, has been "to hold the taxes down."

"I feel like our commissioners court has done a great job holding taxes down. I have to hand it to our employees and department heads. They have really done a good job at cutting spending."

Gannaway said the most enjoyable part of his job has been meeting people.



Jerry Gannaway

"I've made lots of friends — and of course I've made some enemies, too. But I've enjoyed it. It really has been fun. I've enjoyed working with the other elected officials and employees of the county."

In his eight years on the court, Gannaway said one of the "biggest deals" for him, was the building of Hermleigh Water Works.

"We really have a first-class water system — 18,000 feet of new lines, an above ground water storage. We have got a really nice water system in Hermleigh."

Gannaway said he has enjoyed serving as commissioner, but looks forward to taking it easy.

"The people of Scurry County really have been nice. I get an eatin' out every once in a while, but in general people have really been good to me."

He plans on spending time with his family — the grandkids live about 150 yards away — and doing some gardening.

"He's going to enjoy life and enjoy his family," Kathy said.

Jerry and Kathy have a son, Billy Joe of Gail; a daughter, Stephane of Midland; another daughter and son-in-law, Ricki and David Webb of Hermleigh; and two grandchildren, Danni and Dustin.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Deja moo is simply the feeling you've heard all that bull before."

Sandra and Miller Robinson have been making weekly trips to Gatesville.

Sandra takes care of family business in their former hometown while Miller is the interim pastor at the First Baptist Church there.

Sandra brought us an article from the Gatesville Messenger about a former resident.

Joseph Streetman, son of Charlie and Sharon Streetman, was named first-team all district for the Gatesville Hornets.

Joseph, a senior, was named to the all-district squad at offensive guard. He was cited for 20 pancake blocks and allowed only one quarterback sack during the season. He was also recognized for three significant downfield blocks and six blocks that took out two or more players on a single play.

Most Snyder residents wouldn't know young Streetman now. He is 6'5" and weighs 275 pounds.

His father Charlie Streetman was the assistant warden at the Price Daniel unit when it opened in Snyder in 1989.

Speaking of preachers, we heard a guy on the tube the other night talking about misdeeds of public figures. His advice was simple.

"Concerning sin," he said. "If you don't commit it, you won't be asked to admit it."

Heard a story about a guy who lost his wallet while attending a civic club luncheon.

He stood up and announced that the wallet contained $500 in cash that he intended to use to buy Christmas gifts for his family. In addition, the wallet contained credit cards, driver's license and other valuable papers.

He ended his plea by adding that he would give $50 to anyone who found it for him.

A voice from the rear countered his offer. "I'll give $100."

Year in review...

Optimism started off 1998

Scurry Countians will remember 1998 as the year of contrasts.

While giant strides were made in laying groundwork for economic diversification — there remained the painful reminder that Scurry County remains closely tied to oil and agriculture.

Following a bumper crop in 1997, early prospects were for a repeat as early rains came — giving a false sense of security to producers that the El Nino drought had been broken.

Actually, the early rains of almost four inches in the first quarter were only teasers, and Scurry County finished the year at 11.30 inches — some 10 inches below average rainfall totals.

The result was economic disaster, combined with low prices for those who still had some of the 61,000 bales harvested in the fall of 1997.

And there was early optimism on the petroleum front. Pennzoil announced that the life of the SACROC field could be extended by 15 years with introduction of new technology.

While Pennzoil worked diligently to prove its case, world oil reserves sent prices tumbling by year-end — fueling talks of layoffs and continued loss in the petroleum tax base next year where Pennzoil remained the county's top taxpayer.

Despite the two obvious economic factors — commercial construction took a positive swing.

Lorber Industries of Texas finished its cotton spinning mill and began production in July. Western Texas College opened its Workforce Training Center and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice began work on a 60,000-square foot addition to the regional distribution center on the Lubbock highway.

United Supermarket broke ground on a new 40,000-square foot store, AutoZone opened on College Avenue and NAPA Auto Parts is moving into the former Everybody's Thriftway Building after the grocery store moved into new quarters on East 37th Street.

Taco Bell is building a new restaurant just north of Wal-Mart, Phase IV of Golden Terrace Village is under construction and the Cinema I and II got new owners and a facelift. In addition, the runways at Winston field were poised for major upgrades.

But one project was put on the back burner as Snyder Independent School district patrons voted not once — but twice — against bond issues for school improvements.

Highlights of 1998's first three months:

January

The new year started with the announcement by Jamie Hall that Snyder Insurance Agency had been sold to the Sanford Agency of Lubbock. Lee Maddox of Sweetwater was named the new local manager.

With the bale count expected to exceed 61,000, total bank deposits were $230.7 million, an increase of $27.3 million compared to the same time last year.

On Jan. 3, the county's first baby of the year was born at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She was Kelsey Nicole Reed and the parents were Kenneth and April Reed.

The school board looked at the middle school concept, but the board abandoned that idea and began looking at projected school improvement needs.

Mike Taylor, area engineer for the Texas Department of Highways and Transportation, transferred to Amarillo. In March, Mike Molter of Fort Stockton was named the new Snyder area engineer.

In Hermleigh, Rick Colorado of Lubbock was named officer in charge at the post office, and in Ira, Larry VanHooks became pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Jack Whitworth of Rome, Ga. was named manager of the Lorber Industries of Texas plant. David Harrell was elected president of the Snyder County Club, while City Manager John Gayle and farmer James Beaver were named to a regional planning group to formulate a state water plan.

Both Ira and Hermleigh were awarded technology grants. $98,010 went to Ira and $84,726 to Hermleigh. The month ended with 1.50 inches of precipitation.

Three prominent residents died in January. Renal Rosson, a state representative in Austin for 16 years, died on Jan. 12. Willard Gladson, an independent oil operator and active in the Democratic Party, died Jan. 19. On the same day, Malven Stevenson, owner of Stevenson Real Estate, died. Mr. Stevenson had served as mayor of Snyder and on the Snyder school board.

February

Optimism continued into February as Lorber Industries announced it would begin testing and interviewing of prospective employees — with assistance from Western Texas College.

Dr. Gary Nussey announced that he would curtail his medical practice to have more time with his family. Dr. Nussey finished the year as Cogdell's chief of staff.

Thanks to the University Interscholastic League, Snyder was put into a new district with old rivals. District 5-4A would be composed of Andrews, Big Spring, Lake View, Sweetwater, Fort Stockton and Snyder.

The U.S. Air Force announced that it was considering low-level flight training over an area that included Scurry and surrounding counties. A group of area ranchers declared war — forming an organization to oppose the low level flights.

Transition to college was made easier with a new agreement between WTC and Snyder High School for concurrent enrollment.

On Feb. 11, a 41-year-old Snyder woman, Debra Davis, was severely burned when her clothing caught fire from a space heater. Mrs. Davis died seven days later in a Lubbock hospital.

Chris Riggins and Brook McGuire were named Mr. and Miss Snyder High School. Charles

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ASK US

Q. - Is there a place in Snyder to dispose of Christmas trees?
A. - Yes, the city has a disposal point at Deep Creek on 30th Street. The city will then mulch the trees.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 69 degrees; low, 25; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 34; no precipitation; total for 1998, 10.50 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Lows, lower 30s. Light winds. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs, mid 60s. SW winds 10-20 mph. New Year's Day: Partly cloudy, windy. Lows, upper 30s-mid 40s. Highs, mid 60s-lower 70s.



Angela Almanza
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 5:50 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:42 a.m.
Of 362 days in 1998, the sun has shone 356 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to unravel."

Author unknown

Ira Awards

Ira School has announced its fall semester honor rolls.

Those on the A Honor Roll include:

First grade: Lindsey Daniel, Jonathan Hall, Olivia Juarez, Reyez Juarez, Brandon Lunsford, John Martini, Evian Olvera, Daniel Wooldridge.

Second grade: Austin Calley, Rance Dunn, Amanda Kerr, Kati Knauss, Quentin McLaury, Seth Sanchez.

Third grade: Karen Rachel Coonrod, Laura Juarez, Clayton Long, Josi Presley.

Fourth grade: Nikelynn Bays, Aryn Calley, Corbin Clements, Tyrelle Gilbert, Jessica Odom, J.B. Sharp, Genvieve Weaver.

Fifth grade: Terryn Autry,

Sixth grade: Brandon Crane, Colton Long.

Seventh grade: Amanda Calley, Chad Everton, April Lollar, Savanna Sharp.

Eighth grade: Michael Allen, Colter Brown, John Gainer, Geoff Pinkerton, Candace Sanchez, Celeigh Sterling.

Ninth grade: Kendra Krop, Nathan Smith, Chet Stuart, Cade Tucker.

Tenth grade: Tara Allen, Morgan Clements, Trey Shirley.

Eleventh grade: Jerek Brown, Jenson Gainer, Katie Howard, Jose Juarez.

Twelfth grade: E'Lissa Goolsby, Emily Hardy, Lindsy Josey, Terri Robinson.

The following students were named to the A-B Honor Roll.

First grade: B.J. Botts, Haley Farmer.

Second grade: Ashley Fair, Leeja Mauldin, Tanner Price, Brandon Ramirez, Ismael Tavarez, Brittany Taylor.

Third grade: Mark Barnes, Brittany Fisk, Josh Hall, Kyler Hatley, Dena Knauss, Tony Martini, Kendyll Pilcher.

Fourth grade: Kelbi Pitner, Kate Wall.

Fifth grade: Travis Frey, Mandy Green, Jordan Lollar, Whitney Payne.

Sixth grade: Kevin Graves, Wesley Kellner, Amber Sanchez.

Seventh grade: Franki Briseno, Vanessa Espinoza, Rusty Josey, Phillip Payne, Jess Wall, Wesley White, Nathan Wilkins, Lindsey Wilson.

Eighth grade: Kali Clements, Eric Dickerhoff, Jeff Fine, Tyler Frey, Casey Kellner, Michelle Nettles.

Ninth grade: 'Case Hardy, Lecia Knight, Dani White.

Tenth grade: Davi Barnes, Casey Chaney, Shade Everton, Kristen Harless, Tosha Walker.

Eleventh grade: Korby Calley, Jamee Goolsby, Drew Wall, Richard Wilkins.

Twelfth grade: Perry Jamison, Tye Shirley, Brook Wilkes.

Reward-hungry friends turn in escapee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The last time Aaron James tried to escape from Riverbend prison, guards shot out the tires of his stolen truck before he could bust through a prison fence.

This time, he made it out — only to be foiled by his drinking buddies, who realized they could claim a $5,000 reward for turning him in.

James, 24, serving a 50-year sentence for second-degree murder, kidnapping and robbery, was the last of six inmates who escaped Sunday morning to be recaptured. None got far from the maximum-security prison, and all were back behind bars within 36 hours.

James, captured Monday evening, was pulled from a crawl space beneath a home about seven miles from the prison.

"He was out there boozing it up with some old friends," said Capt. Michael Tyler of the state Department of Correction. "After they got through with the party, somebody said, 'Hey guys, he's worth a lot of money.'"

James offered no resistance when he was found, Tyler said. Neither did any of the other escapees. Officials wouldn't comment when asked whether the friends would actually get the reward.

Lyle Van Ulzen, 33, a convicted murderer and arsonist, and burglar Jay Denton, 32, were captured about 11 a.m. near a lumber yard three miles from the prison. Nine hours earlier, Billy Coffelt, 44, sentenced to life for being a habitual criminal, was captured about two miles from the prison.

All three told officers they were wet, dirty and tired.

The first two to be recaptured were Michael Perry, 26, who is awaiting trial on first-degree murder charges, and William Riley, 33, serving a life sentence for murder. They were found late Sunday hiding near the edge of a residential area about three miles from Riverbend.

Each inmate faces up to five more years in prison for the escape.

The prison, which once housed James Earl Ray, Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassin, is home to Tennessee's death row. It has about 700 inmates and is in a mostly industrial, wooded area along the Cumberland River.

There have been only two escapes in its nine-year history. In 1995, four inmates escaped in a hidden compartment in a truck. They were captured and a prison employee was convicted of aiding the escape.

In March, James and another convicted killer used a homemade knife to steal a delivery truck, which they drove through a fence. Guards shot out the tires before they made it through a second fence to freedom.

Before dawn Sunday, James was in his cell when Coffelt and Van Ulzen were let out to distribute meals to inmates for the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, when Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset.

At least one of them had a homemade knife and overpowered two unarmed guards, department spokeswoman Pam Hobbins said.

The inmates took the guards' radios and jackets, and chained them to chairs with handcuffs and leg irons, authorities said. They overpowered the unarmed guard inside the control room and unlocked the other inmates' cell doors and a door leading to the outside. None of the guards was injured.

The inmates took a ladder from a maintenance area and two mattresses from their beds to shield themselves from the razor wire atop a 12-foot fence, prison officials said. Even so, two or three of the escapees suffered cuts from the wire and left a trail of blood leading from the fence.

Guards in the prison carry only pepper spray, and Correction Commissioner Donal Campbell said there are no plans to change that practice.

Judge issues ruling in free speech case

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (AP) — A student's free-speech rights were violated when he was suspended for posting a personal Web page critical of his high school, a federal judge has ruled.

Judge Rodney Sippel on Monday issued a preliminary injunction against Woodland School District in Marble Hill, about 100 miles south of St. Louis.

The order prohibits the district from using the suspension against Brandon Beussink in grade and attendance calculations. It also bars the district from punishing Beussink or restricting his ability to post his home page on the World Wide Web.

"Dislike or being upset by the content of a student's speech is not an acceptable justification for limiting student speech," Sippel wrote in his opinion.

Buying burst after Christmas may not lift retailers' blues

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite packed stores over the weekend, there are early signs that holiday sales figures will fall short of the predicted 5 percent rise over last year.

"Those original expectations, forget about those. We won't even come close," Kurt Barnard, a retail consultant and president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report in Upper Montclair, N.J., said Monday.

Many analysts now anticipate that overall holiday sales will be up 2 percent to 3 percent from a year ago, about half of the estimated 4 percent to 5 percent forecast at the start of the season.

Most merchants won't release holiday sales figures until Jan. 7.

But even with sharp gains on Wall Street and a robust economy, it was clear that shoppers didn't spend freely this Christmas. They were choosy about where they shopped and how much they were willing to spend.

Especially troubled were department stores, which used big bargains to entice shoppers before and after Christmas, yet still failed to get the sales they needed to boost the bottom line.

"They just didn't get as many items sold per customer this year as opposed to last year," said Britt Beemer, who runs the consulting firm America's Research Group in Charleston, S.C.

The only retailers that showed great strength were the discount chains, like Wal-Mart and Target, and a number of specialty stores, including the Gap and Ann Taylor.

The Internet also saw sales more than triple from a year ago and may top out at $13 billion for the entire year, according to the Boston Consulting Group and shop.org, an association of online merchants.

To clear store shelves, many retailers were forced to resort to aggressive discounting — some even slashing prices well before Christmas. That pleased consumers but will likely hurt profit margins.

"I would not have gotten up at 7 a.m. for anything except to look for bargains," said Bonnie Kiser, who spent time over the weekend at the Lloyd Center in Portland, Ore. "If I don't hit the day-after-Christmas sales, I'm sunk."

Son of local receives degree

DALLAS — Rusty D. Rector of Southlake was among the 278 graduates receiving degrees from Dallas Baptist University at winter commencement on Dec. 18.

He received a master of business administration degree.

Rector's wife is Linda Rector. He is the son of RaVona Glover of Snyder.

Funding requests being accepted

LUBBOCK — Ronald McDonald House Charities of Lubbock, Inc. is accepting funding requests for projects and programs in Lubbock and surrounding South Plains and eastern New Mexico communities for non-profit organizations whose programs/projects help to improve the quality of life for children and their families.

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To obtain a Grant Application Form, or for more details, call the Ronald McDonald House at 806-744-8877.

Berry's World



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"I feel pretty good — considering the billions of cookies I ate and the billions of glasses of milk I drank."

In the United States, animal shelters outnumber battered women's shelters by more than two to one — about 3,800 to 1,500.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

The link between faith and health

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why do religious people enjoy better health?

DEAR READER: This is a fascinating subject that has attracted a lot of attention from both scientists and the laity. Several studies have confirmed that people, both young and old, experience better health when they have a high level of religious involvement.

Predictably, these findings were interpreted by some zealots as an example of divine intervention. Not so, say Christopher Ellison, Ph.D., of the University of Texas, and Jeffrey Levin, Ph.D., of the National Institute of Healthcare Research. The authors published an article in the December issue of Health Education & Behavior in which they explore a range of explanations for the religion/health relation.

To begin with, religious people usually exhibit healthful behavior. They often make positive lifestyle choices, including the avoidance of tobacco, alcohol and illicit drugs.

Second, they benefit from active social support from other church members. Such support often provides needed assistance during the unavoidable periods of loss and catastrophe.

Third, religious involvement often promotes feelings of self-worth and confidence in the ability to control one's own affairs. Also, trusting in a benevolent Higher Power usually reduces tension and stress.

Fourth, prayer and meditation may help people deal with unpleasant situations and relieve depression.

Fifth, religious commitment has been shown to cause positive emotions that can favorably influence the immune system.

Last, faith promotes a positive outlook that enables its believers better to cope with the vicissitudes of life.

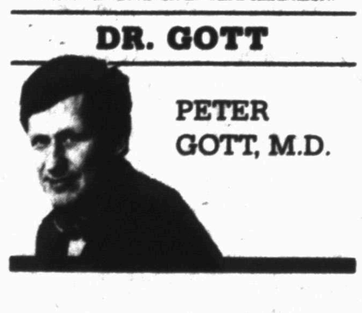
In short, attention to spiritual factors is associated with health benefits, not because of divine intervention but because the various aspects of a religious life promote behavior and attitudes that are healthful.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother was born in eastern Europe and still goes by the old rules. For example, every time I have an upset stomach, she keeps me in bed, feeds me hot drinks and calls it a "cold in the stomach." My teacher is skeptical. What's right?

DEAR READER: Based on age and experience, your mother should know. Tell your teacher to back off. The old-fashioned treatments work just fine for most minor ailments. If the bed-rest/hot-drink therapy becomes ineffective, see a doctor for alternative treatment.

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ELEMENTARY GIRLS — Students in the elementary group of Barbara Tune's piano pupils who performed in the "Christmas Time" recital are shown from left, back row, Audra Hall, Alayna Alexander, Andrei Nussey, Ember Proffitt; front row, Charley Stewart, Rachel Dupree, Stephanie Parmer and Ryanna Alexander. Not pictured are Jana Lewis, Devyn DeLeora and Brittany Scott. (Contributed Photo)



"CHRISTMAS TIME" — Junior high and high school girls also performing in Barbara Tune's piano Christmas recital included (from left), Kristina Mayer, Nichole Ornelas, Wendy Proffitt, Audra Reneau, Sara Cantu; front row, Crissida Tyler, Sandra Nussey, Whitney Jones and Gretchen Hollis. (Contributed Photo)



CHRISTMAS MUSIC — Piano students of Barbara Tune were presented in recital, "Christmas Time," on Dec. 12 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Boys performing included (from left) back row, Matthew Morris, Isaac Hernandez, Jason Hall; front row, Richard Grice, Dayton Grice, Austin Brunson and Corey Norwood. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

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

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

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

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 12-29-98
♠ 4 3 2
♥ Q 6 2
♦ 5 3
♣ K Q 10 7 3

West
♠ K Q 10
♥ 10 7 3
♦ K 10 6 2
♣ A J 2

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

South
♠ J 9
♥ A K J
♦ A Q 9 8 4
♣ 6 5 4

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

The winners were 'unknown'

Perhaps it is only in bridge that a relatively unknown pair can win a world title. And that happened in Lille last September. Michal Kwiecien and Jacek Pszczola, from Poland, collected the gold medals in the Open Pairs. However, their victory was somewhat marred by the incorrect movement used. In theory, all 72 pairs who qualified for the final were to play two deals against each of the other 71. However, this didn't happen. Forty pairs were affected, the most important being Larry Cohen, from Boca Raton, Fla., and David Berkowitz, from Old Tappan, N.J. They finished second, but didn't play against five pairs. They were given an average of their scores on the other 132 deals.

I couldn't find an interesting deal featuring the winners, so here is an excellent deceptive play by Simon de Wijs in the Open Pairs.

With an unappealing choice of leads, West went with the old standby, fourth highest from his longest and strongest, the diamond two. And when East put in the jack, South won not with the queen but with the ace!

Declarer led a club to dummy's queen, returned to hand with a heart, led another club to the king, and played a third club, establishing the suit.

Completely fooled by trick one, the former world champion sitting West cashed the diamond king, then played another diamond. Declarer immediately claimed 11 tricks.

Can East help West? Well, he tried, by discarding the heart nine on the third round of clubs. He was hoping this would be read as a suit-preference signal for spades. But at the table, it was impossible not to fall for a deceptive play like declarer's.

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Student likes living at North Pole

BELOIT, Wis. (AP) — When Travis Brown tells people where he lives, people don't always believe him. Hey, it's not often somebody lists the North Pole as a home address.

Well, actually, North Pole, Alaska.

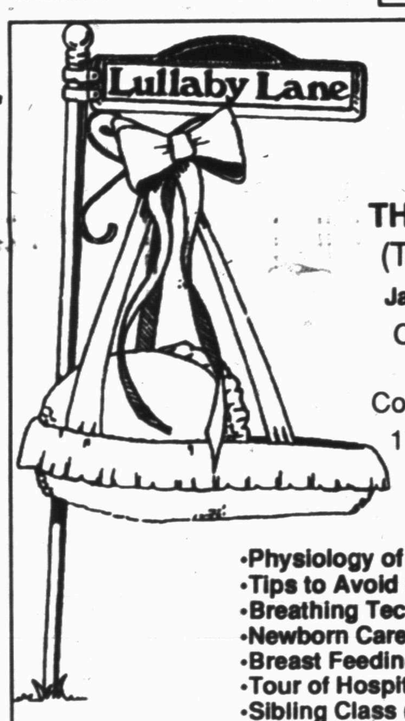
"My hometown has always been a good conversation starter, even when it isn't Christmas," Brown, a 20-year-old Beloit College student, said Sunday. "I like the novelty of living in North Pole."

North Pole, a town of about 6,000 people, is about 20 miles south of Fairbanks. But don't confuse it with the North Pole, the Earth's imaginary northern axis, which is some 2,000 miles north of the Alaskan community.

Library storytime changes schedule

Beginning Jan. 6, storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds at the Scurry County Library will change from its Monday meeting to Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Parents are invited to bring their child to the library each Wednesday and Linda Jones will direct activities from 10 until 10:45 in the children's library.



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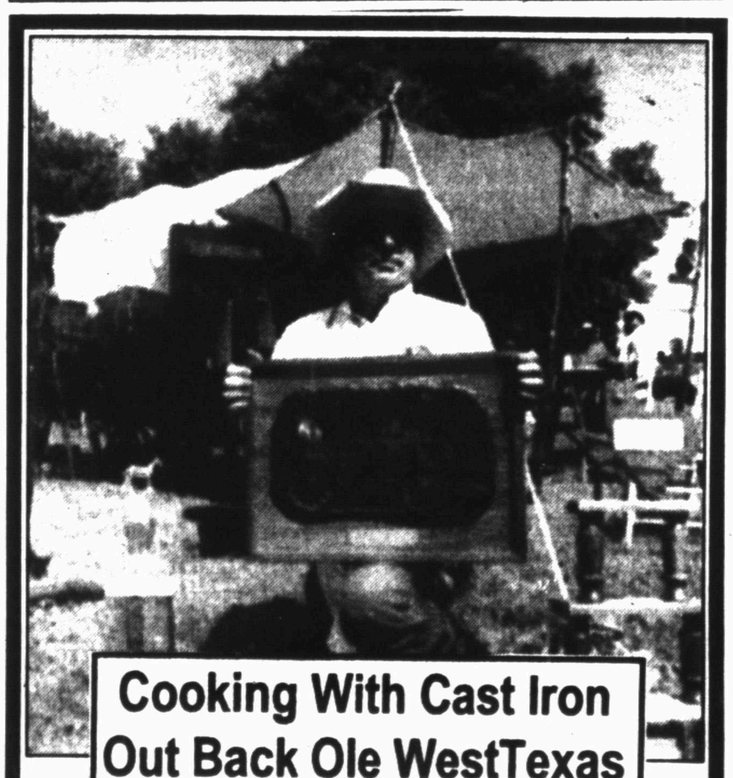
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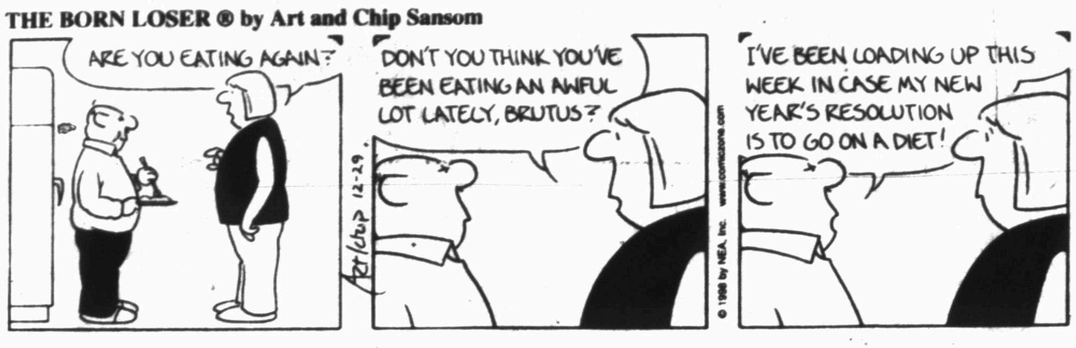
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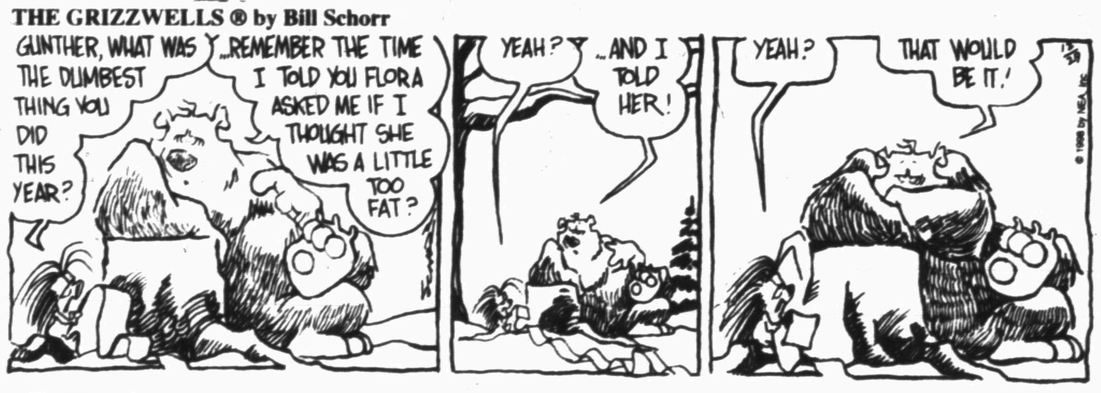
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1 Did a road job
7 Acidly
13 Cold period (2 wds.)
14 Habituates
15 Muscle
16 Reproductive cell
17 Mrs. Cantor
18 Chemical suffix
20 Crag
21 Carlsbad —
25 Rich widow
28 Clumsy
32 Senseless
33 Martinique volcano
34 Nut pine of the Southwest
35 Bothersome ones
36 Horse
37 Most indigent
39 Bars
41 Bill —, the Science Guy
44 Slippery fish
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48 Singer Kitt
51 Slimier
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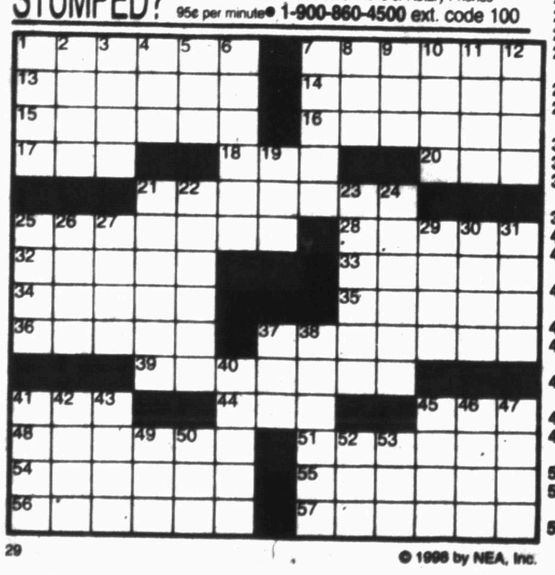
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1 Small monkey
2 Served perfectly
3 Rockfish
4 Ethiopian title
5 The self
6 Originate (from)
7 Striped animal
8 Collection of anecdotes
9 Alcoholic beverage
10 Allowance for waste
11 Mother of Apollo
12 River in Belgium
19 German article
21 Light boats
22 Schedule
23 Japan
24 Shows scorn
25 Short swims
26 Step — — (move!)
27 Decrease
29 End of a threat
30 Favorites
31 Quiz
37 Edgar Allan —
38 Tea type
40 Conducts
41 Court dividers
42 Two-masted vessel
43 Assam worm
45 Nest of pheasants
46 It's worn on the waist
47 War god
49 Explosive inits.
50 — Haw
52 Above, to a poet
53 Last letter

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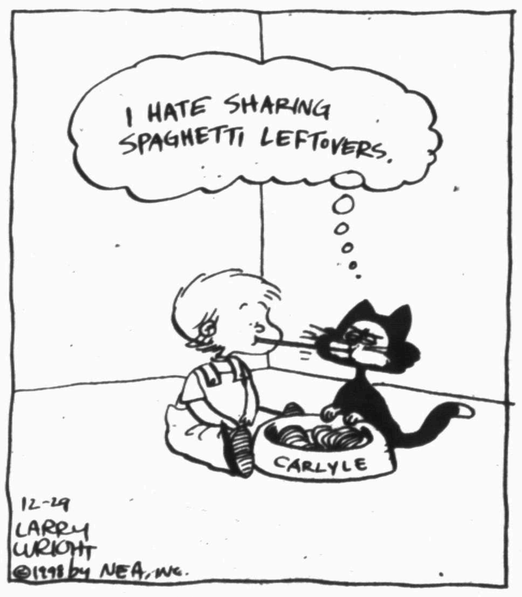
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SPORTS

Five NFL coaches get Black Monday pink slips

By The Associated Press

The next time a group of NFL coaches gets together and someone says "Black Monday," nobody should ask him what he's talking about.

It was the day five NFL coaches — one-sixth of the league's total — were fired within a few hours of one another.

And it probably didn't end there.

"I think it's disgusting. Some of the better coaches in the NFL got fired today," said one of the survivors, Miami's Jimmy Johnson — a close friend of fired Chicago coach Dave Wannstedt.

"I know we're highly paid, but it's a shame when coaches' jobs are dependent on injuries, skyboxes, people in the stands and officiating calls," Johnson said. "... It doesn't give me a good feeling about our profession when I see things like I saw this morning."

The five who went were Wannstedt (4-12); Dom Capers of Carolina (4-12); Ray Rhodes of Philadelphia (3-13); Ted Marchibroda of Baltimore (6-10) and Dennis Erickson of Seattle (8-8).

"It hurts to see empty seats, people who've already paid for those seats choosing not to show up," said Chicago owner Mike McCaskey.

And Baltimore owner Art Modell said: "Ted Marchibroda is a proud, wonderful human being. Unfortunately, it just didn't work out here."

Each of the fired coaches knew his fate or sensed it long before it was announced. In fact, this might have been a record day in a record year — there could be as many as 10 or 11 vacancies this year approaching the 11 new coaches after the 1996 season.

Most of the victims took it with equanimity.

"We are 3-13," Rhodes said. "A new coach will be in here shortly."

There already are seven vacancies: Monday's five, plus the expansion Cleveland Browns and San Diego, where June Jones, who replaced Kevin Gilbride in midseason, has opted for the job at the University of Hawaii rather than take a shot at the permanent job with the Chargers.

There will be more.

While Bruce Coslet in Cincinnati was told he was safe Monday after a 3-13 season, Norv Turner in Washington is on shaky ground.

Moreover, the Mike Holmgren scenario won't be played out until Green Bay finishes its season. The Packers coach is free to pursue a head coach-general manager slot and would be the first choice of almost everybody.

And San Francisco's Steve Mariucci still hasn't signed a contract extension because he's unsure about the team's future with Carmen Policy and Dwight Clark now running the new Browns in Cleveland.

"There aren't too many industries in this country where two years ago we had a 38-percent change, and of this morning 20 percent," said Bill Parcells of the Jets. "There's tremendous pressure on everyone, on owners.

"I guess that's the same as any other business. They have to say, 'We are not just standing still, we are going to do something.' It makes everyone think they are going to start over. A lot of those start-overs in two years are worse off than they were."

One of the many rumors floating around has Holmgren going to San Francisco, Mariucci to Cleveland and Rhodes, the NFL's coach of the year in 1995, ending up as head coach in Green Bay — where he was Holmgren's first defensive coordinator.

Capers, coach of the year two seasons ago for getting Carolina to the NFC title game in its second season, is a candidate for the vacancies in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

But the NFL office is most concerned about Rhodes, one of three black coaches in the league.

Since Tony Dungy was hired by Tampa Bay after the 1995 season, all 15 coaching vacancies in a league in which 70 percent of the players are minorities have been filled by whites. The league has gone so far as to hire a consulting firm to videotape potential candidates for owners to view.

Other than Rhodes, there are no obvious black candidates among the "hot" list of names for head-coaching jobs.

Holmgren and former San Francisco coach George Seifert are at the top of most lists.

Others include Capers; offensive coordinators Gary Kubiak of Denver, Brian Billick of Minnesota and Chris Palmer of Jacksonville; defensive coordinators Bill Belichick of the Jets, Jim Haslett of Pittsburgh and Greg Robinson of Denver.

Lady Tigers extend streak in Abilene

ABILENE — Snyder's Lady Tigers extended their winning streak to four Monday with a 62-47 victory over Eastland in the opening round of the Abilene High Girls Basketball Invitational.

Freshman Katie Voss unleashed 16 points to pace Coach Rick Archer's squad against Eastland. The Lady Tigers were scheduled to take on Abilene Cooper, a 70-33 winner over Breckenridge, at 1:30 today.

Eastland led by one point, 14-13, at the end of the opening quarter and the Lady Tigers trailed 30-25 at halftime. Snyder picked up the pace in the third quarter, holding Eastland to only four points while canning 18 for a 44-34 advantage going into the final period where the Lady Tigers outscored Eastland, 18-13.

The 16 points by Voss include one three-pointer. Shannon Hall also was in double figures with 10 points, including a pair of treys. T'Leah Eicke and Lexie Beard each canned nine points while Kristin Murray added seven. Mandy Hess put in six points while Rina Geiger had three and Alicia Peoples contributed two.

For Eastland, Ginney Cleveland set the pace with 13 points.

The Tigers advanced their season record to 8-7 and return after tournament play to host Seminole at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Jaguars bounce back, 21-3

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The Jacksonville Jaguars played great defense, snapped a two-game losing streak and made their biggest rivals look bad.

The only thing missing was Mark Brunell.

The Jaguars enjoyed as good a Monday night as they could hope for with Brunell on the sidelines, getting a solid performance from Jonathan Quinn in a 21-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The game was meaningless in the standings, but it carried much more weight in the Jaguars' locker room. It gave them a boost for the playoffs and put an exclamation point on their first AFC Central title.

"This was the Pittsburgh Steelers, they've been the champs and we wanted to prove to them that we're the champs now," left tackle Tony Boselli said. "A new reign has started in the AFC Central. That's why this was a big game for us."

The Jaguars (11-5) were reeling from a 50-10 loss to the Minnesota Vikings last week. Quinn bounced back, however, throwing for 192 yards and getting a touchdown each running and passing.

Of course, the Jaguars know their playoff hopes — beginning Sunday against New England — rest not on Quinn, but on Brunell, who missed his third straight game with a high ankle sprain.

"We'll just have to see," coach Tom Coughlin said. "He has to show a little more strength in that (ankle) area. He has to show he can push off and take a hit and protect himself. He's made outstanding progress."

So has the defense.

The three points were the fewest allowed in Jacksonville's four-year history. The only low point was the 139 yards Jerome Bettis put up against the NFL's 26th-ranked defense. The Bus surpassed the century mark for the eighth straight time on a Monday night.

Both Ira teams advance in Klondike cage tourney

KLONDIKE — Sometimes a holiday breaks a team's concentration — but not for the Ira Bulldogs.

Both the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs returned to the hardwoods Monday in the Klondike Cotton Classic and advanced to this evening's semi-finals games.

Morgan Clements canned 31 points to pace the Lady Bulldogs to a 49-44 victory over Morton in the tournament's opening round.

The Ira boys got balanced scoring en route to a 66-42 victory over Loraine in first-round action.

Both Ira teams now sport identical 10-4 records. The Lady 'dogs take on host Klondike at 6 p.m. while the Ira boys will also face Klondike at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Bulldogs led the entire contest, holding a 14-9 margin over Morton after the first quarter. Ira scored 14 more points in the second quarter for a 28-22 halftime lead.

Morton, however, outscored Ira by two points in the third stanza, and Ira held a 40-36 advantage going into the final eight minutes.

In addition to Clements, E'Lissa Goolsby scored nine points while Kristen Harless added four. Tara Allen put in three while Brook Wilkes added two.

Three Morton girls were in double figures — Heather Patton with 12 while Hollye Patton and Keri Erwin each dropped 11.

The Ira Bulldogs also controlled the game against Ira, holding a 15-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. Ira exploded for 20 points in the second quarter for a 35-24 halftime advantage. At the end of three quarters, Ira held a 52-34 advantage.

Three Bulldogs were in double figures, led by Jerek Brown's 15 points. Logan Daves poured in 12 points and Nathan Smith collected 12.

Other Ira points included Richard Wilkins with nine, Drew Wall with eight, Terry Jamison with four, Bryce Wilkins with three and Jose Juarez with two.

Leonard Williams scored 11 points to pace Loraine.

Brownwood tourney...

Tigers notch two tournament wins

BROWNWOOD — Snyder's Tigers overcame two cold first halves Monday to continue in the championship bracket of the Brownwood Holiday Classic.

In the opening round Monday morning, Coach Bud Birks' Tigers crushed Bangs, 67-46, and then thawed out in the second half to upend Venus, 51-43, Monday evening.

The Tigers were scheduled to meet Borger at 11 a.m. today in the Brownwood Coliseum. Class 4A Borger ripped Sweetwater, 72-41, Monday evening.

Snyder (7-8), Borger, Wichita Falls and Andrews were the only undefeated teams left in the tournament following first-day action.

The championship game is set for 8 tonight, and the Tigers return home to face San Angelo Central at 3 p.m. Saturday. Snyder lost to Central in the season opener in San Angelo.

Snyder was as cold as Brownwood's practice gym Monday morning when they took the courts against the Bangs Dragons.

Monday's games, scheduled at the high school, were moved to the practice gym due to the loss of power at the main gym.

Against Venus, the Tigers trailed the entire first half, trying to figure how to contend with 6-6 post Larry Pollard who finished the skirmish with 14 points.

The Tigers trailed 17-11 at the end of the first quarter and were down 22-19 at intermission.

The Tigers, however, canned 16 points in the third quarter, holding Venus to only six for a 35-28 advantage going into the final period.

The third quarter included a 16-2 run for the Tigers — including three-pointers by Justin McNair and Brady Cobb.

Corey Mandrell paced the Snyder scoring with seven field goals and one free shot for a total of 15 points. McNair put up eight points while Cobb added seven. Jared Hester and Sonny Cumbie each dropped in six while Tyler Warren contributed three. Two points each came from Brock Durham and Josh Ward.

Snyder had jumped off to a 22-10 lead but a cold second quarter allowed Bangs to close the gap to 32-28 at intermission. But Snyder got 19 points in the third period and 16 in the final while holding Bangs to 10 and 7 in the same periods.

Against Bangs, Snyder's Cumbie exploded for 18 points while Mandrell was also in double digits with 10 points.

Justin McNair, Trey Gorman and Josh Ward each canned seven points with Gorman and Ward hitting from the arch. Warren and Hester each put in five points while Durham added four. Cobb and Justin Rosson each contributed two.

David Conner was Bangs' top scorer with 12.

NCAA BASKETBALL SCORES

EAST
Robert Morris 91, Brown 59
SOUTH
Campbell 75, N.C.-Asheville 68, OT
Coll. of Charleston 77, W. Carolina 48
East Carolina 75, Francis Marion 65
George Mason 72, Sacred Heart 51
Georgia 73, Long Island U. 59
Georgia St. 72, N. Carolina A&T 51
Lamar 72, Nicholls St. 56
Ohio U. 94, Cent. Florida 66
Richmond 76, Florida Atlantic 65
SE Louisiana 90, McNeese St. 84
Southern Miss. 60, Memphis 54
Southern U. 92, Texas A&M 68
Tulane 86, Hartford 63
William & Mary 79, UNC-Greensboro 74
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Butler 56, Idaho St. 44
Kansas St. 67, Saint Louis 63
S. Illinois 70, SE Missouri 49
Wright St. 75, Chicago St. 56
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Gonzaga 74, Texas-Pan American 73
NE Louisiana 64, SW Texas 63
Texas-Arlington 125, Sam Houston St. 123, 3OT
FAR WEST
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Denver 57, Dartmouth 55
Old Dominion 80, Hawaii-Hilo 60
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COLLEGE BOWL GAMES

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

Saturday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
North Carolina 20, San Diego State 13

Wednesday, Dec. 23
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall 48, Louisville 29

Friday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Gray 31, Blue 24
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Colorado 51, Oregon 43
Oahu Bowl
At Honolulu
Air Force 45, Washington 25

Saturday, Dec. 26
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Southern U. 28, Bethune-Cookman 2
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Missouri 34, West Virginia 31

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Alabama (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
MICRON PC Bowl
At Miami
North Carolina State (7-4) vs. Miami (8-3), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Purdue (8-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Idaho (8-3) vs. Southern Miss (7-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN2)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Nebraska (9-3) vs. Arizona (11-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 31
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tulane (11-0), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), 2 p.m. (CBS)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Mississippi (6-5) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Arkansas (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Texas (8-3), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Wisconsin (10-1) vs. UCLA (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas A&M (11-2) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Syracuse (8-3) vs. Florida (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 4
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Tennessee (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 16
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 23
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 24
Hula Bowl
At Kahului, Maui
South vs. North, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

National Football League Playoff Glance

Wild Cards
Saturday, Jan. 2
Buffalo at Miami, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
Arizona at Dallas, 4:05 p.m. (ABC)
Sunday, Jan. 3
New England at Jacksonville, 12:35 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 9
Dallas, Green Bay or San Francisco at Atlanta, 12:35 p.m. (FOX)
Buffalo, Miami or New England at Denver, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 10
Buffalo, Jacksonville or Miami at New York Jets, 12:35 p.m. (CBS)
Arizona, Green Bay or San Francisco at Minnesota, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)

KU, Purdue ready for Alamo Bowl

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The three-week wait for the Alamo Bowl was just too long for Purdue and No. 4 Kansas State.

"We're fairly healthy, ready to play the football game," Purdue coach Joe Tiller said on the eve of tonight's game. "We'd like to get on with why we came here."

After a few days of disappointment at being passed over by top-tier bowls, Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said the Wildcats welcome the opportunity to play in the Alamo Bowl against Purdue's prolific passing offense.

"It's time to step up to play this ball game. We're anxious to do that," Snyder said. "I think our players are highly motivated."

Kansas State (11-1) is playing for the first time since a 36-33 double-overtime loss to Texas A&M in the Big 12 title game.

Purdue (8-4) is riding a five-game winning streak entering the Alamo Bowl. The Boilermakers are the Alamo Bowl defending champions, having beaten Oklahoma State 33-20 last year.

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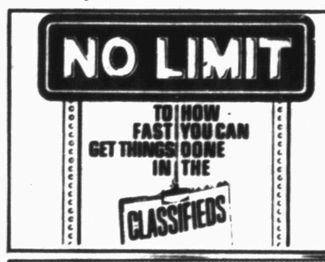
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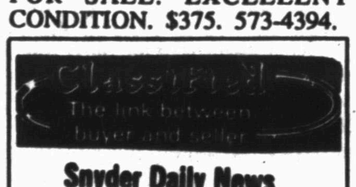
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CenSoWst			27⅛ 27 7-16 27 11-16+ ⅛
Chevron	84	13-16	84¼ 84 9-16— ⅛
Citigroup			51⅛ 50 3-16 50 7-16— ⅛
Coastal s	34	15-16	34⅛ 34⅛— 5-16
CocaCola	69	7-16	68 9-16 69⅛+ ⅛
ColgatePalm			92⅛ 9191⅛— ⅛
ComclMetals			26⅛ 26 11-16 26⅛— ⅛
CooperIn	47	5-16	46¼ 46 15-16— 3-16
CyprusAmax			9⅛ 9⅛ 9⅛
DaimlrChry s			98⅛ 98⅛ 98⅛+ ⅛
DalSemico	38	7-16	37⅞ 38 1-16— ⅛
DeltaAirl s			50⅛ 50⅛ 50⅛— ⅛
Dillards Inc			28⅛ 27 15-16 28 9-16+ ⅛
DowChem	91⅛	90	15-16 91 1-16+ 3-16
DuPont			56 11-16 5656⅛— ⅛
EastmanChem	44	9-16	44 3-16 44⅛+ 1-16
EstKodak			72 71⅛ 71⅜— ⅛
EDS Corp	49	3-16	48⅝ 48½—11-16
Entergy			31 7-16 31 3-16 31⅛+ ⅛
Exxon			74 9-16 73 15-16 74⅛
Flowers	23	15-16	23⅛ 23 13-16— 1-16
FordMotor s			59⅛ 58⅝ 58⅝—13-16
GTE Cp	69	9-16	69 69 7-16+ 3-16
GenDynam s			57⅛ 5656⅛— ⅛
GenElec	102	3-16	101 7-16 101⅜+ 5-16
GenMills			77 7-16 76⅞ 77⅛+ ⅛
GenMotors	72	11-16	71 15-16 72 7-16— ⅛
GaPacGP	56	3-16	55 7-16 56 3-16+ 3-16
GlobalMar			8⅛ 8⅛ 8 13-16— ⅛
Goodrich	33¼	33	3-16 33 7-16— 1-16
Goodyear s	50		49⅛ 49 11-16+ 1-16
GtAtlPac			29⅛ 29⅛ 29 9-16+ ⅛
Halliburtn	30½	29	7-16 30⅛—2 11-16
Hanson ADS			39¼ 38¼ 39⅛+ ⅛
HarteHanks s			27⅛ 27¼ 27 5-16— ⅛
HomeDepot	60¼	59	3-16 59 15-16+ 9-16
HoustonInds			32⅜ 32¼ 32 5-16
IBM	188	15-16	187 9-16 187 9-16—1 11-16
IntlPaper			43⅜ 43¼ 43 11-16
JohnsonJn	81⅛	80	11-16 81 13-16+ 1⅛
K mart			14⅛ 13⅜ 14 3-16+ ⅛
Kroger Co	59	3-16	58⅝ 58 15-16+ 5-16
Litton			61½ 61¼ 61 7-16
LockhdMart		84	82 13-16 83 1-16— ⅛
LockhdM wi			42¼ 42¼ 42¼— 1¼
Lowes Cos s			51⅛ 50 15-16 51⅛+ ⅛
Lubys			15¾ 15⅝ 15 11-16— ⅛
LucentTech s			113¾ 110⅛ 112 +13-16
MayDeptStrs		61	11-16 60 61⅛+1 7-16
MediaOne			46⅛ 46 1-16 46⅛— 1-16
Medtronic	75	13-16	75¼ 75 5-16— ⅛
Mobil			88 87 13-32 88 — 1-16
Monsanto			45⅞ 44⅛ 44½— 1
MorganJP			105 7-16 104 5-16 104 13-16
Motorola	60⅝	60	1-16 60 3-16— 1-16
NCR Corp	38	7-16	38 1-16 38⅛+ 5-16
Navistar			27¼ 26⅞ 26¾— ⅛
OryxEngy			13 1-16 12¼ 12¼— 7-64
Penney JC	48	3-16	47 9-16 48 1-16+ 7-16
Penzoil			31 5-16 30 23-32 30⅝— ⅛
PepBoys			15 3-16 15¼ 15⅜— ⅛
PepsiCo			41 40 40 15-16+11-16
PhelpDodge	50	11-16	50 1-16 50⅝+ 9-16
PhilipPet			42 9-16 42¼ 42½— ⅛
PilgrmPrd B			17¼ 17 3-16 17⅛+ ⅛
Polaroid			18¼ 17⅞ 17 15-16— ⅛
Praxair			34¼ 33 5-16 33⅞+ ½
ProctGamb	93¼		92¼ 92 15-16— 3-16
PubSNwMx			19 15-16 19 13-16 19 15-16
RoyalDut	49	13-16	49 1-16 49 11-16+ 7-16
SBC Comm s			53 7-16 53⅛ 53⅜— 3-16
SaraLee s			29 9-16 28⅝ 29 1-16— 3-16
Scripps EW	48	15-16	48⅛ 48 15-16+ 7-16
SearsRoeb			41 7-16 4141⅛+ ⅛
SherwinW			28⅝ 28 1-16 28⅛+ 7-16
SmithIntlBchm			70 7-16 69 9-16 70 7-16+ 1
SouthernCo	29	1-16	28 11-16 28 15-16+ 1-16
SwstAirl s	22	3-16	21 15-16 21 15-16— ⅛
SprintFON s			84⅛ 83⅛ 83⅛— ⅛
SprintPCS s		19	15-16 19 5-16 19⅛+ ⅛
Sunoco Inc			34⅛ 34⅛ 34⅛+15-16
TNP Ent		37	13-16 37 13-16 37 13-16
Tandy			41¼ 41 5-16 41 9-16+ ⅛
TempleInland			55⅛ 54⅝ 56⅞+ 1
Teaneco			31⅝ 3131⅛— ⅛
Texaco		52⅜	52 52 1-16— 1-16
TexInd			25 13-16 2525 — ⅛
TexasInst	85	11-16	83⅛ 83 15-16—1 5-16
TexUtil			46⅛ 46 3-16 46 7-16+ ⅛
Textron			73 7-16 72⅛ 73⅛+ ⅛
TricomGlbR			47⅛ 47 9-16 47⅞+ 1-16
TrinityInds			35⅛ 35 1-16 35⅜+ 3-16
TritonEngy			7⅛ 7⅛ 7 5-16— 3-16
Tyler			5⅜ 5⅛ 5 9-16— 1-16
US West Inc			64⅛ 64⅛ 64 3-16—11-16
USX-Marathn			28¼ 28⅛ 28 13-16— 5-16
USX-USS			23¼ 22 9-16 22⅝— ⅛
UnCarbde			44⅛ 43⅝ 43 11-16— ⅛
UnionPacif			43⅛ 43⅜ 43 11-16+ ⅛
UnitedTech			109⅝ 108⅞ 109⅜+11-16
Unocal		29	9-16 29 3-16 29 3-16— 1-16
Venator Grp			6 5⅞ 5⅞— 1-16
WalMart		80	15-16 79 80 11-16+13-16
WellsFargo			38⅝ 38⅛ 38⅛
WstaGasRs			5⅜ 5 7-16 5⅜+ ⅛
WinnDixie			45 7-16 44⅛ 45⅜— 1-16
Xerox Corp	118⅛	115	15-16 117 11-16+2 7-16

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ADMISSIONS: Mary Chauncy, Stella Pylant, Ira Simmons, Georgia Wood, Jennifer Beck, Madison Peterson of Fort Worth, C.J. Thornton of Rotan.

DISMISSALS: Kelsey Davis, Patsy Taylor, Ruby Trevino, Charles Cain, Bonnie Ervin, Billie Holt.

CENSUS: 36 (Med., Surg.-11, Long-term Care-25).

Hunter injured when raccoon shot from tree lands on head

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Brad Davis was training his puppy to pick up the scent of a treed raccoon when his colleague, Donnie Lamb, decided to shoot the raccoon out of the tree.

Trouble was, Davis was standing underneath it. The 15-pound animal fell 60 feet onto his head, knocking him out and fracturing three vertebrae Dec. 17.

"I heard him shoot, and the next thing I knew, I was seeing lights shining in my eyes," said Davis, 27.

For Christmas, he got a hard hat, a raccoon cap and plenty of teasing.

"People have been picking at me bad," he said. "A friend called me last night to go coon hunting and said I could sit in the truck and just listen to the dogs."

Review of 1998 begins

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Anderson, longtime public school administrator and current president of the school board, said he would not seek re-election.

Dana Cooley, 132nd District Attorney, was appointed to the statewide Rural Healthcare Systems board by Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

A two-week trial in the wrongful death suit of Rhonda Hester ended in a settlement just as a jury began deliberations. Mrs. Hester was killed in a car-truck crash in heavy fog in March, 1997.

February deaths included R.L. Grimmett, co-founder of Grimmett Bros., on Feb. 16; N.R. Clements, founder of Snyder Cablevision, on Feb. 20; and Ruby Patterson, co-founder of Snyder Drug, on Feb. 22.

March

Scurry County Coliseum, more noted for basketball games and stock shows, became a den of nostalgia when the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra came for a concert and dance.

Senior Living Properties of Indiana became the new owner of Snyder Healthcare Center, a 78-bed nursing home located on the Big Spring Highway.

Gene Thompson of Fort Worth purchased the Beacon Lodge and promised to breathe fresh life into the landmark motel.

Jerry Stapp became the new manager of Midwest Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Roby. Vesta Orr, longtime manager, would become a consultant. The electric co-op would later merge with Stamford Electric Cooperative and at the beginning of the new year would be one company known at Big Country Electric Cooperative.

The year's first snowfall came on March 8, bringing the precipitation for the year to 3.63 inches.

County Judge Ricky Fritz again won Republican nomination for county judge. Fritz would be unopposed in the November election. Chloanne Lindsey won the Democratic nomination for Precinct 4 County Commissioners.

On March 17, Tollie Faver celebrated his 103rd birthday. By a 6 to 1 margin, area cotton producers approved continuation of the boll weevil eradication program.

Open house was held for the newly-remodeled Cogdell Hospital rehab center, a $200,000 project with 6,000 feet of therapy space.

Laura Bush, wife of Gov. George Bush, was speaker at the annual chamber banquet. Awards presented included the mayor's award to Martha Schiebel; the chamber choice award to Tammy Valentine; the special chamber award to Mayor David Holt; the educational excellence award to Caddye Claborn; the McLaughlin award to Don Burt; the business of the year award to Wagon Wheel Ranch and Billy Ray Browning; the Gold Coat award to Phil Ragland; and the Winston Award to Keith Collier.

Wendy Proffitt again won the county spelling bee and advanced to the regular spelling bee in Lubbock where she finished as first runnerup.

Walls Industries changed its product from insulated coveralls to camouflage pants. "Always...Patsy Cline" played to sold-out audiences. The Ritz Theatre production starred Cindy Nix and Gale Northcott.

Terry Don McDowell, Snyder fire chief died suddenly on March 23, and later in the month, EMS Director and Volunteer Fireman Perry Westmoreland was named interim chief.

The need for more physicians became more acute on March 24 when Dr. W.B. McSpadden, a longtime Snyder family physician, passed away.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Can additives cause depression?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am seeking information about food preservatives and additives. I need a resource — either a book or a Web site — where I can enter the name of a compound and find out about its side effects. I suffer terribly from depression and am unable to control my emotions and temper. I have been doing much better following a switch to organic foods, and it seemed easy to identify the foods that cause me to become ugly — until this past weekend, when I ate a new cereal. For the last three months, I have eaten only organic cereals and/or fruit for breakfast. After two days of eating the new cereal, I became violent, moody and so depressed I could hardly pick myself up off the floor. WOW. This is the only new food I introduced into my diet this week.

The only additive chemicals in the cereal are trisodium phosphate and tocopherols. Could they have caused this reaction? Any help would be greatly appreciated. I am so sick of living with depression, and I have come to the conclusion that food is my problem! — K.B.

DEAR K.B.: The nature of your problem indicates that you need to be in contact with a competent health professional who can help you get to the bottom of your difficulties. If you are convinced that this problem is food-related, you should seek a professional with expertise in food allergies. You need help, in my opinion, because it is never a good idea to experiment on yourself — especially when a misstep might provoke the type of drastic reactions you describe.

As for your problem with the new cereal, I'm not sure how trisodium phosphate, a harmless compound made from sodium and phosphorus, or tocopherols, which are vitamin E, might be responsible. However, with food allergies, anything is possible. For example, tocopherols can come from soybean oil, and an individual with an extreme sensitivity to soy might react to a soy-based vitamin E product. Again, it is unclear and I fear it may be beyond your ability to accurately tweak out the food villains on your own.

You ask for an online guide where you can enter the name of a food additive and find out information about potential adverse reactions. There is no such guide that I am aware of, but you can read about food allergies and reactions to food additives at the Web site for the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (http://www.aaaai.org/public/publicedmat/foodreaction.html), or at the Food Allergy Network (http://www.foodallergy.org/). If you want to consult a book, check out "Your Personal Nutritionist: Food Additives," by Ed Blonz (Signet, 1997) or "A Consumers Dictionary of Food Additives," by Ruth Winter (Crown, 1994).

Finally, you must be open to the possibility that there may be an emotional underpinning to your problems. I say this not to reject what you have said, but to keep you cognizant of the fact that if other factors are involved, the hunt for a food allergy may turn out to be a smoke screen keeping you from handling the real cause of the problem. I wish you good hunting, and hope that you will let me know how things turn out.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Is it true that black pepper is very bad for you, is not eliminated by the body and collects in the kidneys? — L.A.

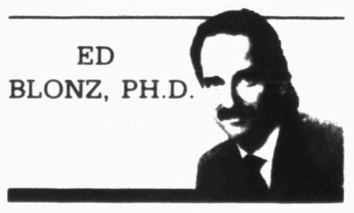
DEAR L.A.: There are compounds in black pepper (piper nigrum), that could pose a problem if crushed peppercorns were a big part of your diet, but there is no evidence that black pepper is bad for you when used as a seasoning. The idea that something in black pepper collects in the kidneys does not jibe with any information I have ever seen.

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

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Industry grapples with plummeting pork prices

MACON, Ga. (AP) — Pork producers, struggling with their lowest prices in 40 years, are trying to find a solution to their plight.

"The pork industry is in shambles," said Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tommy Irvin. "Prices have been falling steadily ... and everybody in the business is losing money."

An oversupply of hogs has caused pork prices to drop to less than $10 per hundredweight in some areas of the country, down from $46.50 just a year ago.

Georgia pork producers met Monday with Irvin, Georgia Farm Bureau representatives and U.S. Department of Agriculture officials to look for ways to resolve the problem of plunging pork prices.

Roger Bernard, executive director of the Georgia Pork Producers Association, said some meat packing plants closed in the Midwest last summer, leaving the nation with more hogs than the industry can slaughter.

Bernard said some of Georgia's 400 pork producers are losing $50 to $75 per hog because of the low prices.

"That's disastrous," he said. "It's possible some of our producers may not be able to withstand the market problems."

Rodney Newton, a Jefferson pork producer and president of the state association, said he believes the prices will stay low for several months, until the supply dwindles.

"If it doesn't improve soon, there's not going to be much of the industry left," he said.

The situation is so bad that former President Jimmy Carter intervened earlier this month on behalf of the state's hog farmers.

Carter wrote to President Clinton asking for emergency low-interest loans for hog farmers battling what he termed "the most serious crisis among farmers that I have witnessed since the Great Depression."

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman also has gotten involved.

Glickman has formed a task force to find ways to help hog producers. He also is working with Congress, governors and the heads of major slaughterhouses to try to increase the number of hogs that are butchered.

And, he has announced that the USDA would temporarily stop lending money for new pork production plants.

Irvin has talked to Glickman about the crisis as well. "I told him we need the USDA to lend any assistance they could to get us through this serious situation," he said.

In Des Moines, Iowa, meanwhile, a special legislative committee was convened Monday to consider what to do about what many see as a crisis in the hog industry.

But John Lawrence, a livestock economist at Iowa State University, told the lawmakers that there is little they can do right now to turnaround pork prices.

Instead, he urged lawmakers to focus on long-term issues such as restructuring the debt of farmers who have lost equity because of tumbling hog prices.

The number of hogs slaughtered has soared past 2 million a week, straining the ability of the meatpacking industry to keep pace, Lawrence said. With supplies huge, prices tumble, he said.

One bit of good news for farmers is that this year's losses haven't wiped out profits hog producers made in 1996 and 1997, Lawrence said.

Lawrence predicted that seasonal variations will begin to reduce the number of hogs being sent to slaughter, a change that is likely to begin moving prices back up.

"I think by the first of February we're going to see prices start to inch back up," Lawrence said.

"We're in a waiting game, waiting for the numbers to decline," he said. "There's not a lot we can do in the short run."

The Medal of Honor is the highest military award that can be given to any United States citizen. Since World War I, fewer than 1,000 have been awarded, with World War II producing about half of that total.





EAST CHRISTMAS PLAY — East Elementary Students in Billie Adams' and Judy Brown's classes presented a Christmas play recently. Mrs. Adams' students (top photo) are from left, top row, Sebastian Zamora, Ramsey Herrera, Steven Hubanks, Wesley Price, David Gomez, T.J. Atwell; middle row, Candice Lee, Heather Derington, Nicole Presley, Jordan Stansell, Pamela Bradshaw, Gabriel Aguilar; bottom row, Julie Cruz, Desirae Guerrera, Tana Sullenger, Sarah Covington, Joseph Martinez, Gabriel Sanchez. Mrs. Brown's students (bottom photo) are from left, bottom row, Adrianna Sosa, Tasha Ball, Norma Aguilar, Laura Culwell, Jeremy Mills, Henry Michael Ramos, Kyle Sanchez; middle row, Kaylee Lacik, Erissa Sanchez, Toni Tovar, Justin Thamez, Dillon Matthies, Pete Villa, Adrian Padron; top row, Nica Triggs, Alexis Gutierrez, Kim Dupuy, Felicia Guzman, Malcolm Deavers, Jordan Lester, Jamie Arnold. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Whaling teaches patience

NEAH BAY, Wash. (AP) — The Makah Indian tribe has waited more than 70 years to return to the Pacific to hunt gray whales. For some, the last three months have been among the longest.

No one here has ever hunted the whale. There is much to learn, and time has taken away the teachers. One lesson is clear already: Some things cannot be rushed.

Dozens of reporters stampeded here in late September, responding to a report that the tribe's first whale hunt in decades was under way. The hunts had stopped in the 1920s, when commercial whalers brought the world whale population to the brink of extinction.

But since Oct. 1, when the tribe was officially cleared to hunt, the Makah have yet to venture into the Pacific to search for a whale. Foul weather, inexperience, mechanical problems, disagreements over procedures — all manner of obstacles have conspired to keep harpoon away from target.

Most of the reporters are gone, along with protesters and their ships. The Makah, meanwhile, are still trying to recreate a store of lost knowledge.

Some Makah elders remember tasting whale meat as children. Some of the women were taught how to prepare the meat, how to render the oil. Some of the men know how to fashion whaling canoes from tall red cedar.

But so much time has passed, there is no one still alive who knows how to whale. And hunting the whale — especially in small boats, especially in winter seas, especially gray whales — is dangerous.

But if any people have whaling in their genes, it is the Makah.

They are the ones who could "find the way to resurrect it," said Ed Claplanhoo, a member of the Makah Whaling Commission and former tribal chairman.

Whaling remains a vital part of tribal tradition. The story is still told of how the thunderbird brought the whale to the Makah one hungry year long ago. The image of the whale — in the Makah colors of black and red — decorate the school, local homes, costumes and baskets. Huge weathered whale skulls and bones adorn front yards in this community of 2,000 — 1,400 of them among the tribe's 2,300 enrolled members.

The pending hunt goes against tradition: a communal, tribal hunt, pooling the available knowledge.

"A commission hunt," some say without enthusiasm.

Traditionally, whaling families mounted their own hunts, with their own secret preparations and sacred songs. Some aspects of this pooling business have not gone well, but lessons are learned, ruffled feelings smoothed — the process continues.

At this point, there is a pool of 17 men to fill out the eight-man whaling crew. They've been chosen from the 23 families with a representative on the tribe's whaling commission.

There is one canoe — the 32-foot red-and-black Hummingbird — and two motorized support boats. Another canoe is being built — a longer, broader craft in the whaling tradition, its silky golden surface glimmering in the shadows.

Many hospitals mark patients

NEW YORK (AP) — The patient in surgeon Michael Schafer's Chicago operating room scrawled a note on his arm in felt-tip marker. It said, "I hurt here," with an arrow pointing to his elbow.

In New York, Dr. Andrew Rokito's patient wrote "yes" on one leg and "no" on the other. Nearby, Dr. Steven Stuchin's patient lay with a pink ribbon she tied around her injured leg.

The message was clear: Following surgical gaffes in which doctors amputated the wrong foot, removed the wrong kidney and opened the wrong side of a woman's brain, patients were frightened and mistrustful.

Now hundreds of surgeons are getting the message and putting their John Hancocks on every Tom, Dick and Harriet who comes under the knife.

The trend toward autographing patients' bodies marks a low-tech effort to avoid what doctors call "wrong-site surgery."

The 17,000-member National Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons urged surgeons last March to sign their names on the spot to be cut.

In recent months, hospitals across the nation have adopted the practice to try to curb lawsuits and spare patients undue agony. Among them: the orthopedic surgery departments at New York University, Chicago's Northwestern University Medical Center and Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester.

"For all the science and technology and out-and-out hardware, which is worth millions of dollars in any operating room, the most important thing that patients and doctors do is talk to each other," said Stuchin, director of orthopedic surgery at NYU's Hospital for Joint Diseases. "The $1.50 pen is part of the communications process."

Wrong-site surgery is common enough that the practice has its own euphemisms, such as "bilateral confusion" and "symmetry failure."

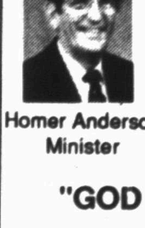
From 1985 to 1995 the Physicians Insurers Association of America counted 225 claims for wrong-site surgery by its 110,000 doctors. Willie King won $1.2 million after a Tampa, Fla., surgeon amputated the wrong foot in 1995.

Perhaps most alarming to surgeons: Patients win monetary settlements 84 percent of the time, according to the PIAA.

"In other words, if you operated on the wrong leg, they were going to pay off," said Dr. S. Terry Canale.

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Jesus said, "But he gives more grace; therefore he says, 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Submit yourselves therefore to God" (James 4:6-7). We need to bow our heads in humility before the Lord and be eternally grateful for the gift of salvation. Then we will not be concerned over which brother or sister is getting the most attention or which names appear most often in the church bulletin. Concerns such as these drain away vital energy needed in our work for the Lord. When our interests are focused inwardly productivity fails. Let us do our tasks as best we can and let God recompense at the resurrection.

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Dear Abby



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Positive Results on Medical Test Is Signal to Take It Again

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DEAR ABBY: People who are in treatment for infertility in California must be tested for sexually transmitted diseases. Much to our shock, my husband tested positive for hepatitis B, which is typically transmitted via sexual contact. Because we knew that he had not been exposed, we requested that our doctor perform the test again to be sure that the test result was correct. Our doctor complied — with great reluctance — and sure enough, the test came back completely negative!

We had a terrible time convincing our doctor that the test should be repeated. I hope no one else has to go through that. Please, Abby, encourage your readers to have important tests repeated to ensure the results weren't false.

RELIEVED IN SANTA BARBARA

DEAR RELIEVED: I've done it before, and I'm pleased to do it again. Readers, never hesitate to have important tests repeated, or to ask for a second, or even a third opinion, if there's a question about a diagnosis.

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DEAR ABBY: Please print this on behalf of all the short, older people who enjoy dining out but who feel dwarfed sitting at tables built to accommodate taller people.

Restaurateurs: Please give us a lift! Those of us who have shrunk with age, are crippled with arthritis or have lost range of motion in our shoulders would certainly appreciate a "boost" in the form of a cushion to allow us to sit higher at your tables — or a chair that sits higher off the floor. We would have more leverage and could manipulate the cutlery much easier.

As long as there are special areas in restaurants for smokers and non-smokers and accommodations for the disabled, why not be innovative and accommodate us? The older population is increasing by leaps and bounds, infirmities and all, and many of us are tired of feeling that we're sitting in a hole while we eat!

Restaurateurs who heed this cry for help would stand 10 feet tall in the eyes of us little people.

SHORTY FROM WISCONSIN

DEAR SHORTY: As a person who is 5-feet-nothing, I feel your pain. However, I'm surprised that a pillow or "booster" wasn't available upon request. I'm printing your message for restaurateurs to see — but a better solution might be to bring your own cushion when you dine out, in case the restaurant owner misses this column.

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DEAR ABBY: I have noticed that from time to time you print jokes in your column. I'm wondering if you ever heard this one?

CHARLES PIERCE,
TOLUCA LAKE, CALIF.

DEAR CHARLES: How generous of you! As a matter of fact, I hadn't heard it. However, I'm sure many readers will relate to it, as I did:

Talk show host Larry King was interviewing the devil. When Larry asked him what his greatest achievements were, the devil responded by saying, "The world wars were fun to do. That iceberg didn't just 'happen' to be in the way of the Titanic. I put it there! Then, of course, there were some monumental earthquakes, floods, mudslides — and the Hindenburg. That was a blast!"

Larry thought for a moment and pressed further: "I know, but what was your *greatest* achievement?"

The devil's horns began vibrating. His eyes flashed neon red. He leaned across the desk into Larry's face and said, "Call waiting."

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Murder charges dropped against teen

MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP) — Murder charges have been dropped against one of two teen-agers accused of killing five people during Thanksgiving weekend.

Steven Wallace instead was charged Monday with being an accessory after the fact and using a firearm during a felony, Muskegon County Prosecutor Tony Tague said.

Wallace, 18, was released after his bond was reduced to from $5 million to $50,000. The new charges carry a prison sentence of up to five years.

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Thelma Gardner

FDA approves drug for narcoleptics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Simon struggled with undiagnosed narcolepsy for 20 years. He nodded off in college, and got through the Army by guzzling coffee. He gave up his car when he couldn't stay awake through a 10-minute trip and drove off the road. The final straw came three years ago.

"I realized it was unmanageable the day ... I was dictating a letter and I fell asleep while I was talking," recalled the New York writer.

Cephalon Inc. announced Monday that the Food and Drug Administration approved a new drug for patients like Simon — the first novel treatment in 40 years to help narcoleptics stay awake.

"It's given me a quality of life I had not experienced before," said Simon, who helped test Provigil and became rested enough to write an off-Broadway play and work toward a doctorate degree. "I wasn't desperately fighting falling asleep."

Provigil won't hit pharmacy shelves right away. Because it works in the brain — in a region of the hypothalamus that promotes wakefulness — the Drug Enforcement Administration is preparing to classify it a low-level controlled substance. Then Cephalon can ship Provigil, expected by Feb. 15.

The company refused to reveal the price, but said it will be less than $10 a pill. Cephalon stock jumped 12 percent Monday on news of the FDA approval, rising $1 to close at $9.18¾ on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

An estimated 125,000 Americans have narcolepsy, a neurological disease that causes irrepressible sleep attacks throughout the day: One minute patients are talking or eating, the next they're suddenly napping.

At night, they awaken every few hours. They also may have cataplexy — muscle weakness that strikes when they're emotional, particularly while laughing, and can cause collapse — or sleep paralysis, where they can't immediately move upon awakening.

Amphetamines and other stimulants can help narcoleptics stay awake, but they can cause troublesome side effects and some have addictive qualities that frequently make narcoleptics abandon treatment.

Provigil offers a new, chemically different option. While nobody knows if it fights sleepiness as well as the older drugs, researchers say it may be safer.

"This one is unique. ... It's really an exciting new choice," said lead researcher Dr. Joyce Walsleben, director of NYU's sleep disorder center.

Provigil, known chemically as modafinil, is a once-a-day pill, unlike most narcolepsy drugs.

It's not a panacea, but in studies of 550 patients, it significantly reduced daytime sleepiness. One test put patients in a semi-dark room for 20-minute "nap periods." Twenty percent of Provigil patients stayed awake for three of the four sessions, while all the narcoleptics taking a dummy pill snoozed. "That's a major change for those patients," Walsleben said.

In another study, Provigil patients reported more than a 50 percent improvement in day-to-day performance.

"It seemed like it saved all my sleepiness for the end of the day," said Simon, who once woke up 10 to 20 times a night but says Provigil has helped him sleep through the night for the first time since childhood.

Rates increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities rose in Monday's auction to the highest level in three months.

The Treasury Department sold $7.50 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 4.52 percent, up from 4.44 percent last week. An additional $7.50 billion was sold in six-month bills at a rate of 4.525 percent, up from 4.44 percent a week ago.

The three-month rate was the highest since Sept. 21, when the bills sold for 4.635 percent. The six-month rate was also the highest since Sept. 21, when that rate was 4.615 percent.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998

Life could become more meaningful for you in the year ahead because you'll be constantly inundated with fresh interests. You may find yourself more mentally curious and experimental than in the past, which will undoubtedly open up new vistas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Outside of purely commercial arenas, your judgment might leave little to be desired today. However, you'll be in your element and at your best form in situations that are of financial importance. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) We can't please everyone at all times, but you're likely to score a high batting average today. The one fly in the ointment could be with someone no one can stand.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your luck could spring from the most unlikely sources today. Leave the door of opportunity open at all times so that someone who wants to do you a favor will be given the chance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In your involvements with friends today, keep everything on a purely social basis. The best results will be achieved when you stay out of their business and vice versa.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It doesn't seem to matter whether or not you receive cooperation from your associates today. You could be rather ingenious in circumventing barriers that hinder you from your objectives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order for you to be effective and constructive today, you must revise your original game plan to accommodate fluctuating conditions. Try to be flexible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) With exceptional effectiveness, you should be able to manage all that is necessary to facilitate your own needs today. You'll also be clever at masterminding things for your friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your greatest successes are likely to come from partnership arrangements today. If you choose, you can still achieve success working independently from others, but to a lesser degree.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Tasks that are more physical than mental will put your ingenuity to work today. It is very likely that you'll devise some kind of labor saving techniques.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even if you have to compete against someone who you'd rather beat than say the President, don't turn what should be a fun pastime into a serious event. You'll play better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Persons you're responsible for should take precedence over all of your other involvements today. Providing for their needs and concerns will be No. 1 on your list of priorities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Collective objectives can be achieved to everyone's satisfaction today, especially involvements with friends. Share time with those you call your pals.

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Dec. 29, 1998

Today is the 363rd day of 1998 and the ninth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1930, Fred Newton became the first person to swim the length of the Mississippi River.

On this day in 1983, Princess Caroline of Monaco married Stefano Casiraghi.

On this day in 1987, cosmonaut Yuri Romanenko ended a record 326-day space flight.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Goodyear (1800-1860), inventor; Andrew Johnson (1808-1875), U.S. president; William Gladstone (1809-1898), British statesman; Pablo Casals (1876-1973), musician; Mary Tyler Moore (1937-), actress, is 61; Jon Voight (1938-), actor, is 60; Ted Danson (1947-), actor, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1934, the New York University basketball team defeated Notre Dame 25-18, and Westminster defeated St. John's 37-33, at Madison Square Garden.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The pulse of modern life is economic and the fundamental principle of economic production is individual independence." — Ch'en Tu-hsiu

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Dec. 26) and full moon (Jan. 1).

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Northwest and South...

Winter weather wreaking havoc

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Driving rain and melted snow triggered floods and mudslides in Oregon and Washington, blocking roads and stranding residents. More rain pelted the region today.

As thousands made do without power in the Southeast after a Christmas Eve storm, rain, mud and snow turned things into a nightmare across the Northwest. Particularly hard hit was Tillamook, a town of 4,000 about 50 miles west of Portland.

Following 4 inches of rain over two days, a landslide south of town buried U.S. Highway 101 on Monday while the Wilson River swamped the highway under up to 9 feet of water north of town. The road was partially reopened this morning but parts were still limited only to vehicles with high ground clearance.

Coast Guard skiffs ferried 20 stranded homeowners to safety, including a stroke victim who was taken by boat to a waiting ambulance.

"We're praying to God it's not another storm coming through," farmer Denise Josi said Monday as her calves stood in belly-deep water near the coastal town of Tillamook. "If it is, my dad is going to break down."

Kathy Kammerer, 30, and her two children were forced into a Red Cross shelter after flooded roads stymied their attempt to drive up the coast.

"We drove into town and found that Tillamook had become an island," she said. "It looked like we would be floating away, but we were lucky."

Mudslides were also a problem in Washington, where melting snow was expected to swell rivers flowing out of the Cascades. Some mountain routes were closed Monday for fear of avalanches. Stampede Pass, 70 miles southeast of Seattle in the Cascades, received 2.6 inches of rain between Monday morning and early today.

In McKenna, a town of 200 about 50 miles south of Seattle, residents of a nursing home were evacuated Monday as sandbags were thrown up along the surging Nisqually River.

For Oregon, it is some of the worst flooding since February 1996, when melting snow and heavy rain killed eight people and hundreds of cattle.

More light rain fell overnight, and nearby rivers were expected to remain above flood levels for the next few days.

7 surviving octuplets remain stable today

HOUSTON (AP) — Doctors caring for the seven surviving octuplets have received "dramatic good news," pediatrician Patti Savrick said today.

"The babies had essentially normal head ultrasounds that showed no bleeding in their brains," Dr. Savrick said at a news conference. Bleeding would have indicated the babies were vulnerable to future developmental problems such as cerebral palsy, she said. She added the babies could still have problems but have cleared an important hurdle.

Leonard Weisman, chief neonatal specialist at Texas Children's Hospital, said the infants' survival odds now could be generally estimated at about 92 percent, up from earlier estimates of 85 percent. Bleeding in the brain is expected in about one in four babies at the octuplets' size and stage of development, he said.

Mother Nkem Chukwu likely will be released from neighboring St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital on Wednesday, said her obstetrician, Dr. Brian Kirshon.

Four of the babies kept breathing on their own, while three — Ebuka, Ikem and Gorom — remained on ventilators. Gorom, the last baby out of Ms. Chukwu's womb during a Dec. 20 Caesarean section, is recovering from abdominal surgery.

All of the babies are expected to remain in critical condition for the near future. Doctors have said they probably won't leave Children's until March at the earliest.

The surviving five girls and two boys ranged in birth weight from 1 to 2 pounds. Their sister Odera, a girl born at just 10.3 ounces, died Sunday of lung and heart failure.

"The most significant thing is that it reminded all of us that this child was an individual human being, rather than the usual bundling of all of them as eight babies," said Chido Nwangwu, a member of the parents' Igbo tribe of Nigeria and publisher of the Houston-based newspaper USAfrica and Web site USAfricaonline.com.

Obituaries



Mary Hall

Mary Hall

1905-1998

Mary Hall, a longtime Hermleigh area resident, died Monday, Dec. 28, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Hall, 93, is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Allen Lee, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Aug. 2, 1905 in Macon, Ga., she married Cecil Hall on Dec. 22, 1926 in Colorado City.

A resident of Hermleigh since 1926, Mrs. Hall was a homemaker, farmer and a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Brice Fuqua of Hermleigh, Jean and Jim Summer of Midland and Cecile and John Gandy of Christoval; a sister, Ruby Hall of Snyder; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four step grandchildren; and seven step great-grandchildren.

The family will be at the funeral home for visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today.

Mr. Schwertner

1915-1998

SAN ANGELO — Armin Schwertner, the grandfather of Kristi Drennan of Snyder, died Sunday, Dec. 27, in Shannon Medical Center.

Mass for Mr. Schwertner, 83, was set for 11 a.m. today in the St. Ambrose Catholic Church with Monsignor Larry Droll officiating.

Burial was to follow in the St. Ambrose Cemetery under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 13, 1915 in Jarrell, Mr. Schwertner grew up in Rowena and Ballinger, working on the family farm and attending Cross Roads School.

Before World War II, he was employed by Seidel Implement Co. in Ballinger. He served six years in the U.S. Air Force, serving in Europe during World War II.

After the war he worked at Goodfellow Air Force Base and then became owner of Hi-Way Gin in Vancourt. He was co-founder of Vancourt Mill and Elevator.

He married Lena May Schwertner on Aug. 28, 1946 in Temple. She died in 1993. He was a longtime member of the St. Ambrose Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include three daughters, June Jost of Wall, Judy Book of Miles and Joy Block of San Angelo; a son, Herbert Schwertner of Kingsville; a twin sister, Marie Schwertner of San Angelo; two other sisters, Elsie Wilde and Rosalie Strum, both of Wall; two brothers, Alfred Schwertner of Melvin and Andrew Schwertner of Lowake; 11 other grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

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Margiree Terrell

1930-1998

LUBBOCK — Mrs. Margiree Davis Terrell of Lubbock, former Snyder resident, died Friday, Dec. 25, at her home in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Terrell, 68, is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Tahoka. Elder K.R. Anderson will officiate. Burial will follow in Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Terrell lived in Snyder from 1995 through July of 1997, working as a personal caretaker.

Born on April 27, 1930 in Cameron to Marshall Davis and Lillie Mae Cook Davis, she attended elementary school in Cameron. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Robin Payton. She married Floyd Terrell on July 27, 1973 in Tahoka. He died on July 1, 1975.

Mrs. Terrell moved to Tahoka in 1953 from Big Spring, working for the Tahoka Nursing Home. She moved to Lubbock in 1976 where she worked for the First Baptist Church. A personal caretaker and a homemaker, she had also worked for White Funeral Homes in Tahoka and Idalou for many years. Mrs. Terrell was a member of Antioch Bible Fellowship in Amarillo and the Church of the Living God in Slaton.

Survivors include her mother, Lillie Mae Williams of Snyder, Okla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Marshall and Emma Payton of Amarillo; a daughter, Diane Wilkerson of Lubbock; a brother, Elder Willie Ewings of Lubbock; three sisters, Mary Etta Smith of Snyder, Okla., Shirley Elder of Tahoka and Sharon of Lawton, Okla; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.



Hazel Denson

Hazel Denson

1902-1998

Funeral service for Hazel Denson, a longtime Snyder resident, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the North College Avenue Baptist Church. The Rev. Billy Capps, minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral home.

Mrs. Denson, 96, died Monday, Dec. 28, in Snyder Healthcare Center.

Born March 16, 1902 in Calera, Okla., she married Henry Grady Denson on Dec. 10, 1922 in Achille, Okla. He died on March 1, 1979.

A Snyder resident since 1947, Mrs. Denson was a homemaker and a member of the North College Avenue Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Dewey Denson; two sisters; and six brothers.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Barbara Denson of Ira; a daughter, Peggy Grinslade of Snyder; a daughter-in-law, Martha Denson of Garland; three sisters, Fay Jackson and Ray Martin, both of Denison and Mamie Ritter of Durant, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

Four arrested Monday, today

Three subjects were taken into custody Monday and one early this morning.

Officers arrested a 32-year-old male at 10:45 a.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital on outstanding warrants out of Midland County for misdemeanor driving while license suspended and no liability insurance.

Deputies transported an 18-year-old male from Howard County back to Scurry County at 11:37 a.m. on a misdemeanor warrant for motion to revoke probation for an offense of driving while intoxicated.

Following a report of a family disturbance at 8:32 p.m., a juvenile female was taken into custody in the 300 block of 34th Street and transported to RECOR in Sweetwater.

A 40-year-old male was arrested at 12:42 a.m. in the 1000 block of 25th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity, a deputy was requested at The Store in Fluvanna at 8:36 a.m. in reference to the theft of a Coke box from the front porch. An offense report for Class B theft was filed.

At 10:56 a.m., officers were called to Central Elementary in reference to a broken window at the school. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

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Joint retirement reception

A joint retirement reception honoring District Clerk Elois Pruitt and County Commissioner Jerry Gannaway is being held from 2 to 4 p.m. today in the county courtroom.

New Year's Eve service

Sound of Jubilee will hold a New Year's Eve service from 8 p.m. until midnight Thursday. Everyone is welcome.

Blood pressure checks

Cogdell Home Health blood pressure checks will be held Wednesday, replacing the regular Friday clinic.

No Rotary meeting

The Snyder Rotary Club will not meet Thursday. The next regular meeting will be Jan. 7.

New Year Mass schedule

Our Lady of Guadalupe announces its New Year Mass for 7 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. Friday.

Apostolic Faith Church services

Apostolic Faith Church, 2506 25th St., will have a Watch Night Service Thursday from 7 p.m. until after midnight. The multiple service will feature singing, special music and several speakers. There will also be a break for snacks and fellowship. The public is invited.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

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

Bible study tapes

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

Lions Club meeting

The Snyder Lions Club will resume meeting at noon next Tueday.

Economic review, outlook

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

Community singing

Join in singing praise and worship songs and enjoy special music at a community worship set from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, in the Scurry County Coliseum. The public is invited and there is no admission charged. Bring lawn chairs to sit on floor level, or seating in stands is also available.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is selling windbreak trees. Both evergreens and hardwoods are available. Call 573-6317, or come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Social Security visits

Representatives of the Big Spring Social Security office will be at the Snyder Senior Center on Tuesday, Jan. 12. For additional information, call 1-800-772-1213.

Adult education classes

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

Pick 3

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

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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:

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