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Scurry County declared agriculture disaster area

Bad weather, insects have taken their toll

County commissioners voted this morning to declare Scurry County an agricultural disaster area due to adverse weather conditions and the infestation of insects during this year's growing season.

Joe Hefner, county executive director for the Farm Service Agency, told the court that the designation "would not mean a great deal" because Scurry County is already considered a disaster area since adjoining counties have been designated as such.

Hefner said agriculture producers are already eligible for low interest operating loans from the Farmers Home Administration.

"It won't hurt anything to declare the county a disaster area but we probably won't get anything we don't already have," said Hefner.

Commissioners Jerry Gannaway and C.D. Gray Jr. said they felt the court should vote on it, "just in case something does become available."

Commissioners Roy Idom and Ralph Trevey agreed and the court voted unanimously on a motion designating the county as such.

In other business this morning, the court voted to allow county employees an option to include dental insurance as a payroll deduction with the employee bearing the entire cost of the program.

The county's insurance representative, Jeff Fowler, told the court that at least 75 percent of the employees had to agree to go on the program before it can go into effect.

The cost to the employee is $12.25 per month with dependent coverage available for $20.40 additional. Orthodontics coverage will be available for an additional $3.38 per month.

In other business, the court agreed on a budget amendment for the county's extension office in the amount of $1,400 to pay for repairs on a pickup involved in a traffic accident and approved bills for payment.

Scurry County judge Ricky Fritz presided. Commissioners Gray, Idom, Trevey and Gannaway were in attendance.



TWO INJURED - EMS personnel assist Kingswood resident Wanda Dickey following a one-vehicle rollover at 1:45 p.m. Sunday on U.S. Highway 84, just east of Avenue E. Dickey and her husband, James, were transported to Cogdell Hopsital by Snyder EMS where they were treated and released. (SDN Staff Photo)

Deep freeze in east, heat in west

LOS ANGELES (AP) — New York had more than 20 inches of snow. Philadelphia had at least 27. But Los Angeles topped them both at 87 — degrees, that is.

Tens of thousands of people turned out to Southern California beaches to soak in the sun and splash around in the chilly — and sometimes hazardous — water on Sunday as the temperature hit a record high. The previous record for the day was 85, set in 1962.

Forecasters said it would be in the mid- to high 70s today.

Lifeguards rescued 12 swimmers from rip currents, which are also called riptides, at beaches from Los Angeles to Long Beach, said Lt. Wally Millican of the Los Angeles County Lifeguards southern section headquarters in Hermosa Beach.

"Even though it's summer-like weather, we have winter water," he said. "There are riptides."

Rip currents are created when rough surf creates mounds and depressions in the sand just offshore. Retreating waves are funneled into narrow channels, creating a strong, dangerous offshore current that can pull even strong swimmers out to sea.

OSHA says investigation is continuing

Thirty-five-year-old Max Drum remained in critical condition in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital this morning following an oilfield accident Thursday night which killed three people and injured two.

Officials were awaiting results of autopsies performed on the three victims, and investigators with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration said it may be weeks before their report is complete.

Killed were Drum's father, 60-year-old R. L "Buddy" Drum, Juan Guardado, 30, and Jerry McNew, 26.

Drum and Guardado were pronounced dead at the scene of the accident at the Drum Salt Water Disposal site, some two miles west of Highway 84 on FM 612 near Fluvanna.

McNew died Friday around 7:30 a.m. at Methodist Hospital.

Juan Guardado's brother, 39-year-old Artoro, was hospitalized Thursday night at Cogdell Hospital for treatment, and was released Friday morning.

Buddy Drum was the owner of Drum Transport Services, while the others were employees.

Some of the employees were cleaning the frac tank when they were overcome by what emergency personnel believe may have been hydrogen sulfide gas. It is unclear who was initially in the tank and how long. Some may have been overcome trying to rescue downed co-workers. It is known that Artoro Guaradado discovered the four men unconscious inside the tank shortly before 7 p.m.

Autopsies were ordered on the deceased and they were conducted in Lubbock. Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds said the results would probably not be known for at least two weeks. Reynolds said he had ruled the death of Guardado as an accidental death and expected to rule the same way on the other two victims.

Pat Bradley, area director of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said members of her office had been at the accident site Friday and said the investigation is still continuing.

"It may be several weeks before we conclude the investigation," said Bradley.

Plane crashes into market; hundreds dead

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — A cargo plane slammed into a busy market seconds after taking off today and exploded into flames. Hospital workers and news reports said more than 200 people were killed.

The Russian-made Antonov 32 had just become airborne when it plummeted to the ground. The turboprop skidded 600 feet across a major avenue, smashing through cars and market stalls before stopping. Witnesses said the plane then exploded.

Most of the dead were on the ground, but there was no official word on casualties. Estimates from hospital workers and the national news agency put the death toll at more than 200.

Morgues at the city's four main hospitals were filled with bodies, many of them burned or with missing limbs.

The local Red Cross put out a call on national media for people to donate blood for the wounded. "Bring your blood to save the injured. They need us to survive," Dr. Maholo Pelagie of the Kinshasa blood bank said over state-run radio.

It was not immediately known how many people were on board. The Zaire news agency said the aircraft carried at least five crew members on board when it crashed about 1 p.m. (7 a.m. EST).

The turbo-prop aircraft plunged into one of the numerous outdoor markets spread across Kinshasa, an impoverished city of 6 million people. The airport marketplace, where people sell anything from live chickens to clothing, usually attracts 1,500 to 2,000 hawkers, said Francine Mokoko, a spokeswoman for state-run television.

The crash was the second in the past month involving a Zaire-based cargo plane. On Dec. 18, a jet operated by Zaire's Trans Service Airlift, a charter company, crashed in Angola, killing at least 136 people.

On Dec. 3, a Cameroon Airlines Boeing 737 on a commercial flight slammed into swamps while trying to land at Cameroon's international airport, and 72 people died. Three Nigerian jets also have crashed in recent months, the latest in November.

Southern Electric seeks road closing to allow for expansion

Snyder City Council members will consider three items of new business when they convene this evening at 6:30 for their first meeting of 1996.

Southern Electric, Inc. has asked the city to close the 1800 block of 9th Street due to expansion plans.

The company is in the process of adding lumber and building materials to its inventory. The expansion will be located south of the main building at 900 College Ave.

John Reed, Southern Electric president, stated in a letter to the city that the company anticipates increased customer traffic due to the additional product lines and feels that closing the street would be in the best interest of customer safety.

Doug Hutchinson, executive director of the Development Corporation of Snyder, will present the annual report of the DCOS. The council will also consider a proposal from Freese and Nichols, Inc. to provide engineering design services for city utility improvements.

Among the improvements the city is considering are to the water system at the present Highway 84 booster pump station, the wastewater system at the 37th Street lift station and a waterline from the newly planned water treatment plant to 37th Street.

The firm proposes to perform the engineering services at a cost of $55,700.

The council will also consider one item of old business — the second reading of an ordinance closing the 1200 block of 32nd Street.

The street is located between Avenues L and M and its closing is required for the expansion of the planned water treatment plant.

Merit awards, bids on trustees' agenda

Western Texas College trustees will consider merit awards for classified/clerical personnel, bids and retirement and resignation requests in a meeting set for 7 this evening.

When trustees approved the 1995-96 budget last year, they approved a 1 percent across-the-board raise for all employees and merit pay for faculty and administrators.

However, merit bonuses were not approved for classified/clerical staff. Since that time, funds have become available and the request has been resubmitted to the board.

Trustees will also consider bids for vehicle insurance, purchase of steers and repair of the cooling tower.

Other agenda items are acceptance of a retirement and a resignation, approval of financial information and previous minutes.

During information and discussion, the board will receive an overview of a bill passed by the 74th State Legislature and hear a report pertaining to retirement.

Hearing set for widening of 30th Street

A formal hearing on the proposed widening of 30th Street by the Texas Department of Transportation will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Snyder Junior High School.

Area TxDot engineer Mike Taylor said the meeting will center around the environmental impact study.

Taylor said the project has environmental clearance and bids are expected to be let on the project in April.

The widening of the street will extend from College Avenue west to El Paso Street.

Long, Howard exhibit grand champions at Ira

Colton Long exhibited the grand champion lamb and Katie Howard showed the top pig at the Ira FFA Stock Show, held Saturday.

Long's winning entry was a heavyweight Cross; Howard exhibited a lightweight Cross.

Showing the reserve champions were Tyler Frey with her heavyweight Cross lamb and Colter Brown with his heavyweight Cross pig.

Tyler Frey won the Junior Showmanwhip award. Senior Showmanship went to Jackie Beck.

Show judge was Richard Smith, Hermleigh AST.

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ASK US

Q—At 26 degrees Sunday, was that the coldest playoff game the Cowboys have ever played in?

A—It was the coldest home playoff game in Cowboys' history but not near the coldest playoff game. Remember the minus-13 degrees at Green Bay in 1967?

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 33 degrees, low, 14; high Sunday, 43, low, 14; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 24. No precipitation and total to date: .21 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Clear tonight in low 30s. Tuesday, mostly sunny, high 70-75. Wind 5-15 mph.

Sunset: 5:57 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:17 a.m.

Of seven days in 1996, the sun has shone in Snyder five days.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Stern discipline is for him who forsakes the way; He who hates reproof will die.

Proverbs 15:10

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DWI law that yanks licenses is successful

WACO (AP) — A year-old program designed to quickly yank licenses from people charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs appears to be succeeding, supporters say.

While no detailed numbers are available, Bill Lewis, public policy liaison for the Texas chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said the law seems to be working "better than we expected."

"Some people don't really believe that they're going to suffer some sort of significant punishment for driving while intoxicated, but they can imagine losing their license," he said.

More than 70,000 Texans arrested on drunken driving charges in 1995 have fallen under the program that includes an administrative license revocation hearing to determine whether the person's license should be suspended for up to 180 days.

Once arrested, a person receives notice that his license will be automatically suspended in 40 days unless he requests a hearing within 15 days. The suspension — which can range from two months to a year — and any hearings are independent of any criminal charges.

Before the ALR suspensions began, anyone who failed a breath test still could drive until his trial, which could be months after an arrest. First-time offenders often got probation and never lost driving privileges.

Of the more than 72,000 suspension notices issued in the first 11 months of 1995, 13,390 people requested a hearing before an administrative law judge.

Of the 8,783 hearings held in the first 11 months of 1995, the state won 77 percent of the hearings. The civil ALR hearings only require that a "preponderance of evidence" show that the driver was drunk.

If a person loses an ALR hearing, but wins his DWI trial, the suspension is lifted. If the suspension ended before the trial, as in most cases, an acquittal simply means the records of the suspension are erased from the person's record.

Supporters hope the program deters potential drunken drivers.

"The idea of the ALR statute is to provide a swift hearing and if a person is going to lose their license that it happens quickly," Chuck Karakashian, a Texas Department of Public Safety attorney, told the Waco Tribune-Herald for Sunday editions. "If someone who is driving intoxicated in November and winds up losing their license in January, they associate that drinking behavior with losing their license."

But others aren't so sure the program is much of a deterrent.

"Let's be honest with the public and honest with each other — we're not getting tough with DWIs," said Charles Van Orden, a Belton attorney who has represented clients in two ALR hearings. "It's not reality to tell people we're going to automatically suspend their license. It just doesn't happen that way."

A person arrested for DWI can ask for a hearing, then appeal the hearing, which could mean months pass before a suspension begins, he said.

"By that time your DWI's gone to court, you then get an occupational license and in reality your license is never suspended," Van Orden said. "It's suspended in a computer somewhere, but you're still driving."

Democratic Sen. Judith Zaffirini of Laredo, who co-authored the bill during the 1993 legislative session, said she is unsure whether the license revocation program has had a direct effect on fatalities and arrests.

"It will be hard to isolate ALR in and of itself, because we know that many people are drinking less," she said.

The Texas Department of Public Safety estimates that 44,426 people were arrested statewide on DWI charges in the first six months of 1995, down from the 52,659 DWI arrests in the first half of 1994.

Alcohol-related traffic deaths also dropped 4.7 percent in the first half of 1995 compared to 1994.

Sheriff candidate in Hays County has pot conviction

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Hays County sheriff candidate Jeffrey "Zeal" Stefanoff won't say whether he still smokes marijuana, but he was once convicted for smoking pot in the San Marcos Police Station.

The 43-year-old Driftwood resident has been arrested on misdemeanor charges three other times since 1988 during civil protests on issues ranging from U.S. policies in Central America to marijuana legalization.

His 1991 conviction for smoking marijuana in the police station earned Stefanoff a 180-day sentence at the Hays County Law Enforcement Center where he now wants to run as sheriff.

Stefanoff faces Don Montegue, a 48-year-old chief deputy in the Sheriff's Department and a former Texas Department of Public Safety trooper, in the Democratic primary March 12. The winner will face Republican Jim Coley, chief investigator for Hays County prosecutors and a former Houston patrolman.

All want to succeed Sheriff Paul Hastings, who opted not to seek another term and is endorsing Montegue.

"One thing I like about the Democratic Party is we have such a wide range of candidates," Hastings said, "from a president who did not inhale to a sheriff's candidate who has not exhaled since 1974, the ultimate year of the hippie."

Stefanoff's misdemeanor brushes with the law would not prohibit him from serving, if he's elected.

"Local politicians think that will hurt me," Stefanoff said of his conviction, "but if anything it will help me because so many people in this county smoke hemp."

Stefanoff has pushed to legalize the cultivation of hemp for industrial, medicinal and personal uses. In 1992, he helped convince Hays County Democrats to adopt a resolution at their county convention endorsing the legalization of hemp cultivation for fuel, fiber, paper and medicine.

"I suspect more than likely that will be an issue in the campaign," Montegue said of Stefanoff's stand on hemp. "We've got a lot of citizens who do not partake in that kind of activity and would not like someone in office who did."

Stefanoff, who isn't going to make hemp legalization an issue in his campaign, declined to say whether he still smokes marijuana.

If elected sheriff, Stefanoff said he won't go looking for marijuana.

"If it's in my face, I'll have to do something about it," he said.

Stefanoff, who lacks experience as a peace officer, says his priorities as sheriff would include curbing violent crime, protecting civil rights and expanding programs to help at-risk youths.

A civilian elected as sheriff must take a minimum of 560 hours of instruction within two years to become licensed as a peace officer or face removal from office, said Charles Barrett, director of licensing for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education.

Although he prosecuted Stefanoff on pot charges in 1991, Hays County District Attorney Marcos Hernandez said: "I can work with anyone who has enough public trust to get elected sheriff."

San Marcos is about 45 miles northeast of San Antonio.

Father, son running for sheriff in Huchinson Co.

BORGER (AP) — Don't like Blackmon for Hutchinson County sheriff? Then go with Blackmon.

Longtime Sheriff Lon Blackmon says he and his son, Michael L. "Mickey" Blackmon, are "both running for the same office and really for the same reasons."

The sheriff said, "One of our primary interests is the interests of the people of this county."

Their names will not appear on the same ballot until November, because Lon Blackmon has filed as a Democrat; his son, a Republican. Neither has an opponent in the primary.

Lon Blackmon, 66, who has served as sheriff since 1977, said he wants to remain in the position only if a majority of voters agrees.

He did not rule out withdrawal from the race at some point, depending on his health. In early June, Blackmon suffered a heart attack. He underwent surgery in early July to remove a cancerous tumor from a portion of his colon. The sheriff said he continues to undergo weekly chemotherapy treatments.

But Mickey Blackmon said he's not running for sheriff because of his father's health.

"I hope people will stop and realize that he's taught me almost everything I know in this business," he said. "He's been my mentor."

Mickey Blackmon, 43, grew up in Stinnett and graduated from high school in Borger. He has worked since March 1977 as a district attorney's investigator.

If elected, Mickey Blackmon said he'll continue the tradition that his father has built in the office.

"It's not like I plan any major or massive changes," Mickey Blackmon said. "There's no way that anybody could fill his shoes — and that includes me — and I don't intend to try. I just believe that what he's done with that department needs to be carried on."

Parents in richer school districts raise extra funds

HOUSTON (AP) — Parents in richer school districts are using fund-raising know-how and their own deep pockets to equip their schools with the latest technology, playgrounds and teaching materials.

From Highland Park in Dallas to West University Place in Houston, from the Piney Woods to the Permian Basin, schools, particularly those in wealthier districts, are leaning on their students well-heeled parents to come up with extra funding.

"I wish I knew how much I have spent," laments Luke Groves, president of the Permian High School Football Booster Club in West Texas. "I'd like to have it back because I'd be wealthy."

School fund-raisers now include silent auctions at country clubs, which can raise as much as $100,000 a year for individual schools, and district-sponsored foundations with multimillion-dollar goals.

Some districts are even joining with banks to issue "affinity cards" — Visa and MasterCard charge cards that promote the schools and offer them a percentage of every purchase.

Two factors have led to the change in school fund raising: shrinking government funding of public schools and Texas' new school finance laws that, in some instances, require wealthy districts to share their tax dollars with poorer districts.

The University Park Elementary School PTA in Dallas' Highland Park district conducts some of the most successful PTA fund-raisers in Texas. The PTA's president, Ernestine Haas, said the money stays at the school, rather than being shared with other districts as property taxes are.

"With (the state's school finance plan), we are giving away more and more," said Charlene Ingram, president of the Cedar Creek Booster Club in the affluent Eanes School District outside Austin. "As parents become more and more aware of how much money the school is giving away, parents feel more compelled to help out boosters."

Nationally, PTAs, booster clubs and other school-related groups raise about $1.5 billion a year, according to the Atlanta-based Association for Fund Raising and Direct Sales.

To some critics, this seemingly endless procession of school fund-raisers has a serious drawback: Parents of children in wealthy schools undeniably are able to raise tens of thousands of dollars more than parents of children in poor schools or districts.

Besides having the money to spend, parents in wealthy districts also are more likely to have professional backgrounds that allow them to donate unusual auction items.

Such was the case in two schools in the Eanes district, where physician-fathers donated a vasectomy, a facial peel by a plastic surgeon and other medical services.

By contrast, in Hidalgo County's Edcouch-Elsa school district — one of the state's poorest — principals at two elementary schools say they have no parent groups to conduct fund raising.

Dawn Haynes, a PTA member at Peck Elementary School in Houston's Fourth Ward, said parents hold several different fund-raisers for the school, but even combined they don't generate the tens of thousands of dollars that places like West University and River Oaks elementary schools can do with a single event.

At West University Elementary in Houston, PTA-sponsored fund-raisers provided the school with a computer lab.

Oil Patch News

Borden County

Burkard Petroleum Co. has completed the No. 1 Jack Lott in the U Lazy S west field, 12 miles north of Gail. The well was finaled to produce 81 barrels of 31 gravity oil and 33 barrels of water. Perforations were from 8,690-710 feet, and location is in Section 3, Block JP, J.T. Beal survey.

Kent County

Knox Industries Inc. has completed the No. 1-B Godfrey in the Lyn Kay field, 25 miles southwest of Spur. The well was finaled to produce 35 barrels of 36 gravity oil and four barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,194-205 feet and location is in Section 7, Block B, J.J. Martin survey.

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. John in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,200 feet, location is in Section 30, Block 2, T&NP survey.

Primrose Operating Co. will drill the No. 56-G Exxon Fee in the Dorward field, four miles east of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 136, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating will drill the No. 58-G Exxon Fee in the Dorward field, four miles east of Justiceburg. Also scheduled for a depth of 4,000 feet, drill site is in Section 136, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating will drill the No. 8-R Exxon Fee in the Dorward field, four miles east of Justiceburg. Contracted for 4,000 feet, location is in Section 136, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Yates Energy will drill the No. 1-944 Rocking Horse in the Roxanne Kay field, six miles northwest of Justiceburg. Planned depth is 8,300 feet, and location is in Section 944, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Fina Oil and Chemical will drill the No. 837 Westbrook southeast unit in the Westbrook field, three miles northwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Fina will drill the No. 908 Westbrook southeast unit in the same field, three miles northwest of Westbrook. Also set for 3,300 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Howard County

Lakewood Operating will drill the No. 1 Whitetail in the Vincent west field, 22.3 miles northeast of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 7,800 feet, location is in Section 30, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Natural Energy Inc. has completed the No. 3 Cochran Estate in the Group field, seven miles northwest of Blackwell. The well was finaled to produce 96 barrels of 40 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 4,007-017 feet, and location is in Section 105, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx Energy has completed the No. 4819 Southwest Nena Lucia unit in the Nena Lucia field, 12 miles southwest of Maryneal. The well was finaled to produce 60 barrels of 44.8 gravity oil and 1,001 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,985-7,002 feet, and location is in Section 87, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

ATAPCO will drill the No. 1 Jessie Little in the White Flat field, two miles southeast of Herndon. Planned for a depth of 3,000 feet, location is in Section 25, Block 20, T&P survey.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Don't take risks with hematuria

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have blood in my urine and all tests have been negative. Should I be concerned about this? What are my options?

DEAR READER: Blood in the urine (hematuria) is always abnormal and should be investigated, using tests such as a urine culture (for infection), kidney X-rays (for stones or tumors) and cystoscopy (a technique of examining the lower urinary tract with a lighted instrument).

You don't mention what tests you have had but, in my opinion, you should be under the care of a urologist, who can review your medical record and perform the cystoscopy.

If you've already had all this testing, return to the urologist for a discussion or seek a second opinion from another urologist. In my view, you need to know what is causing the bleeding and what needs to be done about it.

To give you more information, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Kidney Disorders" and "Bladder and Urinary Tract Infections." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: We have a store in Hawaii and my employees assure me that a major health problem of native Hawaiians is Huli stomach. They say it is similar to a medical condition of horses in which the stomach gets turned around and can become fatal if not turned back. People with this condition fill the medical centers at Thanksgiving and feast holidays. Children who play too hard are also victims. The symptoms are great pain and one leg pulled up shorter than the other. The treatment is to hold the patient straight and pull the leg even with the other, while massaging or manipulating the stomach back into position. One mainland doctor was quoted as saying, "I'd never heard of it either, but that's all I do now." Is someone pulling my leg?

DEAR READER: Abdominal cramping is often caused by pockets of air that distend portions of intestine. This can result from infection, intestinal blockage or dietary indiscretions (which are common during holidays).

Such cramps are often relieved by flexing the legs, a maneuver that takes pressure off the abdominal muscles. The gas pocket can, of course, be dispersed by gentle abdominal massage. The condition can be worsened by exercise.

I am not familiar with "Huli stomach," but far be it from me to criticize the successful therapy you describe. If it works, fine. People laughed at acupuncture, until medical studies proved its effectiveness. Stomach cramps are customarily treated with over the counter remedies, such as Alka Seltzer or Pepto-Bismol.

I suspect that the syndrome you describe is real. The only time your employees may be pulling your leg is to relieve the pain of your Huli stomach, brought on by too much Christmas turkey.

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Rivera to help charity

NEW YORK (AP) — Geraldo Rivera is leaving the studio for the front lines.

The talk show host went to Bosnia Friday and will interview U.S. soldiers in Tuzla Monday on his CNBC show, "Rivera Live."

Rivera also will help the charity Feed the Children deliver five truckloads of food, clothing and bedding to the Mostar Orphanage, CNBC officials said.

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Republicans reject Clinton's budget plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans rejected President Clinton's plan for a balanced budget Sunday and warned that they will close government programs they don't like if there's no agreement on a budget plan in the next few weeks.

"We are going to fund only those programs we want to fund," said House Republican Whip Tom DeLay of Texas. Spending bills must originate in the House, he said, adding, "We're in charge. We don't have to negotiate with the Senate, we don't have to negotiate with the Democrats."

Clinton ended a three-week shutdown of federal programs Saturday when he acceded to Republican demands and offered a new seven-year balanced budget plan.

That announcement kicked in congressional action to fund all government programs, but only through Jan. 26. If there's no budget agreement by then, federal offices could close for the third time this fiscal year.

At that point, DeLay said on NBC's "Meet the Press," if House Republicans don't want to fund programs they don't like, such as the National Endowment for the Arts or the Legal Services Corporation, "we just won't bring it up on the floor and fund it."

The Clinton proposal provided far less savings in Medicare, Medicaid and welfare than the seven-year plan that emerged from Congress last year, and would cut taxes over seven years by $87 billion, well below the $241 billion sought by the Republicans.

"It shows us that Bill Clinton is the big spending liberal Democrat we always thought he was," said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, on CBS' "Face the Nation." "We are a long and far way apart."

"We're very concerned about whether there are two snow jobs going on here in Washington," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., speaking of the snowstorm that shut down the capital and led to cancellation of further budget talks Sunday.

Clinton, asked as he left church what he would do about Republican criticisms of his budget, replied, "Keep working for it."

The Republican response was not all negative. Lott, also on CBS, said the Clinton budget was "a positive step. He finally gave in to submitting a real budget."

Lott and Boehner also agreed the two sides could split the difference over the amount of Medicare savings — Congress has proposed $201 billion over seven years, the president $102 billion. "It's realistic and doable," Boehner said.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, appearing on "Meet the Press," was less enthusiastic about a Medicare compromise. "I think the answer there is very simple and that is no."

And Republican presidential candidate Steve Forbes said on NBC that he would oppose any changes in the GOP tax cut plan if capital gains were affected. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, Forbes' presidential rival, has "shown once again he's too eager to make a deal," Forbes said.

Rubin and the Republicans also clashed over the fate of the debt ceiling, which has been stuck at $4.9 trillion since last fall, when Republicans linked raising the ceiling to a budget deal.

Republicans have threatened to start impeachment proceedings against Rubin because of his maneuvers, mostly borrowing from federal trust funds, to keep from exceeding the ceiling, and another crisis looms when the Treasury must meet more interest payments in mid-February.

"I am fulfilling my constitutional obligations of doing everything possible" to meet the government's debt responsibilities, Rubin said, warning that the failure of Congress to raise the ceiling could threaten Social Security and Medicare payments and "cause a question mark with respect to the integrity of our country."

But DeLay, a Republican from the Houston suburb of Sugar Land, accused Rubin of "looting the trust funds." He said that while the secretary was operating legally, "if corporate America had done what he has been doing they would be in jail right now." DeLay said Congress would not raise the debt limit until a balanced budget agreement is reached.

Ag economist says flat tax would hurt U.S. farmers

AMES, Iowa (AP) — An agriculture economist said farmers must sound the alarm about the flat tax idea before it's too late.

The flat tax "is the dumbest thing to come out of Washington in my life time," said Iowa State University economist Neil Harl. He said the idea would be "ruinous for many, including farmers" and would be the demise of many family farm operations.

Proponents said Harl is mistaken and that the flat tax would drive interest rates down, thus helping farmers.

The idea is to replace the current income tax system that has complicated deductions, credits and tax rates. The substitute would be a single percentage tax. Presidential hopeful Steve Forbes has spent millions of advertising dollars to advocate a flat rate of 17 percent.

The major selling point is simplicity. Taxes could be filed on a postcard in some cases.

Harl said the idea is irresponsible and could lead to a disaster in agricultural states. He said a tax cut in 1981 proposed by the Reagan administration was in part responsible for the farm crisis later that decade.

The flat tax idea is irresponsible because it would "cut the heart out of the revenue system," Harl said last week.

"I shudder at what this would look like. (It) would be more extreme than the '81 cut by a large margin."

He said removing deductibility on interest, as some flat tax proposals would do, would hurt younger farmers who have more debt. That would tilt the tax system toward older, more established farmers and toward outside investors who could spend large amounts of capital from ventures outside of agriculture.

Harl said the family farm operation would suffer as a result.

"I could think of nothing that would speed the industrialization of agriculture more than a proposal like this," he said.

He said the flat tax would also lead to an increase in tax-shelter farmers — investors who buy farmland to harvest tax breaks, not crops.

Proponents of the flat tax scoffed at Harl's concern.

"He is clearly off in some ivory tower," said Dan Mitchell, senior fellow at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Mitchell said the foundation considers the flat tax to be "the best thing since sliced bread for the American economy, including agriculture."

A flat tax would lead to lower interest rates, which farmers would favor, Mitchell said.

Bill Hobby is cleaning UH house

HOUSTON (AP) — University of Houston System Chancellor William P. Hobby has forced out his predecessor's two top associates.

Dell Felder and Ed Whalen, the system second- and third-in-commands since 1990, submitted resignations effective immediately, Hobby said in a Friday statement. But he made it clear in a telephone interview the decision was his.

"I simply made the judgment that this change was the best for the enterprise as a whole," said Hobby. He did not elaborate.

The two departures had been expected since last summer, when a system shake-up claimed the jobs of then UH System Chancellor Alex Schilt, then UH President James Pickering and then UH-Victoria President Lesta Van Turchen. All three were criticized for failed leadership.

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By Abigail Van Buren



Part-Time Dad Tries Hard To Give Full-Time Support

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to the letter you printed from the apparently "disgruntled" mother about fathers who do nothing more than send in their required child support payments. While I agree that they are fulfilling their legal obligations and nothing more, I'm concerned that other fathers (including myself) are getting a bad rap.

I currently take my children to weekly counseling sessions, due in part to an ex-wife who constantly tells them what a "jerk" their father is.

Not only do I send the required child support payments on time, I send an amount *over* the required legal minimum. I also help their mother with religious school tuition, summer camp expenses and assorted other child-care expenses — gifts, sports and extracurricular activities.

In addition to paying off the tremendous debts that my ex helped accumulate during our marriage (the debts and the clothes on my back were all I got in the divorce agreement), I attend my kids' school and extracurricular activities with enthusiasm (when I'm notified about them) and call the kids regularly. Regrettably, I have only the legally minimum visitation opportunities, which their mother tried to deny me.

I now must contend with the ongoing slander that my ex-wife feeds our children and spreads around town in her attempt to make everyone feel sorry for her. (No matter that her boyfriend moved in with her and my kids before the ink was dry on the divorce agreement!)

I hope your readers realize that many fathers like myself have tremendous love and concern for our children's welfare. We share the pain and emotional turmoil they experience as a result of a divorce.

Yes, like the song says, "She got the gold mine — I got the shaft!"

HAD IT IN DALLAS

DEAR HAD IT: Your point is well-taken. In a divorce, one rarely comes out unscathed. Everyone pays — one way or another. However, the damage can be kept to a minimum if the parents refrain from using children as pawns to vent their frustration and anger at ex-spouses, and fulfill their financial responsibilities instead of trying to sabotage each other.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a freshman in college. My roommate does not wear a bra. I envy her, since I consider bras a nuisance — but I've never had the guts to go out in public without one.

Now that winter has come and I can wear sweaters and sweatshirts that are very concealing, I have stopped wearing a bra — and love every minute of it. I have overcome the fear of going out in public without a bra, and my roommate has been helping me choose clothes that conceal bralessness. I hope to never wear one again.

However, I'm worried that not wearing a bra will cause my breasts to sag as I get older. My roommate claims there is no proof that bras prevent sagging, and that her 50-year-old mom hasn't worn a bra for 25 years and still has firm breasts.

What do you think, Abby?

BRALESS AND LOVING IT

DEAR BRALESS: It all depends on how "bosomy" you are. If you are a 32-A, OK; but a 36-DD requires maximum support.

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DEAR ABBY: I read your column about the bandleader who played songs in honor of wedding anniversaries. You asked for suggestions for anniversaries over 50 years. How about, "Never in a Million Years"?

ROGER MCGUIRE,
REPUBLIC, PA.

DEAR ROGER: Thank you. Since I have been married for 56 years to a loving husband I'll call Saint Morton, I beg to disagree with you.

Among the other suggestions I received for 50-plus anniversaries were, "We Did It Before and We Can Do It Again," "It Had Better Be Tonight," "Now and Then," "Thanks for the Memories" and "I've Got Plenty of Nothin'."

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Dealer: North

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1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♠3

Top for the year

By Phillip Alder

Each year the International Bridge Press Association gives awards for the best-bid, best-played and best-defended deals. So, for the next three days, let us look at the winners for 1995. First, bidding.

Sitting North and South were Larry Cohen, of Little Falls, New Jersey, and David Berkowitz, of Old Tappan, New Jersey.

They use the Precision Club system, in which a one-club opening is artificial, showing at least 16 high-card points with any distribution. Also, a one-diamond opening doesn't promise diamonds. It is often the bid for "putting the ball in court," showing a hand worth opening but having no more descriptive bid available. So, Berkowitz preferred to start with an off-center one no-trump, showing 14-16 points, rather than the nebulous one diamond. However, after receiving a raise, which denied a four-card major because North hadn't used Stayman, Berkowitz's heart holding made him nervous about no-trump. Thinking five diamonds would be impossible, Berkowitz tried to reach four spades on a 4-3 fit.

To Cohen, three spades sounded like a five-card suit, so he raised.

West probably should have led a heart, but he selected a trump. Berkowitz won in hand and played the diamond king. It was hard for West to envisage the diamond ruff. After winning with the diamond ace, West switched to a heart. East won with the ace and returned the suit, but West missed his last chance, exiting with a spade.

Berkowitz drew trumps and claimed the remainder.

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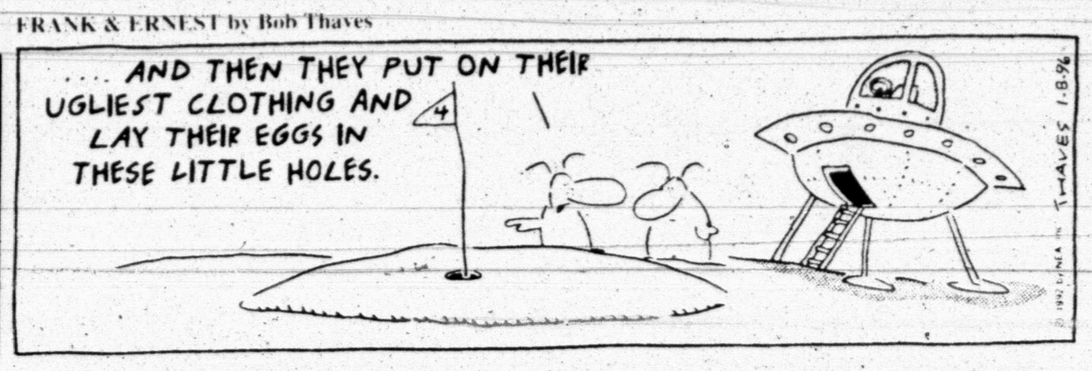
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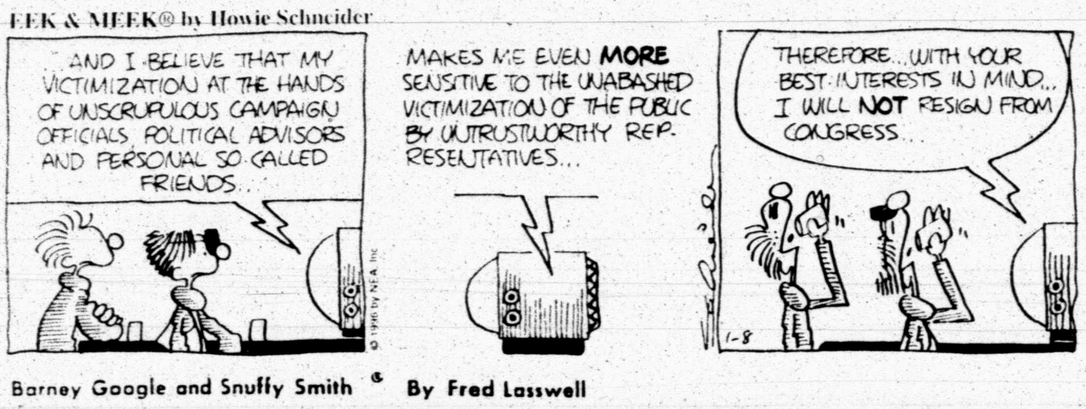
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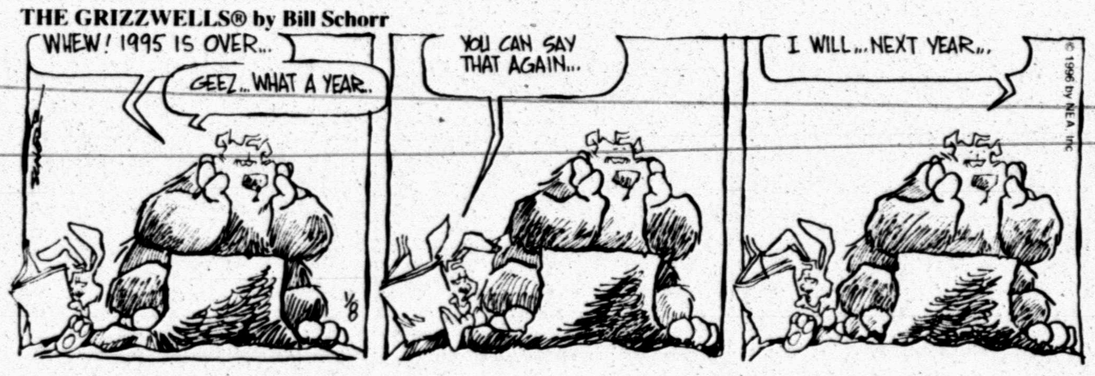
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13 Old age
14 By and by
15 Gaunt
16 TV's — Peeples
17 Computer term
18 Last
20 Barnyard bird
21 Dollar bill
22 Twosome
23 Sacred pictures
26 Passage
30 Scooby —
31 Ray
32 Gums
33 Poetic time of day
34 Parts of a yard
35 Code dot
36 Tangled
38 Japanese-American
40 Possesses
41 Tennis-court divider
42 Unless (2 wds.)
45 Type of dog
49 Necklace unit
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55 Talk back to (sl.)
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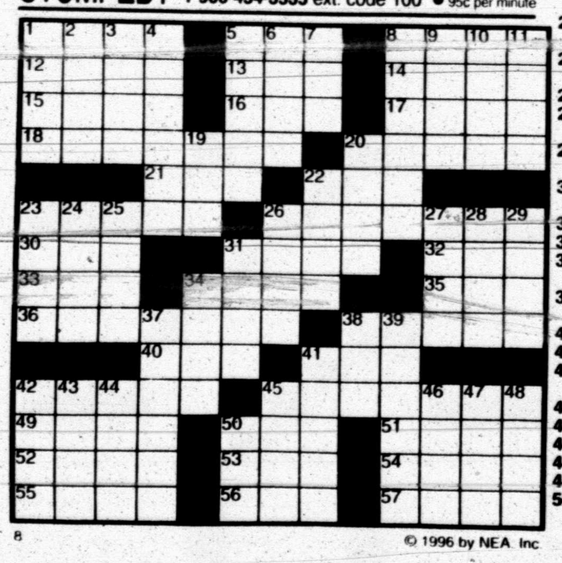
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19 Cricket positions
20 Pacific island
22 Mild expletive
23 — of March
24 Film director Joel —
25 Mrs. Charles Chaplin
26 — off (started a golf game)
27 Beer
28 Tennis pro — Nastase
29 Film director Jacques —
31 Honey producers
34 Level
37 — Scholar
38 Comparative ending
39 Lift with effort
41 Requirements
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43 Greek cheese
44 Grabs
45 Rookie
46 Data
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48 Evaluate
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SPORTS

Cowboys advance to next level with solid victory over Eagles

IRVING (AP) — Most of the Dallas Cowboys don't care that they won't have a chance for revenge against the San Francisco 49ers. The new obstacle on the way to the Super Bowl is Green Bay, and that will be enough of a challenge.

Dallas put it all together just in time for the NFC championship game, whipping the Philadelphia Eagles 30-11 Sunday to earn a fourth consecutive trip to the title game.

"They (the Packers) are a team to be reckoned with," Dallas running back Emmitt Smith said.

The last three seasons, it's been Dallas vs. San Francisco in the NFC title game. But the Packers changed all that Saturday, when they defeated the defending Super Bowl champs.

Green Bay, which has lost six consecutive times to Dallas, including a 34-24 defeat this year, will come calling next Sunday in Texas Stadium.

"I have a lot of respect for Green Bay," Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman said.

"It's almost as if a monster is on the loose in Green Bay," safety Darren Woodson said. "We know Brett Favre is going to come to battle, but he's the same quarterback we aced early this season. He's scary."

If the Cowboys recall ancient history, they can surely get worked up over the fact that the Green Bay Packers beat them twice in two wrenching losses in the late 1960s.

Green Bay beat Dallas 21-17 in the 1967 "Ice Bowl" game at Lambeau Field and edged the Cowboys 34-27 in Dallas at the Cotton Bowl in a 1966 title game.

Only Dallas wide receiver Kevin Williams said he was sorry to be missing a shot at San Francisco.

"We really wanted to play the 49ers, because they beat us earlier because we were out for a little revenge," Williams said. "Green Bay is in line. Let's take 'em on."

Even Deion Sanders, who played for the 49ers last year, didn't do any mourning over the lost matchup.

"We'll be playing a great team anyway," he said. "No doubt the Packers will be ready to play. They have Favre and one hell of a defense."

Sanders, the Cowboys' $35 million man, scored his first Dallas touchdown on a 21-yard reverse to ignite the win. It was the first time, other than on kick returns, he had scored on a run in the NFL, and he treated the fans at freezing Texas Stadium to his customary end zone dance.

"It felt great to finally have a large impact on a game," Sanders said.

The Eagles were hurt in the second quarter when quarterback Rodney Peete was knocked out of the game with a concussion. He was replaced by an ineffective Randall Cunningham.

It was the end to an overachieving season under coach of the year Ray Rhodes, who guided Philadelphia to a 10-6 regular season and a 58-37 rout of Detroit in the wild-card round.

"We exceeded a lot of people's expectations, but not mine," Rhodes said. "We've got to remember what it feels like to walk off the field after a tough loss like this."

The win served as sweet vindication for Dallas coach Barry Switzer, who was criticized for his abortive fourth-and-1 call from his own 29 in a Dec. 10 loss to the Eagles.

Switzer didn't have any tough calls this time, except for fourth down at the Eagles 1. He called for the field goal.

Dallas is 13-4 in Switzer's second season.

"We got Deion loose for the first time, and he showed what kind of speed he possesses on that reverse," Switzer said. "It was a great all-around effort from the defense to the offense. I didn't get to see the dance. I wasn't invited."

It was the kind of play Dallas owner Jerry Jones dreamed about when he gave Sanders a $13 million bonus to leave the 49ers.

"It was a great, great run," Jones said.

Sanders ran for a touchdown, caught a pass, and intercepted a pass.

Asked the difference between playing for the 49ers and the Cowboys, Sanders said, "the team I played for last year is at home watching. The team I play for this year will be playing next week for the Super Bowl."

NFL PLAYOFFS

By The Associated Press
NFL Playoffs
Wild-Card Round
Saturday, Dec. 30

Buffalo 37, Miami 22
Philadelphia 58, Detroit 37

Sunday, Dec. 31

Green Bay 37, Atlanta 20
Indianapolis 35, San Diego 20

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6

Pittsburgh 40, Buffalo 21
Green Bay 27, San Francisco 17

Sunday, Jan. 7

Dallas 30, Philadelphia 11
Indianapolis 10, Kansas City 7

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14

Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 12:30 or 4 p.m.
Green Bay at Dallas, 12:30 or 4 p.m.

Super Bowl
At Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.
Sunday, Jan. 28

Indianapolis-Pittsburgh winner vs. Green Bay-Dallas winner, 6:20 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 4

Pro Bowl at Honolulu

NBA AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
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All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Orlando	25	7	.781	—
NewYork	20	10	.667	4
Miami	16	14	.533	8
Washington	16	15	.516	8½
Boston	13	18	.419	11½
NewJersey	12	18	.400	12
Philadelphia	6	24	.200	18
Central Division				
Chicago	28	3	.903	—
Indiana	18	13	.581	10
Cleveland	17	13	.567	10½
Detroit	16	15	.516	12
Charlotte	15	17	.469	13½
Atlanta	14	17	.452	14
Milwaukee	12	19	.387	16
Toronto	9	23	.281	19½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	24	9	.727	—
SanAntonio	20	9	.690	2
Utah	21	11	.656	2½
Denver	14	19	.424	10
Dallas	9	22	.290	14
Minnesota	8	23	.258	15
Vancouver	6	26	.188	17½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	22	9	.710	—
Sacramento	19	9	.679	1½
L.A.Lakers	17	17	.500	6½
Portland	15	18	.455	8
Phoenix	13	16	.448	8
GoldenState	14	18	.438	8½
L.A.Clippers	13	20	.394	10

Saturday's Games

Charlotte 96, Atlanta 90
Cleveland 105, Orlando 94
Detroit 90, Washington 82
Chicago 113, Milwaukee 84
Houston 99, Indiana 87
Miami 88, Denver 86
Sacramento 115, Golden State 106

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at New Jersey, ppd., snow
Seattle at New York, ppd., snow
L.A. Clippers 101, Vancouver 93
Dallas 117, Boston 96
Denver 96, L.A. Lakers 93
Portland 113, Minnesota 97

Monday's Games

Orlando at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Utah, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Charlotte at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Boston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

O'Meara holds on to win Mercedes tourney

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Mark O'Meara had everything under control at the Mercedes Championships. He hit fairway after fairway, green after green. He made putt after putt.

It was just about a perfect performance, more than good enough to give him a three-stroke victory over Nick Faldo and Scott Hoch at La Costa Resort and Spa.

O'Meara's final-round of 68 on Sunday — his fourth consecutive round in the 60s — put him at 17-under-par 271 and was a gutsy effort that turned back determined challenges by Faldo and Hoch and rose above a pace of play that was at times agonizingly slow.

Faldo and O'Meara, who were paired together in the final group of the day, lost touch with the group in front of them and were warned for slow play.

But not even that could shake O'Meara, who hit 13 of 14 fairways and 16 of 18 greens.

"We got put on the clock on No. 13 and all I said was, 'Fine, I know I'm not playing slow,' " O'Meara said.

The speed of his playing partner seemed to have little effect on O'Meara. He made quick work of the rest of the field.

Bob Tway was five strokes back at 276, Brad Bryant was at 277 and Davis Love finished at 278.

Greg Norman shot a 29 on the front nine but faded to a 38 on the back nine, finishing at 286, 15 strokes behind O'Meara. John Daly was last in the 30-man field at 299.

The key moment of the final round may have come on No. 11. Faldo had pulled to within two strokes with a 20-foot chip-in from the fringe on No. 10 and was looking at a 5-foot putt for a birdie that could pull him to within a stroke of O'Meara.

But O'Meara rolled in a 25-footer for birdie and Faldo missed his, staring at the hole in disbelief after having already taken a step toward the cup to pick the ball out.

"That was a key right there," Faldo said. "I could have been one back. That was probably a big turning point."

O'Meara agreed.

"Absolutely," O'Meara said. "Nick had just chipped in for birdie on 10, and had a wonderful shot on 11. Everybody was cheering for him.

"I felt like, hey, now's the time to make a putt. It's a crucial moment. Let's pour this sucker in there," O'Meara said. "I felt like I was going to make it when I stood over it. I knew it was an important putt."

Hoch closed with a 66, stumbling with a bogey on the last hole, and Faldo shot a 67 with a penalty stroke and missed a couple of makeable putts.

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Scores and earnings Sunday after the final round of the $1 million Mercedes Championships, played on the 7,002-yard, par-72 La Costa Resort and Spa course:

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KennyPerry	$22,750	70-74-70-69—283
FredFunk	$21,750	70-73-72-69—284
SteveElkington	$20,750	70-72-70-73—285
GregNorman	$20,000	73-73-73-67—286
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Louisana Tech still unanimous at No. 1

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer

A long layoff didn't slow Louisiana Tech.

Louisiana Tech returned from a two-week holiday break to record two lopsided victories and remained a unanimous No. 1 today in The Associated Press women's basketball poll.

The Lady Techsters did get a new challenger, though, as Vanderbilt replaced Connecticut as the No. 2 team, and Clemson joined the poll at No. 23 — its first Top 25 appearance in almost three years.

Louisiana Tech, Vanderbilt and Clemson, all 11-0, are the only unbeaten Division I teams.

All 39 members of a nationwide media panel voted Louisiana Tech No. 1. It's the eighth straight week Tech has led the poll and the fourth straight week it has been unanimous.

Coach Leon Barmore's team came back from its break to open Sun Belt Conference play with victories of 97-57 over Lamar and 78-43 over Arkansas State. The Lady Techsters had a perfect 975 points in the voting.

Vanderbilt survived a nationally televised tussle with No. 18 Purdue, winning 80-77 in overtime, and took over the No. 2 spot with 926 points. This is the highest Vanderbilt has been since it was second in the 1993-94 preseason poll.

Connecticut slipped to third after a week of contrasting performances. The Huskies (12-2) were upset at Syracuse but won at Tennessee 59-53 to snap the Lady Vols' NCAA-record 69-game home winning streak.

Tennessee (11-2) remained fourth and was followed by Penn State, Stanford, Georgia, Virginia, Texas Tech and Iowa.

Oregon State led the second 10, which also had Colorado, North Carolina State, Arkansas, Old Dominion, Duke, Wisconsin, Purdue, Alabama and Oklahoma State. Northwestern, Mississippi, Clemson, Auburn and Florida completed the Top 25.

Texas A&M, 22nd last week, dropped out after losing at San Francisco on Sunday.

Clemson was last ranked the week of Feb. 23, 1993.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOP 25

By The Associated Press

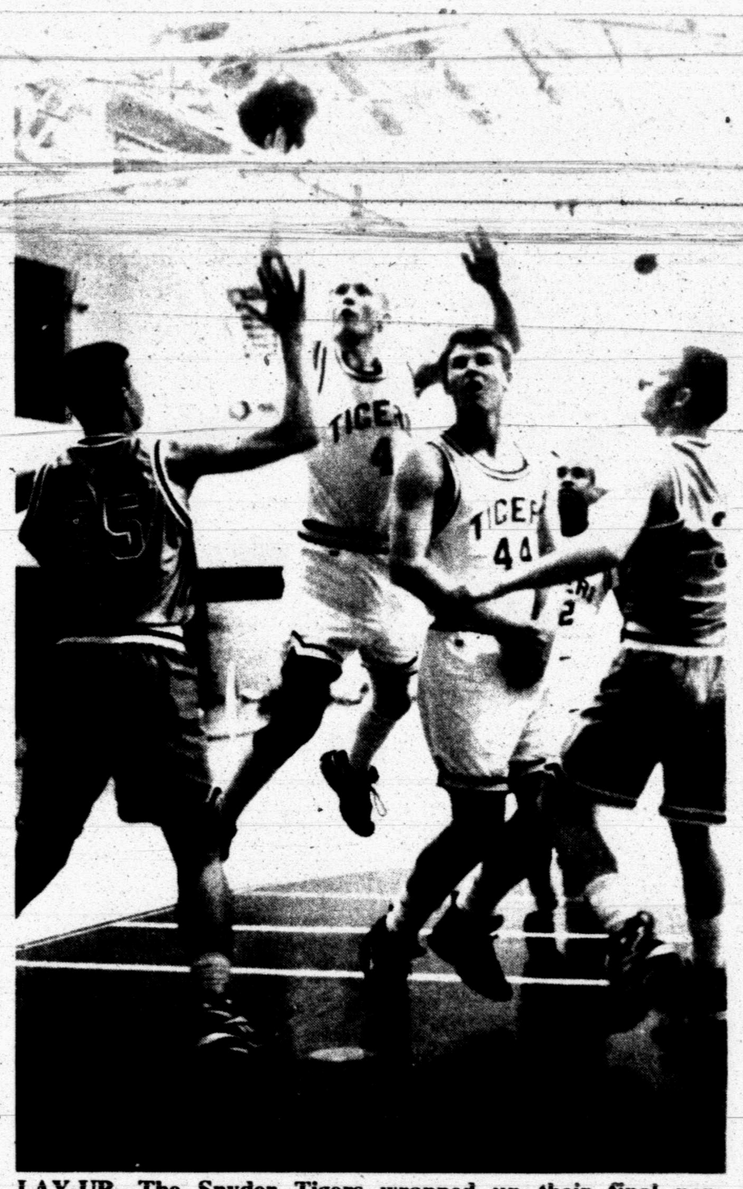
The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 7, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1.LouisianaTech(39)	11-0	975	1
2.Vanderbilt	11-0	926	3
3.Connecticut	12-2	898	2
4.Tennessee	11-2	831	4
5.PennSt.	12-2	790	6
6.Stanford	9-2	777	7
7.Georgia	10-2	719	9
8.Virginia	9-3	707	5
9.TexasTech	10-2	653	10
10.Iowa	12-1	600	11
11.OregonSt.	9-1	530	12
12.Colorado	15-3	517	13
13.N.CarolinaSt.	10-1	516	14
14.Arkansas	13-3	492	8
15.OldDominion	10-1	457	16
16.Duke	12-2	380	15
17.Wisconsin	9-2	289	18
18.Purdue	8-5	282	17
19.Alabama	12-3	245	19
20.OklahomaSt.	12-1	216	20
21.Northwestern	13-1	194	23
22.Mississippi	11-3	183	24
23.Clemson	11-0	137	—
24.Auburn	11-2	122	25
25.Florida	12-3	73	21

Other receiving votes: Texas A&M 66, Notre Dame 22, Montana 10, Southern Meth. 10, Middle Tenn. 9, Ohio St. 9, Nebraska 6, UCLA 5, DePaul 4, Georgia Tech 4, Iowa St. 3, SW Missouri St. 3, Southern Miss. 3, Syracuse 3, LSU 2, Washington 2, Kansas 1, St. Mary's, Cal. 1.

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LAY-UP—The Snyder Tigers wrapped up their final non-conference basketball game of the year Saturday with a 87-51 win over Greenwood. The Tigers will open District 5-4A play Friday in Sweetwater at 8 p.m. Marcus Byram (4) drives in for a lay-up while Beau McLeod (44) positions himself for the rebound. Wayne Braziel (32) is in the background. (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

Tigers end non-district with blow out win

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

In their final tune-up before district play, the Snyder Tigers had an easy time with Greenwood Saturday, taking an 87-51 win.

The Tigers took a 24-10 lead at the end of the first quarter and extended it to a 35-point margin at halftime, 53-18.

Snyder maintained the lead in the second half, scoring 15 and 19 points respectively in the third and fourth quarters. Greenwood scored 12 and 21.

The Tigers had four players end the game in double figures. Robby Huestis had 17, Rick Henderson 16, Patrick Cumbie and Jeff Hobbs each had 15.

The Sweetwater Mustangs will be the first District 5-4A opponent for Snyder. That game will be Friday in Sweetwater beginning at 8 p.m. The two teams have met once already this year in the finals of the Sweetwater tournament. The Mustangs took a come-from-behind victory, 61-58.

SNYDER 87, GREENWOOD 51

Greenwood	10	8	12	21	— 51
Snyder	24	29	15	19	— 87

Greenwood: McFarden 1 0-0 2, Hunnicutt 3 0-0 9, Boeckins 0 1-2 1, Settles 1 0-0 2, Miller 5 1-2 11, Harris 4 2-2 10, Presley 3 1-4 7, Fictz 2 1-1 5, Scales 1 2-2 4, Totals 20 8-13 51.

Snyder: Bryam 2 0-1 7, Juestis 4 6-8 17, Patterson 1 1-4 4, Braziel 2 3-4 7, Henderson 2 3-4 16, Cumbie 5 2-2 15, McLeod 2 3-6 7, Hobbs 3 6-6 15, Totals 21 24-35 87.

3-Point goals: Greenwood 1 (Hunnicutt), Snyder 7 (Byram, Huestis, Henderson 3, Cumbie, Hobbs). Records: Snyder 15-4.

Lady Tiger freshman lose to Lamesa

The Lady Tiger freshman team lost a close basketball game to Lamesa Saturday, 54-52.

Shannon Hall was high point for Snyder with 15, Jamie Burrows added 11.

Snyder trailed 26-20 at halftime, but outscored Lamesa in the third quarter, 18-11. In the final period, Lamesa scored 15 points to Snyder's 11.

The freshman Lady Tigers will play Big Spring at 6 tonight in Big Spring.

LAMESA 54, SNYDER 52

Snyder	12	8	18	14	— 52
Lamesa	13	13	11	17	— 54

Snyder: Burrows 2 1-6 11, Hall 2 8-14 15, Wofford 0 2-4 2, Daniell 1 0-0 8, Peoples 2 4-7 8, Owens 1 0-0 2, Moore 0 2-2 2, McClain 1 1-2 3, Totals 9 18-35 52

Lamesa: Phipps 15, Price 13, Hatchett 10

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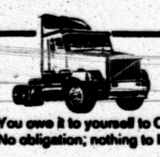
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Obituaries

Consuela Guzman

1931-1996

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Consuela Guzman, 64, who died Sunday, Jan. 7, at her home in Hermleigh following a long illness.

Born in Cameron, she married Pete Guzman on May 7, 1963 in Snyder. He died in 1995. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Connie Romero of Snyder and Elizabeth Winsor of Hobbs; four sons, Danny Guzman of San Juan, Tex., David Guzman of Hermleigh, and Frank Guzman and Louis Guzman, both of Muleshoe; a brother, Danny Ubando of Snyder; 29 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Juan Guardado

1965-1996

Services for Juan Perales Guardado, 30, of Fluvanna will be conducted in Mexico with burial in San Jasinto Cemetery in Aguascalientes.

Mr. Guardado died Thursday evening, Jan. 4, from injuries sustained in an oilfield accident near Fluvanna. He was an employee of Drum Transport Services.

Born in Cosio, Aguascalientes, Mexico, he was married to Manuela Soto Guardado.

Survivors include his wife, Manuela Guardado of Mexico; three sons, Juan Guardado, Martin Guardado and Marvin Guardado, all of Mexico; three brothers, Alvino Guardado and Savador Guardado, both of Mexico, and Artero Guardado of Fluvanna; five sisters, Lidia Gomez, Estela Guardado, Maria Guardado, Socorra Guardado and Carmela Ortiz, all of Mexico.

Beatrice Mulkey

1916-1996

BROWNFIELD — Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the Calvary Baptist Church for Beatrice Mulkey, 79, who died Saturday, Jan. 6, in Brownfield Regional Medical Center. Burial was to follow in the Terry County Memorial Cemetery.

She was a former resident of Snyder, having moved to Brownfield in 1953.

Born in Colfax, La., she moved to Wink in 1932. She married Charles Scovel "Chock" Mulkey on Nov. 15, 1933 in Kermit. He died in 1986. Mrs. Mulkey was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a daughter and a son.

Survivors include three daughters, Barbara Lawson of Lubbock, Jean Floyd of Brownfield and Juanita Parsons of Bedford; a brother, John Antee of Colfax, La.; two sisters, Jackie Woolverton of Frankston and Loreta French of Tulsa; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Bessie Kahler

1930-1996

COLORADO CITY — Funeral service was held at 10 a.m. today in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Bessie Kahler, a lifelong Mitchell County resident. The Rev. Howard Jernigan officiated, and burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mrs. Kahler, 65, died Friday, Jan. 5, in a Colorado City hospital. She was the sister of Lois Stanley of Snyder.

Born in Mitchell County, she married Jack Kahler in 1945. Mrs. Kahler was a homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Kahler of Colorado City; a son, Jack Kahler Jr. of Overland Park, Kan.; three daughters, Julia Walraven, Tommie Weatherly and Johnnie Stephens, all of Colorado City; her mother, Laura Alice Barnfield of Colorado City; four other sisters, Dessie Lynch of Colorado City, Sylvia Rich and Leola Young, both of Houston, and Emma Touchett of Ferris; seven brothers, L.J. Barnfield of Center, Bill Barnfield, Harry Barnfield and Larry Barnfield, all of Houston, Bruce Barnfield of Lewisville, Marvin Barnfield of Bakersfield, Calif., and Elgie Gene Barnfield of Los Angeles; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.



Florence Hardy

Mrs. Hardy

1912-1996

Florence Mae Hardy, sunrise May, 11, 1912, sunset Jan. 7, 1996, passed away in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born to W.W. and and Zelma (Taylor) Davis in Scurry County, she was a lifetime Scurry County resident. She married Charles S. Hardy on Oct. 10, 1937 in Socorro, N.M.

Born May 11, 1912 in Scurry County, she was a homemaker and a member of East Side Church of Christ, baptized at the age of 14.

Survivors include her husband, Charles S. Hardy of Snyder; three daughters, Anniece (Rudy) Trujillo of Snyder, Margaret Fraley of Colorado City; Mae Jean (John) Gonzales of Pueblo, Colo., and three sons, E.W. (and Linda) of Ira, Marvin Ray (and Sue) Hardy of San Jacinto, Calif.; and Bob (and June) Hardy of Ingleside, Tex.; three brothers, Earl Davis of Jal, N.M., Bill (and Nellie) Davis and L.W. (and Janelda) Davis, all of Snyder; two sisters, Fannie Lee Roberts of Hendersonville, Tennessee; two aunts, Opal Taylor of Snyder, Claude Shrum of Oklahoma; three cousins, Dorothy Taylor, and Wade and Lois Davis, all of Snyder, and Billie Climer of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Bubba Hardy, Norma Kay Fraley, Jr. Bruns and Jr. Danna; other survivors include 17 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Pall bearers will be Rusty Hardy, Jim Bob Hardy, Don Fraley, Cory Trujillo, Earl Hardy Jr. and Chuckie Sammons.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at East Side Church of Christ for Florence Hardy, 83, who died at 10:55 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. Tom Holcomb, minister of the church, will officiate and burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Paid Obituary

Mitterrand is dead at 79

PARIS (AP) — Francois Mitterrand, the regal intellectual who sought to make France an engine of a united Europe, died today of prostate cancer. He was 79.

During his 50 years in politics and 14 years in the president's office, Mitterrand charted an often contradictory course.

A Socialist who came to the Elysee Palace in 1981 promising greater prosperity, he left the president's office 14 years later with twice as many jobless, more people living on the street, and a string of high-level scandals in government and business.

He was a veteran of the French Resistance and an eloquent advocate of human rights, but criticized for working with pro-Nazi collaborators during World War II.

France's most influential modern leader after his archrival, Charles de Gaulle, Mitterrand frequently put the nationalization of major industries and other leftist policies aside to promote France's position in the world.

He also was an architect of European unity and sent troops to Rwanda, Bosnia, Somalia and the Gulf War.

"He made the concept of Europe progress with determination," said President Jacques Chirac, a longtime conservative rival who among the first to pay homage. "He is a great figure who leaves us, and I salute him with emotion and respect."

Beatriz Garza

1922-1996

Funeral service was conducted Sunday afternoon at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church for Beatriz Garza, 73, who died Thursday, Jan. 4, in Big Spring's Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Father Patrick Maher officiated and burial followed in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Rosary was held Saturday night.

Born in Paint Rock, Mrs. Garza lived in Snyder and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Amandeo Garza of Snyder; four daughters, Adelia Alarcon of Snyder, Sylvia Castello of Minneapolis, Ramona Gallegos of San Antonio and Beatriz Puente of Hondo; four sons, Arthur Puente of Merkel, Ben Puente of San Jose, Calif., Felix Puente of Snyder and Tim Puente of Carrollton; a brother, Abraham Espinoza of Big Spring; and two sisters, Alicia Montes amd Elida Ortega, both of Los Angeles.

She was preceded in death by two sons, two daughters and a brother.

Hallie Hardy

1903-1996

MERKEL — Funeral service was set for 10 a.m. today in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel for Hallie O. Hardy, 92. Officiating was the Rev. Bill Scott, and burial was to follow in the Trent Cemetery.

Mrs. Hardy, a former resident of Merkel, died Saturday, Jan. 6, in Snyder Healthcare Center.

Born March 26, 1903 in Sharp, Tex, she was the widow of William Oscar Hardy. She and her husband had owned and operated Hardy Grocery Store in Merkel, and she was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Lou Cox of Snyder and LaRue DeBusk of Anson; two sons, Royce Hardy of Merkel and Bobby Hardy of Abilene; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Jean M. Stone

1925-1996

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Jean M. Stone of Albuquerque, formerly of Hermleigh. Burial will be in Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Stone, 70, died Sunday, Jan. 7, in Sandia Manor.

She was born June 28, 1925 in Snyder, graduating from Hermleigh High School. She lived in Dallas before moving to Albuquerque in 1990. Daughter of the late Luther Franklin Morrow and Ollie Beatrice Saylors, Mrs. Stone was an accounting specialist for the U.S. Government.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Charles Michael and Marilyn Stone of Albuquerque; three sisters of Dallas, Leta Hill, Betty Kuhn and Bea Morgan; three grandchildren, Tracie, Kenny and Keri Stone of Albuquerque; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Arthritis Foundation or a favorite charity.

Gracie Ballard

1919-1996

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Gracie Lee Ballard, a 30-year resident of Camp Springs.

Officiating will be the Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Camp Springs Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral home.

Mrs. Ballard, 76, died at 2:59 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, in Rotan's Fisher County Hospital.

Born June 1, 1919 in Palo Pinto County, she married John Cleveland Ballard on Aug. 20, 1947 in Brownfield. He died in 1989. She was a homemaker and a member of the Hobbs, Tex. Baptist Church.

Survivors include four sons, Johnnie Lee Ballard of Hermleigh, Harley Alsup of Whiteside, Teddy Alsup of Colorado Spring and Bernie Alsup of Roby; a sister, Mauldie Forrest of Fort Worth.



Buddy Drum

Buddy Drum

1935-1996

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder First Baptist Church for R.L. "Buddy" Drum, 60.

Officiating will be the Rev. Marty Akins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the Rev. Cecil Foster, pastor of the Fluvanna First Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Drum, a life-long resident of Scurry County, died Thursday night, Jan. 4, from injuries sustained in an oilfield accident three miles east of Fluvanna.

Mr. Drum was owner of Drum Transport Services, and he was involved in the production and sale of emu products. Mr. Drum was named Scurry County's outstanding young farmer in 1960. He served as a deacon of the Fluvanna First Baptist Church.

Born Nov. 25, 1935 in Snyder, he married Margaret Trevey on Aug. 26, 1955 in Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Drum of Fluvanna; a son, Max Drum of Fluvanna; his mother, Mrs. L.C. Drum of Fluvanna; a brother, Don Drum of Snyder; and two grandchildren, Karomy Drum and Kelby Drum, both of Fluvanna.

Esther Solano

1925-1996

SWEETWATER — Services were held Sunday in McCoy Chapel of Memories for Esther Solano, 70, of Sweetwater who died Friday, Jan. 5, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Burial followed in Sweetwater Cemetery.

Mrs. Solano was the sister of Rosa Alvarado of Snyder.

Born in Sweetwater, she married Benito Solano in 1958 in Roby. He survives. She was a lifelong resident of Sweetwater and had worked at Philip Nolan School for many years. Mrs. Solano was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Other survivors include two sons, Tim Solano and Roberto Arrendondo, both of Sweetwater; a daughter, Mary Frances Serrano of Sweetwater; two other sisters, Alicia Reyna and Shirley Gutierrez, both of Sweetwater; seven grandchidren; and two great-grandchildren.

Odessa Bogle

1933-1996

HAMLIN — Odessa Boren Bogle, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, Jan. 7, in a Cleburne hospital. She was 62.

Service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Hamlin Church of the Nazarene. Officiating will be Eddie Davis and Phillip Brown. Burial will follow in Hamlin East Cemetery under the direction of Foster-Adams Funeral Home.

Born in Hamlin, Mrs. Bogle attended Hamlin schools and married Willie Bogle in 1946 in Hamlin. A homemaker, Mrs. Bogle moved to Cleburne from Snyder in 1990. She attended the Assembly of God.

Survivors include her husband, Willie Bogle of Cleburne; three daughters, Betty Davis, Sonya Brumit and Nancy Brown, all of Cleburne; a son, Willie D. "Bill" Bogle of Rio Vista; a sister, Ruby Reston of Hamlin; four brothers, Isaac Boren of Rotan, J.D. Boren of Stamford, Murrell Boren of Odessa, and George Boren of Phoenix; nine grandchildren; three step grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and six step great-grandchildren.

Alert hotel clerk credited with finding kidnapped boy

NEW YORK (AP) — The hotel clerk was watching a story about a kidnapped boy on TV's "America's Most Wanted" when it hit him.

"I said, 'Oh! I know these young men. I've seen them. They're at the hotel,'' said clerk Ali Hassan.

Within three hours after the story appeared, FBI agents converged on the Manhattan hotel early Sunday and found an 8-year-old Seattle boy and his alleged kidnapper.

Jason J. Murphy, 19, who faces charges of kidnapping and child molestation in Washington's Snohomish County, was being held on a federal fugitive warrant.

Nicholas Sullivan was taken to an unidentified state medical facility in New York City, and a preliminary examination showed him to be in good health, FBI spokesman Joe Valiquette said. He refused to say if the exam indicated the boy had been molested.

The child's parents, Laura Stringfellow and David Sullivan, who are divorced, headed to New York to claim their son but got only as far as a stopover in St. Louis before their flight was canceled by the blizzard in the Northeast. That kept them from their son for at least one more night.

"He just seems so far away," Mrs. Stringfellow said of her son. "There's nothing that can be done. It's really frustrating. I'm anxious to give him a big hug."

Sullivan said Nicholas, in a 10-minute phone conversation, seemed "tired and kind of sad. It kind of came to an abrupt end and I don't think he really got to say goodbye to Jason," he said.

The boy and Murphy had been the subjects of a nationwide search since Wednesday.

DATE BOOK

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Today is the eighth day of 1996 and the 18th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1815, the American defenders of New Orleans under Gen. Andrew Jackson inflicted a crushing defeat on attacking British troops. Neither side knew that the treaty ending the war had been signed two weeks earlier.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Carroll (1735-1815), clergyman; Jose Ferrer (1912-1992), actor; Soupy Sales (1926-), comedian, is 70; Bill Graham (1931-1991), rock music entrepreneur; Elvis Presley (1935-1977), singer; Shirley Bassey (1937-), singer, is 59; David Bowie (1947-), musician, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, Willie McCovey was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I will hold New Orleans in spite of Europe and all Hell." — Andrew Jackson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1993, McKinley County, N.M., was declared a disaster area after weeks of snow and rains had rendered the area's mainly dirt roads unusable.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 5) and last quarter (Jan. 13).

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan, 2619 College Ave.; 6-9 p.m.

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

Noah Project-West; The Shack, dinner and meeting; 7 p.m.

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

White Buffalo Stamp Club, community room of Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call Nathalie at 573-0015.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Martin Preuitt Chapter; Snyder Country Club; "Scottish Clans in Texas," by Lois Bartels; ancesters sketch by Dorothy Dennis; hostesses, Virginia Clark, Rae Adams; 11:30 a.m.

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

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; program by Georgene Galloway, Barbara McGee; hostess, Wanda Falls; 4:15 p.m.

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

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863,2702 for meeting place; 7 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910-25th St.; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for inofrmation call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club; "Get Your Kicks in '96" luncheon; Snyder Country Club; Tom Holcomb, program; David and Judy Brown, music; Phyllis Price, guest speaker; lunch begins at 11:30, $7.50; coffee/tea alone, $1; reservations by noon Jan. 9, call573-3996 or 573-3440; free nursery provided with reservations.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; program, Ben Sum; Virginia Lowrance, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance; Willow Park Inn; prayer meeting, 9:30 a.m., regular meeting, 10.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or573-8929; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan; 2619 College; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Libertarians pick Lubbock for confab

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Libertarian Party's Executive Committee chose Lubbock on Saturday to host its biennial convention this summer, where party candidates for state and congressional offices will be nominated.

Unlike the Texas Democratic and Republican parties, the Libertarians hold a convention every two years to nominate their state and congressional candidates. Lubbock and Plano had expressed interest in hosting the estimated 300 convention attendants for the June 8 event.

Democrats and Republicans will hold primary elections to nominate general election candidates on March 12.

The Libertarian Party has been on Texas ballots since 1980, except in 1984 when the party lost its ballot status.

In Texas, political parties must have at least one candidate receive 5 percent or more of the vote in his or her last race to automatically be eligible for state ballots. Parties who do not reach that level are forced to collect petitions to get individual candidates on the ballot.

Wes Burnett, a spokesman for the party, said keeping ballot status is a priority for the Libertarians, but getting the party's message to voters and winning some seats are higher goals.

"We offer voters a true alternative," Burnett said. "The alternative is we believe in a limited government. When you see what we stand for, we believe it is what most Texans stand for. But its been difficult to get that message to voters."

Burnett said part of the reason for selecting Lubbock to host the 1996 convention is that the party could generate more attention in a smaller market. He said the party normally rotates its convention between Houston, Dallas and San Antonio, but the size of those cities makes the state Libertarian Party convention less noticed.

"We need publicity to get our message out and we can't get that in the major metropolitan areas," he said.

Monica Huckabay, a convention sales executive for the Convention and Tourism Bureau of Lubbock, said the convention also would bring more attention and an economic boost to the city.

Ms. Huckabay said convention delegates generally add about $115 each a day to the local economy, making the party convention worth nearly $500,000 in direct spending. She also said there are indirect benefits for the city.

Shooting in New Orleans is probed

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Authorities today tried to determine what prompted a Mississippi tourist to open fire in the French Quarter, wounding four other tourists in the process.

The shooting happened early Sunday, hours after the traditional start of Mardi Gras festivities here.

Police arrested Perry Lett, 20, of Moss Point, Miss., shortly after the 2 a.m. incident. He was booked with four counts of aggravated battery, one count of simple battery and one count of illegal carrying of a weapon.

"We are not clear why he began shooting," Lt. Marlon Defillo, spokesman for the New Orleans police department, said Sunday.

Wounded were Kim Broussard, 34, of Nederland, Texas; Peter Casey, 24, of Springfield, Mass.; Flynn Gilden, 31, of Hover, Ala.; and Tom Dexter, 31, of Oakland, Maine.

All were taken to Charity Hospital. A hospital spokesman said Sunday that all the victims were treated and released.

Police had few details on the shootings, which occurred when three people were leaving a nightclub on Bourbon Street. One of them, a man from New Hampshire, was punched in the chest by Lett, who was walking on Bourbon Street.

Lett was "irate for some unknown reason," police said.

He pulled a gun from his clothing and started firing, striking Broussard in the right leg. As the shooting continued, Casey was shot in the right arm and Gilden was grazed on the left thigh. Dexter was injured in the left knee.

An investigator for a Louisiana state agency saw the shootings. As Lett fled, the investigator — whose name was not released — followed him. The investigator then flagged down Sgt. Stephen Dunn, who arrested Lett, Defillo said.

Police recovered a .25-caliber semiautomatic pistol thought to have been used in the shootings.

Lett did not know any of the victims, Defillo said.

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1996

A close friend who has always been lucky for you in the past might bring even more good fortune in the year ahead. Nurture this relationship with trust, parity and generosity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In arrangements where you function independently of others, you could be quite fortunate today. Joint endeavors will be questionable, especially if your associates are pessimistic. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Instead of letting others handle important assignments today, do the work yourself. You could be exposed to opportunities that are denied to them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try to hang out with friends who share common interests today. Steer clear of the little clique that has caused you some discomfort recently.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Several career objectives can be achieved today if your procedures aren't abrasive. Assert yourself, but also know when to stop pushing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to treat both negative and positive developments philosophically today. If you keep calm and don't blow minor mishaps out of proportion, you will succeed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In commercial matters today, others will strive to treat you fairly if they believe you're not trying to put one over on them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might have to associate with someone you really don't like today. However, don't let this influence you if his or her ideas are better than yours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may have an opportunity to profit financially today, but you must be prepared to earn your keep. The gravy train won't be running today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even though certain people may make you feel uncomfortable at a social gathering today, don't turn down an invitation. All should work out well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Remain hopeful regarding the outcome of events today, even if you feel unlucky. Everything will work out for the best eventually.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not waste time and effort today arguing with an associate who has a closed mind. There will be others eager to accept your ideas and positions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Focus on the financial situations that need your attention the most today. You will be in a good cycle for augmenting your earnings and resources.

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23 deaths recorded in brutal winter storm

By the Associated Press

A blizzard howled into the East with record fury and paralyzed much of the Appalachians and mid-Atlantic states, stranding travelers and keeping workers home for the day.

"I think it's gorgeous, spectacular, almost awe-inspiring," said Gary Peck, jogging near the White House.

At least 23 deaths were blamed on the storm, thousands were without power, and any travel — by plane, train or automobile — was nearly impossible. Even the subways were affected, with 200 people stranded for hours on a Metro train in Washington, D.C., and widespread disruptions in service on New York City's system.

One of the worst blizzards to hit the East in 70 years piled up 3 feet of snow in the hills of southern West Virginia, and 30 in parts of Virginia and eastern Tennessee, and 24 in eastern Kentucky. Even northeastern Georgia got a foot.

Philadelphia had 27 inches with 22 in parts of New York City. The airport at Newark, N.J., had a record 26.4 inches, and the record 18 in Washington gave government workers a non-budget-related day off. Parts of Connecticut had 21 inches and Boston had 10 as the storm moved northward.

Up to 3 feet was forecast in sections of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

The Postal Service said no mail would be delivered today in the New York City region.

Renault Evans of Orange, N.J., was heading to Baltimore on business Sunday when he got stuck on the New Jersey Turnpike for 5½ hours. After finally getting help, he checked into a motel at the next exit.

"You gotta know when to quit," he said.

Major airports for Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Newark, N.J., Boston and New York City shut down and converted their waiting areas into overnight shelters. Drifts at New York's airports were as high as 20 feet, said Port Authority executive director George Marlin.

Hundreds of southbound travelers from Boston chose Amtrak after airports closed, only to find themselves stranded because of a power failure outside New York City. Crews towed the train into Penn Station after a delay of nearly three hours.

Brett Ginter made the best of the situation, letting other passengers use his cellular phone — for a price.

"I've been charging beers, mostly," said Ginter, who drank about eight or 10 before the bar car ran out.

Passengers on an Amtrak train from Chicago to Washington, D.C., got stuck in South Charleston, W.Va., while a freight train derailed while plowing through drifts near Blacksburg, Va. No one was injured.

About 100 of the Amtrak passengers were spending a second day in a hotel today. "They've been real understanding," said Brian Bateman, the hotel's front-office manager. No trains or buses were running in the area today.

On New York's Long Island, a Coast Guard helicopter rescued four duck hunters and a dog from a 14-foot skiff in the Great South Bay Sunday night. The hunters became disoriented as the bay froze around them Sunday afternoon and used a cellular phone to call for help.

States of emergency were declared in all or parts of Kentucky, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, New York, New Jersey and Delaware, sending hundreds of members of the National Guard out to help.

Most state offices and schools were closed today throughout the region. New York City schools canceled classes for the first time since 1978. The United Nations was also closed, sending 10,000 workers home.

This morning, Manhattan avenues were nearly empty of traffic, with mountainous piles of snow plowed up as crews struggled to clear out a few lanes.

"It looks like this storm, if everything comes through ... could very well be one of the top three storms on record," said meteorologist Frank Nocera.

The New York Mercantile Exchange and the New York Commodity Exchange canceled trading for the day, while the New York Stock Exchange said it was delaying opening by an hour.

In Toler, Ky., nurse Cindy Rogers got to work with the help of the National Guard, which picked her up at her house in a four-wheel-drive Humvee.

"When you get into nursing, you know you're going to have it rough," she said. "And stuff like this happens."

The snow was good news for some people. At Furman University in Greenville, S.C., several students took the rare opportunity to go sledding.

"We Southerners aren't used to this," said student Melanie Carter. "We're going to go get out and play in it."

While one coast shivered, another surfed. Southern California enjoyed record heat — 87 degrees.

Hospital wanting pay from indigent

HOUSTON (AP) — The hospital that amputated a Honduran woman's legs, which were mutilated by her husband's gunshots, now wants the indigent illegal immigrant pay at least part of her bill.

Advocates for Ana Prieto Canela argued that Ben Taub Hospital had no problem paying the indigent woman's bills back in September, when she was wheeled into their emergency room.

But that was before Ms. Canela received $30,000 in donations from sympathetic Houstonians, hospital officials countered.

"A person who gets medical care and has assets to pay for medical care should pay," said Lawrence Finder, a member of the Harris County Hospital District's Board of Managers, which manages Ben Taub.

If Mrs. Canela and others like her don't pay the hospital when they are able to, then they are "taking advantage of the people of Harris County," Finder said.

Ms. Canela received more than $50,000 worth of medical care from the Harris County Hospital District through Ben Taub.

Jay Hamburger, a local photographer who is acting as Ms. Canela's advocate and controls her $30,000 trust fund, said hospital officials are being stingy.

"The hospital district has to bite these things all the time," Hamburger said Friday. "But this is a different animal of a case. I don't think this is fair, and I don't think this is right."

Ms. Canela had wanted to take the money and return to her native homeland and build a new home.

Ms. Canela and her common-law husband, Julio Bustillo, sneaked into the United States last year to look for work. Ms. Canela found a job at a bar, which caused friction between her and Bustillo.

During a violent fight on Sept. 28, Bustillo shot Ms. Canela twice in the legs with a shotgun, nearly killing her. Both of her legs were amputated and she is now recovering.

As word of Ms. Canela's plight spread, people throughout Southeast Texas poured out as much as $35,000 to help, Hamburger said.

Many of the contributors thought they were helping with Canela's medical bills, but Hamburger said he never implied the money would be used for that purpose.

Ms. Canela continues to receive free medical care from the district, which rankles some county officials and some who donated to her cause.

Hospital officials and the Harris County Attorney's Office have said they have no intention of cleaning out Ms. Canela's account. The county has asked for only $11,000 while officials seek payment from other sources, such as the state and federal government.

The house in Honduras has become a sticking point as well.

Grandmother is convicted for killing molester

BEAUMONT (AP) — A 57-year-old grandmother has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for her role in the fatal beating and torture of a live-in friend she believed had molested an 8-year-old girl.

Despite pleas by a defense attorney who asked jurors to take Victoria Johnson's age and health into consideration, the panel sentenced Ms. Johnson to the term behind bars after convicting her of murder.

Johnson, who suffers from medical conditions that include arthritis and high blood pressure, had faced a punishment range of five years to life in prison. She will be 70 before she becomes eligible for parole.

Johnson was convicted Friday of killing her companion, Lafayette Williams, whose body was found Feb. 2 in the street in front of the house he and Ms. Johnson shared.

Testimony showed Williams, described as a timid everyday alcoholic whom everybody liked, died from a severe beating during which he lost virtually all the blood in his body.

"This (case) is about a guy who died because he was tortured to death, beaten to death, bled to death," prosecutor Wayln Thompson told jurors.

Ms. Johnson's teen-age granddaughter testified her grandmother accused Williams of molestation and told her son, Peter Mitchell, to kill Williams if he didn't admit to it. Mitchell is awaiting trial on a murder charge in Williams' death.

The teen told jurors she saw her grandmother and uncle beat, stomp, kick and threaten Williams during the course of several hours the night of Feb. 1. At one point, the teen said, her grandmother forced a gun down Williams' throat and pulled the trigger, but the weapon didn't fire.

Ms. Johnson, who testified she initially believed Williams might have fondled an 8-year-old girl — whose identity and relationship to Ms. Johnson was unknown — and asked him to leave the house, denied taking part in the fatal beating.

She testified that Williams returned home from the liquor store that night, beaten and bleeding from the face. She said her son was at her house asleep.

Ultimately, Ms. Johnson said she didn't believe Williams molested the child, who initially told her that Williams had touched her bottom. The youngster later told Ms. Johnson that Williams didn't mean anything by the gesture, she said.

All birds and mammals need to sleep, though the reason they must remains unclear. Bats are the sleepiest mammals, catching 20 hours every day, while donkeys sleep the least, at only four hours daily.

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Ronnie and Joyce Weber, owners of Superior Automotive in Snyder, recently had new carpet installed in their home by The Carpet Store and More, located at 1105 East Broadway in Sweetwater. Joyce Weber stated "We are very pleased with the professionalism and the way the job was handled in our home when we had The Carpet Store and More install our carpet. We not only will, but have been recommending them to other people." The Webers are just one of many satisfied customers in Snyder.

Ken and Peggy Lofton are the owners of The Carpet Store and More and Boss and Hoss Western Wear in Sweetwater. They have been at the same location for twenty-five years and are in business to serve the Big Country.

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Faithfuls remember King's 60th birthday

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — The King may have left the building — in the larger sense — but his spirit was very much alive among a crowd of devout Elvis Presley fans preparing for his 61st birthday.

Close to 300 mostly middle-aged fans packed a hotel lounge Sunday for an evening that culminated with Calgary Elvis impersonator Will Reeb, a big man in his mid-40s and upholstered in a black jumpsuit with gold sequins.

While a candled cake was wheeled on stage, the ladies of the Exclusive Elvis Fan Club formed a semi-circle, joined hands, swayed and sang along, "Glory, glory, hallelujah."

"I've been an Elvis fan since I was 16 and I've been to Graceland three times," confessed Alice Robar, 57, president of the Edmonton-based club. "Elvis fans are like a big family."

Today is the actual anniversary of Presley's birth.

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Dole a true conservative? Answer blown in the wind

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Bob Dole told New Hampshire Republicans he'd "fight to the end for fundamental conservative change." But he might as well have been shouting into Washington's wintry wind.

The voice was muffled, as if coming from a snowbank, barely audible over the phone lines piped in from snowstruck Washington to a New Hampshire GOP fund raiser Sunday where a couple of his rivals made their Dole-cannot-win drumbeat loud and clear.

Several months after the lights went out at a GOP candidates' debate in the state, logistics were skewed again at this next planned gathering of the Republican presidential field in the race for the Feb. 20 leadoff primary.

Candidate Steve Forbes made it as far as his home state, New Jersey, by train, before giving up and phoning in his speech — clearly — at the Manchester event.

That was just far enough to permit candidate Pat Buchanan to joke of the multimillionaire publisher: "He's up at the estate. A couple of the polo ponies took sick this weekend."

Texas Sen. Phil Gramm — who, like Dole, was stuck in Washington in the storm that closed airports — also had to resort to the phones. Buchanan, Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, Morry Taylor and Alan Keyes had the event to themselves.

Stock show

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LAMBS

Fine Wool

Fine Wool: 1. Colton Long, 2. Celeigh Sterling, 3. Tyrel Sterling.

Fine Wool Cross

Light Weight: 1. Jackie Beck, 2. Audra Oliver, 3. Tyler Frey.

Medium Weight: 1. Tyler Frey, 2. Colton Long, 3. Jeremy Howard.

Heavy Weight: 1. Colton Long, 2. Colton Long, 3. Audra Oliver.

Champion Fine Wool Cross: Colton Long (hvywt).

Reserve Fine Wool Cross: Tyler Frey (medwt).

Medium Wool

Light Weight: 1. Jackie Beck, 2. Colton Long, 3. Katie Howard.

Heavy Weight: 1. Jackie Beck, 2. Tyler Frey, 3. Celeigh Sterling.

Champion Medium Wool: Jackie Beck (hvywt).

Reserve Medium Wool: Tyler Frey (hvywt).

Grand Champion: Colton Long (hvywt Cross).

Reserve Grand: Tyler Frey (hvywt Cross).

PIGS

Durocs

Light Weight: 1. Jeremy Howard, 2. Candace Sanchez, 3. Amber Sanchez.

Heavy Weight: 1. Katie Howard, 2. Wesley Kelner, 3. Brandon Crane.

Champion Duroc: Katie Howard (hvywt).

Reserve Duroc: Jeremy Howard (lgtwt).

Hamps

Hamps: 1. Richard Wilkins, 2. Katie Howard, 3. Carla Smith.

OPBs

Light Weight: 1. Misty Chance (York), 2. Richard Wilkins (York), 3. Wesley Kelner (York).

Heavy Weight: 1. Jerek Brown (Spot), 2. Jeremy Howard (York), 3. Brooke Wilkes (York).

Champion OPB: Jerek Brown (Spot).

Reserve OPB: Misty Chance (York).

Cross

Light Weight: 1. Katie Howard, 2. Brooke Wilkes, 3. Wesley Kelner.

Heavy Weight: 1. Colter Brown, 2. Candace Sanchez, 3. Jerek Brown.

Champion Cross: Katie Howard (lgtwt).

Reserve Cross: Colter Brown (hvywt).

Grand Champion: Katie Howard (lgtwt Cross).

Reserve Champion: Colter Brown (hvywt Cross).

Junior Showmanship: Tyler Frey.

Senior Showmanship: Jackie Beck.

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Supreme Court allows limits on indecent radio, TV shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today let federal regulators continue restrictions on TV and radio stations that air steamy movies and racy talk shows — an attempt to shield children from indecent programs.

The justices, without comment, left intact a federal appeals court ruling that upheld as constitutional the sweeping regulations limiting indecent broadcasts on TV and radio.

Two free-speech challenges to the regulations were brought to the nation's highest court by broadcasters, news media, civil liberties and children's advocacy groups and poet Allen Ginsberg.

By a 7-4 vote last June, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia said the Federal Communications Commission can require that any indecent program be aired between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

"We find that the government has a compelling interest in protecting children under the age of 18 from exposure to indecent broadcasts," the appeals court said.

Last July, a three-judge panel of the same appeals court upheld the commission's policy of fining stations for violating decency standards.

Past court rulings have defined "indecent" as that material describing in patently offensive terms sexual or excretory activities or organs.

Since 1987, the FCC has deemed as indecent all explicit references to such things as masturbation, ejaculation, breast size, penis size, sexual intercourse, nudity, urination, oral-genital contact, erections, sodomy, bestiality, menstruation and testicles.

Unlike obscenity, indecency is protected by the First Amendment's free-speech guarantee. Governments must justify any interference with indecent expression.

But broadcast programs traditionally have been given less legal protection than the printed word or other forms of expression.

The commission's policy and regulations were challenged as a violation of the free-speech rights of broadcast audiences.

A federal trial judge struck down an 18-hour ban on the broadcast of indecent material, but last June's appeals court ruling reinstated it in its current 16-hour form.

The appeals acted on today argued, among other things, that "the 6 a.m. to midnight ban is unsupported by any evidence of harm to minors and is not narrowly tailored to serve the government's asserted interests."

Clinton administration lawyers argued that the appeal was not worthy of Supreme Court review, but suggested the justices delay acting on the appeal until they announce a decision in a cable television dispute already under study.

In it, the court is expected to decide by July the constitutionality of a federal law aimed at restricting indecent programs on cable television channels leased to local groups.

After the appeals court ruling, FCC Chairman Reed Hundt said it now would be easier to toughen broadcasting regulations that protect children in other ways.

He said he favors new rules requiring TV broadcasters to air a minimum amount of educational shows for children each week and channel violent shows to times when children are unlikely to make up the bulk of the audience.

The cases are Pacifica Foundation vs. FCC, 95-509, and Action for Children's Television vs. FCC, 95-520.

Four arrested over weekend

Four people were arrested over the weekend in Snyder.

Deputies arrested a 17-year-old male at 8:31 p.m. Saturday for Class B assault/family violence.

At 10:06 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 55-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated in the 3600 block of Avenue E.

Officers arrested a 29-year-old male at 12:17 a.m. Sunday in the 2400 block of Avenue K for public intoxication.

Following a disturbance call at 10:40 p.m. Sunday from the 500 block of 35th Street, officers arrested a 25-year-old female on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear. An offense report for Class C assault was also submitted.

In other activity over the weekend, officers were requested at Scurry County Jail at 1:30 a.m. Sunday in reference to a fight. Three officers responded to the call and everything was in order upon their arrival.

A one-vehicle rollover was reported at 1:45 p.m. on U.S. Highway 84 just east of Avenue E. Involved was a 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Wanda Dickey, 58, of Kingswood. Mrs. Dickey, and a passenger in the vehicle, James Dickey, 60, also of Kingswood, were transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where they were treated and released.

An offense report for Class C assault was submitted at 2:35 p.m. in reference to a person being assaulted last month.

A person notified officers at 4:15 p.m. Sunday that some juveniles were shooting BBs at a house in the 400 block of 29th Street.

A Class B theft report was made Sunday from a residence in the 2300 block of 27th Street in reference to someone stealing roosters.

Commissioner Ralph Trevey notified the police department at 8:05 p.m. Sunday of criminal mischief occurring at the Northeast Community Center sometime Friday night or Saturday morning. Damage was to the windows and air conditioners.

Officers investigated a one-vehicle accident Friday at 7:14 a.m in the 1800 block of Park Avenue. Involved were a 1988 Chevrolet driven by David Johnson, 2900 Park Ave., and a fire hydrant belonging to the city of Snyder.

Henry Lucas back in court

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Notorious killer Henry Lee Lucas appeared in federal court today for a hearing that could determine if and when authorities will get to execute him.

U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings is being asked to decide whether Lucas should die for killing a woman known only as "Orange Socks."

Clementine Schroeder, a former jail minister from Georgetown, testified that Lucas got special treatment while confessing to more than 600 murders.

Lucas got a color television, house shoes and perks other inmates weren't receiving, Ms. Schroeder said, adding he would demand things "and the investigators would say 'It's done Henry and you'll get your steak dinner and color television.'"

Defense attorneys for the notorious death row inmate are trying to prove Lucas was manipulated into making hundreds of false confessions.

Among the witnesses the defense said it intends to call is former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-Morningstocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	74⅛	74⅛	74⅛	— ⅛
AT&T Corp		66⅛	66⅛	66⅛
AirTouch	28	28	28	+ ⅛
Alldsignal		48⅛	48⅛	48⅛
Alltel		30	29⅛	30
AmStores	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	+ ⅛
Ameritech		59⅛	59⅛	59⅛
Amoco		71⅛	71⅛	71⅛
AndarkPtr	53	53	53	+ ⅛
ArmcoInc	6	6	6	— ⅛
AtlRichfld	116⅛	116⅛	116⅛	+ ⅛
BellSouth s	44⅜	44⅜	44⅜	— ⅛
BethSteel		14⅛	14⅛	14⅛
BurlNoSFe	76⅛	76⅛	76⅛	— ⅛
Caterpillar	61⅛	60⅞	60⅞	— ⅛
CenSoWst	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛	+ ⅛
Chevron		55⅛	55⅛	55⅛
Chrysler	55⅛	55⅛	55⅛	— ⅛
Coastal		36⅛	36⅛	36⅛
CocaCola	74⅛	74⅛	74⅛	+ ⅛
ComclMetals	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	+ ⅛
CooperIn	36⅛	36⅛	36⅛	— ⅛
CyprusAmax		26⅛	26⅛	26⅛
DigitalEq	58⅛	58⅛	58⅛	+ ⅛
Dillard	29⅛	29	29⅛	+ ⅜
DowChem	72⅛	72⅛	72⅛	— ⅛
DresserInd		24⅛	24⅛	24⅛
DuPont	72⅛	72⅛	72⅛	— ⅛
EastmanChem	65⅛	65⅛	65⅛	+1⅛
EstKodak		68⅛	68⅛	68⅛
Enserch	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	— ⅛
Entergy	29⅛	29⅛	29⅛	— ⅛
Flowers s		13	13	13
FordMotor	25⅞	25⅞	25⅞	— ⅛
GTE Cp	45	44⅞	44⅞	— ⅛
GenMotors		50⅜	50⅜	50⅜
GenMotors E	53⅜	53⅜	53⅜	+ ⅛
GaPacif	71⅛	71⅛	71⅛	+ ⅛
GlobalMar	8⅜	8⅜	8⅜	— ⅛
Goodrich	69	69	69	— ⅛
Goodyear s	43⅜	43⅜	43⅜	— ⅛
Haliburtn	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	+ ⅛
Hanson ADS	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	— ⅛
HarteHanks s	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	— ⅛
IBM	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛	+ ⅛
JohnsnJns	87	86⅞	86⅞	+ ⅛
K mart	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	+ ⅛
Kroger	37⅛	37⅛	37⅛	— ⅛
Lubys	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	+ ⅛
MayDeptStrs	45	45	45	— ⅛
Medtronics	50⅛	50⅛	50⅛	+ ⅛
Mobil	117⅛	117⅛	117⅛	— ⅛
Monsanto	124	124	124	+ ⅛
Motorola	57	56⅞	56⅞	— ⅛
Nationsbk	65⅛	65⅛	65⅛	— ⅛
Navistar		12	11⅞	12
NoramEngy	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	— ⅛
Norwest		32⅛	32⅛	32⅛
Nynex	53	52⅞	52⅞	— ⅛
OryxEngy	13⅛	13⅛	13⅛	+ ⅛
PanhECp	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛	— ⅛
Penney JC		47⅞	47⅞	47⅞
Pennzoil	42⅛	42⅛	42⅛	— ⅛
PepsiCo	55⅛	55⅛	55⅛	— ⅛
PhelpDodge	60	59⅞	60	— ⅛
PhilipPet	34⅛	34⅛	34⅛	+ ⅛
PilgrmPrd	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛	— ⅛
Polaroid	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	— ⅛
Praxair	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛	— ⅛
ProctGamble	87⅛	87	87⅛	— ⅛
PubSNwMx		18	18	18
SBC Comm		58⅛	58⅛	58⅛
SaraLee	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	+ ⅛
SearsRoebs	41⅞	41⅞	41⅞	— ⅛
SherwinW		41⅛	41⅛	41⅛
SouthernCo	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	— ⅛
Sprint	40⅞	40⅞	40⅞	— ⅛
SterlingChm	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	— ⅛
SunCo	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛	+ ⅛
TNP Ent	19	19	19	— ⅛
TempleInl	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛	— ⅛
Tenneco		49⅜	49⅜	49⅜
Texaco	81⅛	81⅛	81⅛	+ ⅛
TexasInd	53	53	53	— ⅛
TexasInsts	49⅛	49⅛	49⅛	+ ⅛
TexUtil	41⅛	41⅛	41⅛	+ ⅛
Textron	71⅛	71⅛	71⅛	+ ⅛
Travelers	60⅛	60⅛	60⅛	— ⅛
TrinityInds		32⅛	32⅛	32⅛
TritonEngy	57⅛	57⅛	57⅛	+ ⅛
Tyler		2⅛	2⅛	2⅛
US WestCm s	35⅛	35⅛	35⅛	+ ⅛
USWstMda n	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛	+ ⅛
UnCarbde		38⅛	38⅛	38⅛
UnPac	67⅛	67⅛	67⅛	+ ⅛
Unocal	30	30	30	+ ⅛
WalMart	23⅛	23	23⅛	— ⅛
WestghEl		18	18	18
WinnDixie s	37	37	37	— ⅛
Woolworth		12⅛	12⅛	12⅛
ZenithE	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛	+ ⅛

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Florestina Guajardo, 1903 19th; Beatrice Aguilar, 706 26th; Carla Allen, 2406 Ave. B; Rosie Contella, 707 26th; Lovie Gatewood, Snyder Oaks Care Center.

DISMISSALS: E.M. Lammert, Michael Carroll, Monica Torres.

CENSUS: 50 (Med., Surg.-10, Long-term Care-39, CCU-1).

What's Up?

Youth Center board to meet

Scurry Youth Center board of directors will meet at 5:30 today at the Center. Anyone having an interest in youth is encouraged to attend.

Video series continues

The Key To The Kingdom video series is airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The seventh tape, "Housecleaning with Jesus," will be shown at 7 this evening.

Planning for new year

A special business meeting for families of Snyder Healthcare Center residents will be held at 7 this evening at the Center. Plans will be made for the upcoming year.

Financial aid workshop

Corky Swanson of McMurry University will conduct a financial aid workshop at 7 o'clock tonight in the Snyder High School student center. Parents and students from Ira, Hermleigh and Snyder are encouraged to attend.

Masonic Chapter 494

Scurry Masonic Chapter 494/Council 412 will meet at 7:30 p.m. today at the lodge.

Boys & Girls Club

Scurry County Boys & Girls Club board will meet at 7 a.m. Tuesday at the club building.

Pool lesson rescheduled

A lesson for women at the Senior Center who are interested in learning to learn to play pool has been rescheduled for Thursday, immediately following lunch. The lesson had been scheduled for Tuesday.

Community seminar slated

The community is invited to a seminar featuring children's book author Dale Bulla at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary auditorium. The event is sponsored by Snyder ISD. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded. Children are welcome.

Weather spotting seminar

An official from the Midland National Weather Service will present a program on basic weather spotting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the fire station.

A program on advanced weather spotting will be held March 26. The public is invited to attend both meetings.

FFA Booster Club

The FFA Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the high school ag department. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Social Security info

Representatives of the Social Security Administration from Big Spring will be at the Senior Center here on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until noon and 1-2 p.m.

Yearbook deadline set

The deadline for ordering a copy of the 1996 Tiger's Lair yearbook is Feb. 1. Cost is $40. All unpaid balances for orders placed previously must also be paid by Feb. 1. Any unpaid balances after that time will result in the loss of the deposit and cancellation of the order.

Orders or balances may be mailed to SHS, Student Publications, 3801 Austin Ave. For more information, call 573-6301, ext. 35.

McNew Scholarship Fund

A Jerry McNew Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established. Donations may be sent to Charlene Light in care of Snyder High School, 2901 37th St.

SNS accepting applications

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is accepting applications for its 1996 workday. Applications may be picked up at Sam Robertson's Insurance Agency, the chamber of commerce or West Elementary and returned to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Texas, 79550.

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

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:

12-15-21-38-45-46

(twelve, fifteen, twenty-one, thirty-eight, forty-five, forty-six)

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $4 million

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Four tickets correctly matched all five numbers drawn Friday night for the twice-weekly Cash 5 drawing, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn from a field of 39 were: 1, 6, 12, 14 and 39.

Each of the four tickets sold with five of five numbers, from a field of 39 numbers, is worth $79,833. There were 929 tickets with four of five numbers, each worth $516, and 31,372 tickets with three of five numbers, each worth $25.

Pick 3

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

1-9-6