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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Many a child is spoiled because you can't spank their parents or their grandparents."

Snyder's T.T. Withers was cleaning out a desk drawer and came across a yellowed and tattered newspaper clipping.

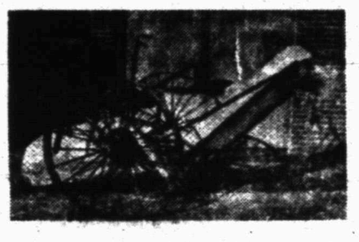
Withers doesn't know the date, nor the newspaper, but it is of interest as Scurry County enjoys one of the best cotton harvests since 1989.

The clipping included a picture with the caption, "A Real Old Timer."

It was a picture of an early-day mechanical cotton stripper and had some other information:

"This cotton stripper would have been swamped in a crop like the Roscoe area made this year — but it was a start, and a Roscoe family had a part in it.

"This early day machine was made in Lubbock in 1927 by Wallie Boone, a uncle of Mrs. Robert R. (Thelma) Wright of the Champion area.



"Boone was a member of a family of blacksmiths, including Jack Boone whom many will recall.

"This little stripper is evidently on a cultivator frame, and it threw its cotton into a sack or small sled.

"Some of the Boones also worked in the blacksmith shop at Champion, E.O. Mahon recalls. Mr. Mahon later had the shop there for many years.

"It wasn't actually in use, it was experimental."

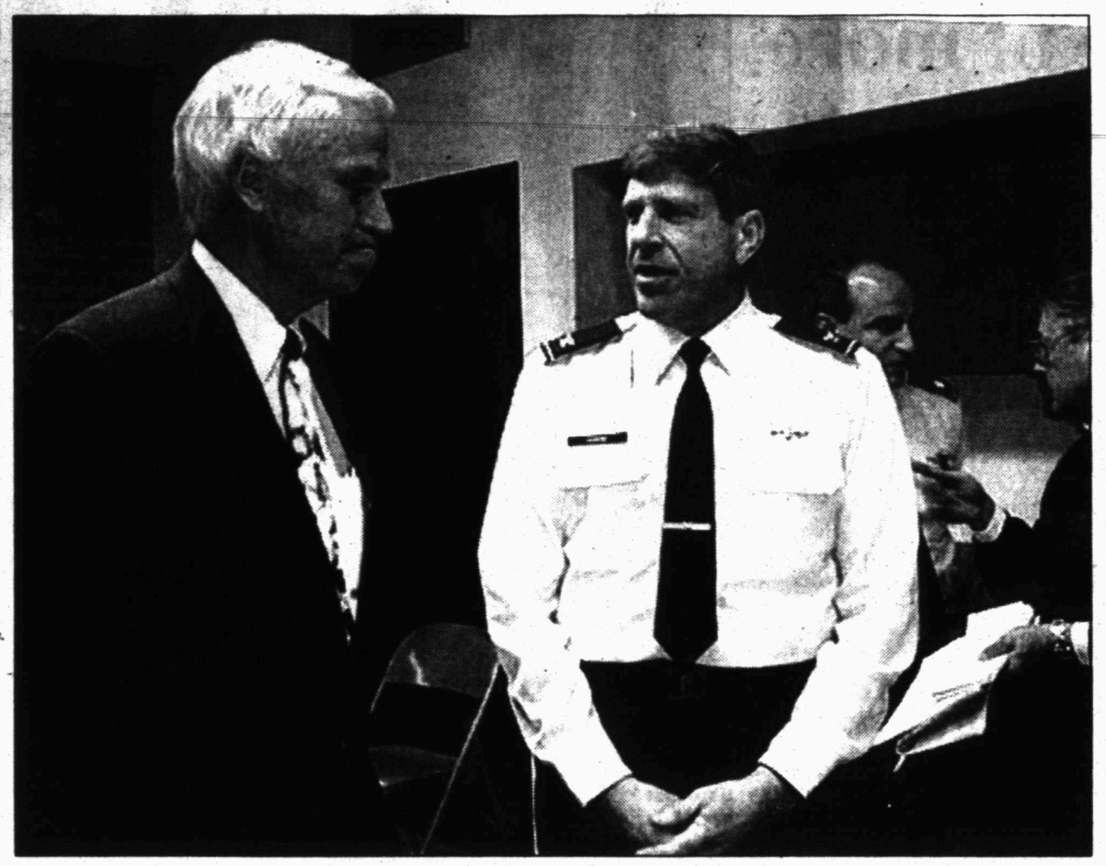
According to those who can remember pulling or picking cotton by hand, any mechnical means was an improvement — even if it was experimental.

We heard a story about a farmer over in Gaines County who was visited by an ag student who had all the theory, but none of the experience.

The student was big on irrigation and water conservation practices. He frowned when he saw the farmer's irrigation system.

"With that watering pattern," he scolded the farmer, "I don't how you could hope to get a half a bale an acre."

The crusty old farmer grinned. "Don't get any. Them's peanuts."



TRAINING INITIATIVE — U.S. Rep. Stenholm (D-Stamford), left, was one of a group of about 30 people who heard Col. George Virdine and others discuss a proposed B-1 and B-52 bomber training range in this area Tuesday evening. (SDN Staff Photo)

Pilot training range initiative met with warm welcome here

Establishing a rapport with Scurry County citizens appeared to be the primary goal of Air Force officials here Tuesday night as they discussed the development of a pilot training range in the area.

To that end, they were successful, with most of the group of about 30 citizens welcoming the idea.

"We want your help in molding our proposals....we're not trying to keep any secrets from anybody. We can't do this unless we do it as a team," said Lt. Col. Greg Mason, a B-1 instructor pilot.

The meeting was the last in a series of community gatherings to announce the Air Force's plans to put together a Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI) range for use by B-1s from Dyess and B-52s from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

According to the military, the range will be a mapped route which will include about a dozen sites of a few acres each. There will be radar, emitters or other electronic equipment on the sites which will allow the pilots' performance to be scored.

"Our objective is to provide the best training in the world for Air Force pilots," said Col. George Virdine, Support Group Commander at Dyess AFB in Abilene. "We are breaking new ground here. We have a blank sheet of paper and we want you to be the author."

Because the plan is in its early stages, Col. Virdine and Lt. Col. Mason don't know whether one or more sites will actually be located in Scurry County, or what the financial impact might be if they are.

The purpose of the plan is to map out a range which will include flatlands, hills and mountainous areas. Currently, the Air Force has to fly to different ranges to work on various training maneuvers. This RBTI would allow for a variety of training in one range, saving the Air Force time and expense, the men said.

"Right now, these is being done piecemeal. This will allow us to maximize training time and minimize transit time, as well as save money and provide better training," said Col. Virdine.

Realistically, Lt. Col. Mason said, a range wouldn't be operational for about three years. He said an environmental impact study will begin next week, and will take about six to eight months for preliminary findings. More public hearings will follow and the funding has to be secured. He said all of that would be about a two-year process.

It would take another year to finalize site selection and for construction, he added.

The Air Force will hold another meeting in this area in late January or early February to gain further input from citizens, said Col. Virdine.

Among those attending last night's meeting were U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm. The Congressman, D-Stamford, asked about flights per day, altitude and speed of the aircraft.

Lt. Col. Mason said there would be roughly eight flights a day at between 500 and 300 feet. The B-1s would train at about 540 true knots or almost 600 miles per hour. The B-52s would fly at about 340 knots, true.

In reference to other questions, the men said that the Air Force will work out longterm leases with property owners where sites are selected. They said the sites will need to be near roads, in relatively flat areas with water and electricity accessible.

TU announces lower monthly bills

TU Electric's customers — including those in Snyder and Scurry County — are expected to pay lower monthly bills if an agreement announced today is approved by the state's Public Utility Commission.

TU announced a joint agreement with PUC staff, Office of Public Utility Counsel, consumer groups and industrial customers that will give customers a $263 million decrease in bills over two years, effective Jan. 1

If approved, the plan would lower the base cost for residential customers by four percent, beginning in 1998, and an additional 1.4 percent in 1999 for a total decrease of 5.4 percent.

Daryl Thomas, local TU manager, said general service secondary customers — typically small and medium-sized businesses, would receive a two percent decrease and all other retail customers would see a one percent reduction in 1998.

"We are pleased we were able to reach an agreement that benefits customers, businesses and the company," said Tom Baker, president of TU's electric service division. "Because of successful cost-control efforts over the past few years, the company is able to offer lower electric bills beginning next year."

The agreement limits TU's earnings using any revenues above a ceiling and other methods to reduce the company's investment in power plants built to serve customers.

Three others hurt, one critically...

Colorado City girl killed in car wreck

An 18-year-old Colorado City youth died from injuries sustained in a two-vehicle accident Tuesday night at the intersection of Highway 208 and FM 1606 in Dunn.

Investigating DPS Trooper Jeff Buuck said Belinda Miles, a senior member of the basketball team at Colorado High School, was pronounced dead at Cogdell Hospital at 11:39 p.m. following the accident, which occurred at 10:33 p.m.

Three other people were also injured, one critically.

Jebby Forbes, 17, was first taken by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital before being transferred by AeroCare to Lubbock's University Medical Center. His condition was listed as critical this morning in the hospital's surgical intensive care unit for treatment of head and internal injuries. Forbes is also a student at Colorado High School.

Amanda Nikol Swann, 17 and also a student at Colorado High School, was taken by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where her condition was listed as stable this morning.

The trio were reportedly returning to Colorado City after attending a movie in Snyder.

Trooper Buuck said Swann was the driver of a 1995 Plymouth traveling eastbound on FM 1606 when it ran a stop sign. The Plymouth was struck broadside by a 1998 Ford Expedition north-bound on Highway 208, driven by Billy Hamaker, 64, of Montgomery. Hamaker was transporting the Ford between auto dealerships, according to investigators.

Hamaker was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where his condition this morning was listed as stable.

Buuck said neither Miles nor Swann were wearing seat belts and both were ejected from the vehicle. Miles was riding in the front seat while Swann was in the back seat.

Russia under threat, says Albright

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The greatest threat to European security may come from nuclear, chemical and biological weapons developed by rogue nations, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said today.

Speaking to the NATO-Russia Permanent Joint Council, Albright said Russia was as much at risk as any other nation.

"I trust we also agree that the gravest potential threat in the next century may come from beyond Europe, from the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction," she told the group, formed to ease Moscow's concerns about NATO expansion into Eastern Europe.

"In this respect, few nations are in a position of greater peril than Russia," she said. "And no nation is a source of greater danger than Iraq."

She urged Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov to continue his vital role in dealing with Iraq, particularly if Baghdad continues to deny U.N. weapons inspectors unimpeded access to all sites.

A Russian-brokered agreement last month eased a three-week crisis touched off after Iraq expelled American members of the weapons teams.

"Experience teaches us that Saddam Hussein will meet our demands only if we are united and firm," she said at the meeting, attended by Primakov and the foreign ministers of all 16 NATO nations.

Primakov stressed that Russia opposes forcing Iraq to comply.

"We are against the use of force," he said at a news conference. "I think in this regard we have a solid majority behind this position. At the same time, we feel Iraq must work with the special U.N. commission."

Albright also stressed the need for unity against outside threats, particularly from the east, in her remarks to NATO ministers Tuesday.

"It is to stop the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. It is to douse the combustible combination of technology and terror, the possibility — as unthinkable as it may seem — that weapons of mass destruction will fall into the hands of people who have no compunctions about using them," she said.

On Tuesday, NATO ministers settled on options for an extended NATO-led mission in Bosnia. Albright continued that discussion in a private breakfast meeting with Primakov before the second day of a two-day NATO meeting.

Albright also urged Primakov to help stop transfers of missile technology to Iran and brought up the case of Richard Bliss, an American accused of spying in Russia.

Voter cards are in the mail

New voter registration cards have been mailed for all voters currently registered in Scurry County.

The blue and white cards will be used Jan. 1, 1998 through Dec. 31, 1999. Citizens may dispose of their old cards.

Anyone who believes they should be mailed a card and does not receive one should contact the county clerk's office.

The cards were mailed to individual's last known current address and cannot be forwarded. If undelivered, they will be returned to the clerk's office.

"If your card does not arrive, please contact our office to complete a change of address form so we can mail a new card to you," a spokesperson from the clerk's office said.

DCOS to meet

Development Corporation of Snyder board will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Agenda items include conveying water and sewer improvements at SnTx Park I to the City of Snyder and the annual evaluation of the executive director.

The board will also update signature cards at American State Bank, discuss a loan default and approve financial statements, bills for payment and previous minutes.

ASK US

Q—Who were the winners in the Gold Coats' home decorations contest?

A—The winners were: 1st, Wilber and Bonnie Fry, 3309 48th St.; 2nd, Joel and Brenda Hook, 2715 48th St.; and 3rd, James and Casey Arnold, 4501 Galveston.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 63 degrees; low, 26; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 26; no precipitation; total for 1997, 24.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low 30-35. S wind 5-10 mph. Thursday, sunny. High 70-75. S wind increasing to 10-20 mph, gusty.



Hollie Berryhill
Sunny, windy

Sunset: 5:43 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:37 a.m.
Of 350 days in 1997, the sun has shone 335 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Unless you enter the tiger's den, you cannot take the cubs.

Japanese Proverb

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Judge orders release of more than 800 tobacco documents

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — In a scathingly worded decision, a judge has ordered the release of 834 tobacco industry documents that cigarette makers had tried to keep away from attorneys for the state.

Ramsey County District Judge Kenneth Fitzpatrick wrote Tuesday that his own examination of the documents revealed "a conspiracy of silence and suppression of scientific research" that must be exposed.

Fitzpatrick said the cigarette companies claimed attorney-client confidentiality on documents that clearly didn't deserve such protection.

"Did the defendants claim privilege for such material simply to create more of a 'haystack' in which to hide their 'needles'?" he said. "Did they fail to conduct a review of the documents sufficient to make a good-faith claim of privilege in the first instance?

"Whatever the reason, claiming privilege where none even arguably exists constitutes abuse," he said.

His ruling came in the run-up to Minnesota's massive anti-tobacco lawsuit, which charges that the industry misled the public about the risk of smoking and seeks to recoup smoking-related medical costs of $1.75 billion. The trial is due to begin Jan. 20.

Fitzpatrick said his findings and the conclusions of special master Mark Gehan "demand that the light of discovery penetrate to some of the darkest bowels of the tobacco industry, revealing what the industry knew, when it knew it, and if the information was disseminated."

Liggett Group Inc., maker of L&M and Chesterfield cigarettes, planned to disclose the documents in its settlement with state attorneys general earlier this year. But other companies objected, forcing the court review.

Fitzpatrick upheld Gehan's conclusion that the presence of "crime fraud" in the application of attorney-client privilege invalidated any claim to confidentiality, and ordered that the documents be turned over to the state and co-plaintiff Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota within five days.

The judge noted that Gehan had determined that some tobacco research was put under the direction of attorneys in order to "create" the relationship of attorney and client.



NEW BOARD MEMBERS — Wade Hatter, Mark Cypert and Brenda Hedges are new members of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Each will serve three years. Jeffrey Martin, past president, will remain on the board for one more year. Hatter, with Picture This, Cypert with Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home and Hedges with Capital Investments fills the positions of Rob Sanders and Julie Sentell. The third board member replaced Ann McCabe who moved to Midland earlier this year. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



Guess Who's 16 Today?
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Love, Mom, Dad, Shelby & Bubba

Safe-seafood rules take effect Thursday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to prevent up to 60,000 illnesses a year, the government is forcing every seafood processor to follow a strict new safety program that aims to prevent bad fish from reaching Americans.

The new rules will force plants, starting Thursday, to prove they took steps to prevent seafood contamination, providing a continual record of safety instead of the quick snapshot that government inspectors get today during spot checks of processors.

"There's not a moment when you can let your guard down," said Dr. Michael Friedman, acting commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

The long-awaited rules mark the first industrywide test of a touted safety program that the government plans to expand into other foods, starting with meats next month. And because half the seafood eaten in the United States is imported, FDA inspectors also will monitor seafood importers for the first time. It will even send inspectors into some foreign plants to make sure they meet safety standards.

But consumer advocates say the rules aren't enough, because the FDA won't police fishing boats or retail stores.

"It's going to take a couple of years before we see ... if the rules really have an impact," said Caroline Smith DeWaal of the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

The FDA actually wrote the new rules two years ago, but gave seafood plants until Thursday to comply.

About 9,000 Americans die every year from food poisoning, but no one knows how many deaths are caused by tainted fish. The FDA estimates 114,000 Americans are sickened by bad seafood each year and the new rules will prevent up to 60,000 of those incidents.

Seafood is vulnerable to pollution, viruses, bacteria, even natural toxins that emerge if the fish aren't properly chilled.

Under the new rules, every seafood plant must follow a customized plan designed to prevent bad seafood from reaching consumers. Called HACCP (pronounced hass-ip), which stands for Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points, plants identify every point where contamination could occur and prove they took proper preventive steps at those points.

FDA inspectors will visit some 3,800 seafood plants in the next year to ensure they are complying.

The agency initially will help plants to improve HACCP plans that don't appear safe enough, but later violators will be prosecuted.

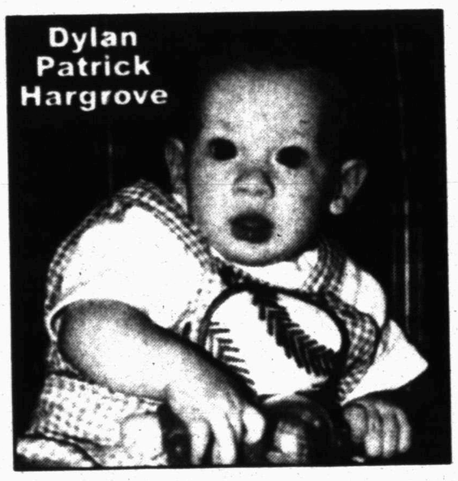
The risks differ by species, but the first "critical point" is the docks.

Any processor buying tuna or marlin, for instance, must ensure the fish were adequately chilled on the boat and didn't stay at sea too long, because scombroid poisoning can occur once those species even slightly decompose, said FDA seafood chief Philip Spiller.

"If those assurances can't be provided, go elsewhere," he warned seafood plants.

Back at the plant, there are different risks. Precooked seafood such as crabmeat must be cooked at a hot enough temperature and refrigerated quickly to prevent bacterial growth, explained Thomas Rippen of the Maryland Sea Grant Program, who spent months teaching HACCP classes for seafood workers.

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Non-emergency calls to begin

DALLAS (AP) — A 311 non-emergency phone service is being launched in Dallas, beginning today.

Top city officials will kick off the service with a festive flair and a ceremonial first call from Mayor Ron Kirk.

The number will be available for residents to ask the city about everything from alley repair to zoo hours.

Officials said the service will make Dallas City Hall easier to reach and ease the burden on the emergency 911 system, which is saddled each year with hundreds of thousands of nonurgent and sometimes frivolous calls.

Dallas is the third U.S. city to create a 311 system, officicials said, and the first to provide three-digit access to all city services, not just public safety.

Baltimore launched a 311 service in October 1996. San Jose, Calif., activated its 311 number this fall. Both systems are intended to handle nonurgent public safety concerns, not queries about all city services.

Baltimore officials said the 311 number has eased the load on the city's 911 operators and cut the number of police calls dispatched.

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To turn around dragging sales...

Lottery proposes new on-line game

AUSTIN (AP) — In an effort to turn around dragging sales, the Texas Lottery Commission is proposing a new on-line game that could begin next spring.

Lottery staffers on Tuesday told the three-member commission that sales in November and December, usually banner months, remained lower-than anticipated.

But lottery staffers also said they believe the new on-line game, a new instant ticket game and a renewed advertising campaign would help boost overall revenues for the state.

The lottery currently is running $60 million short of the $1.4 billion it was expected to make for the state in the current two-year budget cycle, which ends Aug. 31, 1999.

"It's not going to make up for what we have lost," executive director Linda Cloud said of the new game. "It is going to help."

The proposed weekly game, to be called Texas Million, would offer a top prize of $1 million a week and additional prizes down to $10.

In the game, players would pick one set of four numbers out of 100 possible numbers ranging from 00 to 99. A correct guess would bring a $1 million prize.

At the same time, the on-line computer system also would give players six more sets of four numbers — much like "quick pick" numbers in lotto — for a total of seven possible chances of winning some prize.

While players would receive seven sets of numbers, only one set — the four numerals selected by the player — would be eligible for the $1 million top prize.

Two of the six sets selected by the computer would be worth up to $25,000. The other four sets would be worth up to $10,000 if they matched all four numbers randomly drawn by the lottery.

Players matching three of four numbers in any set would win $300, while matching two numbers in any of the sets would be worth $10.

Each seven-play ticket, which would be purchased at retail locations where lotto tickets are sold, would cost $2.

The overall odds of winning any prize would be 1 in 20. The odds of winning the $1 million prize would be 1 in 3.9 million, lottery officials said.

Woman who organized winning lottery pool dies of brain tumor

ROBY (AP) — The woman who organized the lottery pool that made millionaires out of 43 people in and near this West Texas town has died of a brain tumor.

Peggy Terry Dickson, 49, a relative of 21 of the winners, died Tuesday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a brief battle with cancerous brain tumors.

Her death came one day before the first anniversary of the bus trip the winners made to Austin to claim their first of 20 installment payments of their $46.7 million Texas Lottery jackpot.

The tumors had been discovered on the day before Thanksgiving, the one-year anniversary of the lottery windfall. She had complained of intense headaches.

Mrs. Dickson underwent surgery to remove one of the tumors on Dec. 2. Dozens of friends and relatives kept a tense vigil outside Hendrick's Critical Care Unit until she amazed doctors by gaining enough strength to be able to go home last Thursday.

"They sent her home very optimistically. She was in real good spirits, but Saturday morning she took a turn for the worse," a tearful neighbor said.



DONATION — Snyder Lion's Club vice president Ricky Fritz presents a check on behalf of the club to Sheriff Darren Jackson to be used for Goodfellow projects in Snyder. Jackson is the president of the Kiwanis Club which coordinates Goodfellow projects. (SDN Staff Photo)

HMO, man's family agree on settlement

DALLAS (AP) — Kaiser Permanente's North Texas HMO has agreed to pay $5.35 million to the family of an Irving man who collapsed and died in a Kaiser clinic in 1995.

The settlement was reached Tuesday night after a test jury said it would have awarded the family more than 10 times that amount if the case had gone to trial.

Ronald Henderson, 56, collapsed and died while waiting for treatment in 1995. His family alleged that Kaiser doctors and nurses failed to diagnose his heart disease.

There were two days of testimony in the novel nonbinding minitrial conducted by District Judge John M. Marshall.

The process, also known as a summary jury trial, was conducted in secret.

Jurors said they would have awarded Henderson's family $62 million, $32 million in actual damages and $30 million in punitive damages.

Kaiser has denied wrongdoing and claimed Henderson was an overweight smoker who did not obey doctors' orders.

Lawyers for Kaiser and the Henderson family issued a joint statement, saying, "We have compromised and all parties are satisfied."

Kaiser expressed displeasure with the minitrial process, saying the "verdict was not a real verdict, the damages are not real damages, this was not a real trial."

The lawsuit generated a great deal of interest because lawyers for the family alleged that Kaiser had placed cost-cutting concerns ahead of patient care. That notion is increasingly held by consumers of managed health care, according to national polls.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 12-17-97
♠ K 7 6
♥ A Q 8 4
♦ K Q J 6 3
♣ 4

West
♠ J
♥ 10 6 5 2
♦ 2
♣ K Q J 10 9 7 2

East
♠ Q 10 9 2
♥ K J 9 7
♦ 5 4
♣ A 8 3

South
♠ A 8 5 4 3
♥ 3
♦ A 10 9 8 7
♣ 6 5

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	3♣	Dbl.	4♣
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

To draw or not to draw

By Phillip Alder

In the "White House Years," Henry Kissinger wrote, "The management of a balance of power is a permanent undertaking, not an exertion that has a foreseeable end."

We have critical management in bridge too: of the trump suit. How would you play in four spades here? West leads the diamond two.

The deal occurred at the Surfer's Paradise congress last February in Queensland, Australia.

Five diamonds is easy to make, but is "impossible" to reach after East-West's effective barrage.

Here, West's lead is clearly a singleton, but in less obvious circumstances, be guided by British international Andy Robson's Bols bridge tip. He pointed out that if someone who opened with a high-level pre-empt leads another suit, it is a singleton. (And as a rider, if the pre-emptor leads his own suit, either he has no singleton or it is in the trump suit.)

South immediately drew two rounds of trumps. If they had broken 3-2, he would have been fine. Yet when they split 4-1, he had to take the heart finesse. However, when it lost, East cashed the spade queen, which removed dummy's last trump. Then the defenders took two club tricks for two down.

Drawing two rounds of trumps is bad management. The right line is to cash only dummy's spade king before leading a club. Now (unless spades are 5-0) the contract is safe. Even if West gets a diamond ruff, declarer will lose only one spade, one club and one ruff. And with the actual layout, declarer has set up his club ruff before East can denude dummy of spades. South loses only two spades and one club.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; at Classic Interiors; hostesses, Laurie Grinslade, Jean McMillon; 4 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; country club; noon.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Three support groups: Divorce Recovery, Cancer/Grief, and Caring for Aging Parents; in Family Life Center of First Baptist Church; 6:30 p.m.; for more information call the church office at 573-2631. Anyone is welcome to attend and child care will be provided.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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



Tiny fingers, tiny toes
A rosebud mouth
And button nose.
Life for her has just begun.
Our little Angel's
just turned ONE!

Happy 1st Birthday
Brittany
Celeste Rios

Lion still loose

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Nala, the 450-pound lion that escaped from a roadside zoo near Disney World, wants to go back to her cage but is agitated and spooked, zoo officials say.

The full-grown female lion was spotted several times by helicopter and on the ground Tuesday by wildlife officers trying to safely capture her. Each time, she managed to get away.

At one time she was next to a fence enclosing the seven-acre JungeLand Zoo.

"She's very close to the perimeter. She's ready to go home," said Kathy Bacon, JungleLand's marketing director.

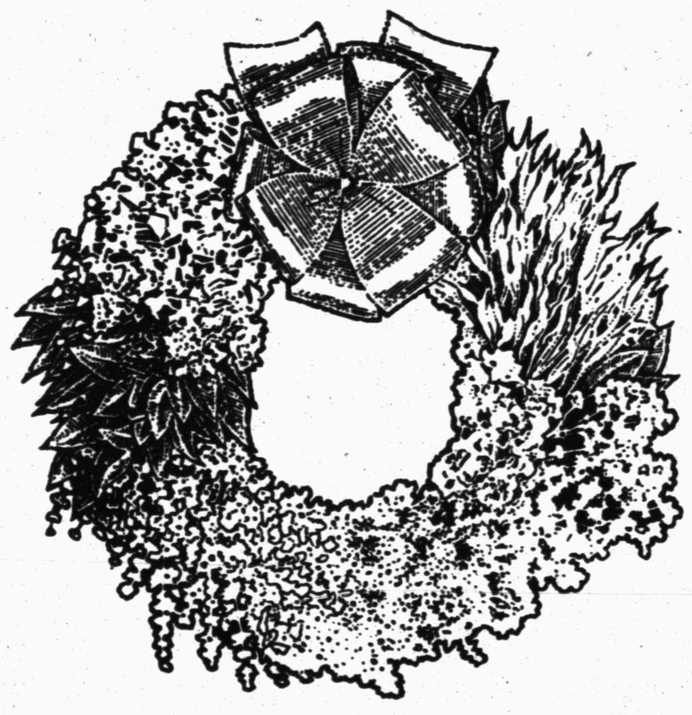
The lion escaped Monday from JungleLand Zoo while her handlers tried to fix her cage to raise her above flooded ground. Nala, named after a character in the Disney movie "The Lion King," ran into a wooded swamp behind the zoo. The swamp is surrounded by hotels, restaurants and expensive homes in a popular tourist district.

To encourage her to return, zoo workers Tuesday night lowered an eight-foot high fence surrounding the property and placed food in her open cage.

Residents and tourists in the area were put on alert, but officials described the 2½-year-old lioness as hand-raised, declawed and very sociable.



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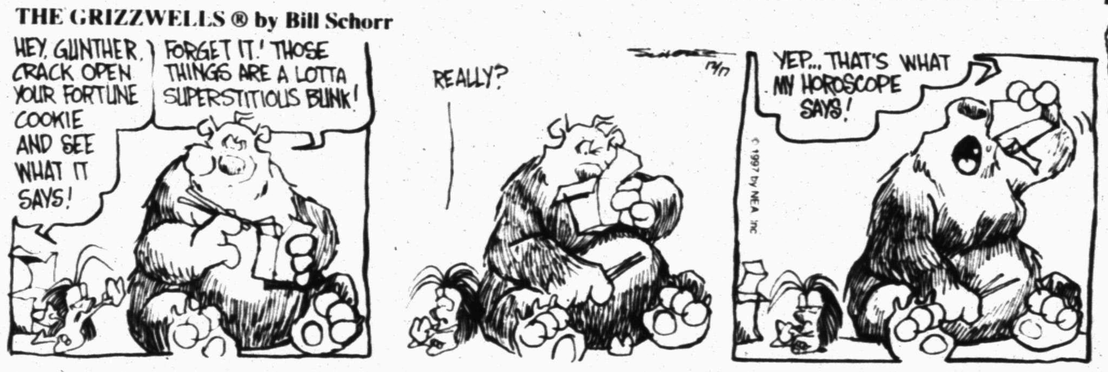
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ACROSS

1 — up (gushed)
7 Poland's Lech —
13 Repair (shoes)
14 Juice extractor
15 Chalkboard necessity
16 Burst suddenly
17 Ready or —
18 Candy flavor
20 Pigpen
21 Internal organs
24 Lion's pride
27 Strangeness
31 Seaport in Arabia
32 African primate
33 TV's Sawyer
35 Disastrous defeat
36 Coming in
40 Opposite of ecto
41 Cavalry soldiers
43 Consumed food
46 Singer La — Jackson
47 CIO's partner
50 Sing
53 — Nevada
55 Walk heavily
56 Spotted
57 Former Soviet leader
58 Property

DOWN

1 Songbird
2 Architect Saarinen
3 Future LL.Bs.' exam
4 — Angeles
5 Smyrna figs
6 Ridicule
7 Author
8 — Lingus (airline)
9 Guardian spirit
10 Australian birds
11 9th mo.
12 Bohemian
19 Compass pt.
21 Canine hotel
22 Puppy sound
23 Sleep noises
24 Formulated
25 Tennis term (2 wds.)
26 Orderly
28 English school
29 Type of earring
30 De — (old car)
34 Important time period
37 Hospital doctor
38 Sgt., e.g.
39 Old Faithful, e.g.
42 Elevate
43 Pointed tools
44 Tense
45 Columnist Bombeck
47 Seed covering
48 Worry
49 — and the Tramp
51 Barrel (abbr.)
52 Luau necklace
54 Clean-air agcy.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Drexler key to Rockets' 118-91 win

HOUSTON (AP) — This time, the Houston Rockets got it right.

"I'd say we wanted to send a message, and it was clear tonight what that message was," Clyde Drexler said. "We were a better team than we showed up there, and tonight we proved it."

Drexler was a key part of Houston's turnaround with 22 points, 10 assists and five steals in the Rockets' 118-91 victory Tuesday night that avenged a loss to the Grizzlies on Sunday.

"Clyde is that kind of player," Vancouver coach Brian Hill said. "If he doesn't have a good game, you know he'll come back the next time to show you what he could do . He is a great player headed for the Hall of Fame."

Kevin Willis led the Rockets with 23 points. He also gabbed 10 rebounds, but it was Drexler's all-around play that helped the Rockets rebound from Sunday's loss.

The Rockets used a pair of runs in each of the first two quarters to take a comfortable 62-43 halftime lead, with 15 points apiece by Willis and Drexler.

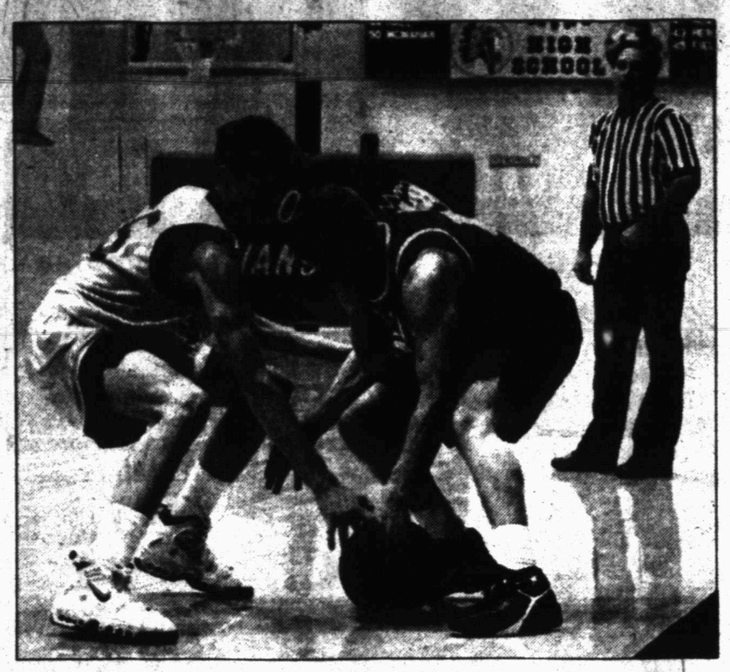
Houston went on a 19-4 run midway in the first quarter that started with the Grizzlies leading 17-11. Matt Maloney led that charge with seven points.

Leading 35-28 early in the second period, the Rockets had a 16-4 run that put them in control of the game. Willis paced the way with eight points.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim led the Grizzlies with 18 points.

"I think they took it personally that they lost to us on Sunday," Abdur-Rahim said. "We didn't come out with the focus or energy like we did up at home. Drexler was much more aggressive tonight."

The Rockets didn't ease up in the second half. Willis scored the first six Rockets points of the third quarter and Maloney, who finished with 14 points, had a pair of 3-point baskets. The Rockets led 85-65 to start the final period.



THAT'S MINE — Snyder's Justin McNair (right) scrambles for a loose ball during action last week. McNair will be coming off a season-high 18 point performance when the Tigers hit the court Friday at Slaton. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:45. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan
SDN Sports Editor

Just a little something to think about while waiting to see who the next Cowboy coach will be.

So often these days, it seems that athletes are doing things that are somewhat less than sportsmanlike — acts which range from throwing bar patrons through plate-glass windows to choking the head coach to taunting the other team when it isn't even necesary.

A few words to the opposition never hurt anybody, but pointing and punching everytime a tackle is made is a little extreme.

After all, making tackles is what defensive players are supposed to do.

But instead, the TV is constantly filled with players who think way too much of themselves.

Well maybe they don't get cable in Gail or maybe the players just don't watch it. But for whatever reason, the Borden County Coyotes did none of that.

In a season when they, of all teams, could have been pointing and shoving because they were the best — they didn't.

Throughout the entire playoffs and the title game, I think I could count on one hand the number of times an opposing player had to get up without a Coyote there to help him.

After almost every play, there was a Borden County player with his hand out to help another guy up, or to pat him on the helmet and say, "Good job."

So congratulations Coach Avery, Coach Richey and the Coyote players.

Not only did you do something that 85 other six-man schools couldn't — you won a state championship, you also accomplished a feat which is often all too rare these days.

You did what many teams, on all levels of almost every sport, fail to do — you won it with class.

A jovial Switzer downplays speculation about his future

IRVING (AP) — Barry Switzer isn't blaming himself, so the Dallas Cowboys' 1997 collapse must be players' fault.

"I did as good a job as when we won the Super Bowl, probably a little bit better considering some of the younger players," Switzer said Tuesday in assessing his performance.

Dallas has won three Super Bowls in the 1990s, including one in Switzer's second year.

This season, a combination of injuries, age and undisciplined play has led to a 6-9 record and jeopardized Switzer's job. Owner Jerry Jones has steadfastly refused to say Switzer and his assistants will be back.

Only six teams in the NFL have a worse record than the Cowboys do entering Sunday's game with the NFC East champion New York Giants.

Facing perhaps his last week as coach of the Cowboys, Switzer was in an almost jolly mood at Valley Ranch. He was wishing everyone "Merry Christmas" and said a big priority next week was shopping.

"You know, I live by myself, so I have to do my own shopping," Switzer said. "I've only got a couple of days."

Switzer said all the speculation about his ouster hadn't hurt him.

"It hasn't bothered me at all, not one bit," Switzer said. "It's probably affected my family members more than anyone else."

Switzer talked some about the meaningless game with the Giants on Sunday. New York will host a wild-card team in a first-round game, and that won't change regardless of a loss.

A loss for Dallas could help propel the Cowboys to the top 10 on draft day and give them a fourth-place finish and a much easier schedule next year.

Switzer said the Cowboys, although they will play some young players, will go all out.

"We're going to try to win a football game," Switzer said. "It's not like this is an exhibition game."

Switzer said the careers of several veterans, such as tackle Mark Tuinei and special teams star Bill Bates, could be winding down.

He said 12-year guard Nate Newton could return if he gets in better shape.

Sources say former Dallas assistant headed for USC

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paul Hackett, who has a reputation as a wizard with offenses but who was a washout in his only head coaching job, reportedly is in line to replace John Robinson as the coach at Southern California.

Fox Sports News reported that Robinson would be fired and replaced today by Hackett, who served as an assistant under Robinson from 1976-80 and is currently offensive coordinator for the Kansas City Chiefs.

USC sports information director Tim Tessalone responded to the report by saying, "Nothing's changed right now."

"(Athletic director) Mike Garrett is still in the process of evaluating the football program," Tessalone said Tuesday. "We're just waiting for him to make his decision. There are all sorts of rumors out there, but at this point in time they're all unsubstantiated. All those reports are premature.

"We have not called a press conference at this time. We're just waiting to hear from Mike."

However, the Los Angeles Times, attributing numerous anonymous sources, also reported that Robinson was out and Hackett was in as the USC coach.

The newspaper reported in today's editions that USC officials planned to ask Robinson to remain at the school in another capacity.

Chiefs head coach Marty Schottenheimer would only say, "We have no comment at this time."

A USC source close to the situation who spoke on the condition of anonymity admitted that "there's an interest level on USC's part (in Hackett)."

Garrett said earlier he would make a decision this week.

Robinson, 62, has a 104-35-4 record in 12 years as USC's coach — from 1976-82 and 1993-97, but the Trojans are a combined 12-11 the last two seasons after going 9-2-1 in 1995, including a 41-32 victory over Northwestern in the 1996 Rose Bowl game.

Hackett, 50, a longtime assistant, has held one head coaching job, at the University of Pittsburgh. He had a 13-20-1 record there from 1990-92, was fired after going 3-8 in 1992, then joined the Chiefs' staff.

A possible stumbling block with Hackett is a starting date at USC. The Chiefs (12-3) have clinched home-field advantage throughout the playoffs, making them the AFC favorites to reach the Super Bowl, to be played Jan. 25 in San Diego. The Chiefs will play their first playoff game the weekend of Jan. 3-4.

Hackett has been an assistant at UC Davis (1970-71), California (1972-75), USC (1976-80) and Pitt (1989) as well as with four NFL teams — the Cleveland Browns (1981-82), the San Francisco 49ers (1983-85), the Dallas Cowboys (1986-88) and the Chiefs.

Although Hackett-coached offenses generally have been successful during his career as an assistant, he was criticized last year and early this season for a perceived lack of creativity on offense. A columnist for the Kansas City Star had a campaign going called "Sack the Hack," an attempt to have him removed as offensive coordinator.

However, the Chiefs then started winning, and the campaign died.

Robinson, under contract through 2001, was said to be in his office Tuesday morning, but not in the afternoon, and a caller was told he would be back in his office today.

After a 35-7 loss to Arizona State on Oct. 11 dropped the Trojans to 2-3, Robinson said he would leave if things didn't turn around.

USC then won four of its next five games, including a 20-17 victory at Notre Dame, before losing to fifth-ranked UCLA 31-24 to finish the season. The Trojans (6-5) did not receive a bowl bid.

After leaving USC in 1982, Robinson coached the Los Angeles Rams.

Semester's end brings four transfers to Big 12

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — In what could be a sign of the times, the Big 12 will see at least four transfer players become eligible at semester's end this week, including Lester Earl at Kansas and Albert White at Missouri.

Both could make a quick impact.

Earl, a 6-foot-8 power forward who transferred from LSU, could improve an already tough front-court for the second-ranked Jayhawks. White, 6-4, is a transfer from Michigan.

"Ours was a very unusual situation because the youngster didn't even finish his freshman year," said Kansas coach Roy Williams. "He had a lot of desire to come to Kansas to begin with, but he didn't make that decision for whatever reason."

Both White and Earl have been out of game competition for more than a year.

"I'm sure there's going to be some rustiness on his part," Missouri assistant coach Kim Anderson said of White. "But he's practiced with us. We've worked him into our drills and our offense. I think he'll bring some intensity to our team. He loves to play."

Texas Tech is getting 6-7 Da'Mon Roberts back from an academic difficulty which sidelined him the first semester. But Red Raider coach James Dickey foresees more and more players calling it quits and moving to another school even though NCAA rules make them sit out a year.

"Things have changed over the years," Dickey said. "At one point, players just wanted a scholarship. Then they wanted an opportunity to play. Then they wanted to know how many minutes they would play. Then they wanted to know if they would start. Now they want to be the star. There's only 200 minutes to pass around during the game. It's not a new problem. It's just been magnified over the course of TV exposure and the greater interest in college basketball."

At Texas, Ivan Wagner, who won the NCAA high jump, will become eligible this week. He's a transfer from North Carolina State.

"He came in here to run track and decided to come out for basketball this year," said Texas coach Tom Penders. "Last year he didn't even practice with us. He's very physical and athletic. Obviously, he can jump."

Wagner will be just the second player in Penders' 10 years to join the team at the start of the second semester, but that doesn't mean he'll be the last.

"Today is the day of instant gratification," Penders said. "If kids aren't playing somewhere, not projecting themselves as (NBA) lottery picks after their freshman year, they think it's the coach or the system. So they move on."

Aaron Jack, a 6-8 forward, will be playing for Texas A&M after transferring from Penn State.

A&M coach Tony Barone says the reduced recruiting time coaches are allowed is at least partly to blame for players wanting to transfer.

"I do think it's going to be a trend," said Barone. "The trend in recruiting is to give us less time in dealing with the kids. I do think you're going to see an excessive number of transfers. I don't know if kids are going to transfer as often at semester. But I do see transferring becoming more in vogue than it is now."

SDN Sports Week

Friday

Snyder varsity boys at Slaton, 7:45.

Colorado City at Snyder JV & varsity girls, 5 p.m., 6:30.

Colorado City at Snyder 9th girls, SJHS gymnasium, 5 p.m.

Borden County JV boys, varsity & JV girls at Lubbock High, 4:30.

Snyder JV boys at Sweetwater tourney.

Saturday

Sweetwater at Snyder varsity boys, 7:30.

Snyder JV & varsity girls at Sweetwater, 6 p.m., 7:30.

Snyder JV boys at Sweetwater tourney.

Monday

Big Spring at Snyder JV & varsity boys, 6 p.m., 7:30.

NCAA BASKETBALL SCORES

EAST
Harvard 80, Dartmouth 55
Villanova 68, Temple 57
West Virginia 101, Robert Morris 52
SOUTH
Ala.-Birmingham 57, Chattanooga 55
Auburn 89, Jacksonville St. 61
Charleston Southern 72, Furman 62
Coppin St. 79, Florida A&M 54
Grambling St. 60, NW Louisiana 57
Mississippi St. 73, James Madison 69
North Carolina 92, Hampton U. 69
MIDWEST
Detroit 77, Cent. Michigan 53
Ill.-Chicago 75, Illinois St. 67
South Alabama 79, Mo.-Kansas City 52
FAR WEST
Loyola Marymount 88, Portland St. 84, OT
New Mexico St. 61, Ark.-Pine Bluff 53
Oregon St. 73, St. Martin's 61
St. Mary's, Cal. 73, Fresno St. 65
Stanford 63, San Diego St. 42

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	15	7	.682	-
Orlando	16	8	.667	-
NewYork	14	9	.609	1½
NewJersey	12	10	.545	3
Boston	10	12	.455	5
Washington	10	14	.417	6
Philadelphia	6	15	.286	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	18	5	.783	-
Cleveland	15	7	.682	2½
Charlotte	14	7	.667	3
Indiana	14	8	.636	3½
Chicago	14	9	.609	4
Milwaukee	11	11	.500	6½
Detroit	11	13	.458	7½
Toronto	2	21	.087	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	13	7	.650	-
Utah	14	9	.609	½
SanAntonio	13	10	.565	1½
Minnesota	9	13	.409	5
Vancouver	9	15	.375	6
Dallas	5	18	.217	9½
Denver	2	20	.091	12

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	19	5	.792	-
L.A.Lakers	18	5	.783	½
Phoenix	13	8	.619	4½
Portland	13	9	.591	5
Sacramento	8	16	.333	11
GoldenState	5	16	.238	12½
L.A.Clippers	4	20	.167	15

Monday's Games
Boston 100, Philadelphia 83
Indiana 108, Toronto 101
Washington 88, Utah 86
Chicago 111, Phoenix 104
Atlanta 99, Portland 90

Tuesday's Games
Utah 103, Miami 95
Cleveland 103, Phoenix 90
L.A. Lakers 109, Minnesota 96
New York 83, Detroit 78
Houston 118, Vancouver 91
San Antonio 99, Denver 85
Seattle 109, L.A. Clippers 94
Golden State 103, Dallas 92
Sacramento 94, Portland 87

Wednesday's Games
Miami at Washington, 6 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Utah at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Golden State vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	23	9	0	46	98	58
Philadelphia	19	9	6	44	97	76
Washington	15	12	7	37	101	93
N.Y.Islanders	13	15	5	31	89	89
N.Y.Rangers	9	15	11	29	90	99
Florida	11	17	5	27	82	102
TampaBay	6	21	5	17	58	103

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	18	10	7	43	96	81
Montreal	18	13	4	40	103	88
Boston	16	12	5	37	86	84
Ottawa	14	16	4	32	84	80
Carolina	13	16	5	31	89	95
Buffalo	10	15	6	26	80	89

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	22	9	4	48	114	75
Detroit	19	9	6	44	111	85
St.Louis	20	12	3	43	101	81
Phoenix	13	14	6	32	88	92
Chicago	10	17	6	26	72	86
Toronto	10	16	5	25	67	84

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	18	8	9	45	105	88
LosAngeles	12	14	6	30	92	94
Anaheim	12	15	6	30	76	95
SanJose	13	18	3	29	87	98
Edmonton	11	16	7	29	82	101
Calgary	10	18	7	27	91	105
Vancouver	10	19	4	24	98	116

Monday's Games
Boston 6, Florida 2
Philadelphia 3, Montreal 1
Ottawa 3, St. Louis 1
Dallas 8, Buffalo 4
Colorado 3, Toronto 2
Vancouver 7, Los Angeles 0

Tuesday's Games
Tampa Bay 1, Pittsburgh 1, tie
N.Y. Islanders 2, Washington 2, tie
Carolina 2, Ottawa 1
New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
Calgary 4, Chicago 3, OT
San Jose 5, Detroit 1

Wednesday's Games
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Florida at Washington, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Toronto at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

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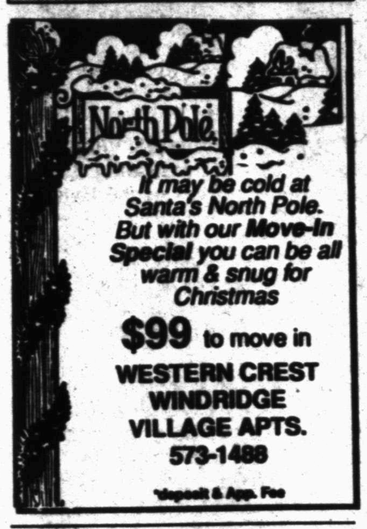
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Galileo swoops within 124 miles of Europa's icy surface

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The Galileo spacecraft swooped within 124 miles of Jupiter's frozen moon Europa, its blistered surface strengthening suspicions that a briny ocean harboring life could lie beneath an icy crust.

The near-pass Tuesday was Galileo's closest look at Europa, which has become a major target for exploration because it likely has two elements needed to support life: water and heat.

"Europa really is the gem of the solar system," Ronald Greeley, an Arizona State University geologist, said at a briefing by mission officials at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Scientists will have to wait a few weeks to get the latest pictures snapped by Galileo, but instruments recently detected signs of magnesium salts that bolstered the belief that an ocean could be under Europa's cracked-ice surface.

Images from the last Europa pass, on Nov. 6, provide new signs that slushy material is pushing upward, rupturing the surface and freezing in formations that scientists likened to blisters.

Greeley pulled out a lava lamp to demonstrate the principle: As the whitish material is heated by the lamp, it rises inside the blue liquid.

"This is what we think could be happening to these blisters," he said.

The smallest of Jupiter's four major moons, Europa is believed to have both water and internal heat from the friction of tidal forces and from radioactive sources such as uranium. But whether that heat is sufficient for maintaining a "liquid ocean" remains an open question, said project scientist Torrence Johnson.

The Europa passes are part of a $30 million, two-year extension to Galileo's primary mission of exploring Jupiter and its moons. The new mission is making return trips to moons of interest such as Europa, Ganymede, Callisto (the most heavily cratered moon in the solar system) and Io (the most volcanic body in the solar system).

Launched in 1989 from a shuttle, Galileo has provided enough new information that scientists are rewriting textbooks.

It found spectacular thunderstorms on Jupiter with thunderbolts up to 100 times stronger than those on Earth. Ganymede surprised scientists with its magnetic field and its magnetosphere, a surrounding region of charged particles, making it the seventh body in the solar system to have one.

At Io, Galileo found not only glowing volcanic gases but also glowing lava hotter than what flows from terrestrial volcanoes.

It also found metallic cores at Io, Europa and Ganymede, but none at Callisto.

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Two arrested by law officers

Officers arrested a 20-year-old Snyder man in the 3200 block of Ave. T Tuesday on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant to revoke his probation.

He was taken into custody at 4:20 p.m. He had been on probation for Class A assault.

Following a 911 call from an apartment at the College Park Apartments at 10:09 p.m., officers arrested a 21-year-old male for assault/family violence.

Activity was light otherwise, as the fire department responded to a grass fire at 11:23 a.m. on U.S. Highway 84 near the Rip Griffin complex. Reports of possible prowlers were made at 8:50 p.m. in the 3000 block of 38th Street, at 9:15 p.m. in the 1800 block of 37th Street and at 9:21 p.m. in the alley of the 2800 block of El Paso.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Luis Alaniz, Valerianna Lopez, Carl Wright.
DISMISSALS: Valerianna Lopez, Greg McQuirk, Frances Black, Wilma Dillard.
CENSUS: 42 (Med., Surg.-13, Long-term Care-26, CCU-3).

Datebook

Dec. 17, 1997

Today is the 351st day of 1997 and the 88th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright flew their plane in its first 12-second flight.

On this day in 1989, "The Simpsons" debuted on Fox-TV.

On this day in 1992, the United States, Canada and Mexico signed the North American Free Trade Agreement.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), poet; Ford Madox Ford (1873-1939), writer; Erskine Caldwell (1903-1987), writer; Willard F. Libby (1908-1980), chemist; William Safire (1929-), journalist, is 68; Bob Guccione (1930-), publisher, is 67.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1933, the Chicago Bears defeated the New York Giants, 23-21, in the first world championship football game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Only two classes of books are of universal appeal: the very best and the very worst." — Ford Madox Ford

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1929, an ice storm in western New York resulted in much damage and hardship.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 13) and last quarter (Dec. 21).

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Milky discharge may indicate tumor

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My sister-in-law, age 53, has no health insurance and hesitates to seek medical attention except for emergencies. Recently, she has suffered from headaches and a milky discharge from her breasts. Should she see a doctor?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt. Her symptoms suggest a pituitary tumor.

The pituitary gland sits deep in the brain and regulates the hormones produced by many bodily organs, including the adrenal and thyroid glands. It also governs production of the sex hormones, as well as milk production in women. The combination of headache and a milky breast discharge in a middle-aged woman indicates the possibility that your sister-in-law may have a prolactinoma, a benign tumor in the pituitary gland. Milk production can also be caused by hypothyroidism, certain prescription drugs and other more serious pituitary growths.

In any case, your sister-in-law needs a medical exam, blood tests and an MRI scan. If a prolactinoma is present, it may have to be removed, although many cases respond to drug therapy, especially with bromocriptine.

Unfortunately, the necessary testing can be expensive. However, in my view, it is imperative that she have it done.

For further information about pituitary disease, you can write to the Pituitary Tumor Network Association, 16350 Ventura Blvd., #231, Encino, CA 91436; phone: (805) 499-9973.

I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Insuring Your Good Health." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My dreaming drives me crazy. Sometimes I dream so much that I wake up exhausted. My parents have been dead for years, yet I still dream of them. Can you help me?

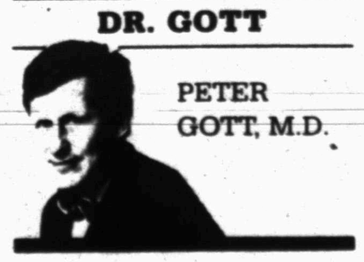
DEAR READER: As I have written before, dreams are merely thoughts that we have while asleep — and, as such, are harmless. For many of us, dreaming is one way to solve unresolved problems, albeit in a complex and highly symbolic manner.

Freud was probably correct: Dreams do have meaning. Not from a mystical standpoint, of course, but because they alert us to unresolved issues, conflicts and fears.

The best way to moderate your dreaming is to identify the basis of the thoughts. What is a dream trying to tell you? For example, were you able to achieve meaningful closure before your parents died, or are there some issues there that you have yet to resolve? Look at dreams as nature's way of alerting us to work that needs to be done. To that end, you might consider short-term psychological counseling, during which a therapist could help you interpret your dreams and find the answers to them.

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Scurry County Country



Town & Country Topics

By Katherine Roberts
County Extension Agent

—Borden Eagle Brand Fat Free sweetened condensed milk can be substituted in equal parts for regular sweetened condensed milk in your holiday baking recipes, saving you 3 grams of fat and 20 calories per tablespoon.

—Cookies that are non-fat and low-fat are plentiful. Most of these are not significantly reduced in calories but are lower in fat and saturated fat as compared to popular brands. Look for non-fat/low-fat versions of: Healthy Choice, Snackwells, Greenfields and Pepperidge Farm brands.

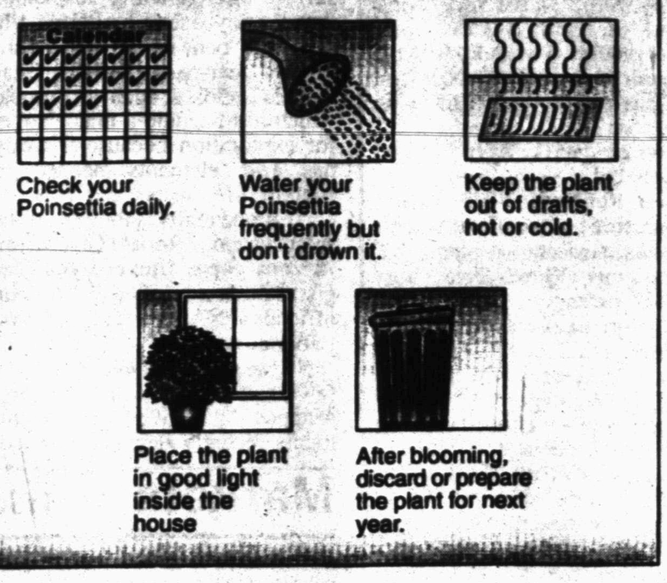
—Cool Whip Free is new but we consider it to be a "less unhealthy choice" than regular cook whip. Serving size is 2 tablespoons and it contains 4.5 calories and 0.5 grams fat.

—Lighter Bake is being nationally distributed. We suggest replacing all the fat in brownies, banana nut bread, muffins, gingerbread and dark cookies with half the amount of Lighter Bake. It is not recommended for sponge cakes or sugar doùgh type cookies. Wonderslim and Smucker's Baking Healthy are similar, but these are not available nationally. Using baby food prunes mixed with equal parts of applesauce will come close to these products. For baking questions with Lighter Bake, call 1-800-417-2253.

—Reduced Fat Ready Pie Crust by Keebler is graham cracker based. The label claims that it has 33 percent less fat than regular graham cracker crusts. Per serving (1/18th of a 9 inch pie) there are 100 calories, 3 grams of fat and 1 gram of saturated fat.

—Whipped cream is now "fat free" from Reddi-Whip. A close look at the label however, reveals that the product does contain whole milk and heavy cream. So if you have more than the stated 2 tablespoon serving (with 5 calories), you won't be fat free with this product.

Caring for your Poinsettia Plant



Check your Poinsettia daily.

Water your Poinsettia frequently but don't drown it.

Keep the plant out of drafts, hot or cold.

Place the plant in good light inside the house

After blooming, discard or prepare the plant for next year.

Poinsettias can be a challenge

COLLEGE STATION — To grow poinsettias for the very narrow, once-a-year holiday marketing window, it can take a lot of class. A class of university students that is.

What better plant could students in a fall greenhouse management course learn from than poinsettias, asks assistant professor and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station horticulturist Dr. Harvey Lang.

More than 60 students in Lang's greenhouse class at Texas A&M University are coaxing two varieties of poinsettias toward maturity and an 'A' for amazing or maybe anxious as the semester winds down before Christmas.

"With poinsettias, you have a certain date for production, and you have to hit it as close as possible or people won't buy,." said Texas A&M senior horticulture major Chad Bellar of Jacksonville.

"There's money in it, but it's a challenge, too," he added. "I like a competitive challenge — one wrong move and it's all yours."

Growers in the United States annually send almost 62 million poinsettias to market during the month between Thanksgiving and Christmas. More than 90 growers in Texas will supply about 3.3 million potted poinsettias this year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Bellar and many of the other students in the greenhouse management course hope to become commercial nursery owners who produce plants, such as poinsettias, for home and garden. Lang said having them produce a crop for the course teaches them the practical side of the industry firsthand.

"This teaches them all aspects of working in a greenhouse, from heating and cooling to the types of structures, potting medium, fertilizer and how to water," Lang noted. He said two particular types of poinsettias were chosen for the students to grow this year because they are varieties less susceptible to bract edge burn, a condition which causes the bracts to dry around the edges when under environmental stress such as cold December air.

For Bellar and the four students in his group charged with growing about 12 poinsettias, tending to the plants is more tedious than the ususal papers assigned in other college courses.

"Each of us is in control of watering the plants, so we may just stop by the greenhouses on the way to another class," Bellar said.

Cotton futures

NEW YORK (AP) — Cotton futures No. 2 were mixed in midday dealings today.

The average price for strict low middling 1 & 1-16 inch spot cotton declined 47 points to 62.73 cents a pound Tuesday for the seven markets, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.

Midday prices were $1.25 to $2.30 a bale higher than the previous close. Mar 66.58, May 67.85, Jul 69.15, Oct 71.20, Dec 72.00, Mar b73.05, May b73.40, Jul b73.70 and Oct b73.00.

n.a.- not available; n.q.-not quoted; a-asked; b-bid.

Producers get chance for latest information

LUBBOCK — Area agricultural producers and those in allied industries will have several opportunities in January to get the latest information on production and marketing as well as state and federal farm legislation at a series of regional conferences to be conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Information from the Beltwide Cotton Conferences in San Diego Jan. 5-9 and information tailored to the specific growing areas of the South Plains will be featured at each of the regional conferences, said Jett Major, district extension director for agriculture. Conference dates and locations are:

Jan. 15 — Terry County Soil and Water Conservation Workshop, National Guard Armory, Brownfield.

Jan. 19 — Southern Mesa Cotton Conference, Dawson County Annex Building, Lamesa.

Jan. 20-21 — Caprock Cotton Conference, Women's Building, fair grounds, Levelland.

Jan. 27 — Hub of the Plains Ag Issues and Production Conference, Koko Palace, Lubbock.

Jan. 28 — Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, Ag Pavilion, Olton.

A seventh conference for producers in Gaines and Yoakum counties, The Sandy Land Ag Conference, will be Feb. 24 in Seminole.

Detailed information about the conferences is available from local county offices of the Extension Service.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 750 head of cattle for the Thursday, Dec. 11 Sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: 33 to 41; canners and low cutters: 26 to 31; slaughter bulls 40 to 52.50.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 85 to 105; 400 to 500; 80 to 92.50; 500 to 600, 75 to 85; 600 to 700, 72 to 80; 700 to 800, 68 to 76.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 75 to 85; 400 to 500, 70 to 77.50; 500 to 600, 70 to 75; 600 to 700, 65 to 72.50; 700 to 800, 60 to 68.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 74 to 83; 700 to 800, 63 to 70.

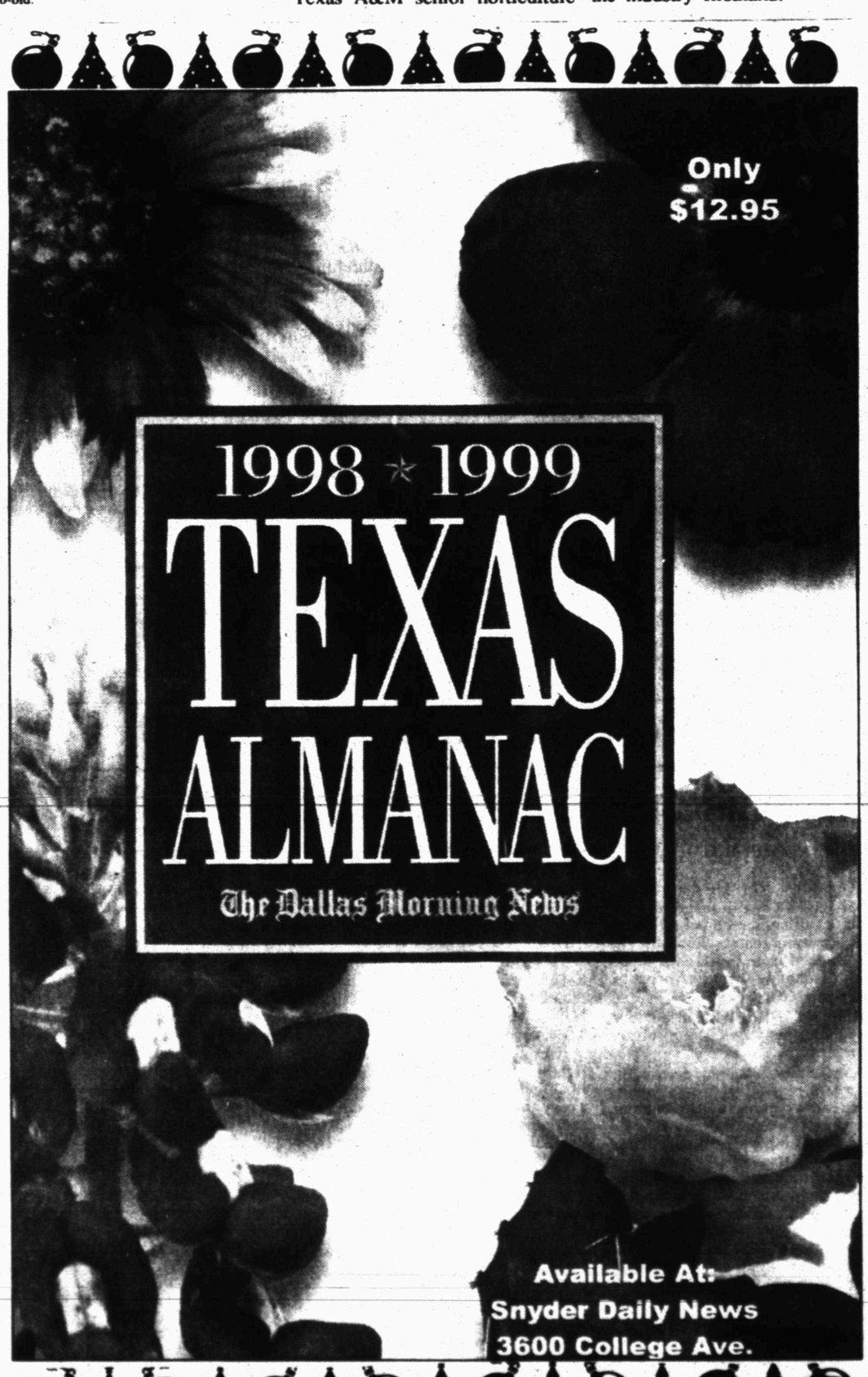
Cow and calf pairs, good: 525 to 700; grade, 450 to 550.

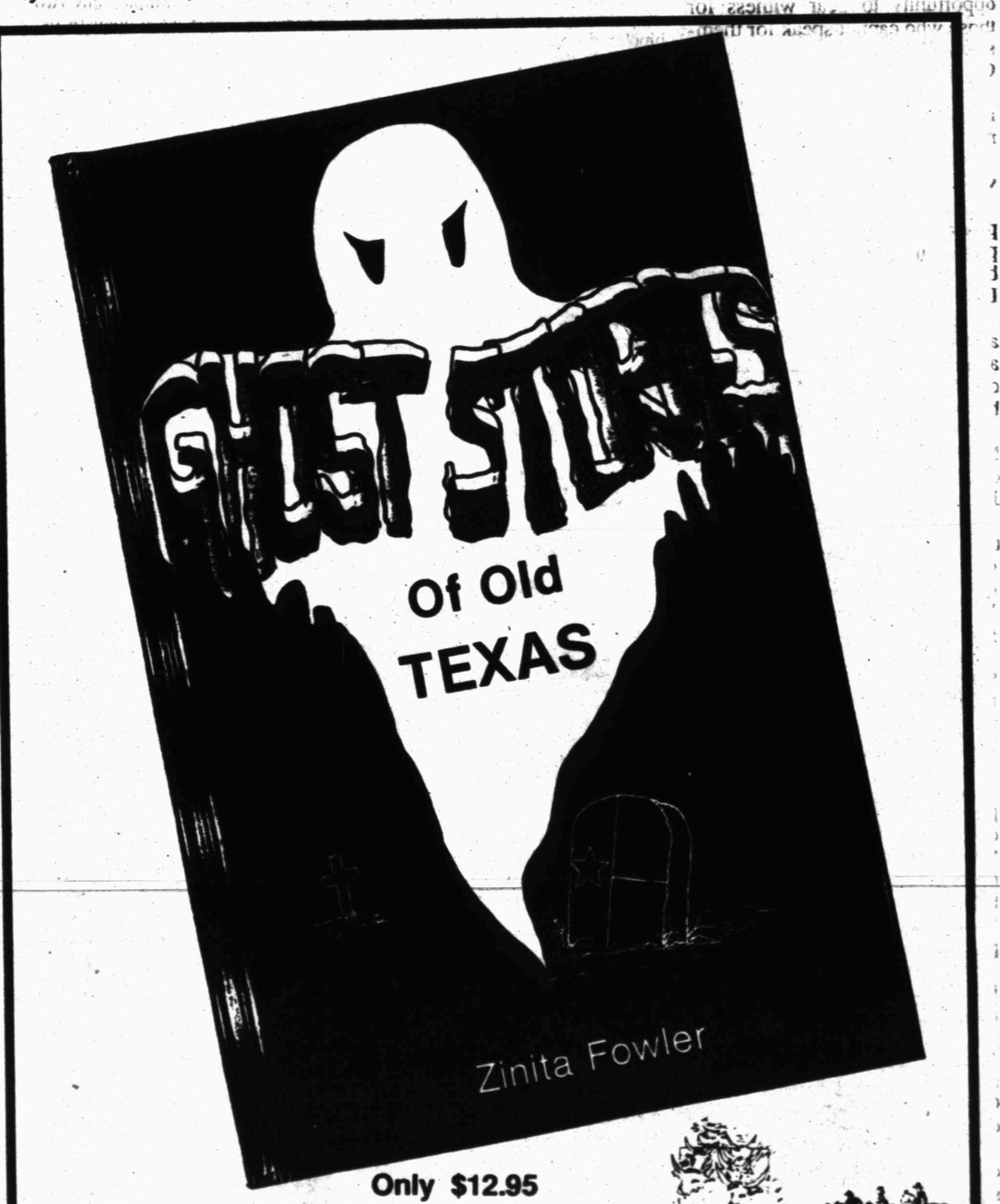
Springers: 300 to 600; baby calves: 65 to 190; doodlers: 150 to 215.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 612 head of cattle for the Saturday, Dec. 13 Sale. The market on feeder and stocker heifers and steers 600 lbs. and over was steady to $1 lower. Light weight cattle from 300 lbs. to 550 lbs. was $2 to $5 higher. Packers cows were $1 to $3 higher. Bulls were steady. Demand good and very active. Bred cows and pairs were steady. There will be a sale Dec. 20.

Steers:
200 to 400: 90 to 115
400 to 500: 82.50 to 105
500 to 600: 80 to 91.50
600 to 800: 70 to 78
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Heifers:
300 to 400: 78 to 95
400 to 500: 72 to 90
500 to 600: 68 to 81
600 to 700: 65 to 73
Young bred cows: 450 to 565.
Medium age to older bred cows: 350 to 525.
Young cows and calves: 610 to 825.
Medium age to older cows and calves:. 500 to 595
Packer cows: 28 to 40.25.
Packer bulls: 42 to 50





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RECOGNIZED — Chamber of commerce secretary Mary Westmoreland reads a proclamation from the city of Midland concerning that city's Community Spirit Award. Westmoreland submitted Snyder for its efforts in assisting the Brent Taylor family following the birth of their quintuplets. City council member I.E. Martin, left, looks on as does Sandra Barbosa of the chamber and Mayor David Holt. (SDN Staff Photo)

In Texas, authorities say use of heroin starting to increase

AUSTIN (AP) — Heroin is being made even more dangerous by the peddling of purer and more lethal forms of the drug, according to a new report by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

"Heroin is readily available in Texas and it is extremely addictive," Jane Maxwell, head of TCADA's research branch, said Tuesday.

The number of people seeking treatment at TCADA-funded facilities for heroin addiction increased to 12 percent of the total number treated this year, up from 9 percent four years ago, according the report.

TCADA still is compiling statewide numbers but says the number of overdose deaths in Dallas County rose from 33 in 1995 to 40 last year. In Tarrant County the number increased from 19 in 1995 to 27 last year.

This is the latest indicator that the heroin use in Texas has increased, officials said. The National Office of Drug Control Policy ranked San Antonio sixth in the nation in the number of heroin users last month. It also reported that heroin was the drug of choice in that city.

Many of the Dallas-area deaths have been in Plano, a prosperous suburb, which has seen 11 teenagers die of heroin overdoses in the past 12 months.

All of those deaths were from inhaling the drug, a practice young people are convinced is safer than using a needle, Ms. Maxwell said.

"What we're very concerned about is that 25 years ago people knew heroin is deadly," Ms. Maxwell said. "And now we have a generation that doesn't know its deadly and have no experience with it."

Ms. Maxwell said the purity of heroin found in the Plano area has also been high. Uncut heroin has ranged in purity from 38 percent to 75 percent, compared to the normal level of 1.3 percent to 12 percent, she said.

"Not only is the uncut heroin in North Texas approaching the strength of Colombian or Asian heroin, but the cut, or street-level, heroin is much stronger than it has ever been," Ms. Maxwell said.

Mexican heroin dealers are improving the purity of the drug to compete with South American and Asian heroin.

Houston's Holocaust museum will reject donation from Rice

HOUSTON (AP) — The student newspaper at Rice University has apologized for publishing an advertisement that expressed skepticism that the Holocaust occurred.

Rice University president Malcolm Gillis said Tuesday that the newspaper, The Rice Thresher, apologized for running the ad and had donated the entire $130 advertising fee to the Holocaust Museum Houston.

However, Abraham J. Peck, executive director of the museum, said the donation won't be accepted.

"This money is tainted and its purpose is to deny the murder of millions of human beings, Jews and non-Jews alike, and aims to deny Holocaust survivors the opportunity to bear witness for those who cannot speak for themselves," Peck told The Houston Chronicle.

Peck also said he hasn't received an apology from the newspaper.

"We have not heard a single word from Rice," Peck added.

The ad appeared in the newspaper's Nov. 21 issue. The newspaper said the ad was purchased by the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust.

The ad offered $50,000 to anyone who could secure a national, prime-time television showing of a film skeptical of "gas chamber stories."

The group claims that stories of Nazi death factories were fabricated to "drum up support for Jewish causes."

The group has sent different ads to student newspapers across the country, including the University of Texas at Austin, Harvard, Wisconsin, Yale, Cornell, Michigan and Brown.

Editors of the Rice newspaper said they published the ad as a regular business transaction with no harm intended. They followed with an editorial apologizing for offending anyone.

Gillis, writing in an opinion piece in Tuesday's Chronicle, called the group behind the ads the "direct intellectual descendants of (Nazi propagandist) Joseph Goebbels," whom he described as "history's most accomplished practitioner of the 'big lie.'"

"Those who would deny the Holocaust ever happened have a right to express their views, poisonous as they may be. But let there be no doubt that what they assert is completely without merit. Of this there can be no reasonable doubt," Gillis wrote.

Gillis was unavailable for comment Tuesday, but university spokesman Mike Cinelli said Gillis understands why the Holocaust museum does not want to accept the donation.

"This has been a learning experience for the students and the student editors," Cinelli said. "They were trying to do the right thing in this case, and we understand why the museum took its position as well."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Sufferers of Bipolar Disorder Should Learn About Support

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 47-year-old woman who was diagnosed with bipolar disorder (manic depression) four years ago. The doctor said the medication would take care of it, then he sent me home to deal with it.

The medication helped for a while; however, I became resentful and unhappy with the side effects and quit taking it. I seemed to be fine for the first six months, then boom — manic city! I ended up at a psychiatric center for five days.

I voluntarily attended the two-week intensive outpatient program. I am back on lithium and feel good.

During the program I learned there is a mountain of information about this disorder and also support groups on chat lines. What a relief it was to learn I was not alone.

Abby, please tell your readers who suffer from bipolar disorder that there is more help available than just taking medication, and urge them to avail themselves of everything they can to cope with their manic depression. You may use my name.

JILL E. HAYES, SACRAMENTO

DEAR JILL: Although the symptoms are different from physical illnesses, mental illnesses are conditions for which treatment is often effective. Just as one would see a doctor and take medication for pneumonia, one should see a counselor or psychiatrist for treatment of mental illness.

Readers, if you suffer from manic depression or any other mental disorder, please don't hesitate to talk to your physician about getting help.

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to share an act of kindness that I experienced.

I am an American of Japanese descent, born in Torrance, Calif. My mother died when I was very young. My siblings and I were placed in a Japanese orphanage in Los Angeles.

My story takes place in the mid-'30s when I was in the second grade. At that time, and for many years prior, Asians and other non-whites were discriminated against by private citizens, businesses and government. For example, only two or three beaches were open to us, and very few of us were allowed to matriculate in the colleges and state universities.

However, the public schools were not segregated. I attended Micheltorena grade school on Sunset Boulevard. The brown bag lunch I took to school from "home" was usually a beet sandwich with a little mayonnaise and a green apple. Sometimes I got a peanut butter sandwich with an apple. The peanut butter was diluted with syrup and spread so thin there was literally no space between the slices of bread.

After a couple of months, some of the students who sat on the same bench to eat lunch noticed my thin sandwiches. One day, a Caucasian girl named Gloria sat down beside me. She reached into her lunch box and brought out a baloney sandwich and handed it to me. My God, a sandwich with a nice piece of meat and lettuce and mustard, too! I had never had anything like that before. Every couple of weeks, she would bring me another wonderful sandwich.

When the next semester began, she was not at school, so obviously her family had moved. I never saw her again, but every once in a while I think of Gloria and how compassionate she was. More recently, I began to think about how compassionate her mother must have been, too, bowing to Gloria's request for an extra sandwich for someone who had little. What a lovely person she must have been to have instilled such generosity in her little girl — especially for someone of a different race.

I don't remember Gloria's last name, but I do remember that she had freckles and bangs, and that she wore her brown hair so short that it covered only half her ears. I hope she reads this so she'll know that even today I am thankful for her kindness.

TOSHI FUJIKAWA, SAN PEDRO, CALIF.

DEAR MR. FUJIKAWA: If I hear from Gloria, I'll let you know. Meanwhile, thank you for sharing your childhood memory.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Dec. 18, 1997

Because horizons will be expanded in the year ahead, you will be tempted to do things you've never tried previously, and your efforts will be successful. Think positively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An old friend who lives far away has been neglected lately. A brief phone call could put matters right and bring about advantageous results. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will not take what associates say as gossip today. However, if you catch someone in a small fib, don't inflate the issue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Others will find you an agreeable companion today because of your strong desires to cooperate. Every compromise you make will be matched.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Establish meaningful objectives today where your job is concerned. Big things can be accomplished if you have a mind to do so.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have the ability to absorb knowledge like a sponge today. Find a way to observe someone you admire in action and imitate him or her later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The end results should work out as you expect today, provided nothing is left to chance. You can control events and not be controlled by them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Sunshine should start to break through the clouds in several situations today. What develops will stimulate your enthusiasm and lift your spirits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Financial prospects look encouraging today, especially in arrangements where you offer your services. Rewards will be proportionate to your productivity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you might be inclined to put more emphasis on your personal interests. You will be able to do so in a manner that will gain support, not opposition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Conditions in general might be more favorable for you today than they will be tomorrow. Focus your day's efforts on finalizing assignments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This could be an enticing day for introducing a new endeavor that involves several close friends. All can make definite contributions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could be luckier than usual today in important material arrangements. Something that looked only moderately interesting could turn out large.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

States plan antitrust attack on Microsoft

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. said many technology companies stand to suffer unless a federal appeals court quickly overturns a lower court order that temporarily separates Microsoft's Internet browser from its Windows software.

"It is no exaggeration to say that the public generally has a significant interest in the prompt disposition of this appeal," Microsoft said in papers filed Tuesday with the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. The documents urge the appeals court to quickly overturn last week's ruling by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson.

Microsoft may be facing legal attack on another front. Some of the nation's largest states held a closed three-day meeting in Chicago last week to consider their own antitrust suit against Microsoft's marketing practices, The New York Times reported today.

The newspaper said attorneys general from states including Florida, Illinois, Minnesota and New York attended the meeting and have subpoenaed information from Microsoft competitors about business practices in the industry. The multistate effort is reminiscent of a similar attack on the tobacco industry for reimbursement for spending on smoking-related illnesses.

In its federal court filing, Microsoft charged Jackson's decision spawned market speculation that the next generation of Windows — Windows 98 — won't be shipped on schedule in the spring. Microsoft said the stock market had been rattled in late June 1995 on a rumor that Windows 95 wouldn't go out on time.

"Indeed, significant segments of the United States economy may be affected by doubt surrounding the release of Windows 98," the court papers said.

Jackson issued a preliminary injunction ordering Microsoft to quit requiring computer-makers to distribute its Internet-browsing program when they install the popular Windows operating system software on their PCs. Microsoft appealed the order Monday.

Obituaries

Geneva Pruit

1915-1997

NEW HOME — Geneva Pruit, the sister of Leona Brackeen of Hermleigh, died Monday, Dec. 15, in Crosbyton Care Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Pruit, 82, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the New Home Baptist Church. The Rev. Jim Hancock of Lubbock and the Rev. Les Griffin of Crosbyton will officiate.

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Afton Cemetery.

Born May 20, 1915 in Lea County, N.M., she married Buck Pruit on Sept. 10, 1935 in Lovington. He died in 1985.

Mrs. Pruit was a member of the New Home Baptist Church and had moved to Crosbyton from Deming, N.M., in 1986.

Survivors include a son, Morris Pruit of New Home; a daughter, Allene Hughes of Afton; four brothers, Glen Hennington and Bill Hennington, both of Lubbock, F.O. Hennington of Hobbs, N.M., and Wayne Hennington of Cisco; four other sisters, Juanita Frith of Waco, Lorane Blanton of Rockport, Doris Westbrook of Hobbs, N.M., and Patsy Crawlie of San Angelo; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Elbert Graves

1929-1997

BIG SPRING — Elbert Joe Graves, the brother of W.C. Graves of Snyder, died Monday, Dec. 15, in Mountain View Lodge.

Graveside service for Mr. Graves, 68, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Ballinger. The Rev. Tony King was to officiate.

Born in Runnels County, Mr. Graves was a longtime resident of Ballinger. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and worked in the oilfields for G.L. Tool Co. for many years.

Mr. Graves was a member and a former deacon of the Seventh Street Baptist Church in Ballinger. He married Betty Jo Mayhew in 1954 in Sonora, and she preceded him in death.

Survivors include one son, Joe Graves of Seattle; a daughter, Judy Lynn Smith of Ballinger; another brother, Rufus Graves of Euless; a sister, Mary Lou Alexander of Big Spring; and five grandchildren.

Peggy Dickson

1948-1997

ROBY — Peggy Terry Dickson, 49, died at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, in Abilene's Hendrick Medical Center after a brief illness with brain tumors.

Funeral service for Mrs. Dickson, the cousin of Dianna Riggan of Snyder, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Roby Church of Christ. Curtis Ward will officiate and burial will follow in the Roby Cemetery, under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home in Rotan.

Mrs. Dickson had received international media attention as organizer of the "Roby Millionaires," a group of 43 Fisher County residents who won a $49.7 million Texas Lottery jackpot last year.

Mrs. Dickson had worked as the bookkeeper at the family-owned Terry Gin in Roby.

Mrs. Dickson's illness was diagnosed the day before Thanksgiving.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Dickson of Roby; two sons, Heath Dickson of Roby and Nick Dickson of Alpine; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.K. Terry of Roby; a sister, Marty Williamson of Rotan; and a brother, Mike Terry of Roby.

Jim Talbot

1937-1997

Graveside service for Jim L. Talbot, president and chairman of Sanderson State Bank, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery.

Tom Holcomb, minister of the East Side Church of Christ, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

A memorial service is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Sanderson.

Mr. Talbot, 60, died Monday, Dec. 16, in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo from head injuries sustained in a fall at his home on Saturday.

Born May 15, 1937 in Sanderson, Mr. Talbot graduated from Sanderson High School in 1955 and from Sul Ross State University in 1959. He also attended graduate school at Texas Tech.

Mr. Talbot served in the Texas National Guard and married Margaret Miller, a Snyder native, on March 2, 1963 in Snyder.

Mr. Talbot began his banking career at Citizens National Bank in Abilene and later worked at banks in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Mr. Talbot had been president and chairman of Sanderson State Bank since 1979. He was a partner in Southwest Bancrop Inc. which owns Sanderson State Bank. He was also a director of Citizens State Bank in Cross Plains and a director of the Independent Bankers of Texas. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his father, Fred H. Talbot, and two brothers, Fred H. Talbot Jr. and Carroll Talbot.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Talbot of Sanderson; a son, Miller Talbot of Van; a daughter, Amy McAlister of San Antonio; his mother, Lillian Talbot of Sanderson; two brothers, Jack Talbot of San Antonio and William D. Talbot of Maysville, Ark.; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Jim Talbot Endowed Scholarship Fund at Abilene Christian University, ACU Box 29301 in Abilene 79699.

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Big Three expected to keep discounts

DETROIT (AP) — Have you driven a hard bargain at Ford lately?

The weak yen will force the Big Three automakers to increase rebates, discounts and low-interest loans by $200 to $300 next year, according to analyst Scott F. Merlis.

"This is an absolutely great time for consumers to buy a car," he said.

It's not quite as good for Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp. and Chrysler Corp., faced with a weakening yen that allows Japanese carmakers to keep their dollar-based prices down in the United States while still bringing home plenty of yen. One dollar bought just 80 yen in May 1995, but at current rates it buys about 130 yen.

"We're going to feel a lot more pressure in the United States," Ford Chairman Alex Trotman said Tuesday. "Whether we respond with incentives or how we respond, we'll have to stay nimble on that and do whatever it takes."

U.S. automakers have held 1997 vehicle prices at or slightly above 1996 levels. A slightly softening U.S. market forced them to add incentives to keep up the pace.

Now comes the new challenge from the weak yen. Comerica Bank, which tracks the auto industry, said Monday that the problem will help shrink the Big Three market share from 63.5 percent this year to about 61.5 percent next year.

Consumer debt blamed on credit card industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — A consumer group maintains that the credit card industry has only itself to blame for so many Americans getting so much in debt.

"Millions of households carry far too much high-cost credit card debt," Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer Federation of America said Tuesday at a news conference. He said banks and consumers must act to resolve the problem and consumers "must exercise more discipline."

An estimated 55 million to 60 million American households with revolving credit card balances had an average of more than $7,000 of credit card debt, costing over $1,000 a year in interest charges and fees, according to the report. It said low- to middle-income households are especially burdened.

The American Bankers Association said in a statement that banks have expanded their credit card marketing "to give people at all income levels access to credit. It is important to note that while those credit card customers have a variety of credit histories, more than 96 percent of all accounts are paid on time."

The bankers' group said charge-off rates reflect credit decisions made two to three years ago and that since then, banks have strived to tighten their standards for extending credit.

Brobeck had this advice to consumers for the holiday shopping season:

—Carry only one or two major credit cards and limit total credit card debt to 20 percent of your annual income.

—Try to pay off all credit card balances in full every month, or to consistently pay down balances until they are gone. Pay more than the minimum required payment each month.

—If you need help, contact your local consumer credit counseling service. It can be located in the phone book white pages or by calling 1-800-344-7714.

3 escape injury in vehicle rollover

Three Snyder residents escaped injury in a one-vehicle rollover about 11 p.m. Tuesday on County Road 163, one mile north of Airport Road in Mitchell County.

According to investigators, the driver lost control of the vehicle rounding a curve on the dirt road. The vehicle hit a ditch and overturned.

The three occupants got out of the car and walked to Highway 208 where they flagged down officers who had been working a fatal accident in Dunn.

Andrea Jones, 19, was driving the vehicle and the passengers were Melissa Horn, 19 and Mitchell Barrera, 21.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Watson in concert

Church of the Hills presents Johnny Ray Watson in concert at 7 this evening. A fellowship will follow. Those attending may wish to bring a snack. The church is located off the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and FM 612. Look for the lighted cross on the hill.

Appraisal district board

Scurry County Appraisal District board will meet at 8:30 a.m. Thursday to select a bank depository and approve bills payable.

Support group ministry

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. For more information, call the church office at 573-2631. Anyone is welcome to attend and child care will be provided.

Out for the holidays

Classes at Ira and Hermleigh ISDs will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. Friday for the holidays. Classes will be dismissed at 2 p.m. for Snyder ISD students.

'Everlasting Light'

"Everlasting Light," a Christmas musical by the First Baptist Church music ministry, will air at 7 p.m. Friday on Channel 2.

Parents Night Out

Snyder Senior Class will sponsor Parents Night Out, a babysitting service, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, for children 4 years old through the 4th grade. For reservations, call Jill at 573-7073 or Traci at 573-1400 by Thursday.

A Christmas Celebration

Calvary Baptist Church adult choir will perform the musical, "Christmas, Sing Noel!" at 10:50 a.m. Sunday.

For the 6 p.m. service, the youth will present "The True Meaning of Christmas." The public is invited and the church is located at 2405 35th St.

'A Christmas Story'

The Western Texas College planetarium will present "A Christmas Story" at 2 p.m. Sunday. There is no charge for admission.

'Does Santa Really Care?'

Snyder First Church of the Nazarene, 2462 S. 208, will present "Does Santa Really Care?" at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. Everyone is invited. Santa will be there.

Bible study video tapes

Mike Tackett of Merkel appears on the Key to the Kingdom series, airing weekly on Cable Channel 2. Robert Oglesby of Richardson narrates The Story of the Bible. The next video, "What Happens After Death," airs at 7 p.m. Monday, followed by Lesson 3 of The Story of the Bible.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Shelled pecan halves

Snyder High School Technology Student Association (TSA Club) is selling shelled pecan halves at $6 per pound. Contact a club member or call 573-6301 to purchase.

Tiger banners for sale

Snyder Girls Hoops Club is selling Tiger banners for $25. Call 573-1769 or 573-4283. They will deliver.

Driver's license office

The Texas Department of Public Safety driver's license office will be closed each Monday through Jan. 9.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Snyder High yearbooks

Snyder High School yearbook staff is still taking orders for the 1998 Tigers Lair. Books are $35 through Friday and may be ordered with a $15 deposit. Mail orders to Student Publications, Snyder High School, 2901 37th St. Call 573-6301 for more information.

Pick 3

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

4-8-7

(four, eight, seven)

Cash Five

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

3-21-28-29-31

(three, twenty-one, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty-one)