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# CRMWD transferring water to Lake Thomas

## *Drought blamed on low lake level*

Colorado River Municipal Water District began transferring water from Lake O.H. Ivie to J.B. Thomas on Monday.

The action was taken because the lake level had dwindled to just 9,000 acre-feet. That's just 4.4 percent of its total storage volume of 204,000 acre-feet, said CRMWD officials.

"We have been monitoring the water situation in Lake Thomas very closely since early 1995," said John Grant, CRMWD general manager. "The lack of water is something that just didn't happen overnight."

Lake Thomas has received just 29,800 acre-feet of inflow since July 1992. The average annual inflow into Thomas is 32,000 acre-feet.

Officials said that if Thomas had received the average yearly inflow, the lake would have captured about 144,000 acre-feet instead of 28,800.

The reason for the problem is obvious: a lack of rain.

"The drainage area for Lake Thomas is basically Borden County. Rainfall in that area since the middle of 1992 has been well below normal," Grant said.

Borden County averages an annual rainfall of 19.96 inches. Through November of this year, the county has only witnessed 13.66 inches.

The water being transferred to Lake Thomas is currently coming from O.H. Ivie Reservoir. If the drought continues and there is no significant inflow to Lake Thomas by early spring, the water district will begin transferring water from the E.V. Spence Reservoir.

But CRMWD officials note that the intent is not to fill Lake Thomas.

"We are just transferring enough water to meet the City of Snyder's needs," said Grant.

Based on the city's historical water usage — and taking into account evaporation — CRMWD estimates that 12,000 acre-feet of inflow into lake Thomas will meet the needs of Snyder for one year.

The district began taking steps 18 months ago to make sure Snyder had an adequate supply of water. In the spring of 1995, the district reduced the amount of water withdrawn from Lake Thomas to meet the needs of its other municipal water customers in Big Spring, Odessa, Midland and Stanton. Those deliveries stopped in the fall of that year.

Last spring, the district reactivated existing wells in Snyder.

"We have certainly been planning for the day when we would begin transferring water to Lake Thomas, said Grant, "But we never thought it would become necessary."

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# Final quint coming home on Thursday

The last Christmas stocking at Brent and Deshonna Taylor's residence will be filled Thursday afternoon as Aleksi Ann joins brothers Zachary, Jacob and Jonah and sister Kenedy.

Aleksi is the last quintuplet to come home from St. Mary Hospital after being born Sept. 21.

The event will be marked by a press conference at St. Mary's at 10:30 a.m. Thursday followed by a pot luck dinner at the hospital sponsored by the employees of the neo-natal intensive care unit for the Taylor family.

It will also be announced that the Taylors have been named the ambassador family for the Northwest Texas Chapter of March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. Basically, the family will serve in a public relations role for the organization in its efforts to prevent birth defects.

The quintuplets all remain in good health and continue to gain weight, said their father.

"Aleksi is almost up to four pounds," he said, noting that she has tripled her birth weight of 1 pound, 3 ounces.

All the other quintuplets have also gained weight as Zachary is now at eight pounds, up from 3 pounds, 1 ounce. Jacob now weighs 7 pounds, 8 ounces, up from his birth weight of 3 pounds, 2 ounces. Zachary and Jacob were the first quints to come home. They arrived in Snyder on Nov. 1.

Kenedy, who was released from the hospital on Nov. 6, weighs an even 7 pounds, more than doubling her birth weight of 3 pounds, 4 ounces.

Jonah has almost tripled his birth weight also as he now weighs 6 pounds, 6 ounces — up from 2 pounds, 10 ounces when he was born. He was released from St. Mary on Nov. 9.

# DCOS could name director

Development Corporation of Snyder board members are expected to name a new executive director for economic development Thursday.

The board meets at 4 p.m. in the economic development office at American State Bank.

Among the other items DCOS board members will address are proposed Legislative changes to the sales tax for economic development, consideration of membership in the Texas Midwest Community Network and payment of bills.

The board will also hear reports on the industrial park, grants and Lorber Industries of Texas, Inc.

Following that business, the board is expected to go into executive session to discuss candidates for the economic director's post.

The board has interviewed two candidates twice, but had asked for more information before making a final decision.

Finalists for the position are Kent Sharp, director of economic development at Stamford, and John DeLille, former director of economic development for the state of Arkansas.

**READY FOR DISTRIBUTION — More than 200 coats have been received in St. Mary Family Healthcare Center's "Cure for the Cold" coat drive and were given to the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance this week. Shown separating the coats are, from left, David Wickline, Carla Nunley, Pete Garcia and Nan Swanson. (SDN Photo by Joan Nunley)**

*200-plus so far...*

# City warms up to coat drive

More than 200 coats have been collected during the St. Mary Family Healthcare Center's "Cure for the Cold" coat drive and are being distributed, said Carla Nunley, the center's coordinator.

The coats are all in good shape and freshly dry-cleaned courtesy of David Wickline's cleaners.

"The response from Snyder's citizens has been great," said Nunley.

The coat drive will continue through Jan. 18. The coats are being stored by the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance at the Food Cupboard for another shopping session.

"The fact that we can already help 200 people in our community is wonderful," said Nan Swanson, president of the Alliance.

Drop-off locations for the coats are at Dr. Jim Burleson's office at 5301 Trinity Blvd., Suite B, and KSNY radio station.

Nunley said most of the coats received so far have been adult sizes. Many more children's coats as well as sweaters and jackets are needed.

Those who donate a coat will receive a St. Mary Christmas ornament.

## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "A middle-of-the-roader is one whose kids think they're ultra conservative and their parents think their flaming liberals."**

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I.E. Martin was in Lubbock last week while his brother-in-law, Howard Franks, had by-pass surgery.

Sitting in one of those family waiting rooms provides ample opportunity to get acquainted with family members of other patients.

I.E. particularly liked one fiesty woman who was philosophizing about the various aspects of growing older.

The woman exclaimed, "I can't hear, I can't see very well and I can't smell a blasted thing. Thank goodness I can still drive!"

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That tale prompted another story about an elderly Scurry County gent who walked into the local office to have his driver's license renewed.

The man was slow, but steady, as he used his walker.

The man was told being on a walker might prevent him from getting a new driver's license.

"That's crazy woman," said the senior citizen. "I don't drive standing up."

He also passed the eye exam.

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Memory lapses are not limited to senior citizens. It can happen to anybody, especially in front of an audience.

Semi-retired minister Bill Looney said he once received some advice from a veteran preacher should he ever forget his lines during a marriage ceremony.

The advice was to quote scripture until your memory returns.

Looney said it worked pretty well, until the only thing he could remember was "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

# Lottery executive director sues commission

AUSTIN (AP) — Lottery Executive Director Nora Linares has filed a lawsuit against the three-member commission to which she reports.

Ms. Linares has been under a gag order imposed by the commission, according to her attorneys, and has not been able to defend herself or carry out her duties as executive director during several weeks of controversy surrounding the agency.

"What Nora's had to live with is the press release coming out ... and not being able to respond," said her attorney, Charles Soechting.

Her lawsuit filed today in Travis County District Court seeks a court order lifting the gag order and an end to "unauthorized interference" with Ms. Linares' job by the commission.

Buck Wood, another attorney for Ms. Linares, said her duties are not only to help resolve questions about lottery contractor GTECH and other issues, but to defend both herself and the agency.

Lottery Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers didn't immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

Questions about Rhode Island-based GTECH have circulated for weeks since it was discovered that the company hired a close friend of Ms. Linares' shortly after winning the 1992 contract to run the lottery.

Mike Moeller, now in a federal prison on unrelated matters, was paid $30,000 over five months between 1992 and 1993.

A GTECH source Tuesday told the Austin American-Statesman that the company has found that Moeller did nothing to earn the money.

"We are going to be able to report that Mr. Moeller did not perform any significant services for the company," the source told the newspaper.

The company's report concerning the Moeller contract is to be delivered to the commission on Thursday.

Meanwhile, officials at Retama Park are claiming GTECH has nothing to do with its struggling racetrack near San Antonio, but GTECH says it holds 7.7 percent interest in the racing at the track.

Questions about GTECH's involvement in the track have arisen as part of growing investigations.

In 1995 and 1996, the lottery held promotional events at the racetrack. It's the only known racetrack where the lottery has held promotions, and questions have been raised as to whether Ms. Linares has favored GTECH.

GTECH Spokesman Bob Rendine said the company has no interest in the track or land, but holds a "very small" interest in the racing.

"We own a very small interest, I think that's been lost in all this. And the promotions are to the benefit of the lottery, not the track. I think that also has been lost," Rendine said.

# Medical staff privileges top CMH board agenda

Approval of medical privileges and November's financial report are among the items of business Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers will take up Thursday.

The meeting will be held at 8 a.m. in the hospital board room.

The medical staff will be recommending various privileges for 33 healthcare professionals, ranging from specialists and emergency room physicians to family practice doctors and surgeons.

Also scheduled are approval of the hospital's risk management plan and performance improvement plan. Those items were postponed from last month's meeting.

Approval of the hospital's plan for services is also on the agend.

All three plans are designed to ensure safety and quality for both patients and hospital employees. The plans are revised and approved annually.

A medical staff report, nursing report and approval of previous minutes are other items on the agenda.

The board will also consider an amendment to its lease with General Electric.

An executive session to discuss litigation will follow.

## ASK US

**Q—Who paid for the Christmas lights that were on the county maintainer for the lighted parade?**

**A—No public funds were used, county employees purchased the lights with their own money.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Tuesday, 32 degrees; low, 16; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 16; no precipitation; total for 1996, 18.24 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, clear, very cold. Low around 5. Light wind. Thursday, sunny. High around 35. Light wind.

Kimberly Bell

**Sunset:** 5:44 p.m.
**Sunrise:** 7:38 a.m.
**Of 352 days in 1996, the sun has shone 348 days in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**(Psa 3:5 NKJV) I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.**

# *ColorTyme opens locally*

ColorTyme Inc. is now open in Snyder and offers home furnishings for todays' needs and styles.

"I selected Snyder because it is a growing market with good economic indicators for the rent-to-own business," said Harwood, president of TLH Enterprises, a company that owns over 30 ColorTyme stores in Texas and New Mexico.

Offering the latest style in selections of furniture, appliances and electronics, the nation's oldest and largest franchisor of rent-to-own stores, understands that spending thousands of dollars every few years to redecorate may exceed most budgets.

With nothing down, customers may use the rental-purchase plan to take immediate possession of goods they want and can continue to rent for as long as they want with an option to own. Or, they may return items at any time with no further obligation.

Roger Davidson is general manager of the Snyder store, located at 2503 College Ave. John Howell is assistant manager.

Davidson said they carry all major brands and can rent anything for the home without a credit check. "What's right for you" is ColorTyme's motto, and they offer free delivery.

ColorTyme hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

COLORTYME — ColorTyme opened recently on the west side of the Snyder square. It is managed by Roger Davidson, right, and John Howell is assistant manager. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## Date Book

Dec. 18, 1996

*Today is the 353rd day of 1996 and the 88th day of fall.*

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1719, the first Mother Goose book was published in the United States.

On this day in 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

On this day in 1796, the Monitor became the first Sunday newspaper to be published in the United States.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Joseph J. Thomson (1856-1940), physicist; Paul Klee (1879-1940), artist; Ty Cobb (1886-1961), baseball great; Christopher Fry (1907-), dramatist, is 89; Ossie Davis (1917-), actor, is 79; Ramsey Clark (1927-), U.S. attorney general, is 69; Keith Richards (1943-), musician, is 53; Steven Spielberg (1947-), director-producer, is 49; Leonard Maltin (1950-), movie reviewer, is 46.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1930, legendary Kentucky Wildcats basketball coach Adolph Rupp coached his first game.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "The great trouble with baseball today is that most of the players are in the game for the money that's in it — not for the love of it, the excitement of it, the thrill of it." — Ty Cobb

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1983, a tornado touched down at Colorado City, Ariz.

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**TODAY'S MOON:** Day after first quarter.

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The head of the stegosaurus was so small that its brain was smaller then the nerve knot in the middle of its back.

# High court stays O'Dell's execution

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court stayed the execution of an inmate whose sentence had drawn protests from Pope John Paul II and the Italian government.

Joseph Roger O'Dell III had been scheduled to die in Virginia's electric chair tonight for raping, sodomizing and strangling Helen Schartner outside a Virginia Beach nightclub in 1985.

But the court put the execution on hold Tuesday so it could consider O'Dell's appeal. The court gave no reason for its decision.

O'Dell, 54, says he is innocent. His supporters contend new DNA tests prove he did not kill Ms. Schartner, a Virginia Beach secretary.

The case has been front-page news in Italy, which does not have capital punishment and where U.S. death-penalty cases frequently prompt protests. In addition, Sister Helen Prejean, the Louisiana anti-death penalty activist who wrote "Dead Man Walking," also drew attention to O'Dell's case.

The pope asked President Clinton and Gov. George Allen to spare O'Dell's life, and the Italian government registered a protest with the U.S. Embassy in Rome.

Members of both houses of the Italian parliament applauded when the Supreme Court's action was announced, and the stay of execution led the evening news report on Italy's RAI state television news program.

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the pope expressed "satisfaction" with the stay.

Lori Urs, a Boston law student who married O'Dell in an American Indian rite in 1994, said: "Joseph and I felt that when you're innocent and facing something like this, you have to have faith. The ultimate sign of this is the pope getting involved."

But George Lingua, secretary of the Vatican Embassy in Washington, said the innocence question is of secondary importance.

"When we can do anything to help save a human life, even if he's guilty, we are happy," he said.

Albert Alberi, the lawyer who prosecuted O'Dell, said he remains convinced of the inmate's guilt.

"The court has to do things in a deliberate manner," he said. "If they feel they need more time to address the issues, that is certainly something they should do."

O'Dell, 54, had 14 felony convictions by the time Ms. Schartner was killed. In 1991, a court rejected as "frivolous" his request from death row to have his sperm frozen so it could be used to inseminate his girlfriend.

# Four make honor roll

SWEETWATER — The following Texas State Technical College, Sweetwater campus, students made the President's Honor Roll by achieving a 4.0 grade point average for the fall 1996 quarter.

They are James Cooley of Gail, autobody repair; Miguel Hernandez of Gail, autobody repair; Sandra Jackson of Hermleigh, automated office technology; and Mat Powell of Snyder, computer science technology.

# 'Vampire cult' is indicted

TAVERES, Fla. (AP) — Four teens accused of drinking each other's blood as part of a vampire cult ritual have been indicted in the bludgeoning deaths of a Florida couple.

A 16-year-old ex-boyfriend of the victims' daughter was indicted Tuesday on a charge of murder. Three others were charged with assisting in the murders, but the daughter, 15-year-old Heather Wendorf, has so far been spared.

The grand jury that issued the indictments wanted more time to decide Wendorf's case. The panel is due to reconvene at the end of January.

Meanwhile, defense lawyers are objecting to reports that the teens were part of what police dub the 'Vampire Clan.'

"Our initial inquiry supports what law enforcement has repeatedly found that this case has nothing to do with 'vampires,'" the public defender's office said in a statement issued Friday.

"It would be even more tragic and unfortunate if irrelevant and sensational information about the Wendorf case prevented us from obtaining a fair, impartial jury trial," the office stated.

The Wendorfs were beaten to death Nov. 25 in their Eustis home, about 30 miles northwest of Orlando. The teens are accused of killing them and stealing their car to go to New Orleans. They were arrested on Thanksgiving Day in Baton Rouge.

Kentucky police said the teens, caught up in a fantasy vampire game that mushroomed into a role-playing cult, cut their arms and drank each other's blood. Their existence surfaced during an investigation into the mutilation of puppies at an animal shelter, police said.

Indicted on a charge of murder was Ms. Wendorf's ex-boyfriend, Roderick Ferrell, 16, of Murray, Ky.

Indicted on charges of assisting in murder was Scott Anderson, 16, of Mayfield, Ky., Charity Keesee, 16, also known as Sara Remington, and Dana Cooper, 19, both of Murray, Ky.

Berry's World

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THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER

# *Snyder postmaster advises mail early on Christmas Eve*

Snyder Postmaster Steve Justice has just one wish for Christmas.

"Give me your Christmas Eve mail," he said, "and give it to me early."

According to Justice, mail collectors will be making their last rounds to the city's street collection boxes no later than 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Mail deposited in boxes after that time will not be collected until the day after Christmas.

"By Christmas Eve the flood of holiday mail becomes a trickle," explained Justice. "By that time most everything related to the holiday is already in the pipeline."

Also, the postmaster notes that mailing bills and letters is "the last thing on most people's mind on the afternoon before Christmas.

The post office will keep its window service lobby open until 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve in order to allow customers thair last opportunity to pick up any left notice Christmas packages or mail that last minute present.

# Casity Reneau nominated to U.S. Naval Academy

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Democratic Congressman Charles W. Stenholm announced that 31 young men and women from the 17th District of Texas have been selected as nominees to the United States Service Academies. Their names have been submitted for consideration as members of the academy classes entering in July 1997.

"I am always so impressed by the high caliber of candidates that apply to my office each year," said Stenholm. "But it certainly makes a selection decision all the more difficult."

Ten individuals were nominated to compete for one appointment slot at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo, seven students were nominated to compete for one appointment vacancy at the Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. and 24 young men and women were nominated for three appointment slots at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Casity Reneau of Snyder has been nominated to the Naval Academy.

Other individuals and the academies to which they have been nominated, are: Clara Aguirre of San Angelo, Air Force; Casey Burgess of Haskell, Air Force; Susan Byrd of Abilene, Military; Art Cannon of Decatur, Naval; Jeff Carness of Abilene, Air Force and Naval; Daniel Chapman of Glen Rose, Naval and Military.

Others are Adrian Dawson of Abilene, Naval; Shawn Faircloth of Clyde, Naval; J.D. Fariss of Abilene, Air Force; Mike Furr of Granbury, Air Force and Naval; Elizabeth Gonzales of Abilene, Naval; Patton Holliday of Comanche, Naval; Adam Hudson of Bridgeport, Naval; Doyle Hufstedler of Abilene, Naval, Brad Hunstable of Granbury, Air Force and Naval.

Others include Ben Jones of Granbury, Naval; Jodie LaFrance of Abilene, Military; Stephen Manley of Glen Rose, Air Force and Naval; Tony Marquez of Abilene, Military; Doug McHam of Ganbury, Air Force; Ahmad McKinney of Mineral Wells, Naval; Jennifer McMillan of Breckenridge, Naval and Military; Jeff Mechlem of Bridgeport, Air Force and Naval.

Also Rachel Mikeworth of Abilene, Naval; David Moore of Granbury, Naval; Sarah Nicklas of Graford, Naval and Military; Trent Poynor of Bridgeport, Naval; Chris Richardson of Boyd, Naval and Military; Paul Whitsel of Stephenville, Air Force and Naval; and Jayme Williams of Granbury, Naval.

The nominees will now be contacted by the academies with additional information and instructions, and will be scheduled for medical and physical examinations. The academies will make appointment announcements by late spring.

# Misty Box wins award for acting

STEPHENVILLE — The Tarleton State University Players had three members chosen as recipients of Irene Ryan Acting Awards and received several other "excellence" awards during the recent American College Theater Festival held in Wichita Falls.

The players took their most recent production "The Dining Room" on the road as their entry in the 1996 Festival. Student actors Misty Box, a senior theatre major from Ira; AnnaBeth Martin, a sophomore theatre major from Comanche; and Gary Richardson, a freshman theatre major from Springtown, were all selected for the coveted Irene Ryan acting awards.

Frances March, a junior from Brownsville and a member of "The Dining Room" crew, was recognized as "Best Load Out."

Midwestern University hosted the annual Theatre Festival. Drama departments from eight junior colleges and universities across the state participated.

# *Grandparents adopted through special program*

ABILENE — Two Hardin-Simmon's University students from Snyder, Brook Baldridge, a sophomore accounting major, and Regina McNair, a junior elementary education major, were involved in Adopt-A-Grandparent on Nov. 19 at HSU.

The program provided one grandparent for every two students who signed up for this activity. There were 50 grandparents who participated.

The students and grandparents ate dinner and visited with each other.

HSU Baptist Student Ministry Ladies Ensemble, "One Faith," performed. The Clown Team gave out balloon sculptured flowers and visited with the guests during dinner.

The grandparents came from participating nursing homes in Abilene.

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# 2 hybrid wolves kill keeper as two sons watch in horror

BLACK FOREST, Colo. (AP) — Two hybrid wolves — part wolf, part dog — turned on their caretaker and killed her while she was trying to get them back into their pen.

Debbie K. Edmonds, 39, was killed by the two hybrid wolves Monday while her two sons, age 13 and 10, watched in horror at their home in the Black Forest area north of Colorado Springs.

Ms. Edmonds was dead by the time help arrived. Deputies and state wildlife officers shot both animals.

The sheriff's office said Ms. Edmonds was in a business partnership involving breeding and selling the animals.

Nationally, only a handful of deaths have been linked to wolf hybrids. From 1986 to 1994, 10 people were killed by the animals, mostly children and toddlers, according to the Humane Society of the United States.

Ironically, there has never been a verified case of a healthy, wild wolf attacking a human in North America, according to Rob Edward, outreach coordinator for Sinapu, a Boulder-based organization attempting to have wild wolves reintroduced to Colorado.

"There are hundreds of incidents of hybrid captives attacking people, usually children of the owners," Edward said. "This is an unfortunate circumstance we hope to see on the wane when people learn wolves are not meant to be in captivity and certainly not crossbred with a dog."

## Midgets nickname is back

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The Midgets are back.

The newly constituted Dickinson school board Tuesday night voted to bring back the high school's nickname, reversing a decision by the old school board that got three members recalled.

Dickinson's athletic teams had been called the Midgets since the 1920s, in honor of its scrappy but smaller basketball players.

In July, the board voted without public input to drop the nickname and mascot, a squat frowning boy, calling them inappropriate and offensive.

The football team played its entire season without a nickname, although "Midgets" was still emblazoned on their jerseys.

Last month, angry residents in Dickinson, about 100 miles west of Bismarck, ousted three members.

At its first meeting, the new school board voted Tuesday to bring back the Midgets name for all the school's sports teams for the rest of the school year.

Students will vote to recommend a permanent nickname next month. City residents will take a similar vote in June, and the board will make the final decision.

## Steven Spielberg donates Oscar

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — It's the feel-good story of the year.

Unable to afford the bidding for Clark Gable's Oscar, the motion picture academy is getting it anyway from a man who has a few statuettes of his own.

Steven Spielberg was the anonymous bidder who paid $607,500 Sunday for the best-actor award Gable won for the 1934 film, "It Happened One Night."

The director of "Schindler's List," which grabbed several Oscars of its own, will donate the award to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

"We're still trying to catch our breath that Steven would be so kind and so caring," Academy President Arthur Hiller said Monday.

The academy had tried to prevent the Oscar auction from taking place, claiming Gable, like all recipients, signed a form giving the academy the right to buy the statuette for $10 should it ever be put up for sale.

But a judge ruled last week that the academy failed properly to notify Christie's auction house and John Clark Gable, the film legend's first and only child, of a hearing in the case.

Gable received the Oscar for his role as a racy reporter in a movie that Columbia film studio considered just a minor project when it was being produced. He reported it missing in 1957. No details were given on how it resurfaced.

Proceeds from the sale go to his son.

# Gotti Jr. enjoys shopping spree

NEW YORK (AP) — The son of jailed mob boss John Gotti and friends dropped $8,000 at a toy store and reportedly made off with a case of rare "Tickle Me Elmo" dolls.

John Gotti Jr., his wife and six other couples spent two hours shopping late Friday night at a Toys R Us store in Queens, the Daily News and The New York Times reported today.

The News said store workers filled 10 shopping carts with hundreds of toys, including a case of "Tickle Me Elmo" dolls, this year's hottest Christmas toy that most stores ran out of weeks ago.

Toys R Us employees told the News that Gotti handed out $20 and $100 cash tips to workers as he left the store.

Though the store stopped handing out rain checks for the dolls quite some time ago, store manager Les Morris told the News a shipment came in unexpectedly.

"He was just fortunate to be in the right place at the right time," Morris said.

But another manager, Alan Gaspin, told the Times that Gotti could not have bought Elmo dolls there.

"We didn't have any in the building," Gaspin said.

A spokeswoman for the Paramus, N.J.-based toy chain, Carol Fuller, also doubted Elmo took a ride with Gotti.

# Community Calendar

**WEDNESDAY**

Cosmorama Study Club; program by 4-Giv'n, a male quartet composed of Matt Cross, David Trevey, James Hanks, Wayne Knox; hostesses, Margaret Drum, Jan Harrell, Neoma Harlin; 4:15 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

Pen Women; Martha Ann Woman's Club; program, Yvonne Nunn; hostess, Jean Everett; 1:30 p.m.

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.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**FRIDAY**

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

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.

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 Wins[illegible] Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 [illegible] 573-1579; 7 p.m.

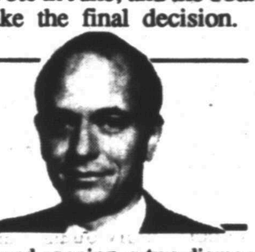
**SUNDAY**

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.

## Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North
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♥ J 8 5
♦ K 4
♣ K 10 9 8 6 4 3

West
♠ K 8 5
♥ A 3
♦ A 10 7 5 3
♣ J 7 5

East
♠ J 9 7 6 3
♥ K 10 9 4 2
♦ 6 2
♣ Q

South
♠ A Q 10 2
♥ Q 7 6
♦ Q J 9 8
♣ A 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 ♦ | Pass | 1 ♠ |
| 1 NT | Pass | 3 NT | All pass |

Opening lead: ♠ 5

### Does the change appeal?

By Phillip Alder

If you've read anything by Max Hardy, you'll know what to expect from his latest book, "Competitive Bidding with Two-Suited Hands" (Devyn Press; $12.95, postpaid, from Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies; 800-274-2221). He presents a comprehensive and cohesive examination of his subject. The key element in Hardy's method is that an immediate cue-bid over an opponent's opening bid shows the highest-ranking and lowest-ranking unbid suits, with the lower-ranking being longer or stronger (or both) than the higher-ranking. So, over a one-diamond opening, a two-diamond overcall shows spades and clubs, with the clubs being longer or stronger (or both) than the spades. Holding only four spades is fine.

This style requires adapting a few other sequences. If you are interested, this book will supply everything you need to know to give the Hardy prescription a try.

This is the only full deal given in the book. Hardy argues that South's one-no-trump overcall should be natural, not unusual (showing the two unbid suits), which is the way many pairs play. Hardy uses the jump to two no-trump to show the unbid suits, and he asks how one can reach three no-trump on these North-South hands if unable to bid one no-trump in a natural sense.

North jumps to game in the expectation that his club suit will be worth an armful of tricks.

South wins the first trick with the spade 10, cashes the club ace, and finesses dummy's club eight, the percentage play after East drops the jack. When East discards, South can collect an overtrick.

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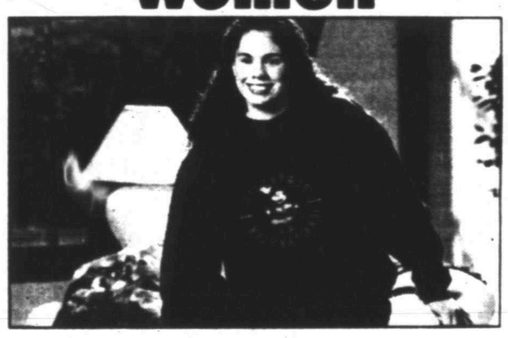
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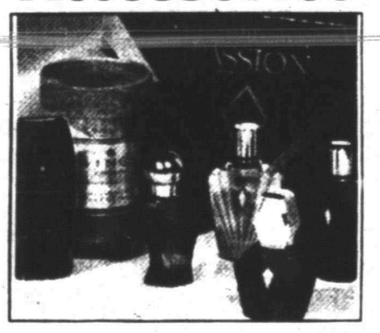
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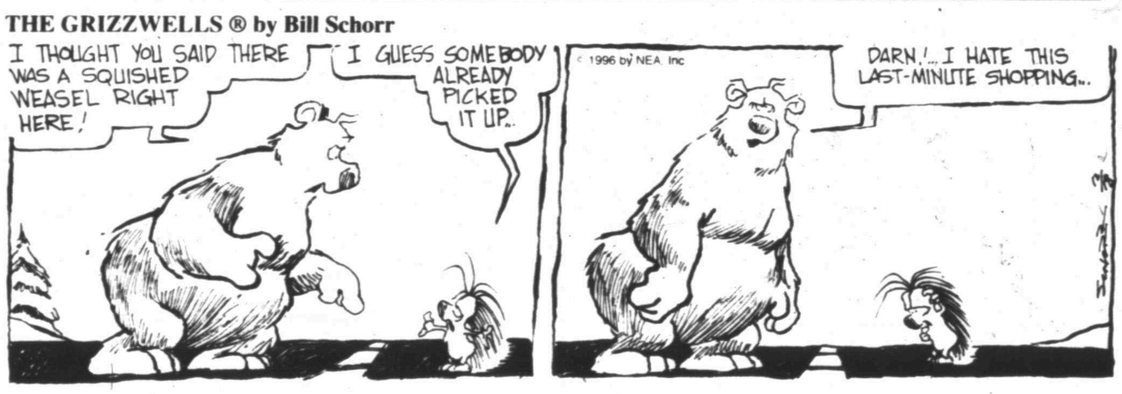


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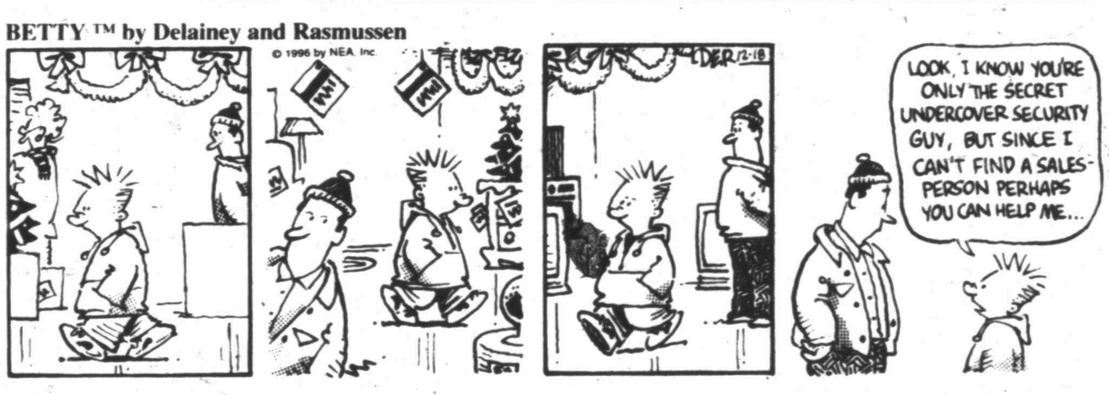


## NEA Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Dec. holiday
5 Entangle
9 Psyche parts
12 Reign
13 — — Wonderful Life
14 Soap ingredient
15 Associate
16 Clever sayings
17 Lodge
18 Cry of affirmation
19 Craving
20 AKC concern
22 Back
24 Average mark
25 Newspaper-vending structure
27 Estimates
31 Entre —
32 Rotate
33 Actress Lupino
34 Possess
35 Lion's neck hair
36 — — the Mood for Love
37 Packing tightly
39 Woodwind instrument
40 Dentist's deg.
41 Grinding machine
42 Feline name
45 Builder's unit
46 Actress — MacGraw
49 Freshwater fish
50 Exude
52 How sweet — —
53 Actor Chaney
54 To the sheltered side
55 Nasty
56 Atty.'s deg.
57 Split
58 Attention-getting sound

**DOWN**

1 Medical picture
2 Stubborn animal
3 Comprehensive
4 Pollack fish
5 Imitator
6 Type of jacket
7 JFK sight
8 Once famous person
9 Tennis player — Nastase
10 Force unit
11 Mail
19 Beast of burden
21 Thing in law
23 Double curve
24 Heal
25 Recognize
26 Des Moines state
27 — -ho
28 Pretends
29 Work on text
30 Sensible
32 Brown shades
35 Important exam
36 Not well
38 Insecticide
39 — to be tied (angry)
41 Sacred song
42 Nullify
43 Matinee man?
44 Watch over
45 Willingly
47 Geological division
48 Doesn't exist
51 Roman 1,051
52 Urchin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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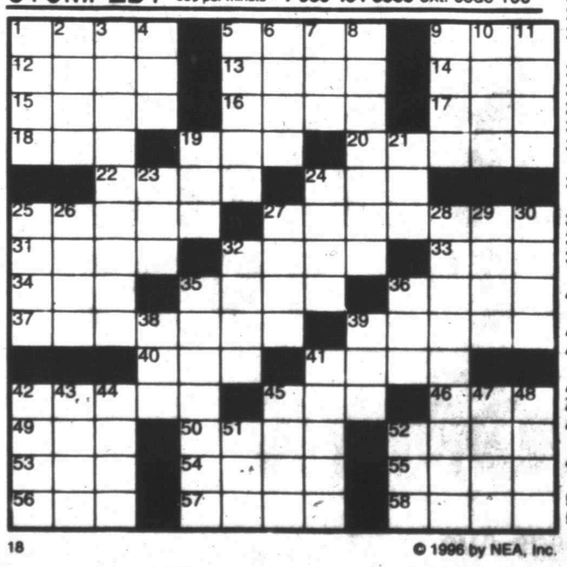



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# SPORTS

## Red Raiders vent anger for loss to Horned Frogs

LUBBOCK (AP) — No. 23 Texas Tech is bigger, faster and more experienced than Texas-San Antonio. Add a little anger to that equation, and things get ugly.

Still smarting over their first loss of the season last weekend, the Red Raiders took out their frustrations on UTSA Tuesday night as Tony Battie's 23 points and 15 rebounds propelled Tech to a 99-51 victory.

Tech (6-1), seething over a 93-89 loss last Saturday at unranked Texas Christian, never let up on UTSA (4-4) even as coach James Dickey emptied his bench en route to the Raiders' 34th straight home win.

"We just had kind of a stinger in us from Saturday," Battie said. "We practiced pretty hard and we were ready to play today."

The Raiders pummeled the outmanned Roadrunners from the opening basket, a jarring dunk by Cory Carr whose seven points left him out of double figures for the first time in 19 games.

## LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

### Gridders file suit

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Two Virginia Tech football charged with raping a student filed a $32 million slander and extortion lawsuit against the woman.

Senior fullback Brian Edmonds and sophomore receiver James Crawford swore out criminal complaints against the woman, but she has not been charged with a crime, said Blacksburg police chief Bill Brown.

Edmonds and Crawford, arrested and charged Monday, have been suspended from the team for the Orange Bowl game against Nebraska.

### SWTS gets new coach

SAN MARCOS (AP) — Bob DeBesse, offensive coordinator at Minnesota, has returned to Southwest Texas State as the Bobcats' head coach. DeBesse, who replaces Jim Bob Helduser, played at Southwest Texas in 1978-80.

### BYU coach fired

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Roger Reid, who won at least 20 games in six of his seven seasons at Brigham Young, was fired after a turbulent 1-6 start.

Reid will remain at BYU in another capacity, while assistant Tony Ingle directs the team. Reid, 49, became embroiled in controversy last month over remarks to prep star Chris Burgess, a Mormon who chose Duke over BYU.

### Woods top sportsman

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods, who made a spectacular transition to the PGA Tour, was designated Sportsman of the Year by Sports Illustrated.

Woods, who turns 21 on Dec. 30, won the NCAA Championships and an unprecedented third straight U.S. Amateur, then turned pro in August and won the Las Vegas Invitational and the Disney Classic.

### SMU still looking

DALLAS (AP) — East Tennessee head football coach Mike Cavan was scheduled to interview today for the Southern Methodist University vacancy.

William & Mary head coach Jimmye Laycock was in Dallas on Tuesday to meet with SMU athletic director Jim Copeland about the job.

The Mustangs have been without a head coach since the firing of Tom Rossley on Nov. 25.

### Former Baylor AD dies

WACO (AP) — Former Baylor athletic director Jack Patterson died Tuesday at his home in Waco. He was 82.

Patterson was Baylor's athletic director from 1971-80 and served as the Bears' track coach from 1956-63.

Before Patterson took over as athletic director, Baylor's athletic program was in shambles. The Bears had won only three football games from 1969 to 1971. Then Patterson hired Grant Teaff to become the football coach and the Bears were Southwest Conference champions three years later.

It was Baylor's first SWC football title in 50 years. "He was the reason I was at Baylor," Teaff said Tuesday. "He was not only a good friend and a great boss, but he really was a prince of a man."

Patterson also helped build Baylor's other sports to a competitive level.

### Novacek could be 'gift'

IRVING (AP) — What would be the best thing that could happen to the struggling, 24th-ranked Dallas Cowboys offense?

Answer: Getting tight end Jay Novacek back.

It's a long shot, but it could happen.

Novacek, who hasn't played in the regular season because of a bad back, is the missing link in a sputtering Dallas offense that ranks 18th in passing.

Coach Barry Switzer and owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday that quarterback Troy Aikman's second-most-favorite receiver is feeling better.

"He told some of our assistant coaches that his back has felt the best it has felt in a long time and is optimistic that he may play in the playoffs," Switzer said. "That would be a tremendous lift for our team. I'll just wait for Jay to come to me and tell me when he's ready."

Since Novacek came to Dallas six years ago, no tight end has caught more passes (339) and only two had more receiving yards (3,576).

"It's no secret that one of the reasons we haven't been productive on offense this year is because Jay isn't here," Aikman said recently.

## Rockets, Mavs fall...

# Teammates save Bulls, Rodman

By The Associated Press

Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen have saved the Chicago Bulls plenty of times. Never as tag-team wrestlers, though.

Jordan and Pippen pulled Dennis Rodman away from a confrontation with Shaquille O'Neal in the closing seconds Tuesday night when the Bulls overcame an 18-point deficit in the fourth quarter for a 129-123 overtime win over the Los Angeles Lakers.

Toni Kukoc scored 23 of his season-high 31 points in the fourth quarter and overtime for the Bulls, who trailed by 22 in the first half. Pippen had 35 points and Jordan had 30 on 10-of-32 shooting.

Nick Van Exel scored a season-high 36 points, O'Neal 27 and Eddie Jones 21 for the Lakers, whose five-game winning streak was snapped. O'Neal got only four points after halftime and missed two free throws in overtime.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was New York 99, Utah 94; Atlanta 109, Dallas 73; Vancouver 93, Houston 92; Indiana 103, Miami 89; Toronto 97, New Jersey 88; Charlotte 93, Philadelphia 84; and Seattle 123, Golden State 83.

It was probably the NBA's best game so far this season, featuring great individual performances with highlights galore.

Van Exel hit a 17-foot jumper with 56 seconds left in overtime to make it 123-123. Pippen then drove to the hoop and was credited with a basket when O'Neal blocked the shot on its way down.

Van Exel and Eddie Jones then missed 3-pointers. Rodman rebounded Jones' miss and, as he called for a timeout, he was mauled by Jerome Kersey. The two exchanged shoves, and O'Neal joined the fracas with a hard push on Rodman.

Rodman appeared ready to go at O'Neal, but was grabbed by Jordan and Pippen, who dragged him to the floor.

"It was a very crucial time of the game," Pippen said. "We needed him to keep his composure."

Kukoc scored 18 points in the fourth quarter, making several key 3-pointers, including two bombs over O'Neal.

"Every time I got the ball, I was going to shoot," Kukoc said. "There was just no way I was going to miss, so I figured I might as well keep shooting."

**Hawks 109, Mavericks 73**

At Dallas, Mookie Blaylock made seven 3-point shots as Atlanta set an NBA record with 19 3-pointers.

Blaylock scored 27 points — 19 in the first half — for the Hawks, who won for the ninth time in the last 11 games.

Atlanta made 19 of 27 3-pointers to break the league record of 18 set twice last season by the Mavericks.

George McCloud scored 20 points to lead the Mavs.

**Grizzlies 93, Rockets 92**

At Vancouver, Bryant Reeves made a 14-foot jumper with 5.8 seconds left as the Grizzlies outscored Houston 17-6 in the final 4:21.

Vancouver overcame a 10-point deficit in the final five minutes to end the Rockets' six-game winning streak and send Houston to just its third loss this season.

Hakeem Olajuwon, who led the Rockets with 23 points, missed an awkward 18-footer at the buzzer.

Rookie Shareef Abdur-Rahim led Vancouver with 22 points.

## NBA at glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Atlantic Division** | | | | |
| Miami | 18 | 6 | .750 | - |
| NewYork | 16 | 6 | .727 | 1 |
| Washington | 11 | 11 | .500 | 6 |
| Orlando | 9 | 10 | .474 | 6½ |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 16 | .304 | 10½ |
| NewJersey | 5 | 14 | .263 | 10½ |
| Boston | 5 | 17 | .227 | 12 |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| Chicago | 21 | 3 | .875 | - |
| Detroit | 18 | 4 | .818 | 2 |
| Atlanta | 14 | 8 | .636 | 6 |
| Cleveland | 14 | 8 | .636 | 6 |
| Milwaukee | 13 | 9 | .591 | 7 |
| Charlotte | 13 | 10 | .565 | 7½ |
| Indiana | 10 | 11 | .476 | 9½ |
| Toronto | 8 | 16 | .333 | 13 |
| **WESTERN CONFERENCE** | | | | |
| **Midwest Division** | | | | |
| Houston | 21 | 3 | .875 | - |
| Utah | 18 | 4 | .818 | 2 |
| Dallas | 8 | 14 | .364 | 12 |
| Minnesota | 8 | 15 | .348 | 12½ |
| Denver | 5 | 19 | .208 | 16 |
| Vancouver | 5 | 20 | .200 | 16½ |
| SanAntonio | 4 | 17 | .190 | 15½ |
| **Pacific Division** | | | | |
| L.A.Lakers | 18 | 8 | .692 | - |
| Seattle | 17 | 9 | .654 | 1 |
| Portland | 13 | 11 | .542 | 4 |
| L.A.Clippers | 10 | 14 | .417 | 7 |
| Sacramento | 8 | 16 | .333 | 9 |
| GoldenState | 8 | 17 | .320 | 9½ |
| Phoenix | 7 | 16 | .304 | 9½ |

**Monday's Games**
Milwaukee 107, Boston 91
Detroit 98, Toronto 92
L.A. Clippers 122, Phoenix 121, OT
Washington 97, Sacramento 89

**Tuesday's Games**
New York 99, Utah 94
Toronto 97, New Jersey 88
Charlotte 93, Philadelphia 84
Indiana 103, Miami 89
Atlanta 109, Dallas 73
Chicago 129, L.A. Laker 123, OT
Seattle 123, Golden State 83
Vancouver 93, Houston 92

**Wednesday's Games**
Indiana at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**
Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Utah at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

# Cincinnati waits long for victory

By The Associated Press

It had been a long 13 days for Ruben Patterson and his Cincinnati teammates. It seemed longer than that for various reasons.

The seventh-ranked Bearcats last played on Dec. 4, and that was a loss to No. 1 Kansas that dropped them to 2-2. During the down time, Patterson was arrested on an aggravated burglary charge. A grand jury chose not to indict, and the charge was dropped.

Finally, on Tuesday night, the Bearcats played another game, and Patterson came up with a career-high 25 points in a 90-46 victory over winless Howard University.

"I felt good when I stepped on the floor," said Patterson, a junior college transfer who hadn't been playing up to expectations. "I was really psyched. In a couple of games, (losses to) Kansas and Xavier, I didn't do too well. I said to myself, 'It's time to start playing.' That's what I've got to start doing."

Patterson scored the first two baskets and Cincinnati (3-2) scored the game's first eight points. He finished with nine rebounds as the Bearcats had a 45-27 advantage on the boards.

"Ruben showed flashes of the way he can be," Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins said. "He was not as consistent as we need him to be. We need him to string a series of plays together, rather than make a play and then not make a play."

In other games involving ranked teams on Tuesday, it was No. 8 Clemson 58, South Carolina 39; No. 16 Minnesota 82, Rhode Island 72; No. 23 Texas Tech 99, Texas-San Antonio 51; and No. 24 UCLA 93, Jackson State 67.

Danny Fortson added 19 points and D'Juan Baker had 15 for Cincinnati, which tied the school record with 20 steals and forced Howard (0-6) into 29 turnovers. The Bison missed 75 percent of their shots.

"Their (full-court) pressure is tough," Howard coach Mike McLeese said.

## Three local boxers advance

Three Snyder boxers captured championship honors last weekend in Fort Worth in the State Silver Gloves 30th Annual State Championship.

In the 15-year-old, 178-pound senior division, Mike Martinez Jr. defeated Thomas Anderson from Houston.

In the 11-year-old, 95-pound junior division, Anthony Vasquez defeated Joseph Rodriquez of Fort Worth, stopping his opponent 30 seconds into the first round. In the championship bout, Vasquez defeated Isaac Soto of San Antonio.

Snyder's Johnny Vasquez Jr. defeated Arthur Trevino of Fort Worth and then whipped Victor Escamilla of San Antonio in the championship match.

All three will advance to Little Rock and the winners there will advance to the finals in Lenexa, Kan.

In the 14-year-old, 100-pound senior division, Joseph Martinez of Snyder was defeated by Ray Campoya from El Paso.

In the 14-year-old 119-pound senior division, Gonzalo Yescas lost to Noe Chave of Fort Worth.

Coach Johnny Vasquez and asssistant coach Mike Martinez traveled with the Snyder boxing team.

## Lady Bulldogs top Loraine

LORAINE - Lisha Leatherwood ripped the nets for 21 points Tuesday night to pace the Ira Lady Bulldogs to a 55-37 victory over Loraine.

Ira led by a mere point following the first quarter but pulled out front 30-17 by intermission. Fifteen of Leatherwood's points were treys.

Also scoring for Ira, now 6-6, were Terri Robinson with 14 while E'Lissa Goolsby and Jamee Goolsby each had five. Rikki Wilkes put in four while Brook Wilkes, Korby Calley and Amber Haarmeyer got two each.

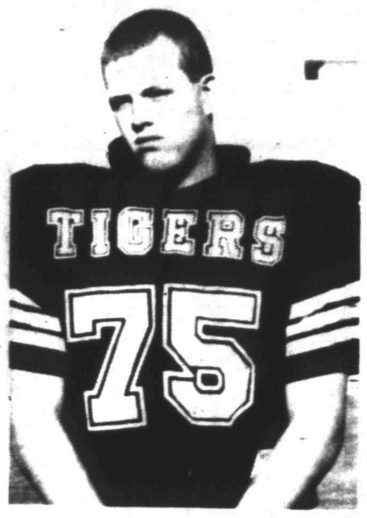
In the boys' game, Loraine raced to a 106-64 victory. Loraine got off to a fast start scoring 34 points in the opening quarter. Ira's season record is now 1-11.

Freshman Logan Daves led the Ira scoring with 19 points. Richard Wilkins had 15 points while Jerek Brown and Perry Jamison each canned nine. Jose Juarez, Drew Wall and Thad Davis each added four. Top scorer for Loraine was Kyle Moore with 41.

Ira will host the two-division Dog Pound Tournament starting Thursday.

Girls' action begins at 12:30 when Highland and Blackwell square off. Ira will meet the Wilson JV at 3:30 p.m.

In the boys' bracket, Highland and Blackwell play at 2 p.m. followed by Ira and the Westbrook JV at 5 p.m.




Chris Post

## Chris Post on South Plains honor squad

Snyder's all-district lineman, Chris Post, has been named to the AJ's Class 4A-5A All-South Plains team as a defensive lineman.

Post, a senior and a captain of the SHS Tiger football squad, is also attracting the attention of college scouts.

Post, who finished the season with 45 tackles, including seven sacks and 22 quarterback hurries, said he had been contacted by Oklahoma State University, Texas Tech, Cornell and Abilene Christian.

"It's too early to be leaning toward any school," said Post, who has not made an official visit to any college. Post said the signing date is in early February.

In addition to looking toward college, the 250-pound lineman will compete for Snyder in power lifting and will throw the shot in track. Post, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Post, is also active in drama.

Post said college representatives have indicated he needs to be in the 260 to 270-pound range by next fall.

## College scores

**EAST**
Dartmouth 69, Harvard 60
Md.-E. Shore 97, Lincoln, Pa. 92
Minnesota 82, Rhode Island 72
West Virginia 103, Marshall 91

**SOUTH**
Arkansas St. 79, Tennessee Tech 69
Clemson 58, South Carolina 39
E. Tennessee St. 72, Wofford 68
Florida St. 100, Tennessee St. 62
Georgia 73, East Carolina 60
Mississippi 78, Stetson 50
Mississippi St. 95, Texas Southern 64
W. Carolina 93, Mercer 84

**MIDWEST**
Cent. Michigan 90, Detroit 78
Cincinnati 90, Howard U. 46
Cleveland St. 69, Youngstown St. 61
Michigan St. 86, Evansville 77
Missouri 77, NW Missouri St. 56
NE Illinois 72, Ill.-Chicago 68

**SOUTHWEST**
Texas Tech 99, Texas-San Antonio 51
Texas-Arlington 79, Texas Wesleyan 70

**FAR WEST**
Portland St. 75, E. Oregon 59
Santa Clara 89, E. Washington 87
UCLA 93, Jackson St. 67

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# Most effective treatment for alcoholism: 12-step programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 12-step program originated by Alcoholics Anonymous remains the most effective treatment for alcoholism despite efforts to match patients according to psychological types with other forms of treatment, a new government financed study concludes.

The $28 million, eight-year study said that — except for programs based on the 12-step AA model keyed to people with highly developed spiritual and religious beliefs — matching people with specific treatments based on the cause or nature of their alcoholism "does not substantially alter outcomes."

"These findings challenge the notion that patient-treatment matching is necessary in alcoholism treatment," said Dr. Enoch Gordis, director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

The institute noted that the findings are at odds with conclusions reached in the 1980s, when researchers "saw promise for improving alcohol treatment outcomes" by matching behavioral treatments to patient characteristics.

The researchers divided 1,726 patients into three treatment programs — based on the severity of their alcohol involvement, cognitive impairment, psychiatric severity, motivational readiness to change, social support for drinking versus abstinence, type of alcoholism and other characteristics.

One treatment was based on the 12-step AA program in which researchers expected — and got — better results. Within that group, those patients with strong spiritual and religious beliefs did best of all.

The second major treatment emphasized cognitive-behavior or learning skills based on role-playing and designed to teach patients to recognize high-risk situations that might lead them to a relapse. Researchers predicted this treatment would work more effectively with people with psychological and cognitive problems.

The third treatment was based on getting patients with low motivation levels to call on their "inner resources" to maintain their sobriety.

All of the participants showed significant and sustained improvements in the increased percentage of days they remained abstinent and the decreased number of drinks per drinking day, the researchers said.

However, it noted that outpatients who received the 12-step program "were more likely to remain completely abstinent in the year following treatment than outpatients who received the other treatments."

About 9 percent of U.S. adults either suffer from alcoholism or the less severe alcohol abuse, the institute said. About 500,000 were treated in 1993 in more than 8,000 impatient and outpatient treatment programs.

# Retama Park says GTECH holds no interest in racetrack

AUSTIN (AP) After nearly a week of stories linking the companies, Retama Park says the state's embattled primary lottery contractor has nothing to do with its struggling racetrack near San Antonio.

Racetrack spokesman Keith Kleine on Wednesday said Rhode Island-based GTECH Holding Corp. has no financial interest in the racetrack, but GTECH says it holds 7.7 percent interest in the racing at the track.

Questions about GTECH's involvement in the track have arisen as part of growing concerns about the company's relationship with Texas Lottery Executive Director Nora Linares.

In 1995 and 1996, the lottery held promotional events at the racetrack. It's the only known racetrack where the lottery has held promotions, and questions have been raised as to whether Ms. Linares has favored GTECH.

Shortly after the company won the five-year contract to run the state lottery in 1992, it hired Mike Moeller, a close friend of Ms. Linares.

Company officials have been unable to say what he did for the five months he worked for GTECH. Moeller was paid $30,000.

A GTECH source Tuesday told the Austin American-Statesman that the company has found that Moeller did nothing to earn the money.

"We are going to be able to report that Mr. Moeller did not perform any significant services for the company," the source told the newspaper.

The company's report concerning the Moeller contract is to be delivered to the commision on Thursday.

GTECH Spokesman Bob Rendine said the company has no interest in the track or land, but holds a "very small" interest in the racing.

"We own a very small interest, I think that's been lost in all this. And the promotions are to the benefit of the lottery, not the track. I think that also has been lost," Rendine said.

GTECH is a partner in the group that owns the license authorizing racing at the track, according to GTECH and Texas Racing Commission General Counsel Paula Flowerday.

Lee Katz, the chief operation officer for the track's management company, said GTECH has no interest in the racing. He said the partnership to which GTECH belongs no longer holds the license and has no involvement in the racing or the track.

But Mrs. Flowerday called the relationship between the company that owns the track and the company that owns the license "a very close marriage."

"Neither would be as useful without the other," she said.

After nearly a week of reports including information about the Retama-GTECH connection, Kleine said Retama Park felt compelled on Wednesday to clear up the confusion.

"This thing is getting blown out of proportion," he said.

He said the racetrack isn't trying to disassociate itself from GTECH but wants to make clear that "we have a safe and comfortable facility that runs a reputable business."

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# Quiet time for officers

Only 23 calls were received by dispatchers at the Scurry County Law Enforcement Center Tuesday in what was the coldest day yet of the winter season.

Officers were notified of a gas drive-off from Skinny's on East Coliseum Drive at 12:14 p.m. Someone left without paying for $6 worth of gasoline.

An ambulance was requested at Snyder Junior High at 2:07 p.m. in reference to a 12-year-old male with a minor neck injury. The youth was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where he was treated and released.

Deputies were notified at 3 p.m. that someone had dumped a dead calf in the gully at Avenue E and CR 126. The person was contacted and advised to move the carcass to a proper site.

Only two calls were received on the night shift. Officers were notified of a possible prowler at 1:22 a.m. in the 3400 block of Avenue V and of the signal arms malfunctioning at the railroad crossing at Coliseum Drive and Avenue B at 5:40 a.m.

## Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Justin Lawrence, Gail; Jennifer Rios, 3010 Ave. E; Janie Davis, 203 26th; Bertie Herrley, 5311 Big Spring Highway; Ryan Martinez, 2700 Ave. G; Ida Nelson, Odessa.

DISMISSALS: Wortham Loyd, Stephen Sullenger, O.C. Woolever, James Sterling.

CENSUS: 56 (Med., Surg.-13, Long-term Care-40, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

# Scurry County Country

## Upper Colorado SWCD Report

Livestock suffer from the effects of cold winter winds just as much as humans do, despite their thicker coats. Cattle feed requirments normally increase 50 percent during the winter. Factor in another 20 percent to overcome the effects of wind chill, and you start to acquire a sizeable feed bill. A properly designed windbreak can reduce wind velocity up to 70 percent. Remember to pick a suitable site for your farmstead/feedlot windbreak, and protect it from rodents, domestic pets, and livestock.

**Eastern Red Cedar**

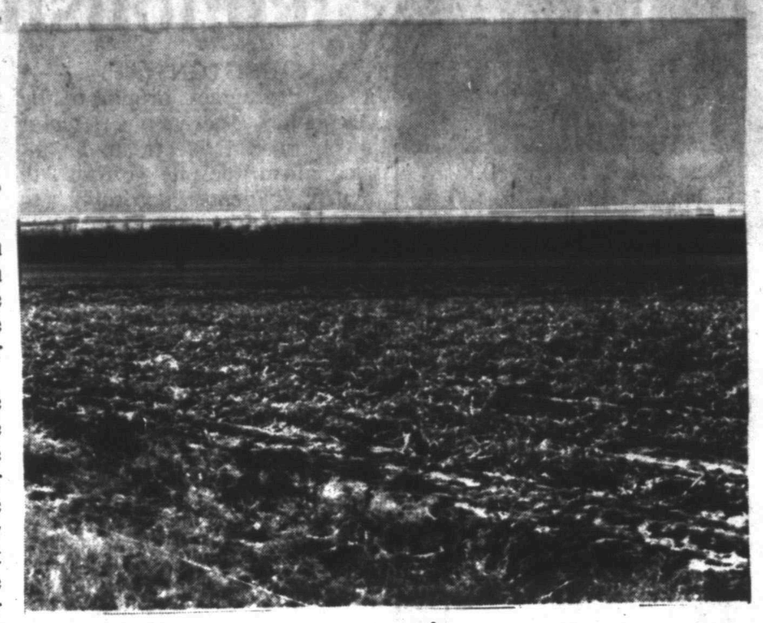
Please don't confuse this tree with the redberry and blueberry juniper we have in this area. The eastern red cedar is an evergreen with a concical shape, and will branch to the ground. It can reach heights of 25 to 50 feet at maturity. It's leaf color ranges from deep green in the summer to purple with rust-colored tips during the winter.

This evergreen has many advantages. For starters, it grows well in shallow and alkali soils. Eastern red cedar is drought and cold tolerant, plus is relatively disease and insect free. The tree's growth pattern provides good escape and nesting cover for several species of birds.

A couple of words of caution about the Eastern red cedar are in order. The leaves (needles) are prickly, and this variety can be hard on people with hay fever problems.

For more information about the eastern red cedar or any of the other varieties, call or come by the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Office. The office is located in the Scurry County USDA Office Complex at 5309 Big Spring Hwy., and the phone number is 915-573-6317 or 6318.

Information is also available at the Borden County FSA office.



DOING DOUBLE DUTY — Haygrazer stubble and growing small grain not only continue to protect this field near Ira from high winds, but provide a source of food for livestock and wildlife.

## NRCS Report

By Mark Sides
Range Conservationist

Properly managed crop residues such as haygrazer or milo stubble can do more than just help farmers stay in compliance. They improve the moisture — holding capacity of the soil, reduce the need for sand fighting, increase the soil organic matter, and can increase crop yields. Standing crop residues can also serve as a windbreak for young plants. Crop residues and fall-planted high residue crops provide several key components of good wildlife habitat.

Increased soil moisture, nutrient storage, and lowered evaporation help improve crop yields. Soil moisture-holding capacity is improved by crop residues on or above the soil surface. Evaporation decreases when residues are left on the soil surface. Standing crop residues trap and store snow rather than allowing it to blow across fields. Properly managed, crop residues contribute directly to increased organic matter in the soil. Increased organic matter encourages healthy bacterial action in the soil. Organic matter also captures nutrients and moisture that would otherwise be lost through leaching and percolation.

Crop residues keep the landowner's best land, and especially marginal land, from moving to the neighbors by way of the high winds tht are common from November to May. Residues and growing high-residue crops help soften raindrop impact that causes soil crusting and compaction. This protection, and the windbreak effect of standing residues, reduces or eliminates the need for sandfighting. Fewer trips across a field mean savings in labor, machinery breakdowns, and fuel. This same windbreak effect provides protection from high wind and airborne sand that can damage or kill young plants.

Standing residue from high-residue crops along with fall planted crops serve as a source of food and cover for wildlife such as deer, quail, along with other game and nongame species.

For more information about crop residue use or other conservation practices, call or come by the Natural Resource Conservation Service office. The office is located in the Scurry County USDA Office Complex at 5309 Big Spring Hwy., and the phone number is 915-573-6317 or 6318.

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## Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts, County Extension Agent

The holidays are upon us which means lots of parties and invariably lots of food. Therefore, you should take some food safety precautions to ensure that your holiday meals and buffets are deliciously safe.

The traditional holiday meal is still very important, but these days not everyone has time to prepare a beautiful home-cooked dinner. Instead, many people are opting to purchase a cooked turkey with all the trimmings, but take some precautions to make sure that your prepared dinner is worth the price when you get it home.

Complete and safe holiday dinners are available from reputable restaurants, caterers and supermarkets. However, as with home-prepared turkey dinners, the safety of a take-out meal depends on proper handling after the dinner is picked up or delivered.

Food experts agree that the best way to keep your take-out holiday meal safe is by following these tips:

*Pick up food hot from the oven and keep it hot. Harmful bacteria multiply fastest between 40 degrees and 140 degrees. To keep turkey hot, set oven temperature at 200 degrees or higher — enough to maintain an internal temperature of 140 degrees or more when measured with a meat thermometer.

*Handle turkey dinners safely. It's not a good idea to try keeping the foods hot longer than two hours. If eating much later, turkey and trimmings will be safe and taste better if you remove all stuffing from the turkey cavity immediately and refrigerate. Cut turkey off the bone, slice breast meat. Legs and wings may be left whole. Refrigerate turkey meat, potatoes, gravy and vegetables in small shallow containers with covers.

*Keep cold foods cold. Some turkey dinners are cold when you pick them up or when they're delivered. For turkey and trimmings that were refrigerated after cooking, refrigerate as soon as you get home ("always within two hours of pickup). Do not reheat the turkey whole. If you plan to reheat the cold turkey, carve and refrigerate.

*Cooked frozen turkeys with the USDA inspection seal. These turkeys have been processed under controlled conditions. Follow package directions for thawing, reheating and storing.

*Avoid stuffed turkeys. Buying a refrigerated, fully cooked, stuffed turkey is not recommended.

*Store leftovers properly. Perishable foods such as turkey and side dishes should not be out of the refrigerator for more than two hours. Store leftover cooked turkey and side dishes in the refrigerator at 40 degrees or below for three to four days; stuffing and gravy, one to two days.

*Reheat cooked dinners and leftovers as recommended. Always reheat leftovers thoroughly to 165 degrees or until hot and steaming. Bring gravy to a rolling boil. In the microwave oven, cover food and rotate dish so it heats evenly.

When preparing food for a buffet, the same basic storage and reheating methods and guidelines should be followed.

The two hour rule should always be observed. Foods should not sit at room temperature for more than two hours. Keep track of how long foods have been sitting on the buffet table and discard anything that has been sitting there two hours or more.

When serving processed products, pay close attention to the "sell by" and "use by" dates on the packages. Also, thoroughly reheat frozen or refrigerated processed meat and poultry products before consumption.

Of course, the most important thing to remember is to keep your work area and yourself clean while preparing foods.

Safe food handling tips always include washing your hands before and after handling food. Keep your kitchen, dishes and utensils clean too.

## Emergency loan applications accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in Rotan said Donald W. Cradduck.

Scurry County is one of seven in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought.

Cradduck said Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

The FSA office in Rotan is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## SBA offering disaster loans to area businesses

LUBBOCK — Businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in some Texas counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster.

Drought which occurred during the period of Oct. 1, 1995 through Aug. 31, 1996 and continuing caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other federal agencies. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply.

Businesses in Borden, Scurry, and Mitchell counties affected by drought have until June 30, 1997 to apply.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4788 for the hearing impaired.

## Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 628 head of cattle at the Saturday, Dec. 14 sale. All classes of stocker and feeder steers and heifer calves were steady to $1 to $2 higher. Packer cows and bulls were steady to $1 higher. Yearling hiefers were $2 higher. Calves (350-450) were $2 to $4 higher. Bed cows were active.

Heifers: 200 to 400, 50 to 65; 400 to 600, 53 to 60; 600 to 800, 48 to 59.
Steers: 200 to 400, 60 to 80; 400 to 500, 64 to 74; 500 to 600, 58 to 64 600 to 800, 56 to 64.
Fleshy bull calves: 400 to 500 55 to 60; 500 to 600 52 to 57; 600 to 800 48 to 54.
Young bred cows 425 to 525.
Medium age to older bred cows: 350 to 425
Young cows and calves: 525 to 590.
Medium age to older cows & calves 325 to 425.

## Totally Texas

AUSTIN — Have you thought about having a Totally Texas celebration this holiday season? Agriculture Commission Rick Perry says everything you'll need — from decorating ideas to menu suggestions — is grown or processed right her in Texas.

"And now, they're as close as your computer," Perry said.

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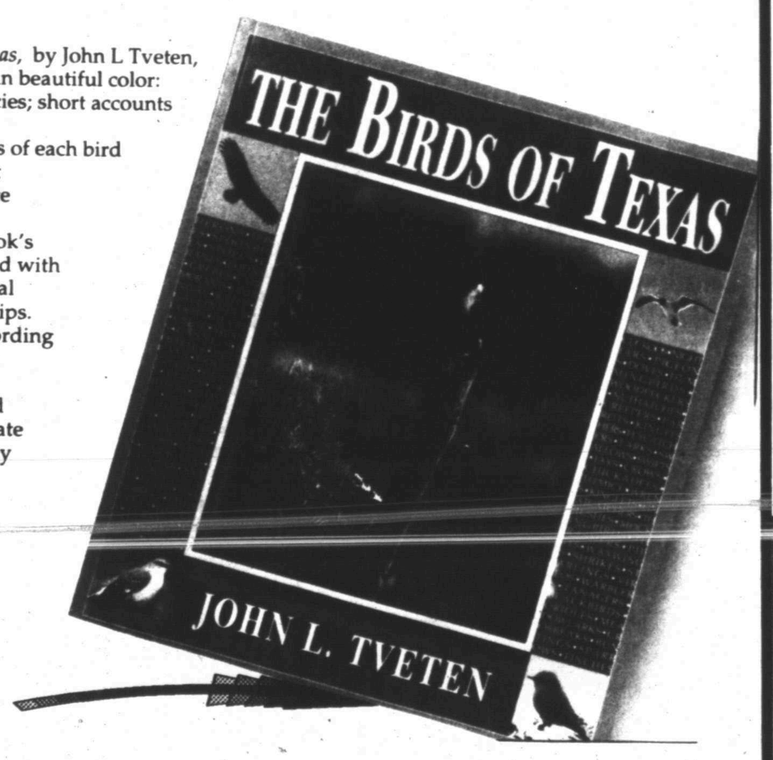


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# Rebels release four hostages

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Rebels who took hundreds of diplomats, business leaders and other top officials hostage at a reception threatened today to kill the captives one by one, beginning this afternoon with Peru's foreign minister.

"If in 20 minutes we do not have an answer (to demands) we will begin to take our first victim and the first victim will be Foreign Minister (Francisco) Tudela," the rebel commander told Peru's Channel Two television by telephone.

"We can't wait any longer," said Comandante Emilio Huertas.

The threat was made at noon EST, making the deadline 12:20 p.m. EST. An hour later, there was no sign of any shootings — but four more hostages had been set free.

Huertas also demanded that President Alberto Fujimori speak with the guerrillas from the Tupac Amaru movement who sneaked into the Japanese ambassador's residence by posing as waiters, carrying hors d'oeuvres and bottles of champagne.

They attacked as the party began around 8 p.m. Tuesday, setting off explosions and exchanging gunfire with police for almost an hour. Two hostages and a rebel were reported wounded.

"We want to speak with Fujimori. We want the freedom of 300 fighters who are in prison," he said. He said his men had had mined the grounds around the ambassador's residence.

# Court overturns conviction of woman imprisoned 8 years

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals today overturned the conviction of a woman who has spent eight years in prison for the murder of her husband, which she contended all along was suicide.

The court recommended that Susie Mowbray be granted a new trial in the 1987 death of Bill Mowbray, a Brownsville Cadillac dealer.

The ruling ends a four-year fight to prove Mrs. Mowbray's innocence — a battle spearheaded by her son, Wade Burnett, a 25-year-old law student who as a teen-ager was in the courtroom when his mother was sent to prison.

"We've won," Burnett said in a telephone interview from his home in Baton Rouge, La. "Now we're just trying to figure out how to get her back by the holidays."

It was not immediately clear when Mrs. Mowbray could be released from prison, Burnett said. He and his mother's attorney would be contacting prison authorities immediately.

Mrs. Mowbray was convicted in May 1988 and sentenced to life in prison for Mowbray's murder. Prosecutors contended the blond socialite shot her husband in the head while he slept because she wanted his insurance money.

But Mrs. Mowbray contended her husband killed himself because of financial and emotional troubles.

Burnett, who was 16 when his mother was tried for his stepfather's murder, began a quest in 1993 to prove her innocence. He filed a new appeal based on evidence that appeared to contradict the state's expert witness on blood-spatter.

# Obituaries

## Alfred Vernon

**1912-1996**

Service for Alfred Eugene Vernon Sr. of Killeen will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church Chapel.

Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery, under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Vernon, 84, died Monday, Dec. 16, in Indian Oaks Nursing Home in Harker Heights.

Born March 6, 1912 in San Antonio, he married Ollie Irene Niedecken on June 26, 1937 in Snyder. She died on March 5, 1996.

Mr. Vernon farmed with his father at Hermleigh until WW II where he served in the Army as a military policeman in England.

After the war, he owned and operated a chicken farm in Snyder. He was also a carpenter and served as local president of the AFL-CIO, carpenter's union.

He and his wife also owned and managed rental property in Snyder. He moved to Temple in 1984. In 1993, he moved to Waco and had lived in Killeen the past few months.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Kathi and Gene Crump of Waco; five sons and several daughters-in-law, Gene and Peggy Vernon of Snyder, Wallace and Emmadell Vernon of Killeen, Douglas Vernon of Odessa, Charlie and Linda Vernon of Austin, and Kenneth and Martha Vernon of Dallas; five sisters, Ida Lee Surber of Dallas, Mildred Vernon of Lubbock, Mary Etta Ritter of New Boston, Adeline Young of Abilene and Vivian Kate Ferree of Mabank; two brothers, Robert Dean Vernon of Richardson and James Wells Vernon of Abilene; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## Irene Hart

**1924-1996**

Funeral service for Irene Hart, 72, of Gail will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Clifton Igo of Lamesa officiating.

Burial will follow in the Gail Cemetery.

Mrs. Hart died Tuesday, Dec. 17, at her residence after a sudden illness.

She was born May 11, 1924 in Fluvanna and married J.D. Hart on Jan. 15, 1944 in Tahoka. She was a housewife and a member of the First Baptist Church in Gail.

She was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers.

Survivors include her husband, J.D. Hart of Gail; four sons, Ronnie Hart of Post, Sidney Hart of Gail, Kenneth Hart of Ruidoso, N.M. and Jay Hart of Munday; three sisters, Leona Ford of Snyder, Modina Farmer of Post and Marie Flippins of Long Beach, Calif.; three brothers, Bedford Sullenger of Snyder, J.T. Sullenger of Dermott and Paul Sullenger of Kermit; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials may be sent to Borden County EMT or Gail First Baptist Church.

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# FBI employee arrested for selling U.S. secrets

WASHINGTON (AP) — An FBI employee was arrested today on charges of selling secrets to Russia for well over five years, federal law enforcement officials said.

The man was arrested at work at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Va., said an official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The employee sold classified information to Russia for more than five but less than 10 years, according to another federal official. The employee had been transferred to the training academy at Quantico to remove him from access to sensitive information while the investigation proceeded, this official said.

The last FBI employee charged with spying was Richard W. Miller, the only FBI agent ever charged with the crime. Miller was convicted in 1986 of spying for the Soviet Union and was sentenced to life in prison.

Two officials said the FBI employee arrested today did not have any connection to former CIA station chief Harold J. Nicholson, who was charged one month ago with selling secrets to Russia since 1994.

The defendant was to appear in U.S. District Court in suburban Alexandria, Va., this afternoon.

Attorney General Janet Reno, FBI Director Louis J. Freeh and U.S. Attorney Helen Fahey scheduled a news conference for later in the afternoon.

The FBI is in charge of tracking down foreign spies in the United States, and access to that sort of counterintelligence information would be of great interest to foreign spy agencies.

# Wind-whipped snow continues to strand persons in the Plains

STEELE, N.D. (AP) — Snowbound guests of the Lone Steer Motel have been whiling away the hours trying to start their cars, taking in a sauna and watching a truck fade out in wind-whipped snow that has obliterated the Plains for three days.

There was no word yet when they might get out. Some highway underpasses were clogged with snowdrifts up to 7 feet high.

Lone Steer manager Susie White was happy she had plenty of food on hand for the motel on Interstate 94 about 40 miles east of Bismarck.

"We'd have to go into about a five-day blizzard before we'd have to worry," White said.

Duane Isaacson was one of 31 people rescued by state crews this morning after spending the night snowbound in an Interstate 29 rest stop near Christine, about 20 miles south of Fargo.

He spent the night in the men's room. "It was either A, the men's room or, B, the ladies' room, and I chose the men's room," Isaacson, of Center, said by cellular phone.

Wind has been blowing at more than 50 mph since Monday, turning a half-foot of weekend snow into a rush of blinding white. Schools were closed across much of the region today because of dangerous road conditions.

Meteorologists predicted the wind would die down to 15- to 25-mph gusts in parts of the region today, and the wind in Wyoming this morning had abated to about 30 mph. All Wyoming roads were open today, unlike Tuesday when the state's northeast corner was shut off from the outside world.

East of Wyoming, however, a 200-mile stretch of Interstate 90 was still shut down this morning in South Dakota. Plows opened some highways across western Minnesota but numerous smaller routes were still clogged by drifts.

In North Dakota, in addition to clogged I-94, all 215 miles of Interstate 29, the state's major north-south highway from South Dakota to Canada, also remained closed today.

Wind chills this morning were down to nearly 60 below zero. Blizzard warnings were posted for eastern North Dakota and much of western Minnesota.

Cold air also rolled southward as far as Texas, where El Paso and Lubbock hit record lows this morning of just 6 above zero. In Colorado Springs, Colo., this morning's low of 11 below zero unseated a record of 4 below that had been on the books since 1874.

A hard freeze warning was posted today for the citrus and vegetable farming areas of southern Texas, including the Rio Grande Valley. Five traffic deaths were blamed on ice-covered roads

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# What's Up?

## 'Destination Bethlehem'

The youth at Trinity United Methodist Church will present "Destination Bethlehem" at 7 this evening. The public is invited.

## Chamber open house

Snyder Chamber of Commerce will have an open house from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday. Everyone is invited.

## Snyder Healthcare party

Snyder Healthcare Center's annual Christmas party will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday. Family members are asked to bring cookies and candy. Santa will be there.

## Oil Patch party on TV

ZTV's video of the Oil Patch Foster Parent Association Christmas Party will air on Channel 2 at 10 a.m. Thursday.

## Tiger's Lair yearbooks

Snyder High School Tiger's Lair yearbooks are on sale for $35 through Friday in the journalism department. After Friday, the price will be $40. The journalism department suggests that the yearbooks make ideal Christmas gifts.

## Near to the Heart of God

Calvary Baptist Church choir will present Near to the Heart of God, a Christmas musical, during services at 9:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. The event service will feature the youth presenting the Christmas play, "I Wonder About Christmas."

## Some poinsettias left

The high school choir has some white poinsettias left. They are available for a $10 donation. Call 573-6301 for information.

## Volleyball fund-raiser

Snyder's Lady Tigers volleyball team is holding its annual fund-raiser. The team is offering a Win Win Discount Card, good for savings at 15 local businesses. The cards are $5 each and good for one year. For information, call Patty Grimmett at 573-6301 or 573-9416.

## SNS accepting applications

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is accepting applications for its 1997 workday. Applications may be picked up at Sam Robertson's Insurance Agency, the chamber of commerce or West Elementary and returned to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Texas, 79550. Applications will also appear randomly in the Snyder Daily News.

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

## Angel Tree ministry

Angel Tree is a volunteer ministry of Prison Fellowship that provides Christmas gifts for children of prison inmates. The ministry needs families, churches, Sunday School classes or other organizations to help in purchasing these gifts. Any group that can help provide a Christmas gift for some children in Snyder whose parent is in prison is asked to call a Colorado City number, 728-5829, after 5 p.m.

## Junior class to aid drive

Snyder High School Junior Class, with the help of Lawrence IGA, is aiding in the Goodfellows' food drive. Citizens are encouraged to leave spare change at the cashier's stations at the IGA on 30th Street and College. A box will also be set up for non-perishable foods.

## Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "I Can't Possibly Obey That," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

## Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

## Pick 3

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

9-5-5

(nine, five, five)

## Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-18-27-30-36.

Number matching five of five: eight. Prize: $23,419.

Matching four of five: 868. Prize: $323.

Matching three of five: 17,977. Prize: $26.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot for Lotto Texas: $4 million.

# Apprehending suspect gets store manager fired

ODESSA (AP) — 7-Eleven manager Wiley Berggren was feted with awards and a company dinner for increasing sales and keeping a lid on overtime at his convenience store.

Then, about three hours after the ceremony, he received another reward. The father of two was fired for apprehending a 15-year-old who was trying to steal beer from the store the night before the dinner.

"This has sort of ruined the holidays," said Berggren, who worked for 7-Eleven for eight years until the firing Dec. 10.

Berggren was axed for violating a strict company policy that forbids employees from interfering with anyone stealing or holding up the store.

Southwest Convenience Stores Inc., which operates the store, defended its decision to stick to a policy it says saves lives in one of the most deadly professions in the United States.

Convenience store workers are second only to cab drivers in terms of risk for violence, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

"There is no challenge to this policy," said Southwest Convenience Stores Inc. district manager Nick Pappes. "We can't allow any gray area."

The firing has outraged locals.

Berggren said he was aware of the policy, but acted to protect a woman customer when three boys tried to heist a case of beer Dec. 9.
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# House chairman ponders focus of tax debate

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas won't avert a looming school funding crisis unless the property tax debate focuses on rising education costs instead of tax relief, says House Public Education Committee Chairman Paul Sadler.

If officials hope to put in place adequate and reliable school funding, they should review Texas' entire tax system and perhaps consider creating a state tax dedicated to education, Sadler, D-Henderson, said in an interview with The Associated Press. .

"Everyone, I think, will admit that our education costs have continually gone up and we haven't been able to keep pace with that cost. If all we're doing in this debate is looking for a way to cut taxes, then we're not solving the underlying problem," Sadler said.

He cited such expenses as school facilities; a need for more teachers and a need to increase teacher pay; state and federal requirements for local school districts; and technology needs.

"If all we do is make a down payment on property tax relief, then all we've done is declare victory at the end of the (1997 legislative) session," Sadler said. "But two years from now, we're still staring at the same crisis — where do we get the money to educate our children?"

Gov. George W. Bush has promised an effort to reduce the public school system's reliance on local property taxes. During the last school year, the state share of school spending was $8.1 billion, while the local share was $9.1 billion.

A tax committee appointed by the governor found the property tax is too high but didn't find agreement on a tax to replace it.

As a beginning, Bush has said $1 billion generated from higher-than-expected state revenues and lower-than-expected spending should go to school property tax relief over the next two years.

"Governor Bush agrees that the school funding issue is important. Property tax relief will increase the state share of education funding and make the system fairer," Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan said in response to Sadler's comments.

While saying Bush is on the right track in looking at high property taxes, Sadler voiced concern about the focus of the debate.

"The debate has shifted from what is necessary to pay for the education of our children to who's going to get a tax break, and who's going to get hit with more taxes. That's unfortunate," Sadler said.

"If all you're doing is shifting from one tax to another, all you're doing is shifting the crisis from one taxpayer to another, if you're not careful."

If property taxes are to be replaced, Sadler said it must be done with a system that expands with population growth.

"Ultimately, what you have to do is a complete overhaul of our whole tax structure," Sadler said, while acknowledging, "That's a bloodletting I don't think anybody will do absent a crisis."

But such a crisis is looming, he suggested.

"At some point in time, school districts run out of the ability to raise local property taxes. When they reach that point, programs start being cut, and programs start shutting down. That's when the crisis looms out there," Sadler said.

A state tax dedicated to education "is something we could look at," he said. "I personally would feel a whole lot better about paying a tax on education if I knew that's where the money was going."

Sadler said there should continue to be a local tax for education enrichment and facilities.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said he believes lawmakers will look at some type of broad-based business tax and perhaps the sales tax "as a package of new revenue sources to provide property tax relief along with cutting state spending."

"The state tax system we have today truly is a 19th century system. The difficulty is in wholesale reform of a system like that," Bivins said. "I don't disagree with Paul (on the need for a tax overhaul).

"The difficulty is major change is a very difficult thing for legislators. We typically engage in incremental change," Bivins said. "I think the governor is beginning that process by looking at the most burdensome of all taxes."

## Anderson quits 'Baywatch' role

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Baywatch" star Pamela Anderson Lee is hanging up her red swimsuit.

After five years as lifeguard C.J. Parker on the internationally syndicated series, Ms. Lee said Tuesday she is leaving to pursue other projects, including an autobiography she's calling "Pamdemonium."

"Giving birth to my son Brandon has opened my mind to explore many new personal and professional opportunities," she said in a statement, adding that she feels compelled to diversify her career.

"I have no expectations about becoming a big 'movie star.' I just want to continue working in all areas of the entertainment business and continue to be involved with high quality projects," she said.

There were no hard feelings in public from the show's producer and distributor.

"We love Pamela and we wish her the very best in her new endeavors and appreciate the contribution she's made to the show," said Syd Vinnedge, vice president of All American Communications.

In addition to her role on "Baywatch," she has posed for Playboy and spent two seasons as the Tool Time Girl on the TV series "Home Improvement."

Ms. Lee filed for divorce last month from Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee, whom she married in February 1995 after a four-day courtship.

## Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

**Your Birthday**

Thursday, Dec. 19, 1996

In the year ahead, you could be luckier than usual in glamorous enterprises or endeavors. Search for outlets for your creative talent.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You might find yourself in an awkward position today if you have to defend a friend's opinion, but you don't agree with his point of view. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You will be ambitious today, but you might not have as much self-confidence as you should have. To achieve important objectives you will have to be bold.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Do not let it affect you if not everyone agrees with your ideas and positions today. The right people will support you.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Financial trends could be a mixed bag for you today. In some situations you'll gain a little, in others you may lose a little, but you will finish slightly ahead.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Try to be compassionate today when making decisions that affect others; but by the same token, don't let your emotions or feelings cloud your judgment.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** A losing situation can be readjusted and turned around today, but it will take all the ingenuity and imagination you can muster.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Promises will count for nothing today, because in the final analysis, only the deeds will matter. Fortunately, you'll be one of the achievers.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Feelings could be hurt today if you weigh your loved one's achievements against those of another person you admire. Their experiences might not be similar.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Do not be jealous today if a friend gets more attention than you do at a social gathering. The next time around, you could be the star of the show.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Try to be selective today in regard to your generosity. Do not reward the undeserving while ignoring the worthy.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Two special friends may play separate roles in your affairs today. One could prove quite helpful, the other might cause complications.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Remain alert, because something you think is under your control might not be too secure. Unusual influences could affect today's events.

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## Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: What does it mean when the valves of the heart have calcified?

DEAR READER: As we age, calcium tends to leach from our bones and be re-deposited in arteries and the heart valves. This is part of growing older, and no one knows exactly why it happens.

Calcification of arteriosclerotic plaque in arteries leads to poor circulation, heart attack and stroke, among other complications.

Calcified heart valves function less efficiently because they are stiffer and less elastic; hence, they may not open or close completely. This can increase cardiac work, resulting in eventual heart failure.

The extent and seriousness of valvular calcification can easily be determined by a safe and painless test called a cardiac ultrasound and Doppler. During this test, the valves are outlined by electromagnetic waves, so that they (and, indeed, the entire heart) can be seen, in "real time," on a television monitor; the in-and-out contractions of the heart muscle can be measured, as well as the ease with which the valves open and close.

Most calcified valves function relatively normally for years. Eventually, however, they may become too stiff and heavy — rather like ice that builds up on the wings of an airplane flying through a storm. When this occurs, the heart muscle will weaken, causing breathlessness, fatigue and other symptoms. Then the heart valve(s) must be replaced.

Because this is major surgery, most physicians attempt to delay it by using prescription medicine, such as beta-blockers, to reduce cardiac work.

In my opinion, patients with moderate to severe valvular calcification should be monitored and treated by cardiologists.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." 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 husband had a strange experience he wants me to write to you about. While sitting at our kitchen table one morning, we both saw smoke coming out of his body, primarily from his nose. It hovered overhead and then dissipated. He doesn't smoke or take medication, wasn't around smoke or open flames, and hadn't had anything hot to drink. Have any of your readers ever experienced anything like this?

DEAR READER: This is one of the most unusual questions I've ever received and, I confess, I'm totally stumped.

I've teased people who were concentrating hard by saying that I could see smoke coming out of their ears, but I've never heard of a real situation like yours.

I, too, would be eager to hear from any readers (or physicians) who can shed light on this puzzling phenomenon.

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## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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## Candidates of Conviction Should Vote for Themselves

**DEAR READERS: I recently printed a letter from a woman who was having a heated discussion with her husband about whether a person should vote for him (or her) self. I responded in part: "I'd be interested in hearing from those who have run for public office and how they cast their ballots." Yesterday, I printed letters from candidates who did *not* vote for themselves. Today we'll hear from some who *did*:**

DEAR ABBY: During a political campaign, a candidate spends a great deal of time and effort working to convince voters that he or she is the best person seeking that office. By election day, the winning candidate will earn the confidence of the electorate only if he first has the courage of his convictions. To vote for one's opponent would be, in a sense, a breach of faith with the candidate's constituents.

I have had the honor of representing part of Fairfax County in the Virginia House of Delegates for three terms. Every time I enter the voting booth and see my name listed as a candidate, I am humbled by the experience. However, I am confident in my ability to serve, and always vote accordingly.

JAY O'BRIEN,
R-FAIRFAX COUNTY

DEAR ABBY: Of course I voted for myself! How could I tell voters I'm their best choice and then vote for someone else? It wouldn't say much for my integrity.

ALEX MUNTER, MEMBER,
OTTAWA-CARLETON REGIONAL
COUNCIL, ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR ABBY: I have run for public office 10 times and have been fortunate to win each time. I would have trouble voting for my opponent when I really felt I was best suited for the position. You can sign me ...

H.D.P., KANSAS

DEAR ABBY: The letter from the woman who believed candidates would not vote for themselves out of "humility and old-fashioned manners" struck me as humorous for two reasons: First, in evaluating the current political landscape, from all appearances it seems that humility and old-fashioned manners are nowhere to be found.

The second and more compelling reason comes from my experience in a November 1992 local election. Although I currently serve as vice mayor of my community, in that election I lost my initial bid for office by only one vote out of over 11,000 cast. I can only imagine how I might have felt if I had lost the election and *not* voted for myself!

Of course politicians vote for themselves, and why shouldn't they? If they are trying to convince the electorate that they are the best candidate, then they must believe it also. A vote is too precious to waste frivolously. I know.

L. STEPHEN GIZZI, VICE
MAYOR, BENICIA, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: In 1949, I ran for county supervisor in Sangamon County, Ill. I campaigned vigorously, calli g on hundreds of voters, as I was aware that my opponent, a socially prominent lady of wealth, had held the office for many years and would be hard to beat.

On election day, my common Midwestern horse sense overcame my chivalry, and I voted for myself.

Next morning the Springfield newspapers carried the startling news that I had won by a margin of a single vote — 6,334 to her 6,333.

BOB GUYMON,
SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

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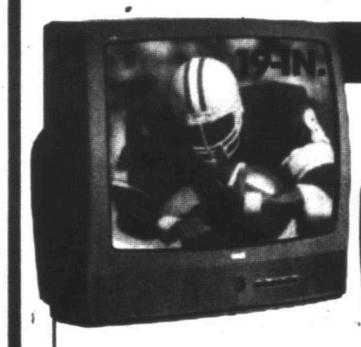

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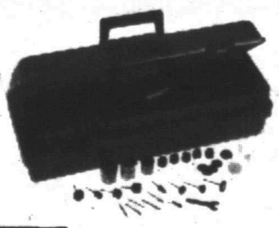

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