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Union Pacific's woes continue

Board sets hearing to study issue

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A recent spate of Union Pacific accidents has prompted a National Transportation Safety Board hearing.

Investigators plan to meet in February in Houston to look into a head-on train collision and a string of other accidents earlier this year.

Officials worry that the accidents show how little control the government has over Union Pacific, the nation's largest railroad and, at $900 million in 1996 earnings, the most profitable, the San Antonio Express News reported.

Ten Union Pacific employees have died on the job this year, more than on any other railroad, according to a Federal Railroad Administration spokesman. Union Pacific's five train-collision deaths in 1997 equal the combined total from 1991 to 1996.

On Oct. 25, a Union Pacific freight train with faulty brakes was dispatched from a Houston rail yard for a 1,500-mile trip to California.

The brakes failed after 10 miles, sending the train through a red signal and into a head-on collision.

The air brakes were not inspected properly before departure, in apparent violation of federal law, according to interviews with Union Pacific employees and government investigators.

The crash happened eight weeks after federal inspectors targeted the company for the largest railroad safety probe on record.

A company spokesman declined to speak about the Houston incident, but an internal Union Pacific investigation faults a blocked air-brake line for the crash, according to the train's engineer. Ensuring the line is clear is part of the pre-departure inspection.

In August, after three fatal collisions and five employee deaths, the Federal Railroad Administration sent 80 inspectors to examine every aspect of the company. The agency said it found a "fundamental breakdown" in safe operations and announced plans to correct the collapse.

Union Pacific President Jerry Davis promised at the time to cooperate: "We want the same thing as the FRA, and that is to quit hurting people and run a safe railroad."

Four Union Pacific employees were hurt when they jumped off the two trains involved in the Houston accident.

The two most serious injuries were on the westbound train with faulty brakes. Keith Cronin, the 26-year-old engineer, leapt off the rear of the locomotive at 25 mph and severely injured his ankle.

From the ground, he turned and saw conductor Tom Wittie engulfed in a diesel fire. As the giant engines began to stack up and fly off the track, Cronin fled into nearby woods.

Wittie, 53, suffered facial burns and back injuries.

Both live in San Antonio and are recovering from their injuries. Neither has returned to work.

The federal government also believes cutting corners during inspections is widespread.

"The FRA found examples of UP train crews being ordered to move trains that had defective equipment," a summary of the federal safety probe stated.

Fifty-seven percent of the locomotive fleet had defects, the report found. In Texas, the figure was 75 percent.



NOT ALL PLAY — All Corey Clay wanted to do this morning was to shoot a few hoops at the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club. Instead, Jan McClain enlisted his help sorting out jersies in preparation for the Little Dribblers' season which gets underway next week. (SDN Staff Photo)

General expecting U.S. forces in Gulf for indefinite time

KUWAIT (AP) — President Saddam Hussein shows no sign of loosening his hold on power in Iraq and is likely to remain for years to come a threat to vital U.S. interests, the U.S. area commander says.

Calling Saddam "a great thug," Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni said the Iraqi leader will prove difficult to remove from power.

"No one's going to get in close to take the shot. Anyone who would dare to would be self-sacrifice," said Zinni, who as head of the U.S. Central Command has responsibility for American military operations in the Persian Gulf area.

And as a result of Saddam's staying power, U.S. forces — including troops Zinni visited Sunday in central Saudi Arabia and Kuwait — must remain in the oil-rich region indefinitely, he said.

Zinni's bleak assessment comes as U.S. frustration over Saddam's defiance of U.N. weapons inspections runs high, with increasingly mainstream voices in the United States urging his forcible removal. Zinni gave little credence to such proposals.

"The (Iraqi) people would like to see him gone, but they're too much afraid," Zinni said. "It's a very rock-solid dictatorship, run ruthlessly. It's hard for opposition to take hold."

Saddam runs Iraq like an organized crime boss, Zinni said.

"He's a great thug," Zinni said. "Any potential opposition gets taken out pretty quickly, even if it's just a rumor of opposition."

With such a potential foe remaining in power, Zinni offered little comfort to those who would like to see the United States scale back its costly military presence in the gulf.

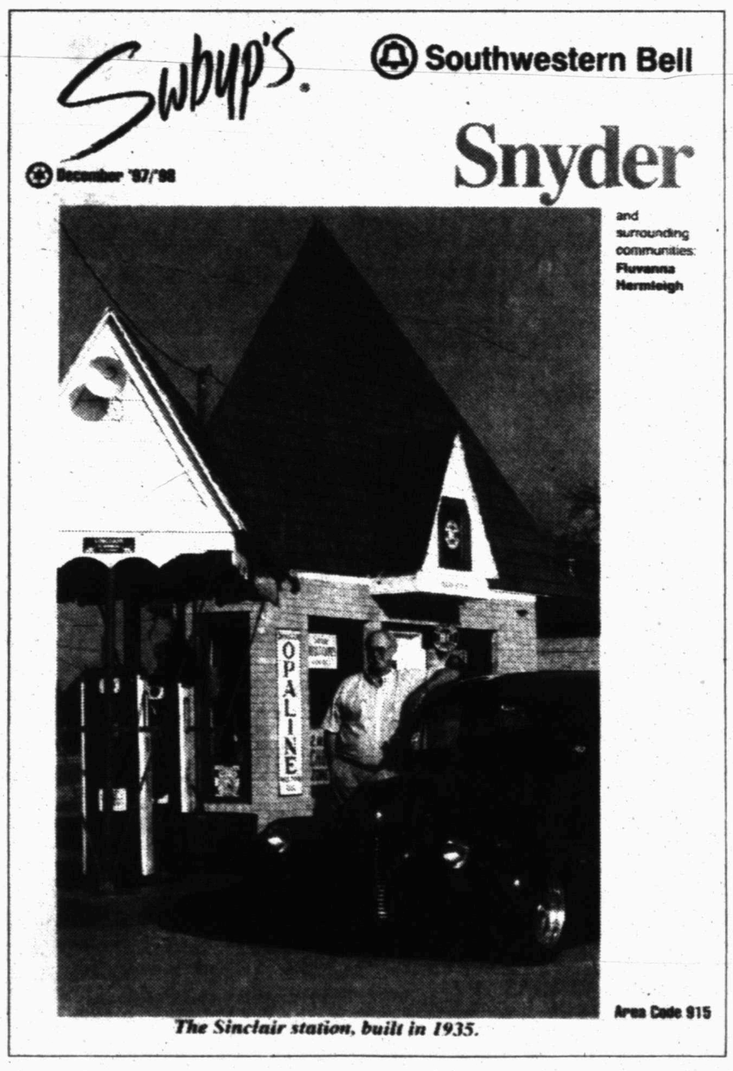
Patterson acquires 9 more drilling rigs

Patterson Energy has acquired the contract drilling assets of two companies, increasing its drilling fleet to 99 land-based rigs.

Patterson, based locally, completed purchase of the contract drilling operations of V&B Drilling Company for $13 million. The assets include eight rigs, five of which are fully operable. The deal also included related drilling equipment, four yards and a shop in Odessa.

The company also acquired one fully operable rig and related equipment from Circle R Drilling, Ltd., a Louisiana limited partnership, for $1.46 million.

The acquisitions make Patterson the third largest provider of onshore contract drilling services in the U.S. Of the 99 land-based rigs, 92 are fully operable.



The Sinclair station, built in 1935.

LOCAL FLAVOR — Gale Titus poses with his 1940 Chevrolet sedan in front of Tony Haley's restored Sinclair station on East Highway for the cover of the 1998 Southwestern Bell telephone book. The local cover is in keeping with a recent practice of SWB. The 1997 cover featured a silhouette of a longhorn taken at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. (Photo by Jamie Williams)

City tops $1.5 million...

Sales tax rebates are up

Sales tax rebates for the city and county were up significantly in the final month of the year, according to the State Comptroller's Office.

Rebates to the City of Snyder topped $1.5 million for the calendar year. December's payments included local sales taxes collected by monthly filers on October sales and reported to the Comptroller in November.

Actual December rebates won't be reflected until January, at which point the Comptroller's Office begins a new year. The year ends and begins with the month sales taxes are delivered, not when they are collected.

Snyder received $140,577.99 this month, a 12.28 percent increase from the $125,215.01 taken in for December a year ago.

For the year, Snyder received $1,552,979.50, up 7.32 percent over the $1,446,969.53 taken in during all of 1996.

Scurry County received $84,565.65 for the month, a whopping 42.35 percent increase over the $59,404.04 collected in December of 1996.

Sales tax rebates to the county were up 25.62 percent for the year, comparing this year's total of $879,297.18 to 1996's total of $699,921.73.

Statewide, city and county sales tax rebates for 1997 topped $2.1 billion and were 6.8 percent higher than rebates for 1996.

Area sales tax rebates

City	Dec.'97	Dec.'96	+/-	Year'97	Year'96	+/-
Abilene	$1,664,063.25	$1,595,184.01	4.31%	$22,119,578.633	$21,127,030.37	4.69%
Big Spring	$294,791.14	$281,665.54	4.65%	$3,558,025.18	$3,579,147.22	-0.59%
Colorado City	$29,242.66	28,281.11	5.01%	$402,439.92	$383,203.46	5.01%
Lamesa	$91,641.48	71,493.22	28.23%	$906,235.25	$862,770.00	5.03%
Lubbock	$1,836,052.98	$1,898,608.76	-3.29%	$24,328,525.15	$23,386,576.46	4.03%
Post	$17,722.73	$21,531.33	-17.68%	$237,978.81	$235,865.44	0.89%
Roby	$1,460.26	$1,532.48	-4.71%	$23,475.93	$17,816.97	31.76%
Rotan	$8,334.71	$11,357.51	-26.61%	$121,431.89	$120,232.78	0.99%
Snyder	$140,577.99	$125,215.01	12.28%	$1,552,979.50	$1,446,969.54	7.32%
Sweetwater	$171,252.76	$133,052.09	28.71%	$1,841,408.02	$1,754,637.81	4.94%

ASK US

Q—Is there a toll free number one can call to find out road conditions in other parts of the state?

A—Yes. That number is 1-800 452-9292.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 50 degrees; low, 35; high Sunday, 51 degrees; low, 25; 7 a.m. Monday, 28; no precipitation; total for 1997, 25.69 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low 30-35. Wind SW 5-15 mph. Tuesday, sunny. High around 65. Wind NW 5-15 mph. New Year's Day: Partly cloudy. Low 40-45. High 60-65.



Jamie Arnold
Sunny

Sunset:
5:50 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:42 a.m.
Of 362 days in 1997, the sun has shone 346 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A critic is a man who knows the way but can't drive the car.

Kenneth Tynan

DEC 29 1997

New mom not scared of seven

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The woman who gave birth to septuplets is looking forward to a hectic and happy home.

Featured on "Ladies' Home Journal's Most Fascinating Women of '97" show airing tonight on CBS, Bobbi McCaughey said she is not scared about managing feedings, changings and baths for the seven babies, while still keeping up with older daughter Mikayla, who is nearly 2.

"I know there's going to be hard days where we'll just want to stay in bed and let somebody else come in and take over for a day," she said. "It'll be chaotic at first, but once we get a schedule going and get used to having the babies and having them with us all the time instead of just visiting, I think it's going to be great."

Mrs. McCaughey and her husband, Kenny, became the parents of the world's only living set of septuplets on Nov. 19. The babies are still hospitalized and are not expected to be able to go home to Carlisle, 10 miles south of Des Moines, until January.

The media update line at Blank Children's Hospital listed all seven McCaughey babies in fair condition Sunday night. No other details on their conditions were available.

McCaughey said there were three things a baby will have to be able to do before being able to come home — bottle-feed or nurse, maintain a body temperature and gain weight steadily.

Four-year battle over what's a fresh chicken concludes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A four-year battle over when a chicken is fresh or frozen has finally ended. It will take a sharp-eyed shopper to figure out the difference.

Agriculture Department rules rooted in a 1993 California court case now prohibit processors from selling raw poultry as "fresh" if it has ever been chilled below 27 degrees Fahrenheit.

Before the rules, which took effect Dec. 17, chickens could be chilled to between zero degrees and 26 degrees, then thawed out and still be sold as "fresh."

"It's been sort of a joke up to now," said Jim Perdue, president of Maryland-based Perdue Farms Inc., the nation's No. 2 chicken processor. "No consumer is going to believe that zero degrees is fresh. It should have been done a long time ago."

But there's a hitch: Congress forced the Agriculture Department to drop plans to require chickens that have been chilled at between 0 degrees and 26 degrees be described as "hard chilled" or "previously hard chilled."

Instead, those chickens will be in a kind of limbo, neither fresh nor frozen. Their labels don't have to say anything either way.

The "chilled" words were dropped when several poultry-state senators were able to insert language prohibiting it in the 1996 Agriculture Department spending bill.

"We felt they were going to bat for state economic interests," said Bob Hahn, legal affairs director at Public Voice for Food and Health Policy. "They felt it would be a money-loser for the chickens to be labeled hard-chilled."

In essence, Hahn said, a consumer should assume that any chicken not labeled "fresh" may have been chilled below 26 degrees, which makes the meat as hard as a rock and lengthens its shelf life but, some say, sacrifices taste quality.

"The chicken is less tender and less tasty, but it's not a safety concern," he said.

The new rules arose from a 1993 California law restricting use of the term "fresh" that was subsequently challenged by poultry trade associations. Although a federal judge found that U.S. regulations pre-empted California's law, the Agriculture Department decided in 1994 to look into making changes nationwide.

As early as 1988, Perdue and other chicken companies had contended the federal rules were misleading. Frank Perdue, the former company president, did some now-famous TV ads that aired along the East Coast in which he hammered a nail into a board with a so-called "fresh" chicken.

"I'd hate to try this," he deadpanned, pounding away, "with one of my fresh chickens."

Datebook

Dec. 29, 1997

Today is the 363rd day of 1997 and the ninth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1890, over 200 American Indians were massacred at Wounded Knee.

On this day in 1930, Fred Newton became the first and only person to swim the length of the Mississippi River.

On this day in 1983, Princess Caroline of Monaco married Stefano Casiraghi (while waiting for the annulment of her first marriage).

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Goodyear (1800-1860), inventor; Andrew Johnson (1808-1875), U.S. president; William Gladstone (1809-1898), British statesman; Pablo Casals (1876-1973), musician; Mary Tyler Moore (1937-), actress, is 60; Jon Voight (1938-), actor, is 59; Ted Danson (1947-), actor, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1945, despite refusing to jump the fourth hurdle, Never Mind II won a steeplechase race.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Justice delayed is justice denied." — William Gladstone

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1830, Kansas City, Mo., was buried under 30 inches of snow.

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

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

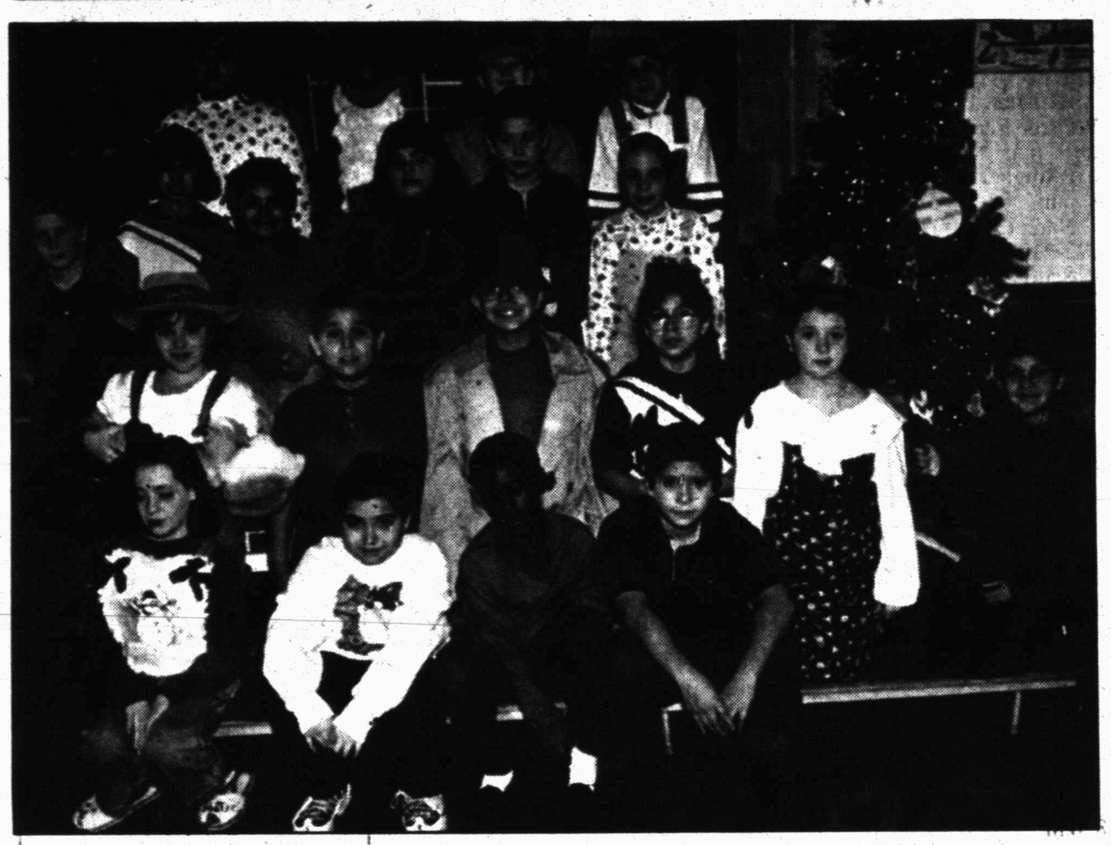
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Berry's World



"... and if you make a — er — 'mistake' in here, don't try to cover it up."







BEFORE CHRISTMAS — East fourth graders in Donna Griffin's, Janie Carroll's and Debra McNair's classes presented "It Was One Crazy Night Before Christmas." Donna Smith, music teacher, directed. Griffin's students, top photo, back row, from left, Wendy Reed, Veronica Castillo, Jeremy Reed, Michelle Williams, Christi Williams; middle row, Crystal Zarate, Vanessa Chavez, Anthony Duckworth, Salvador Guidos, Steven Wright; back row, Jonathan Browning, Jamie Putnam, Chance Grantham, Kelli Rushing, Travis Hill, Tyler Price, Arnulfo Rios; Carroll's students, middle photo, back row, from left, Whitney Parks, Noe Ruiz, Chris Thompson; middle row, Tara Kubena, Chris Martinez, Eric Martinez, Victoria Martinez, K.D. Morrell, Danny Ortegon; next row, Cody Johnston, Krysta Burleson, Andy Campos, Jeanette Castenada, Alejo Gutierrez, Gabrielle Ivey; back row, Laura Arellano, Zech Arizmendi, William Banks, Barrett Bowlin. McNair's class, bottom photo, front row, from left, Betty Guerrero, Jose Garza, Richard Rodriguez, Jordan Lollar, Antonio Rivas; middle row, Gena Dooley, Kayla Hartzog, Dulce Silva, Tina Speedon, Ashley Flores, Tehmina Zarrin, Kim Rodriguez, Kiki Wofford, Kirsten Courtney; back row, Juan Martinez, James Castro, Wesley Chandler. Not pictured are: Nikki Howell, Elizabeth Dominguez and Nicholas Martinez. Also assisting with the play were Tracey Parks, Paula Whitefield, Carol Strayhorn, Kathy Wofford, Doris Lollar and Laurie Chandler. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 6 Bishop in the Sharon Ridge field, 12 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 164, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 8 Bishop in the Sharon Ridge field, 12 miles southwest of Snyder. The venture will be drilled to 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 164, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 9 Bishop in the Sharon Ridge field, 12 miles southwest of Snyder. Contracted for 4,000 feet, location is in Section 164, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 7 Burrows Heirs in the Sharon Ridge field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Also planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, drill site is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 8 Burrows Heirs in the same field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. The well will be drilled to a depth of 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Phillips Petroleum has completed the No. 912 West Jo-Mill field unit, 16 miles southwest of Gail. The well was completed to produce 159 barrels of oil and 25 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,484-504 feet, and location is in Section 21, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Texaco will drill the No. 1-22 Jeff Good, a 9,900-foot wildcat located four miles northeast of Vealmoor. Location is in Section 22, Block 32, T3N, T&P survey.

J.M. Huber will drill the No. 1 Newton in the Eicke Ranch field. The re-entry is planned for a depth of 3,536 feet, and location is in Section 23, Block 30, T6N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Merit Energy Company will drill the No. 1-C McCabe in the Jameson north field, four miles north of Silver. Planned for a depth of 7,240 feet, the re-entry is located in Block 12, H&TC survey.

Pioneer Natural Reserve will drill the No. 450-2 Mary Foster in the Iatan field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 2,200 feet, location is in Section 7, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Chevron USA has completed the No. 2408 North Westbrook field unit, six miles northwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce three barrels of oil and 14 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,925-425 feet, and location is in Section 11, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Got $85 and a hankering to see nothing?

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Its maiden voyage proved "you don't necessarily have to go to London or Paris to have a good time," company spokesman Nachman Kleiman said Sunday.

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No smoking signs going up in bars, casinos

DAVIS, Calif. (AP) — On New Year's Eve, there will be two "last calls" at most California bars — one for drinkers, the other for smokers.

"It will be 'Happy New Year, put out your cigarettes,'" said Bob McNeil, manager of Plainfield Station, a bar and grill outside this Sacramento suburb. "I think we all might be having that last cigarette right at 11:55 p.m."

On Jan. 1, California will become the first state in the nation to ban smoking in most bars and gambling casinos.

Health groups and labor leaders say it will protect employees and customers, but some bar owners are worried that it will cripple their businesses.

"My smoking customers are quite upset about it because the bar environment was the last place where they were allowed to indulge in their bad habit in a social setting," said Kathleen Harrington, who owns Harrington's Bar and Grill in San Francisco with her husband.

California banned smoking in most indoor workplaces in 1995, including the non-bar areas of restaurants. Bars and casinos were initially exempt on the assumption that the state or federal government would come up with ventilation standards that would reduce smoke to safe levels.

A bill to extend the exemption died on the last night of the Legislature's 1997 session. As of Jan. 1, the only exempt businesses will be casinos and bars on American Indian reservations and mom-and-pop businesses that have no employees.

"We expect that most Californians will fully embrace this new change," said Ken August, a spokesman for the Department of Health Services. "Eighty-two percent of Californians do not smoke. Of those that do smoke, the majority do not want their children to smoke and they do not want their smoke to harm others."

Questions remain on how to enforce the law. One union official said their members may look the other way if someone lights up.

"If another customer objects, let them call the sheriff or the manager," said Joe McLaughlin, secretary-treasurer of a union representing about 2,000 hotel employees and restaurant workers. "Our people are being told: Don't get involved."

Owners breaking the law could be fined up to $100 for a first offense and up to $7,000 per violation for a series of offenses. Customers who insist on smoking could also be fined with the amount determined by local authorities.

The National Smokers Alliance, which gets money from tobacco companies, has sent letters to bar owners urging them to join a campaign to reinstate the exemption.

"Hopefully legislators will wake up to the fact of what they have done here and reconsider," said Gary Auxier, a spokesman for the alliance.

Paul Knepprath, a spokesman for the American Lung Association, is confident that the law is on the books for good.

"This is a landmark law for public health," he said. "California has always stood up for protections on the job, and we think this is just another example of it.

Beverly Swanson, a Santa Cruz bar owner, says she and her husband are willing to fire their employees and operate the bar themselves if the ban hurts their business.

"The government is giving us a choice," Swanson said. "They are saying you can have customers or you can have employees. Our goal is to accommodate all of our customers."

A University of California study published in November concluded that local smoking bans in five California cities and two counties did not hurt bar or restaurant sales.

Teen who died at 680 pounds now focus for obesity issues

MARTINEZ, Calif. (AP) — At age 9, Christina Corrigan weighed at least 237 pounds. She weighed 680 pounds when she was found dead four years later, when her heart simply gave out.

Now her mother, who left her alone while making a run to the grocery store, is on trial on a felony child abuse charge. Her trial could end this week, with the defense expected to finish presenting its case today.

The trial and Christina's short life have become public lightning rods for attitudes toward food and weight. Activists for the obese say society — not Christina's mother — is more to blame for her daughter's death.

"It's the last safe prejudice," said Frances White, president of the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance. "This woman would not be on trial if her daughter had any other condition beside being large."

Prosecutors say they charged Marlene Corrigan strictly because of the condition in which her daughter's body was found on Nov. 19, 1996 — lying on a dirty sheet, scarred with bedsores and with feces trapped in the folds of her flesh.

Christina spent the last months of her life lying in front of a television, barely able to hoist herself up to go to the bathroom, according to police reports.

Defense attorneys portray Ms. Corrigan as a caring but overworked single mother who was working full time and checking in frequently on two sick parents while raising Christina and her brother, Chad.

Study shows environmental risks of lots of animal waste

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A single 50,000-acre hog farm being built in Utah has the potential to produce more waste than the city of Los Angeles. That's just one example in a new study being used to point out the environmental risks from the spread of large-scale livestock operations.

The U.S. Senate study found that the amount of animal manure produced in the United States is 130 times greater than the amount of human waste, and there are no national standards for dealing with the animal waste.

"The enormous amount of animal waste produced in America constitutes a growing environmental risk," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. "The numbers are staggering. Some operations produce more waste than a city or large town."

The report is scheduled to be released later this week, but copies were distributed to reporters by Harkin, who called it "the first comprehensive report to illustrate the magnitude of environmental problems caused by animal waste."

The study was compiled by the Democratic staff of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Harkin is the ranking Democrat on that committee.

The study said the nation's agricultural officials consider 60 percent of rivers and streams "impaired," with agricultural runoff the largest contributor to that pollution.

SUBWAY
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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m..

Al-Anon meeting (smoke Free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

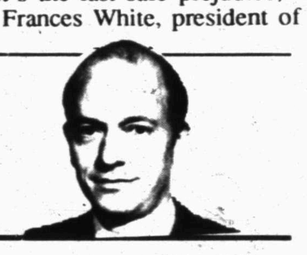
ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

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

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North — 12 29 97
♠ —
♥ A K Q 10 3
♦ A 10 9 7
♣ K Q 7 6

West
♠ A K 10 6 3 2
♥ 6 2
♦ Q J 6 4 3
♣ —

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

South
♠ J 7 5 4
♥ 9 8 4
♦ —
♣ A 9 5 4 3 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	2 ♠	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	4 NT	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
7 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

This deal occurred during the open series match between Germany and Sweden in the European Championships.

On the first round, the Swedish West bid a natural two spades. North jumped to four spades to show a very strong three-suiter. He assumed his partner would know the bid wasn't natural, because with good spades he would double West's overcall. (It was a reasonable assumption, but a debatable bid. Why should they be able to make five of anything?) However, the inference was missed by South.

Now West refused to accept his good fortune. Going for all the money, he doubled. In about a nanosecond, North ran to four no-trump, reinforcing the previous message, and one that was no longer wasted on South. However, he bid a cautious five clubs, when a jump to six could hardly be criticized. Yet North was still there, bidding as if he had a 12-winner hand! Finally, South realized that he had golden cards, raising to seven clubs.

Declarer had no trouble in winning all 13 tricks, ending with a plus score of 1440. If West had passed out four spades, South would probably have gone six down (winning two hearts and two diamonds) for minus 300. Perhaps this is the most expensive double of a nonvulnerable contract ever. Or do you know differently?

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A week to end the year

By Phillip Alder

This week, I'm going to show you the most amazing deals — good and bad — that I saw this year and haven't yet written up.

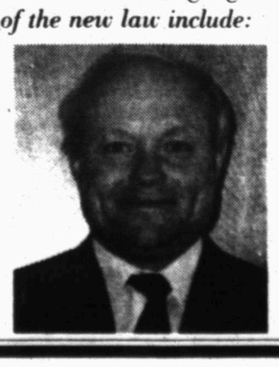
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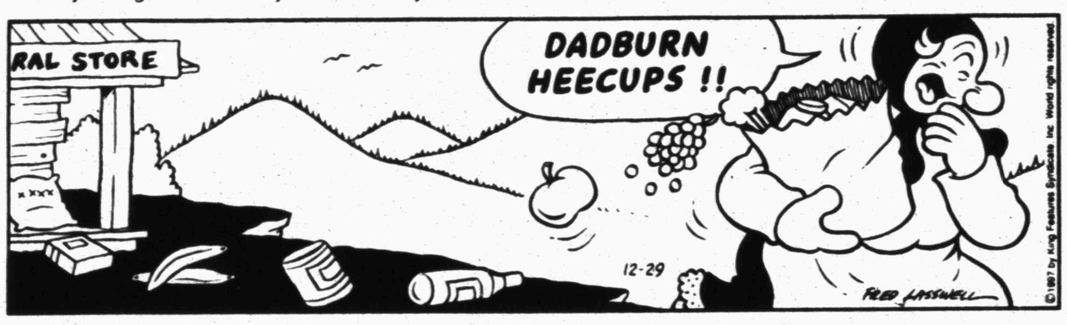
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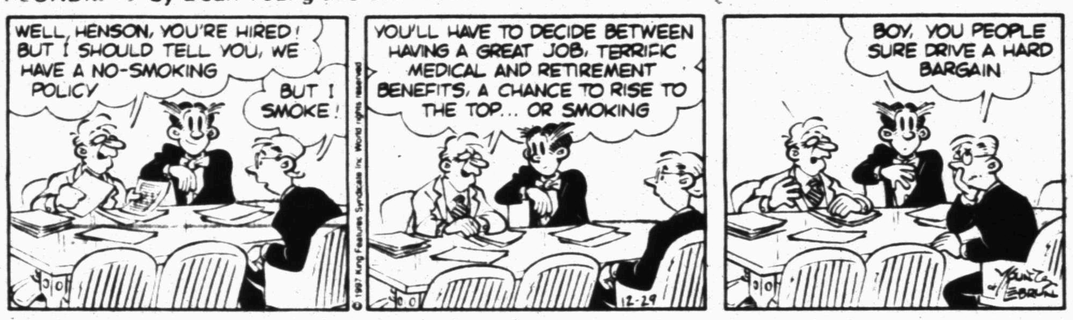
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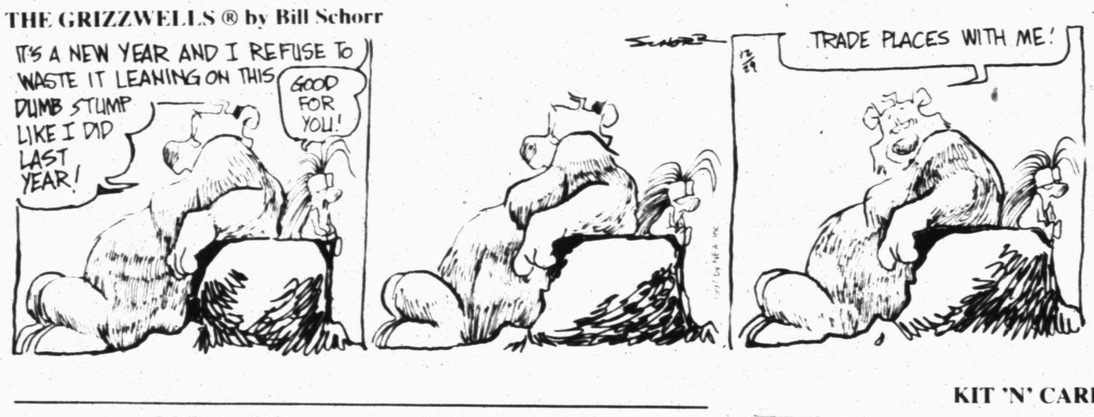
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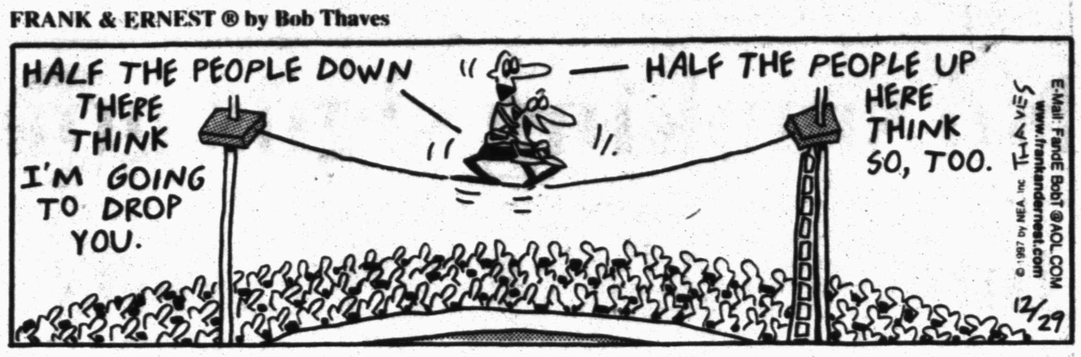
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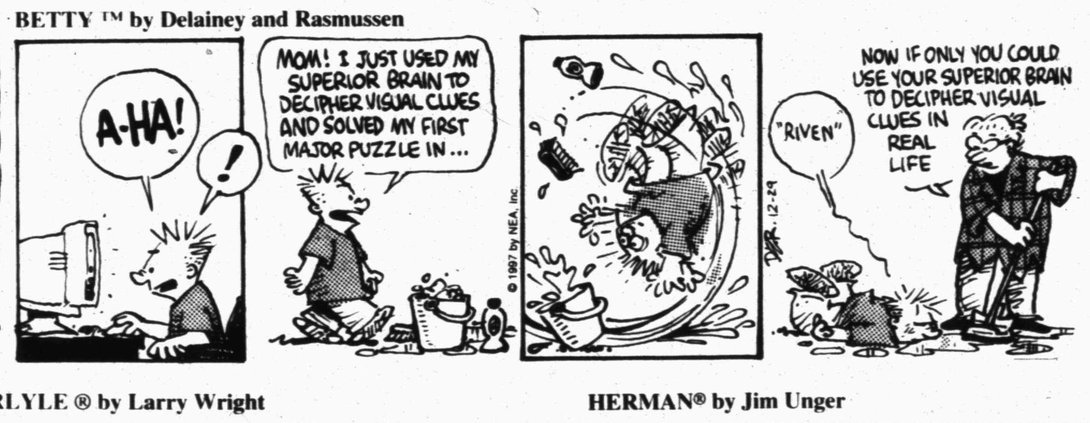
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ACROSS

1 Novelist Uris
5 Letterman's competitor
9 Weep
12 Singer Horne
13 TV actor Ken —
14 Small organisms
15 Mild expletive
16 Some mil. people
17 Adder
18 — — fours (crawling)
20 Truman or Chapin
22 Roman 52
23 Actor Wallach
24 Actress Charisse
27 Fair grade
29 Ford flop
33 Owls
35 Type of monster
36 All right
37 Beside one another
40 Sheriff's band
42 Eskimo knife
43 Actress West
44 Medical suffix
46 Pixie
48 Twist, e.g.
50 Banana — (fountain treat)
53 Roman 410
54 Formerly, formerly
56 Mormon State
58 Friend
59 Emerald Isle
60 Parched
61 Nautical assent
62 Burn
63 Door-fastening

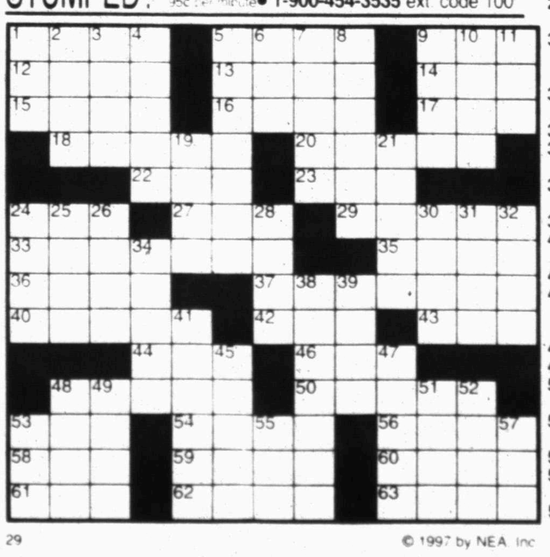
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1 Atty.'s deg.
2 Architect Saarinen
3 — — even keel
4 Of birth
5 Less important
6 Guido's high note
7 Alcove
8 At a reduced price (2 wds.)
9 Russian ruler
10 Cheerful
11 Kennel sound
19 Parasites
21 Range of hills
24 — suey
25 Singer Ono
26 — — I say
28 Jacob's twin
30 Anna and the King of —
31 Actress Lanchester
32 Overdue
34 Boxer Mike —
38 Post-burn problem
39 Cut of meat
41 Trebek and Sajak, e.g.
45 Eagle's nest
47 Like luxurious carpet
48 WWII event
49 Car part
51 Virginia willow
52 Paving substances
53 IRS worker
55 Mrs. in Madrid
57 In the know

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	V	O	W		A	V	O	N		R	O	D
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SPORTS

Interceptions key Patriots' postseason win over Miami

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots didn't need any new tricks to beat the Miami Dolphins for the third time this season. Intercepting Dan Marino worked again.

Chris Slade returned an interception 22 yards to set up a touchdown and Todd Collins took the second back 38 yards for another score as the Patriots defense dominated the Dolphins 17-3 Sunday.

Only a 38-yard field goal by Olindo Mare 19 seconds into the fourth quarter kept the Dolphins, with a poor ground game and a passing attack to match, from their first playoff shutout in history, a stretch of 31 games. Miami gained a team-record playoff low of 162 yards.

The Dolphins (9-8) recovered an onside kick after Mare's field goal made the score 17-3, but Marino fumbled the ball away on the next play.

Playing without running back Curtis Martin, who missed his fourth consecutive game with groin and shoulder problems, New England (11-6) advanced to the second round in Pittsburgh next Saturday. Its win also determined the other AFC semifinal matchup — Denver at Kansas City on Sunday.

In what may have been his last game in a Dolphins uniform, Marino struggled for the third time this season against the Patriots, the defending conference champions who clinched the AFC East title with a 14-12 win in Miami last Monday night. He completed only 17 of 43 passes for 141 yards and was sacked four times.

Coach Jimmy Johnson, beaten in his first playoff game with Miami after winning two Super Bowls with Dallas, hasn't said if Marino, the NFL career leader in most passing categories, will be back.

In a 27-24 loss Nov. 23 in New England, two of Marino's three interceptions were returned for touchdowns by Jimmy Hitchcock and Larry Whigham. And last Monday, he fumbled a snap and threw an interception under pressure in the last two minutes, ruining the Dolphins' comeback hopes.

Of Marino's 13 interceptions this season, six came against New England.

For the second time in seven days, Marino was beset by an aggressive pass rush, tight coverage by cornerbacks and frequent drops by his receivers.

When Collins' touchdown 55 seconds into the third quarter gave the Patriots a 14-0 lead, the Patriots had 60 yards on interception returns, just two fewer than the entire Dolphins offense produced to that point.

The Dolphins couldn't even blame the weather. A light overnight snowfall ended before dawn and the full house of Patriots fans celebrated under sunny skies with temperatures in the 30s.

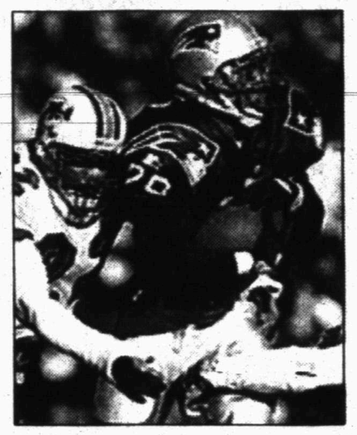
New England's offense wasn't especially productive — Drew Bledsoe threw for 139 yards — but it didn't have to be the way the defense was playing.

Slade intercepted a pass tipped by Whigham and returned it to the Miami 29-yard line.

Troy Brown got behind Terrell Buckley up the right sideline for a 24-yard reception in the end zone 4:33 into the second quarter for a 7-0 lead.

Adam Vinatieri, who missed field goals of 48 and 47 yards in the first half, connected from 22 yards to give the Patriots a 17-0 lead with 1:58 left.

The Patriots are the 11th team since 1950 to sweep three games against the same opponent in one season. And of the 10 times teams played each other in both the regular-season finale and their opening playoff game, the Patriots are the fourth to win both.



RACING — New England reserve running back Andrew Cullors gains yardage Sunday during the Patriots 17-3 playoff victory over Miami. (Contributed Photo)

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	19	9	.679	-
Orlando	17	12	.586	2½
NewYork	16	12	.571	3
NewJersey	15	12	.556	3½
Boston	14	13	.519	4½
Washington	15	15	.500	5
Philadelphia	7	20	.259	11½

Central Division

Chicago	19	9	.679	-
Atlanta	19	10	.655	½
Indiana	18	10	.643	1
Cleveland	17	10	.630	1½
Charlotte	17	11	.607	2
Milwaukee	13	15	.464	6
Detroit	13	17	.433	7
Toronto	4	24	.143	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	18	11	.621	-
SanAntonio	17	11	.607	½
Houston	15	10	.600	1
Minnesota	14	14	.500	3½
Vancouver	10	19	.345	8
Dallas	5	23	.179	12½
Denver	2	25	.074	15

Pacific Division

Seattle	23	6	.793	-
L.A.Lakers	22	7	.759	1
Phoenix	17	9	.654	4½
Portland	17	10	.630	5
Sacramento	11	19	.367	12½
GoldenState	7	20	.259	15
L.A.Clippers	6	24	.200	17½

Saturday's Games

Toronto 97, New York 94
Portland 102, Utah 91
Orlando 96, Charlotte 87
New Jersey 112, Milwaukee 104, 2OT
Chicago 97, Atlanta 90
Houston 111, Washington 101
L.A. Clippers 105, Denver 103
Philadelphia 85, Golden State 78

Sunday's Games

Minnesota 93, Detroit 89
Miami 101, Indiana 90
Seattle 106, Phoenix 97
Utah 89, Vancouver 88
Sacramento 92, Philadelphia 90
Boston 108, L.A. Lakers 102
Portland 82, San Antonio 79

Monday's Games

Washington at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

New Jersey at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 8 p.m.
Boston at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Portland, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	24	10	2	50	111	71
Philadelphia	21	10	7	49	107	85
Washington	16	15	8	40	105	106
N.Y.Rangers	12	17	12	36	104	112
N.Y.Islanders	15	18	5	35	103	106
Florida	14	20	5	33	101	115
TampaBay	7	23	7	21	66	114

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	19	12	8	46	104	90
Montreal	20	15	5	45	114	97
Ottawa	18	17	4	40	99	90
Boston	17	16	6	40	99	101
Carolina	14	20	5	33	100	110
Buffalo	13	18	6	32	88	100

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	25	9	5	55	124	81
Detroit	24	9	7	55	137	96
St.Louis	22	13	6	50	120	99
Phoenix	16	16	7	39	107	106
Chicago	13	18	7	33	83	88
Toronto	13	19	5	31	85	109

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	20	8	11	51	120	95
LosAngeles	15	16	6	36	105	106
Anaheim	13	19	7	33	92	120
SanJose	14	19	4	32	91	104
Edmonton	11	19	9	31	91	116
Calgary	11	21	8	30	101	120
Vancouver	11	21	6	28	107	128

Saturday's Games

Boston 3, Tampa Bay 1
Ottawa 3, Washington 0
Carolina 4, Buffalo 1
Florida 6, N.Y. Islanders 2
Montreal 1, Pittsburgh 0
Detroit 8, Toronto 1
Colorado 5, Edmonton 1
Vancouver 3, Dallas 3, OT
Anaheim 5, St. Louis 5, OT
Calgary 5, Philadelphia 2
Phoenix 4, Los Angeles 2

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 4, Boston 3
Chicago 2, Anaheim 0

Monday's Games

N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Anaheim at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

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Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 27
Minnesota 23, New York Giants 22
Denver 42, Jacksonville 17
Sunday, Dec. 28
New England 17, Miami 3
Tampa Bay 20, Detroit 10

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
New England at Pitsburgh, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Minnesota at San Francisco, 3 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 4
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 11:30 a.m. (FOX).
Denver at Kansas City, 3 p.m. (NBC)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 11
Divisional playoff winners, TBA

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 25
At San Diego
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5 p.m.

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC

LSU runs over Irish

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Kevin who?

With Kevin Faulk, the Southeastern Conference's leading rusher, out with a twisted ankle, backup Rondell Mealey rushed for 222 yards Sunday, including 26 on the game-winning drive in the third quarter, as No. 15 LSU beat Notre Dame 27-9 in the Independence Bowl.

Mealey, a sophomore, also set Independence Bowl and LSU records — previously held by Faulk — with a 78-yard run in the fourth quarter. He was voted the offensive player of the game.

It was sweet revenge for the Tigers (9-3), who were embarrassed 24-6 by the Irish (7-6) seven weeks ago at Baton Rouge, their worst loss of the season. Teams that lost the regular-season game have now won seven of the 13 rematches in bowl games.

The loss brought Notre Dame's turnaround to an end with a crashing, ugly thud. After starting the season 1-4, the Irish won six of their last seven regular-season games and came into the bowl with a five-game winning streak.

When Mealey hit his stride in the second half, he took all of the life out of the Irish, whose offense gained just 14 yards in the third quarter. Quarterback Ron Powlus was sacked four times in the second half, including a brutal hit that seemed to knock the wind out of him. He finished 8-of-18 for just 66 yards.

As the final seconds ticked off, LSU fans stormed the field, waving flags and hugging players. The Notre Dame players walked to midfield with heads bowed to shake hands with LSU.

Notre Dame hasn't won a bowl game since beating Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl after the 1993 season.

LSU came out sluggish early, and things looked bleak when Faulk went down with a twisted ankle on the Tigers' second possession. But Mealey picked up the slack, and Faulk's absence wasn't even noticed.

He rushed for 38 yards on LSU's first possession in the second half — one more than he had in the first 30 minutes of the game — to set up LSU's 42-yard field goal that tied the game at 6.

Notre Dame got a tough break on the kickoff, as Allen Rossum slipped at the 6 and was ruled down, despite making it to the 21. The Irish only managed six yards, and the Tigers got the ball at the Irish 49.

That meant more Mealey time. He rushed for seven yards and a first down the first time he touched the ball, then shook off a tackler for a 13-yard gain on his next carry. LSU got down to the Irish 12, and Herb Tyler connected with Abram Booty for the go-ahead score with 4:05 left in the third quarter.

Notre Dame added Scott Cengia's field goal with 13:14 left in the fourth quarter, but it was too little, too late. And just for good measure, Mealey scored twice in the fourth quarter, on runs of 1 and 2 yards.

SHS hoop teams tipoff Caprock action today

The Christmas break is over and it's time to get back to work for Snyder High School's basketball teams.

The varsity girls and boys were to have competed in opening-round action of the Caprock Holiday Tournament this morning in Lubbock.

The Lady Tigers, sporting a 9-5 record, drew Nazareth for their first day opponent.

A Lady Tiger victory would put Snyder in a 7:30 match-up tonight against either Lubbock Coronado or Brownfield.

A loss would place the Lady Tigers against one of the same two teams at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon.

In the boys' bracket, the Tigers were to have faced Dimmitt in the opening round.

The Tigers are currently 8-7 on the season after handling Big Spring, 67-49, in their last outing.

A victory this morning over Dimmitt would put the Tigers into tonight's 9 o'clock contest with either Coronado or Abernathy.

A loss would give Snyder a 1:30 tipoff Tuesday afternoon.

The Caprock tourney is scheduled to run through Wednesday, with 32 teams entered in both brackets.

Games will be played at gymnasiums throughout Lubbock, including Texas Tech University.

Other District 2-4A teams competing are Levelland, Estacado and Frenship.

Other teams of interest are Sweetwater, Seminole, San Angelo Central, Odessa Permian and San Antonio Taft.

COLLEGE BOWL GAMES SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 29
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Utah State (6-5) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Carquest Bowl
At Miami
Georgia Tech (6-5) vs. West Virginia (7-4), 6:30 p.m. (TBS)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Missouri (7-4) vs. Colorado State (10-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 30
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Oklahoma State (8-3) vs. Purdue (8-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 31
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Arizona State (8-3) vs. Iowa (7-4), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Pittsburgh (6-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Kansas State (10-1) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 6 p.m. (CBS)

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Bucs stop Sanders, Lions in 20-10 win

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Big Sombrero rocked, and so did the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Buccaneers celebrated their return to the playoffs after a 15-year absence Sunday, shutting down Barry Sanders and playing with the poise of postseason veterans in a 20-10 victory over the Detroit Lions.

Trent Dilfer threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Horace Copeland, Mike Alstott scored on a 31-yard run and Michael Husted kicked two field goals for Tampa Bay, which hadn't won a playoff game since 1979.

The victory, in the Bucs' first home playoff game since 1979, sends them to Green Bay next Sunday for a third meeting this season against the defending Super Bowl champion.

The Packers swept the season series between the NFC Central rivals and have won nine of 10 games against Tampa Bay in the past five years.

The Lions dedicated their postseason to linebacker Reggie Brown, who had spinal neck surgery after being injured in last week's regular-season finale, and wore his "59" on their helmets in tribute.

Detroit also lost quarterback Scott Mitchell to a concussion late in the third quarter — he was wheeled off on a stretcher — leaving backup Frank Reich to try to lead the Lions back from a 20-0 deficit.

Sanders, the NFL's co-MVP with Green Bay's Brett Favre, became the third player to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a season. But he had only 65 on 18 carries Sunday, the first time since Tampa Bay held him to 20 yards in Week 2 he didn't gain at least 100.

Tampa Bay didn't have a starter on offense with any previous playoff experience. Yet it was the Bucs who were moving the ball early. Dilfer's touchdown pass to Copeland capped an 89-yard drive that lasted nearly nine minutes, and Husted's second field goal made 13-0.

The Bucs wasted an opporunity late in the first half, though, when Dunn fumbled and Detroit's Robert Porcher recovered at the Lions 14 after Dilfer moved his team into position for at least another field goal.

The Bucs held a better than 2-1 advantage in time of possession in the opening half, while outgaining the Lions 198-52. Sanders had 15 yards on six carries and the Lions hurt themselves with poor special teams play and an interception that set up a field goal.

Tampa Bay played much of the first half in Detroit territory after the Lions' John Jett failed to get off a punt and was tackled at his 40. The Bucs also escaped unscathed when kick returner Karl Williams fumbled inside his 20, but Detroit's Matt Russell couldn't pick up the ball and it squirted out of bounds before a teammate could recover.

The Lions' woes continued after halftime. Jett's 31-yard punt led to Alstott's touchdown that forced Detroit coach Bobby Ross to make a decision on whether to abandon the running game — and thus, Sanders — and rely on Mitchell's arm.

The quarterback was knocked out of the game when he scrambled and dived head-first for a 2-yard gain at the Bucs 15. Jason Hanson kicked a 33-yard field goal on the next play, then Detroit got a 1-yard TD run from Tommy Vardell in the fourth quarter.

Dilfer completed 13 of 26 passes for 181 yards and was intercepted once. Mitchell was 10-for-25 for 78 yards, while Reich finished 11-for-15 for 129 yards.

"Defense and the offensive line won the game for us," Dilfer said.

NCAA BASKETBALL SCORES

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 28, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.NorthCarolina(69)	13-0	1,749	1
2.Kansas	15-1	1,646	2
3.Duke(1)	10-1	1,630	3
4.Utah	11-0	1,456	6
5.Purdue	11-2	1,385	7
6.Kentucky	10-2	1,323	4
7.Stanford	9-0	1,310	8
8.Arizona	8-3	1,238	5
9.UCLA	8-1	1,200	9
10.Connecticut	11-1	1,112	11
11.SouthCarolina	7-1	1,052	10
12.NewMexico	7-1	886	14
13.Xavier	7-2	857	13
14.Iowa	11-1	845	15
15.FloridaSt.	9-2	796	17
16.Mississippi	8-1	724	16
17.Princeton	10-1	655	18
18.Michigan	10-3	370	—
19.Syracuse	11-1	344	19
20.Maryland	7-3	317	20
21.Clemson	9-3	305	21
22.WestVirginia	11-1	290	23
23.Arkansas	9-2	240	12
24.RhodeIsland	6-1	214	22
25.Marquette	8-0	167	—

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TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, Mexico (AP) — The 4-year-old Tzotzil Indian girl can't see the blond doll a well-wisher has left for her at the end of her hospital bed, or the balloons strung across one of the walls.

The gauze bandage taped to the back of Zenaida Luna Perez's brown, shaved head marks the spot where a member of a death squad pumped a bullet into her, hoping she would die as her mother, father, sisters and brothers did in a massacre in the village of Acteal.

She didn't die. And now she just wants to leave the government hospital in Tuxtla Gutierrez, the Chiapas state capital.

"I want to go home. But it's dark, and I can't see the way," Zenaida murmurs in the bird-like tones of the Tzotzil Maya language to a family friend who has come to see her regularly in the week since the massacre.

Doctors weren't expecting her to live when she was brought here on Dec. 22.

One of her physicians shines a flashlight into Zenaida's eyes. The pupils do not contract; there is no reaction. The bullet that entered her brain has crushed something precious, something that will probably never return.

"I want the dark to go away," she says in an almost inaudible voice to Juan Gomez Vazquez, a stocky farmer who leans close to her as they converse.

Vazquez, a native of a village near Acteal in the mountains of southern Mexico, was a friend of Zenaida's father. He may be the only link that remains for Zenaida to the green mountainsides where she was born.

Doctors say Zenaida will probably be handed over to government social workers when she is well enough to leave the hospital. Noone knows if she will ever return to the wooden shacks, coffee bushes and banana trees of her village.

Down the hall of the hospital, a newborn known only as the Perez Gomez baby waggles its chunky arms and legs in glee.

His mother hasn't had time to give him a name. She entered labor Monday shortly after she was wounded in the Acteal massacre, and is still recovering from bullet wounds to her leg in the hospital's surgical unit.

The baby has become one of the nurses' favorites, and when he leaves the hospital, he will at least have a mother.

The child victims of the Acteal massacre — in which a gang linked to the country's ruling party slaughtered 45 people they perceived as being too sympathetic to Zapatista rebels — are the hardest part of the tragedy to understand.

'Titanic' still floats atop Christmas box office tally

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Director James Cameron's "Titanic" is proving unsinkable at the box office.

Cameron's epic about the historic liner that sunk on its maiden voyage earned $35.6 million to set a three-day December box office record and retain the No. 1 position, far ahead of "Tomorrow Never Dies," according to studio estimates Sunday.

The $200 million epic, the most expensive movie ever made, eclipsed the $33 million set by this month's debut of "Scream 2." The horror sequel, which still holds the record for a December opening, dipped to sixth place.

"Tomorrow Never Dies," the latest James Bond adventure, earned $21 million.

Among new films, the Jack Nicholson comedy "As Good As It Gets" was a winner at third place with $12.5 million in ticket sales, while "The Postman" and "Jackie Brown" opened weakly.

"Titanic" already has taken in $87 million and will likely pass the $100 million mark by Friday, said Robert Bucksbaum, president of the film industry newsletter Reel Source.

Ticket sales were up 23 percent in its second week and the average take at 2,711 locations was $12,900, considered extremely high.

The figures were even more impressive because the 3-hour, 14-minute running time allowed theaters only a limited number of showings. The PG-13 rating also helped during a weekend when family audiences were the norm.

"'Titanic' is getting a lot of repeat business. It's just that good of a film," Bucksbaum said. "A lot of people felt it would have a lot of trouble getting its money back."

"Titanic" earlier had the biggest-ever Christmas Day take with $9.2 million, eclipsing the $6 million earned by "Godfather III" in 1990.

DreamWorks SKG also scored big with an audience surge for the movies "MouseHunt" — up 65 percent over its debut weekend — and "Amistad," up 55 percent from its previous weekend.

Among new films, TriStar's "As Good As It Gets" did the best, placing No. 3. The romantic comedy earned $12.5 million at 1,572 locations for a $7,952 per-location average.

Ed Russell, spokesman for Columbia/TriStar, expressed satisfaction that "As Good As It Gets" beat the seven other films that opened last week. "It is very encouraging that a well-written, well-acted and well-directed film did so well," he said.

The new Quentin Tarantino film "Jackie Brown" debuted at No. 5 with $8.8 million and "An American Werewolf in Paris" was seventh with $7.8 million. "Mr. Magoo," the Leslie Nielsen comedy based on the nearsighted cartoon character, debuted in ninth place with $5.5 million.

The most significant disaster was "The Postman," with Kevin Costner as star, director and producer. The poorly reviewed epic about a post-apocalyptic mail carrier cost more than $80 million to make and had less than $4 million in opening weekend receipts to finish out of the top 10.

"It's a hard film to sell because it has a lot of competition," Bucksbaum said. "Warner Bros. was really counting on this film to end their season on a positive note."

Final figures were to be released today.

Here are the studios' estimated grosses for the top 10 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday:

1. "Titanic," $35.6 million.
2. "Tomorrow Never Dies," $21 million.
3. "As Good As It Gets," $12.5 million.
4. "MouseHunt," $10 million.
5. "Jackie Brown," $8.8 million.
6. "Scream 2," $8.7 million.
7. "An American Werewolf in Paris," $7.8 million.
8. "Flubber," $5.8 million.
9. "Mr. Magoo," $5.5 million.
10. "Amistad," $5.1 million.

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AmStoress	20⅜	20 1-16	20 5-16+ 3-16
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ATMOS Egy	29¼	28 15-16	29¼+ 7-16
Aviall	14	7-16	14⅜ 14⅜
BakerHughes	42⅜	40 11-16	42 7-16+ 1¾
BellAtl	89⅜	88 5-16	89 + ⅜
BellSouth	56¾	56¼	56 7-16+ 7-16
BethSteel	8¼	8¼	8¼— ⅛
BritPet s	81 3-16	80⅜	80 15-16+ ½
BurlNoSFe	93¾	92¼	92¾+13-16
CBS Corp	28½	28¼	28 3-16+ ¼
Caterpillar s	47 1-16	46 9-16	46¾+ ⅛
CenSoWst	27	3-16	27 27⅛+ ⅛
Chevron	76⅜	75 13-16	76⅛+1 1-16
Chrysler	34 11-16	34 1-16	34⅜+ ⅜
Coastal	61	60⅜	60 13-16+ ⅜
CocaCola	66¼	65 5-16	65 15-16+1 9-16
ColgatePalm s	71¼	69⅜	70 7-16+1 7-16
ComclMetals	31⅜	31¼	31⅜+ 3-16
CooperIn	48	5-16	48 48 + 3-16
CyprusAmax	15¾	15	15 3-16+ 1-16
DallSemicn	38	3-16	37⅞ 38⅛+ ⅜
DeltaAirl	112 11-16		111⅞ 112 11-16+13-16
DigitalEq	37	5-16	37 37⅛+ ⅛
Dillards Inc	33⅛	32¾	33⅛+ ⅜
DowChem	99⅜	98 7-16	99⅜+ 1⅜
DresserInd	40⅜	40¼	40 9-16+ ¼
DuPont s	59¼	58 3-16	59 3-16+1 5-16
EastmanChem	57 15-16		57 7-16 57 9-16+ 3-16
EstKodak	58¼	57 11-16	58 + ⅜
EDS Corp	43 3-16	42¼	43 3-16+ ¼
Entergy	29¾	29¼	29 11-16+ ¼
Exxon s	61 1-16	60 9-16	61 + 5-16
FstBksAm	23¼	23 3-16	23 3-16— 1-16
Flowers s	20 1-16	19 13-16	20 1-16+ ¾
FordMotor	47⅞	47	47⅛+ ⅜
GTE Cp	50 5-16	50	50 1-16+ 3-16
GenDynam	85¼	83 11-16	85 3-16+1 9-16
GenElecs	72¼	71 11-16	72 3-16+1 11-16
GenMills	72	71⅞	72 + 1⅜
GenMotors	60	59⅜	59⅝+ 7-16
GaPacGP s	59	15-16	59⅜ 59⅜
GlobalMar	24 5-16	23 9-16	24⅛+13-16
Goodrich	42	41 11-16	41 11-16— 1-16
Goodyear s	62	60 11-16	62 +13-16
GtAtlPac	28 3-16	27 13-16	28 — 1-16
Halliburtn s	48 9-16	47 9-16	48⅛+ 1¾
Hanson ADS	22¾	22¼	22⅝+ ⅛
HarteHanks	37	37	37 + ⅛
HomeDepot s	54⅝	54¼	54⅝
HoustonInds	25 13-16	25⅛	25 11-16— 1-16
IBM s	103 11-16	102 13-16	103 1-16+ 1¾
IntlPaper	43¾	43 1-16	43 3-16+ 7-16
JohnsonJn	65¼	64⅞	65⅛+ ⅛
K mart	11	10⅞	11 + 1-16
Kroger s	33¾	33 1-16	33⅜+ ⅛
Litton	57¼	56½	57⅛+ ⅛
LockhdMart	96¼	95 5-16	95⅜+1 13-16
Lowes Cos	46⅝	45 7-16	46 5-16+ ⅜
Lubys	17⅜	17 11-16	17 11-16— 1-16
LucentTech	79¼		78⅜ 78⅜+ 1
MayDeptStrs	50 15-16	50 5-16	50 11-16+ ⅜
Medtronic s	49¾	49 5-16	49⅝+ 7-16
Mobils	71¾	70⅛	71 11-16+1 9-16
Monsanto	40⅝	39¾	40 5-16+ 1
MorganJP	114¾	112 7-16	113⅛+2 1-16
Motorola	56¾	55 9-16	55 13-16— 3-16
NCR Corp	28		27⅝ 27⅝+ 1-16
NationsBk s	60 11-16		60⅜ 60⅝+15-16
Navistar	23 5-16	23 1-16	23 3-16+ 3-16
Norwests	36¾	35 15-16	36¼+ ⅜
OryxEngy	24	23 3-16	23¾+15-16
Penney JC	57 13-16	56¾	57 11-16+ 3-16
Pennzoil	67¼		66¼ 67 +13-16
PepBoys	22	11-16	22 22 11-16
PepsiCo	35 5-16	34 11-16	35 1-16+ 5-16
PhelpDodge	61 3-16	60 13-16	60 13-16— ¼
PhilipPet	47⅜	47 1-16	47 7-16+ ⅜
PilgrmPrd	14 15-16	14 13-16	14 15-16
Polaroid	48 9-16	48 1-16	48 9-16+ ¼
Praxair	45		44⅜ 44 13-16+11-16
ProctGamb s	79¾	78 3-16	79 3-16+1 9-16
PubSNwMx	23	7-16	23⅜ 23½+ 3-16
RoyalDut s	54 13-16	54	54 13-16+1 15-16
SBC Comm	73	3-16	72⅜ 73 + ⅞
SaraLee	57 13-16		57¼ 57 9-16+ 1
Scripps EW	47⅞		47⅞ 47⅝+ 1-16
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SherwinW s	26¼		25¾ 26⅛+ 1-16
SmthBc ADS s	51	11-16	51⅜ 51½+ ½
SouthernCo	25 5-16	24 15-16	25 5-16+ 5-16
SwstAirl s	22 15-16		22¾ 22 13-16+ ¼
Sprint	55⅛	55	55 7-16+ ⅜
SunCo	41¾	41¼	41 11-16+ 5-16
TNP Ent	31 11-16		31⅛ 31 9-16— ¼
Tandy s	35¾	35⅛	35 9-16+ 1-16
TempleInland	50¾		49⅝ 50 — ¼
Tenneco	39	38¾	38 13-16+ 1-16
Texaco s	54	9-16	53¾ 54⅛+ ⅜
TexInd s	44⅛	44	44 1-16+ 1-16
TexasInst s	45½	44 15-16	45¼+ 9-16
TexUtil	41	3-16	40⅞ 41 + ¾
Textron s	61	60	60 5-16+ 5-16
Travelers s	52⅜	51 15-16	52⅜+13-16
TriconGlbR n	28⅛	28	28 3-16— ⅜
TrinityInds	43¾	43⅜	43 13-16+ ½
TritonEngy	27 11-16		26¾ 27½— ⅛
Tyler	5	9-16	5⅛ 5⅛
US WestCm	44	7-16	44 44 + 1-16
USWstMda	27 7-16		27 3-16 27⅜+ ⅛
USX Delhi	20½		20⅜ 20½
USX-Marathn	31⅞		31⅜ 31⅞+ ⅛
USX-USS	28¼	27 5-16	27 7-16— 3-16
UnCarbde	42	41 7-16	41⅜— ⅜
UnionPacif	61 15-16		61¼ 61½+ 9-16
UnitedTech	69	13-16	69 69⅝+ 3-16
Unocal	38¼	38	38 9-16+11-16
WalMart	38½	37¾	38 5-16+ ⅛
WstnGasRs	22 5-16	21 15-16	21 15-16— 5-16
WinnDixie	42 7-16	42	3-16 42¾— 1-16
Woolworth	20	13-16	20¼ 20¼
Xerox Corp	70 7-16		69¾ 69 15-16+1 3-16
ZenithE	5	11-16	5⅜ 5⅜

Residence trashed...

Homeowners return from holiday trip; teens arrested

LUBBOCK (AP) — A family returned home from a holiday ski trip to find their house trashed and five teen-agers partying among their tipped-over Christmas tree and cigarette-burned couch Friday.

A police report said the home reeked of marijuana and was dotted with animal feces and vomit. Total damage was estimated at nearly $12,000.

Rick Don Wilson told police he had asked one of the teens to watch his house. The teen was instructed to feed the family's two dogs, but was not given a key or permission to enter the home, Wilson said.

When the Wilson family returned from spending the holiday in Taos, N.M., the teen-agers ran from the home, police said.

The Wilsons managed to stop a 17-year-old and an 18-year-old in the driveway. Another teen was arrested down the street.

Both the 17-year-old and 18-year-old were charged with burglary of a habitation and another 17-year-old was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of tobacco by a minor.

Two other teen-agers found in the home might be charged with burglary, police said.

A neighbor said something suspicious had been going on at the home for the past three days and nights.

Police photographed the damage, which included scorched carpeting throughout the house, a burned table top and entertainment center, a broken back door, Nativity scene and reindeer.

The police report said no food or water had been set out for the dogs and the Wilsons returned to almost empty cupboards.

The report said the teen-agers ate most of the family's food during their party.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Can cut 'n' curl be dangerous?

DEAR DR. GOTT: A friend of mine recently had what seemed to be a temporary stroke while having her hair washed at a beauty salon. How could this happen?

DEAR READER: When a person hyperextends her head — for example, over a sink — she may experience dizziness, blurred vision, speech difficulty and other symptoms. According to the November 1997 issue of the Harvard Women's Health Watch, the condition has been dubbed "beauty parlor stroke syndrome" and is believed to be due to obstruction of blood flow in the vertebral arteries, which already may be partially blocked by arteriosclerotic plaque. The two vertebral arteries supply blood to the back of the brain. When they are compressed during the hyperextension maneuver of hair-washing, circulation may be reduced or small blood clots may be carried to the brain, resulting in neurological symptoms that are transient — or can sometimes be permanent. Beauty parlor stroke syndrome has been newly reported and can also occur in a dentist's chair, during yoga exercises or on a chiropractor's table.

The Harvard publication urges any woman who experiences symptoms in such situations to change position immediately. To date, there is no way to predict who is at risk, nor is there any specific treatment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 47-year-old woman who recently experienced sudden numbness of my arms and difficulty speaking. One doctor said it was stress without examining me. A second physician diagnosed migraine, although I've never had headaches. I had a normal cardiac ultrasound, but I believe that I need an MRI.

My brother died at 46 of a brain aneurysm, and I think that my symptoms suggest a TIA. What should I do?

DEAR READER: Find a doctor who will order an MRI scan. There are many possible causes for your symptoms, including transient ischemic attack (mini-stroke), migraine equivalent or cerebral aneurysm. It seems to me that you won't know the cause of your difficulty until you have been thoroughly tested. Such testing should, in my opinion, include an MRI or CT scan.

Given your family history, I worry that you — like your brother — could have an aneurysm. Certainly, this is not likely, but you probably will not be satisfied until this possibility is ruled out by appropriate testing. An MRI is expensive, but it is safe, painless and (if normal) would be a relief to you. Therefore, I recommend it. If the test is normal, you can then address other causes of your symptoms.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Stroke." 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.

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Victims live in trailers 8 months after flood

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — Duane Lembke's life has narrowed to a tiny trailer in a village of flood refugees on the outskirts of town.

The thin walls are barely enough to keep out the wind and cold, even in a winter so far considered mild by North Dakota standards. The water pipes froze solid once. If the family runs the washing machine on spin cycle too long, pictures fall off the wall.

Lembke, 55, laid-off from his truck-driving job because the company was damaged in the flood, has been unable to rebuild his home. He tries to stay busy with simple chores, but he has plenty of time to think about all that's gone wrong in the past year.

"It eats at a man," Lembke says. "I used to get out, go visit the old place, but I don't even feel like going out of the house any more, I've lost my ambition toward everything."

Lembke and his wife, who share a 12- by 60-foot trailer with their 23-year-old daughter and her toddler, are among some 220 families still living in temporary trailer homes provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, eight months after flooding devastated this city. Most will be here into spring of the New Year.

"I tell you what," Lembke says, "the longer we're here, the more tempted I am just to take what I've got and leave."

Lembke's six grown children used to bring their families home for Christmas.

This year there was no room for them to stay.

Kenneth Peterson and his wife, Lucille, seem more at ease in the trailer park. Peterson, a psychotherapist, lost his home and his office to the flood, but he and his wife, both 64, talk about how lucky they are.

"It's amazing what people can go through and still persevere, the ability they have to recreate themselves after something like this," says Peterson, who has resumed seeing a few clients in one room of his FEMA trailer.

While Grand Forks' two huge FEMA trailer parks are shiny, aluminum reminders that much flood damage remains, disaster officials say North Dakota's recovery from the 1997 devastation is unprecedented. Most families are back in their homes, and many businesses have reopened as normalcy slowly returns.

"This is the biggest disaster our region has ever dealt with," says Rick Weiland, director of the regional FEMA office in Denver. "Recovery is a long process. Something of this magnitude does not go away overnight."

Don't import farm workers, report claims

NEW YORK (AP) — The country has plenty of agricultural workers, according to a government study that undercuts a push to issue more visas to foreign farm workers.

The report by the General Accounting Office, requested by Congress, hurts a legislative effort to allow more foreign farm workers into the country, The New York Times reported Sunday, citing a draft of the study obtained by the newspaper.

Several farm industry associations have been pushing to expand the number of temporary guest-worker visas, arguing that shortages will increase in some areas of the country as the Immigration and Naturalization Service cracks down on illegal aliens. About 40 percent of the country's estimated 2 million farm workers are here illegally, the Times said.

But there is "no national agricultural labor shortage at this time," the GAO said in its report, expected to be released Wednesday.

However, the federal agency acknowledged that localized shortages might exist for specific crops or geographical areas.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Grandmother Senses Trouble In Mom's Conspiracy with Son

DEAR ABBY: I am a grandmother and I watch my two grandchildren every day while their mothers work. The boy is 5, the girl is 4.

My two daughters do a lot of children's activities in the evenings and on the weekends. The cousins are close. They don't fight, and they really love each other.

The girl's mother includes the boy in every special thing they do — pizza, fishing, swimming, etc.

The boy says when he and his mother do things, he wants to be alone and he does not want his cousin included. His mother coddles him and tells him it's OK to want to be alone. She tells him to not mention when he's going to the beach, etc., so they will not have to take the little girl along.

I think she is demonstrating to her son how to be secretive and manipulative. I also think it's cruel. Of course, my daughter does not agree. I see disaster ahead. Please advise.

CONCERNED GRANDMOTHER IN PORTLAND

DEAR CONCERNED GRANDMOTHER: This situation is not a question of all or nothing. Since you watch the children during the day, their time with their mothers is limited, and therefore I see no reason why they shouldn't each spend one-on-one time with their mothers for special outings. There should be no need for secrecy about it.

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DEAR ABBY: As one of nearly 8,000 optometrists who volunteer our services through VISION USA, I have seen what an amazing difference eye care can make.

Last year, one of my VISION USA patients arrived with her glasses taped together so the lenses wouldn't fall out. The prescription was no longer appropriate for her, but she told me, "They are better than nothing." When I prescribed two pairs of glasses for her at no charge — one for distance and the other for computer work, which she needed for her job — she cried with joy.

In the last seven years, VISION USA has helped approximately 220,000 children and adults from low-income working families. Many had eye health problems that interfered with their ability to work or go to school.

Abby, the 1998 VISION USA program is getting under way again, and I hope you will alert your readers to the opportunity for low-income working families to obtain free eye care.

— ANDREA P. THAU, O.D., NEW YORK CITY

DEAR DR. THAU: I'm pleased to alert my readers once again to this worthwhile effort by the American Optometric Association.

To qualify for free eye care in the VISION USA program, individuals must have a job or live in a household where there is one working member; have no health insurance that covers eye examinations; have an income below an established level based on household size; and have had no eye examination within the last two years. (Eligibility requirements may vary in some states.)

From Jan. 2 to Jan. 30, 1998, low-income working people and their families can be screened for eligibility for VISION USA by calling 1-800-766-4466. Phone lines will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Central Standard Time). Because phone lines are sometimes very busy, it may be easier to apply by mail. Application forms are available from: VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141. Completed forms must be postmarked by Jan. 23.

The comprehensive eye exams will be given in optometrists' private offices in March, coinciding with the celebrating of Save Your Vision Week, March 1 to March 7.

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Criminals should be rooted out early, chief says

HOUSTON (AP) — The state's prison overcrowding problems are linked to the failure to stop young criminals from developing, the head of Texas' penal system says.

Wayne Scott, in charge of guarding over Texas' 140,420 convicted felons, insists that instead of just building prisons and locking people away for longer periods of time, the state should turn its attention to kids as young as 4 and 5.

"If you want to address the (crime) problem in the long term, it gets around to looking at at-risk children and identifying those individuals very early on and trying to influence them in a positive direction," he said. "I think you have to look at pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first grade. You really have to put a lot of emphasis on children. Those are the formative years."

Business and Industrial News

Bobby Nolan at Nolan Electric: master electrician with 30 years of experience

"We strive to provide a quality service to the people of Snyder," say Bobby and Kim Nolan, "and we want everyone to know we're thankful for their patronage through these past years."

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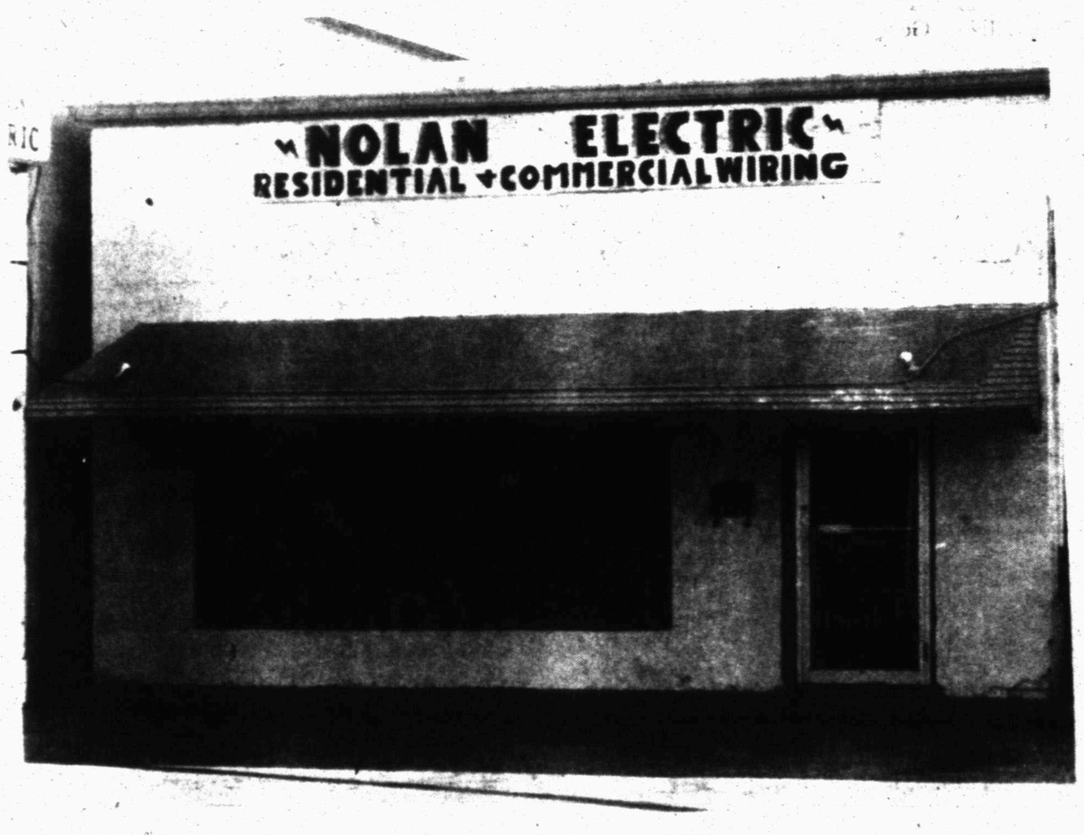
Whether you hire your own electrician or use your building contractor's electrician, you should check with the Permit Department at City Hall at 573-4959 to see if they are listed as a licensed and bonded electrician for the City of Snyder.

Nolan Electric does commercial and residential wiring. They also work on roadway sign lighting and commercial sign lighting up to about 25 feet. During the week, the office at 1010 25th St. is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or you can reach them by phone at 915-573-5117. Their phone is answered after hours and on the weekends by an answering service.

The Nolans sell electrical supplies and have a large stock including all types of lamps, ballasts, wire, panels, breakers, conduit, conduit fittings, wiring devices, fuses, boxes, etc. Their list of suppliers from all over the state provide them with a very adequate source for any items they don't keep in stock. Also, they have suppliers who call on them every day of the week.

Need your lamps repaired? Besides the office work, Kim repairs lamps: touch, table, floor, and some antique. She has lamp parts in stock for sale also.

For all your electrical needs give Nolan Electric a call at 573-5117 or go by 1010 25th St.



NOLAN ELECTRIC — Located at 1010 25th St., Nolan Electric specializes in residential and commercial wiring. (SDN Staff Photo)

Clinton to seek more money for food safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal spending on food safety and inspection would rise by $71 million, or 9 percent, under a budget proposal President Clinton plans to send to Congress, an administration official says.

The proposed increase comes amid public concern over food safety, intensified this year when 1,400 Americans become sick after eating tainted Guatemalan raspberries and 25 million pounds of suspect ground beef from a Nebraska processing plant were recalled.

"This is part of the administration's ongoing effort to turn what had been essentially a 19th century food inspection system in one that's ready for the 21st century," the administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Sunday.

The increase will be requested in Clinton's budget for the fiscal year beginning next Oct. 1, to be unveiled in February. It would bring total spending on food safety to $817 million. Federal spending on food safety has grown by 60 percent during Clinton's presidency, the official said.

The added money would be divided among three agencies:

—$41 million more for the Agriculture Department to improve testing of meat and poultry. The money would also pay for education programs for groups, such as the elderly, who are particularly susceptible to food illnesses, and cafeteria workers in schools.

—$25 million more for the Food and Drug Administration to hire more than 60 people to inspect food being imported from abroad, an initiative that was announced in October.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Obituaries

George Light

1919-1997

George Wade Light, a former resident of the Inadale community, died Saturday, Dec. 27, in New Horizon Nursing Center in Odessa following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Light, 78, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Pyron Cemetery.

Born April 4, 1919 in Scurry County, Mr. Light was reared in the Inadale Community. He had lived in Odessa since 1985.

Mr. Light was preceded in death by his parents, Stella and Jim Light, in 1976; and by a sister, Stella Mae Hignight.

Survivors include three sisters, Mabel Riggs and Velma Tolbert, both of Odessa, and Wilma Campbell of Lamesa; a brother, Carroll Light of Odessa; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.



Kathleen Caldwell

Mrs. Caldwell

1910-1997

ABILENE — Kathleen Victoria Caldwell, the mother of Helen Feinsod of Snyder, died Sunday, Dec. 28, in Abilene's Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center. She was 87.

Cremation is planned and Mrs. Caldwell's remains will be scattered at sea.

Born April 6, 1910 in Ontario, Canada, she married Herbert Lee Caldwell in 1936 in Yuma, Ariz. He died in 1951.

Mrs. Caldwell was a homemaker and an elementary school teacher in California. She moved to Snyder in 1989 and was active in the Senior Citizens Center. She was also a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Survivors also include a granddaughter, Celia Feinsod of Snyder; a grandson, Virgil Feinsod of Big Spring; four step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Methodist Church youth fund or to the Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center in Abilene.

Wesley Hardin

1925-1997

ROTAN — Wesley Hardin, a native of Scurry County, died Saturday, Dec. 27, in a Comanche hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Hardin, 72, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Rotan First Baptist Church. The Rev. Dutch Parks will officiate, and burial will follow in the Cottonwood Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Born in Scurry County, he was a veteran of World War II and married Judy Bowen in 1946.

Mr. Hardin was an independant oilfield contractor most of his life. He was a former resident of Rotan and had lived in Strawn for the past 23 years. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Hardin of Strawn; four daughters, Linda Janosky of Bellville, Sandy Hancock of Stephenville, Sissy Mikeski of Cypress and Tooter Koenig of Comanche; six brothers, Joe Hardin of Hazelgreen, Ala., Jimmy Hardin of Bishop, Kennith Hardin of Rotan, Ralph Hardin of Madisonville, Morris Hardin of Lubbock and Doc Hardin of Victoria; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Sally Hatley

1950-1997

CLARION, Pa. — Funeral service for Sally Margaret Ratliff Hatley, 47, is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Wyman Funeral Home Chapel in Mesa, Ariz.

Mrs. Hatley, sister of Mae Cole of Snyder, died Saturday, Dec. 27, at her home in Clarion after a lengthy illness.

Born July 2, 1950 to the late W.R. Ratliff and Jewel Chambers Ratliff in Roswell, N.M., she attended school at East Grand Plains and Roswell High School. She and her husband also lived in Mesa, Ariz. She was a Baptist.

Surviving are her husband, James Hatley of Clarion; a son, James Hatley Jr. of Mesa; a daughter, Michelle Payton of Mesa; and three grandchildren, also of Mesa; two other sisters, Margaret Clements of Farmington, N.M., and Beverly Morrell of Anchorage, Alaska; four brothers, Edward Ratliff of Albuquerque, Jesse Ratliff of Roswell, Don Ratliff of New Jersey and Danny Ratliff of Las Cruces; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

George Campbell

1915-1997

HAMLIN — George E. Campbell, the grandfather of George Scifres of Snyder, died Thursday, Dec. 25, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Campbell, 82, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Central Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Revs. James Brigham and Red Chamberlin. Burial will follow in the Hamlin East Cemetery under the direction of Foster-Adams Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 7, 1915 in Taylor County, he married Lucille Cark on April 24, 1937 in Hamlin.

Mr. Campbell had lived in the Hamlin area since 1920. He had worked for 45 years for Plasterco, Celotex and Three Rivers Gympsum companies as plant comptroller.

Mr. Campbell was a deacon of the Central Baptist Church. He was a former member of the Hamlin city council and a former Little League manager. He was a longtime member of the Hamlin Lions Club serving as secretary-treasurer, and Mr. Campbell served on the Hamlin Senior Citizens' board.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Campbell of Hamlin; two daughters, Ruby Carter of Hamlin and Minna Baxter of North Richland Hills; two brothers, Frank Campbell of Houston and Lester Campbell of Orangeville, Calif.; a sister, Dorothy Millsap of Abilene; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.

Turbulence sends plane plunging, woman dies and 102 are injured

NARITA, Japan (AP) — Sudden turbulence over the Pacific sent a United Airlines jumbo jet plunging toward the sea, tossing passengers and crew headfirst into the ceiling. One woman was killed and 102 other passengers were injured, and the plane returned to Japan today.

Screams filled the cabin of Flight 826 as the plane plummeted nearly 1,000 feet without warning en route from Narita to Honolulu. Food and drinks were flung throughout the cabin.

Passengers said the turbulence was so violent that those standing in the aisles were thrown several feet into the air, while some who were seated bumped their heads on the overhead luggage compartments.

"I thought I was dying," said Kiyotaka Eto, a 16-year-old high school student from Osaka who had been headed for a surfing vacation in Hawaii.

He said his seatbelt saved him from injury.

A traveling companion, Yuji Takahashi, 17, who wasn't wearing a seat belt, hit his head on the ceiling. "It was like something straight out of the movies," he said.

The plane left Narita about 9:00 p.m. Sunday night with 374 passengers and 19 crew aboard for what is normally a 6½-hour flight. It hit the rough air just as meals were being served about two hours later.

After the severe jolting, the plane turned back and landed early today at Narita, 40 miles northeast of Tokyo.

Of the 102 people treated for injuries, 11 passengers and one crew member remained hospitalized today, said Toru Kawai, an airport police spokesman at Narita.

A United spokeswoman said the Boeing 747 encountered "severe clear-air turbulence," — unanticipated rockiness that develops when there are no storms visible.

The turbulence rocked the plane when it was 1,100 miles east of Narita, flying at cruising altitude, and lasted several minutes.

Births

ADMISSIONS: Dec. 25-Joe Garza, Emily Harris, Etta Stroope, Lee Brooks, Logan Morris; Dec. 26-Evie Farmer, Henry Woellert, Anthony Botts, Ida Chitsey of Hermleigh, Jennifer Lang of Lubbock; Dec. 27-Selena Chairez; Dec. 28-Javon Brown, Michelle Ewing, Trisha Gomez, Humberto Molina, Vergina Molinar.

DISMISSALS: Dec. 25-None; Dec. 26-None; Dec. 27-Ima Eastman; Dec. 28-Lee Brooks, Emily Harris, Logan Morris, Etta Stroope, Patsy Taylor, Selena Chairez, Jennifer Lang.

CENSUS: 46 (Med., Surg.-16; Long-term Care-28; OB-2).

Business burglaries reported in Snyder

Snyder police officers are investigating two reports of businesses being burglarized over the weekend.

Officers were notified of a burglary at Alpine Cellular, 3707 College, Saturday night and at State Farm Insurance, 1707 30th St., on Sunday morning.

Five cellular telephones, a scanner and a CB radio were reported missing from Alpine Cellular while $7 was taken in the break-in at the insurance office.

Two reports of criminal mischief were also reported over the weekend.

An officer was requested at the post office at 9:13 a.m. Saturday to investigate a damaged window. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Officers were called to the mental health services building Saturday afternoon as a window had been broken out of a vehicle. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Three people were arrested over the weekend and one person was taken into custody early today. All the arrests were alcohol-related.

Officers were called to the 1900 block of Coleman Avenue at 11:20 p.m. Saturday in reference to a person beating on the door of an apartment. A 33-year-old male was taken into custody for public intoxication.

An officer was requested at Allsup's at 1:04 a.m. Sunday in reference to an intoxicated person being in the store's parking lot. Officers arrested a 48-year-old male for public intoxication. The man told officers that his vehicle had been stolen, although he could not give a description of it. Officers did locate his vehicle Sunday morning at the Park Village Apartments.

At 3:40 Sunday morning, officers arrested a 25-year-old male in the 3500 block of Avenue V for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

Officers also arrested a 57-year-old male at 1 a.m. today at the traffic circle for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity over the weekend, an officer was requested at Skinny's on Coliseum Drive in reference to juvenile shoplifters. Five juveniles were tranported home by the officer and the mother was advised of the complaint.

An offense report for family violence was submitted Saturday afternoon as a result of an argument between a mother and her 13-year-old daughter.

An offense report for aggravated assault/family violence was submitted at 9:59 p.m. Saturday. The incident is still under investigation.

Early Sunday morning, officers responded to a loud music complaint at the Western Crest Apartments and of a possible prowler in the 800 block of 27th Street.

Officers responded to a call from the Big Spring State Hospital crisis center at 3:49 a.m. Sunday in reference to a male threatening to hurt himself with a knife. Officers did transport a male to Cogdell Hospital for treatment of a self-inflicted wound. He was treated and later released and transported home.

An offense report for family violence was submitted at 10:42 p.m. Sunday.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible study video tapes

Mike Tackett of Merkel appears on the Key to the Kingdom series, airing weekly on Cable Channel 2. Robert Oglesby of Richardson narrates The Story of the Bible. The next video, "King of Kings," airs at 7 this evening, followed by Lesson 4 of The Story of the Bible.

No Lions Club meeting

Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday.

Blood pressure clinic

Total Home Health Care of Post will hold a free blood pressure clinic from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fluvanna Cafe.

Road to Recovery program

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

Tiger banners for sale

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

Driver's license office

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

Adult basic education

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

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

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

Volleyball team fund-raiser

Snyder High School Lady Tigers volleyball team is selling 'Win Win Discount Cards' good through Nov. 30, 1998. The cards are $5 each and can be obtained from players, boosters or at the school office. The cards entitle the bearer to discounts at a number of local businesses.

College information Hotline '98

The Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC) and the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation will co-sponsor a toll-free HOTLINE. 1-800-347-3475 will be available on Jan. 17-18, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to all Texans who desire to find out more about post-secondary educational opportunities and financial aid options.

Students and their parents will be able to ask questions about college selection, admission, testing and financial aid.

Spanish speaking counselors will also be available.

Pick 3

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

2-3-8

(two, three, eight)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-8-19-29-31-37.

Estimated jackpot: $8 million.

Number matching six of six: 0

Matching five of six: 135. Prize: $1,166.

Matching four of six: 6,547. Prize: $87.

Matching three of six: 116,335. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: $12 million.

Ranchers feel threatened by moves to hike grazing fees

FLYING M RANCH, Ariz. (AP) — As he bounces his pickup down a rocky trail, fourth-generation rancher Jack Metzger says he's considering turning his cattle ranch into a subdivision.

Metzger said he's just scraping by. Beef prices are low. Costs keep going up. A booming elk population "almost overgrazed us into oblivion" a few years back.

Now, a lawsuit that mirrors changes elsewhere in the West is threatening to raise the fees he pays to lease state-owned grazing land to supplement his privately owned acreage.

If someone else outbids him for the state lease, Metzger says he may be forced to give up the Flying M Ranch.

"As soon as we lose that lease, you've got a private little country subdivision out here," says Metzger, who ranches 140 square miles of state, federal and private land about 35 miles southeast of Flagstaff. "If you lose the ability to use the land, you sell the land.

"The whole idea turns my stomach."

Earlier this year, a judge in Phoenix struck down the state Land Department's practice of letting many ranchers renew their grazing leases indefinitely without competitive bidding. That practice violated the department's mission of generating the most revenue to help fund schools, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge B. Michael Dann ruled.

"The Land Department is the alter ego of the ranchers," said Tim Hogan of the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest, which filed the lawsuit. "I think they've always viewed it as their job not to maximize benefits to the public schools but to take care of the ranching industry."

Lease fees are calculated not by acreage but by the number of animals grazing, currently $2.09 per month for one "animal unit." During the 1993-94 fiscal year, that brought Arizona only $2.63 million, or about 31.3 cents per acre.

Dann scheduled a hearing for Jan. 2 on the issue of whether the Legislature needs to change state law.

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Child care in Texas facing crisis in staffing

DALLAS (AP) — While a strong economy is filling Texas day-care centers with the children of working parents, those who teach and care for the youngsters are heading for better-paying jobs elsewhere.

"It's a Catch-22, because the fuller employment community we have, the more people we have who need child care and the fewer we have to work in the child-care centers," said Katherine Peel, vice president of human resources for Childtime Learning Centers, a national chain with several centers in Texas.

Nationally, child care has been chronically afflicted with higher-than-average annual turnover rates of 30 percent to 40 percent, but the problem has grown acute this year, child-care experts said.

U.S. Labor Department statistics place the median annual pay for women working in child care at $12,792 a year, The Dallas Morning News reported in Sunday editions.

Audrey Wilcox, president of Substitutes R' Us, a Dallas child-care staffing firm, said she is bombarded with calls for both temporary and permanent replacements.

"It's making us work harder to find quality people," she said.

Ms. Wilcox and others in the child-care business in the Dallas area said they knew the problem was a crisis when they noticed that the normal turnover that comes with each new school year never subsided.

"We don't know where the people are to hire," said Susan Wyatt, head of the child-development program at Eastfield College in suburban Mesquite.

Even the laboratory child-care center at Eastfield, where many teachers train and make better-than-average pay, is struggling to fill openings for a lead teacher and three assistants, Ms. Wyatt said.

"A lot of people are saying, 'Why should I kill myself and endure a lot of stress when I can get the same wages at McDonald's?'" she said. "It's a stressful career. You've got to really love children, because you're definitely not in it for the money."

The child-care labor crunch is certainly adding to the stress. Centers are scrambling to add benefits and bonuses that will attract new workers. Teachers are being asked to cover extra shifts, and directors are jockeying to hire replacements for child-care workers who are leaving for comparably paying jobs, directors and recruiters said.

Public schools also are attracting child-care teachers with degrees who are willing to take entry-level positions as teacher aides to get better pay and benefits.

Some people still want to work in child care, but where there used to be three applicants for a job, there's now one, said Kathy Papathopoulos, director of a Children's World Learning Center.

"If they come in and they have qualifications and I get favorable references back, then they're being hired. I'm not having several people to choose from," she said.

Mary Zambrana, with 22 years' experience in the child-care business, left her career this fall for a job with the Radio Advertising Bureau. Her entry-level position pays about what she was making as a child-care director.

Rottweiler mauls young boy

SHERMAN (AP) — A 6-year-old boy was hospitalized in stable condition Sunday after he was mauled by a neighborhood Rottweiler.

Police said Jeremy Loving was trying out his new roller blades Friday when the dog escaped from a nearby yard. Witnesses said the dog chased Jeremy down, tore off his scalp, cut his arm and punctured his back before neighbors fended off the beast.

Doctors were able to reattach the scalp.

Jeremy was listed in stable condition Sunday at Wilson N. Jones Memorial Hospital.

Police said no charges were filed against the dog's owner, who has asked animal control officers to destroy the dog.

Dog credited with saving girl lost in freezing cold

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — A dust mop of a dog stayed by a girl's side for nearly 24 hours after she got lost in a cold ravine, and his barking at a mysterious white owl kept the girl awake — and alive — in 14-degree weather.

Misty Harger was cold and hungry but otherwise fine Sunday afternoon when rescuers found her on the banks of the Buffalo National River in northwest Arkansas. Scotty, the mixed breed who kept the 12-year-old girl awake, received a hero's welcome at home.

"It's a miracle. Because of this precious little dog, that sweet, beautiful girl is still alive," said Shirley Adams, who rescued Scotty from a dog pound eight years ago. "Isn't that wonderful?"

He was duly rewarded with a dinner of ham and milk. "He usually gets dog food out of a bag and sleeps outside," Mrs. Adams' husband, Gary, said.

Misty was on an outing with her foster family when she strayed early Saturday afternoon. Scotty happened upon her a few hours later and followed her deeper into the craggy and cold Buffalo River valley.

"I wouldn't have given her much of a chance," said Sgt. A.D. Bolen of the Searcy County Sheriff's Department. "Stories like this usually don't have a happy ending."

But Scotty — a dog Adams said was "a Heinz 57 who looks like a dust mop" — stayed with the girl and, more importantly, kept her awake.

"The girl said that through the night, the dog kept barking at a white owl. I don't know of any white owls in the county," Bolen said.

"One of the things in cold country is that you don't want to go to sleep outside," he said.

The girl had a light jacket and had taken off her tennis shoes after they got wet, he said. The dog took her shoes away.

"It seems bad, but that kept her right there," Bolen said. "That inadvertently could have saved her life, because without shoes, she couldn't wander around and perhaps fall into the river."

A state police helicopter with heat-seeking equipment couldn't find the girl along the river overnight, nor could a bloodhound sniffing along the ground. Searchers in boats found the girl about a mile upriver from where she was last seen. She was found just 90 minutes before snow began to fall, accumulating to 2 inches by Sunday night.

Adams said he and rescuers danced around a discussion on whether the figure of an owl was really an angel watching over the girl, he said.

"I don't know if that was one, but it came in kind of handy," Adams said. "That's some kind of a sign — a white owl. A white owl would be very rare. I've never seen one in my life, and I'm 59."

Bolen said he had no explanation for Misty surviving in such good shape, other than Scotty, who was named from the Star Trek line, "Beam me up, Scotty."

"We were really thankful that he was with the little girl, hoping she would hug him and stay warm," Mrs. Adams said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 29, 1997

Something enormous might develop in the year ahead that could cause you to alter your social and commercial outlook. The revisions will enable you to operate better in both areas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Things could work out to your ultimate advantage today if you have staying power. It could be a test of wills in which you will be the victor. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you put more stock in the opinions of others than you do in your own ideas, you could be doing yourself a disservice. Do not penalize yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be very selective today as to whom you lend things. It might be safer to say no than to risk not getting back what was borrowed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today is likely to be frustrating. You can achieve your objectives if you avoid reading negatives into situations where they don't exist.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do what you can to be helpful to others today, but don't let individuals who should fend for themselves overload you with their burdens.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not jump into new involvements today without first considering all of their ramifications. Operating in haste could cause you to trip over your own feet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will operate with greater efficacy today if you're able to perform at arm's length from others. Even well-intentioned allies could prove disruptive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you lack faith in your ideas today, minor setbacks could cloud your mind with negative thoughts and entice you to quit instead of assert yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Guard against inclinations to alter arrangements that are running rather well. The adjustments you'll implement could penalize your progress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you're willing to make sensible concessions today, associates are likely to do the same. However, they will act only upon the cues you give them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A disgruntled co-worker might try to involve you in his or her problems today and create trouble for you. It is best to steer clear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, you might get involved in something that could turn into a good deal, but it may not seem so initially. Look for ways to enhance developments.

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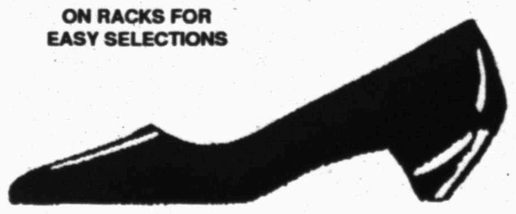
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