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Ask Us

Q—Is it true that Snyder ISD students have another holiday next Monday?

A—Snyder ISD students will be in class on Monday, Jan. 24, but will have a holiday on the following Monday, Jan. 31. The date is a teacher in-service day.

Local

VFW post

Snyder VFW Post 8231 will meet at 7 this evening at the post home. The Ladies Auxiliary will have an informal meeting.

AARP

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at 5:30 today in the Senior Center. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. A program will follow.

Cancelled

The Ritz Theatre and Western Texas College production of "Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music" has been cancelled. Another production will be announced soon.

Reception

A retirement reception for Dr. and Mrs. Gil Fleer will be held at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday in the Western Texas College Student Center. Dr. Fleer retired as psychology professor and counselor at WTC the end of the fall semester.

Tiger's Lair

Anyone who ordered a 1994 Tiger's Lair yearbook and paid a deposit must pay the balance by Feb. 1 or the deposit will be lost and the order forfeited.

Orders are still being taken before and after school in Room 229 until Feb. 1. Cost is $35. Payment must be in full. Visa and Mastercharge are accepted.

Jury selection

Jury selection was continuing at noon today in the 132nd District Court trial of Scurry County resident Cecil Don Vineyard, charged with possession of child pornography.

Some 100 prospective jurors were summoned to the court at 9 a.m.

Vineyard, 53, has been charged with possession of two child pornography video tapes. He was arrested by postal inspectors and local law enforcement officers on April 20 as he came out of Snyder Post Office.

District Attorney Ernie Armstrong will present the state's case. Vineyard is being represented by Snyder attorney Mike Brown.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 40 degrees; low, 26 degrees; high Sunday, 70 degrees; low, 25 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 25 degrees; no precipitation.

Snyder Area Forecast: Monday night, mostly cloudy. Low 20-25. Northeast wind 10-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy in the morning, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 35-40. East wind 10-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:05. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:42. Of 16 days in 1994, the sun has shone 16 days in Snyder.

Ten reported dead...

Earthquake jolts Southern California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A severe earthquake struck Southern California before dawn today, collapsing freeways, igniting dozens of fires and knocking out power across vast swaths of the region. At least 10 people died.

The quake, centered in the San Fernando Valley, shook buildings from San Diego to Las Vegas. Both Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan and California Gov. Pete Wilson declared states of emergency.

"This place was moving like a jackhammer was going at it," said Richard Goodis of Sherman Oaks, an affluent San Fernando Valley suburb. "Our bedroom wall tore away. I was looking at the ceiling one moment, then I was looking at the sky. I thought we were dead."

The quake struck at 4:31 a.m., and measured a preliminary 6.6 on the Richter scale, said Kate Hutton, a seismologist at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. Although not as strong as some quakes in recent years, it was unusually destructive because of its location in a populous area.

The quake buckled an overpass of the Santa Monica Freeway in Los Angeles and collapsed an intersection of two major freeways in the San Fernando Valley — Interstates 5 and 14, known locally as the Golden State and Antelope Valley freeways. Cars could be seen crushed beneath the collapsed intersection, and at least one person — an unidentified police motorcycle officer — was crushed to death.

In addition, a freeway bridge was reported damaged on state Route 118, the Simi Valley Freeway.

Besides the crushed motorist, the death toll included four people who died of quake-related heart attacks, two each at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles and Holy Cross Medical Center in Sylmar.

Five people died in an apartment building collapse in Northridge, the Fire Department said.

"We've got a three-story apartment that's now a two-story. ... We've got people we're pulling out all the time," said fire Capt. Steve Bascom.

The building, a half-block from California State University, Northridge, housed mostly college students. An identical building next to it buckled, but did not collapse.

Richard Andrews, the state emergency services director, noted that the early hour and the Martin Luther King holiday reduced the number of people exposed to injury.

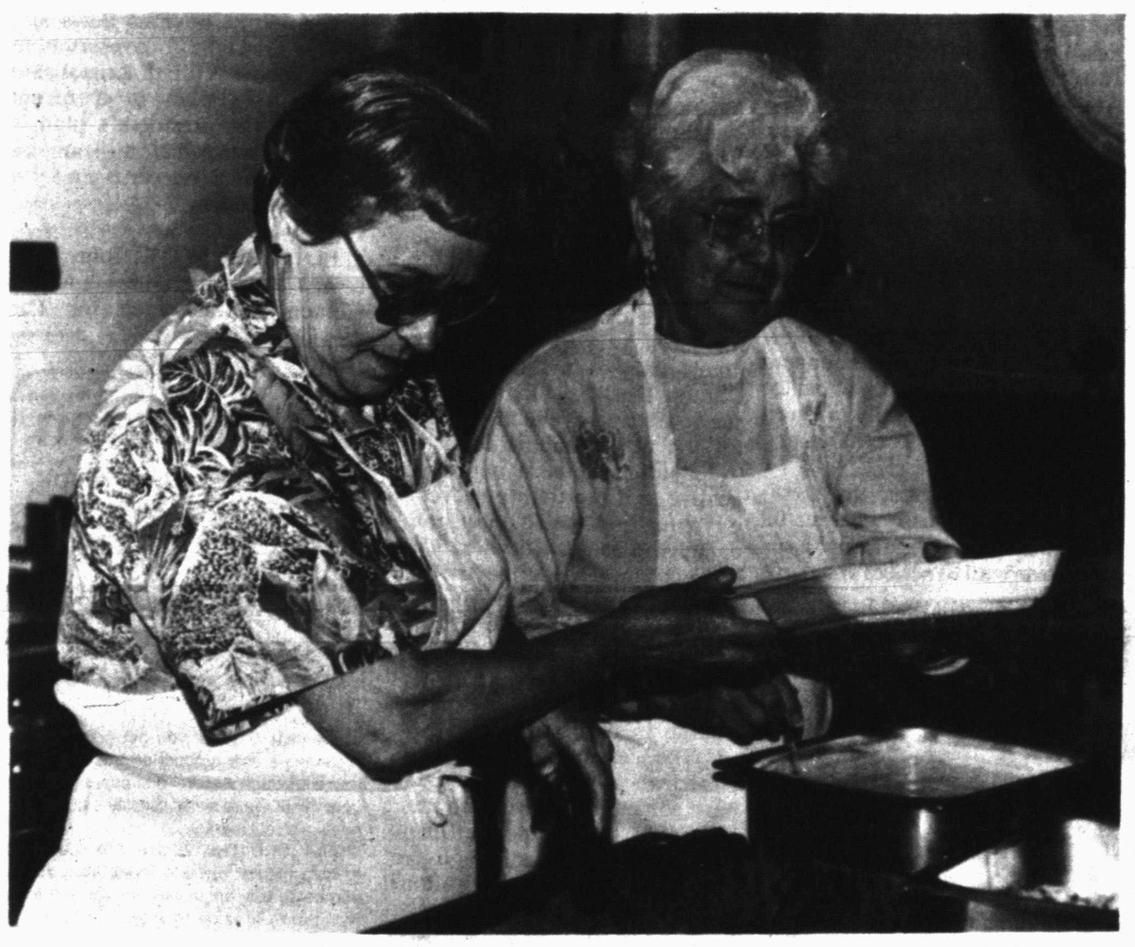
At the Sylmar hospital, which was swamped by more than 250 new patients, disaster coordinator Mark Wallerstein told those without serious injury to go elsewhere.

"We have no power, no laboratory, no X-rays, no pharmacy and almost no food," Wallerstein told them. He later said the hospital was operating on emergency power.

In Los Angeles, Cedars Sinai was receiving "a tidal wave of walking wounded," hospital spokesman Ron Wise said.

Sylmar, the epicenter of a devastating earthquake in 1971, was blanketed by a black haze of smoke. From the air, at least 30 to 40 homes could be seen burning.

Nearby in Granada Hills, water from broken water mains raged through the streets. Fireballs from ruptured gas mains exploded in the midst of the floods.



PREPARING MEALS — Nadine Heard, left, and Opal Wigington are among several people who begin preparing nutritious lunches at 7:15 a.m., five days a week, at the Senior Citizens Center for approximately 75 homebound Snyder residents through the Home Delivered Meals program. (SDN Staff Photo)

County board appointments, contract for sanitarian made

Two residents, a farmer and a financial institution president, will become the two newest members of the board of managers of Cogdell Memorial Hospital following appointments by the Scurry County commissioners court this morning.

Jimmy McMillan, a farmer, was named to fill the remaining year on Doug Foster's unexpired term on the Cogdell board. The court also appointed J.B. Tate Jr., president of Snyder Savings and Loan Association, to a two-year term. Tate replaces Jim Palmer who asked not to be reappointed.

Renamed to two-year terms on the hospital board were G.A. Parks Jr. and Bill Wilson III.

Mark McCormick, Pete Hester and Max von Roeder were reappointed to the Board of County Development, with terms expiring at the end of 1995.

On the library board, Jean Smith was appointed to fill the remaining two years of Peggy Kennedy's term. The court also appointed Doug Flynn to a three-year term on on the board, replacing Tom Gonzales who asked not to be reappointed. Library board members reappointed were Joyce Fuqua and Mrs. M.J. Merritt.

Charlie Bell was reappointed to the welfare board, his second two-year term. Last week, the court named Yvonne Nunn of Hermleigh to the board.

Clarence Payne was reappointed to the veteran's land board and Jon Derouen was renamed to the veteran's land board farm and ranch committee.

Named to second three-year terms on the child welfare board were Glenda Hollingsworth, Jim Rosson and Nelda Huddleston.

Wayland Huddleston and Weldon Key were reappointed to three-year terms on the airport board. All board appointments were unanimous with the exception of the airport board in which Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy. Idom abstained.

No action was taken on the coliseum board since the board is in the process of evaluating its role as either an advisory board or governing board.

Names were also drawn to serve on the county grievance committee. Names drawn from the grand jury list were Corky Kruse, Roy J. Rosson and Don L. Sealy. Jason Douglas Rodgers was chosen as an alternate. Those drawn will be contacted to see if they will agree to serve. Terms are one year.

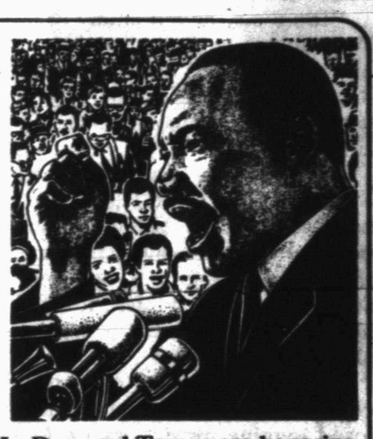
In other business, the court entered into an employment agreement with Benny Marricle to serve as county sanitarian III, to perform required environmental inspections. Total cost, to include benefits, is $18,100. Also approved is $100 per month for vehicle allowance. Commissioners also approved Cindy Nix, health department employee, to perform the additional duties of food service inspector. She will receive an additional salary of $4,350 plus $100 per month for travel.

Commissioners pointed out that all funds are provided by the state and that the employment contract is subject to continuation of state funding.

The court recessed until 10 a.m. Tuesday at which time it will convene to pay bills.

County Judge Bob Doolittle presided and commissioners present were Idom, C.D. Gray Jr., Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.

MLK Day prompts parades, addresses



Today is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Texans are honoring the national holiday with days of rallies, addresses and parades.

King, a Baptist minister, would have been 65 Saturday.

He preached "nonviolent resistance," and in 1964 won the Nobel peace prize for leading the blacks' civil rights struggle in a nonviolent way.

Despite his anti-violence stance, King was gunned down April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn. He died at age 39.

Several around the state have already spoken out or paid tribute to the slain civil-rights leader.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said Saturday that King's message is alive and well 26 years after his death.

"What binds us all in common purpose, no matter where we are on the spectrum of age or income, race or sex, is the understanding that our separate futures must be built together. That is Dr. King's message," Morales said at a San Antonio benefit.

In San Antonio Saturday, a rally organizer said an undying optimism has sustained minorities in the 30 years since King led his march.

"One of the things most minority populations have is a thing called hope," said Nancy Bohman, chairwoman of the 1994 Martin Luther King March. "They say to themselves, 'Most things are going to get better, I'm going to get better, and the world will get better.'"

On Friday, the Rev. Gardner Calvin Taylor, dubbed by Newsweek magazine as "the dean of African-American preachers," said King would "weep that we've done so little with the dream he left us."

"He'd counsel us to get a grip on ourselves," Taylor told a San Antonio service to celebrate MLK Day.

About 500 people, as well as the 100-plus members of the Citywide Mass Choir that performed during the three-hour service, listened as Taylor delivered an emotional 33-minute address.

Not all pre-holiday gatherings were designed to honor King. Ku Klux Klansmen rallied Saturday against the holiday at several state capitals, including Austin.

Authorities estimated the anti-Klan crowd in Austin at 2,000. They carried placards, burned a small Confederate flag, and drummed on pots and pans, blew whistles and shook tambourines to try to drown out 33 Klan members and supporters.

Today, parades, recitals and addresses by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and a former United Nations ambassador were among the activities planned around Texas to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Well-known youth motivator to speak at Snyder campuses

Pat Porter, nationally known youth communicator, will be speaking to Snyder public schools students Tuesday and Wednesday.

Porter will speak to students at East and Northeast elementaries and Snyder High School on Tuesday. On Wednesday he will speak to students at West, Central and Stanfield.

He will also address seventh graders at the junior high on Tuesday and eighth graders on Wednesday.

Porter is a frequent speaker for teacher in-services, leadership training conferences, retreats, camps and banquets. He presents over 200 programs annually.

He began presenting drug prevention assemblies to high schools in 1989. In 1990-91, he introducted a successful program for upper elementary students, and now has a program for kindergarten through third grade students.

Currently, about half of Porter's presentations are to elementary students. Each presentation is designed to be age-appropriate and subject-specific.

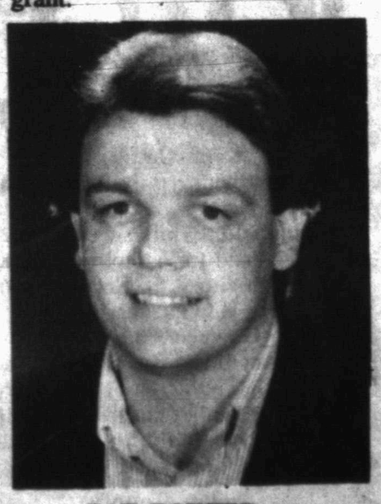
In addition to drug prevention, Porter speaks to students on subjects such as teenage sex, goal setting, personal development and achievement.

His talks are positive in nature, avoiding statistics and scare tactics and appealing to the students' self-worth instead.

Some of his clients include the National Association of Student Councils, the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, TeamSpirit, FHA, 4-H and PTA/PTO.

Porter is a graduate of Northeast Louisiana University.

Porter's appearance in Snyder is funded through a Drug Free Schools & Communities Act grant.



PAT PORTER

Campaign targets consumers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Protecting the threatened spotted owl means a new home or family deck will cost more, the housing industry argues in a campaign to turn consumers against logging cutbacks in the Northwest.

Not so, respond environmentalists who call the industry declarations a smoke screen and say cyclical, seasonal and other market forces are responsible for the spiraling prices of lumber.

"I never thought that losing jobs in the Northwest was an effective argument because people are losing jobs all over the country," said Gary Donnelly, executive vice president of the National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association.

"It's much more effective if you can tie it to the pocketbook of the individual consumer," he said in a recent interview. "We've all heard people say they're putting off building a deck because lumber prices are so high."

Brock Evans, vice president of the National Audubon Society, recalled similar arguments in the late 1960s and the early and mid-'70s.

"It's the same old phony deal. We don't even pay attention to it any more," the environmental leader said of the claim. "It's a way to get another constituency all riled up."

Lumber prices rose to a record $510 per 1,000 board feet of lumber last month, according to Random Lengths, an industry publication. A board foot is one foot square by one inch thick; it takes about 10,000 to build a typical single-family home.

The increase, a jump of 69 percent since President Clinton proposed logging restrictions on federal lands in July, will add $4,000 to the cost of building an average 2,000-square foot, single-family home, home builders said.

But a March 1993 study by the Congressional Research Service concluded that economic recovery, not spotted owls or logging limits, was the driving force behind sharp increases in lumber prices.

The service, an arm of the Library of Congress, said prices were no higher than the 1970s when adjusted for inflation.

"To set a new record in real terms, prices today would have to break $575 (per 1,000 board feet)," said Ross W. Gorte, lead author of the report. The study added: "Owl or no owl, federal timber harvests in the owl region were likely to decline, and that decline had been predicted for decades."

The Fish and Wildlife Service declared the spotted owl a threatened species in June 1990, citing excessive logging as a threat to its survival.

Clinton's proposal would establish millions of acres of old-growth forest reserves where logging would be prohibited or severely restricted. It places special emphasis on protecting buffer zones around streams as well as nests of spotted owls, and it is expected to drop annual government logging in the region to about one-fourth the average of the 1980s.

At 2,635 miles, Canada's Mackenzie River is second only to the Mississippi as North America's longest.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

How to choose an eye specialist

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a recent graduate of the University of Alabama School of Optometry. Your recent article titled "Eyedrops can help control glaucoma" sparked frustration. When WILL the medical profession recognize the level of training and expertise optometrists have gained after their four years of optometry school? Why can't you recognize the thousands of optometrists who are privileged, by law, to treat 95 percent of non-surgical cases of glaucoma, instead of referring them to ophthalmologists?

For your information, 23 states have therapeutic drug legislation that allows optometrists to treat and follow glaucoma patients. Thirty-seven states now have therapeutic privileges altogether, and the American Optometric Association will not stop until 100 percent of all states have full therapeutic privileges in the management of eye disorders.

DEAR READER: I am aware of the relaxation of state laws that now permit optometrists, who are not M.D.s, to treat uncomplicated glaucoma, and I appreciate your comments.

Nonetheless, as you pointed out, although 95 percent of glaucoma patients can be treated by optometrists, 5 percent should not be. How do you define this 5 percent? This can only be accomplished by ophthalmologists, M.D. specialists in eye disorders. Therefore, I recommend that all glaucoma patients be examined by ophthalmologists. Thereafter, in suitable instances, the vast majority can be referred to optometrists for appropriate follow-up care.

Glaucoma, a serious eye disease marked by an increase in pressure within the eyeball, can lead to blindness. Accordingly, I believe that ophthalmologists and optometrists can work together for patients' better health.

However, were I to develop glaucoma (which is diagnosed by measuring the pressure in the eyes), I'd certainly want an ophthalmologist to diagnose it and recommend treatment, such as eye drops or surgery.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have trouble with positional vertigo. My physician prescribed Antivert and basically told me to be careful. I cannot accept this. I have to work. Help!

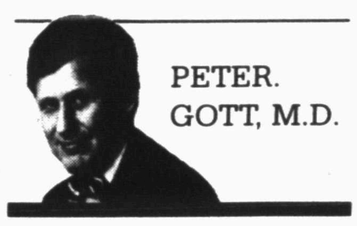
DEAR READER: Benign positional vertigo, a condition causing uncontrollable periodic dizziness when the head is held in certain positions, is due to a malfunction of the balance mechanism in the inner ears. Symptoms tend to wax and wane — and may even disappear over time. Treatment consists of anti-vertigo medicine, such as Antivert, and avoidance of head positions known to aggravate attacks of vertigo.

I'm afraid you will have to put up with the disorder and use medication as needed, because there is no cure. Patients with this affliction should be under the care of ear-nose-and-throat specialists.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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DR. GOTT



PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Rural N. Dakotans battle excessive snow this winter

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The snow stranded Brenda Elijah in her farmhouse for five days with her three children, ages 9, 1 and 4 months.

Dairy farmer Allan Qual has been clearing about 3 miles of a gravel county road himself, so he can get his milk out every day. The ordeal convinced him he needed a bigger snow blower than the lawnmower-sized model he's been using.

For several days, Robert Pfeifle had to walk three-quarters of a mile through snow from his home to reach a clear road. At times, the wind chill factor fell to 20 degrees below zero. He says he didn't mind the cold, wet slog twice a day.

"It didn't bother me none," he said. "It goes with the territory."

North Dakotans are proud of their winter hardiness, but the new year finds them struggling with the roughly 60 inches of snow that has fallen since Thanksgiving, already 20 inches more than the average for an entire North Dakota winter.

Huge drifts are piled everywhere, and road crews can scarcely keep up. Such everyday tasks as getting children to school, delivering mail and shipping milk become huge challenges, and some people are moving temporarily from farms into towns.

"Pick a county, any county, they're all having trouble keeping roads open," said Gayle Schuck, a spokeswoman for the North Dakota Association of Counties.

"Their funds were depleted by the summer flooding, and they just aren't able to keep up the equipment and supplies. The men are working many, many hours and are exhausted."

In Bismarck, Burleigh County Commissioner Doug Schonert has warned residents to keep fuel tanks full and food pantries stocked because any substantial new snowfall could leave people stranded for up to 10 days.

"The ones really being affected tough are the school buses," said Russ Watts, emergency management director for Ransom County in southeastern North Dakota.

After the big snowfalls, classes and sports activities are usually canceled and some farm children must be ferried out to main highways to catch the bus. Others stay at designated "storm homes," prearranged residences in town where country students can stay overnight so they can attend school.

A big worry everywhere is the welfare of old people living alone on farms.

"We have a lot of elderly people on their farmstead," said Charles Wilz, Burleigh County disaster manager. "We urge these type of people to move to town until the crisis passes."

Wilz said some rural residents had moved to Bismarck for the rest of the winter because they were missing so much work.

Pfeifle, who both farms and works at a sales barn in Ashley, south of Bismarck, said his wife decided to stay in town while he trudged through the snow.

Clinton returns to domestic problems

By John King
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Back home from a grueling foreign trip, President Clinton can hardly rest. Congress returns next week and Clinton's agenda is at least as crowded and ambitious as it was in his tumultuous first year in office.

Clinton himself sets the stakes Jan. 25 in his State of the Union address, sure to be heavy on health care. After all, it is his signature initiative, due for a battle complicated by splits in both parties and the fact that all of the House and 34 Senate seats are at stake in November's election.

But there's a lot more on the president's plate.

First, he wants the House to move quickly and join the Senate in endorsing new gun-control measures and his proposal to put 100,000 more police officers on America's streets.

And Clinton will send Congress a welfare-reform initiative, anchored on a commitment to offer recipients more education and job training — and day care for their children — but only in return for capping most benefits at two years.

AP analysis

At the same time, the administration will push what could emerge as the year's sleeper issue — an overhaul of school standards and an accompanying plan to offer lifetime vocational training to those who complete high school but don't go on to college.

All this, plus the annual budget battle. And, much like last year, Clinton is likely to have as much trouble with Democrats as Republicans.

So the stakes are high for a speech that aides say will touch on last year's legislative victories and include a long list of good economic data — a reminder from Clinton that, for all its fits and starts, 1993 wasn't such a bad year for the new administration.

"But it has to be as much prospective as it is a traditional report on the nation," said Clinton political adviser James Carville. "This is his chance to define the next year, and convince the American people to accept his definition."

Persuading Congress might prove more difficult.

On health care, Clinton has trouble in both parties.

"The Clintons are going to the American people and saying we have something we want to make less expensive and more efficient, so let's turn it over to the government," said Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour. "The average person says, 'That's a joke.'"

Republicans are divided, too, between moderates who believe they can compromise with Clinton and conservatives who argue there is no health care crisis and thus no need for such a dramatic overhaul.

"Republicans have failed to capitalize on its obvious flaws and kill it outright," conservative GOP activist William Kristol said of Clinton's plan in a recent memo. "The president's plan is due for a resuscitation — unless Republicans mount a counteroffensive."

EDITOR'S NOTE: John King covers national politics and the Clinton administration for The Associated Press.

Loss of legs does not stop man from returning to job

HOUSTON (AP) — Window washers scaling the glassy heights of skyscrapers have a risky job.

For Fritz Lynch, fear of heights was never a problem. The freak accident that cost him both his legs three years ago happened while he was standing on the ground.

Experts told him that what happened was impossible. As Lynch extended an aluminum pole to the third floor of a building he was washing, an arc of electricity sprang from nearby power lines and struck him down.

His father and business partner, Lawrence Lynch, said he heard a sound like "a giant with a welding rod" and saw a flash of light surround his son.

"You could see he was trying to scream but no sound was coming out," the elder Lynch said.

"In my mind, I was screaming," Fritz Lynch said.

"The first thing I thought was 'He's dead,' " Lawrence Lynch said. When he saw his son's eyelids flutter, he knew they "still had something to work with."

'I asked 'Are you still in there?' and he said, 'Yeah, Dad, but it's bad.' "

Both men agree it could have been worse. If the pole had touched the line carrying 20,000 volts instead of entering the electromagnetic field around it, Fritz Lynch, 32, wouldn't have been alive to father his second child, due in February.

Scar tissue where the pole burned into Lynch's body runs in a diagonal line from his thigh across his chest.

"Close to things you wouldn't want burned," his father said, laughing.

There is still an outline of Fritz's feet etched in the concrete at 11455 Fallbrook, where he had been standing that day.

Pick 3

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

3-7-2

(three, seven, two)

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press

No tickets purchased in the latest Texas Lotto correctly matched all six numbers drawn for the twice-weekly game, state lottery officials said Sunday.

They said that if sales continue as expected, the jackpot for Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $8 million.

The jackpot for Saturday night's drawing was worth $3 million. The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 11, 15, 16, 24, 46, 48.

The state lottery said that 72 tickets were sold with five of the six winning numbers, with each worth $2,300. There were also 4,333 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $138.

Also, 93,035 tickets were sold with three of six numbers. Each was worth an automatic $3.

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Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, January 18, 1994

In the year ahead if you get a brainstorm regarding a new product or procedure, follow it through before dismissing it from your mind. There's a possibility it could fit a need in a real market.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're apt to reap greater rewards today from things you personally originate than you will from trying to build upon the ideas or concepts assigned you. Be an inaugurator. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It's important today you know how to keep a secret, especially if it pertains to your commercial intentions. Be very careful not to tip your hand to the wrong set of ears.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) An unusual opportunity might develop for you today through a friend who has provided you with good tips previously. It'll be of a fleeting nature, so you'll have to make some quick decisions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even though you're likely to be highly motivated today, the objectives you select could be evasive. It may be due in part to the shenanigans of a competitor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There's a chance you might be manipulated today by a very adroit puppeteer who knows how to pull all of the right strings. You may not realize you've been had until later in the week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be very careful today if you're doing business with a friend, especially if there is a substantial amount of monies involved. Probabilities for a misunderstanding are strong.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone with whom you're closely involved might not be as sincere about matters as you are. If today's events cause you to concur, straighten this situations out pronto.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Where your work is concerned, you'll be industrious and productive today, but you might lack true staying power. Don't start things you do not intend to finish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A situation where bold measures are required might intimidate you today. However, no one need know of your fears and inner doubts if you pretend to be brave. Don't let them see you sweat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Where important, domestic issues are concerned today neither you nor your mate should act without first consulting the other. If you're in tune, you'll succeed. If you aren't, you may not.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Matters which are of great significance to you today might not be of equal interest to your cohorts. It may take some strong selling to get them on broad.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Material trends are moving rather strongly in your favor today, but they must not be taken for granted. If you don't do what's required, it could just be another day.

DATE BOOK

Jan. 17, 1994

Today is MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY. It is the 17th day of 1994 and the 28th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1893, Queen Liluokalani, the last monarch of Hawaii, was deposed, with the foreknowledge and encouragement of the U.S. minister. The United States annexed the islands six months later.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), U.S. statesman; David Lloyd George (1863-1945), British prime minister during World War I; Mack Sennett (1884-1960), film producer; Betty White (1924-), actress, is 70; Moira Shearer (1926-), ballerina, is 68; James Earl Jones (1931-), actor, is 63; Shari Lewis (1934-), puppeteer, is 60; Muhammad Ali (1942-), boxing great, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, The Baltimore Colts defeated the Dallas Cowboys, 21-17, in Super Bowl V, a game marked by 11 turnovers and numerous penalties.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life." — Muhammad Ali

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1982, a terrific chinook buffeted the northeast foothills of Colorado; 15 people were injured, and about 40 percent of Boulder's buildings were damaged.

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Oil Patch News

Kent County

Soujourner Drilling Corp. will drill the No. 4 E. L. Maben in the Maben field, 16 miles west of Girard. Planned for a depth of 5,900 feet, drill site is in Section 106, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Howard County

Cobra Oil and Gas will drill the No. 1-1 Guitar, a 11,000-foot wildcat 1.5 miles northwest of Big Spring. Location is in Section 1, Block A, T&P survey.

Nolan County

O&G Energy Inc. has completed the No. 15-A Group unit in the Group field, seven miles northeast of Blackwell. The well was finaled to produce 48 barrels of 38 gravity oil and no water. Gas-oil ratio was 625-1 with perforations from 3,981-991 feet. Location is in Section 112, Block A-A, H&TC survey.

Enrich Oil Corp. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Mora Jane McCracken, a 7,450-foot wildcat located five miles west of Roscoe. Location was in Section 34, Block 24, T&P survey.

Enrich Oil Corp. will plug and abandon the No. 4 JMM South, nine miles southwest of Maryneal. Drilled to a depth of 5,850 feet, location was in Section 53, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Questa Production Co. will plug and abandon the No. 1 E. A. Bridgeford in the Group West field, seven miles southeast of Maryneal. Drilled to 6,825 feet, location was in Section 103, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

AARP; Senior Center; 1 p.m.

American Cancer Society; all members are urged to attend; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 6 p.m.

Stargazers Extension Homemakers Club; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-1141 or 863-2349.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-1141, 573-5867.

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

WEDNESDAY

Scurry County Penwomen will not meet at the regular time but will meet on Jan. 26.

Cosmorama Study Club; Marge Mathis Smith Ranch; "We'll Add Carnations," covered dish supper; hostesses, Mmes. Ray Smith, Jack Gorman, Carl Ashley; 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961.

THURSDAY

Honey Do's Extension Homemakers Club; home of Virginia Fogle, 2307 41st; Southwestern crafts, Mexican buffet; 9:30 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Country Club; noon.

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

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308 or 573-1141.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-1141. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

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

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

USDA sets 75% domestic tobacco

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government wants to make sure that American cigarettes have enough American tobacco in them.

Rules proposed by the Agriculture Department would require cigarette makers to have at least 75 percent American tobacco in their products. Manufacturers using higher quantities of foreign tobacco could be fined and compelled to buy tobacco from domestic loan stocks.

A federal budget law passed last year set the domestic content requirement for cigarettes, and USDA's proposed rules are to carry out that law.

The rules would only apply to cigarette makers who account for at least 1 percent of the cigarettes produced and sold in this country annually. They would have to certify that their cigarettes contained enough home-grown tobacco.

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Castrated husband has forgiven wife

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Bobbitt is not the only man in America whose wife took a sharp instrument to his genitals. But Jaime Macias, whose testicles were cut off with scissors, has received far less notoriety.

His maiming has remained relatively obscure because, unlike Bobbitt, Macias refuses to talk about it. Also unlike Bobbitt, he has forgiven his wife and wishes nothing more than to resume their life together.

"Mr. Macias wishes that the case would be over with so they can go on with their lives," said Nan Whitfield, public defender for Macias' 34-year-old wife, Aurelia. "He has forgiven his wife. He just wishes the D.A. would."

No way, says Deputy District Attorney Larry Longo.

"I don't care what he wants," Longo said. "A crime has been committed. It's just like cutting off someone's arm or nose."

Aurelia Macias is charged with mayhem and faces a maximum sentence of 11 years in prison. Her trial is set for Feb. 17.

Married 17 years, the Maciases have three children — two sons ages 17 years and 22 months, and a daughter, 10. A restraining order against Mrs. Macias was lifted so the family could spend the holidays together.

Longo says Macias has told him, "I am a full man." Mrs. Macias' defense attorney elaborates: Macias, she says, is "a fully functional adult male. ... He is not, of course, able to reproduce."

Thus far, neither Macias has spoken publicly, though offers pour in from television talk shows and movie-of-the-week producers.

The attack occurred in the early hours of Sept. 20, 1992. Macias woke from a drunken stupor about 4 a.m. and felt a burning pain between his legs, both attorneys said.

Longo contends Mrs. Macias was angry at her 36-year-old husband for dancing with other women at a neighbor's party and severed his testicles after he passed out.

Los Angeles Police Officer Brad Rhodes responded to a family member's 911 call. Mrs. Macias, speaking in Spanish, told police "something to the effect that he was cheating on her and she wanted to keep him from cheating on her again," Rhodes said.

Mrs. Macias was originally charged with corporal punishment of a spouse. The mayhem charge was not lodged until November, more than a year after the incident, because prosecutors and police did not realize the man's testicles were gone.

Whitfield has refused to say what her client's defense will be. In Manassas, Va., Lorena Bobbitt is testifying that she cut off her husband's penis in an "irresistible impulse" caused by his abusive behavior.

Legal expert Peter Arenella said Mrs. Macias would probably be unsuccessful if she voiced a similar claim here.

"California law does not allow a self-defense instruction to the jury when the abuser was unconscious or asleep," said Arenella, a law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Longo, meanwhile, is adamant that Mrs. Macias stand trial, no matter what her husband thinks.

"If he doesn't care that she cut them off, fine," Longo said. "But I think the court has a responsibility to make sure she doesn't go out and try to do this to someone else."

Alleged gang members set for state trial

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Testimony begins Tuesday in the trial of eight people alleged to be members of a prison-born gang blamed for 73 drug-related murders in San Antonio over the past three years.

The alleged members of the so-called Texas Mexican Mafia are being tried in the court of U.S. District Judge Ed Prado on charges of racketeering, narcotics dealing and illegal weapons possession.

Police officials say that upon their release from prison, Mexican Mafia members became major players in San Antonio's marijuana, heroin and cocaine trade.

Witnesses in federal court last year testified that gang members collected a 10 percent street tax on sales of illegal drugs in areas under their control.

Investigators also contend the gang used murder as a business tool and as a way to control its own members.

If convicted, the defendants could be sent to prison for 20 years or more in a federal criminal justice system that no longer provides for early release on parole.

Fifteen other people already have pleaded guilty and cases are pending against two more, according to the San Antonio Express-News' Sunday editions.

One of the defendants is Heriberto Huerta, 41, identified as the founder and president of the organization.

Also on trial will be Huerta's mother, Sofia Aguirre Nanez, 69; his wife, Cynthia Ann Huerta, 23; Hector Campos Alvarez, 22; Rogelio Medina Arce, 34; Rudolfo Gomez Ybarbo, 48; Rogelio Perez Zamora, 33; Douglas Krout, 25.

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By Phillip Alder

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♥ 9 6 3
♦ J 5
♣ A J 8 7 2

WEST
♠ J 10 5
♥ 2
♦ A K Q 9 6 4
♣ K 6 5

EAST
♠ Q 9 6 3
♥ 10 8 7
♦ 3 2
♣ Q 10 9 4

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	2 ♦	Pass	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

A fair exchange robs East-West

By Phillip Alder

Edward Gibbon said that he wouldn't exchange his love of reading for all the treasures of India. Fair enough — but in bridge, strange as it sounds, when declarer exchanges one trick for another, it usually costs the defenders a trick — as in today's deal.

South's sequence, a take-out double followed by a two-heart rebid, showed a hand too strong for a simple one-heart overcall: some 17-19 points. North, who had revealed no values but held three trumps and an ace, judged well to raise to three hearts.

West started the defense with his three top diamonds.

At trick three, if South had optimistically called for dummy's heart nine, East would have happily overruffed with the 10. Then, whichever way South turned, he couldn't avoid the loss of a spade trick: one down.

Instead, though, South traded the diamond ruff, which had a high risk of an overruff, for a spade ruff, which was likely to pass off without incident. At trick three, South discarded one of dummy's spades.

West, who had no winning defense, switched to a club. Declarer won with dummy's ace, drew two rounds of trumps, cashed the A-K of spades and ruffed his spade two with dummy's heart nine. South returned to hand by ruffing a club and drew East's last trump.

Note that if West switches at trick two or three, South must make the loser-on-loser play in diamonds himself.

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More turkeys due

WASHINGTON (AP) — Expect more turkeys in the future.

On New Year's Day there were 33.3 million turkey eggs in incubators in the United States. That's a 2 percent boost from Jan. 1, 1993, and a 7 percent increase from December, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Turkey egg counts were up in all parts of the country but two: the south-central region, where incubator inventories were down 11 percent from last year; and the West, down 1 percent.



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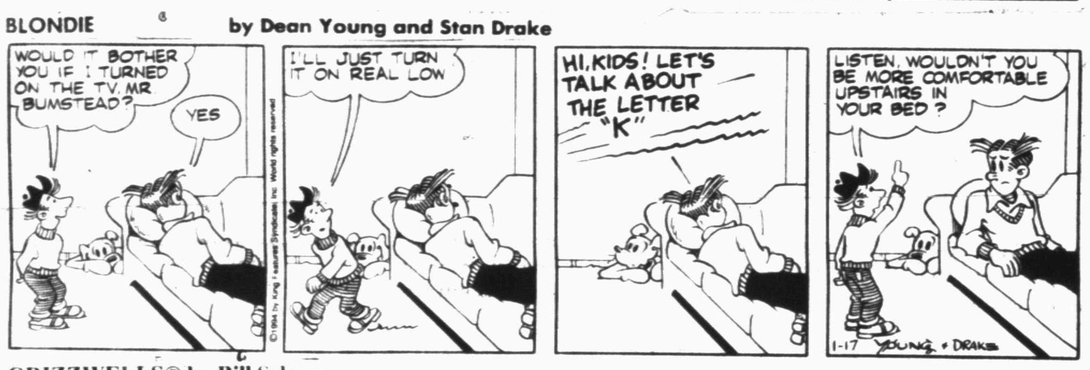
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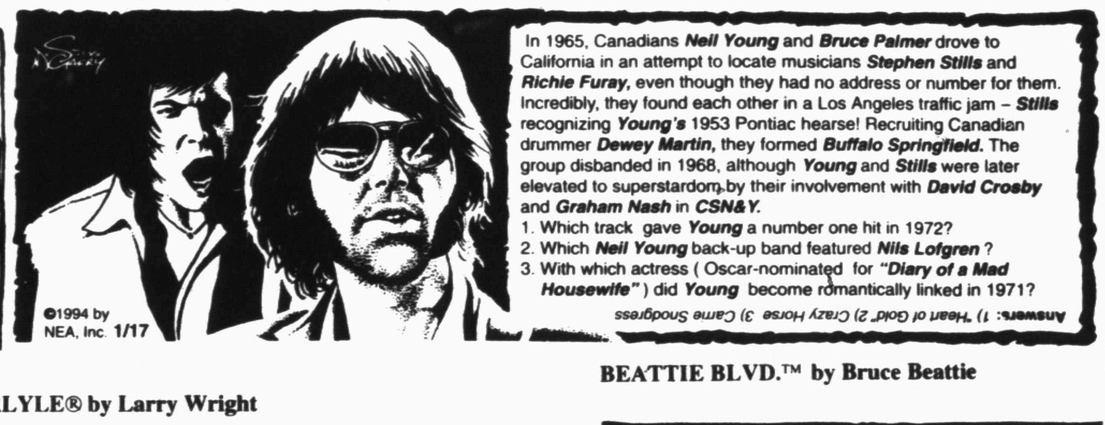
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16 Compass pt.
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18 1,051, Roman
19 Wear away
21 Males
22 Fable writer
24 Full of beef or pork
26 Resign
28 — Farmer cookbook
29 Language suffix
30 MD's specialty
31 Hawaiian volcano Mauna —
32 Corn-plant part
33 Gives food to
35 Not fresh
38 Wind instrument
39 Classic stories
41 Haul with effort
42 Treats with scorn
46 Face part
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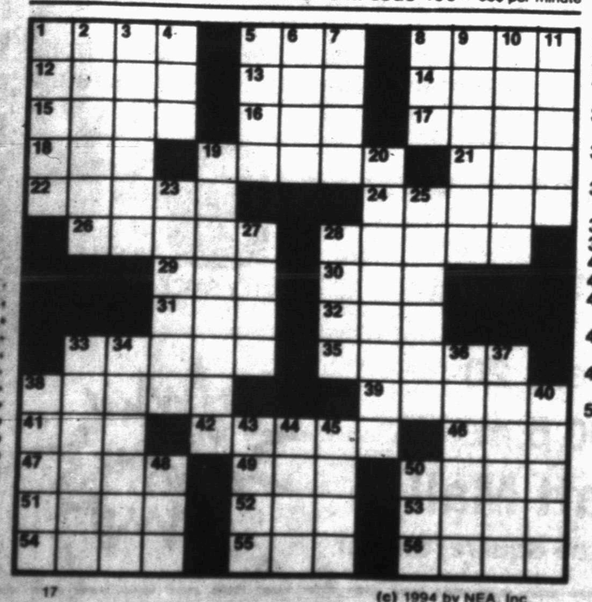
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Montana leads K.C. past Oilers

HOUSTON (AP) — Joe Montana has disappointed a lot of people in his illustrious career.

This time, it's much of the state of Texas.

Montana, obtained to take the Kansas City Chiefs to the Super Bowl, moved them within one step of that goal Sunday by leading the Chiefs to a 28-20 win over the Houston Oilers. That ended a dream deep in the heart of many Texans — a Houston-Dallas Super Bowl.

It was vintage Montana — two fourth-quarter touchdowns 54 seconds apart — that turned Kansas City's 13-7 deficit into a 21-13 lead.

In fact, 212 of Montana's 299 passing yards came after intermission and the Chiefs scored 21 of their 28 points in the final period to send them on to Buffalo for their first AFC title game appearance in 24 years.

"Every time we're down and Joe's at quarterback, we feel like we're going to come back and win the game," said Willie Davis, who atoned for dropping a sure TD pass in the first half with a circus catch of an 18-yarder in the fourth quarter.

"You never see Joe get rattled."

But it wasn't just Joe.

The Kansas City defense, which played most of the game with six defensive backs against the run-and-shoot, tied a playoff record by sacking Warren Moon nine times. Despite that "dime" alignment, they held Gary Brown, who had 1,002 yards in eight games, to just 17 yards in 11 carries.

Still, midway through the fourth quarter, it still looked like the Oilers were in position to win their 12th straight game and move to the AFC title game after six straight first- or second-round eliminations.

They led 10-0 at halftime on a 49-yard field goal by Al Del Greco and a 2-yard TD run by Brown. Montana's 7-yard touchdown pass to Keith Cash on Kansas City's first second-half possession cut it to 10-7.

But 3:24 into the fourth quarter, the game seemed to turn Houston's way when Terry Hoage picked off an underthrown Montana pass and returned it 12 yards to the Kansas City 25. Two plays later, it was third and one at the 16 when Bennie Thompson blitzed from his safety position and threw Moon for a 9-yard loss.

The Oilers had to settle for Del Greco's 43-yard field goal.

"I thought the interception had turned the game in our favor," said Buddy Ryan, the Oilers' defensive coordinator who seemed to be in a chess match all day with Montana.

"It turned out it didn't."

In fact, the game turned right there for the Chiefs.

It took Montana just three plays to get them in the end zone. The first was a 20-yard pass to Cash; the second a 38-yard gain when Cris Dishman was called for interference when he hauled down Davis, the third an 11-yard TD to J.J. Birden.

On the first play after the kickoff, Derrick Thomas burst through and jarred the ball loose from Moon and Dan Saleaumua fell on it at the Oilers' 12. Two plays later, after Montana had been sacked by William Fuller, he found Davis, who made a circus catch from 18 yards out and it was 21-13.

Moon, who finished 32 of 43 for 306 yards, led the Oilers on a 79-yard scoring drive capped by a 7-yard TD pass to Ernest Givins with 3:35 left.

But Montana, who now has seven touchdowns in fourth quarters in his last two appearances against Ryan defenses, brought the Chiefs right back.

The key play was a 41-yard completion to Cash that was tipped by Fuller.

The clincher was Marcus Allen's 21-yard TD run.

Afterwards, the Chiefs let loose some of the resentment that showed only after Cash's touchdown — when he threw the ball directly at a poster bearing Ryan's image.

"They showed us no respect and we shocked them," said defensive end Neil Smith. "They were talking about what they had to go to Buffalo to do. What motivated our defense is that everyone was talking about their defense."

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Sets up rematch with SF...

Sluggish 'Pokes top Packers

IRVING (AP) — The Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys figure they have the San Francisco 49ers totally confused.

"We'll be the underdog just like we were last year," said safety James Washington. "And you know how that came out."

Dallas beat the Green Bay Packers 27-17 Sunday in a mediocre game that included two interceptions, a lost fumble and untimely penalties.

It set up an NFC title game rematch with the 49ers, who fell to the Cowboys 30-20 in Candlestick Park last year. San Francisco advanced with an impressive 44-3 rout of the New York Giants on Saturday.

"We'll have to play our best game of the season," said Dallas running back Emmitt Smith. "There's no way I can see us beating the 49ers if we play offense the same way we did today."

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson concurred: "We can be much sharper than this in all three areas, and next week we'll have to be. The 49ers are tremendous and I hear they're the best team in football again. We'll just have to wait and see."

Quarterback Troy Aikman said the 49ers are a much better team now than the one the Cowboys beat 26-17 in October at Texas Stadium.

"I think they are definitely better than when we beat them," Aikman said. "They are a veteran team and they've played in a lot of big games."

Sunday wasn't one of Aikman's better days. Part of the problem were the exchanges between him and new center John Gesek, who was replacing Frank Cornish.

Gesek said it takes time for a new center to get his timing down.

"It wasn't pretty out there," he said. "The Packers were tough on us. The 49ers had to take heart seeing this one."

Aikman threw three touchdown passes to offset his interceptions, while Smith was sidelined most of the second half with a throbbing right shoulder.

Aikman said the game against the 49ers should be an offensive show.

"They finished with a lot of confidence," he said. "They're definitely back, but this time they have to come to our stadium."

Smith, who wore special shoulder pads to protect the injury, rushed 13 times for 60 yards and caught two passes for 27 yards before coming out after trying to block Tony Bennett. After the game, Smith said his shoulder was "fine."

"There was just a short burst of pain," Smith said. "It was stupid. I got myself into a bad situation. I had to deliver a blow and hurt myself."

The Cowboys struck for 10 points in 18 seconds just before halftime to take a 17-3 lead and all but put the Packers on ice.

Eddie Murray hit a 41-yard field goal with 23 seconds left. On the ensuing kickoff, Kenny Gant's tackle knocked the ball away from Green Bay's Corey Harris. Joe Fishback recovered after a wild scramble on the Green Bay 14. Two plays later, Aikman hit Jay Novacek in the end zone from six yards away with five seconds left.

"That was a critical play," Packers coach Mike Holmgren said. "When we lost that fumble and they scored just before the half, we kind of sagged a little. It really hurt."

Holmgren thought the Packers had things going their way until the fumble.

"We respected them, but we weren't in awe," Holmgren said. "We went toe-to-toe with them. But you just can't afford to lose the ball like that."

Aikman, who was 28 for 37 passes for 302 yards, hit Michael Irvin with a 19-yard scoring pass as Dallas built a 24-3 lead in the third period.

Brett Favre threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Robert Brooks and a 29-yard TD to Sterling Sharpe, but the Packers were too far behind.

Interceptions by Charles Haley and Darren Woodson in the second half negated any comeback thoughts. Favre was 28 for 45 passes for a team playoff record 331 yards.

Aikman also had a 25-yard touchdown pass to Alvin Harper in his up-and-down day.

"Troy threw the ball pretty well," said offensive coordinator Norv Turner. "One interception was a bad route and the other was a great play by the defender."

NFL playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

Saturday, Jan. 8
Kansas City 27, Pittsburgh 24, OT
Green Bay 28, Detroit 24

Sunday, Jan. 9
New York Giants 17, Minnesota 10
Los Angeles Raiders 42, Denver 24

Saturday, Jan. 15
Buffalo 29, Los Angeles Raiders 23
San Francisco 44, New York Giants 3

Sunday, Jan. 16
Dallas 27, Green Bay 17
Kansas City 28, Houston 20

Sunday, Jan. 23
Kansas City at Buffalo, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
San Francisco at Dallas, 4 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Jan. 30
Super Bowl at Atlanta, 6 p.m. (NBC)



REGULAR SEASON WINNERS — The Snyder National Bank team captured first place in the regular season of competition in the Snyder Men's League basketball race. Team members are, back row from left, Jimmy Brown, Marcus McGlouthin, Tim Wright and Jon Herring. Front row from left, Ben Murphy, Keith McClain and Lee Hamilton. Not pictured are Barretta Collins and Stephanie McKnight. (Contributed Photo)

NBA roundup...

Anderson paces Nets to win

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — There is a bright spot for the New Jersey Nets every time Derrick Coleman misses a game: They don't lose.

With Coleman out with back spasms it was showtime for Kenny Anderson on Sunday night. The third-year guard was fabulous in the spotlight as the Nets defeated the Utah Jazz 99-94.

In other games, Portland beat Charlotte 106-101 and Boston beat Denver 105-100.

Not only was Coleman out, but starting small forward Chris Morris missed the game with the flu.

Anderson and fellow guard Kevin Edwards picked up the slack, but it was Anderson who dominated from his point guard position, creating offense for the entire team.

"John (Stockton) and I were talking about Kenny the other day and we definitely think he is one of the top five point guards in the league," Jazz guard Jeff Malone said. "We were looking at films of him and I believe he will truly be a great player in the league."

Anderson had 24 points, 14 assists, five rebounds and two steals and combined with Edwards for 20 of New Jersey's 26 fourth-quarter points as the Nets won their second in a row without Coleman.

Edwards finished with 25 as New Jersey went to 3-0 without Coleman this season.

Karl Malone led the Jazz with 23 points.

Trail Blazers 116, Hornets 110

At Portland, Ore., Tracy Murray scored 11 fourth-quarter points and keyed a late rally.

Portland coach Rick Adelman kept Murray on the sidelines until the start of the fourth period. Murray responded immediately with a 3-pointer during a 9-0 run to open the final period and his three-point play with 4:34 left broke a 92-all tie. The Hornets never recovered.

Celtics 105, Nuggets 100

At Boston, the Celtics' longest home losing streak ever finally came to an end at seven.

Rookie forward Dino Radja scored a career-high 29 points and Robert Parish had a season-best 26. Dee Brown added 16 points and 11 assists and Xavier McDaniel had 12 points.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf led the Nuggets with 20 points and Tom Hammonds had 17.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	24	9	.727	—
Orlando	20	15	.571	5
Miami	16	17	.485	8
New Jersey	15	20	.429	10
Philadelphia	15	20	.429	10
Boston	14	23	.378	12
Washington	12	22	.353	12½
Central Division				
Atlanta	24	8	.750	—
Chicago	23	11	.676	2
Charlotte	20	16	.556	6
Cleveland	16	18	.471	9
Indiana	15	18	.455	9½
Milwaukee	9	25	.265	16
Detroit	8	25	.242	16½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	28	7	.800	—
San Antonio	25	12	.676	4
Utah	23	13	.639	5½
Denver	16	20	.444	12½
Minnesota	12	22	.353	15½
Dallas	2	32	.059	25½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	27	5	.844	—
Phoenix	25	8	.758	2½
Portland	21	15	.583	8
Golden State	19	14	.576	8½
LA Clippers	12	22	.353	16
Sacramento	12	23	.343	16½
LA Lakers	11	24	.314	17½

Saturday's Games
New York 97, Detroit 88
Washington 118, LA Clippers 109
Cleveland 110, Philadelphia 67
Indiana 94, Atlanta 91
Chicago 82, Houston 76
San Antonio 104, Dallas 87
Orlando 113, Milwaukee 105
Seattle 97, Miami 78
Phoenix 119, Sacramento 103

Sunday's Games
New Jersey 99, Utah 94
Boston 105, Denver 100
Portland 106, Charlotte 101

Monday's Games
Minnesota at New York, 1 p.m.
San Antonio at Washington, 1 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 3:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.
Sacramento at LA Lakers, 4:30 p.m.
Orlando at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Utah at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 8 p.m.

4A girls' poll

WACO, Texas — The second weekly high school basketball poll as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Class 4A
1. Austin Westlake (22-2)
2. Levelland (20-3)
3. Georgetown (19-5)
4. Waco Midway (23-3)
5. Mesquite Poteet (17-6)
6. Granbury (24-2)
7. Wolfforth Frenship (21-3)
8. Lindale (17-5)
9. Silsbee (18-3)
10. Canyon Randall (11-9)

WJCAC basketball

Women

Team	Season	League	
South Plains	14	4	2	0
Western Texas	14	6	2	0
Howard	20	1	0	1
Odessa	13	6	0	1
Frank Phillips	10	4	0	1
NMJC	11	7	0	1

Thursday, Jan. 13
WTC 69, NMJC 64 (OT)
South Plains 89, Frank Phillips 72

Monday, Jan. 17
Frank Phillips at Clarendon
NMJC at Howard
South Plains at Odessa

AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 16, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous rankings:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kansas (29)	16-1	1,552	3
2. UCLA (26)	11-0	1,514	5
3. Arkansas (3)	12-1	1,458	4
4. North Carolina (1)	13-2	1,425	1
5. Duke (2)	11-1	1,393	2
6. Massachusetts (4)	13-1	1,360	7
7. Kentucky	13-2	1,226	8
8. Indiana	10-2	1,160	11
9. Arizona	13-2	1,050	6
10. Connecticut	14-1	949	14
11. Temple	9-2	917	13
12. Purdue	14-1	879	9
13. Louisville	12-2	843	15
14. Wisconsin	12-1	788	12
15. Michigan	11-3	787	10
16. Syracuse	10-2	536	16
17. Georgia Tech	10-4	524	18
18. Ala.-Birmingham	13-1	413	22
19. Cincinnati	12-3	384	20
20. Minnesota	11-4	318	17
21. California	10-3	316	19
22. Xavier, Ohio	11-1	256	25
23. Saint Louis	14-0	254	—
24. West Virginia	10-2	172	23
25. Maryland	10-3	130	—

Others receiving votes: Boston College 124, Oklahoma St. 74, Florida 66, Illinois 56, New Mexico St. 43, Missouri 42, Nebraska 21, Marquette 20, Mississippi St. 14, LSU 11, Virginia 9, W. Kentucky 7, Michigan St. 5, Penn 5, Seton Hall 4, Alabama 3, DePaul 3, New Orleans 3, Wake Forest 3, George Washington 2, Providence 2, Tn.-Chattanooga 2, Vanderbilt 2.

A&M wins on late free shots

HOUSTON (AP) — Brett Murry's two free throws with one second left sealed a 67-64 victory for Texas A&M over Rice on Sunday in the Southwest Conference.

Texas A&M, which defeated preseason league favorite Texas earlier in the week, moved to 2-0 in SWC play and 8-4 overall. Rice fell to 8-5 and 1-1.

David Edwards and Chuck Henderson paced the Aggies with 17 points each. Rice's Scott Tynes led all scorers with 20 points.

Rice used a 21-10 run over the last 13:54 of the first half to gain its largest lead of the game at 33-25.

Edwards hit two 3-pointers in the game. The first one tied the game at 42-all with 12:12 left; the second one gave the Aggies their first lead of the second half at 45-44 with 10:25 left.

Rice led, 62-60, with 1:14 left when Tynes canned a three-pointer from the top of the key. Twenty-five seconds later, Texas A&M regained the lead when forward Joe Wilbert turned an offensive rebound into a bucket, was fouled by Tynes and made the free throw. That gave Texas A&M a 63-62 lead with 0:49 to play.

After a Rice turnover, Chuck Henderson, who had 17 points, converted a pair of free throws to give the Aggies a three-point lead with 26 seconds left.

SWC glance

by The Associated Press

Men	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Baylor	2	0	1.000	10	3	.769
Rice	1	0	1.000	8	4	.667
Texas A&M	1	0	1.000	7	4	.636
Texas	1	1	.500	8	6	.571
Texas Tech	1	1	.500	5	7	.417
TCU	1	1	.500	4	9	.308
Houston	0	2	.000	2	10	.167
SMU	0	2	.000	2	10	.167

Saturday, Jan. 15
Texas Tech 77, Houston 68
Texas 91, Houston 79
Baylor 80, TCU 73

Sunday, Jan. 16
Texas A&M 67, Rice 64

Tuesday, Jan. 18
Texas Tech at SMU, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 19
Texas A&M at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Rice at TCU, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Baylor, 7:35 p.m.

Women	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Texas Tech	2	0	1.000	14	1	.933
Texas A&M	2	0	1.000	9	3	.750
Baylor	1	1	.500	9	4	.692
Texas	1	1	.500	9	4	.692
Rice	1	1	.500	9	5	.643
TCU	1	1	.500	5	7	.417
SMU	0	2	.000	8	3	.727
Houston	0	2	.000	5	7	.417

Saturday, Jan. 15
Texas Tech 92, Houston 79
Baylor 101, TCU 83
Texas A&M 76, Rice 47
Texas 76, SMU 71

Wednesday, Jan. 19
SMU at Texas Tech, 7 p.m.
Houston at TCU, 7 p.m.
TCU at Rice, 7 p.m.
Baylor at Texas, 7 p.m.

Taylor retires

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Lawrence Taylor, who revolutionized NFL defenses with his game-breaking outside linebacker play, is retiring after 13 seasons with the New York Giants.

Following the Giants' 44-3 playoff loss to San Francisco, Taylor made official the decision many expected.

Taylor announced a year ago he would retire, then decided to return after he ruptured an Achilles tendon at midseason.

College hoops

By The Associated Press

EAST
Drexel 70, New Hampshire 57
Johns Hopkins 78, Carnegie-Mellon 56
Maine 97, Delaware 84
NYU 81, Chicago 41
Washington, Mo. 84, Brandeis 82
West Virginia 70, George Washington 60

SOUTH
Ala.-Birmingham 85, Memphis St. 57
N. Carolina St. 78, Florida St. 70

MIDWEST
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SOUTHWEST
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Retiree likes raising small kangaroo cousins

HEREFORD (AP) — Sam Sessions needed something to do after he retired.

So, he jumped into a new fad that is part hobby, part business and part pet.

Sessions had decided that "when a feller gets 76 years old, he can't work as much," so he put aside his life's work with horses.

While the family dog was a good pet, it didn't occupy his time.

Sessions says raising ostriches was out — they are ornery and expensive.

Then in November he bought five wallabies that he is raising out back of his house east of Hereford.

"They're easier to handle to me than a pet dog," Sessions said as he walked among the four females and one male, feeding them pieces of bread and trying to lure them to a bowl filled with apple chunks. "I'm not having a bit of trouble with them."

He said each adult wallaby eats about half a pound of feed each day, plus treats.

"Altogether, I can feed one of them for 20 cents a day and that includes treats," he said. "That's what I like about them. There's no labor involved."

Sessions' longtime friends, Bill and Wanda Rowland of Dawn, also own seven of the little critters.

Both Sessions and the Rowlands bought their Bennett wallabies from the same dealer near Fredericksburg. They plan to work together on their project.

"These are supposed to be the hardiest" of the breeds available, Sessions said. They are also, he said, very economical to raise.

"As far as I can see, they're the healthiest animals I've ever seen," he says.

Sessions keeps his wallabies in a makeshift pen built around an old storage shed he enclosed for the miniature marsupials.

There is a metal self-feeder for their regular feed — Sessions said he buys Purina brand kangaroo pellets — and a heated container for water that keeps it from freezing at night.

On one wall is a small bundle of hay, and there are small nests of hay around the enclosure. The hay not only makes comfortable beds, the wallabies also like to eat it.

Of the four females, Sessions knows three are pregnant. When they were picked out of the litter at the Hill Country wallaby farm, he was encouraged to feel the not-quite-born animals in their mothers' pouches, saying they were about half the size of a squirrel.

Those babies are expected to pop their heads out of their mothers' pouches soon and will be on their own and weaned this spring.

"I'm sure I'll have some sticking their heads out this month," he said.

He said wallabies bear their young in an interesting manner.

A baby leaves the pouch when he is too large to get in, and is weaned by his mother.

If the mother has been impregnated before then, the fetus is delivered and, in about 15 minutes, climbs up the mother's front and into the pouch, attaching to a nipple for sustenance.

It takes about seven months from that point before the baby outgrows his mother's pouch.

Sessions said his male wallaby is capable of breeding with as many as 10 females. The animals live for 15 to 20 years, and he knows "a 10-year-old female will still breed and raise babies."

Sessions compared his wallabies to cats — they use their forepaws to wash themselves — and to rats — using sharp front teeth to bite through an ice-encrusted water pail.

They can be picked up by the tail safely, and use their tails and large back feet only for jumping and stability.

Sessions said he plans to sell some of the wallabies he raises and keep others for breeding stock.

They cost between $1,200 and $1,800 each, or $3,000 a pair.

Sessions said he enjoys just watching the animals play.

"Four of them will eat out of my hand," he said. The other female is still a little bit too wild to trust a human being.

Veterans of Iditarod Trail, children visit Dallas area

DALLAS (AP) — Dewey and Kathy Halverson are taking their time, mushing across the Lower 48 in the luxury of a rented motor home. En route from Atlanta to Dallas recently, the Trapper Creek, Alaska, couple were amused at what passes for winter in the south.

"In Atlanta," Halverson says, "the natives had retreated indoors for the winter while we were basking in the sun."

Veterans of Iditarod Trail, the Halversons have turned their grueling sled dog racing experiences into life lessons that they share with school children. They have held programs at several Dallas-area public schools.

The Iditarod is the most famous sled dog race, an Ironman-like course for dog and musher alike. Stretching over 1,100 miles from Anchorage to Nome, the trail is an Alaskan-sized test of strength, endurance and will.

"What we stress with the kids is the importance of long-term goal-setting and getting your work done ahead of time," says Halverson, who owns kennels and presents sled dog programs in the summers near Denali National Park.

"The same is true whether you are preparing for the Iditarod or the job market. Success hinges on hard work and preparation. If kids think they can sit around, watch TV, barely get through school and think somebody will come along and offer them a great job, they've got another thing coming."

For Iditarod racers, September is spring training. Halverson usually starts with 40 dogs, specially-bred Alaskan huskies. Sometimes called village huskies, the dogs are not pedigreed, he said. Crossbred dogs exhibit hybrid vigor while avoiding some of the congenital problems associated with purebred dogs.

Two thousand miles of mushing practice takes its toll in injuries. Age, physical ability and personality differences also weed the 40-dog training team down to a 20-dog starting lineup.

Harnessed in tandem, Halverson's Iditarod team and sled span the length of a basketball court. The dogs are controlled by voice commands. The race, held in March each year, often takes two weeks to complete. The course record, set last year, is 10 days, 11 hours.

Though Halverson has never won the Iditarod, he has finished second, third, fifth and seventh. Kathy Halverson completed the race in 1989, earning the Good Samaritan and Sportsmanship awards by helping to save another musher's life.

"During the race," Halverson says, "the dogs get more rest than the mushers. At each check point, the dogs sleep about as much time as they've run that day. After four to six hours of rest, the dogs are ready to go.

"The musher, on the other hand, only gets about two hours of sleep. The musher has to cook his own food and the dogs' food. The musher unpacks the sled, takes care of the dogs' feet, repacks the sled and performs any maintenance that needs to be done. If you are among the leaders, you're expected to do interviews with the press. It's all part of the race."

While the quality of a musher's dogs figure heavily in the race, the musher's organizational skills, ability to read and control the dogs and the musher's stamina are important ingredients.

Halverson recalls an Iditarod several years ago when five-time winner Rick Swenson was in second place, a full hour behind the leader, Susan Butcher, who has won four times. Butcher turned back in the face of a blizzard. Swenson's team pushed through the blizzard and won the race.

In Alaska, names like Swenson and Butcher are as familiar as Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith.

Despite the novelty of dog sled racing to most Americans, Halverson has found that school children have heard of the Iditarod and seem fascinated by the displays that include "Lumpy," the sled dog.

Halverson advises school children and parents that Alaskan huskies do not make good pets. "These dogs are born to run," he says. "They are not easy to contain in an urban environment. My 6-year-old daughter, Serine, wants a dog for a pet and I plan to get her a springer spaniel."

Police note six arrests

Local peace officers made six arrests during a period ranging from Saturday through early this morning.

Officers arrested 19-year-old Cornelio Aviles at the traffic circle at 11:40 p.m. Sunday for driving while intoxicated, aggravated assault on a peace officer, resisting arrest, no liability insurance and displaying a fictitious motor vehicle tag.

At 10:21 a.m. Saturday, police arrested a 28-year-old man for Class C theft, shoplifting, at Lawrence IGA at 10:21 a.m.

Police responded to a disturbance in the 1000 block of 33rd Street at 7:21 p.m. Saturday and arrested a 21-year-old man for public intoxication.

At 10:56 p.m. Saturday, police were called to a disturbance in the 3200 block of Avenue K where they arrested a 33-year-old woman for public intoxication.

At 1:03 a.m. today, police responded to a 911 call that a man was breaking windows in the 500 block of 29th Street. Officers arrested a 27-year-old man for Class C assault/family violence. The subject was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital to have a cut finger treated before being transported to the county jail.

At 2:17 a.m. today, police responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of 20th Street. They arrested a 21-year-old man for public intoxication after transporting him to Cogdell to be treated for a head injury.

At 8:32 p.m. Saturday, a man contacted police in reference to having problems with his wife. He asked that officers check the welfare of his 4-month-old son who was at a residence in the 800 block of 27th Street. The baby was found unattended and taken to Cogdell Hospital by Snyder EMS, where Children's Protective Services was contacted. Officers later filed an offense report for endangering a child.

Police also filed criminal mischief reports over the weekend in reference to windows broken out of a residence in the 1600 block of 24th Street, and damage to two motor vehicles.

McMurty's town gone, but not forgotten

GRAHAM (AP) — Holiday celebrations in the now-extinct Archer County town of Anarene are still bright in the memory of long time area resident J.M. "Hap" Graham, 89.

The town, eight miles south of Archer City and about 100 miles northwest of Fort Worth, was established in 1908 by Graham's father, rancher-cattleman Charles E. Graham, but it was Pulitzer Prize-winning Texas author Larry McMurtry who helped put it on the map.

Anarene was the dying town that was the setting for "The Last Picture Show," McMurtry's blockbuster novel and movie, and its sequel, "Texasville."

The real Anarene began in 1908, when Graham's father gave the Wichita Falls and Southern Railroad right of way across his land and platted a town beside the tracks.

He named the town Anarene in honor of his wife, Annie Lawrence Graham, who was the daughter of pioneer cattleman J. Marion Keen.

Graham built a hotel, obtained a post office for his town, had cattle pens built, erected a schoolhouse that also served as a church , and began raising his family.

Hap Graham, who celebrated his 90th birthday Dec. 22, talked about Christmases in Anarene "in the old days when life was simple."

"My older brother, Roy, and I hung our stockings on the mantel of our 2-story hotel," Graham recalled. "We got an orange, an apple and a few nuts."

He said the community Christmas celebration was at the Anarene School.

The teacher, Harry Pearston, later the county judge of Archer County, was Santa Claus.

"We had a play, contests and one gift from the tree," Graham said. When he was 9, he got a pair of cowboy boots. "They were too small and we had to send them back to Sears & Roebuck," he said.

Getting a Christmas tree was somewhat of a challenge, because there were no cedar trees in that part of the county.

"We went down on the creek and picked out a tree, brought it home and decorated it with paper chains made by the schoolkids," he recalled. "We used candles until a neighbor's tree caught fire and burned the house down."

As for his name J.M., Graham said his mother was expecting a girl when he was born and had already picked the name Joy Marion.

"I just used the J.M.," he said. He got the nickname "Hap" because of his happy disposition.

Along with running the hotel, his father was the Anarene postmaster and ran thousands of Hereford cattle on his extensive ranch holdings.

Women suffer minor injuries

Two Snyder women were released from Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room after being treated for minor injuries suffered in a two-vehicle traffic accident Sunday.

Fifty-year-old Mary Rodriquez and 19-year-old Diane Rodriquez, both of 413 20th St., were taken to Cogdell by private vehicle following the mishap, which occurred at 4:05 p.m. in the 3000 block of College Avenue.

According to police reports, the two women were passengers in a 1993 Chevrolet driven by Miguel Martinez Rodriquez of 413 20th which was in collision with a 1990 Mercury driven by Shannon Dale Ballard of 314 34th St.

Police also reported two traffic accidents which took place Friday, including one at 11:01 a.m. in the 2900 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1993 Chevrolet pickup driven by Edward Estanol of Midland and a 1986 Pontiac driven by Terry Don Chambliss of Hermleigh.

The second accident took place at 3:18 p.m. in the 4100 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1988 Pontiac driven by Brooke Ann Gladson of 2708 28th St. and a 1990 Pontiac driven by Zachary Findley of Rt. 2.

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Harding denies involvement...

Kerrigan returns to skating rink today

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Figure skater Tonya Harding said she played no part in the clubbing attack on rival Nancy Kerrigan and was "shocked and angry" that anyone close to her might be involved.

Her former husband, Jeff Gillooly, also denied participating in this "bizarre and crazy event," his lawyer, Ron Hoevet, told The Associated Press Sunday night.

No charges have been filed naming Gillooly or Harding in the Jan. 6 attack in Detroit that forced Kerrigan to withdraw from the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Kerrigan, meanwhile, skated publicly this morning for the first time since she was hurt, practicing for one hour at an ice rink in her home town of Stoneham, Mass.

She had no limp or visible effect from the attack.

Harding also practiced, in Portland, and said she was trying to cope with the situation as best she could.

"It's an obstacle to get over and I may not be the normal figure skater image that everybody wants me to be, but I'm my own person and I may be a litlle rough around the edges sometimes, but overall I think I'm a good person," she said on ABC's "Good Morning, America."

Harding's bodyguard, Shawn Eckardt, was charged along with two other men, but her lawyer, Dennis Rawlinson, said Harding had no knowledge of the plot.

Tonya Harding categorically denies all accusations and media speculation that she was involved in any way in the assault," according to her statement read by Rawlinson, her coach's husband.

"Tonya is shocked and angry that anyone close to her might be involved," the statement said. "She is pleased to see that Nancy is recovering quickly."

Eckardt has accused Gillooly of participating in the plot. Hoevet said Eckardt was hired only once to help with Harding's security and that he should not be considered her bodyguard.

Harding believes Gillooly is innocent and would distance herself from him if it turns out he was involved in the attack, said her coach, Diane Rawlinson. Harding and Gillooly divorced last year, reconciled in September and have been living together since.

U.S. Olympic officials met Sunday but took no action on whether to allow Harding to remain with Kerrigan on the Olympic team.

Asked if it would be best if Harding withdrew, USOC president LeRoy T. Walker said: "I suppose that would be the easiest possible out."

Walker said the committee's deadline for deciding whether Harding will compete in Lillehammer, Norway, is Feb. 21.

Diane Rawlinson said Harding deserves to go to the Olympics.

"Tonya is best under pressure ... Tonya always skates best when she's angry," the coach said.

Gaidar resignation accepted by Yeltsin

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin accepted the resignation today of Yegor Gaidar, the architect of Russia's market reforms.

The resignation on Sunday of Gaidar, first deputy prime minister, stunned political circles and put the ruble into a tailspin.

"Giving Yegor Gaidar his due for his competence, courage and the contribution he has made to conducting the economic reform policy, I have an understanding of the arguments and motives that caused him to submit a resignation statement," Yeltsin said in a statement.

Gaidar said he was quitting because he did not have the power to enact his program, striking fears that his departure would mean a reversal of Russia's already halting reforms. But Yeltsin said the reforms would continue.

"Accepting this resignation I would like especially to stress the continuity of the president's policy for deep democratic reforms of Russian society, its economy and political institutions," said Yeltsin's statement, which was issued by presidential spokesman Vyacheslav Kostikov.

Gaidar will remain a key player in Russian politics. His pro-reform Russia's Choice is a major bloc in the Duma, lower house of Russia's new parliament.

Gaidar's departure could begin an exodus of the most ardent reformers in the Cabinet, including Finance Minister Boris Feodorov, and shake international confidence about Russia's commitment to reform.

Gaidar's resignation sent the ruble plunging today to a record low of 1,402 to the dollar.

Anti-reform groups were delighted by his resignation.

The 37-year-old economist's name is identified with measures that have been painful for many Russians. Communists and extreme nationalists capitalized on this pain last month to dominate the parliamentary elections.

"Gaidar should have done it long ago," said Valentin Kuptsov, a top Communist Party official. "After the elections it became even clearer that he should resign, because his policy was totally turned down by the voters."

Gaidar said he had rejected a post in the new Cabinet, fearing he would have no real say in economic matters. He said recent government decisions sacrificed reforms for the sake of short-term political gains.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	71	701/4	701/2	-5/8
Albtsn s	257/8	251/2	253/4	-1/8
Alldsignal	771/2	771/4	771/2	-1/4
Alltel s	283/8	271/2	275/8	-3/4
AmStores	431/4	427/8	43	-1/8
Amer T&T	55	545/8	543/4	+1/4
Ameritech	745/8	741/8	741/4	-7/8
Ameritech wi	373/4	371/2	371/2	-1/4
Amoco	533/4	531/4	531/2	+1/8
AndarkPtr	465/8	453/4	461/2	+3/4
Arkla	8	77/8	8	
ArmcoInc	63/8	61/8	61/4	
AtlRichfld	1073/4	1071/8	1075/8	+1/2
ATMOS	28	277/8	28	+1/4
BakerHughes	215/8	211/8	211/2	+1/2
BancTexas	11/2	13/8	13/8	-1/8
BellAtl	555/8	54	541/4	—13/8
BellSouth	565/8	56	561/8	-3/4
Beth Steel	213/4	211/2	213/4	+1/8
Borden	151/4	151/8	151/4	
Brit Pet	657/8	653/8	655/8	+1/4
Caterpllr	911/4	901/8	911/4	+3/4
CenSoWst	295/8	291/8	291/4	-1/2
Chevron	903/8	891/2	901/8	+1/4
Chrysler	611/8	60	605/8	-3/8
Coastal	281/8	277/8	28	+1/8
CocaCola	421/4	417/8	417/8	-5/8
ColgatePalm	607/8	601/8	601/4	-5/8
ComlMetl s	277/8	275/8	277/8	+3/8
CooperIn	505/8	501/2	501/2	-3/8
CyprusAmax	283/4	281/4	283/4	+3/8
DallSemicn	18	177/8	18	+1/4
DeltaAirl	561/2	561/8	563/8	-5/8
DigitalEq	375/8	363/4	373/8	+3/8
Dillard	355/8	343/4	347/8	-3/4
DowChem	591/4	585/8	591/4	+3/8
DresserInd	213/8	211/8	211/8	-1/4
DuPont	523/4	521/8	521/2	+1/8
EstKodak	453/4	453/8	451/2	
EljerInd	71/8	71/8	71/8	
Enserch	167/8	165/8	165/8	-3/8
Exxon	651/8	645/8	65	+1/4
FlowerInd	191/8	19	19	-1/8
FordMotor	681/4	673/8	673/4	-1/2
GTE Cp	347/8	341/2	345/8	-1/8
GnDyn	921/2	921/4	923/8	-1/8
GenElct	1067/8	1063/8	1065/8	-1/8
GenMills	593/4	583/4	583/4	—1/4
GenMotors	611/4	605/8	603/4	-1/2
GenMotors E	281/2	281/8	281/2	+1/4
GaPacif	731/8	723/8	73	-1/8
GlobalMar	4	37/8	4	
Goodrich	421/4	411/4	413/8	-7/8
Goodyear s	483/8	471/2	481/8	+7/8
GtAtlPac	25	245/8	25	+1/8
Haliburtn	327/8	321/8	327/8	+5/8
Hanson ADS	201/2	201/4	201/4	-1/8
HoustInd	441/2	433/4	44	-5/8
IBM	581/2	571/8	573/8	—11/4
IntlPaper	723/4	713/4	723/8	+3/8
JohnsnJns	441/4	435/8	441/8	+3/8
K mart	193/4	191/2	195/8	+1/8
Kroger	201/2	201/4	203/8	-1/8
Litton	70	695/8	693/4	
Lowes	611/4	607/8	607/8	-5/8
Lubys	225/8	221/2	221/2	-1/8
Maxus	53/8	51/4	51/4	
MayDS s	405/8	391/2	397/8	-3/4
Medtronic	821/4	815/8	813/4	-3/4
Mobil	791/4	783/4	791/4	+5/8
Monsanto	791/8	783/4	787/8	-5/8
Motorola s	100	99	995/8	+5/8
Nationsbk	493/4	491/2	491/2	-3/8
Navistar s	257/8	253/4	257/8	
Nynex s	397/	393/8	395/8	-3/8
OryxEngy	181/4	173/4	181/4	+5/8
PacTelesis	553/8	551/8	551/4	-1/2
PanhECp	241/8	233/4	237/8	
PenneyJC s	527/8	523/8	523/8	-1/2
Penzoil	533/4	531/4	533/4	+5/8
PepBoys	27	261/2	261/2	-1/2
PhelpDodge	533/8	523/8	53	+3/4
PhilipPet	293/8	291/8	291/4	+3/8
PilgrmPrd	7	67/8	67/8	
Polaroid	355/8	351/4	351/4	-1/8
Praxair	175/8	171/2	171/2	
ProctGamble	58	571/8	573/8	-1/2
PubS NwMx	13	13	13	-1/8
RoyalDutch	1067/8	1063/8	1065/8	+3/4
SFePacCp	241/2	241/8	241/2	+3/8
SaraLee	241/4	24	24	-1/8
SearsRoeb s	531/8	521/2	521/2	-7/8
SherwinW	34	331/2	335/8	-3/8
SmthBchADS	32	315/8	313/4	
SmthBc eqt	291/2	291/4	291/4	-1/8
Southern Co	427/8	423/8	427/8	+1/8
SwAirlines s	365/8	363/8	361/2	-1/4
SwBell s	387/8	383/8	385/8	-3/8
Sprint	357/8	355/8	353/4	
SterlingChm	41/4	4	41/4	+1/4
SunCo	313/8	31	311/4	
TNP Ent	171/4	17	171/8	-1/8
Tandy	445/8	443/8	441/2	-1/4
TempInl	523/4	525/8	525/8	-1/8
Tenneco	553/4	547/8	555/8	+1/2
Texaco	66	651/2	651/2	-1/4
TexasInd	303/4	301/4	305/8	+1/8
TexasInst	727/8	721/8	723/4	+1/4
Tex Util	393/8	391/8	393/8	+1/8
Textron	595/8	583/4	591/8	-1/4
Travelers s	393/4	395/8	393/4	-1/8
Trinty s	471/8	463/4	471/8	+1/2
TritonEngy	301/2	30	301/2	+1/4
Tyler	51/2	53/8	51/2	
US West	423/4	423/8	423/4	+1/4
USX Delhi	161/8	161/8	161/8	
USX-Marathn	171/8	17	171/8	+1/4
USX-USS	421/2	417/8	42	-1/2
UnCarbde	231/2	231/4	231/4	+1/8
UnPac	667/8	663/8	663/8	-5/8
UnitedTech	641/4	631/2	641/4	+1/4
Unocal	291/8	287/8	29	-1/8
WalMart s	255/8	251/8	253/8	-1/4
WstnGasRs	331/4	321/2	321/2	-3/4
WestghEl	131/4	127/8	131/4	+1/8
WinnDixie	497/8	495/8	493/4	-1/4
Woolwth	257/8	253/8	251/2	-1/8
Xerox Cp	911/2	91	91	-1/2
ZenithE	81/8	8	8	

Fire destroys vacant house

Snyder firemen responded to a house fire 12 miles northwest of the city at 6:12 a.m. today.

Firemen said the house, owned by Neil Rinehart, was engulfed in flames before they arrived.

The house was vacant at the time of the fire, although it had been occupied several weeks earlier and some belongings were still inside, firefighters were told.

Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell said there were signs of an explosion on the east side of the house. Firemen suspect that an LP gas leak may have been the cause of the blaze.

Fluvanna Volunteer Fire Department assisted in extinguishing the blaze.

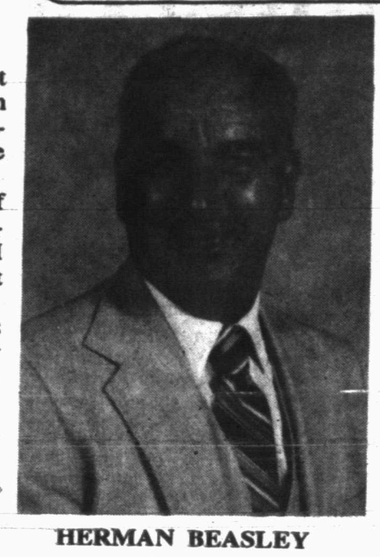
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Obituaries



HERMAN BEASLEY

Herman Beasley

1923-1994

Services were set for 2 p.m. today in Northside Baptist Church for Herman Beasley, 70, of Snyder. The Rev. Bob Rhodes, pastor, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Beasley died Saturday at 4:58 a.m. in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born on Aug. 23, 1923, in Carthage, he was a World War II Army veteran. He had resided in Snyder since September of 1955, working for Universal Oil Well Service as a mechanic and shop foreman. He also worked for Brooks Oil Well Service and Pride Petroleum for several years. He later worked for B&F Oil Well Service, retiring June 11, 1993. Mr. Beasley was a member of Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Vern of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Gary (Lynda) Lane of Midland; a son, Max Beasley of Snyder; three brothers, Elvic Beasley, Everett Beasley and Howard Beasley, all of Carthage; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Tiny Thomas

1911-1994

HORATIO, Ark. — Funeral services will be held Tuesday in Horatio, Ark., for Tiny Thomas, 84, who died Sunday in Oklahoma City after a long illness.

She was the sister of longtime Snyder resident, Ealon Stinnett.

Donna Jones

1956-1994

ENID, Okla. — Services are set for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Oakwood Christian Church for Donna Jean Jones, 37, who died Saturday. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Henninger-Allen Funeral Home.

Miss Jones was the sister of Ron Jones, women's basketball coach at Western Texas College.

Miss Jones was found outside her car three miles north of Enid by a landowner who called the Garfield County sheriff's department. Her death is being investigated as a homicide and an autopsy was being performed in Oklahoma City.

Born in Enid, she graduated from Stillwater High School in 1975 and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1990. She was in the process of completing her bachelor's degree in finance. Miss Jones was a member of Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society and was a licensed real estate agent. She moved to Enid from Oklahoma City in 1992.

Other survivors include her parents, David and Barbara Jones of Enid; a sister, Carolyn Owens of Enid; a nephew and four nieces.

Minnie Stewart

1888-1994

LAMESA — Services for Minnie Banta Stewart, 105, of San Angelo are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Lamesa Church of Christ. Burial will follow in the Lamesa Cemetery.

She was the grandmother of Eddie Peterson of Snyder.

Mrs. Stewart died Sunday in a San Angelo Hospital. She had been a Stanley Products dealer, retiring at age 99.

Born on June 5, 1888 in Lampasas County, she married Tom Wheeler in 1903 in Vernon. Following his death, she married Elias Stewart. She was a former resident of Lamesa.

Survivors include two daughters, Georgia Jordan of San Angelo and Edna Peterson of Lamesa; four sisters, Lula Hallman of Missoula, Mont., Pearl Burke of Lamesa, Alice Cotton of Big Spring and Geneva Ranson of College Station; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

Esther Free

1915-1994

CLEVELAND, Tex. — Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church for Esther Wilborn Free, 78, who died Sunday in a Midwest City, Okla., hospital. Burial will follow in the Rest Garden Cemetery in Cleveland.

Mrs. Free was a teacher and school librarian for 43 years, retiring from the Snyder Public Schools.

Born in Oakman, Okla., she began her teaching career in Mason, Okla. In 1980, Mrs. Free moved to Cleveland. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Free; a daughter, Susan; a brother, Leon Wilborn; and a sister, Lois Ellis.

In Cleveland, she was an active church member and played the piano for congregational services.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Carolyn Free of Cleveland; a sister, Joy Hemphill of Midwest City; three nieces; one nephew; and a great-nephew.

Beatles to work together again

NEW YORK (AP) — Who says you can't bring back yesterday? Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr are taking a stab at it.

The three surviving Beatles are planning the closest possible thing to a reunion next month, according to The New Yorker.

They plan to gather at a studio to record new music and some previously unreleased Beatles songs, the magazine reported in the Jan. 24 issue.

The project is part of a video autobiography on the legendary music group. The "Anthology" project is planned as a 1995 TV series.

"Yes, they are going to be working together again, but they haven't begun yet. It is supposed to be ultra secret," an unidentified source from EMI, the Beatles' record label, told the magazine.

The other Beatle, John Lennon, was murdered in New York City in 1980.

Some residents of the Ukraine, where the Chernobyl nuclear disaster occurred in April 1986, first learned of rising radiation levels from Polish radio stations.

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Dear Abby



Welcome Mat Is Missing When Grandma Pays Visit

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: We've heard enough about insensitive mothers-in-law. Now, let's talk about insensitive daughters-in-law. Take mine, for example.

I wrote to ask if I could visit my new grandbaby for five days. This meant an 800-mile drive (one way), plus overnight in a motel. Just before my departure, my son called to say that a three-day visit would be better for them. I said, "Fine. No problem."

Upon my arrival, I found a note on their door explaining that nobody was home, but my son would be home right after work, so I waited for them in my car. I saw my beautiful grandbaby that evening.

The next morning, Mom and baby suddenly had to go to the library. Joyfully, I offered to babysit, but my offer was declined, so to occupy myself, I borrowed a bicycle for the afternoon and returned to their house at 5 o'clock. My son and daughter-in-law were just getting up from the table — their dinner was finished!

As my allotted three days would be up the next day, I left the next morning for my long drive home. I don't look forward to next year's visit, but I want to see my beautiful grandbaby again. I wonder, Dear Abby, what you — and your readers — think about this kind of hospitality from a daughter-in-law?

JILL IN OREGON

DEAR JILL: It was clearly insulting, but I cannot understand how a son could treat his mother so shabbily. Was there a page missing from your letter? Or are your son and his wife simply mean-spirited and hostile?

In any case, some kind of explanation is owed you for such discourteous treatment.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I am an optometrist. When I'm at a party, or some other social event, someone will invariably ask, "How much is an eye examination?" This does not set well with me. I never hear anybody asking a lawyer or physician, "How much is an office visit?"

Please tell me how to respond without being rude, yet letting them know that this is an inappropriate question under the circumstances.

SEEING RED

DEAR SEEING: I have heard from other doctors and from lawyers complaining about the same kind of problem.

The solution is a polite, "Kindly telephone my office — I'm listed in the telephone directory. The receptionist in charge of appointments can answer your question."

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DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from a waitress regarding how to control unruly children in a restaurant. She made up a story about how one child had been badly burned by steaming coffee while running unsupervised.

I remember when I was also a waitress putting myself through college. It was my first wedding reception job, in the only restaurant that catered weddings in our small community.

The ring bearer and the flower girl were chasing each other around, and sure enough, they ran into one of the waitresses. Lobster tails went flying along with the rest of the meals.

As the restaurant people had ordered only enough tails for the group, we had to pick up everything and lie that the chef would cook more tails. Need I say more?

R.M.H. IN NEW YORK

DEAR R.M.H.: No — enough said.

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Hurdles may delay new technology

NEW YORK (AP) — Months of hype about more powerful communications networks and computers seemed to climax last week with a declaration by Vice President Al Gore.

"What we've seen in the last decade is amazing, but it's nothing compared to what will happen in the decade ahead," Gore said at a technology conference in Los Angeles. "The word revolution by no means overstates the case."

As Gore and thousands of other enthusiasts say, digital technology will change much of how people communicate, work and live.

But a closer look at the hurdles before just one new product — video on demand — reveals that much of what's being promised today won't arrive for many tomorrows.

Video on demand generally is described as the ability to watch movies, TV shows and other programs at any time, with the power to start, stop and skip around without a VCR.

Such a service will get its first broad test this year in several cities, including Orlando, Fla.; suburban Washington, D.C.; Omaha, Neb.; Rochester, N.Y., and Castro Valley, Calif.

Many technology companies expect that on-demand video will be the first digital service to provide significant new revenues, which could then be used to improve networks further and create new devices and products.

But several technological problems must be resolved and some regulations changed for video on demand to become as common as changing a TV channel.

Many kinds of computers, TVs, software programs and transmission lines will have to unite on an unprecedented scale. Companies that insist on proprietary designs will have to change to work with others.

"This is not about a single product or a single technology," said Paul Loftus, IBM's top corporate strategist for multimedia systems. "It's about a very large-scale integration of many technologies and it's not going to happen overnight."

Computer engineers believe they have solved problems for storing and accessing lots of movies and programs cheaply. But they must still decide whether it's more affordable for those systems to be centralized or distributed through cities, perhaps even putting some in schools, hotels or apartment complexes.

"The other battle is can you put video over the wire," said Terence Garnett, senior vice president of new media at Oracle Corp., a database software company participating in video on demand trials by Bell Atlantic Corp.

A chief reason telephone companies want to buy cable systems is because a TV cable can carry more signals than a telephone wire. But the wire must be two-way to carry commands from a consumer.

"The transmission and video decompression technology is very young," said John Hildebrand, senior vice president of USA Video Corp., which will test video on demand in Rochester.

That's evident in current designs of set-top boxes, the little computers that will modify TVs for video on demand. Their insides now resemble some of the first personal computers.

Designers are trying to put the various memory, processing and signal modification, or compression, modules onto a single circuit board. That would make the box smaller and more affordable.

From a policy standpoint, Congress later this month will face several bills to change existing telecommunications law. For video on demand, the most important is a proposal by Reps. Edward Markey, D-Mass., and Jack Fields, R-Texas, to allow telephone companies to operate cable systems in areas where they provide phone service.

Since many cable systems own some of the programming they offer, the change could allow phone companies to own programs too and, thus, make money by supplying them on demand to consumers.

While that capability may help spur development in the near future, it may in time raise antitrust concerns. At the start of the century, the government broke apart Standard Oil because it owned both oil and the network of pipes, trucks and tank cars that distributed it. And shortly after World War II, the nation's movie studios were told they could no longer own theaters, the distribution method of their product.

Taxes

By Jim Luther
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three-quarters of U.S. workers qualify for tax-deductible Individual Retirement Accounts, and even those who don't may find IRAs more lucrative than other forms of saving.

Whether or not an IRA contribution is deductible, yielding an immediate tax advantage, interest on the deposit remains tax-free until it is withdrawn. That can represent a significant saving in the long run.

Who can get a deduction? First, any worker who is not covered by a company pension. Second, a covered worker whose annual income does not exceed $35,000 if single or $50,000 if he or she files a joint return with a spouse.

Those who qualify and have not yet made a contribution for 1993 may do so until midnight April 15 and deduct it on the return to be filed this year.

The basic rules:

— A worker who qualifies for a full deduction may put into an IRA up to 100 percent of 1993 wages or $2,000, whichever is smaller. A limited "spousal IRA" is available for a spouse who has no earnings.

— You qualify for a full deduction if neither you nor your spouse are covered by a company pension. Or, if covered and your adjusted gross income before figuring the IRA is no more than $25,000 (single) or $40,000 (couple).

Even if only one spouse is covered by a company pension, that limits the deductible contributions of both.

— A partial deduction is allowed if you are covered by a plan at work and income is between $25,000 and $35,000 (single) or $40,000 and $50,000 (joint return).

In this case, the allowable deduction is 20 percent of the difference between your income and the higher figure for your filing status. For example, a couple with $42,000 income would subtract that from $50,000 and multiply the $8,000 difference by .20, yielding a deduction of $1,600.

When calculating a partial deduction, you may round up to the next $10; thus, $217 would become $220. If income is over $34,000 but less than $35,000 (single) or over $49,000 but less than $50,000 (couple) you get a flat $200.

— You get no IRA deduction if you (or your spouse if filing jointly) are covered by a company pension and your income is $35,000 or more for a single person, $50,000 or more for a couple filing a joint return or $10,000 or more for a married person filing separately.

If your income is above the qualifying level for a deductible contribution, you still may deposit up to $2,000 a year into an IRA and pay no tax on the interest until withdrawals begin at retirement. In general, contributions to an IRA must stop and withdrawals must begin once you reach 701/2.

If you make a nondeductible contribution for 1993, you must file a Form 8606 with your tax return, listing the value of all your IRAs. That form should be retained permanently.

Late disaster checks creates tax problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was hard enough for Curt Gillespie of Graceville, Minn., to watch last year's rain destroy his crops. Now he says he's facing a second crisis — a huge tax problem caused by the government's tardy distribution of disaster aid.

Gillespie is one of thousands of Midwestern farmers who could get big tax bills next year because they didn't get their 1993 crop insurance and disaster assistance payments by Dec. 31.

Those payments will have to be counted as 1994 income, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

"We're going to end up creating a back-to-back disaster even if we have a bumper crop," Gillespie said in a recent interview. "The money isn't going to be there to pay the income tax."

The Agriculture Department is so backlogged that by the end of the year it had only processed $416 million of the $1.7 billion in anticipated claims for the 1993 floods, a group of Midwestern lawmakers said in a letter last week to IRS Commissioner Margaret Richardson.

For a typical farmer expecting $40,000 in disaster aid the delay could mean an extra $5,733 in taxes, according to estimates a Minnesota accounting firm prepared for Rep. David Minge, D-Minn.

"The federal government should provide these producers with some flexibility so that they do not unjustly suffer tax consequences from unduly low income in 1993 or from excessively high income in 1994," the lawmakers wrote.

Many farmers filing disaster claims couldn't even schedule their appointments with local USDA offices before the end of the year, they said.

The tardy disaster payments cause two problems for farmer: the disaster aid will inflate their 1994 income and they'll have so little income to report for 1993 that they lose their benefit of personal exemptions and other deductions.

Gillespie said he is waiting for $40,000 in crop insurance claims and disaster payments he needs to pay off the $42,000 loan he took out last year to operate his farm. Without the disaster check, he will show an income loss of $15,000 to $20,000 in 1993 and waste his tax deductions.

Gillespie said he lost his soybeans and corn, 80 percent of his wheat and all the grain he had stored in bins when his 400-acre farm was drenched by heavy rains last summer.

"This is a disaster for '93 and it's going to carry in to '94," he said.

The IRS says it can't do anything to help; federal tax law bars 1994 income from being counted against last year's losses. "You'd have to have the law changed to have that happen," said Johnell Hunter, a spokeswoman for the tax agency.

"The government should not be penalizing farmers for a situation beyond their control," Minge said.

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Few complaints reported over bandannas ban

BEAUMONT (AP) — Officials at two Southeast Texas shopping malls say there's been little controversy over their recent decision banning patrons from wearing bandannas on the premises.

Mall officials say colored bandannas are signs of street gang affiliation, and for safety purposes they're asking that patrons not wear them.

Rusty Schaller, operations manager at Central Mall in Port Arthur, said mall officials so far have not received any formal complaints against the ban or statements in favor of it in the month the policy has been in force.

"We haven't received any comment either way, other than from the people we've asked to remove them," he said.

"We have asked people not to wear bandannas, and its not a big issue," said Mike Hansen, manager of Parkdale Mall in Beaumont, where the ban has been in effect for several months.

A Corpus Christi mall prohibits patrons from wearing ball caps backward. But Schaller said bandannas are the only "gang attire so far that the mall is prohibiting."

"We've recently started enforcing the bandannas (ban), but that's as far as we've gone with it," Schaller said. Off-duty officers or security guards enforce the ban by asking patrons to conceal their bandannas while on mall property, he said.

At Parkdale Mall, officials ask that patrons remove their bandannas or leave.



SPEECH WINNERS — The speech squad from Western Texas College displays plaques won recently at the Lone Star Forensic Tournament at the University of Texas at Arlington. From left are Manuel Navarette of Monahans, Rebecca Massie of Wink, Brandye Bitters of Mineral Wells and Michael Patterson of Snyder. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC speech squad wins 7

The Western Texas College Speech Squad captured seven places in the recent Lone Star Forensic Tournament held at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Garnering a third place in persuasive speaking with a speech on animal rights activist groups was sophomore Brandye Bitters of Mineral Wells. She also won fifth in after dinner speaking.

Taking sixth place in duo dramatic interpretation were freshmen Michael Patterson of Snyder and Manuel Navarette of Monahans. Navarette also placed third in after dinner speaking.

Rebecca Massie of Wink, freshman, took fourth place in after dinner speaking and fourth place in persuasive speaking on the topic of congressional term limits.

The squad is coached by WTC speech professor. Jan McCathern.

Seventeen universities entered the tournament. Only two other junior colleges, Tyler Junior College and Paris Junior College, competed.

Cultists' trial takes day off

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The judge, lawyers and jury in the murder trial of 11 Branch Davidians planned to take the day off Monday because of the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday.

Testimony is to resume Tuesday with witnesses from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms set to take the stand.

City officials want to tear down old Hemisphere Arena

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — HemisFair Arena lost one of its main tenants when the NBA's San Antonio Spurs moved this season into the new Alamodome. Now, city officials are hoping to tear down the 25-year-old facility.

Officials want to demolish the 16,057-seat arena, which opened for the 1968 World's Fair, to make way for a $140 million expansion of San Antonio's convention facilities.

"The Arena has got to come down," said Mayor Nelson Wolff, who has taken an active role in preliminary plans to expand the Convention Center. "That is the only option."

The state-of-the-art Alamodome stadium anchors the city's hopes for luring major conventions.

Converting the HemisFair site into an additional 192,000 square feet of contiguous exhibit space to the 240,000-square-foot Convention Center could be another drawing card, officials say.

Wolff said using the HemisFair Arena site would help ease some of the problems associated with expanding the center.

"We tried to save it, but we couldn't work around it," said Dome Development Director Roland Lozano, the team leader for all convention-related activities. "We're talking contiguous space, not a 50-foot corridor."

Councilman Roger Perez, whose district covers the downtown area, added: "There is no doubt that when the plan is discussed and debated, it will be a difficult decision, but we need to address the needs of the Convention Center for the next 25 years."

Jack Orbin, president and owner of Stone City Attractions, which has booked road shows and [illegible] since 1972, said demolishing the arena "would be a disaster."

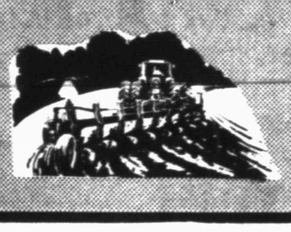
The arena is the only facility in the city that can accommodate concerts in the 5,000-to-14,000 attendance range, he said. The arena has 16,000 seats suitable for sporting events and about 14,000 for concerts.

The arena also needs as much as $2.5 million in repairs. The city has held off on reconstruction pending a final decision on the arena's future.

The City Council is expected to begin reviewing and discussing an expansion plan within a few weeks.

If plans are approved this spring, construction would begin in mid-1996 and would finish by the end of the decade, officials said.

Long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash, with a loss of some 20,000 lives.



Business and Industrial News



Countryplace has variety of gift items

Countryplace is owned and operated by Glenda Glasscock and Clara Tate, and offers a wide selection of reasonably priced, quality gifts along with an infant and bridal registry for your convenience.

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Aspen spiced tea, pecan honey butter and Texas honey are always available at Countryplace for your own enjoyment or perfect gift giving.

For avid or would-be collectors, you'll find a large selection of "All God's Children" collectable sculptures by Martha Holcombe and Glynda Turley prints in beautiful wines, hunter greens and blues.

The linen and bath department features The Rug Barn throws in patterns such as, my country and others. You will find crochet rugs, Cannon royal family towel sets in a large selection of colors, shower curtains, and plush Regal bath sets in 18 different colors. These bath sets come in two sizes of lid covers and rugs. Brass bath accessories by Style Built and acrylic accessories by Oxford are also available in clear and cobalt blue Blinco glass can be found at Countryplace.

To keep your home smelling wonderful all the time, Countryplace carries those ever popular Yankee Candles. They come in two jar sizes, housewarmer gift boxes and small sampler candles. If you prefer potpourri and sprays, you will find nature scents in a variety of scents such as blackberry, mulberry, vanilla, magnolia and peach.

There's a special department at Countryplace you won't find anywhere else. It's called the Victorian department and it features beautiful Victorian prints, fans, flue covers, mirrors, postcards, magnet calendars, gift bags, trinket boxes, miniature tea sets and Jan Haggard potpourri envelopes, cards and candle tins.

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