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Home Of Darlene Eckert

No opposition voiced over 30th Street project

60 citizens attend Tuesday's hearing

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

Any opposition to the widening of 30th Street has apparently gone by the wayside as no one spoke against the project at a public hearing held by the Texas Department of Transportation last night at Snyder Junior High School.

O.N. Lofton, who resides at 3000 Beaumont, did tell TxDOT officials however, that he wishes the new sidewalks on 30th Street would be next to the street as opposed to three feet from the street.

"A lot less maintenance for homeowners," said Lofton.

Lofton also suggested that it would be less expensive and more convenient for residents who now park curbside for the state to construct a two-lane street.

Current plans call for a four-lane street with a turning lane at the intersection of College Avenue and 30th Street. Parking will not be allowed on 30th Street during construction and after the roadway is completed.

The project is estimated to cost $1,196,000 and bids are to be let in August.

Area TxDot Engineer Mike Taylor told the audience of some 60 people that six pieces of property will be affected as far as the right of way is concerned. They are all in the first block, west of College Avenue.

The north side of the street on that block will be widened by some 20 feet, said Taylor.

"The additional right-of-way will be purchased by the city," said Taylor.

Three representatives of TxDOT spoke at the meeting as well as City Manager John Gayle.

Gayle said the project is necessary for several reasons including the high number of vehicles which use the street.

"A traffic count indicated 6,000 vehicles travel the street daily," said Gayle. "A four-lane street will make it a lot safer."

Gayle said the additional lighting plus sidewalks will also add to the safety of the citizens who use the area as a walking route.

He added that the city will install a 12-inch water line to serve the citizens in that area and there should be increased water pressure in the vicinity.

Bill Veach, representing TxDOT's district design office from Abilene, said the plans had to meet several guidelines concerning the environmental impact, and the impact, if any, on any historical homes.

Veach said the state's historical society had determined that there would be no impact on any histori-

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PEDESTRIAN INJURED - EMS director Perry Westmoreland and Deputy Darren Jackson attend to 65-year-old George Moore, 3412 Ave. M, shortly after 8 a.m. today after Moore was struck by a 1981 Chevrolet pickup while trying to cross Avenue Q near 28th Street. The driver of the pickup was Nole Lee Banks, 2811 College Ave. Corporal Terry Luecke said no citations were issued as a result of the accident. Moore's injuries were being evaluated at 11:30 this morning but they were not expected to be serious. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's not where you start that counts — but where you finish."

In times past, we've used this space to run some excerpts from a collection of church bloopers complied by a preacher who enjoys a good laugh.

Kids often misunderstand the words of songs. One little guy was overheard singing, "Microwave the boat ashore, alleluia."

Another youngster couldn't understand why the congregation would sing about "Bringing in the sheets."

And from children's Bible classes come these compilations:

--The inhabitants of Egypt were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah dessert and travelled by Camelot.

The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the dessert were cultivated by irritation. The Egyptians built the Pyramids in the shape of a huge triangular cube.

--The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinesses, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. One of their children, Cain, asked, "Am I my brother's son?"

--God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Montezuma. Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birthmark. Jacob was a patriarch who brought up his 12 sons to be patriarchs, but they did not take to it. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelities.

--Pharoah forced the Hebrew slaves to make bread without straw. Moses led them to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients.

Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the 10 commandments. Davis was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He faught with the Philatelists, a race of people who lived in old times.

Attack won't stop peace process

NATO spokesman says act was 'senseless and mindless'

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A deadly Serb rocket attack on a Sarajevo streetcar was a rogue act that will not stop the Bosnian peace process, officials of the NATO-led peacekeeping force said today.

The Tuesday evening attack killed one woman and wounded 19. It was the most serious act of violence since NATO took over peacekeeping duties in Bosnia from the United Nations last month.

In northeastern Bosnia today, a U.S. Bradley armored vehicle hit an anti-personnel mine today. There were no injuries, but the vehicle was damaged, said Maj. Peter Bulloch, a spokesman for the NATO force. The accident happened 10 miles southwest of the Sava River bridge that U.S. troops use to cross into Bosnia from Croatia.

U.S. Spc. Martin John Begosh suffered leg injuries in a mine blast in the same general area on Dec. 30. U.S. troops with the NATO mission patrol the area between the Sava and their headquarters at Tuzla, 40 miles to the south.

The rocket that hit the Sarajevo streetcar was fired from the top floor of an apartment building in Grbavica, a Serb-held neighborhood near the city center, Capt. Frederic Solano, a spokesman for the NATO force, said today

NATO officials had originally identified the missile as a grenade and the victim as a man, but Bosnian Health Ministry officials said a 55-year-old woman, Mirsada Duric, was killed.

The Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA reported that Bosnian Serb authorities "indignantly" denied that Serbs were to blame.

Col. Mark Rayner, a NATO spokesman, called the attack "an isolated, terrorist-like action.

"We don't believe it had the backing of any authorities," he said. "It was a senseless and mindless act, but it's not going to stop the peace process."

Bosnian Serb police assisted peacekeepers in their investigations, he said.

Because the city remains a security risk, President Clinton will focus his weekend visit to Bosnia on the northern city of Tuzla, where the U.S. peacekeeping contingent is based, Foreign Minister Muhamed Sacirbey said, quoting American officials.

French soldiers sealed off a high-rise in Grbavica on Tuesday and searched each floor for evidence of who fired on the streetcar, Solano said. During a second inspection this morning, they found a launch tube of the type used in Tuesday's attack.

NATO troops and U.N. civilian police re-enacted the attack, hauling the tram back to the spot where it was hit and having the driver explain what happened at the site.

French troops also increased patrols along the main boulevard known as Sniper Alley, where the attack occurred.

Under the Bosnian peace agreement, Grbavica and other Serb-held Sarajevo suburbs are to come under government control by March 19.

Most of the 70,000 people in Serb-held parts of Sarajevo fear reprisals from the Bosnian government.

Mutual hatred runs deep in Sarajevo, where rebel Serb gunners bombed and shelled the government-held part of the city for more than 3½ years.

HISD board...

SFAP funds major topic for trustees

Residents within Hermleigh ISD are encouraged to attend a school board meeting Thursday to discuss physical improvements to be made with special state funds.

Jerry Church, superintendent, said the district has received notice that $475,000 has been set aside by the School Facilities Assistance Program, pending approval of the project.

Thursday's meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the high school building.

"We want to give the public opportunity to give their input on how best to use these funds. We hope to have two or three meetings and this will be one of them," said Church.

The basic plan is to use the $475,000, plus $75,000 in matching funds, to renovate the school. Suggestions have included lowering the ceilings, recovering the walls and floors and more. Last month, trustees approved hiring the firm of McLaurty, Baker and Associates to perform architectural work, handle the bid precess and oversee the project for a six percent fee.

"One question is, how much can we get done with the funds available. I'm afrajd we're not going to be able to do everything we need to do," said Church.

Also on Thursday's agenda will be consideration of a bill from a law firm, previous minutes and the financial report.

Budget talks stall again after lengthy session

WASHINGTON (AP) — With budget talks broken off again, Republican congressional leaders say they may try to bypass the White House and pass veto-proof spending legislation with the help of conservative Democrats.

President Clinton and the Republicans declared an impasse Tuesday following another lengthy budget session at the White House that failed to resolve major differences over the future of Medicare and Medicaid spending and the size of a tax cut.

In the absence of a budget agreement, there's a possibility that many government offices once again will be forced to close on Jan. 27, when the latest temporary federal funding measure expires. There already have been two government shutdowns since the budget talks began in earnest in November, furloughing some federal workers for a record total of 27 days.

Lack of a quick breakthrough also increases the danger the parties will give up any hope of an agreement and let the voters decide next November, effectively paralyzing many federal programs in the coming year.

"I think it's the president's move," Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas said following the meeting. "We stand ready to continue discussions when the White House has new ideas to present."

Clinton, telling reporters a "final agreement is clearly within reach," maintained that the two sides were making progress in finding a formula for balancing the budget by 2002. He said talks would resume in a week, giving their staffs time to search for areas of compromise.

But Republicans were far less certain about the timing of renewed talks and held out as an option sidestepping the president and taking their latest proposals directly to the House and Senate floors.

"In my estimation, that may be the most productive way for us to move forward," said Dick Armey, R-Texas.

Justices hear arguments on '90 census undercount

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration asked the Supreme Court today to uphold the government's decision not to adjust 1990 census figures to make up for an admitted undercount of minorities.

"The true population of the United States is unknown and perhaps unknowable," but courts should defer to the government's decision on how to conduct the census so long as it is reasonable, said Solicitor General Drew S. Days III.

Robert S. Rifkind, representing New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles and other local governments that challenged the census, said the undercount violates their residents' right to equal representation. When a fundamental right is involved, he said, courts should give less deference to government actions.

ASK US

Q—Reference the Grayling Gradney murder trial which is to begin Monday, has the accused man been out of jail on bond?

A—He has remained in Scurry County Jail on $75,000 bond since his arrest on Aug. 26.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 64 degrees; low, 26; 7 a.m. reading Wednesday, 27; no precipitation; total for 1996, .21 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 35-40. N wind 15-20 mph, gusty. Thursday, sunny. High around 65. NW wind 15-20 mph.

Sunset: 5:59 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:17 a.m.

Of 10 days in 1996, the sun has shone 8 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the Lord, how much more the hearts of men!

Proverbs 15:11

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Leaders are touting benefits of state jails

AUSTIN (AP) — The revised state jail system for nonviolent offenders could reduce the number of people who become repeat offenders, officials said Tuesday.

"The community corrections concept of a state jail system is exactly what this state needs," said Rep. Allen Place, D-Gatesville, a sponsor of the law.

"If there's going to be a type of felon that you have a chance to rehabilitate, it's going to be nonviolent offenders, and the best way to handle those is by community corrections in their particular locale," he said.

Community probation departments are the "backbone" of the system, Place said. The state jail facilities themselves are designed to provide programs and a space for those who break terms of probation, he said.

The system, which began in 1994, was meant to free up more expensive prison space by reclassifying some crimes as state jail felonies. The program included construction of regional jails and an emphasis on probation and rehabilitation for nonviolent offenders.

But there were concerns over the program, including a provision for automatic probation for repeat offenders, and it hasn't been used as much as envisioned.

Of 16,052 bed spaces in nine state jail units opened so far, just 1,618 were occupied by people convicted of state jail felonies as of Friday.

Lawmakers last year made changes, including elimination of automatic probation for repeat offenders, that took effect Jan. 1.

Other changes allow people with two prior state jail felonies to be sentenced to prison and authorize judges to put someone on probation under the state jail felony law for up to 10 years, double the original time.

The changes likely will mean state jails will be used more, Place said. But he added, "The success of the program is not going to be gauged by the number of people who wind up in a state jail facility.

"The success of the program is that if it works properly ... those people if they're sentenced to probation initially are never going to make it to a state jail," Place said.

The program requires "a lot more effort from your probation departments and from your local judges" than sending an offender out of the community to the penitentiary, he added.

Wayne Scott, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said the agency is committed to making the program work.

Each state jail has "some level of academic training available now," Scott said. He said officials are looking at transferring resources from prisons holding inmates serving decades-long sentences to state jails, which hold short-term offenders.

Resources include educational and vocational programs "that can help these people get ready to go back into the free world in a short period of time and be productive and not come back," he said.

"The key to making a significant impact on recidivism is treating offenders in community based corrections settings. I think you'll have more impact there than you will in any other setting that we know of today," Scott said.

The officials' comments came on the heels of a report showing 48 percent of the inmates released from state prisons in 1991 committed new crimes within three years.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Tremor is no threat to health

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 71-year-old female. A neurologist diagnosed my occasional headshaking as essential tremor. He said the cause is unknown. Can you give me some information on this condition?

DEAR READER: The cause of benign essential tremor is, as you were told, unknown, but this annoyance will not affect health. The disorder, which customarily begins in childhood, is hereditary and causes a slow shaking of the hands, head and voice that may be absent at rest and intensified by performing skilled acts. Stress and anxiety can also worsen it. The condition tends to become more noticeable with age.

Ordinarily, no treatment is necessary. You can safely disregard the tremor.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son was diagnosed as having alopecia, a stress disorder where one loses all his hair. Can you explain this disorder and what can be done to regain a healthy head of hair?

DEAR READER: Alopecia simply means hair loss for whatever reason. In rare instances, hair loss can result from stress, although by far the most common causes are hereditary baldness and skin diseases (such as eczema or psoriasis) of the scalp.

Many people with alopecia can be helped by using Rogaine, a prescription compound that is applied to the scalp and promotes hair growth. In my opinion, your son should be examined by a dermatologist. As a general rule, stress alopecia is not permanent; with time, new hair grows in.

Nonetheless, the specialist will be able to advise your son about potential therapy.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a television show, the heroine starts acting strangely. She has suddenly lost her memory and has amnesia. Is it really that easy to suddenly lose your memory?

DEAR READER: Amnesia has many causes, ranging from head injury to stroke. Emotional shock can also cause a person to lose memory.

In literature, sudden memory loss is a facile gimmick to aid the plot. In most instances, there is little, if any, medical justification for the sudden, unexpected amnesia.

This event merely works well for the author, who can then develop a story line based on the beautiful but confused heroine. Her dark, unremembered past then becomes an odyssey upon which the tale hangs.

Most bona fide cases of amnesia result from a catastrophic event that is easily identified and usually produces other health problems, such as paralysis or coma.

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Soy pact probed

HOUSTON (AP) — An investigation has been launched into the state prison system's contract with a Canadian company to promote soy-based foods in prison.

The inquiry began after authorities learned that Patrick H. Graham, arrested last week in Houston on charges of plotting to help a convicted murder escape had business cards identifying himself as a representative of the company, VitaPro Foods Inc., of Montreal.

Sources told the Houston Chronicle that Graham's alleged connection to VitaPro caught members of the Board of Criminal Justice by surprise. Board chairman Allan Polunsky ordered the investigation, the newspaper reported.

"They are looking into the who, what, where and why," one source said. "Their interest has been piqued."

Board member John Ward of Gatesville would not confirm or deny the investigation but said, "We're committed to getting to the bottom of Patrick Graham's claims, whatever they may be. I don't know if Patrick Graham is involved in VitaPro or not."

VitaPro President Yank Barry said Graham, a private prison developer, was not a licensed broker for the company but had solicited business for VitaPro in Louisiana. He also said he never authorized business cards for Graham.

"He placed two small orders for which he was paid a commission," Barry said.

Ward said he never heard Graham's name mentioned when the Department of Criminal Justice was negotiating its agreement with VitaPro about a year ago.

The agency agreed to buy soy-based substitutes for meat for use in Texas prisons and to market, package and distribute the company's product to prisons in other states.

The idea was to help defray prison operating costs, and initial projections indicated the state could make $4 million the first year. Agency spokesman Glen Castlebury said he wasn't sure how much soy product the prison system has sold but called it "fairly insignificant."

"We've not been real aggressive on that. We don't have any out-of-state salesmen," he said.

Castlebury said he knew nothing of an internal affairs investigation into VitaPro and said Graham had nothing to do with Texas' negotiations with the company.

Graham, 45, was arrested in the parking lot of a Houston restaurant on Thursday.

Study: low-fat diet might reduce absorption of lead

CHICAGO (AP) — Children exposed to lead will absorb less of it if they eat less fat, a new study suggests.

Certain nutrients have long been known to affect the rate at which the body takes up lead, a toxic metal that can retard youngsters' development, lower their IQs and damage their hearing.

Children can be exposed through dust, dirt and drinking water. Toys and houses painted before 1975 — the last year lead-based paint was used — can be sources. Water can be contaminated if it flows through lead pipes. Children may eat paint flakes or inhale or lick lead dust, which tastes sweet.

Poor children are most likely to be exposed.

Dietary calcium and iron are known to block lead absorption, but the effects of many other nutrients have not been explored.

In a study of 296 inner-city preschoolers, 9 months to 3 years old, the researchers found that those with high levels of fat in their diet were more likely to have dangerous levels of lead in their blood.

The researchers said if further study supports their findings, it "would further strengthen the recommendation of a low-fat diet as a healthy one for children."

Federal health officials recommend no restriction on fats for children under 2 because it might harm their growth.

The research was led by Susan R. Lucas of the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. The findings are reported in the January issue of the journal Pediatrics, published by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Berry's World

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 11, 1996

Your chart indicates that in the year ahead you might start weeding out a few unproductive relationships. These will be replaced by new associations that offer greater possibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, for the sake of your image, don't exaggerate your accomplishments even if the people around you are doing the same thing. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In regard to an important matter today, it will be imperative to grasp the big picture. Pay attention to details, but do not exclude other information.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Money-making ideas used by a successful friend may not work as well for you today because you will lack his or her expertise. Do not gamble.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The allegiance you expect from an associate might go to your opposition today. His or her positions will be more compatible with the competition.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Those who labor at your side will not cover for you today. Do not wander away from your work. You must remember your responsibilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone you think is wild about you does like you, but not to that extent. It will be best not to boast that you have him or her wrapped around your little finger.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you entertain at your place today, don't overindulge your guest with too much food or booze. Remember that they still have to drive home safely.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You would be wise at this time to take your assignments as seriously as your boss does, or else he or she may question your value to the organization.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not treat your monthly budget as merely scribbling on a scrap of paper. You could regret your actions later if you have a financial shortfall.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today try to avoid getting involved with a person who makes big promises, but seldom keeps them. This individual is still looking for gullible people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You must guard against the tendency to underestimate your adversaries in commercial, social or political situations today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not hang your hopes for happiness on the acquisition of material goods. Life's true offerings are priceless intangibles like loving and being loved.

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Date Book

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Today is the 10th day of 1996 and the 20th day of winter.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1920, the League of Nations came into existence. Though U.S. president Woodrow Wilson played a key role in the organization's formation, congressional opposition to membership prevented the United States from joining.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ethan Allen (1739-1789), patriot; George Washington Carver (1864-1943), inventor-educator; Robinson Jeffers (1887-1962), poet; Ray Bolger (1904-1987), dancer-singer; Sherrill Milnes (1935-), operatic baritone, is 61; Willie McCovey (1938-), baseball great, is 58; Rod Stewart (1945-), singer, is 51; George Foreman (1949-), boxer-actor, is 47; Pat Benatar (1953-), singer, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, Dennis Green was hired by the Minnesota Vikings, becoming the NFL's second black head coach.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If the League of Nations means that we will have to go to war every time a Jugoslav wishes to slap a Czecho-slav in the face, then I won't follow them." — Theodore Roosevelt, 1918

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1989, Utah recorded its first documented tornado when a twister touched down in the town of Sandy.

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

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

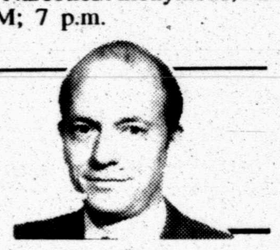
Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♥A 9 7 4
♦8 5 2
♣Q 10 4 2

WEST	EAST
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♥8 2	♥Q J 10 3
♦7	♦A Q 3
♣J 8 6 5	♣9

SOUTH
♠
♥K 6 5
♦K J 10 9 6 4
♣A K 7 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♦	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Dbl.	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠K

The odds hold up

By Phillip Alder

When a declarer makes an unusual and successful play in a suit, even though he had the percentages in his favor, we hear about it. And sometimes the play has so much appeal that it wins a prize. Frenchman Philippe Cronier won the award for the best declarer-play of 1995 from the International Bridge Press Association for this performance.

Cronier's double showed short spades and a willingness to bid higher. North, Maurice Salama, offered a choice of contracts via four no-trump. Cronier went with his long suit.

Cronier ruffed the opening spade-king lead, played a heart to dummy's ace and called for the diamond eight. East rose with the ace and returned the heart queen. After winning with the king, Cronier exited with his last heart. East won with the 10 and continued with the heart jack, ruffed by South. West discarded two spades on these tricks.

Cronier paused to take stock. The trump position was clear (unless West had made a strange play of the diamond seven from the doubleton seven-three). West was marked with six spades from his two-spade weak jump overcall. And West was known to have started with two hearts. This meant that West had four clubs.

As East was four times more likely to have a low club than the singleton jack, Cronier immediately played a club to dummy's 10 — a first-round finesse against the jack despite holding all the other honors! When it held, Cronier led a diamond to his jack, cashed the diamond king and claimed.

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Indictments unsealed in 'Gun Barrel'

GUN BARREL CITY (AP) — Indictments against the city administrator and three council members were unsealed Tuesday following months of political infighting that has virtually frozen local government.

City Administrator Allan Taylor was charged with making a false report to former Police Chief Tommy Smith alleging he was assaulted by Mayor Joe Agnes. He also was indicted for allegedly rationalizing a pay cut for Smith — whom he later fired — because his department had not written enough traffic tickets.

District Attorney Donna Bennett has asked the Texas Attorney General's Office to rule whether the traffic ticket indictment is a felony or misdemeanor. The indictment alleges a violation of a prohibition against the setting of traffic ticket quota systems.

Three of the five City Council members considered Taylor's allies — B.J. Simmons, Emogene DeFord and W.C. "Bill" Brooke — were indicted for violating the Texas Open Meetings Law several times.

The rest of the charges, handed up by a Henderson County grand jury, are misdemeanors.

Attack on Dole could hurt the GOP

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — To Bob Dole's campaign, carping GOP rivals are "a bunch of kids playing under the dining room table." But the constant portrayal of him as a November loser is playing into Democratic hands.

Some Republicans dismiss the bad table manners as standard rough-and-tumble primary politics. They say strident attacks on the GOP front-runner will have little impact on the nomination.

But the attacks go beyond the usual intraparty thrusts of who is the more conservative or who wants to cut taxes the most.

The daily hits are corrosive and go to the very heart of Dole's qualifications. And they give voice to reservations that many voters may harbor towards the 72-year-old candidate.

Some examples:

—"People are focusing on whether Bob Dole can beat Bill Clinton and whether Bob Dole should be the first president of the next century. ... He is not the right man," former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, campaigning in New Hampshire.

—"Bob Dole lost his nerve. ... This is not the time to start straddling," Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, at a weekend campaign rally, hitting Dole for a budget compromise with the White House.

—"Bob Dole ... has managed to change the last hurrah of Bill Clinton into night of the living dead ... a Republican leadership (without) the guts to stand for what we really believe in," former talk-show host Alan Keyes, in a debate in South Carolina last Saturday.

—"Clinton held firm (on the budget) and Dole moved toward him. That's not leadership," former commentator Pat Buchanan, on CNN's "Larry King Weekend."

"This is the kind of footage that will show up in the general election campaigning on the Democratic side," said Larry Sabato, a political scientist at the University of Virginia. "The Republican candidates are saying the things that Clinton might like to say, but which might appear mean. So the Democrats can simply quote the Republicans, it's an old technique and it frequently works."

Nixon commercials against 1972 Democratic contender George McGovern used attacks on McGovern by Democrat Hubert Humphrey.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's spirited effort to steal the Democratic nomination from President Carter in 1980 helped speed Carter's demise. Some of Kennedy's criticism found its way into Reagan ads.

George Bush's 1988 New Hampshire depiction of Dole as "Senator Straddle" has been revived by Gramm — and may become a factor in the general election.

Dole retains a dominant GOP lead. But many Republicans remain less than enthusiastic about him.

The repeated depiction of him by other Republicans as a relic of another era and one unable to beat Clinton must be a nightmare for Dole campaign aides.

"It's something Dole will have to overcome, frankly — his age and the perception that he's a Washington insider," said Stuart Rothenberg, who publishes a political newsletter. "Older people tend to be skeptical of older candidates anyway. That's a problem Republicans already have with Medicare and senior citizens."

While Dole's numbers have risen in recent polls, perhaps in response to his budget role, most polls show he still trails Clinton in a head-to-head contest.

After Saturday's presidential debate in Columbia, S.C., which Dole passed up, his campaign spokesman Nelson Warfield said Dole rivals "acted like a bunch of kids playing under the dining room table while the adults dealt with serious matters."

Michael Baselice, a GOP pollster in Houston, said the chipping away at Dole "gives us a preview" of Democratic attacks to come. But he said GOP assaults on Dole "are not as damaging as when the candidate himself says something that the Democrats can hit on."

He said the Republicans would pull together once the nomination is nailed down. But the discordant melody may linger on, long after the GOP primary song is ended.

Particularly damaging are some of the remarks of Alexander, even though the former Education secretary isn't known for bomb throwing.

"We need to bring ourselves to say as Republicans to Senator Dole: With respect, we appreciate your long service in the Senate, but you are not the right man to be in that debate next October with Bill Clinton," Alexander said in the South Carolina debate.

The remark provoked much general applause, even though many Dole supporters were in the room.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Tom Raum covers the White House and national politics for The Associated Press.

Comatose woman is rape victim

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — A woman comatose since a 1985 car crash was raped at a nursing home and is five months pregnant, her family's lawyer said Tuesday. The family wants her to give birth, a source said.

The 29-year-old woman, a quadriplegic whose identity was withheld, occasionally opens her eyes and make guttural sounds but does not communicate verbally, said the lawyer, John Parrinello.

As to whether she is conscious of her surroundings, "I don't know if anybody will ever reach that conclusion," Parrinello said.

She was moved last February to Westfall Healthcare Center, which houses about 65 people with severe physical injuries or behavioral problems as well as about 80 elderly.

Her pregnancy was discovered in recent weeks, and the woman was transferred Monday to Strong Memorial Hospital, where she has been under the care of a high-risk pregnancy team.

"The family wants her to have the baby," said a state government source speaking on condition of anonymity.

Police said several employees were being investigated for the rape of the woman sometime last August.

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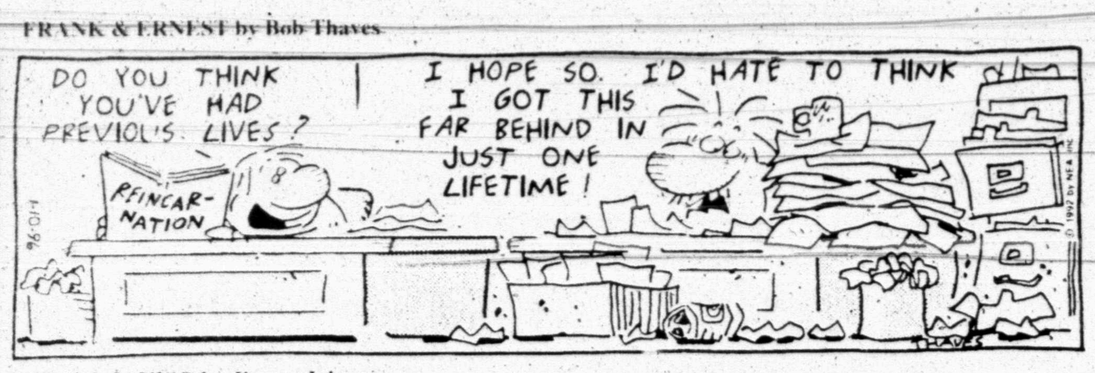

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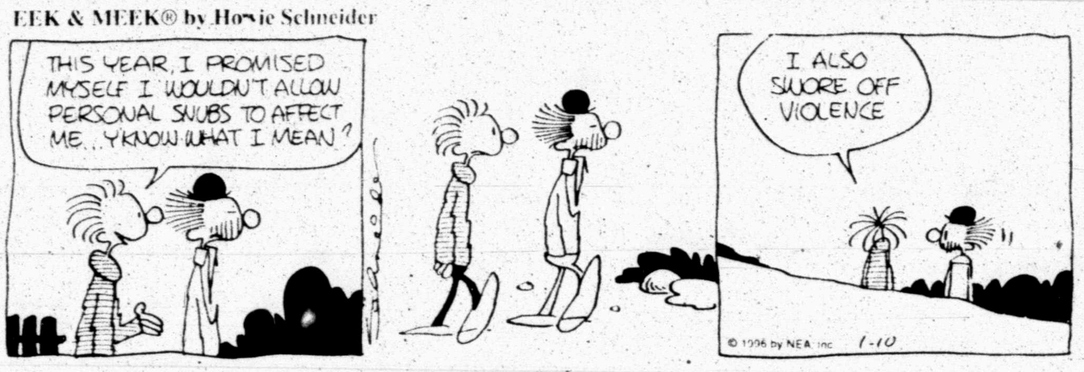

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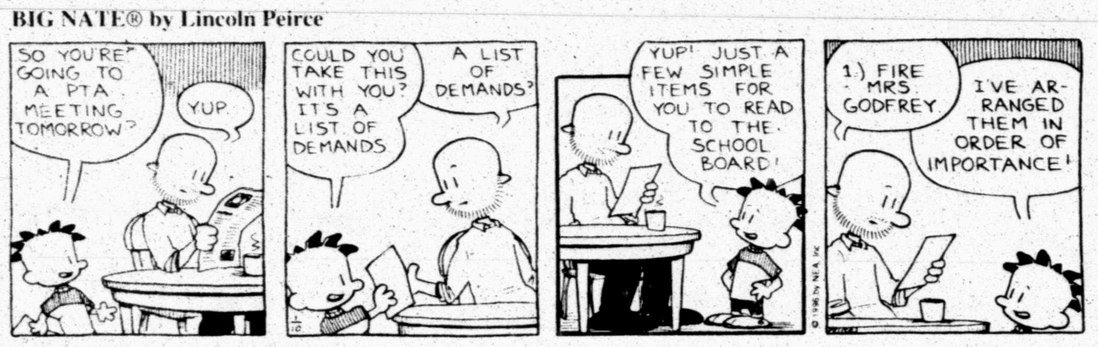

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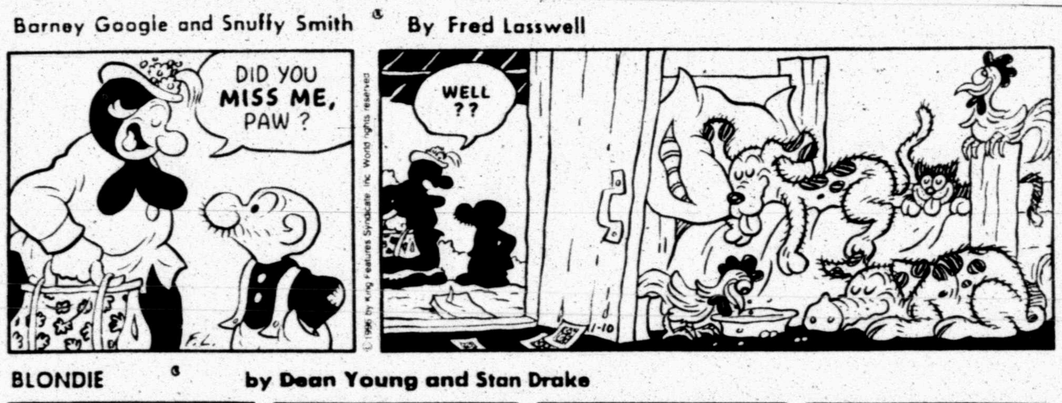

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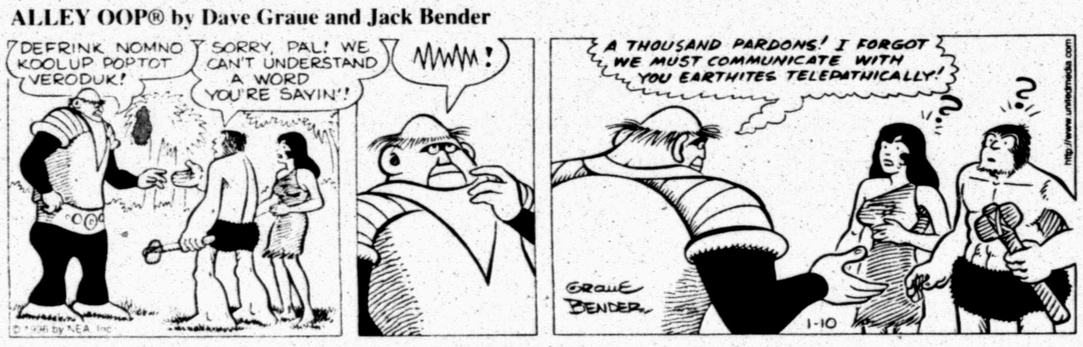

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17 Author Gardner
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22 Baking pit
24 Printer's measures
25 Stir
29 Heavy books
33 Listening device?
34 Neck part
36 Bare
37 Leave out
39 Deer
41 Mouth part
42 Of the nose
44 Ring
46 I think, therefore — —
48 —, a deer ...
49 Pains
53 Skater — Fleming
57 Cave (poet.)
58 Coarse hominy
60 — de cologne
61 Pit
62 — terrier
63 Shade tree
64 Diary of — — Housewife
65 Calendar period
66 N. Z. parrot

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1 Finnish first name
2 Got older
3 One of Hamlet's choices (2 wds.)
4 Relative
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7 Newspaper edition
8 Part of ship's hull
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26 Explorer Vasco da —
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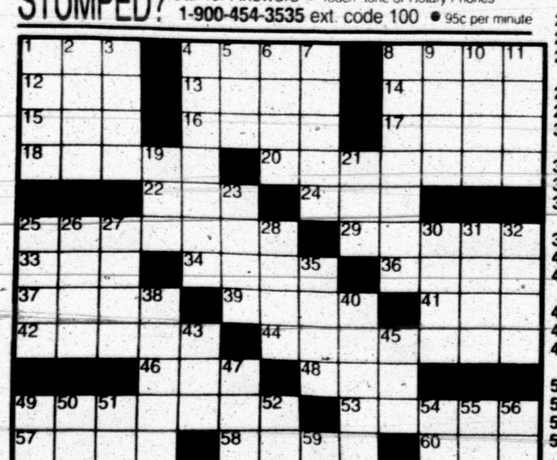

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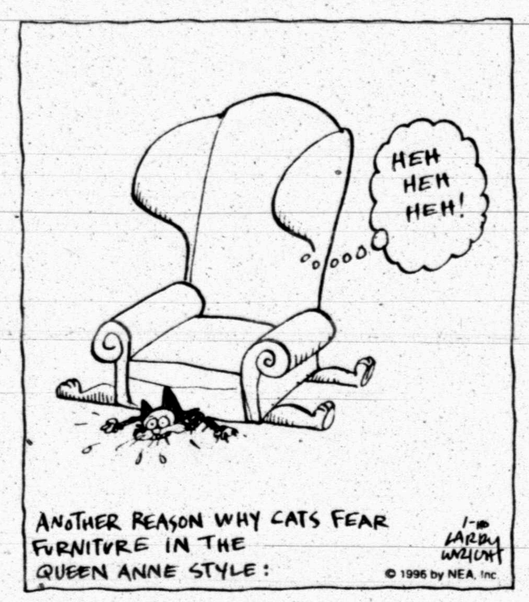

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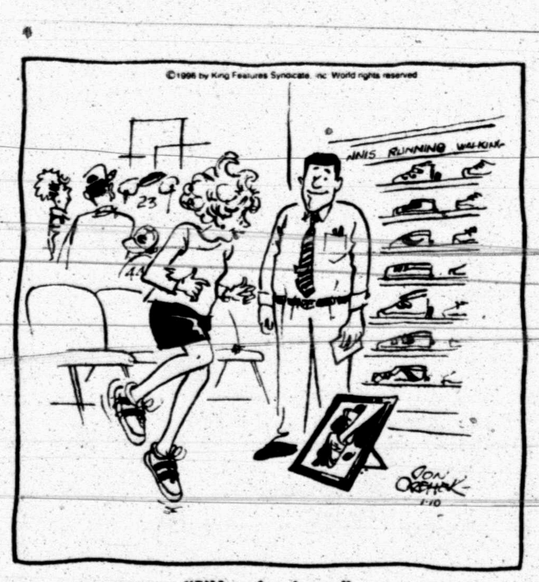

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SPORTS

WTC drops WJCAA game to Phillips

BORGER—The Lady Westerners from Western Texas College were defeated in their first outing of the new year by Frank Phillips here Tuesday, 85-77.

Katrina Turner and Stacy Hinson led the way for the Lady Westerners. Turner had 19 points and Hinson 17. Also scoring in double figures were April Reves with 12 and Shanna Gathwright 11.

Frank Phillips took a 39-34 lead at the intermission. Despite WTC scoring 43 second half points, Frank Phillips scored 46 to take the win.

WTC goes to 1-5 in conference play, 6-11 for the season.

The Lady Westerners will face Midland Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Scurry County Coliseum.

FRANK PHILLIPS 85, WESTERN TEXAS 77

Western Texas: Smith 3 3-10 9, Hinson 3 5-5 17, Jeffrey 1 0-0 2, Brooks 1 3-4 5, Gathright 4 3-4 11, Reves 0 0-0 12, Turner 3 1-2 19, Schaffer 0 1-2 1, Davis 0 1-2 1, Totals 15 17-29 77.

Frank Phillips: Herchock 0 5-7 11, Louison 4 3-4 11, Murphy 2 2-2 9, Taylor 12 5-7 29, Crutcher 0 1-2 1, Kruber 4 4-4 12, Johnson 4 4-4 12, Totals 26 24-30 85.

3-Point goals: Western Texas 10 (Hinson 2, Reves 4, Turner 4), Frank Phillips 3 (Herchock 2, Murphy). Records: WTC 6-11, 1-5.

WOMEN'S NJCAA TOP 20

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 9 and total points:

	Record	Pts
1.GraysonCounty,Texas(5)	15-0-0	125
2.ConnorsState,Okla.	12-1-0	119
3.HowardCollege,Texas	13-0-0	114
4.Louisburg,N.C.	12-1-0	102
5.Westark,Ark.	9-1-0	101
6.JohnA.Logan,Ill.	14-0-0	95
7.TrinityValley,Texas	11-3-0	90
8.Pensacola,Fla.	13-2-0	87
9.Midland,Texas	13-1-0	79
10.Yavapai,Ariz.	15-1-0	78
11.Independence,Kan.	10-1-0	75
12.CentralFlorida	13-2-0	71
13.WesternNebraska	10-1-0	68
14.Okaloosa-Walton,Fla.	12-1-0	64
15.NortheasternOklahomaA&M	10-2-0	54
16.SouthPlains,Texas	13-3-0	52
17.VincennesUniversity,Ind.	12-1-0	49
18.BellevilleArea,Ill.	13-1-0	44
19.CollegeofEasternUtah	13-3-0	36
20.Coahoma,Miss.	9-1-0	32

Borden County better than Ira

Ira High School basketball teams lost two games to Borden County Tuesday night.

The Lady Bulldogs were defeated by the always tough Lady Coyotes, 56-38.

Melissa Brasuel was high point for Ira with 13. Ira's record goes to 12-4 for season.

The Bulldogs were on the short end of an 82-32 score.

Judd Rogers was high point for Ira with eight.

Next action for the teams will be Friday at Rule.

GIRLS

BORDEN COUNTY 56, IRA 38

Borden County	14	10	16	16 — 56
Ira	9	9	7	13 — 38

Borden County: Lawrence 18, Armstrong 8, Merritt 8, Brumett 8, Hensley 6, Kemp 4, Isaacs 2, Smith 2.

Ira: Brasuel 13, Robinson 9, Rankin 9, Chance 7.

BOYS

BORDEN COUNTY 82, IRA 32

Borden County	17	24	17	24 — 82
Ira	10	3	8	11 — 32

Borden County: Dennis 27, Stout 14, McCook 14, O.Baeza 10, Key 9, F. Baeza 8.

Ira: Rogers 8, Mathis 7, Collom 6, Sterling 6, Howard 3, Strong 2.

TWO OF 40—The Snyder Lady Tigers came away with their first district win of the year Tuesday night behind a 40-point effort from Erica Garvin (53). Snyder defeated Estacado, 53-50, in a come-from-behind performance. Also shown for Snyder is Jina Miller (31) and Brook McGuire (21). (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

Erica Garvin has 40...

Lady Tigers take three point win over Estacado

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

Not since Sheryl Swoopes scored 53 points in the title game of the Southwest Conference tournament in 1993 for Texas Tech has one player dominated a game as did Snyder's Erica Garvin Tuesday night. Even former Lady Raider and current Estacado assistant coach Tabitha Truesdale would have to agree.

Garvin scored the Lady Tigers first 16 points on her way to a career high 40 points as the Lady Tigers came from behind to take a 53-50 victory over Estacado in District 5-4A action.

The most crucial points for Garvin came with 18.7 seconds left in the game. Garvin made a lay-up and was fouled, sending her to the free-throw line with a chance to make the go-ahead free throw. With the score tied at 50, Garvin calmly sank the charity shot and sent the Snyder High School gym into pandemonium.

Estacado did manage to get off a shot that was short, but the Lady Tigers came away with the basketball and got it out to a wide open Jina Miller who made an uncontested lay-up with 3.5 seconds to play to give the Lady Tigers the three-point win.

The Lady Tigers were ahead most of the first quarter, but Estacado hit a three-pointer as the buzzer sounded to tie the score at 14 after one period. Estacado outscored Snyder 16-9 in the second quarter to take a seven point halftime lead, 30-23.

In the third quarter, Estacado continued to outscore the Lady Tigers and took a 45-34 lead into the final period of play.

With 6:37 left in the game, Estacado had jumped out to a 13-point lead, 47-34, but the Lady Tigers came roaring back.

Trish McGrew hit a three-point shot and Melanie Kidd added a jumper to make it 48-39 Estacado, with 4:20 left. Garvin then hit 12 points in-a-row before Miller's final bucket.

The Lady Tigers outscored the Lady Matadors 19-5 in the fourth quarter.

Garvin scored 14 points in the first quarter, seven in the second and third each and 12 in the final period. She hit 15 of 26 from the field and was three of six from three-point territory.

The Lady Tigers will continue their district march Friday night in Sweetwater at 6:30 p.m. Snyder now goes to 1-1 in district play, 10-11 for the season.

In other district action from Tuesday night, Frenship upset Levelland in overtime, 49-46 and Sweetwater defeated Lamesa, 37-36.

SNYDER 53, ESTACADO 50

Estacado	14	16	15	5 — 50
Snyder	14	9	11	19 — 53

Estacado: Benson 3 2-2 14, Dickson 3 3-5 9, D. Johnson 0 7-10 7, Robinson 2 1-1 5, Hernandez 1 2-2 4, Ross 3 0-0 6, White 1 0-0 5, Totals 13 15-20 50.

Snyder: McGrew 0 0-0 3, Miller 1 0-3 2, Kidd 3 0-1 6, Hess 1 0-0 2, Garvin 12 7-11 40, White 0 0-2 0, Totals 17 7-15 53.

3-Point goals: Estacado 3 (Benson 2, White), Snyder 4 (McGrew, Garvin 3). Records: Estacado 5-15, 0-2; Snyder 10-11, 1-1.

DISTRICT 5-4A STANDINGS

WOMEN

	District			Season		
Team	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Frenship	2	0	1.000	15	6	.714
Levelland	1	1	.500	16	5	.761
Sweetwater	1	1	.500	13	11	.541
Lamesa	1	1	.500	10	9	.526
Snyder	1	1	.500	10	11	.476
Estacado	0	2	.000	5	15	.250

Friday's games: Levelland 58, Snyder 18; Frenship 52, Sweetwater 36; Lamesa 68, Estacado 66 (OT).

Tuesday's games: Snyder 53, Estacado 50; Frenship 49, Levelland 46 (OT); Sweetwater 37, Lamesa 36.

NBA AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
National Basketball Association
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	26	7	.788	—
NewYork	21	10	.677	4
Miami	16	15	.516	9
Washington	16	16	.500	9½
Boston	13	19	.406	12½
NewJersey	12	19	.387	13
Philadelphia	6	24	.200	18½
Central Division				
Chicago	28	3	.903	—
Indiana	19	13	.594	9½
Cleveland	18	13	.581	10
Detroit	16	15	.516	12
Charlotte	16	17	.485	13
Atlanta	15	17	.469	13½
Milwaukee	12	20	.375	16½
Toronto	9	24	.273	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	24	10	.706	—
SanAntonio	21	9	.700	1
Utah	22	11	.667	1½
Denver	14	19	.424	9½
Dallas	9	23	.281	14
Minnesota	8	24	.250	15
Vancouver	6	27	.182	17½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	23	9	.719	—
Sacramento	19	10	.655	2½
L.A.Lakers	18	17	.514	6½
GoldenState	15	18	.455	8½
Portland	15	18	.455	8½
Phoenix	13	17	.433	9
L.A.Clippers	14	20	.412	10

Monday's Games

Orlando at Philadelphia, ppd., snow
Cleveland 109, Washington 91
Utah 94, Miami 92

Tuesday's Games

Charlotte 92, Toronto 91
New York 98, Boston 93
Orlando 92, New Jersey 84
Atlanta 104, Sacramento 88
San Antonio 88, Houston 82
Seattle 97, Milwaukee 92
Indiana 91, Dallas 84
L.A. Clippers 105, Phoenix 100
L.A. Lakers 106, Minnesota 104
Golden State 109, Vancouver 103

Wednesday's Games

Sacramento at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Portland, 10 p.m.
Denver at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Title game new area for surging Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers will be on familiar ground Sunday for the NFC Championship against the Dallas Cowboys, having lost five times at Texas Stadium since 1993.

And yet, this is all so new.

Whereas the Cowboys are making their fourth straight final four appearance, the Packers are playing in their first NFC title game since beating the Cowboys in the fabled "Ice Bowl" in 1967.

Only nine players on the Packers' 53-man roster have played in a conference championship, and only five of those were starters at the time: linebacker Fred Strickland with the Rams in 1989, quarterback Jim McMahon with Chicago in '85 and '89, receiver Mark Ingram with the New York Giants in 1990, and guard Harry Galbreath and tight end Keith Jackson with Miami in 1992.

"There's something you have to talk about and deal with there," said Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren, who has led the Packers (13-5) to four straight winning seasons for the first time since the Vince Lombardi era.

"I wouldn't call it a problem. But it is something that is on my checklist to cover because there was such a euphoric state after the win" over defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco Saturday, Holmgren said. "But a couple of the guys recognized the fact that there is still the possibility of a couple more ballgames."

The Packers have won eight of their last nine. On Christmas Eve, they won their first NFC Central title in 23 years by beating the Pittsburgh Steelers, the team favored to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl.

After manhandling the Atlanta Falcons 37-20 in the wild-card round, the Packers stunned San Francisco, the team most people thought the Steelers would see in Tempe, Ariz., on Jan. 28. That run has given the Packers the feeling that this is their year, even if they're not as talented as the Cowboys.

"We can taste it," said flanker Robert Brooks, who broke Sterling Sharpe's team record with 1,497 receiving yards. "I mean, I can feel it. I don't know if you guys can feel it, but I can feel it."

Brooks said Saturday's 27-17 thumping of the 49ers instilled a confidence the Packers lacked in previous trips to Texas.

"Now we know how good we are," Brooks said.

"If we execute, don't turn the ball over, we're tough to beat," split end Anthony Morgan said.

Johnson says Dolphins must have more help

MIAMI (AP) — Jimmy Johnson wants NFL record-setting quarterback Dan Marino to stay right where he is if Johnson decides to coach the Miami Dolphins. But Johnson warns that teams can get too dependent on a superstar like the Dolphins' signal caller.

"I think Dan Marino is a great player, and I think that's a plus," Johnson told the Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale for today's editions. He indicated he wouldn't plan to trade Marino, a sure bet for the Hall of Fame.

"When you have a player of Dan Marino's caliber, you sometimes fall into a trap of letting him try to win the game for you all the time," Johnson said. "You have to have a winning football team. My experience is that you have to have the special teams and defense to be a good team.

"That's how I felt about Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith in Dallas. They're great players. But if they're out, you have to be good enough to win anyways."

Johnson says the Dolphins' problem with dissension "without question, has to be dealt with."

"I wouldn't anticipate that being a problem," Johnson said Tuesday from his home in the Keys.

The former coach of the Dallas Cowboys and Miami Hurricanes said he and Dolphins owner H. Wayne Huizenga had been in contact, would meet soon and would like to work something out this week. Huizenga reportedly had the flu Tuesday.

Johnson will be in Dallas this weekend as an analyst for Fox television at the NFC Championship Game between Green Bay and the Cowboys, his former team.

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BellSouth s	42⅜	42⅛	42⅛	— ⅛
BethSteel	14⅜	14⅛	14⅛	— ⅛
BritPet	100¼	100¼	100¼	—1⅛
BurlNoSFe	75⅛	75⅛	75⅛	+ ⅛
Caterpillar	59¼	59	59¼	+ ⅜
CenSoWst	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛	— ⅛
Chevron	55	54¼	54⅜	— ⅜
Chrysler	53⅛	52⅞	53⅛	+ ⅛
Coastal	37⅛	36⅜	36¾	— ⅜
CocaCola	73⅛	73⅛	73⅜	— ⅛
ColgatePalm	70½	69¾	69¾	—2
ComclMetals	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	— ⅛
CooperIn	36⅛	36⅛	36⅛	— ⅛
CyprusAmax	26	25	25⅛	— ⅛
DallSemicn		18¼	17⅞	18
DeltaAirl	71	70⅝	71	—1
DigitalEq	57⅛	54⅜	56½	+1⅛
Dillard	29⅜	29⅛	29⅛	— ⅛
DowChem	72⅛	71⅛	71⅛	— ⅛
DresserInd	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	— ⅛
DuPont	73	72	72⅛	—1⅛
EastmanChem	63⅛	62⅛	62⅛	—1
EstKodak	67⅛	67⅛	67⅛	— ⅛
EljerInd	9	8⅛	8⅛	— ⅛
Enserch	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	— ⅛
Entergy		29⅛	29⅛	29⅛
Exxon	82⅛	81⅛	82	— ⅜
FstBksAm s	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛	+ ⅛
Flowers s		12⅛	12⅛	12⅛
FordMotor	28	27⅛	27⅛	— ⅛
GTE Cp	44⅛	43⅛	43⅜	— ⅛
GenDynam	60⅜	59⅛	59⅜	— ⅛
GenElec	71⅛	71⅛	71⅛	—1
GenMills	54⅛	53⅛	53⅜	— ⅛
GenMotors	49⅞	49	49⅛	— ⅛
GenMotors E	51⅛	50	50½	—1⅛
GaPacif	69⅛	68⅛	68⅜	—1⅛
GlobalMar	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	— ⅛
Goodrich		68¼	68⅛	68⅛
Goodyear s	43⅜	43⅛	43⅜	— ⅛
GtAtlPac	21⅛	21	21	— ⅛
Haliburtn	47⅞	46⅝	47½	+ ⅛
Hanson ADS		16	15⅞	15⅞
HarteHanks s	23⅛	22⅞	22⅞	— ⅛
HoustonInd s	25⅛	25	25⅛	— ⅛
IBM	88⅛	86⅛	88⅛	+1⅛
IntlPapers	38⅛	37½	37⅝	— ⅛
JohnsnJns	87⅞	86⅛	86½	—1⅛
K mart	7⅞	7⅞	7⅞	— ⅛
Kroger	36⅞	36⅛	36⅛	+ ⅛
Litton	48⅛	47⅞	47⅞	— ⅛
Lowes Cos	30⅛	29⅞	30	— ⅛
Lubys	22⅛	22⅛	22⅜	— ⅛
MayDeptStrs	45	44⅛	44⅜	— ⅛
Medtronics	49½	44½	46⅛	—3
Mobil	114⅜	113⅜	114	— ⅜
Monsanto	124⅛	123	123⅛	—1⅛
Motorola	50⅞	45	50⅛	+4⅛
Nationsbk	66⅛	65⅜	65⅝	— ⅛
Navistar	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛	— ⅛
NoramEngy	8⅛	8½	8⅛	— ⅛
Norwest	32⅛	31⅞	31⅞	— ⅛
Nynex	52⅛	52	52⅛	— ⅛
OryxEngy	13⅛	13⅛	13⅜	— ⅛
PacTelesis	34⅛	33⅞	33⅞	— ⅛
PanhECp	27⅜	26⅞	27⅛	— ⅛
Penney JC	47	46⅞	46⅞	— ⅛
Penzoil	43	42⅛	42⅛	— ⅛
PepBoys	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	— ⅛
PepsiCo	54⅛	54⅛	54⅛	— ⅛
PhelpDodge	57⅞	57⅛	57⅞	+ ⅛
PhilipPet	34⅛	34	34	— ⅛
PilgrmPrd		6¼	6¼	6¼
Polaroid	48	47⅛	47⅞	— ⅛
Praxair	32⅛	31⅛	32	— ⅛
ProctGamble	87⅛	86⅞	87	— ⅛
PubSNwMx	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛	— ⅛
RoyalDutch	141⅛	141⅛	141⅛	—1⅛
SBC Comm	56⅛	56⅛	56⅛	— ⅛
SaraLee	31	30⅜	30⅜	— ⅜
SearsRoebs	42⅛	41⅞	42⅛	— ⅛
SherwinW	39⅜	39⅛	39⅛	+ ⅛
SmthBchADS	54⅛	53⅜	54	— ⅜
SmthBc eqt	54⅛	53⅛	53⅜	— ⅛
SouthernCo		25	24⅞	24⅞
SwstAirlines	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	— ⅛
Sprint	39⅛	39	39⅛	— ⅛
SterlingChm	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	— ⅛
SunCo	27⅞	27⅛	27⅛	+ ⅛
TNP Ent	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛	+ ⅛
Tandy	37	36	37	+ ⅛
TempInl	43⅛	42⅛	43	— ⅛
Tenneco	48⅛	48⅛	48⅛	— ⅛
Texaco	79⅛	78⅛	79⅛	— ⅛
TexasInd	53⅛	53	53	— ⅛
TexasInsts	46½	44½	46⅛	+1⅛
TexUtil	41⅛	41⅛	41⅛	— ⅛
Textron	72⅛	72⅛	72⅛	— ⅛
Travelers	58⅛	57⅞	58⅛	— ⅛
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UnPac	68⅛	68	68⅛	— ⅛
UnitedTech	93⅛	92⅛	93⅛	— ⅛
Unocal	29⅛	29⅛	29⅛	— ⅛
WalMart	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	— ⅛
WstnGasRs	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	— ⅛
WestghEl	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛	— ⅛
WinnDixie s	36½	36⅛	36½	+ ⅛
Woolworth	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛	— ⅛
XeroxCp	132¼	131	132¼	+ ⅜
ZenithE	6¼	6	6	— ⅛

Hospital

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CENSUS: 54 (Med., Surg.-14, Long-term Care-37, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

News Briefs

2 widows reach agreement

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Mortuaries are accustomed to dealing with grieving widows, but usually only one per funeral.

Two wives stepped forward when 38-year-old Michael Collins of Lincoln was killed in an alcohol-related traffic accident on New Year's Day. One lived in Lincoln and one in Homewood, Ill.

The Metcalf Funeral Home of Lincoln asked a judge to make a ruling, but the dispute was settled Tuesday when the two women reached an agreement, said Richard Spangler, the funeral home's attorney.

"They've asked me not to disclose just how it's been handled," Spangler said.

Both women and their families refused to discuss the matter.

"I think each felt that they were the surviving widow," Spangler said. "They wanted to do what they thought was the right thing."

The mystery of the two wives dates back to an Aug. 25, 1979, wedding in Chicago. Collins, then 22, exchanged vows with 18-year-old Darletta Clarissa Price in the Paradise Temple Church of God in Christ.

Then, on June 6, 1993, Collins married 36-year-old Yvonne Jones. The second marriage, which was performed in St. John's Baptist Church in Lincoln, was not questioned until Collins died.

Metcalf Funeral Home filed a petition for declaratory judgment on Jan. 4, after both wives demanded to take Collins' body to different cemeteries. Nebraska law gives the surviving spouse control over the body, the cost of burial and control of the estate.

Alzheimer's patient gets life

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — A man with Alzheimer's disease was sentenced to life in prison for killing a man who tried to turn around in his driveway.

T.J. Southerlin, 69, on Tuesday pleaded guilty to murder but mentally ill. He shot Marshall Lee Grayson, 53, who was going to a birthday party on July 16 when a fallen tree blocked the road and he had to turn around.

Alzheimer's, a degenerative disease of the brain, can cause aggression and is sometimes characterized by a tendency to "fly off the handle," clinical psychologist David Price testified.

Southerlin had called police earlier in the day about people turning around in his driveway.

After shooting Grayson with a rifle, Southerlin told police, "'Well, sooner or later it was going to be somebody,'" prosecutor Jimmy Brehm said.

"That man, he just had hatred in his heart that day," said Grayson's niece, Betty Jean Grayson.

Southerlin will be kept in a state hospital for the mentally ill until doctors say he can move to a state prison. He will be eligible for parole in 20 years.

2 years later, car back home

APPLE VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — It's dinged here and there and runs a bit rougher than before.

But more than two years and 30,000 miles after someone stole it from a Wal-Mart parking lot, the 1982 red Ford Mustang coupe rests again in the driveway of Harold and Marguerite Richardson.

"That car was spotless when they stole it," Richardson said Monday, looking at the red two-door coupe, now missing a hubcap. "I always kept it washed and waxed and clean."

The car turned up in Los Angeles last month, where someone took it to get a smog check. Apparently, the car's identification numbers raised questions and the California Highway Patrol traced the car to the Richardsons in Apple Valley, in San Bernardino County.

It wasn't immediately clear today whether anyone was arrested in the car's disappearance.

The saga of the missing Mustang began on Oct. 13, 1993, when the couple stopped at Wal-Mart in Victorville to pick up medicine, locked the car, and went inside.

When they returned a few minutes later, the car was gone.

"It's difficult to describe the feeling," said Richardson, a retired construction worker. "It's a feeling that's like being lost."

"The police told me, 'If it's a Mustang, don't ever expect to get it back,'" Marguerite Richardson said.

A year went by. The couple threw out the car keys and the papers, only holding onto the police report that would identify Marguerite as the owner.

Since the car was insured only for liability, the Richardsons were never compensated. Then, last month, the Richardsons were notified by mail that the car had been impounded in Los Angeles.

On Thursday, Richardson went to Los Angeles, shelled out $550 in towing and storage fees, and brought the Mustang home.

The odometer showed an extra 30,000 miles. The tires are the same. Inside the trunk was a spare tire, some greasy antifreeze jugs and a copy of the Spanish-language newspaper, La Opinion, dated Aug. 30, 1995.

Richardson said his wife will determine the fate of the wayward Mustang.

"When she gives me the word, I'll sell it," he said.

Births

Belinda Benitez and Victor M. Hall of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, LeAnn Michelle Benitez-Hall, born at 8:23 a.m. on Jan. 9 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed five pounds, 14½ ounces. Ms. Benitez has another child, Jonathan Benitez, three years old.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ygnacio Benitez of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wheeler of Vallejo, Calif. Paternal grandparents are Janet K. Hall of San Pablo, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Victor M. Hall Sr. of Sacramento, Calif.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. N.Y. Benitez and Mrs. Delfina Gonzales, all of Snyder. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Benny J. Pope of Richmond, Calif.

Kayla and Shawn Moreland of Snyder are parents of a son, Braydin Shawn, born at 1:41 p.m. on Jan. 6 in Lubbock Methodist Hospital. He weighed 10 pounds, one ounce, and was welcomed by a sister, Kylie Moreland.

Grandparents are Kathy Barton of O'Donnell, Wayne Key of Snyder, Brenda Crawford of Abilene and Ed Crawford of Hereford. Great-grandparents are Opal Key, Fred and Modez Murphy, Dawson and Ruth Moreland, all of Snyder, and J.C. and Mary Jackson of Elephant Butte, N.M.

Steve and Susan Key of Fluvanna announce the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Anne, born at 9:21 p.m. on Dec. 30, 1995, in Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Grandparents are Jimmy Joe and Delores Key of Lubbock and Thomas and Virginia Johnson of Dallas. Great-grandparents are Opal Key of Snyder and Bill and Sally Stubbs of Placitas N.M.

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WINNING LAMBS — Colton Long, left, and Tyler Frey showed the grand champion lamb and reserve grand champion lamb, respectively, during the recent Ira FFA Stock Show. (Contributed Photo)

BEST PIG — Katie Howard showed the grand champion pig during Ira FFA's recent stock show. (Contributed Photo)

RESERVE — Colter Brown exhibited the reserve grand champion pig recently during Ira FFA's stock show. (Contributed Photo)

BUCKLES — These Ira students received buckles during Ira FFA's Stock Show. From left, Jackie Beck, senior showmanship; Katie Howard, grand champion pig; Colton Long, grand champion lamb; and Tyler Frey, junior showmanship. (Contributed Photo)

Cabbage flower

The stinking corpse lily is the world's largest blooming flower. It grows in the deeply shaded forests of Borneo and other parts of southern Asia. Also known as the rafflesia arnoldi, it resembles the red cabbage. Its flowers weigh up to 15 pounds.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Common Heritage of Christians And Jews Is Cause for Kinship

DEAR ABBY: The Long Island woman who was devastated because her Jewish daughter indicated she may become Catholic should take comfort that Catholics are free to do whatever Jesus did. Jesus of Nazareth was a Jew who regularly went to synagogue and often led the services. He strictly observed the commandments and celebrated all the Jewish holidays. Any Catholic may go to temple, join the Hanukkah festivities, host or attend a Seder, etc.

In so doing, the Catholic is not "being Jewish." Catholics have not traditionally celebrated the Jewish holidays because for centuries Jews and Catholics saw one another as adversaries.

Today Jews and Catholics realize that they share the heritage of the Hebrew Scriptures and that they can best resist the rapid disappearance of all religion from public life by working in harmony. It is Catholic to celebrate the miracle of the temple lamp, and much more so to celebrate the time when Jews were saved by the body and blood of a lamb, a foreshadow of the Lamb whose body and blood redeemed us all.

When this woman's granddaughter asks her mother, "Why are we going to Grandma's for Passover if we're not Jewish?" the answer should be: "God calls us to honor our father and our mother; they celebrate Passover and we honor them by being with them on important occasions. Also, because we are celebrating the Passover as Jesus did each year of his incarnate life. Finally, because Jesus instituted the sacrament of Holy Communion at his last Passover Seder."

MARTY BARRACK, BURKE, VA.

DEAR MARTY: Thank you for an excellent letter. I was touched by the number of readers who reached out to help "Devastated in Long Island" come to terms with her daughter's decision. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to the Jewish mother who was devastated by the prospect of her daughter's conversion to Christianity, and therefore her granddaughter's religious upbringing. I'm a Christian and would love to be able to say I'm Jewish — but I can't.

Jewish history is Christian history. That's what the Old Testament is. I feel a kinship with Jews and study the same people: David, Judah, Moses, Noah, Daniel, etc. This is my heritage as well.

I would love to celebrate the Jewish holidays because I believe they are important. We should remember that God spared the firstborn of Israel when the Angel of Death passed over the homes whose doors were marked with the blood of the lamb.

This young granddaughter will be blessed to have the opportunity to learn her full religious heritage. To a Christian, Jesus is the Christ who fulfills all Jewish prophecy.

Where does that leave the grandparents and uncles who are committed to Judaism? Honored and loved, and just as much a part of her life as the other side of the family.

ENCOURAGED AND DELIGHTED IN KENTUCKY

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to address "Devastated in Long Island." I could have once called myself "Devastated in Boston" when my oldest son decided to marry a Jewish girl and convert to Judaism after being brought up in our very religious Catholic home. and never left our house in the evening without saying his morning offering and dedicating his entire day to God.)

However, my husband and I decided that our son was a grown man, entitled to worship God in whatever manner he pleased. My daughter-in-law is a wonderful wife, mother and daughter, devoted to her family. She and my son are compatible in almost every way.

Their children are being brought up in the Jewish religion. I am delighted my grandchildren are receiving religious instruction, because Christianity is based on Jewish law and religious concepts. So many little ones are not as fortunate.

To "Devastated in Long Island," I say: Let go and let God. You will never regret it.

HAPPY MOM WITH HAPPY FAMILY IN MASSACHUSETTS

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Enigmatic baron lives in historic hotel

PALERMO, Sicily (AP) — For half a century, Giuseppe Di Stefano has inhabited Suite 202 of the Sicily's most historic hotel, leading a life that exquisitely captures the flavor of this island of silent oaths and secret societies.

The mysterious baron never leaves his three-room suite at the Grand Hotel delle Palme. A barber comes every six weeks. Room service brings all his meals, and a maid tidies up each day. An administrator pays his rent. The reception desk turns away all requests for visits. The 89-year-old De Stefano's only companion is a 24-hour nurse.

This is the baron's existence as pieced together from those who know him. But why does he live this strange life?

The baron, you see, lives under a Mafia-imposed exile. Or so goes the story.

Hotel personnel know it well. Out one day on the grounds of his vast estate in Castelvetrano, Di Stefano came across a young trespasser and killed him. The young man's father, a mafioso, came to the baron with a death sentence. The baron pled for an alternative: permanent exile from Castelvetrano and from the world.

The tale is repeated by word of mouth and surfaces now and again in news stories. True or not?

"The myth of the baron is a mystery," said Enzo Caruso, the hotel's manager. "Sicilians like mysteries. They like to think that a man can live in the shadows."

Secrets represent knowledge, so the "more secrets he has, the more important the man is," Caruso explained.

Caruso acknowledges the publicity isn't bad for the hotel, though its history speaks for itself.

Composer Richard Wagner completed Parsifal here. Mob boss Lucky Luciano ate in its restaurant. French writer Raymond Roussel committed suicide in one of its rooms.

In September, Italian politician Giulio Andreotti, a seven-time former premier, stayed one floor down from Di Stefano for the opening of his trial on charges of association with the Mafia. Andreotti, the dean of postwar Italian politics, is accused of trading favors with mobsters, and even exchanging a kiss of respect with the boss of bosses.

Years ago, the baron used to appear for four-hour lunches in the gilt-and-mirror dining room with a few friends, wearing silk shirts, a scarf and a white linen jacket.

Man freed after 37 years in prison

ANGOLA, La. (AP) — Walking outside the prison gates for the first time in nearly 40 years, Moreese "Pop" Bickham picked up a handful of dirt and kissed it.

"I'm glad to see my friends on the outside, but I hate to leave my friends on the inside," the 78-year-old inmate said after being released from the Louisiana State Penitentiary early this morning.

Bickham was convicted in 1958 in the shooting deaths of two white policemen who he claimed were Ku Klux Klansmen trying to kill him.

He spent 14 years and 10 months on death row, during which time he received seven stays of execution. In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court threw out his death sentence, which was commuted to life imprisonment.

Last March, Gov. Edwin Edwards cut Bickham's sentence to 75 years. Because of time off for good behavior and other sentence reductions, Bickham became eligible for parole today. He was a free man as of 12:04 a.m.

At an informal prison reception before his release, Bickham expressed remorse about killing the two officers and apologized to their families.

"I'm really sorry. ... If I could, I'd give my life to bring them back. I hope they forgive me," he said.

Since his arrest, Bickham has maintained that he killed officers Gus Gill and Jake Galloway on July 12, 1958, in self-defense. He said they were Ku Klux Klansmen and that they had told him they were going to "get him." They showed up with guns and shot him in the chest, but he managed to kill them both.

Gill and Galloway were members of the police force in Mandeville, then a small town across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans.

In those days, blacks who shot whites had little chance of beating a murder charge. Bickham was convicted and sentenced to death.

His cause was taken up in a 1990 documentary, "Tossing Away The Keys," and last year, his case was included in a new book, "Holding On," by David Isay and Harvey Wang. The authors, working with decades-old trial material, enlisted the help of a New York attorney, Michael Alcamo.

"The trial transcript is an eerie read," they wrote. "The prosecution's case against Bickham only seems to bolster his claims of self-defense. It seems that in pre-civil rights Louisiana, self-defense was not an acceptable claim for a black man accused of killing two white law enforcement officers."

The slain officers' families bitterly disputed Bickham's claim and fought alongside law enforcement agencies to prevent his release.

"He has brought a lot of hardship in my heart and he doesn't deserve to get out," Delores Serigne, the 62-year-old daughter of Galloway said Tuesday in a telephone interview from Slidell, a New Orleans suburb.

Galloway's 74-year-old son, Jackson Galloway of Sherman, Texas, said justice will not be served by freeing his father's killer.

"The two police officers he killed didn't get any justice, so why should he have any?" Galloway asked.

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The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pate Emu Farm

The 1996 Texas Emu Association Convention may seem a long way off, when in essence it's just around the corner. This year it will be hosted by Zone 7. Yes, we are Zone 7! The dates are June 1-2 in San Angleo. Annetta Glass, chairman, says, "The convention committee has already been putting their heads together and have come up with a lot of ideas and directions for this to be a fun and informative convention. What we need now is lots of help...We Need You!

We have prepared a list of most of our meeting dates and places. Post these dates on your calendar. Saturday meetings will be at 12:30 p.m. at the La Casa Blanca Restaurant at 3020 N. Chadbourne.

Wednesday meetings will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn located at 441 Rio Concho Dr. in San Angelo. Dates are: Jan. 6 and 27; Feb. 7 and 17; March 13 and 23; April 3, 13 and 24; May 4, 11, 18 and 25.

The committees that have been set and with which your help will be needed are: Registration, Exhibitors, Speakers, STEP, Advertisement and Mail Outs, Agenda Packet, Silent Auction, Raffle and Door Prizes, Entertainment and Decorations.

We are open for any and all ideas, don't feel that you would not be of any help, there is plenty of work that we will need to complete in order to have a very successful event. Phone or fax 915-468-4393.

On tour now, your TEA board of directors. Presented as an open panel discussion, the TEA board of directors will be available to answer your questions regarding industry issues and concerns. Plan to attend the town meeting most convenient to you, bring your questions, and meet your board of directors. Zone 7: Sunday, Feb. 4, San Angelo, for further information call Juanita Seals, 915-561-8351.

The Sandhill Emu Association of Midland-Odessa will join our Rolling Plains Association for a meeting Jan. 13 at 7 p.m., at Rudy's Restaurant. Al Jodion will be the speaker. Jodion is one of the original members of United Emu Cooperative and is also a director. Everyone is welcome. For further information call Pate Emu Farm, 915-573-5340.

Each of these are important, worthwhile functions. Emu owners need to put forth the effort to attend these meetings and become involved.

This columnist would like to take this time to express the sincere sorrow for the loss this week of Buddy Drum, a dear friend and fellow emu raiser. His passing will be greatly felt by the entire community, especially those in the emu industry.

Vegetable conference set mid-January in Hereford

HEREFORD — Strategies to help assure growers of profitable production and marketing of crops will focus on "Integrated Crop Management of Vegetables" during the annual High Plains Vegetable Conference here Jan. 16.

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Avenue C at Park Avenue. It is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Tech University, Deaf Smith County Extension Vegetable Development Committee, Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce and Texas Department of Agriculture.

The program has been approved TDA for five continuing education units for commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators. Applicators are required to obtain five CEUs of training each year to retain certification. The $25 registration fee includes lunch.

"This conference is deigned to enable growers to get information and visualize successful systems of integrated vegetable crop management."

Mesa Cotton Conference planned Jan. 15 in Lamesa

Local officials are encouraging area producers to make plans to attend the Southern Mesa Cotton Conference, set for Jan. 15 in Lamesa.

The conference is set for Jan. 15 in the Dawson County Annex Building, located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa, and will begin at 8 a.m.

The registration fee is $15 if paid today, or $20 after.

Registration forms and fees, payable to Dawson County Ag Fund, should be sent to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331.

Registration forms may be obtained from the Extension office in any of the participating counties.

Five Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program. Producers who need to determine the number of CEUs they have accumulated may call TDA at 1-800-835-5832.

Farm bill seems headed toward more flexibility

LUBBOCK — The new federal farm bill appears to be heading toward more flexibility for farmers to respond to the market as they decide what crops to plant, says an agricultural economist and management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. But that means farmers must become more skilled in using available marketing tools, he says.

"This new flexibility will likely result in more price variability," sais Dr. Jackie Smith, professor and Extension Service economist at Lubbock. "This increased price variability and the likelihood that deficiency payments will be discontinued will force farmers to become more famililar with the available price risk management tools."

A cotton farmer can take advantage of profitable pricing opportunities only if he is prepared to evaluate the various alternatives, Smith said.

To help farmers be prepared to evaluate alternative pricing opportunities, the Extension Service will hold a series of one-day, in-depth, introductory cotton marketing workshops in January. The workshops will be held at four sites: Jan. 23, Post; Jan. 24, Big Spring; Jan. 25, Plainview and Jan. 26, Levelland.

Dr. Carl Anderson, professor and extension cotton marketing specialist from College Station, and Smith will be the instructors. topics will include introduction to futures, localizing the futures basis, introduction to options, estimating costs of production, comparison of pricing alternatives, developing a marketing plan. Cotton situation and outlook and an overiew of current farm bill provision.

Each workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. The registration fee is $30 and includes an extensive set of materials. Spouses are encouraged to attend; each husband and wife will pay only one $30 fee. Registration should be made in advance with local county extension agents. A workshop at any site will be cancelled if 10 paid registrations haven't been made by Jan. 12. Additional information may be obtained from county extension agents or by telephoning Smith at Lubbock 806-746-6101.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 600 head of cattle at the Sat. Jan. 6, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were steady to stronger. Packer cows and bulls were $1 to $2 lower. Springers and pairs were steady.

Steer calves and feeder steers: 200 to 300 62 to 80; 300 to 400 60 to 67; 400 to 500 52 to 64; 500 to 600 50 to 58.50; 600 to 750 50 to 57.

Heifer calves and feeder heifers: 200 to 300 58 to 67; 300 to 400 45 to 52; 400 to 500 42 to 54; 500 to 700 42 to 54.

Slaughter cows 25 to 36; Slaughter bulls: 40 to 45.50

Springer cows: 300 to 475; Pairs 400 to 650.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 589 head of cattle for the Thursday, Jan. 4, sale. Cows were $2 better calves and yearlings were $2 to $3 cheaper Trading was good and demand was fair.

Slaughter cows High dressing, cutters, utility 34 to 40.50; Canner and low cutters 28.50 to 32.50; Slaughter bulls 40.50 to 50.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 57.50 to 63.50; 400 to 500, 55 to 60.50; 500 to 600, 52.50 to 57.50; 600 to 700, 52.50 to 58; 700 to 800, 52.50 to 58.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 50 to 57.50; 400 to 500, 48.50 to 53.50; 500 to 600, 50 to 54; 600 to 700, 50 to 54; 700 to 800, 45 to 51.50.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 48.50 to 53.50; 700 to 800, 45 to 51.

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Cotton meetings planned

LUBBOCK — Cotton producers on the Texas South Plains can get a jump on the 1996 growing season by attending one of five regional conferences Jan. 15-25. A sixth will be held Feb. 20.

National leaders in the cotton industry will join research scientists and Texas Agricultural Extension Service specialists who work directly with local growers to present up-to-the minute information on production technology and regulations, national and international policy and marketing strategies.

Opening the series Jan. 15 will be the Southern Mesa Cotton Conference at the Dawson County Annex Building, 609 North First St., Lamesa. It will focus upon concerns for growers in Dawson, Borden, Garza, Scurry, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Mitchell and Howard counties.

The Caprock Cotton Conference will be Jan. 16-17 at the Plains Baptist Assembly seven miles south of Floydada on U.S. Highway 62. It will address needs of growers in Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Swisher and Briscoe counties.

The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference will be Jan. 17 at the Olton Ag Pavilion, U.S. Highway 70 at Ave. D, Olton. It is tailored to concerns of growers in Lamb, Castro, Bailey and Parmer counties.

The West Plains Cotton Conference will be Jan. 18 in the Women's Building at the Hockley County Fairgrounds, Levelland. It will especially target cotton production in Cochran and Hockley counties.

The Hub City Cotton Conference will be Jan. 24-25 in the Lubbock Civic Center. While focusing on Lubbock County production it will address concerns across the South Plains.

The sixth program, the Sandy Land Cotton Conference, will be held Feb. 20 in Seminole. It will address needs of growers in Gaines, Terry and Yoakum counties.

Producers from throughout the region are welcome at any of the conferences, noted Dr. Bob Robinson, Extension Service district director. However, space is limited and producers should register early with the appropriate county Extension agent.

The six conferences are a result of the highly successful Caprock Cotton Conference presented in Crosbyton each January for several years by the Extension Service. Last year three conferences were held, in Floydada, Lamesa and Olton.

"The Caprock Cotton Conference, and the additional conferences this year, are a direct result of educational programming requested by the producers," Robinson said.

Robinson said the series of conferences was devised to allow more growers to take part and to fully address specific concerns in different growing regions of the South Plains. All focus on three statewide Extension Service issues: economic competitiveness for Texas agriculture and communities; water quality and conservation, and environment and natural resources.

Each conference will provide continuing education units which growers need to comply with state environmental regulations. Registration fees include meals and advance registration is desired. Growers may register with their county extension office.

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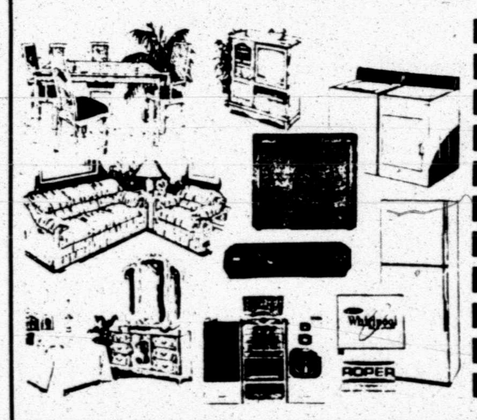
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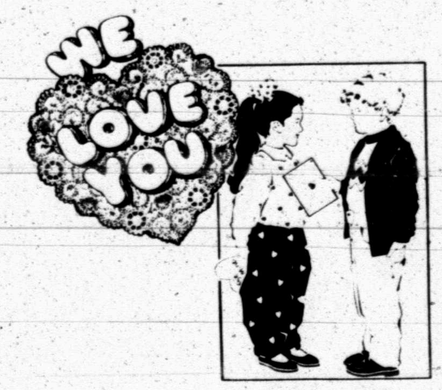

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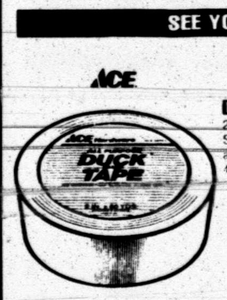

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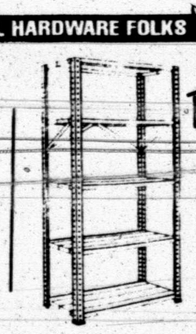
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Prueher nominated for Pacific Command

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today nominated the Navy's No. 2 officer to head U.S. Pacific Command, replacing an admiral who was forced to take early retirement because of his remarks about the rape of an Okinawan girl.

Clinton nominated Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, who has been the vice chief of naval operations at the Pentagon since May 1995 and is a highly decorated naval aviator. He flew A-6 Intruder combat missions in Vietnam.

Prueher's nomination is subject to Senate confirmation.

He would replace Adm. Richard C. Macke, who was forced by Defense Secretary William Perry to take early retirement after Macke told reporters on Nov. 17 that the U.S. servicemen accused of raping a 12-year-old Okinawan girl last September should have sought out a prostitute instead. The remark was seen as trivializing one of the most damaging incidents in U.S.-Japan relations in years.

Macke has remained in the command post while the Clinton administration searched for a replacement. The job has always been held by a Navy officer but this time the Air Force made a strong pitch to get one of its generals in the post.

Pacific Command is headquartered in Honolulu and commands 330,000 American soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines involved in operations throughout the Pacific. More than 40,000 are in Japan and about 37,000 are in South Korea.

Prueher, 53, is a native of Nashville, Tenn.

Early in his career, Prueher was the executive assistant and naval aide to Navy Secretary John Lehman.

NEW YEAR BABY — LeAnn Michelle Benitez-Hall is the first baby to be born in Cogdell Memorial Hospital this year. Born Jan. 9 at 8:23 a.m., weighing five pounds, 14½ ounces. Her parents are Belinda Benitez and Victor M. Hall. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Lone balloonist sets off distress beacon

YARMOUTH, Nova Scotia (AP) — A millionaire adventurer trying to fly solo around the Earth set off a distress beacon from his balloon today and was throwing material out of the craft over the North Atlantic to remain aloft.

Dan Bedell, a rescue official in Halifax, Nova Scotia, said Canadian coast guard units had spotted Steve Fossett's balloon on radar, still airborne but apparently in trouble.

He said jettisoned debris had been spotted in the frigid waters by Canadian coast guard aircraft and a cutter off New Brunswick's south coast. The area is about 30 miles northeast of the Maine coast.

Fossett left South Dakota early Monday and almost immediately began encountering problems with equipment and cold weather.

"There's no indication he's in the water," said Bedell. "In fact there's lots of radar hits indicating he's still airborne and clearly on the move.

"In the last little while they've found bits of pieces of equipment in the water but it looks like what he's doing is ditching stuff to lighten up."

Canadian rescue aircraft had been searching the Bay of Fundy after the Chicago-based ground crew received a distress beacon.

Flight manager Timothy Kemper told Chicago radio station WBBM-AM that he had received an emergency radio beacon from the craft this morning at the project's headquarters at Loyola University in Chicago.

Obituaries

Bernice Parker

1920-1996

Bernice Marie Parker, a retired school teacher, died at her Snyder residence Monday night, Jan. 8, after a sudden illness. She was 75.

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the 37th St. Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham of Clyde officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born April 22, 1920 in Maypearl, she married Sterling Parker on June 19, 1962 in Sterling City. Mr. Parker, her best friend, died on April 1, 1995.

Mrs. Parker was a school teacher for 27 years, having taught in Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh. Mrs. Parker was a member of the Snyder Garden Club and the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Joe Fowler of Fluvanna; a son, Jim Shearer of Vail, Colo.; a step son and daughter-in-law, Sterling and Nell Parker of Midland; a step daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Tom Barton of Glen Rose; two half brothers, E.A. Birdwell of Silverton and John Birdwell of Mangum, Okla.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren.

Gene Wilcox

1945-1996

HAMLIN — Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Assembly of God Church for Troy Eugene "Gene" Wilcox. Officiating will be the Rev. Ted Miller. Burial will follow in the Hamlin East Cemetery under the direction of Foster-Adams Funeral Home.

Mr. Wilcox, 50, died about 6:10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, from injuries sustained in an oilfield accident in the Primrose field, nine miles northeast of Fluvanna in Garza County.

Mr. Wilcox was a driller for J.C. Wells Drilling Co. of Snyder.

Born in Salinas, Calif., Mr. Wilcox graduated from Hamlin High School in 1963 and had lived in Hamlin most of his life.

He married Margaret Lee on July 4, 1963 in Hamlin, and she died in 1992. He married Wilma Watts on Oct. 12, 1993 in Haskell. He was a member of the First Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma Wilcox of Hamlin; five sons, Mike Wilcox of Stamford and Davis Wilcox, Brian Cossabone, Cory Cossabone and David Cossabone, all of Hamlin; one daughter, Nita Harper of Hamlin; three stepdaughters, Vivian Hawkins of Hamlin, Daphene Galloway of Stamford and Tina Smith of Jasper; a brother, Jimmy Wilcox of Amarillo; a sister, Judy Killion of Hamlin; his father, Troy Wilcox of Haskell; and 10 grandchildren.

Dewie Birdwell

1910-1996

COMANCHE — Dewie Wilson Birdwell, a former Snyder businessman and commercial property owner, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 9, in a local care center. He was 85.

Masonic graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood. Hall and Sons Funeral Home of Comanche is in charge of arrangements.

Born in Simms, Tex., he was preceded in death by his first wife, Merle, in 1984. He later married Jean Birdwell on Nov. 24, 1988 in Portland.

Mr. Birdwell was a retired pumper for Sunray Oil Company and was an inventor. In Snyder, he owned commercial property along College Ave., and he also had oil and ranching interests in Scurry County.

Mr. Birdwell was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. As a fighter pilot, he was awarded the air medal with oak leaf cluster and the EAME Campaign Medal with five bronze stars.

He was a 60-year member of the Odessa Masonic Lodge and a member of the 96th Shrine.

Mr. Birdwell was a member of the First Baptist Church in Portland and had been a resident of Comanche for 3½ years, having moved from Ruidoso.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Birdwell of Comanche; two stepdaughters, Linda Cole of San Angelo and Brenda Cole of Laredo; a stepson, Ernie Simons of El Paso; four stepgrandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Gracie Ballard

1919-1996

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

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Morgan

1911-1996

MULESHOE — Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the 16th and Ave. D Church of Christ for Era Mae Morgan, 84, of Lubbock. Officiating will be Curtis Shelburne, minister, with burial to follow in the Muleshoe Cemetery.

Mrs. Morgan, the mother of June Byus of Snyder, died Monday, Jan. 8, in Lubbock's Lutheran Home of West Texas.

Born in DeKalb, her first husband, Howard Thornton, died in 1962. She married R.O. Morgan on June 11, 1971 in Muleshoe. A member of the Church of Christ, she moved from Muleshoe to Lubbock in 1966.

Survivors include her husband, Howard Thornton of Lubbock; another daughter, Margaret Hamilton of Muleshoe; two stepdaughters, Doris Barnett of Lubbock and Eva Mae Goad of Lubbock; three brothers, Wheeler Durham of Nash, J.N. Durham of Bonham and E.N. Durham of DeKalb; and 13 grandchildren.

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PD notes one arrest

One person was arrested Tuesday following a report of a family disturbance at 11:25 p.m.

A 32-year-old male was arrested at 11:43 p.m. for public intoxication and Class C asault/family violence.

In other activity, an officer was requested at the Wal-Mart parking lot at 11:24 a.m. in reference to a hit-and-run accident. Involved were a 1995 Ford pickup owned by Mark Gram of Colorado City and an unknown vehicle which left the scene.

Snyder EMS was called to Northeast Elementary at 12:04 p.m. in reference to a person fainting. The 10-year-old female student was transported to Cogdell Hospital by Snyder EMS where she was treated amd released.

Judy Finley, 410 East FM 1673, notified deputies at 4:14 p.m. of a burglary of a storage building at that location. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted in reference to approximately $1,000 in belongings, including a metal detector, musical instruments and power tools, being taken from the building.

An offense report for Class C assault was submitted at 10:55 p.m. in reference to a fight in the 1200 block of N. Avenue Q.

What's Up?

RR crossing to be closed

Due to repairs on the railroad crossing at Avenue E, motorists will have to detour around that area for the next several days. The repairs should be completed by this weekend.

Pool lesson rescheduled

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

Ira ISD board to meet

Ira ISD trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to consider a budget amendment and select an outside auditor for the 1995-96 fiscal year.

An executive session will follow to consider the contract term and salary of the superintendent.

College hotline available

Texans can call a free hotline at 1-800-829-4599 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday to find out more about post-secondary educational opportunities.

Students and their parents can receive information about college selection, admission, testing and financial aid. Up-to-date information regarding the application process, college majors, entrance requirements, financial aid and meeting deadlines will be available.

The hotline will be staffed by professionals from secondary guidance departments, colleges and universities from across the state. Spanish-speaking counselors will also be available to answer questions.

Yearbook deadline set

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

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

Pick 3

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

1-5-2

(one, five, two)

Cash 5

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

6-10-21-23-30

(six, ten, twenty-one, twenty-three, thirty)

TxDOT holds hearing

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cal homes.

Snyder design technician Jerry Beard said the intersection of College Avenue and 30th Street will have a protected left turn signal which will be traffic activated to increase the traffic flow on College Avenue.

"College Avenue will have a green light until the traffic signal is activated by traffic on 30th Street."

Beard said residents who now park on the street will have to "work with the city to provide a driveway on their property for parking."

He added that all existing curbs, gutters and sidewalks will be replaced on 30th Street.

Doris Blackard, who has a home at 3001 Avenue X, said that she is proud the project was being done.

"It sounds great," she added.

She cautioned TxDOT officials about a cellar in her backyard and asked that "no water be channeled through it."

Taylor assured her that it would not and emphasized the complete cooperation between the state, contractors and citizens for a smooth project.

"We will provide you with our phone numbers and anytime you feel there is a problem, let us know and we will do our best to work things out," said Taylor.

Work is expected to begin some 45 days after bids are let. The project is expected to take some eight months to complete.

Hamlin man killed in oilfield

A 50-year-old Hamlin man was killed in Garza County Tuesday night shortly after 6 o'clock on a drilling rig operated by J.C. Wells Drilling Co. of Snyder.

The location is nine miles northeast of Fluvanna.

Troy Eugene "Gene" Watson was pronounced dead by Post Municipal Judge Louise Greene around 7:10 p.m. at the site of the accident.

Greene said the accident site was in the Primrose Field some 17 miles south of Post.

The judge said she had not made an official ruling in the death this morning but witnesses told her the crew was running pipe and a section of the pipe hit the victim in the head.

Services will be held in Hamlin at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Girl's mother hospitalized

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A woman shackled to her teen-age daughter by court order was rushed to a hospital emergency room and was listed in stable condition this morning.

Officials at Trident Regional Medical Center refused to discuss the nature of Deborah Harter's illness, but the South Berkeley emergency medical service confirmed it transported a drug overdose victim from the area where Harter lives. The service refused to identify the woman.

Harter was brought into the emergency room Tuesday night in critical condition. Her 15-year-old daughter, Tonya Kline, was at the hospital tethered to her stepfather, the Post and Courier of Charleston reported today.

After Tonya spent two months in a Columbia juvenile detention center for housebreaking, Berkeley County Family Court Judge Wayne Creech released her in December to house arrest.

He said the teen was to remain tethered to her mother or stepfather until her next detention hearing, set for later this month. The judge also ordered Harter not to smoke around her daughter.