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West Texas Intermediate Crude \$26.60

Area gins record over 26,000 bales

Area gins are reporting 26,825 bales of cotton have been ginned as of Monday morning during what is being termed as the best cotton crop for local farmers in a decade.

Despite a fire at Farmers Co-Op last week in which an estimated \$60,000 worth of cotton was destroyed, the gin reports that it is fully operational and that it has ginned 9,638 bales with 1,000 modules and 100 trailers tagged and awaiting the ginning process.

According to gin personnel, they are ginning an average of 450 bales in a 24-hour period.

Paymaster Gin has recorded 4,436 with some 3,400 bales tagged. The gin is averaging 175-200 bales a day, a rate slower than normal because of the large

number of stalks in the modules. Ira Gin reports 2,040 bales ginned and 1,000 bales tagged.

Inadale Gin — which services farmers in Scurry, Mitchell, Nolan and Fisher Counties — reports 10,711 bales ginned and approximately 15,000 tagged. An average of 250-270 bales are ginned each day. Gin personnel speculate that they won't be finished ginning the cotton until late February, as compared to mid-December last year.

Unofficial accounts have farmers receiving an average of 61 cents per pound for their cotton.

The county extension office is predicting that 59,000 acres of cotton will be harvested this year with a county average of 470 pounds per lint yield.

No takers as yet for county agent

Scurry County Judge Bobby Goodwin told commissioners this morning that the county currently has no applicants for the County Agriculture Extension Agent's position.

Judge Goodwin said applications for the position were being submitted through the Texas A&M Extension Office in Lubbock and five applicants identified by the office have said they do not want to come to Scurry County.

He explained that the application process will begin again, but he did not know how long it would take to find a county agent.

"They (the extension office) had hoped to have someone here by Jan. 1," he said. The date may now be out of reach, according to Goodwin.

The vacancy in the office was produced in late October when Marvin Ensor announced his resignation to the court.

Ensor — who had held the position since April of 1983 — resigned to accept the county's agent post in Gaines County. He assumed that position Dec. 1.

In other business, the court was scheduled to hear an investment policy proposal for the county from County Treasurer Rita Staton. However commissioners were told that Staton requested more time to finish the proposal before presenting it to the court.

Present at the meeting were Judge Goodwin and commissioners C.D. Gray Jr., Tommy Pate, Duaine Davis and Ted Billingslev.

With Dr. Seidel...

Funding agreement reached

Cogdell Memorial Hospital auxiliary extended a scholarship Saturday to Walter Ray Seidel Jr., M.D., who is currently in his first year of family practice residency at Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

In exchange for the funding, Dr. Seidel has agreed to practice for three years in Snyder, when he completes his training. He is expected to begin his practice in October of 1993.

The total scholarship amount to Dr. Seidel is approximately

\$57,000, or \$1,800 a month.

Dr. Seidel took pre-med studies at Maryland University, West Germany; Glendale Community College; Arizona State University and the University of Utah. He received his doctor of medicine degree from American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine in Plymouth, Montserrat, British West Indies, in 1988.

He was professor of medicine and assistant administrator to the president at American University in 1989 and



MADD PROJECT — Department of Public Safety Trooper Don Massey watches as Juanita Fambrotie ties a red ribbon on a DPS vehicle. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) kicked off an awareness campaign Friday in which motorists

are asked to tie a red ribbon, available at local banking institutions, on their vehicles in an effort to deter drinking and driving during the holidays. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hostage release no guarantee of peace in gulf, says Cheney

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saddam Hussein's release of foreign hostages in Iraq and Kuwait should not raise hopes for a peaceful resolution of the Persian Gulf crisis, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said today.

Cheney said the release of

hostages was "obviously very good news" for the hostages and their families, but it did not mean Iraq is backing away from its armed occupation of Kuwait.

"The illegal, immoral, illicit act of Saddam Hussein in holding hundreds of American hostages against their will for several months appears to be coming to an end," Cheney said in remarks to a defense industry group.

"But I don't believe Saddam Hussein deserves any credit for stopping a practice that obviously is abhorrent to the civilized world. He has to rank as one of the world's all-time hostage-

takers," Cheney said.

Iraq has continued to send reinforcements to Kuwait and southern Iraq, Cheney said.

"In these past few days as he has released hostages he has simultaneously continued to build up his deployments in Kuwait, to enhance his fortifications and to add additional forces to the regions," Cheney said. "He has given us absolutely no indication whatsoever of any intention" of complying with U.N. resolutions requiring the Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait and the restoration of the Kuwaiti monarchy. (see KUWAIT, page 8)

Mail packages now, urges Postal Service

With Christmas only two weeks away, postal authorities are encouraging people to get their packages in the mail as soon as possible.

"That's the number one priority, mail now," said a local postal service employee.

Packages, cards and other items may be mailed at the local post office, the sub station at Snyder Healthmart Drug, or Mail Center Plus.

The post office can accept packages up to 70 pounds and with a combined length and girth of 108 inches.

A local spokesman also noted

that if people sending Christmas cards will take the time to type the addresses in all capital letters, it will ease the strain on postal employees. Addresses which are typed in capital letters can be sorted by machine in Abilene.

The U.S. Postal Service also recommends some tips to help ensure packages reach their destination safely:

—Containers should be large enough to hold the contents, plus adequate cushioning to prevent damage. Fiberboard containers are generally strong enough to ship material of average weight and size. Paperboard boxes, similar to suit boxes, are acceptable for easy and average loads up to 10 pounds.

—Liquids should be sent in leak-proof interior and exterior containers. Powders should be packaged in sift-proof containers.

—Parcels must have sufficient cushion. This could include polystyrene, shredded or rolled newspaper, "bubble" plastic and fiberboard inserts. When several items are packaged in a container, they should be separated from each other.

—It is preferred that wrapping paper be omitted if the box itself is an adequate shipping container. However, wrapping paper equivalent to the strength of the average large grocery bag may be used. Filament-reinforced tape should be used for the closure and reinforcement of (see MAIL, page 8)

WTC board meets today

Western Texas College board of trustees will consider bids for items needed in the GTL program and a revision of the by-laws for the senior center advisory committee during a 5:45 p.m. meeting today.

The board will also hear reports on the audit, enrollment, testing procedures and vocational programs.

Trustees will consider bids for a reel grinder, a bedknife grinder and a back lapper for the Golf/Landscape Technology department. Those items are expected to total about \$5,000.

The only other items on the agenda are approval of past minutes and a financial information report.



HOSPITAL AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP — Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary presented Dr. Walter Ray Seidel Jr. with a scholarship on Saturday. Shown with Dr. Seidel is his wife, Bren-

da, and auxiliary members, standing from left, Dora White, Kathryn Dodson and Kathryn Ervin. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ask Us

Q—I saw an advertisement on television which mentioned something about a safety belt club. What is the safety belt club?

A—It's probably the Safety Belt Survivor's Club, a group of people who have survived auto accidents through the use of safety belts or child safety seats. Information on the club can be obtained from The Texas Department of Health at 1-800-252-8255.

15 days until Christmas



In Brief

Fatal wreck

FLATONIA, Texas (AP) — Two people were killed and another was injured early today when a train collided with a pickup in Fayette County.

The accident near here at 12:35 a.m. involved a Southern Pacific train, a sheriff's dispatcher said.

Fernando Robles, 20, and Juan Manuel Guerrero, 17, were dead at the scene, the Flatonia Police Department reported.

Gas explosion

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A natural gas explosion rocked an apartment complex at an Army base, injuring 17 residents and rescuers. A 5-year-old girl was missing and feared dead in the rubble.

The blast Sunday night at Fort Benjamin Harrison occurred hours after fire authorities arrived to investigate reports of a gas leak, telling residents there was no danger.

Local

Ribbon cutting

Snyder chamber of commerce has announced two ribbon cuttings this week. A ribbon cutting will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Whitmire Chiropractic at 3413 Snyder Shopping Center.

A ribbon cutting will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Nathalie's, located at 1503 26th St.

Tourism

The chamber's tourism and retirement committee will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday at chamber offices.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 67 degrees; low, 26 degrees; high Sunday, 70 degrees; low, 31 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 34 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 29.04 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the lower 40s. South wind 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday, sunny. High in the lower 70s. South wind 10 to 20 mph.



SANTA'S HELPERS — These Snyder seventh graders will help entertain 3-7 year-olds Saturday, Dec. 15, at Scurry County Library. From left are, Jennifer Hancock, Jannica Northern, Michelle Spencer and Tricia Cunningham. (SDN Staff Photo)

7th graders are planning library program Saturday

Darlene Robbins' seventh grade "Galaxy Class" at Snyder Junior High School will present a Christmas program for children aged three years to seven years from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 15, at Scurry County Library.

Students will dress up as Santa's helpers in Christmas costumes which they made themselves and will entertain children with holiday stories, readings and music.

Each presentation will last about 15 minutes and will be performed several times during that two-hour period so that children may "come and go" as necessary.

Children are also encouraged to bring letters to Santa Claus and library personnel will see to it that they get delivered to the North Pole in time for Christmas.

Students participating include Jennifer Hancock, Jannica Northern, Michelle Spencer, Tricia Cunningham, Veana Clay, Timmy Escobedo, Sterling Cave, Vanessa Kimmel, Brooke Cozart, Stephanie Hernandez and Matt Parker.

In addition, the library will give away a book of Christmas carols in a drawing. Any child who checks out a book from the library from now until Dec. 15 will be eligible to win.

Connally, Wyatt succeed...

Hostages return from Iraq

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Texas Gov. John Connally and Coastal Corp. Chairman Oscar Wyatt say they don't care if they stepped on State Department toes by freeing nearly two dozen American hostages in Iraq.

"I didn't really care," Wyatt said Sunday. "Their objective is totally different from mine. Their objective is a military one and ours is a humanitarian one."

"I don't think there's any reason to bury our soldiers over there," Wyatt said, his voice cracking with emotion.

Wyatt and Connally arrived at Ellington Field in Houston early Sunday with 21 hostages, three U.S. Embassy employees and seven family members aboard a Coastal Corp. Boeing 707.

About 200 relatives and friends stormed the tarmac to greet the loved ones and the two men, both of whom were teary-eyed as they were hugged and kissed for their efforts.

"Ordinarily I don't think an individual should be going off and doing something like this," Connally said later. "But we were in a situation where we thought we could be helpful and I think we have been."

Connally later told more than 12,000 University of Texas students at their commencement exercises in Austin, Texas, that he was concerned about the prospects of war in the region.

"The encounter will be fierce with staggering casualties on both sides. Unquestionably we will win the battle, and just as assuredly we will lose the war because we will incur the enmity of 200 million Arabs, including most of those in the lands we will be protecting," he said.

Coastal Corp.'s travel agency spent much of the day arranging flights home for freed hostages and their families, said Coastal

spokesman Joe Bailey. All had left Houston by late Sunday.

"It is expensive, but it's a humanitarian thing," Bailey said. "Mr. Wyatt says we've gone this far, we've got to get them home."

None of the hostages released were Coastal employees.

Connally, a Coastal Corp. board member and former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury and the Navy, joined Wyatt in a weeklong trip to Iraq, where they met with Saddam Hussein, his ministers and a bevy of hostages organized through an underground communications network in Kuwait and Iraq.

They said they did not mention

their trip to the State Department or White House before they left Dec. 2.

"We did not tell the State Department we were going; we did not ask the State Department for help," Connally said. "It was obvious from the appearance by the State Department people when they came to Houston (last month for private meetings with hostage families) that they were discouraging wives from going over there."

"We knew they would try to discourage us and we didn't want to be discouraged."

In a 45-minute interview with Saddam last week, Wyatt and

Connally implored the leader to release all of the hostages.

"We told him that so far as we were concerned, that it appeared that the hostages were a burden to him and no help," Connally said. "Mr. Wyatt said that if indeed there's an armed conflict, the presence of a few hundred hostages would not in any way deter the armed conflict."

They also told Saddam he was being portrayed "as a vicious, brutal man, compared to Hitler, and I said the release of the hostages before the Christmas season would clearly show a concern and a compassion," Connally said.

Voters nix referendum, but judge could implement it

DALLAS (AP) — The narrow defeat of a referendum designed to help minorities gain City Council seats isn't sitting well with supporters who say a judge will decide the issue.

Voters on Saturday rejected by just 369 votes a referendum that would have created a system to elect 14 council by individual districts and elect the mayor at large.

The final vote was 45,255 in favor of the plan and 45,624 against it.

Now that voters have rejected the plan, U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer could call a May election to institute "the same plan or a similar one in which 15 council members would be elected by individual district and the mayor would be chosen from among the council."

Dallas Mayor Annette Strauss was quoted Sunday as saying the judge had indicated he could

make the ruling as early as January.

Al Gonzalez, chairman of the 14-1 for Dallas Committee, had said he planned to seek a recount. But on Sunday he said he was dropping those plans.

"After talking with the mayor and discussing the alternatives that we had, we decided not to do that," Gonzalez said. "We decided to move forward in order to let the healing process begin."

It was unclear what the council would do.

"We're waiting for Buchmeyer to make a ruling," said Councilman Jim Buerger. "We have no alternative but to wait for the judge. This issue has been unresolved for decades."

Under the current system instituted in 1975, eight council members are elected by voters in individual districts and another three, including the mayor, are elected by voters citywide.

Supporters said the plan would have helped ease racial inequities that make it difficult for minorities to get elected.

Opponents said the system would have resegregated Dallas. They backed a plan voters approved in August 1989, calling for 10 candidates to be elected by district and four by region and for the mayor to be elected by

voters citywide. That earlier proposal never was implemented because a federal judge suggested he would rule it unconstitutional.

The referendum was held as part of the settlement of a 1988 federal lawsuit brought by Roy Williams and Marvin Crenshaw, who failed in their at-large council bids.

The men, both black, charged the existing election system made it difficult for minorities to win election.

Black and Hispanic leaders nationwide have long charged that at-large elections dilute minority candidates' political power and make it difficult for them to win office.

Crenshaw said he was confident the judicial system would not fail 14-1 supporters.

"And I think Judge Buchmeyer is going to take that stake and drive it through the vampire's heart," Crenshaw said.

Gonzalez blamed the referendum's failure on what he said was a poor turnout among minority voters.

"I was shocked," Gonzalez said. "You can make a lot of excuses, but if it was Saturday, if it was pouring, whatever. We should have got that vote out. The minority community has nobody to blame but themselves."

Required training offered for pesticide applicators

LUBBOCK — One of the last chances this year for commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators to earn necessary continuing units (CEUs) to comply with state requirements will be offered here Thursday, Dec. 13.

A one-day training workshop will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center north of the Lubbock airport. The center is on FM 1294 just east of I-27 at the Shallowater exit.

The training has been approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for five CEUs. There is a \$10 fee for the training.

Applicators are required by the TDA to receive five CEUs a year to retain certification.

Course topics and instructors will be:

- Pesticide laws and regulations, Ronny Halfman, pesticide specialist, TDA, Lubbock.

- Pesticide waste minimization and disposal, Dr. Denise McWilliams, Extension Service agricultural chemicals training specialist, College Station.

- National Pesticide Telecommunications Network, Tim Closs, pesticide specialist, Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

- Health effects of human exposure to pesticides, Dr. Tony Mollhagen, director of the Environmental Laboratory, Texas Tech.

- Food safety and agricultural chemicals, Dr. Pat Morrison, Extension Service entomologist, Lubbock.

- Integrated pest management, Mark Brown, Extension Service entomology agent, Crosby and Floyd counties.

- New herbicides for crops and turfs, Dr. Brent Bean, Extension Service agronomist, Amarillo.

- Soil test analysis as a fertilizer management guide, Dr. Michael Hickey, Extension Service soil chemist, Lubbock.

- Aquatic studies required for EPA pesticide registration, Gene King, technical services representative, ICI Americas, Lubbock.

- Chemigation management practice and equipment, Dr. Rose Mary Seymour, Extension Service agricultural engineer, Lubbock.

Revolutionaries under Sun Yat-sen overthrew the Manchu dynasty in China in 1911.

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Connally doesn't want war with Iraq

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Texas Gov. John Connally vehemently spoke against the prospect of war with Iraq, saying such a conflict would mean high casualties and cost the United States goodwill in the Arab world.

Hours after arriving Sunday with hostages, Connally addressed graduating students at the University of Texas, saying that a war with Iraq would be tragic.

"The encounter will be fierce with staggering casualties on both sides. Unquestionably we

will win the battle, and just as assuredly we will lose the war because we will incur the enmity of 200 million Arabs including most of those in the lands we will be protecting."

And, Connally said, the war would be fought for "a product

we can obtain elsewhere and in behalf of a regime unworthy of the blood of American youth."

His criticism of engaging Iraq militarily drew applause from the crowd of about 12,370 attending the graduation ceremony at the Erwin Center.

Earlier Sunday, Connally and oilman Oscar Wyatt returned to Houston with 21 hostages, three U.S. Embassy employees and seven family members.

Connally, a protege of former President Lyndon Johnson, said he and Wyatt negotiated the release of the hostages with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

The next day, Saddam proposed to release all hostages, but Connally, a former Navy secretary and Treasury Secretary and one-time presidential candidate, said he did not know if his visit had anything to do with that.

"I would like to think we had some degree of influence ... but I wouldn't presume that," he said in a news conference before his address.

Connally said Saddam wants a peaceful resolution to the Middle East conflict, but is not afraid of war.

"He clearly said to us that he wanted peace, but that there could be no peace without fairness or justice," Connally said.

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Bealls buyout said succeeding

HOUSTON (AP) — Managers of a retail organization that paid more than \$300 million to buy out two Texas-based department and clothing store chains say they are on the brink of financial success.

"Lots has been accomplished," said Bernard Fuchs, chairman of Specialty Retailers, the umbrella organization that owns Palais Royal and Bealls.

"We have a very positive cash

flow, and we will be showing black in 1991. We may end up in the black at the end of this year, depending on how our Christmas season goes."

Fuchs said Specialty Retailers has cut costs, improved sales and is on the brink of making money. And if it does, Specialty Retailers will have effected one of the few successful leveraged buyouts of a retail chain.

Two years after the Federated Department Stores were purchased by Robert Campeau, it was in bankruptcy court. Other notable botched buyouts include Hooker Corp.'s snapping up of Bonwit Teller, B. Altman and Sakowitz. Hooker is bankrupt and out of the retail business.

Sakowitz, after serving Houston for 80 years, closed its doors in early August.



Scurry County
Anadarko Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 20 O.L. Burney in the Sharon Ridge field, six miles northwest of Ira. The well produced 27 barrels of 32.6 gravity oil and 92 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,318-580 feet, and location is in Section 146, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 1 Sims in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles northwest of Ira. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 3,101 feet, and location is in Section 141, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 3 Sims in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles northwest of Ira. Planned depth is 2,475 feet, and location is in Section 141, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Murphy and Associates Inc. will drill the No. 7-A Murphy, a Sharon Ridge field re-entry, 1.5 miles southwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 3,040 feet, location is in Section 114, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County
EP Operating has completed the No. 1-37 Canon-Whatley in the

Jo-Mill field, 12.5 miles southwest of Gail. The well produced 143 barrels of 39.2 gravity oil and 258 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 1,329-1 with perforations from 7,188-220 feet. Location is in Section 37, Block 33, T5N, T&P survey.

EP Operating has completed the No. 4-36 Canon in the Jo-Mill field, 11.5 miles southwest of Gail. The venture was finalized to produce 89 barrels of 39 gravity oil and 323 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 1,348-1 with perforations from 7,148-160 feet. Location is in Section 36, Block 33, T5N, T&P survey.

EP Operating has completed the No. 5-25 Canon-Whatley in the Jo-Mill field, 11.5 miles southwest of Gail. The well was finalized to produce 106 barrels of 40 gravity oil and 288 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 1,83-1 with perforations from 7,126-155 feet. Location is in Section 25, Block 33, T5N, T&P survey.

Borden County
Murchison Oil and Gas Inc. has plugged and abandoned the No. 4 Davenport in the Denney field, nine miles northeast of Gail.

Location was in Section 414, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Bettis, Boyle and Stovall have completed the No. 1 Gray in the Gray Gulch field, 11 miles southeast of Gail. The well produced 65 barrels of 39 gravity oil and 110 barrels of water. Perforations were from 4,580-610 feet, and location is in Section 163, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Garza County
D.B. Baxter Inc. will drill the No.1 Post estate, a 7,850-foot wildcat re-entry, five miles east of Post. Location is in Section 73, Block 5, GH&H survey.

J.M. Huber Corp. will drill the No. 5-6 Post estate, an 8,600-foot wildcat eight miles northeast of Post. Location is in Section 6, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

J.M. Huber Corp. will drill the No. 2-30 Post estate, an 8,600-foot wildcat six miles northeast of Post. Location is in Section 30, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

J.M. Huber will drill the No. 3-8 Post estate, an 8,700-foot wildcat 11 miles northeast of Post. Location is in Section 8, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Patchwork Squares Extension Homemakers Club; 9:30 a.m.
 Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; all members urged to attend; 10 a.m.
 Le Leche League; conference room of Senior Center; children welcome, for information call 573-7844; 10 a.m.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Eluwanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
 Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 or Kelly at 573-7705 for information.
 Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall, 2701 Ave. Z; 7:30 p.m.
 American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.
 White Buffalo Stamp Club; TU Reddy Room; 7:30 p.m.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (open); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626 or 573-9410.

TUESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Adult Children of Alcoholics; Park Club in Winston Park; 6:30 p.m.; For more information call 573-8885 or 573-9410.
 Amities Study Club; 7 p.m.
 Plainview Extension Homemakers Club; Northeast Community Center; 2 p.m.
 Daughters of the American Revolution; MAWC; 4 p.m.
 Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.
 Beta Delta Phi; 7 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
 TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.
 Canyon Gun Club; 3201 Ave. U; 7:30 p.m.
 Scurry County AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 573-3308 or 573-5867.
 Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Christal Women's Club luncheon; Snyder Country Club; 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.; \$7 lunch, \$1 beverage alone.
 Altrurian Daughters; MAWC; noon.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Sparkle City Square Dancers; clogging; old Athletic Center building; 7-8 p.m.
 Sparkle City Square Dancers; workshop; old Athletic Center building; 8-10 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; W. 37th St.; 9-4.
 Noah Project Advisory Committee; fellowship hall of First Christian Church, 2701 37th; members asked to bring sack lunch; noon.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
 Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Musical Coterie; MAWC; 7:30 p.m.
 Scurry County Sheriff's Posse; clubhouse; 7:30 p.m.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-8110 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.; 4 and 5-year olds.
 Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
 Overeaters Anonymous; 1:00 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park; For more information, call 573-8322, 573-7705 or 573-9839.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101, 573-3657 or 573-3956.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9410. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting).

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; \$25. Snyder Savings and Loan community room, 27th & College; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Alateen Step Study Group; 2:00 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park. For more information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.
 People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Delta Kappa Gamma; Margaret Presswoods home; 2 p.m.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-8626 or 573-9410.
 Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Black Women's Assoc; SNB community room; 5 p.m.

Families in Texas rally as hostages come home

HOUSTON (AP) — Patricia Hale hasn't been well since her husband has been held hostage in Iraq. But when the Spring woman heard Edward Hale would be among those returning to Houston with former Gov. John Connally and Coastal Corp. Chairman Oscar Wyatt, she headed for the kitchen to cook up a pot of beans and a fresh tin of cornbread — all her husband said he wanted when he came home. Edward Hale was among 21 former hostages, three U.S. Embassy employees and seven family members who joined Connally and Wyatt aboard a Coastal Corp. Boeing 707 that arrived in Houston early Sunday. Hundreds of friends and relatives squealed and cried at Ellington Air Field as the men were led across the tarmac. Signs and flowers waved in the darkness, but family members began preparing for the return home as soon as word got out Friday night. "We've been trying to get a few decorations up around the house,

and a lot of neighbors have been putting up posters and signs and yellow ribbons," said Loretta Lawson of Huntsville, whose husband, Allen, was among the freed hostages. The fast-breaking pace of events brought with it a flurry of phone calls from relatives and friends, redundant inquiries from reporters across the country and a dizzying roller coaster of emotions. Wayne Parker, brother of hostage Bobby Gene Parker of Vidor, drove from Center, Texas, Saturday to join about 40 friends and relatives for the Houston homecoming. Only Parker's son, Eric, was unable to attend the celebration. He is a soldier on duty in Saudi Arabia. For Results Use Snyder Daily News Classified Ads Call 573-5486

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Cheering crowd greets plane

HOUSTON (AP) — Lynda Parker screamed when she caught a glimpse of her husband descending the steps from a private Boeing 707 at Ellington Field.

Bobby Gene Parker of Vidor, Texas, looked thinner, but was a welcomed sight as she ran across the tarmac, dropping to her knees as her husband met her in a long-awaited embrace. It was several moments before she could stop screaming.

Parker was among 21 freed U.S. hostages, three U.S. Embassy employees and seven family members who arrived in Houston Sunday on a Coastal Corp. jet with former Texas Gov. John Connally and Coastal chairman Oscar Wyatt.

Connally and Wyatt spent a week talking to Iraqi ministers and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to secure the release of American hostages. Three Britons and another American who has been living in England also were freed, but were left in Shannon, Ireland, when the plane stopped for refueling.

After Connally and Wyatt brought \$500,000 worth of medical supplies to Iraq and met with Saddam for 45 minutes, the Iraqi leader agreed to release a small group of hostages to the oilmen.

The decision came a day before Saddam announced his blanket

release of all Western hostages. "Four and a half months — it's been a long time coming," Parker said as he greeted at least 30 friends and relatives Sunday in Houston. "What did I miss the most? My family and I've got them all right here."

Parker, who worked for Kuwait Drilling Co., said he was kept at a military base 25 miles

Observers analyze Wyatt's success

By The Associated Press

Texas oilman Oscar Wyatt was famous before he helped free 21 American hostages from Iraq.

And observers say the success of the self-made millionaire's efforts are not surprising, given his well-known drive and persistence in the oil and gas industry.

"You certainly don't play hardball with him because he will play hardball right back," said Dale Steffes, a Houston oil and gas consultant. "He doesn't play according to everybody else's rules."

Wyatt and former Texas Gov. John Connally arrived in Houston early Sunday after a weeklong mission seeking the release of Americans being held in Iraq. The two men also took about \$500,000 worth of medical supplies in a chartered jet as a gesture of good will.

On Sunday, Wyatt's \$8 billion energy conglomerate, Coastal Corp., continued working with the hostages and their families, securing travel plans for their trips home to the likes of California, Georgia, Iowa and Massachusetts.

None of the hostages freed was a Coastal Corp. member. But that didn't matter to Wyatt.

"I've been doing business in Iraq for 13 years," Wyatt said Sunday. "I felt there was a possibility we could be a factor in helping the government make the decision to turn the Americans loose. I would be less than candid with you if I told you I made a plaintive plea for the British, or the Germans or the French."

The burly 66-year-old Wyatt built his energy conglomerate from scratch with a strong view for the bottom line.

Analysts credit Wyatt with running one of the most profitable gas pipelines in the country. Coastal earned \$178 million in 1989 and had \$150 million in cash on hand, according to data obtained by The Dallas Morning News from Disclosure Inc.

Wyatt stepped aside as Coastal's chief executive officer a year ago, but he remains the company's chairman.

A former drill bit salesman, he founded Coastal in 1955 and is the largest shareholder with 4.2 percent of the outstanding stock.

Wyatt has a reputation for fighting for what he wants and for using plain, tough talk.

"He speaks in very blunt language and some people take offense to that," said Tony Lentini, a spokesman at Mitchell Energy in Houston. "He tells it like it is."

Wyatt never has been known to dodge a confrontation. While under investigation by a federal grand jury in 1979 for allegations that Coastal violated oil price controls, Wyatt sued the government, charging that it had harassed employees.

The oilman later dropped the suit and pleaded guilty to violations, paying a \$40,000 fine.

On Sunday, he was moved to tears on several occasions as family members thanked him for bringing home their husbands and sons.

"That's why we went," Wyatt told them.

north of Baghdad. He lost about 40 pounds and said "There was never enough food." He spent his time listening to Voice of America and BBC radio, and read a lot.

"I just hope everyone will be home for Christmas," he said.

Parker's 25-year-old son, Ryan, interrupted a news conference by Connally and Wyatt to give each man a red rose.

"This is a very, very small token of appreciation for everything you've done," he said, his voice cracking with emotion. "You've brought my daddy home." He then led the crowd in rally of three cheers for the men.

Former hostage Jim Vine of Pasadena, Calif., was shouting "Oh my God!" as he saw his family including a son he was meeting for the first time. Vine threw his arms around his wife, Donna, and three-month-old son, Evan. The baby was born Sept. 6, barely one month after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

Most of the former hostages said they generally were treated well, although all complained about food shortages. Many looked gaunt and tired, and some of the men sported beards they said were grown during the months in captivity.

"I lost some weight," said Allen Lawson of Huntsville, Tex.

as. "But as far as being mistreated, no I was not mistreated. I know we sometimes got more food than the Iraqi citizens."

John Remington of Redondo Beach, Calif., who works for DMJM, an architectural engineering firm, said he was held 400 miles northwest of Baghdad. The Iraqis brought them groceries, but he and the others held with him cooked their own food.

"Once you accept the baseline for the questioning, that you were a prisoner held against your will, yes, we were treated very well," Remington said.

Lawson said he was concerned about the hostages left behind. "It's a little hard to talk about," he said with voice cracking and eyes tearing up. "They're still over there."

Jackie Nelson, wife of former hostage Bill Nelson of Los Angeles, kissed Wyatt and Connally on the cheek and said, "God bless you. I can't thank you enough. We're so grateful." The oilmen, visibly exhausted from the 18-hour flight, were moved to tears.

Nelson, who said he was held at a munitions plant about 37 miles south of Baghdad. Asked how he felt, Nelson said, "God Bless America. There's nothing like it."

Bridge

by James Jacoby

NORTH 12-10-90			
♦ K 10			
♥ Q 10 6 5 4 3			
♠ A K 6			
♣ 8 6			
WEST		EAST	
♦ 6 3 2		♦ A J 5 4	
♥ 8 7		♥ A K J 9 2	
♠ 9 8		♠ Q 10 3 2	
♣ K 10 9 7 3 2		♣ - - -	
SOUTH			
♦ Q 9 8 7			
♥ - - -			
♠ J 7 5 4			
♣ A Q J 5 4			
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: East			
South	West	North	East
3♦	Dbl.	All pass	2♦
*opening bid, any three suits			
Opening lead: ♦ 9			

Double-crossed

By James Jacoby

Today's deal is from a major championship circa 1955. Sitting East-West were Italians Mario Franco and Michel Giovine, using their own artificial system called Marmic. East's opening two-club bid showed three suits, but responder did not know where opener had shortness. It seemed to Giovine, sitting West, that the method would pay an enormous dividend when South made a three-club overcall. But watch the play.

Declarer won dummy's ace of diamonds and played king of spades. East took the ace and led the heart king. Declarer ruffed, cashed the spade queen, ruffed a spade and ruffed another heart. He then played a diamond to dummy's king.

By this time West was down to all clubs. Declarer was secure in his contract provided he did not make the mistake of leading a trump. Declarer in fact led a diamond from dummy. East played the good queen but West had to ruff and lead a club. Declarer won and led a spade, once again West had to ruff and had to lead into the A-Q of trumps. So South, who had risked a three-level overcall on incredibly shoddy values, brought in the doubled contract.

The Marmic system, although not a success, encouraged other theorists to develop artificial methods, which to this day are an intellectual stumbling block to those we would like to attract to competitive bridge.

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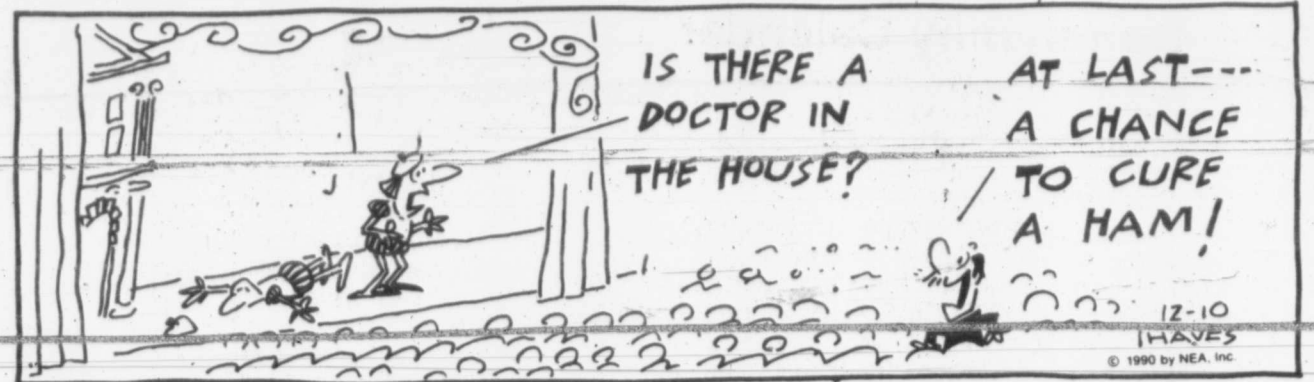
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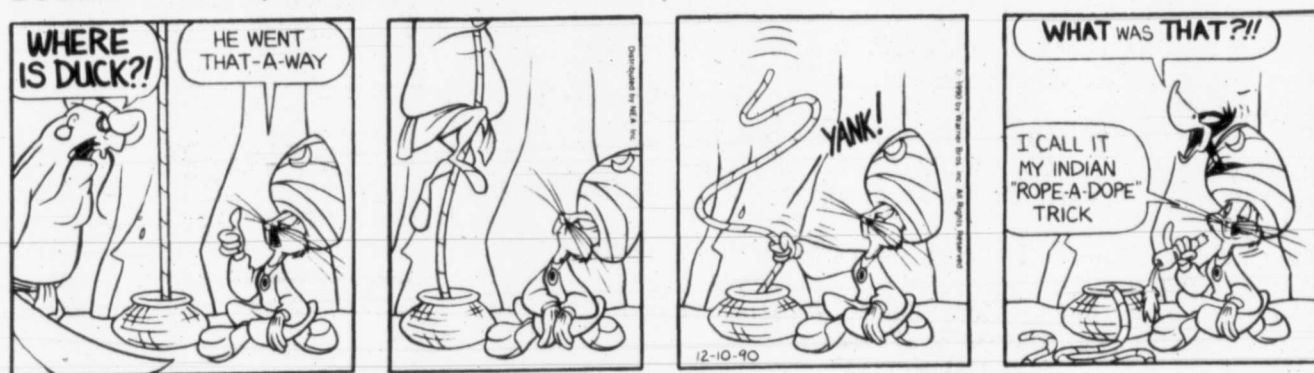
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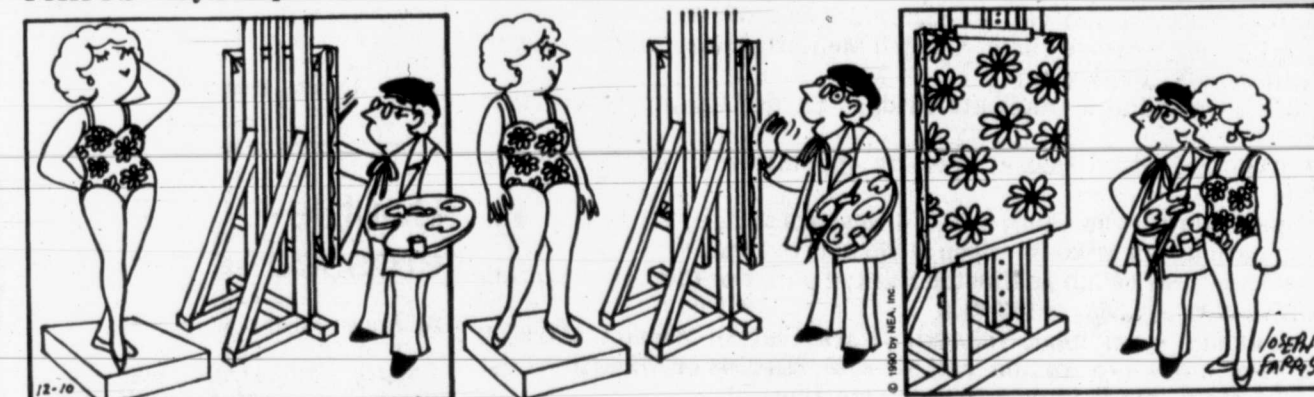
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ACROSS

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- 9 Hooklike parts
- 13 Clergyman's title
- 14 Spin
- 15 Made of (suff.)
- 16 Enity
- 17 Dress material
- 18 Feather scarf
- 19 Comedian
- 20 Islands near Italy
- 21 Sault — Marie
- 22 Chief Egyptian god
- 23 Scorns
- 26 Water barriers
- 31 Two-toed sloth
- 32 Relative
- 33 Center of shield

- 34 Deserted in love
- 35 Zaa Zaa's sister
- 36 Lordly beast
- 37 Author — Caldwell
- 39 Excavations
- 40 Clergyman's deg.
- 41 Drink slowly
- 42 Mickey — French
- 46 pronoun
- 47 Misfortune
- 50 Do — others
- 51 — Domini
- 52 New (pref.)
- 53 Litigator
- 54 Taking lessons in
- 56 Being
- 57 Convince

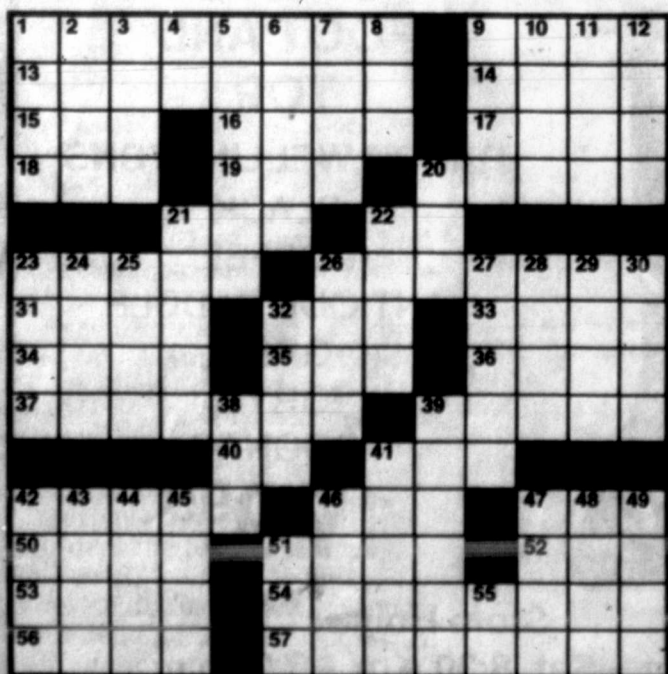
DOWN

- 1 Baby's bed
- 2 Comedian Jay —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 4 Symbol for tellurium
- 5 Pie coverings
- 6 Skater Sonja
- 7 City in Oklahoma
- 8 Insecticide
- 9 — Major
- 10 Astronaut — Armstrong
- 11 Early Briton
- 12 Actress — Chase
- 20 Dolly
- 21 Bushy-tailed animal
- 22 Entertainer — McEntire
- 23 Beast of burden
- 24 — about Autos
- 25 Swing music
- 27 Cup-shaped flower
- 28 — the Mood for Love
- 29 Oil tree
- 30 Male children
- 32 Dispatch
- 38 Freshwater fish
- 39 Those under 18
- 41 Sound detector
- 42 Ponder
- 43 Burden
- 44 Southwestern Indians
- 45 Irritated
- 46 Cut
- 47 Freshwater porpoise
- 48 Make a loan
- 49 Theater box
- 51 Mountain
- 55 Greek letter



Snyder grabs wins in cage tournament

LAMESA — Snyder defeated basketball teams from Odessa Permian and Big Spring for a pair of wins and a second place finish in Saturday games at the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce Cotton Classic.

The Tigers edged Permian, 77-72, in the early game and came back in the afternoon to drop the Steers, 56-53.

Snyder cagers Hayward Clay and Jeff Wortham were named to the all-tournament team.

Clay scored 16 versus the Panthers and hit for 13 against Big Spring while Wortham knocked down nine points in the Permian tilt and 14 facing BSHS.

Coach Bud Birks said of the Permian battle, "It was probably as well as we've played all year. They were a little bigger than we were, but the kids played hard. They played hard the whole tournament."

"Hayward and Eric Braziel both had an outstanding game, defensively and offensively," he stated.

Braziel and Clay each hammered 16 points followed by Ed Rios' 14 and nine apiece by Wortham and Jerry Don Tippins.

"I don't know what it is about Big Spring," coach Birks said, but we always seem to struggle against them."

The Tigers defeated Big Spring for the second time in three tries this season as Wortham led the Tigers with 14 points. Clay had 13, Braziel poured in 11 and Rios and Carlton Sanders contributed nine each.

Birks pointed out the efforts of Wortham and Sanders in the se-

cond win of the day for SHS.

"They both played really well," he said. "Wortham had four threes in the second half and Carlton had one three-pointer and a key steal at the end of the game."

The Tigers' next showing will be Tuesday when they travel to take on Midland Greenwood in an 8 p.m. clash. Junior varsity action gets under way at 6:30 p.m.

Snyder, now 6-5 on the year, will compete in the Brownfield Tournament Thursday through Saturday before returning home Tuesday, Dec. 18 against Slaton.

NBA roundup...

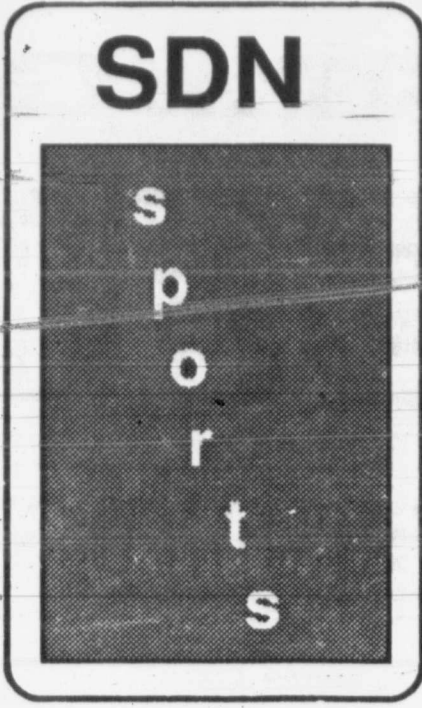
Bucks dump Seattle, 105-99

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Milwaukee coach Del Harris can't credit boisterous fans or an imposing building to his team's 10-0 start at home this season.

The Bucks, in fact, have yet to sell out the 18,633-seat Bradley Center despite matching the best home start in team history set in 1984-85.

"We don't have a homecourt advantage here," Harris said Sunday night after a 105-99 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics improved the Bucks' overall record to 14-6, tying them with Detroit for first in the NBA Central Division.

"The players just work their tails off. We have a quiet crowd. Ask someone if you could win 10 in a row at any time, any place in the NBA. You know how hard it is



58-14 win...

Oilers thrash Browns

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers had one regret about their franchise-record victory over Cleveland.

They couldn't save any of the points.

"It's great to win but at half-time I wanted to quit and save our enthusiasm and points for next week," offensive tackle Bruce Matthews said.

Lorenzo White scored three of his four touchdowns in a 45-point first half and Terry Kinard had two big defensive plays, leading to a 58-14 victory that thrust the Oilers into a three-way tie for the AFC Central Division lead with Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. All have 7-6 records.

"We can't save any of these points and use them next week, we've got to come right back and do it again," Coach Jack Pardee said. "There are some games coming up that where we'll have to play above ourselves."

Kinard intercepted a pass by Bernie Kosar and returned it 47 yards to set up White's 10-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. White also scored on runs of 1, 7 and 5 yards and Kinard returned a fumble by Kevin Mack 72 yards for a touchdown.

White rushed 116 yards on 18 carries and sat out much of the second half after becoming the second Oiler to score four touchdowns in a game. Earl Campbell had four touchdowns against Miami Nov. 20, 1978.

"As a team we are down to our last four games and at that point you have to kick it in," White said. "Today we were able to turn it on and keep it going. The key is for us to take this victory with us into Kansas City."

The Browns (2-11) lost their eighth straight game and tied the club record for most losses in a

season. They've given up 380 points, also a club record.

Interim coach Jim Shofner spent an uncomfortable afternoon on the sidelines and felt even worse afterward.

"This is clearly a very difficult game in which to give a post-game interview, based on the way we played," Shofner said. "We ruined any chance we had of winning early because of those early miscues."

The Browns are 0-4 since Shofner replaced Bud Carson as head coach.

"We have digressed as a team since I took-over as head coach," Shofner said. "There must be some lack in my ability to coach with a result like this. There must be a kink in the armor somewhere."

Eric Metcalf provided Cleveland's scoring punch with a 101-yard kickoff return and a 31-yard touchdown catch from Kosar.

"I have spent happier afternoons in the Astrodome," Metcalf said. "The fun isn't gone out of the game but it's hard to stay motivated. I stay motivated because I think I'm a good player but it's hard to feel any satisfaction for my two touchdowns."

Houston's Warren Moon had his season low in yardage but continued to set records. Moon completed 17 of 25 passes for 190 yards and increased his completion total for the year to 310, a club record. He broke the record of 293 set in 1980 by Ken Stabler.

"We were due for one like this," Moon said. "We haven't had a lot of breaks this year. Our defense set the tone today by going after them early."

Kosar completed 13 of 26 passes for 166 yards and one touchdown but he was sacked four times for 28 yards in losses and threw two interceptions.

NFL glance

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Buffalo	11	2	0	.846	373	207
y-Miami	10	3	0	.769	275	184
Indianapolis	5	8	0	.385	200	281
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	.308	216	295
New England	1	12	0	.077	154	366
Central						
Cincinnati	7	6	0	.538	292	294
Houston	7	6	0	.538	324	243
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	234	200
Cleveland	2	11	0	.154	201	396
West						
Kansas City	9	4	0	.692	314	199
LA Raiders	8	4	0	.667	290	194
Seattle	7	6	0	.538	325	240
San Diego	6	7	0	.462	272	220
Denver	3	10	0	.231	277	334

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-N.Y. Giants	11	2	0	.846	285	163
Washington	8	5	0	.615	299	242
Philadelphia	7	6	0	.538	325	275
Dallas	7	6	0	.538	193	255
Phoenix	5	8	0	.385	206	308
Central						
x-Chicago	10	3	0	.769	290	207
Green Bay	6	7	0	.462	241	270
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	297	252
Tampa Bay	5	8	0	.385	210	311
Detroit	4	8	0	.333	270	307
West						
x-San Francisco	12	1	0	.923	297	199
New Orleans	6	7	0	.462	235	239
LA Rams	5	8	0	.385	305	346
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	292	332

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Sunday's Games
Buffalo 31, Indianapolis 7
Houston 58, Cleveland 14
New York Giants 23, Minnesota 15
Pittsburgh 24, New England 3
Phoenix 24, Atlanta 13
San Francisco 20, Cincinnati 17, OT
Seattle 20, Green Bay 14
Washington 10, Chicago 9
Kansas City 31, Denver 20
New Orleans 24, Los Angeles Rams 20
Miami 23, Philadelphia 20, OT
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Monday's Game
Los Angeles Raiders at Detroit, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15
Buffalo at New York Jets, 12:30 p.m.
Washington at New England, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 16
Atlanta at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Houston at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Miami, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Cincinnati at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 17
San Francisco at Los Angeles Rams, 9 p.m.

Improved helmets lower injury rates

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Improved football helmets are the main reason the death toll in the sport has declined from an all-time high of 36 in 1968 to four last year, officials said.

Twenty years ago, a rash of football-related deaths sparked a call to safety and the formation of a national committee to create and enforce minimum standards.

Although today's helmet is constructed of the latest materials available and is carefully maintained, it still has a relatively short lifespan.

The physical nature of the game causes so much wear and tear that most helmets last only about five years.

Dr. Voight Hodgson of Wayne State University in Detroit has been the principal investigator for the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment since its formation.

"The football helmet was the main (thing)," said Hodgson. "The other was the football face mask. The baseball batter's helmet and baseballs and softballs are all in one standard." A standard also has been set for lacrosse helmets, he said.

Head gear was made of canvas before leather helmets were adopted in the 1930s. In the early '50s, the modern plastic-shell helmet was created. Although the hard shell seemed to improve protection greatly, allowing players to butt heads with increasing force, inadequate lining within the helmets didn't absorb the shock from those crashing blows, Hodgson said.

Colleges adopted the committee's standard for helmets in 1978, and high schools implemented it in 1980.

Today, a surcharge on each helmet sold pays for continued study.

to win one game? Then you know how hard it is to win 10," Harris said.

In the only other NBA game Sunday night, the Los Angeles Lakers defeated Washington 106-99 for their sixth consecutive home victory.

Milwaukee needed a strong fourth quarter from Ricky Pierce, who scored 14 of his 24 points in that final period.

Lakers 106, Bullets 99
Los Angeles had five players with 17 or more points, offsetting 40 by Bernard King and 25 by Horace Grant.

James Worthy scored 20 points, Magic Johnson 19, Byron Scott and Vlade Divac 18 and Terry

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	15	4	.789	—
Philadelphia	13	6	.684	2
New Jersey	7	11	.389	7½
New York	7	11	.389	7½
Washington	6	13	.316	9
Miami	5	12	.294	9
Central Division				
Detroit	14	6	.700	—
Milwaukee	14	6	.700	—
Chicago	12	7	.632	1½
Cleveland	10	10	.500	4
Charlotte	8	10	.444	6
Indiana	8	12	.400	6
Atlanta	7	11	.389	6
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	10	5	.667	—
Utah	12	7	.632	—
Houston	11	8	.579	1
Dallas	6	11	.353	5
Minnesota	6	12	.333	5½
Orlando	5	15	.250	7½
Portland	4	15	.211	8
Pacific Division				
LA Lakers	18	1	.947	—
LA Lakers	11	6	.647	6
Golden State	12	7	.632	6
Phoenix	10	7	.588	7
LA Clippers	9	9	.500	8½
Seattle	5	12	.294	12
San Antonio	3	14	.176	14

Saturday's Games
Denver 126, Charlotte 119
Phoenix 113, Orlando 109
Indiana 114, Cleveland 99
Atlanta 99, New York 86
Portland 109, Chicago 101
Houston 113, Dallas 107
San Antonio 102, Boston 96
Utah 105, LA Clippers 95
Detroit 104, Sacramento 93

Sunday's Games
Milwaukee 105, Seattle 99
LA Lakers 106, Washington 99

Monday's Games
Charlotte at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
San Antonio at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
LA Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Washington at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Cowboys' playoff chances improve

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Maybe the Dallas Cowboys really are getting that old magic back.

On Sunday, the Cowboys had the day off, but still watched their chances to make the playoffs this season improve as Green Bay, Philadelphia, Minnesota and the Los Angeles Rams all lost.

Dallas (6-7) is trying to make the playoffs just one season after finishing 1-15.

The Cowboys, who play host to Phoenix (5-8) next week before hitting the road against Philadelphia (7-5) and Atlanta (3-10) to close the regular season, are hoping a 9-7 or 8-8 finish will be good enough to earn a wildcard spot.

Coach Jimmy Johnson said he planned to spend Sunday in front of his television, watching other NFC teams that are jockeying for playoff spots.

"I'll be plopped down in front of my TV, working the satellite," Johnson told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "And I'm going to enjoy it."

The Washington Redskins (8-5) improved their chances for a playoff spot Sunday with a 10-9 win over the Chicago Bears (10-3).

Chip Lohmiller booted a 35-yard field goal with 2:14 remaining to help boost the Redskins, who moved two games ahead of the Cowboys with New England (1-12), Indianapolis (5-8) and Buffalo (11-2) left to play.

The Packers (6-7) and Vikings (6-7) both lost and New Orleans (6-7) beat the Los Angeles Rams to create a four-way tie with Dallas.

Derrick Fenner scampared for 112 yards and a touchdown and Seattle stopped Green Bay's final drive at the 8-yard line with a minute remaining to beat the Packers 20-14.

Minnesota ended its five-game winning streak in a 23-15 loss to the New York Giants. The Vikings led 15-10 after three quarters, but Ottis Anderson scored on a 2-yard run with 6:50 remaining and the Giants (11-2) woke up in the fourth quarter to capture their second straight NFC East title.

Former Cowboys' quarterback Steve Walsh threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Eric Martin as the New Orleans Saints beat the Los Angeles Rams 24-20. The loss virtually eliminates the Rams from playoff contention.

Green Bay still must play Philadelphia (7-6), Detroit (4-8) and Denver (3-10), while Minnesota will face Tampa Bay (5-8), the Los Angeles Raiders (8-4) and San Francisco (12-1). New Orleans still has Pittsburgh (7-6), San Francisco and the Rams (5-8) on its schedule.

Philadelphia's wildcard hopes dimmed a bit with Sunday night's 23-20 overtime loss to Miami. The Eagles still must play Green Bay, Dallas and Phoenix.

Gymnastics team at meet

SWEETWATER — Shannon Hall, a Level 6 gymnast from Snyder Triple T's gymnastics team, received four blue ribbons in competition here Saturday to advance to Level 7.

The Snyder team, coached by Steve Parker of Steve's Snyder Sports, also boasted five Level 1 competitors who advanced to Level 2 with blue-ribbon performances in four events.

They were Angie Glover, Erica Lee, Jessie Keller, Samantha Keller and Nicole Canales.

The girls at the meet competed in balance beam, vault, uneven parallel bars and floor exercise events.

Jennifer Mayer wound up the meet with three blue ribbons and a red in Level 2 action and Brooke McQuery, in Level 3, snagged a red and three blues, also.

The Triple T's next meet is slated for sometime in February in Abilene.

SWC b'ball squads start season strong

by The Associated Press
The Southwest Conference is off to a 33-18 start against outside competition and Baylor wins the prize for the most improved team in the first month of play.

The Bears are 5-0 and the only unbeaten team in the league. Here's how the nine teams shape up after a month a non-conference play:

Arkansas (7-1): Dominating as expected. The only loss was to Arizona in the finals of the NIT Big Apple. The Wildcats hurt the Hogs inside in that game and any team with two tough inside players and good guard play has a chance to beat Arkansas, which looks even better than its Final Four team last year. Broke Missouri's 34-game home winning streak on Saturday.

Baylor (5-0): Coach Gene Iba's crew is playing tough defense. Got a school record 21 steals in recent victory over Iowa State of the Big Eight Conference. Joey Fatta has improved at center and guard David Wesley has been hot. Scored 32 against the Cyclones.

Houston (5-1): Only loss was to South Carolina in finals of Diet Pepsi Tournament. The overtime loss to the Gamecocks was aided by poor free throw shooting. Alvaro Teheran has improved tremendously at center but the question remains if the Cougars will miss Craig Upchurch who had to have back surgery just before the season started.

TCU (5-1): The bulked up body of center Reggie Smith has made the Horned Frogs an imposing threat. TCU beat Arkansas last year and the Frogs will be a threat to the defending champions again this season.

Rice (3-2): The Owls only lost by six points to mighty Georgetown. Center Brent Scott held his own against the Hoyas with 14 points and 16 rebounds. The Owls could be tough in January.

Texas (3-2): The Longhorns lost early games to Oklahoma and Louisiana State but coach Tom Pender's team should be salty again in March with the development of Dexter Cambridge. Texas closed fast to get into the Final Eight last year.

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with Andy McGaffigan, pitcher, on a one-year contract with Omaha of the American Association.

National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Announced they would not offer arbitration to Rick Mahler, pitcher, and Ron Oester, second baseman.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
DETROIT LIONS—Activated Toby Caston, linebacker; Bruce Alexander, cornerback; and Robert Claiborne, wide receiver, from injured reserve. Placed Bruce McNorton, cornerback, on injured reserve. Waived Rick Karlis, kicker, and Jimmy Williams, linebacker.

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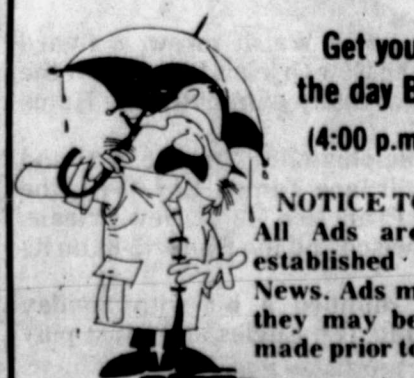
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NOTICE OF HEARING CITY OF SNYDER BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held Monday, December 17, 1990 at 5:00 P.M., at the City Hall, 1925 24th Street, Snyder, Texas, to review and discuss the following item: Variance Case V-604, the request of Ivan Chaney to allow placement of a carport 20 feet within the front yard setback on a lot located at 2103 24th St., legally described as Lot 2 Block 15 of the Blankenship Addition to the City of Snyder.

Vick Chambers
Planning and Zoning Department

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: VULCAN I, and its partners, owners, shareholders, and successors in interest, and if any of such successors are deceased, the legal representatives of said Defendants and the unknown heirs of said named Defendants, if the unknown heirs of the said named Defendants are dead; and all owners or claimants of interest in and to said Defendants' undivided working interest in and to the property described hereinafter; GREETINGS: You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 31st day of December, 1990, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable 132nd District Court of Scurry County, at the Court House in Snyder, Texas. Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 9th of November, 1990, the file number of said suit being No. 17470. The names of the parties in said suit are: FANG OPERATORS, INC., as Plaintiff, and, VULCAN I, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Such suit is based on delinquent operating expenses owed by Defendant to Plaintiff, by which Plaintiff seeks a money judgment against Defendant and further seeks foreclosure of an Operator's Lien filed of record against such Defendant's 2.0% working interest in and to the Holladay Heirs "C" Lease located in a 30 acre tract of land out of the SW/4 of Section 120, Block 97, H&T Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 13th day of November, 1990. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Texas, this the 13th day of November, 1990.

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SHOPPING SPREE BREAKFAST — These local Jaycees and children enjoyed breakfast at McDonald's Saturday morning following a "shopping spree" at Kmart. Annually, Kmart provides selected needy children with \$20 in which to shop for gifts for family and loved ones. The store also provides each child with a \$5 wrapped gift from Santa Claus. Jaycees and other local volunteers took time to assist the children with their shopping. Pictured at left are Belia Romero, Veronica Estrada and Sandy Hernandez. Shown at right are Shelly Hembre, Eddie Gutierrez and Ralph Hernandez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Walesa wins election

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Elected by a landslide in Poland's first popular presidential vote, Lech Walesa got right to work today on his pledge to build this struggling young democracy into an economically sound "pillar of peace."

The man who led the decade-long struggle that ended authoritarian Communist rule acknowledged that "terribly difficult tasks" lie ahead as he attempts to complete the painful transition to a market-based economy.

"I want to work because there is a lot of work to be done," the former shipyard electrician told reporters at his Gdansk headquarters after defeating emigre businessman Stanislaw Tyminski in Sunday's runoff.

Indeed the new president arrived at the office just a few minutes past 9 a.m., driven in a new government car with three police vehicles in escort.

Greeting him were clapping supporters who chanted, "Our president, our president."

The Solidarity chief's margin of victory was 77 percent to 23 percent, according to exit polls conducted by the Germany polling firm Infas. Official results from all but one province had him ahead 73.25 percent to 26.75 percent.

Two bitter and divisive rounds of voting have strained the nation, splintering the Solidarity movement a year after Poland ousted the Communists and embarked on the most ambitious economic reform plan in Eastern Europe.

Walesa said he would decide by Wednesday which of seven possible candidates to select to succeed Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki. The former Walesa ally was eliminated by Tyminski in the Nov. 25 first round of presidential voting.

In a taped address to the nation on Sunday night, Walesa repeated his campaign theme of speeding up the dismantling of Communist-collected industries and encouraging private enterprise.

"In Poland there is enough work for everyone. We must change and modernize much," he said. "Europe will appreciate us for this. An economically developed Poland will be one of

the pillars of peace and calm in Europe, whereas a poor Poland will meet a wall of disapproval at all borders."

"I hope to be a good sheriff — determined, strong and effective," Walesa told a news conference earlier. Some Mazowiecki supporters have accused Walesa of demagoguery and promising more than he could possibly deliver.

Smiling, the mustachioed president-elect sipped champagne for the TV cameras and gave an awkward but affectionate kiss to his wife Danuta at the insistence of photographers.

He said he would "work to bring effects, to truly change Poland ... I will do everything so that every one of us will have a piece of Poland for himself."

Walesa said he thought Tyminski would "fade away quickly," but he was worried about the wellspring of anger the emigre businessman apparently harnessed in his come-from-nowhere campaign.

The exit polls showed Walesa winning among all social groups. Tyminski's best showing was among rural voters — where he obtained about 35 percent.

The quixotic challenger who returned to Poland in September

after 21 years in Peru and Canada had promised prosperity in a month, finding support in people frustrated by economic hardship and rising unemployment.

"There are many people in Poland for whom it is really bad," Walesa said. "We must ... make Poland such that those doubters quickly join us, because we need them."

The president-elect is to be sworn in for a five-year term as soon as the results become final, which could be by the end of this week.

Tyminski declined to concede defeat immediately, saying he would complain to the National Election Commission that voters had been intimidated by Walesa's camp. Journalists noticed no signs of irregularities.

Kuwait

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Cheny's remarks appeared aimed at counteracting any positive public reaction in the United States to the arrival home of hostages held in Iraq and Kuwait since the Aug. 2 invasion.

In spelling out the administration's reasons for committing a quarter of a million American troops to the gulf and threatening to use them against Iraq, Cheney particularly stressed the economic interests at stake.

"There is no saying the fact that one of the major concerns we have is the very real possibility that should Saddam Hussein succeed in his aggression, should he be allowed to keep Kuwait, that he would be in a position to directly control over 20 percent of the world's proven oil reserve," Cheney said.

Cheny's comments followed those of other top-level Bush administration officials who said the United States wants international controls over Iraq's nuclear weapons and other sophisticated arms once the current crisis is resolved.

Local police log weekend arrests, probe reports

Over the weekend, local police investigated a report of criminal mischief, an assault, burglary of a vehicle and arrested a shoplifter and a subject for driving while intoxicated.

At 1:30 p.m. Sunday, a man told police that he had been assaulted by his ex-wife. A report for Class C assault was filed.

Robert Joplin of 3106 Ave. B told an officer at 12:59 p.m. that a tire on his pickup had been cut. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

A 17-year-old male was taken into custody and charged with DWI, no driver's license and no liability insurance at 11:56 p.m. Saturday at 25th St. and College Ave. He was transported to Scurry County Jail.

At 7:39 p.m., Jason Jones requested an officer at Martha Ann Woman's Club in reference to a window being broken out of his 1985 Cadillac and a leather handbag missing. A report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

Police arrested a 70-year-old female at Wal-Mart at 4:30 p.m. for Class B theft and public intoxication. She was taken to the county jail.

Fire contained

Snyder firefighters responded to a grass fire Sunday afternoon.

Local units battled just over an hour to contain a grass fire at North Ave. L and Smith Ave. The call came in at 2:13 p.m.

The waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans commingled in the Panama Canal in 1913 after U.S. engineers blew up the Gamboa Dam.

Chiang Kai-shek took the oath of office as president of China in 1943.

Mail

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parcels whenever possible. —Although twine and cord are permitted, it is preferred that they not be used because they tend to catch and bind in mail processing equipment.

—The parcel should be clearly marked with the address, including ZIP or ZIP plus 4 Code, of both sender and receiver. It is a good idea to place a list of the contents plus the name and address of both the sender in the recipient inside the package. This helps in the delivery in case the outside address becomes illegible.

—Place special markings outside the parcels to alert postal employees to the nature of the contents. Items containing breakables should be marked "Fragile" in three places — above the address, below the postage, and on the reverse side. If it contains food that may decay, mark "Perishable" in the same locations. Items such as photographs should be marked "Do Not Bend," but also should be protected with a stiffening material such as fiberboard.

Vehicle towed from accident

A two-car accident in which one vehicle was towed was investigated by Snyder police Saturday.

Police were called to the 2500 block of College Ave. at 11:05 p.m. Saturday where a 1981 Chevrolet driven by Cathy Jane Kelly of Route 3 was in collision with a 1979 Oldsmobile driven Richard Thomas Berrera of 2200 Ave. M.

No injuries were reported, however both vehicles sustained heavy damage, according to police reports. The Berrera car was towed from the scene.

Theft of gas from home investigated

Scurry County sheriff's office investigated a case of criminal mischief at a local church and the theft of gas from a rural residence over the weekend.

John Zalman advised that sometime around 4 a.m. Sunday three males came to his residence on the Roby Hwy. and asked to use the phone. The trio claimed to have run out of gas. Zalman said that he believed the subjects had taken gas from his gas tank. He reported that they were driving a late model white pickup.

At 8:55 p.m. Saturday, Gary Davis called from 37th St. Church of Christ and reported that a window on a church van and several windows in the church had been shot out with a BB gun.

Obituaries

Joyce L. Baxter

1932-1990
Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Joyce L. Baxter, 58, of 4302 Ave. U. She died at 9:45 a.m. this morning in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Mrs. Baxter was born Feb 23, 1932, in Kermit. She had been a Snyder resident since 1960. She is survived by her husband, Donald; two sons, Mickey Almond of San Angelo, Bruce Almond of Odessa; one step-daughter, Joyce Ann Pace of Snyder; two sisters, Dorothy Boyd of Lake Thomas, Marie Allen of Granbury; and three grandchildren.

Edward Shamblin

1921-1990
LAWN — Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Lawn First Baptist Church for Arch Edward Shamblin, 69, who died Sunday in an Abilene hospital. Burial will follow in the Dewey Cemetery. He was the brother of Geraldine Stokes of Ira. Born in Shields, Mr. Shamblin was a long-time resident of Como and moved to Tuscola in 1987. He was a retired dairy farmer and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Shamblin of Tuscola; two sons, Rick Shamblin of White Oak and Scott Shamblin of Como; another sister, Charlene Kelly of Abilene; two brothers, J.W. Shamblin of Levelland and Doyle Shamblin of Tuscola; and two grandchildren.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Lisa Johnson, 216 36th; Katherine Redwine, 4109 Denison; Joshua Lumpkins, 3724 Rose Circle.
DISMISSALS: Linda Dodson, Charles Stephens, Johnny Ervin, Laura Dennis.

Births

Curtis and Delia of 507 20th St. announce the birth of a son, Chase Lee Guynes, born at 9:45 p.m. Dec. 4 at Methodist Hospital, Lubbock. He weighed seven pounds and two ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Paul and Janie Tovar, and paternal grandparents are Walter and Johnnie Guynes, all of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cotton of Garland announce the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Louise, born Nov. 19 in Presbyterian Women and Children's Hospital in Garland. She weighed seven pounds and five ounces and was welcomed home by a sister, Ashley.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cotton and Cinda Long, all of Snyder.

Columbia due home tonight

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA said it is bringing space shuttle Columbia home from its star-crossed astronomy mission tonight, a day early, to avoid rain at the desert landing site.

The mission earlier had been threatened by a clogged waste water line, but the astronauts

Panel ponders fewer missions

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top-level review of the nation's space program recommended today that space shuttle flights be confined only to those that require human involvement and that the proposed space station be redesigned from top to bottom.

A committee of experts said some of the concerns expressed about the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are "deserved and occasionally even self-inflicted."

Their report was released after Vice President Dan Quayle and NASA administrator Richard Truly were briefed on its contents. The 12-member committee, which has been studying the space program for four months, was headed by Norman R. Augustine, chairman and chief executive officer of the Martin Marietta Corp.

NASA has received heavy criticism this year, particularly after shuttles were grounded for five months by leaks and by the inability of the \$1.5 billion Hubble Space Telescope to see the universe as sharply as advertised.

The committee was asked whether some new form of management structure was called for, but it said "changes of such sweeping scope are inappropriate."

found a way to live with the problem Sunday. Weather proved to be the determining factor, though, and shuttle managers decided late this morning they would not risk waiting until Tuesday to bring Columbia back.

After receiving the news, the seven astronauts quickly began preparing for a 9:51 p.m. PST landing at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

The forecast Tuesday at Edwards held the possibility of rain, while today's forecast was much more favorable.

Pollution, industry blamed for increases in cancer rate

NEW YORK (AP) — Cancer death rates in industrialized nations are rising faster than aging and smoking might account for, heightening suspicion that pollution and other environmental dangers are at fault, scientists say.

Cancer causes about 2.3 million of the 11 million deaths annually in industrialized nations, according to one of an international set of reports collected and published by the New York Academy of Sciences.

When lung cancer — most often caused by smoking — is excluded, the cancer death rate among men in industrialized nations has risen 9 percent since 1950, the report said. Cancer death rates for women have risen in some countries and fallen in others, it said.

"Cancer is increasing in industrialized countries above and beyond that due to cigarette smoking or aging alone," said Devra Lee Davis, an editor of a collection of studies and a researcher at the National Academy of

"You've all had a fantastic mission, but all good things have got to come to an end and you're coming home tonight," Mission Control's Story Musgrave told the crew.

"We're disappointed we don't get the extra day, but we're exuberant over what we've gotten so far," said Warren Moos, a scientist at Johns Hopkins University. "The last observation was a very difficult observation of a comet. ... We're going out with a bang."

Sciences in Washington. "The combination of air pollution and industrial activity is obviously a very important factor."

Brain cancer is among the most rapidly increasing, Davis said, especially among people over 65. In some cases, the rate in the industrial world has increased more than six-fold in those over age 75, she said. Such cancer has also increased among young people, although at a lower rate, she said.

Research shows that in the United States, the rate of lung cancer deaths among nonsmoking women is now higher than the total lung cancer death rate in women 30 years ago, she said.

That could reflect exposure to second-hand cigarette smoke as well as to radon, asbestos and air pollution, Davis said.

According to National Cancer Institute figures, the lung cancer death rate among all American women in 1955 was 5.1 deaths per 100,000 women.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last	K Mart	28%	27%	28
AMR Corp	52	51 1/2	51 1/2	Kroger	13%	13%	13%
ALLTEL Cp	32	32	32	vjLTV Cp	3	9-16	3
Ameritech	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	Lowes	22%	22%	22%
AmStores	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	Lubys s	19%	19	19
Amer T&T	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	Maxus	8%	8 1/2	8 1/2
Amoco	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	MayDSI	44%	44	44%
AndarkPir	33	32 1/2	32 1/2	Medtronic	88%	88%	88%
Arka	20%	20%	20%	Mobil	57%	56%	56%
Arka wi	20%	20%	20%	Monsanto s	48%	48%	48%
ArcoInc	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	Motorola	52%	52%	52%
ATRichHld	124 1/2	122 1/2	124 1/2	NCNB Cp	24%	23%	24%
BakerHugh	26	25 1/2	25 1/2	Navistar	2%	2%	2%
BancTexas	11-64	11-64	11-64	NyMex	73%	72	73
BellAtl	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	OryaEngy	41%	40%	41
BellSouth	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	PacTelesis	45%	45%	45%
Beth Steel	13	12 1/2	13	PanHECp	11%	10%	11
Borden s	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	PenneyJC	43%	42%	43%
Caterpilr	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	PepBoys	9%	9%	9%
Centel s	33 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2	Phelps Dod	54%	53	53%
CentSo West	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	PhillipPet	25%	25%	25%
Chvron	69 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	Polaroid s	23%	23%	23%
Chrysler	12	11 1/2	11 1/2	Primercia	24%	23%	23%
Coastal s	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	ProctGamb	85%	84%	85%
CocaCola s	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	PubS NwMx	8%	8%	8%
Colg Palm	72 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2	SFPacCp n	6%	6%	6%
ComIntell	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	SaraLee s	32%	31%	31%
CyprusMn	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	SearsRoeb	25%	25%	25%
DallSemcn	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	SherwinWm	38%	38%	38%
DeltaAirl	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	SmithBchm	58%	58%	58%
DigitalEq	58 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2	SmithBch eq n	51	50%	50%
Dillard	88	87	87 1/2	Southern Co	26%	26%	26%
DowChem	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	SwstAirl s	19%	18%	18%
DresserInd s	20%	20%	20%	SwstBell	56%	56%	56%
duPont s	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	SterlingChm	5%	5%	5%
EastKodak	41 1/2	40 1/2	41	SunCo	30%	30	30%
Enserch	20%	20%	20%	TNP Ent	19%	19%	19%
Exxon	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	Tandy	29%	29%	29%
GenMotrE s	3%	3%	3%	TempInl s	30%	30%	30%
GlobMar n	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	Tenneco	46%	45%	46
Goodrich	39 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2	Texasco	57%	57%	57%
Goodyear	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	TexasInd	13%	13	13
GTAIIPac	43 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	TexasInst	34%	33%	33%
Gulf Stat/It	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	Tex Util	38	37	38
Halliburtn	45 1/2	45	45 1/2	Textron	25	24%	24%
HoustonInd	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	Tyler	3%	3%	3%
IBM	113	112 1/2	112 1/2	USX Corp	30%	30%	30%
InfIPaper	51	50 1/2	51	UnCarbde	16%	16%	16%
JohnsJhn	70%	70%	70%	UnPacCp	69	68%	68%
				US West s	37%	37	37%
				UnitTech	47%	46%	46%
				Unitel s	22%	22%	22%
				Unocal	26%	26%	26%
				WalMart s	31%	30%	30%
				WestghE s	27%	27%	27%
				Woolrth s	29%	28%	29%
				Xerox Cp	36%	36%	36%
				ZenithE	6%	6	6

Jailed reporter released Sunday night

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A reporter jailed for refusing to testify about unpublished interviews she conducted with a murder defendant was free today after prosecutors agreed to allow a district judge to dissolve contempt charges.

Libby Averyt of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times was freed at 8:30 p.m. Sunday night after prosecutors agreed to allow a district judge to dissolve contempt charges, the newspaper reported.

Ms. Averyt spent two days in jail after she refused to answer questions in a pre-trial hearing about unpublished interviews with capital murder defendant Jermarr Arnold.

The reporter was released following a meeting between Caller-Times attorney Jorge Rangel, District Attorney Grant Jones, defense attorney Carl Lewis and 28th District Court Judge Eric Brown.

Brown ordered Ms. Averyt jailed on contempt charges after she invoked U.S. Constitution and Texas constitutional provisions in refusing to answer the judge's questions.

"I told everyone present that Libby was not going to change her mind and was not going to answer the questions," Rangel said. "I told them that any further confinement would not make her change her mind, and I requested that she be released immediately."

Rangel said Ms. Averyt is still under subpoena for Arnold's murder trial, which is scheduled to start Wednesday.

If called to testify, Ms. Averyt said, "I'm not going to answer any questions about unpublished material."

"Libby made a very strong statement, that she was willing to go to jail on behalf of a principle. I believe it sends a statement that news reporters are not going to let themselves become investigative arms of the state," said Rangel.

Executive Editor Larry Rose said, "Our legal efforts were vigorous and in support of our reporter and the principal of not allowing reporters to become a part of government's investigative arm."

Ms. Averyt met her husband of one month, Scott Williams, as she walked out of the Nueces County Jail Sunday night.

"The first thing we did was stop and get a Whataburger and a Coke," she said.

"Then we got (home) and the first thing I did was call my mother," she said. "After I make a few phone calls to very close friends, I'm going to take a hot bubble bath and talk to my husband."

Bethlehem 1990: nothing but room available at inn

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — In the season of Christmas pilgrimages by Christians from around the world, the town where Jesus was born has nothing but room at its inns.

Mayor Elias Freij looks out the window of his office onto the deserted square at the Church of the Nativity.

"Tourists? What tourists?" he asks rhetorically, sweeping an arm toward the emptiness. "This is the worst situation in my memory."

"With the drums of war beating in the Saudi desert and the large armada assembling in the (Persian) gulf, people are simply too scared to come here," says Freij, a Greek Orthodox Palestinian who has been mayor for 18 years.

He said "the last straw" was Israel's decision in October to distribute gas masks in case of an Iraqi attack. "Would you go on holiday to a country where you need a gas mask?" Freij asked.

Israel has suffered an overall loss in tourism because of the gulf crisis. Bethlehem and Arab east Jerusalem are especially affected because the crisis accompanies what usually is their busiest season.

The government had predicted a record year in tourism, surpassing the previous high of 1.5 million visitors in 1987. Instead, tourist arrivals have declined by half since Iraq seized Kuwait on Aug. 2, said Tourism Ministry spokesman Yossi Shoval. He said the 1990 total would be 1.3 million at best.

Shoval said the ministry still was trying to woo Jewish religious groups and Christians pilgrims, but that Israel had canceled its overseas television advertising "until the gulf situation improves."

"There will be Christians here for Christmas," he said. "The question is how many."

On a recent morning in Bethlehem, a single tour bus was

parked in Manger Square. Its seven Italian passengers were alone in the underground grotto of the Church of the Nativity, kneeling at the silver star that marks the site of Christ's birth.

In normal times, pilgrims would be elbow-to-elbow in the church and the tiny grotto.

"Things are so bad that I am not earning enough to feed me and my wife," said Issa el-Boyaji, a man in his 70s who usually makes his living shining the shoes of pilgrims outside the church.

He has set aside his brass-inlaid shoeshine box and directs drivers into parking places around Manger Square, hoping they will give him small change for his efforts.

Traditional religious ceremonies are scheduled for the holidays. They will begin on Christmas Eve with the ceremonial arrival of the Roman Catholic patriarch of Jerusalem and end with Masses and Anglican chorale services.

For the fourth year, Bethlehem will forgo street decorations and holiday receptions in sympathy with the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Freij said.

The revolt against Israeli occupation, which began in December 1987, has taken the lives of more than 770 Palestinians and 53 Israelis.

"With the confrontations, with the desperation, there is nothing to celebrate," the mayor said.

Sinatra to go home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Frank Sinatra is going home for his 75th birthday.

Ol' Blue Eyes returns on Tuesday, the eve of his birthday, to an arena near his New Jersey hometown of Hoboken to begin a yearlong world tour. He plans to fulfill a lifetime dream of performing in the Soviet Union and possibly China.

Texas National Guard official may be linked to drug smuggling operation

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — State and federal authorities are investigating possible drug smuggling connections of a Texas National Guard official who ran the guard's anti-drug war, a published report says.

Col. Richard Brito, 46, who heads training and planning operations for the 22,000-member guard headquartered in Austin, is being investigated for possible links to his two brothers, one of whom has been convicted of drug smuggling and another who has been indicted on drug charges, the Houston Chronicle reported in a copyright story Sunday.

Mario Brito, 33, and William Arthur "Billy" Brito, 44, remain at large. Both had been arrested in February 1987 in connection with a drug smuggling operation in the Rio Grande Valley. But both failed to show up at continuing court proceedings.

Richard Brito testified at proceedings and was grilled by a federal grand jury in Brownsville in October 1989. He's now under investigation by the Texas Department of Public Safety and the U.S. Customs Service.

"We're going to look at all of the aspects of the case, but we're not going to state who is and who is not going to be a target of an investigation," said John Crews, the assistant U.S. Attorney in Brownsville.

Those connected with the probes will not comment specifically about the nature of the probe, or if Richard Brito is accused of participating in drug trafficking.

"So far we don't have any evidence to tie him directly to the smuggling operations," said an unnamed Justice Department source. "But he could get his hands on anything he wanted. He's the equivalent of what the

U.S. Army has, a corps intelligence officer..."

In February 1987, Mario and Billy Brito were arrested along with seven other men on drug charges in Grimes County. Billy Brito allegedly was flying a plane that circled a clandestine landing strip in Grimes County, aborted a landing and returned to Mexico.

No drugs were seized, but the men were later charged with organized criminal activity.

Prosecutors allege Mario Brito headed a heavily armed ground crew that was to meet the plane piloted by Billy Brito. One gang member testified Billy Brito said the group was being warned about government anti-narcotics efforts by another Brito brother, a high-ranking military officer.

Richard Brito bailed his brother, Mario, and two other defendants out of jail in February 1987.

But Brito denies any illegal activity or connection with the ring.

"If they think I'm involved, they should indict me," Brito said. "I have absolutely no knowledge of anything that went on before or after (the arrests). The only involvement I had was bailing them out of jail. None of them has involved me in any way except I bailed my brother out of jail."


David Barron, the Grimes County district attorney who tried the case, doesn't believe Richard Brito's story.

"Of course, it's his position it's family loyalty," the prosecutor said. "But I think it's almost too coincidental that he's involved in drug interdiction efforts and his family is involved in dope smuggling."

Last summer, Mario Brito did not return to court during his trial. He was found guilty in absentia and sentenced to a 99-year prison term and fined \$250,000 in September.

Billy Brito turned himself in to authorities in May 1987, but failed to appear for a court hearing in October.

Dear Abby



Where There's Smoke, There's Fire: Call 911

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: In your column of Sunday, Nov. 25, was a letter signed "911" that needs some clarification. Abby, 911 was designated as a national emergency reporting number and should be used to report all medical, police or fire emergencies. Apparently, the writer of the letter you published is from a community where they dispatch only for the police department.

We at the International Society of Fire Service Instructors strongly advocate and teach nationwide that 911, where available, should be used to report any emergency dealing with fire or smoke, as well as accidents and medical emergencies. By using the 911 system, access to telephone number and location is available to the dispatcher immediately, thus greatly reducing response time and consequently saving many more lives.

Contrary to what the writer said, do call 911 should your television emit sparks or should you smell something burning.

EDWARD H. McCORMACK JR., CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS

DEAR MR. McCORMACK: Thanks for the information. I've heard from many others advising me of the same thing.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating this guy for 10 months. I really fell for him, and he told me he loved me. Two weeks ago, I heard that he is engaged to marry a girl who lives out of town. Their wedding is scheduled for January, and I was shocked because he never even mentioned her to me. I finally asked him if what I heard was true and he said it was, but he says he loves me and wants to continue seeing me. He asked me to please be there for him if his marriage doesn't work out.

I don't understand this. He knows that I love him, and if he really loves me, why does he want to marry someone else?

What should I do? This is very painful for me, because we had such a great relationship for 10 months and it will be hard for me to end it. Should I keep going with him up until the time he gets married or what?

HEARTBROKEN DOWN SOUTH

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: End it now, and thank your lucky stars you aren't the girl he's engaged to. How would you like to be engaged to a guy who's telling another girl he "loves" her and wants her to be there for him in case his marriage with you doesn't work out? He's bad news. Please, read the first sentence of my answer again. And commit it to memory.

DEAR ABBY: I am a sailor aboard a Navy destroyer presently in the Persian Gulf as a part of Desert Shield.

First, God bless you for all you have done to support us while we are on the front line. We have been literally overwhelmed by the sheer volume of mail we have received. This ship has heard from three elementary schools, two junior high schools and one high school. Abby, 3,000 letters are a lot to answer, and I want to apologize because there is no way we can answer all those letters personally.

Secondly, I do not want to appear ungrateful, but what has happened to our school system? I just read a letter from a high school student from a southwestern state. I quote: "I now you are doon yore best to pertek our nation fum them and I want you to no we are proud of you."

Abby, this is not unusual, I assure you. I do not know how this student ever got out of the third grade.

I read letters from two foreign students — one was a Dominican and the other a Russian — ages 9 and 10. Their handwriting was very neat and easy to read, and their spelling was perfect.

God help America if our kids are graduated from high school spelling and writing the way they do!

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Astro-graph

By Bernice-Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 11, 1990

In the year ahead interesting changes might transpire in your personal relationships. There is a possibility you may become the focal point of a group where previously you were only a spoke in the wheel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You should be very effective today in the way you handle your intangible interests, but you might not be equally as adroit in managing things of a tangible nature, such as your earnings. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Two opposing forces might be at odds today where your career is concerned. There is a possibility the proponents of your cause may not be equally as strong as your opponents. Be careful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't go to persons who have rejected you in the past for favors today. Conversely, you should be able to count on the very same individuals who have been kind enough to help you previously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You could be more gifted than usual in advancing your ambitious aims today, but, on the other hand, in purely social situations you might put your foot in your mouth.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Hard feelings from a past experience shouldn't be allowed to influence your decisions today. If you behave poorly, your counterpart might do something out of spite to balance accounts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might have problems being a self-starter. If co-workers try to prod you into action today, be receptive instead of reaction. A little push could be helpful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Before you make a request of another today, be certain you'll be able to reciprocate when conditions are altered. If you are merely a taker, instead of a giver, it could tarnish your image.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your plans regarding something you want to achieve today are feasible and should work out as you envision. Don't become fainthearted when it is time to implement them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to avoid negative thinkers today, because you'll already have self-doubts with which to contend. You need to be with people who say you "can do," instead of those who say you "can't."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Being a "good time Charley" with your resources in hopes of impressing others is an exercise in futility today. If you want to really make points, use your funds to benefit loved ones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An associate who is jealous of you might attempt to demean you in the eyes of others today. His or her success will be dependent upon the way you react. Keep cool.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Doubts might creep into your mind today, but they are not likely to be focused on things you lack. The problem could be what to do with what you already have.

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Happy Holidays

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Bradley Ashworth says "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

New budget rules nix major boosts in domestic spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — As residents of little Middletown, N.Y., brace for a slowing economy, agencies serving the poor in the Hudson River Valley community expect more and more people will need help to pay fuel bills, rent and even find shelter.

But they don't expect to get the money they'll need from the federal government.

"There will be people wanting services we just won't be able to accommodate," Charles Darden, executive director of Middletown's Regional Economic

Community Action Program, lamented recently.

With the end of the Cold War last year and before the U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf, some lawmakers argued that excess money from a slimmed-down Pentagon — the so-called peace dividend — should be used to expand domestic programs.

Instead, the money will be used mostly to chip away at the federal deficit. And strict budget procedures written by Congress and President Bush will keep it that way for at least three years.

Advocates of these priorities

and the new rules say they are necessary to trim the budget deficit, which is expected to reach at least a record \$320 billion in fiscal 1991, which began Oct. 1.

"If we don't deal with the deficit, we won't be able to deal with any of our other priorities," said House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., an architect of the five-year budget package.

Robert Greenstein, executive director of the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, which lobbies for low-income programs in

Washington, criticized the plan.

"The problem is not only do we not invest more in domestic programs, but we don't even give ourselves over the next three years the ability to debate the issue," he said.

As part of this fall's big budget deal, congressional leaders and the White House set firm ceilings for each of the next three years for three separate categories of spending: defense and domestic programs and foreign affairs. Money can't be transferred from one category to another.

At Ellington Field...

Fuel cost overruns top \$12 million

HOUSTON (AP) — Airport fuel costs at Ellington Field have topped \$12 million in contract overruns to the Department of Defense in a four-year period, according to a published report.

In a copyright story Sunday, The Houston Post reported federal documents show Southwest Airport Services Inc. was paid more than \$16.2 million for the period from November 1985 through November 1989 under contracts that originally were projected to be \$3.6 million.

In the two-year period between October 1986 and October 1988 alone, the service was paid 7,200 percent more than the government's original contract estimate of \$119,000, or \$8.78 million.

"I don't want to say it sounds fishy; it's just hard to understand how the Defense Department could consistently underestimate by so much," said Pete Schmidt, an economic policy analyst with the Defense Budget Project, a

Washington-based nonprofit research organization.

Southwest Airport Services has supplied fuel at Ellington Field, where President Bush and other government dignitaries land when traveling to Houston, since April 1985 when it was awarded a contract for the space in a lottery by the city of Houston. The firm pays a five-cent-a-gallon fuel flow fee and a \$650 a month fee to do business at Ellington Field.

One of Southwest Airport Services' owners is James R. Bath, who has connections to U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen's son, Lan Bentsen, and to the President's son, George W. Bush. Bath and the younger Bentsen have been business partners, but there is no indication that the Bentsens or the Bushes have financial ties to the firm.

Bath declined to comment for the article.

The Houston Post obtained Defense Department documents

on the expenditure under the Freedom of Information Act.

In separate dealings, Southwest Airport Services charged the DOD \$807,130 during an 11-month period which began in November 1985, that originally was estimated to be \$56,000, and charged more than \$3.2 million for a 13-month period ending in 1989.

A DOD summary also suggests that payments to the fuel service firm under the current contract, which ends in September 1991, also probably will exceed original contract estimates.

Dave Casey, a spokesman for the Defense Fuel Supply Center that contracts with Southwest Airport Services for fuel, said the estimates probably were "somebody's initial guess, and that's what we would probably call it."

Governments planes can get fuel at any of about 350 "into-plane" contract suppliers

worldwide, including Southwest Airport Services, Casey said.

The contract officer responsible for the Southwest Airport Services contract told Casey the government is largely unconcerned about where the planes fuel or whether a particular supplier sells enough fuel to exceed the funding level specified in its contract.

"They (the contract fuel suppliers) are just there to do business and if they go out and beat the drum loud enough, they get the business," Casey said.

"Evidently they (contract administrators) don't seem to have any control on it (the amount spent under the contracts). He told me they don't care as long as actual product (fuel) is being delivered," Casey said.

There were 25 records set in the 55-10 win for the San Francisco 49ers over Denver in the 1990 Super Bowl.

Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am an elementary-school student with a leakage in my mitral valve. Now I need to take an antibiotic before going to the dentist. Why does my doctor make me take this?

DEAR READER: Any patient with a diseased or leaky heart valve is at risk for developing bacterial infection on the valve. Called endocarditis, this serious affliction can lead to further valvular damage and life-threatening bloodstream infection.

During dental work, such as periodontal cleaning or extractions, bacteria from the mouth enter the bloodstream. The microorganisms will not attach to healthy heart valves, but they have a predilection for abnormal ones. Therefore, antibiotic coverage shortly before, during and after a dental procedure is standard policy for patients with valvular disorders. Ordinarily, prophylactic antibiotics are not necessary for simple cleaning and scaling, but if you contemplate more extensive work, antibiotics are advisable.

exercises and (in the most severe cases) joint replacement. There is no medicine now available to treat the calcium deposits, which are themselves simply signs of the arthritic disorder.

See your doctor who can help you plan a therapeutic approach to your arthritis. To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Understanding Osteoarthritis." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their names and addresses to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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Mexican phone monopoly sells part of its stock

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An international group that includes St. Louis-based Southwestern Bell has won a controlling interest in Mexico's telephone monopoly, one of the largest concerns being sold in a privatization drive.

The Finance Ministry on Sunday announced the winning \$1.76 billion bid of the consortium, which is led by Mexico's Grupo Carso and also includes France Cable & Radio.

The group will get 20.4 percent of the company, which is trying to modernize and expand an aging system that now serves 4.1 million customers in this rapidly growing country of some 84 million people.

The government holds more than \$4 billion worth of shares in Telmex, which is valued at roughly \$8 billion. It plans to sell the remainder of its shares, most of them non-voting issues, on national and international stock markets.

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Strong demand for potatoes ups prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers will see plenty of meat and potatoes in 1991, although Japan is ordering a lot of french fries these days, says the Agriculture Department.

Exports of frozen french fries, mostly to Japan, are up nearly 30 percent again this year, following a 20 percent gain in 1989.

The sizzling export market, along with strong domestic demand — Americans like french

fries, too — are helping keep the farm price of potatoes from collapsing because of a huge crop this year.

Total U.S. potato output in 1990 is estimated at 393.2 million hundredweight, up 6 percent from 370.4 million last year.

Most of that — 342.5 million hundredweight — is coming from the fall harvest, up from 324.7 million in 1989. The balance of the U.S. potato crop comes from

winter, spring and summer harvests.

"The largest gains occurred in Idaho where output rose 10 million hundredweight (from 1989) to a record 112 million," the department's Economic Research Service said.

Production for all the western states rose 6 percent, the agency reported in the December issue of Agricultural Outlook magazine. Potato output in the

eastern states was up 1 percent, and the central states gained 7 percent.

Drought continued to take a toll in parts of the upper Midwest, particularly in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

"For the third year in a row, drought-reduced yields in the Red River Valley appear to be a major factor driving potato prices," the report said. "Hot, dry conditions in late summer held output to 115 hundredweight per acre in North Dakota, where yields for the five years prior to 1988 averaged 170 hundredweight."

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