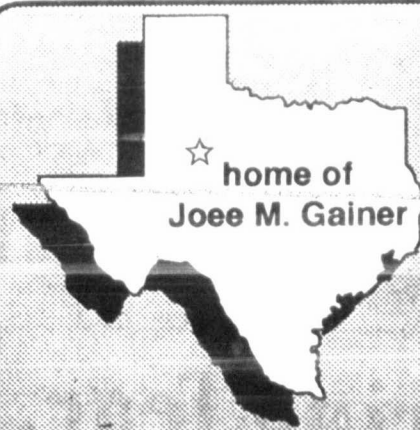


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12 degrees this morning...

Ol' Man Winter blows in

With the first day of winter, and as colder weather begins to settle in, health authorities are reminding residents to take precautions to stay warm.

The temperature reading plunged to 12 degrees overnight here, prompting the need for even the hardest individuals to seek shelter.

The forecast was for more of the same over the next several days, with a 20 percent chance of snow through the weekend.

The weather is markedly similar to a year ago, when temperatures took a dramatic drop just before Christmas, falling from a high of 62 degrees on Dec. 20 to 17 degrees on Dec. 21. The low fell to a shivering 2 degrees that night, and on Dec. 22, the temperature dipped to minus-one degree.

Throughout the city there were burst meters, frozen yard lines and several main breaks. The police department recorded 65 water-related calls during a period between Dec. 23 and Dec. 26. Firefighters braved sub-zero wind-chills to fight three fires during the same time.

Snyder was not isolated, however, businesses and homes throughout the state suffered flooding from ice-shattered plumbing. Some towns endured power outages as heating systems worked overtime. Employers in some areas ordered workers to stay home to keep warm and protect their pro-

perty. Crops in the Valley froze in the fields and orchards, while freak snowfalls on the Gulf coast created traffic nightmares.

But the event was worse than just an expensive inconvenience at Christmas time. For nearly a

week, the statewide weather emergency endangered anyone unable to find warmth, especially the elderly.

At least 14 people in Texas died last year as a direct result of hypothermia — excessive loss of

body heat. All but two of the victims were 55 or older. Officials at the Texas Department of Health warn that even if the weather this winter is milder, a similar death toll from the cold can still occur.

Dr. Diane M. Simpson, TDH associate commissioner for disease prevention, said that extreme cold is dangerous to anyone, but some are more susceptible to hypothermia than are others. Small children at risk because their bodies radiate heat faster than those of adults. The sick, and people who have taken certain prescription drugs or alcohol may lack resistance to low temperatures.

There are several reasons that the elderly may be more susceptible to hypothermia. Often, their own basal metabolism has decreased and they may not be very physically active. Also, they may not perceive cold as well as younger persons. The elderly also may lose some natural reflexes such as shivering. In addition, some are poor and are afraid of incurring high heating bills.

Hypothermia begins when the deep body temperature falls to 95 degrees Fahrenheit, just less than four degrees below normal. Because the drop can be gradual, such a temperature change can cause mental confusion. The victim may or may not be aware that anything is wrong.

(see WINTER, page 10)

Jobless rate up to 6.8%

AUSTIN (AP) — The statewide unemployment rate for urban areas in November was 6.8 percent, a sharp jump from 5.3 percent in October, according to the Texas Employment Commission.

The 6.8 percent jobless rate also was greater than the 6.9 percent rate for November 1989, the TEC said Friday.

Total unemployment in November totaled 583,100, up from 445,000 in October but down slightly from 588,200 in November 1989.

Labor market analyst Dianne Dobie said because of business pessimism, particularly on a national level, merchants may have waited later to hire Christmas workers and this would be reflected in the higher unemployment rate.

"Not knowing, they may have been cautious about hiring, which came later than our survey period," she said.

Rates of unemployment in the urban areas of Texas as announced Friday by the TEC for November, compared with revised October figures (in parentheses) included:

Abilene 6.5 (5.0)
Amarillo 5.0 (4.2)
Austin 4.8 (4.0)
Beaumont-Port Arthur 7.7 (6.0)
Brazoria 5.9 (4.8)
Brownsville-Harlingen 12.9 (see JOBLESS, page 10)



FOR A DUCK...MAYBE — Winter weather blew into West Texas overnight, sending the mercury down to 12 degrees. A brisk breeze put the wind-chill at 20 below zero. Officials are encouraging late shoppers to bundle up well and take extra precautions. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ask Us

Q—Are the electronic scanners used at checkout counters monitored by any agency?

A—The Texas Department of Agriculture randomly checks the accuracy of the scanners and can levy fines of up to \$500 per violation. Consumers who have problems with inaccurate scanner prices can call toll-free to the Austin office at 1-800-TELL-TDA.



In Brief

Fine possible

PASADENA, Texas (AP) — Federal officials have proposed more than \$14,000 in fines against Phillips Petroleum Co. in connection with a fire at its K-resin plant in Pasadena that injured four workers.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration on Thursday accused the company of two counts of willful violation of federal safety regulations and one serious violation.

OSHA recommended the Bartlesville, Okla.-based company be fined \$14,300. Under federal law, OSHA could have sought a total of \$21,000 in damages, \$10,000 for each serious violation and \$1,000 for the serious citation.

Phillips' officials say they plan to challenge the findings.

Local

Holiday plans

Snyder Daily News offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas holidays.

The weekend edition of the News will be delivered at its normal time. The Dec. 24 edition will be delivered that Monday morning. As usual, there will be no publication on Christmas Day.

Calling Santa

Kids who want to talk to Santa can do so from 2-5 p.m. Sunday by calling 573-3558.

The project, Calling Santa, is sponsored by Snyder Jaycees.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 69 degrees; low, 12 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 12 degrees; no measurable precipitation; total precipitation for December, 1.41 inches; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 30.45 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy and cold with a 20 percent chance of light snow. Low in the lower teens. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Saturday, cloudy and cold with a 20 percent chance of light snow. High in the lower 20s. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Outlook for Christmas Day, partly cloudy with a low near 20 and a high near 40.

Winners named in lighting contest

The John Risenhoover residence and the Ray Wagner residence took first place honors in the annual Snyder Jaycees Christmas Lighting Contest, held Thursday evening.

The Risenhoover residence, located at 4510 Garwood, won first place in the lighting category. Second place in the category went to the Gary Landes residence at 5504 Cedar Creek.

The Wagner residence, at 2301 Ave. T, won first place for theme. Second was the Sonny Greenfield residence at 3202 42nd St.

First place awards were \$50 gift certificates, donated by Haney's Jewelry and Cox's Jewelry. The two second place awards were gift certificates donated by Friendly Flower Shop and Travis Flowers.

In addition, a special award, which was a \$25 gift certificate from Everybody's Thriftway, was awarded to the Myrtle and

Trip giveaway set Saturday

The merchant's association drawing for the Las Vegas trip giveaway will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the gazebo on the courthouse square.

Some 1,200 tickets were printed, and all are expected to be sold prior to the drawing. Proceeds from the sale will go to the chamber of commerce to help promote "Shop Snyder."

A few tickets are still available at Purple Sage Motel and Applegate's Floral. They will also be sold from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday at Wal-Mart. Tickets are \$2 each or two for \$3.

The trip-for-two includes round trip air fare, three days and two night's lodging at the Imperial Palace, two free buffet meals and tickets to two shows. It is valued at \$540.

Santa Claus will be at the gazebo on Saturday and the announcement of the winners of the in-store decorating and costume contest and the Parade of Trees is planned.

A number of businesses will be staying open later than usual to allow for last-minute Christmas shopping.

Baghdad evacuated in drill; tensions continue to mount

Fay Harrell residence, at 3609 Ave. V.

Among the other residences which entered the contest were:

—Wilbur Fry residence at 3309 48th St.,

—Wilson Howell residence at 2608 34th St.,

—Kenneth Woods residence at (see CONTEST, page 10)

By The Associated Press

Air raid sirens blared and about 1 million Iraqis carrying blankets and food streamed out of Baghdad early today in an evacuation drill to test the nation's readiness for war.

As Iraqis jammed roads out of the capital, tensions grew between Israel and the United

States over a Persian Gulf-related issue at the United Nations.

Israel's foreign minister said the United States showed weakness by supporting a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning Jerusalem.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has repeatedly tried to link

the Palestinian problem with the gulf crisis. That has made it difficult for the United States to remain loyal to Israel without offending its Arab allies.

President Bush was to meet later today with John Major, Britain's new prime minister. In several television interviews today, Major said the question of war was "in Saddam Hussein's hands."

During the drill many Iraqis stayed home, residents said. Participants ran on foot to civil defense centers or sped out of town in cars. Hundreds of buses waiting at centers took Iraqis to shelters north, east and south of Baghdad.

Roads leading out of the capital were jammed with thousands of cars, trucks, buses and even carriages pulled by tractors. The drill began at 7 a.m. and ended five hours later.

Iraq has been preparing for war since the U.N. Security Council authorized force to remove Iraq from Kuwait if it does not leave the emirate by Jan. 15. Iraqi media carry instructions for building bomb shelters and courses in civil defense and first-aid.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Modern technology and scientific advancement is wonderful. They've been able to improve on everything except people."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

Don Dawes, who publishes the Big Country Christian News in Sweetwater, conducted a contest seeking readers' most embarrassing moments.

The winning entry was submitted by Cathy Posey of Vernon who entitled it, "The Church Slip Up."

Mrs. Posey said the incident occurred in Seymour, the last Sunday she and her husband attended there. "We moved the next week."

The couple had a new baby, but sat on their usual pew — about four rows from the front. Just into the service, the newborn decided she was hungry. "I gathered up all the necessities and stood up to leave...I felt something grab me. It

was my husband, Robert.

"I looked at him and my eyes asked, 'What are you doing?' His mouth loudly exclaimed, 'You're losing your dress!' as he caught my skirt at mid-thigh and yanked it up to my waist."

"He was quick enough to keep the silk skirt from making it to the floor, but not quick enough to save my face, or to keep everyone in the congregation from knowing that my slip was black..."

"There were approximately one million pews between me and that door. I never looked up to see where they came from, but I heard all those stifled giggles and guffaws."

Mrs. Posey said she barricaded herself in the nursery, and since nobody heard the sermon, the preacher used the same one that night.

O.G. Nieman, in the Hereford Brand, reported that the Census Bureau has had some complaints. "They just don't know how many."



MERRY CHRISTMAS — Santa takes off in his sleigh at the John Risenhoover residence at 4510 Garwood. This display won the lighting category in the annual Jaycees Christmas Lighting Contest, held Thursday evening. (SDN Staff Photo)

Accused cocaine kingpin says he'll wage war on drug agents

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A fugitive cocaine kingpin named in a 131-count indictment has threatened to make "war" against federal agents pursuing his organization, according to a warning issued to agents by U.S. Customs Service and Drug Enforcement Administration officials.

A teletype distributed throughout the various federal agencies quotes accused cocaine kingpin Juan Garcia-Abrego of saying "If they (drug agents) want war, we'll give them war."

Federal agents learned of the alleged threat from the man, who is believed to be in hiding in Mexico, through a "previously used and highly reliable" informant, the San Antonio Light reported today.

The informant reported the "war" threat to Customs agents in Brownsville last Monday.

This threat, intended to suggest physical harm will be made against any federal law enforcement official going into Northern Tamaulipas, Mexico, was made because of the recent indictments

that have been issued against the heads of this major criminal organization," the teletype states. "The (Brownsville) source believes the threat is real and constitutes a serious concern to any federal enforcement officer."

Garcia-Abrego, 46, is the accused head of a formidable narcotics ring believed responsible for the state's largest cocaine seizure, a 9-ton cache found last year in a Harlingen safe house, and is believed to have operated for years with immunity from Mexican law officers and political officials.



Shotgun slayings bring fear, boost gun sales in Indiana

GARY, Ind. (AP) — A rash of seven shotgun killings is scaring people into carrying guns or staying indoors at night as police try to nab the killer before another attack.

Gun sales are skyrocketing in the largely blue-collar area of northwest Indiana after the slayings within a 20-mile radius since late October.

At Jack's Gun Shop in Burns Harbor sales of firearms and ammunition have jumped fivefold since last week, owner Jack Batz said Thursday.

"We saw a big increase because people realize these are senseless killings," Batz said.

The latest victims were brothers Ilija "Eli" Balovski and George Baloski, who were killed with shotgun blasts to the head in their Gary tailor shop Tuesday. The store is just down the street from a pawn shop where owner Robert Ribicki has armed himself.

"Life's too damn precious for this kind of junk," said Ribicki, who carried a .38 Colt revolver strapped at his waist just under

his jacket. "I just hope they catch this guy, I don't care if they blow him away."

Police believe the killings were carried out by the same gunman. They were looking for a man described as white and between 20 and 35 years old, Portage police Sgt. Warren E. Lewis said.

He declined to discuss the evidence, but sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said shell casings from the latest killings match those from earlier slayings. A special police unit was formed to investigate the shootings that occurred in a parking lot, at gas stations, a garage, a motel, a bank and on the street.

Ribicki, who sells a variety of merchandise, including shotguns, says all five people working there now carry guns.

"I've had customers come in and when they see my gun they say, 'You guys finally got smart,'" he said, adding that his gun sales have tripled since the shootings began.

Some people don't welcome the increase in people carrying guns.

"I can see some poor sucker getting his head blown off approaching a car to ask for directions to Burger King," said Willy Carbins, 40, who was waiting for his teen-age son to get off work at a gas station less than a block from the site of the latest shootings.

The Gary Police Department also doubts the wisdom of fearful citizens carrying guns.

"People are always going to panic a little when something like this occurs," department spokesman William Burns said.

Top state policeman said fired

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) — The head of the State Judicial Police in this border city has been fired in the wake of criticism over the beating of a newspaper reporter.

Commander Ernesto Danache Cantu was relieved of his command Wednesday afternoon, Group Commander Sergio Gonzalez said. Gonzalez told The Brownsville Herald that the order came from Tamaulipas state Attorney General Jose Ives Soberon Tijerina.

A coalition of Matamoros journalists on Sunday called for the ouster of Danache in an open letter to President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Grand jury invites Lewis; Speaker declines until told of allegations

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Gib Lewis said he wants to know what he is being investigated for before he voluntarily testifies before a grand jury looking into influence-peddling in the Texas Legislature.

On Thursday, the Travis County grand jury invited Lewis, D-Fort Worth, to testify at its next session on Dec. 27.

But Lewis said he will not go unless he is told what allegations have been made against him, according to spokesman Monte Williams.

"The law requires that a grand jury witness be told what felony offense is being investigated and the particular offense he has allegedly committed," Williams said.

"So far, repeated requests for this information have been ignored by the district attorney. When these issues are resolved and questions answered, we will move forward with our meeting with the grand jury," he said.

Williams refused to comment further than the prepared statement.

A letter sent to Lewis and signed by grand jury foreman Gilbert Cantu, said, "The 331st Travis County Grand Jury at this time is investigating several matters involving you."

"We are hereby notifying you that you will be given the opportunity to appear and testify, if you so desire, before this grand jury on Thursday, December 27, 1990, at 3 p.m.," it said.

Lewis has denied any wrongdoing and said he welcomed the inquiry. He also criticized District Attorney Ronnie Earle, alleging in a lawsuit that the prosecutor was "spoon-feeding" evidence to the grand jury and demanding an opportunity to tell his side.

Earle has criticized Lewis' complaints, describing them as a "smokescreen."

The grand jury's term, which had been due to expire at the end of the year, was extended Wednesday for three more months. Earle said the investigation had not been completed.

The probe began early this month with prosecutors examining ties between Lewis and a powerful San Antonio law firm, Heard Goggan Blair & Williams.

Earle subsequently confirmed that the inquiry had widened to include other lawmakers and lobbyists.

The grand jury has subpoenaed campaign and personal finance documents concerning some 30 past and present legislators.

That subpoena, served last week on the secretary of state's office, focused mostly on members of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee and the debate-scheduling House Calendars committee.

Legislative records show the 15 bills filed since 1981 that would have diminished Heard Goggan's tax-collecting business died either in the Ways and Means or Calendars committees.

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Five Super Saturdays In Snyder, Texas

December 22

Drawing For Las Vegas Trip

Due to the weather, the drawing for the Las Vegas Trip is now set for 3:00 p.m. Saturday at the Gazebo on the courthouse square. Santa Claus will be at the Gazebo and the winners of the In-Store Decorating and Costume Contest and the Parade of Trees will be announced.

Thanks to the following participants in the "Five Super Saturdays in Snyder, Texas promotion:

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Man crushed to death by hay bale

PERRYTON, Texas (AP) — A bale of hay fell from a flatbed tractor-trailer rig and crushed a man to death inside his pickup truck, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

The hay fell from a truck Wednesday night, crushing Bruce E. Johnson, 77, authorities said.

A passenger in the 1986 Ford pickup, Joe Shirley, 23, also of Perryton, was injured. Shirley was in stable condition Thursday at Ochiltree General Hospital, officials said.

A load of bales apparently shifted when the driver of a tractor-trailer rig hit the brakes, investigators said.

The accident happened about 4 miles south of Perryton, at the intersection of U.S. 83 and Texas 70. Fog was dense, officials said.

The truck driver, Floyd Hilbers of Windthorst, saw the pickup approach the intersection. Hilbers slammed on the brakes and pulled over to the right of the roadway, causing the load of hay to shift on the trailer, officials said.

Hilbers apparently was unaware that he had lost part of his load and continued driving south on U.S. 83.



Stirl celebration planned Saturday

The children of Walter and Viola Stirl will host a reception 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Inadale Community Center to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. John (Helen) Byrns of Garland, Mrs. Dennis (Shirley) Douglas of Burden, Kan.; Ralph Stirl of Roscoe, and Wilma Stirl of Stanton invite friends and relatives of the family to attend this joyous occasion.



SERVICE AWARDS — Service certificates and pins were awarded to eight employees in the Snyder facility of Walls Industries, Inc. Monday. Bobby Hobgood, plant manager, and Ron Istre, vice president in charge of manufacturing, presented awards. Receiving five-year awards are photo one, from left, Ruth Holloway, Elane Tealor, Pat Jones, Kathy Johnson and Mary Ramirez. Receiving ten-year awards from Istre are photo two, from left, Eva Leyva and Vera Balkcom. Beva Herrera is not pictured. Walls Industries, Inc., a Cleburne based apparel firm, has eight locations in Texas, employing over 1,400 people. This year 139 employees were honored with service awards totaling 1,185 years of combined service to the company. (SDN Staff Photo)

IRS: Halliburton owes \$247 million

DALLAS (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service on Thursday notified Dallas-based Halliburton Co., one of the world's largest diversified oil field services, that it owes \$247 million in federal corporate income taxes from 1980-86.

But IRS officials have not levied penalties on Halliburton

with respect to the alleged late taxes, company officials said.

The company disputed the IRS assessment, saying in a prepared statement that "Halliburton believes that the majority of these adjustments and the asserted deficiencies are without merit."

Bridge By James Jacoby

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the deal changed when West over-called one spade. North raised hearts and Andersen jumped to four clubs — a special splinter bid showing spade length as well as shortness in clubs.

South asked for aces and then stopped in five hearts. That was enough for Ron Andersen. Obviously declarer was off two aces. Just as obviously, the defenders were going to take a lot of tricks if West led a club. So Andersen doubled to ensure that the club suit would be led. The defense went: a club ruff, a spade back, a club ruff, a diamond back, and one more club ruff. Before South gained the lead, East-West were plus 800.

South was overly aggressive in the bidding. When North could bid only two hearts, it was not likely to be North-South's hand. Better strategy would be for South to pass four clubs. Then, when West settled into four spades, South could "sacrifice" with five clubs. That contract would, in fact, make and perhaps would even be doubled, although not by East.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharus Books. © 1990, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Going for blood

By James Jacoby

Ron Andersen gave an apt demonstration of his "killer instinct" at the World Pair Championships in Geneva last September. He was East, holding a collection of cards that anyone would quickly want to throw in at rubber bridge. Suddenly, after North had opened one club and South had responded one heart, the prospects for

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Community Calendar

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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

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.

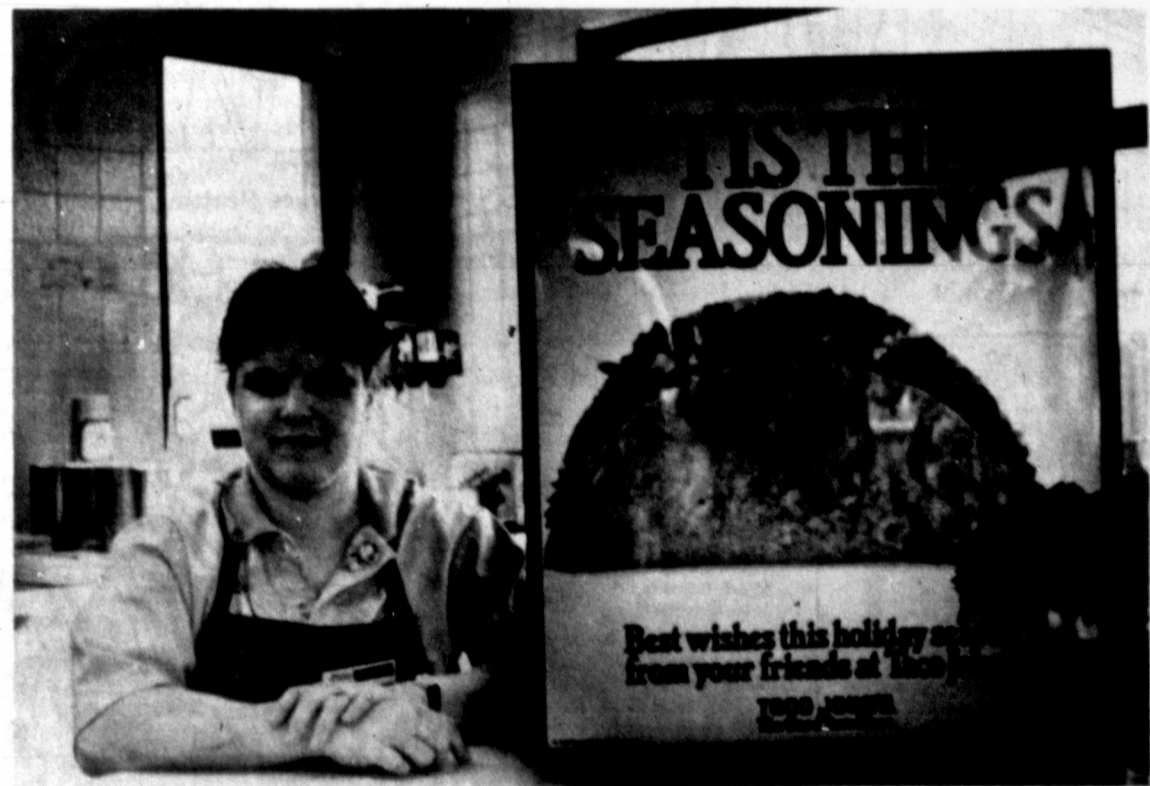
SUNDAY

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.

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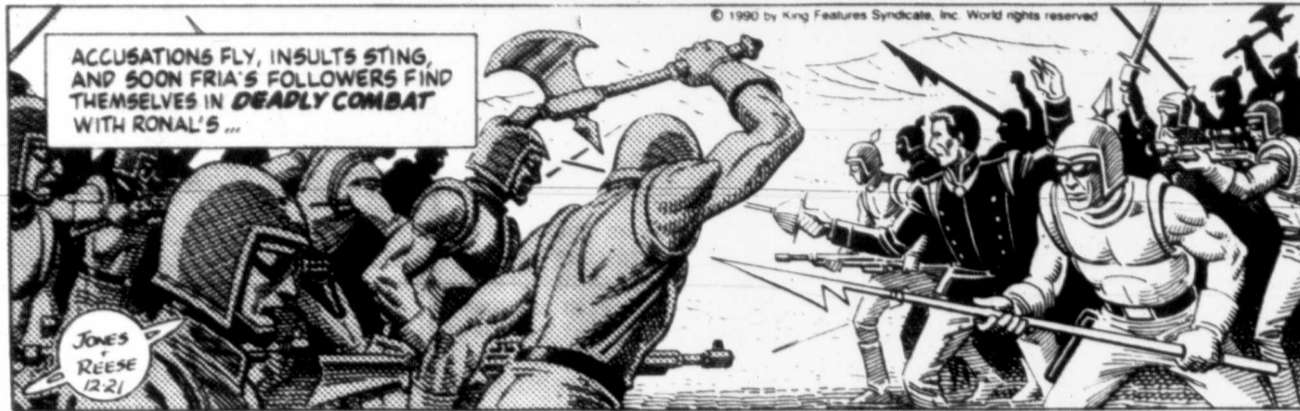
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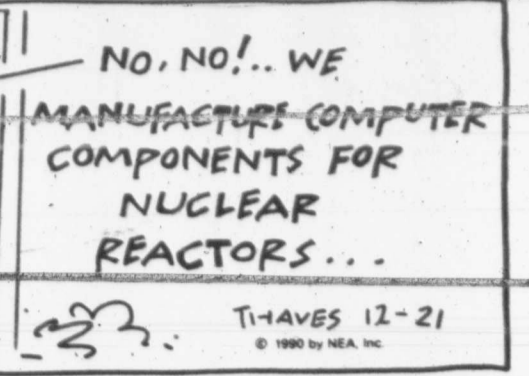
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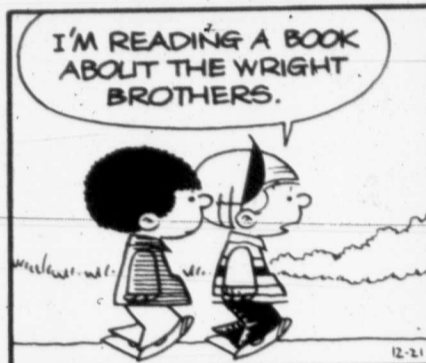
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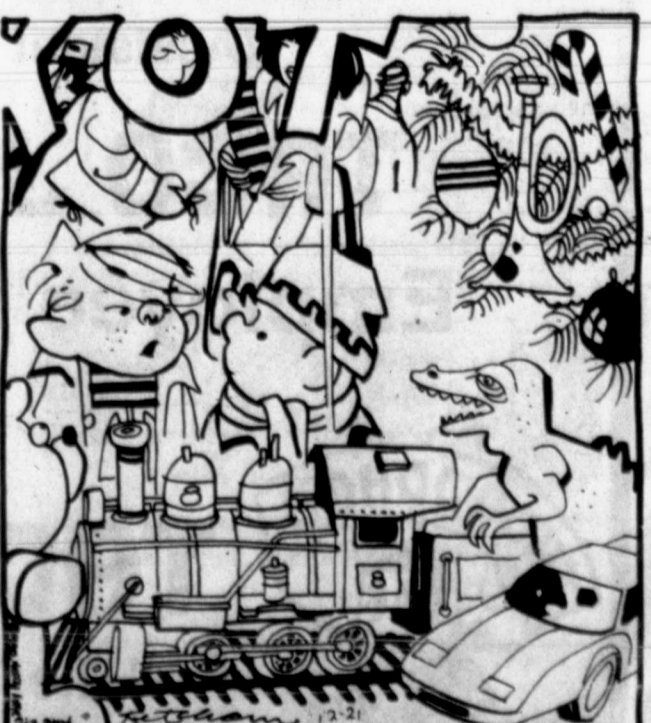
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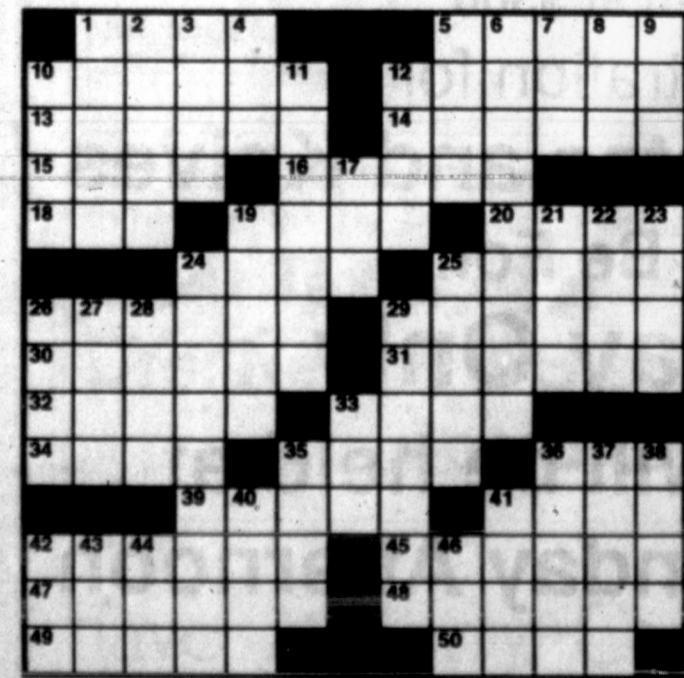
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- 21 New Mexico art colony
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Santa arrives by C-130 in far north village

ARCTIC VILLAGE, Alaska (AP) — On a C-130 Hercules transport plane headed north across the Arctic Circle, Air Force Sgt. Carl Warrings donned his Santa suit and started practicing his "Ho, ho, ho."

A half-hour later, he and 1,500 pounds of Christmas presents — including a community washing machine — were lowered onto the frozen tundra outside this Gwich'in Indian village.

A few dozen small children, bundled in furs and snowsuits, waited with their parents. It was 45 degrees below zero — warmer than it's been here all month.

"This is good. Usually when Santa comes it's really cold," said Kias Peter, the village's traditional chief.

The kids flocked around Santa when he appeared out of the belly of the green plane. Ol' Saint Nick then stepped on the back of a dog sled and was pulled the mile or so

into town by snowmobile.

It was the 24th straight year the Air Force brought gifts, goodwill and Santa Claus from Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage to the 125 residents of Arctic Village. The village is 500 miles north of Anchorage and more than 100 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

In return, the village threw its annual potlatch feast to welcome the plane. Caribou stew, salted caribou dumplings, whitefish and

other local delicacies were spread out on a table inside the village school.

"We fixed up chairs and tables and put up decorations," said 9-year-old Annie James. "I'm so happy that Santa came."

"The whole village participates — men, women, children, everyone," said Margaret Tritt, the school cook who supervised the dinner for more than 100 people on Dec. 10.

The children sang songs in

Gwich'in and English and gave the visitors gifts, from ceremonial leather boots to drawings. The Air Force put on a magic show, and then Santa handed out 54 individually marked presents for the children.

He also brought the washing machine and fixings for a Christmas feast.

Annie got a toy piano keyboard and sang "Silent Night" with it. Her friend Crystal Frank, 8, got two cassettes by New Kids on the

Block, her favorite singing group.

Five-year-old Rocky John got a jacket. Everybody got candy.

Parents had sent their children's Christmas wish lists to Elmendorf, where the 17th Tactical Airlift Squadron organizes the annual visit with help from the Officer's Wives Club.

This year Santa's gifts to Arctic Village cost about \$2,000, most of it raised at a chili cook-off last fall, said 1st Lt. Robert Allen, the

C-130's pilot.

The Air Force's Santa trip to Arctic Village began in 1967, when the caribou herds the village depends on migrated too far away. Village leaders wrote Alaska's congressional delegation for help and the Air Force airlifted local hunters closer to their prey, Peter said.

The December flight quickly became a holiday ritual in the Episcopal village.

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Dr. Gott
By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am an avid and grateful follower of yours and commend you on your simplicity of explanations. For those of us with no medical background, that is a plus. Can you explain the difference between a board-certified physician and one who is not board certified?

DEAR READER: Thank you for your compliments.

Years ago, a doctor could open a practice after having completed a year of post-graduate (internship) training that follows four years of medical school. However, as medical information has burgeoned and today's doctor must know far more than did his predecessors, most MDs choose specialization. This requires two to eight years of additional post-graduate training (residency).

At the conclusion of this training, if it is approved by the proper authorities and the doctor completes it in good standing, the new specialist is entitled to sit for exams. If the physician passes the exams (usually written and oral), he (or she) is certified by the specialty board, which is made up of more experienced practitioners in that specialty.

Thus, board certification is an accurate indicator of whether an MD is skilled in a particular specialty. Of course, these skills have to be honed during practice; experience is still the best teacher.

Board certification is, in general, a valid criterion of competency. Many boards require their members to maintain certification by re-taking exams at periodic intervals. This certification has become increasingly important: for obtaining admitting privileges in hospitals, for reimbursement (many insurers pay higher fees to board-certified practitioners) and as proof of expertise.

Not all good doctors are specialty certified, however — and certification is not necessarily a guarantee of excellence. There are many uncertified, extremely capable physicians in practice today. They may have failed their boards, for one reason or another, or they may have chosen (in an earlier era) not to take their boards. Being certified is not a prerequisite to practice medicine; such doctors are still licensed to serve patients, although they are generally restricted in what they can do.

I view certification as an accurate indicator of a doctor's skills, but I wouldn't hesitate to put myself under the care of an uncertified practitioner if I know and respect this person. I think certification is analogous to truck driving. Truckers who have passed advanced driving tests have displayed a certain level of competence — but they're not automatically good drivers. Similarly, there are many excellent, experienced truckers who did not pass qualifying exams.

Therefore, board certification should be, for the public, one of many ways to judge a doctor's abilities. It is important but not always the most important consideration. Certification is much more crucial in picking a surgeon (or a specialist) than it would be in selecting a family doctor.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." 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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Economic outlook for farmers said upbeat

WASHINGTON (AP) — A series of economic reports by the Agriculture Department in recent weeks points to 1991 as a pretty good year for farmers, although most admit there are uncertainties, perhaps more than usual.

One will be the reaction of farmers when they sign up for 1991 crop programs under the new farm law, which gives them more flexibility to plant what they choose.

A price for this freedom, of course, is a cutback in the acreage that will be eligible for "deficiency" payments, the federal subsidies designed to help support farmers' incomes when market prices decline.

Even so, department economists forecast that 1991 net cash income will be in the range of \$55 billion to \$60 billion. That would compare with a record of \$59 billion estimated for 1990.

Net cash income is the difference between gross cash income in a calendar year and cash expenses.

Although 1990 shapes up as a banner year for farm income, generally, that doesn't mean all farmers everywhere have had it good. And USDA hasn't closed the books on gathering all the statistics on this year.

Mitch Morehart of the department's Economic Research Service says in the December issue of Farmline magazine that the seventh annual Farm Costs and Returns Survey will begin in mid-February.

The survey will be conducted over six weeks among 24,000 farmers and ranchers in the 48 contiguous states. Information will be gathered on their operations in 1990.

Morehart said that of the six surveys so far, the one earlier this year for 1989 was financially the best for U.S. producers.

"The (annual) survey tells us how much it costs to produce various commodities in different areas and helps us maintain a good understanding of the financial strengths and weaknesses of U.S. agriculture," Morehart said.

For example, here are a few of the highlights from the last survey:

—In 1989, net farm income was "positive" for 69 percent of the farms, compared with 64 percent in 1988. Generally, that means the farms operated at a profit.

—Farm assets averaged \$404,200 per farm in 1989, up from \$359,575 in 1988. Average net worth per farm was \$356,191, compared with \$311,343 in 1988.

—Farm operator debt was

basically unchanged, averaging \$48,018 per farm in 1989.

—The number of farms with high debt continued to decline to 11 percent with debt-asset ratios above 0.4 at the end of 1989. That means debts amounted to more than 0.4—or 40 percent—of total assets. Also, 48 percent of the farms had no debt at all.

Miller Robinson elected to Baptist committee post

DALLAS — Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, was elected to the Administrative Committee at the Executive Board's winter meeting here.

Institutions of the BGCT include eight universities, two academies, seven hospitals, Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary, San Antonio, and children's homes and homes for the aging in multiple locations.

The work is supported by the more than 5,300 Texas Baptist churches and missions which have a budget goal of \$63.5 million this year through the Cooperative Program for mission work at home and abroad.

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Drivers fearful after killings

AUSTIN (AP) — Police said their search for suspects in the shooting deaths earlier this week of two Austin cab drivers has narrowed to one man.

Authorities released a composite sketch of their suspect after a medical examiner's report Thursday concluded that both men died of three gunshot wounds to the head.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic man, 20 to 25 years old, 5-foot-7 and weighing 150 pounds. Eleazar Hinojosa, 57, the father of 11, was found in the front seat of his Roy's Taxi cab about 7:15 p.m. Monday. He had been shot in the head three times.

On Wednesday, the body of driver John Mann Parrish II, 41, was found in the trunk of his Yellow Checker cab, which had been parked behind an Austin apartment building for some time.

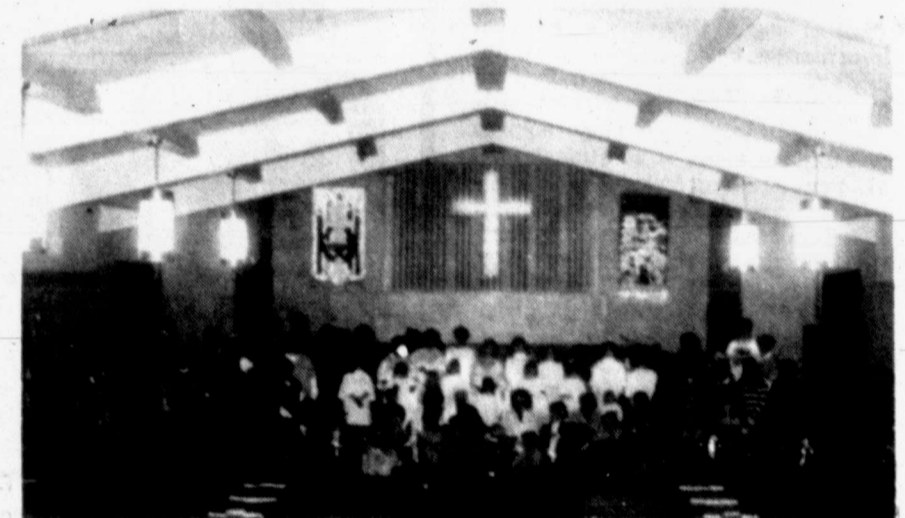
Parrish's body was discovered about two miles from where Hinojosa was shot.

Both drivers were killed by 22-caliber bullets, according to Travis County Medical Examiner Robert Bayardo.

"We feel pretty strongly they could be connected, but we don't

want to get too narrow-minded," said Sr. Sgt. Mike Lummus.

After the discovery of Parrish's body, police asked cab companies to account for their drivers' whereabouts to make sure no others are missing, Lummus said.



CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY — Trinity United Methodist Church had its Christmas program Dec. 2. The Three Wisemen (photo one), Bill Dryden, Joe Kelley and Max von Roeder, brought gifts and treats for the children. Then some 77 members of the congregation performed a live Nativity scene. (Trinity Photos)

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Cowboys snubbed in NFC balloting

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, owners of the sixth-best record in the NFL and a four-game winning streak, this week discovered how little respect they command among their peers.

But they plan to change that. The NFC players and coaches voted 41 players to the 1991 Pro Bowl team, but not a single Cowboy. "We placed nobody for the Pro Bowl?" asked linebacker Eugene Lockhart, thought by the Cowboys to be a candidate.

"Fine. Let's move on, forget about it, and kick Philadelphia's butt on Sunday."

Dallas is the only NFC team without a representative, which some players interpreted as a lack of respect around the league. "It's just another slap in the face," said Cowboy linebacker Jack Del Rio.

In addition to leading tackler Lockhart, notable Cowboy omissions were cornerback Issiac Holt, the team leader in interceptions; Jay Novacek, who leads all NFL tight ends in receiving with 54 catches; running back Emmitt Smith, who has 11 touchdowns and is on target for a 1,000-yard rushing season; and offensive linemen Mark Stepnoski and Nate Newton.

The Cowboys' 7-7 record gives them sole possession of the third and final NFC wild card spot with two games remaining. Each team has two Pro Bowl votes, one by the players and one by the coaching staff, and teams can't vote for their own players. The balloting was conducted in the past week.

At least one NFC team's ballots didn't agree with the conference's apparent low opinion of the Cowboys. The Chicago Bears' ballots included votes for Smith, Stepnoski and Novacek, and rave reviews for Holt, according to a story in the Chicago Tribune.

"Holt just jumps out at you on film," defensive end Trace Armstrong said.

"Somebody has to be doing something down there," Bears defensive tackle Dan Hampton said.

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said the Cowboys' past several years may have affected balloting.

"I felt we'd get some recognition, and I'm disappointed we didn't," he said. "But I think the last four or five years of losing probably had something to do with that. We still don't command the respect that we might want."

"But as winning comes, I think that we will."

Eagles coach Buddy Ryan, in a telephone conference Wednesday, countered Johnson's optimism about Sunday's game in Philadelphia.

"I don't consider them (the Cowboys) on our level," he said. "I think they think they are. Apparently, the building program is over down there, with only one rookie starting."

The Eagles won their last match at Texas Stadium, 21-20, with a late touchdown drive. Philadelphia has won the last six games between the teams. Ryan, who praised Novacek and quarterback Troy Aikman, nevertheless said he saw no threats to the Eagles' streak.

"I don't know if they're any better or not," he said. "Looks like the same group of players to me."

Schoolboy football...

Marshall, Converse clash for 5A crown

by The Associated Press
At least for Marshall coach Dennis Parker, Saturday's clash between the Mavericks and Converse Judson at the Astrodome will be for more than just the Class 5A big school championship.

Parker, who was announced Wednesday as the new coach at the University of North Texas, will be coaching his last game for the Mavericks (13-2) against a team he helped guide to the 1983 state title.

Parker told his players about the UNT job Wednesday morning.

"They took it like they've been taking everything else, with very little emotion," Parker told the Marshall News Messenger.

"I told them it was their fault that I was leaving. I said if they hadn't won all these games, I wouldn't be going. If they had lost two weeks ago, I'd still be here. Had we gone 5-5, I wouldn't have been offered the job."

The Mavericks qualified for the playoffs once in the 16 years before Parker arrived in 1984. Marshall has since won three district titles, advanced to the quarterfinals and semifinals and now has a chance for the state crown.

"We're going to win the state championship Saturday and I will have finished what I came here to do," Parker said.

Saturday's game also will be a reunion between Parker and Rockets coach D.W. Rutledge. When the two were assistants at Judson, they lived about a mile apart near the Guadalupe River and commuted the 40-mile round trip daily together for three years.

Parker emphasized the title game is not between him and

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — UNLV's powerhouse basketball program, already banned from 1992 postseason play because of NCAA sanctions, must now answer to new and potentially more serious NCAA charges.

The NCAA has charged UNLV with a lack of institutional control over its basketball program in an investigation that stems from the university's recruitment of former New York City prep star Lloyd Daniels.

In a letter of inquiry released Thursday by the university, the NCAA alleges Daniels was given a car and motorcycle by an assistant coach and had his bail paid by a booster after his arrest at a crack cocaine house.

Liebrandt, Hough sign new contracts

by The Associated Press
Charlie Liebrandt is the latest pitcher to cash in on the riches of new-look free agency.

Liebrandt decided to remain with the Atlanta Braves, agreeing Thursday to an \$8 million, three-year contract. Three new-look pitchers — Liebrandt, Dave Smith and Danny Darwin — have agreed to new deals this week, getting a total of \$24.7 million over nine years.

"What he got is in line with what other pitchers are getting," said Liebrandt's agent, Steve Fehr.

Among the regular free agents on Thursday, Charlie Hough agreed to a one-year, \$900,000 contract with the Chicago White Sox and Don Slaught, who on Wednesday accepted Pittsburgh's salary arbitration offer, agreed to a three-year, \$3 million contract with the Pirates.

Also, the California Angels released Johnny Ray in order to allow the second baseman to

agree to a two-year contract with the Yakult Swallows of Japan's Central League.

Six of the 15 new-look free agents have signed for a total of \$51.2 million over 18 years, an average of \$2.84 million per season. Liebrandt and Oakland's Dave Henderson re-signed, while Jack Clark and Darwin (Boston), Dave Smith (Chicago Cubs) and Brett Butler (Los Angeles) found new clubs.

Nine still have until Jan. 29 to sign new contracts or keep their present deals: Boston pitcher Larry Andersen, California outfielder Chili Davis, Detroit pitcher Jack Morris and catcher Mike Heath, Minnesota third baseman Gary Gaetti and pitcher Juan Berenguer, New York Yankees pitchers Dave LaPoint and Mike Witt, and San Francisco pitcher Mike LaCoss.

Liebrandt, a 34-year-old left-hander who made \$1 million last season, was 9-11 for Atlanta in 1990 with a 3.16 ERA.

In all, the NCAA alleges UNLV or its boosters committed a total of 29 violations, including a charge that a booster gave a former player \$200 and a hotel room for signing an affidavit refuting allegations he made against the program.

Ten of the 29 allegations contained in the letter surround the 1986 recruitment of Daniels, including charges that members of the basketball staff lied to NCAA investigators looking for recruiting violations.

The charges allege a lack of institutional control in the recruitment of Daniels and also in the handling of money given athletes by assistant coaches and bills run up by players on road trips.

Additionally, the school is charged with violating NCAA regulations in recruiting other players, some of whom were allegedly given free plane tickets, basketball shoes, meals and other incidentals during their visits to the UNLV campus.

The 43-page letter of inquiry was released by the University of Nevada system, which deleted all names mentioned in the document in what the system's legal counsel said was an effort to protect them against charges which have yet to be proven.

Counsel Donald Klasic wrote in a cover letter to UNLV president Robert Maxson that releasing the names would make them "subject to obloquy and stigmatization within both the local and national communities."

UNLV has 60 days to respond to the allegations, following which the NCAA will set up a hearing with its Committee on Infractions where the validity of the allegations will be decided.

Maxson was not available for comment, but said Wednesday that the university would cooperate fully with the latest probe of the basketball program.

"When you find out you've made mistakes, you do whatever you have to do to correct them," Maxson said. "We're very anxious to get this cleared up and get the slate clean."

The letter of inquiry was received by the university Tuesday, three weeks after UNLV settled a 13-year battle between coach Jerry Tarkanian and the NCAA with an agreement that the Runnin' Rebels could not appear on live television or play in the postseason tournament in 1992. The defending national champions are currently undefeated and ranked No. 1.

The NCAA probe began in 1987 when Newsday printed allegations about the recruitment of

Daniels, who never graduated from high school despite playing for five different schools. Daniels never played for UNLV after being arrested on drug charges and now is on the taxi squad of the Albany team in the Continental Basketball Association.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	21	4	.840	—
Philadelphia	16	8	.667	4½
New York	11	12	.476	9
New Jersey	8	14	.361	11
Washington	8	15	.346	12
Miami	5	18	.217	15

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	17	9	.700	—
Chicago	15	9	.625	2
Detroit	15	9	.625	2
Atlanta	12	11	.522	4½
Cleveland	11	14	.440	6½
Indiana	9	16	.360	8½
Charlotte	8	15	.346	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	16	5	.762	—
Utah	16	9	.640	2
Houston	14	11	.560	4
Dallas	7	14	.333	9
Minnesota	7	16	.304	10
Denver	5	18	.217	12
Orlando	5	21	.192	13½

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Portland	22	3	.880	—
Phoenix	15	7	.682	5½
LA Lakers	14	8	.636	6½
Golden State	14	10	.583	7½
LA Clippers	10	14	.417	11½
Seattle	9	13	.409	11½
Sacramento	6	16	.273	14½

Thursday's Games
Atlanta 106, Utah 87
Boston 115, Charlotte 96
Houston 128, Orlando 126, OT
Golden State 125, Portland 118
Seattle 110, Sacramento 75

Friday's Games
Charlotte at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 8 p.m.
New York at Washington, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Portland at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Washington at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Seattle, 10 p.m.

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How NBA teams did after losing in the final round of the playoffs

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1979-80	Philadelphia 76ers	62-20	.756
1980-81	Houston Rockets	46-36	.561
1981-82	Philadelphia 76ers	65-17	.793*
1982-83	Los Angeles Lakers	54-28	.659
1983-84	Los Angeles Lakers	62-20	.756*
1984-85	Boston Celtics	67-15	.817*
1985-86	Houston Rockets	42-40	.512
1986-87	Boston Celtics	57-25	.695
1987-88	Detroit Pistons	63-19	.768*
1988-89	Los Angeles Lakers	63-19	.768

* won championship
Source: NBA NEA Graphic

STAT SHEET

By John Grabowski

Nobody who knows the NBA should be very surprised by the quick start of the Portland Trail Blazers this season. Over the past 10 years, every team that lost in the NBA Finals — which Portland did last season — came back to post a winning record the following year. Four of them (Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Boston and Detroit) won NBA titles a year after finishing as the runner-up.

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Agency holding up renaming of board pending investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal finance agency is holding up the reappointment of its regional board members pending an examination of conflict-of-interest charges leveled by a member of Congress.

Steve Britt, executive director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, said Thursday that the agency is requiring additional financial disclosure documents from members of the 12 regional Home Loan Banks, which help finance the savings and loan industry.

In the meantime, a hold has been put on routine reappointments to the regional boards, he said.

The agency's action was disclosed on the same day that Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., complained about what he said were conflicts of interest of a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka.

Richard H. Hughes did not fully repay loans from thrifts under his purview, Schumer said. A Dallas business executive, Hughes served on the board of the Topeka bank from 1979 until he was replaced Dec. 13 because he had moved from the bank's district.

During his tenure, he received "multiple loans totaling \$6 million from five different thrift institutions within the Topeka region," Schumer said in a letter to Daniel F. Evans, chairman of the federal agency overseeing the Topeka bank and 11 other similar institutions.

"Mr. Hughes' case is a perfect example of what happens when the fox is assigned to guard the chicken coop" and "epitomizes the inherent potential for conflict of interest that fueled the ongoing thrift crisis," Schumer said in a statement.

Schumer, chairman of the House Budget task force on urgent fiscal issues and a member of the House Banking Committee, released a statement on Hughes along with the letter to Evans and a report by his staff on the alleged conflicts.

Hughes didn't immediately return telephone messages left at his Dallas-based business, Hinderliter Corp. His home telephone number is unlisted.

The 12 regional home loan banks raise money by issuing quasi-government bonds and uses it to provide low-cost loans to S&Ls. The Topeka bank covers institutions in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Until August 1989, government regulators responsible for examining and supervising S&Ls worked for the regional banks. With the passage of the S&L bailout law, those regulators were reassigned to the Office of Thrift Supervision, an arm of the Treasury Department.

Britt said the finance board was still examining whether to take action against Hughes or whether the matter was under the jurisdiction of the thrift office.

Schumer wrote to Evans that the congressional staff report on Hughes "is simply shocking."

He said he will push for the adoption of stringent conflict-of-interest regulations, not just for all directors and officials of the Federal Home Loan Banks, but for officials and directors of banks and S&Ls as well.

The staff report said "throughout 1987 and 1988, Mr. Hughes had delinquent loans outstanding at five thrift institutions in the Topeka district which totaled in excess of \$6 million."

"The current status of these loans is not available ... but an estimated loss to the FSLIC (Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp.) in the amount of \$2.8 million existed with respect to three loans" at Mid-America Savings and Loan Association in Tulsa, Okla., the report said.

It also cited what it called "potential conflicts of interest involving Hughes' attempts to acquire two S&Ls while serving on the regional board. They are Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan Association of Claremore, Okla., and Valley Federal Savings and Loan Association of Hutchinson, Kan.

And, the report said, in August 1986 Hughes obtained employment for a business associate, Thomas Sherman, as Tulsa branch manager at American Federal Savings and Loan Association of Andarko, Okla.

Sherman quit after board members of the S&L, then under government management, found him doing unrelated work for Hughes.

Hangar dedicated

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Buddy Rogers, star of the 1927 film "Wings," helped rededicate a refurbished 1929 hangar that is the last original structure at Los Angeles International Airport.

The hangar dedicated Thursday is listed by the city as a historic cultural monument. It sheltered aircraft owned by such stars as Jimmy Stewart and Rogers in the 1930s.

Rogers, 86, was on hand "to lend historic perspective to the day," said Tom Winfrey, spokesman for the city's airport department.

The actor starred in movies from the 1920s through the 1940s, including "Wings," a silent film that won the first Academy Award for best picture.

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AMR Corp	30 1/4	30 1/4	30 3/4	3/4	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
ALLTEL Cp	33 1/4	33	33 1/4	1/4	73 1/2	75	72 1/2
Ameritech	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	0	35 1/2	35	35
AmStores	53	52 1/2	52 3/4	-1/4	47	46 1/2	46 1/2
Amer T&T	31 1/4	30 1/4	30 1/4	-1/4	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Amoco	51 1/4	51	51 1/4	1/4	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
AndarkPtr	30 1/4	29 1/4	29 1/4	-1/4	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Arkla	20 1/4	19 3/4	19 3/4	-1/4	26 1/2	26	26 1/2
Arbcolac	5 1/4	4 3/4	4 3/4	-1/4	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
AllRichld	25	24 1/4	24 1/4	-1/4	23 1/4	23	23 1/4
BancTexas	11-11	11-11	11-11	0	87 1/2	86 1/2	87
BellAtlan s	56 1/4	55 1/4	55 1/4	-1/4	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
BellSouth	56 1/4	55 1/4	55 1/4	-1/4	7 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
Beth Steel	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	0	32 1/4	32	32 1/4
Borden s	30 1/4	30	30 1/4	1/4	39	38 1/2	38 1/2
Caterpillr	48 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/4	-1/4	60	60	60
Ceniel s	32 1/4	32	32	0	52 1/2	52	52
CenSe West	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	0	28	27 1/2	27 1/2
Chevron	73	72 1/2	72 1/2	-1/4	18 1/4	18 1/4	18 1/4
Chrysler	13 1/4	13	13 1/4	1/4	57 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
Coastal s	33 1/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	-1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4
CocaCola s	48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4	0	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
Colg Palm	74 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4	0	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
ComiMedl	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	0	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
CyprusMn	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	0	31 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2
DallSemicn	6 1/4	5 3/4	5 3/4	-1/4	49 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
DeltaAirL	56 1/4	56 1/4	56 1/4	0	58 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
DigitalEq	59 1/4	58 1/4	58 1/4	-1/4	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Dillard	90 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4	-1/4	48	47 1/2	47 1/2
DowChem	48 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/4	-1/4	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
DresserInd s	21 1/4	21 1/4	21 1/4	0	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
duPont s	38 1/4	37 1/4	37 1/4	-1/4	3 1/2	3	3
EstKodak	42 1/4	41 1/4	41 1/4	-1/4	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Enserch	20 1/4	19 3/4	19 3/4	-1/4	18	17 1/2	17 1/2
Exxon	51	50 3/4	50 3/4	-1/4	71 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
FltCityBcp	3	2 1/2	2 1/2	-1/4	40 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
FlowerInd	14	13 1/4	13 1/4	-1/4	48	47 1/2	47 1/2
FordMotor	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	0	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
GTE Cp s	29 1/4	29 1/4	29 1/4	0	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
GoDynam	35 1/4	35 1/4	35 1/4	0	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
GenElec	58 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	-1/4	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
GenMills	52	49 1/4	49 1/4	-2 1/4	31 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
GenMotrs	35	34 1/4	34 1/4	-1/4	35 1/2	35	35 1/2
GnMotrE s	39 1/4	39	39 1/4	1/4	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
GlobMar n	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	0			
Goodrich	39 1/4	39 1/4	39 1/4	0			
Goodyear	17 1/4	17	17 1/4	1/4			
GTAlPac	44 1/4	43 3/4	43 3/4	-1/4			
Gulf StaUt	10 1/4	10	10 1/4	1/4			
Haliburtn	44 1/4	44	44 1/4	1/4			
HouStd	36 1/4	36 1/4	36 1/4	0			
IBM	114	113 1/4	113 1/4	-1/4			
IntlPaper	54	53 1/4	53 1/4	-1/4			
JohnsJhn	71 1/4	70 3/4	71 1/4	1/4			
K Mart	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	0			
Kroger	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	0			
vJTY Cp	9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4	0			
Litton Ind	76 1/4	76 1/4	76 1/4	0			
vJLoneStar	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	0			
Lowe's	24 1/4	24 1/4	24 1/4	0			
Lubys s	17 1/4	16 3/4	16 3/4	-1/4			
Maxus	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	0			
MayDSt	44 1/4	43 3/4	43 3/4	-1/4			
Medtronic	85 1/4	85	85 1/4	1/4			
Mobil	57 1/4	56 3/4	56 3/4	-1/4			
Monsanto s	49 1/4	48 3/4	48 3/4	-1/4			



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS — These Central fourth graders presented a Christmas play recently. The music was under the direction of Judy McLarty. Students in Wanda Hudgins' class are Velen Aguilar, Monico Anguiano, Michael Borrego, Fathima Burks, Tyrone Childers, Dana Durst, Lupe Gutierrez, Matt Hammond, Kristi Hernandez, Loretta Rios, Erick Rodriguez, Joey Selvera, Joshua Treat, Melissa Rodriguez, Jaime Valadez and Tammy May. Students in Shirley Jones' class are Jessie Alonzo, Melissa Alvarado, Max Arreguin, Griselda Castillon, Marcus Fuentez, Cynthia Gutierrez, Earl Jackson, Lisa Luera, Robert Martinez, Jesse Munoz, Tynia Nelson, Escar Rivera, Jacob Rodriguez, Rose Ruiz, Sherri Smith, and Florinda Olivarez. Students in Dianne Morton's class are Michael Alvarado, Joel Barron, Maria Barron, Brady Cobb, Tanya Costillo, Raymond Guzman, B.J. Hernandez, Kendra Jackson, Charles Jones, Cristy Luna, John Martinez, Fernando Nolan, Amanda Rivera, Dolly Vanous, Raul Villegas, Elizabeth Guzman, and Rene Garcia. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Israel won't accommodate UN on new resolution

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Jewish groups are lambasting Washington for supporting a Security Council resolution that condemns Israel's deportation of Palestinians, and Israel says it will "not accommodate" the United Nations.

By joining in the 15-0 council vote Thursday, the United States managed to maintain crucial unity with its Arab allies in the Persian Gulf crisis as the Jan. 15 U.N. deadline approaches for Iraq to pull out of Kuwait or face possible war.

At the same time, U.S. Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering avoided linkage of the Palestinian issue to efforts to resolve the gulf crisis, as Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has been demanding.

The resolution asks signatories of the Fourth Geneva Convention to "ensure respect by Israel ... for its obligations" under the convention.

Under the Geneva Convention, the military occupying power may not attack or deport civilians, destroy their homes, or impose collective punishment, tactics Israel has used to try to crush the Palestinian uprising.

Israel says the Geneva Convention does not apply to the West Bank and Gaza because it captured those territories from Egypt and Jordan in self-defense during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Last week Israel said it would

deport four Palestinian leaders of Hamas, a fundamentalist group whose members earlier killed three Israelis at a factory outside Tel Aviv.

The resolution "joins the string of negative decisions which rest peacefully in the archives of the United Nations without anyone touching them," Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said in Jerusalem.

Jewish agencies in the United States reacted angrily to the vote.

"U.S. support for this resolution stems from a need to appease Arab states," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of

the World Jewish Congress. "Such a policy of appeasement is immoral and, in the long run, self-defeating."

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said the United States "fell into Saddam Hussein's linkage trap."

The resolution instructs U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to monitor conditions for Palestinian civilians and for this purpose to "utilize and designate or draw upon the United Nations and other personnel and resources present there in the area and elsewhere."

The main U.N. bodies in the area are the Truce Supervision

Organization, which patrols cease-fire zones in the Golan Heights and Suez Canal, and the Relief and Works Agency, which cares for 700,000 Palestinian refugees in the Mideast.

No firm plans were set for monitoring the Palestinians in the occupied territories, pending the secretary-general's review of the situation. Perez de Cuellar has been invited to visit Israel in the near future.

Since the United States holds a veto in the Security Council, it would be impossible for either the relief or truce agency to begin monitoring the Palestinians.

Astronauts say mission's success 'yet to be known'

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Columbia's astronauts said Thursday they returned home with a "rich harvest" of scientific information gathered during their astronomy mission, despite several technical problems.

The shuttle flight's troubles that repeatedly delayed their stargazing efforts were widely publicized, but the seven crew members said they believe they were successful in studying some of the hottest spots in the universe.

"The astronomy results will be the proof of this mission," Columbia commander Vance Brand said at a news conference at the Johnson Space Center. "It will take a few months for those results to come out, but we're hoping for very good results."

The \$150 million Astro observatory examined 135 celestial objects such as quasars, stars and galaxies that emit X-rays and ultraviolet waves that cannot penetrate the Earth's atmosphere. That number was a little more than half the number scientists had hoped to achieve.

Precious viewing time was lost during the recent nine-day mission with the failures of two computer terminals and problems with an instrument pointing system. A line that dumps wastewater overboard clogged, but it didn't interfere with the observatory's work.

The problems often forced the four astronauts aboard the shuttle to manually guide the three ultraviolet telescopes toward celestial targets with a joystick and some guidance from ground controllers. The X-ray telescope was unaffected because it had its own guiding system and was controlled by ground commands.

The manual process was cumbersome at first, but the astronauts said they adapted fairly quickly.

"We went up there to do astronomy and we could tell from what we'd seen that we had reaped an immense harvest of data about ultraviolet astronomy," said astronaut Samuel Durrance, a payload specialist.

"I think the final results will more than prove the benefits of this flight," Durrance said.

Winter

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"Unless the hypothermia victim receives immediate care, drowsiness, slurred speech, falling blood pressure, shallow breathing and a bloated or pinkish tint to the skin develop. These symptoms are closely followed by unconsciousness and death," said Dr. Simpson.

Dr. Simpson stressed the importance of checking on older relatives and friends, especially those living alone, to be sure they are staying warm during cold weather.

Families traveling for the holidays should take precautions in the event of a possible breakdown in cold weather and bring along blankets. Anyone going out in the cold should dress warmly in loose-fitting, layered clothing, gloves and a face covering to block wind-chill.

Wind-chill is the term for the cooling effect wind can have on the surface of the skin. A brisk wind, combined with even moderately cool temperatures, can produce wind-chill far below freezing.

A temperature of 20 degrees will produce a wind-chill of 17 degrees below zero when the wind speed is 20 miles per hour, for instance.

Contest

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2705 38th St., —Dwayne Featherston residence on FM 1611 (left at gin, fourth house on right), —Dale Byrd residence at 3307 Ave. U, —Janet Eckert residence at 3108 40th St., —Gilbert Ramos residence at 11th and Ave. V, —Bishop Moffett residence at 4513 El Paso, —Robert Pendleton residence at 4109 Kerrville.

St. Louis companies warn of layoffs

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Leading defense contractors McDonnell Douglas Corp. and General Dynamics Corp. say about 4,000 workers at each company could lose their jobs if the Pentagon cancels the Navy A-12 Avenger program.

The two companies, both based in St. Louis, are prime contractors on the \$4.8 billion A-12 program. The government has threatened to scrap the program because of cost overruns and schedule problems. A decision could come as early as Jan. 2.

Even without losing the A-12 program, which would be a painful blow, McDonnell Douglas and General Dynamics are among defense contractors under pressure because of a weapons orders slowdown resulting from a thaw in the Cold War.

Since July, McDonnell has laid off about 15,000 employees nationwide in an effort to cut costs and improve its ailing finances and General Dynamics has laid off thousands.

McDonnell Douglas said Thursday it would notify about 4,000 employees at its McDonnell

Aircraft Co. plants in St. Louis and Tulsa that they could be laid off as soon as Jan. 2. Officials said the layoffs would not be limited to people working on the A-12 program.

"It's not a notification that you are going to be laid off," said Lee Whitney, a spokesman for McDonnell. "It's a possibility. We wanted to notify those people that they could be affected, so they can have the opportunity to make whatever plans they need to make."

Later, General Dynamics said it also would notify about 4,000 workers at its Fort Worth Division that they could be laid off as early as Jan. 2.

General Dynamics President Herbert Roguers said the company was hopeful the Navy and the Department of Defense would continue the program.

SO works theft

Scurry County sheriff's office investigated a reported theft Thursday afternoon.

Otis Kincheloe of 303 25th St. advised a deputy at 1:30 p.m. that tools valued at approximately \$200 was taken from the back of his pickup.

Two calls logged by local firemen

Snyder firefighters responded to two calls Thursday.

At 2:07 p.m., units responded to a small grass fire at North Ave. O. The blaze was quickly extinguished.

Firefighters were called to the Ira Gin just after 9 p.m. where some equipment had caught on fire. According to gin personnel, no significant amount of cotton was lost and the equipment was being repaired today. There were no injuries reported.

Births

Jared Scott announces the birth of his sister, Sydney Elizabeth, weighing seven pounds, nine ounces, born at 10:09 a.m. Dec. 20 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Parents are Drew and Teresa Scott of Midland, formerly of Snyder.

Grandparents are Doyle and Nancy Scott of Snyder and Jerry and Pat Atnip of Midland.

Four accidents worked by police

Four traffic accidents kept Snyder police busy Thursday.

The day's first accident occurred at 8:23 a.m. in the 3700 block of Sunset. Involved were a 1991 Ford pickup driven by Jerry Brown of 3717 Sunset and a parked 1981 Oldsmobile owned by Rudolph Trujillo of Route 3. Damage was listed as minor and no injuries were reported.

Minutes later at 8:35 a.m., an officer was called to the Traffic Circle where a 1981 Oldsmobile driven by Georgette Davis of Route 2 was in collision with a 1990 GMC Jimmy driven by Kenneth Mize of Midland. No injuries were reported, however both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Police were called to the 800 block of Lubbock Highway at 1:03 p.m. where a 1980 Ford pickup driven by Christopher Clayton of 1800 Ave. I was in collision with a 1986 Nissan pickup driven by James Silvers of Midland. Damage to the Clayton vehicle was described as moderate, and the Silvers vehicle sustained only minor damage. No injuries were reported.

At 3:38 p.m., police were called to a minor accident at 30th St. and College Ave. Involved were a 1990 Plymouth driven by Nanette Sanchez of 3806 Noble Drive and a 1991 Chevrolet driven by Juanita Carrisalez of 912 Ave. Q. No injuries were reported.

Jobless

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- Tyler 7.2 (5.5)
- Victoria 4.8 (4.2)
- Waco 6.5 (5.0)
- Wichita Falls 6.7 (5.0)

Obituaries

Mary Lampfon

1913-1990

RANTOUL, Ill. — Graveside services for Mrs. Mary J. Lampfon, 77, of Rantoul, Ill., former Snyder resident, will be held Saturday at River Hills Memorial Park in Batavia, Ill. She died at 11 p.m. Wednesday at Country Health Nursing Home in Gifford, Ill.

While living in Snyder, Mrs. Lampfon was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the ladies group of the church and the local Business and Professional Women Association.

She is survived by one daughter, Marilyn Clark of Rantoul; one son, Wayne Lampfon of Houston; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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DEAR ABBY: You recently printed a letter from a woman who had celebrated her golden wedding anniversary on the wrong date because of an early pregnancy. She said she lied about the actual date of her marriage to save face. Her pastor told her to forget it — it was not a "major" lie. Abby, I was very disappointed to see you agree with the pastor.

Under the same circumstances, my husband's mother lied about my husband's date of birth. That made him four months younger than he really was, which made his school records, military service records, insurance policies and Social Security records in error — all because his mother wanted to save face. My husband discovered the mess when he needed a passport and sent for his birth certificate. He went through a lot of red tape to correct his records without telling his mother in order to spare her feelings. She went to her grave thinking she had fooled everyone.

Abby, please don't go along with anyone (even a pastor) who condones lying. There is no such thing as a "major" or "minor" lie. A lie is a lie.

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DEAR FOR TRUTH: You are right: A lie is a lie. But some lies have major consequences while others have minor consequences.

DEAR ABBY: I recently broke up with my boyfriend of two years. Last night, he phoned to ask me to return the two beautiful wall pictures he and his parents had given me for Christmas last year, and the bracelet he gave me the Christmas before.

Although I thought it was extremely tacky of him to ask me to return these gifts, my first impulse was to be big about it, let him have them, and get this thing over and done with as painlessly and quickly as possible.

Then, the more I thought about it, the more I felt like calling him and asking him to return all the birthday and Christmas presents I had given

him these past two years. Now I'm torn between doing what I think is right and getting even. The immaturity and absurdity of the whole situation belies the fact that this man is 35 and I'm 33. Also, we were not married, or even living together.

What would you do if you were me? (TRYING NOT TO BE) BITTER

DEAR TRYING: Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with whatever he or she wishes. (This includes his gifts to you as well as your gifts to him.)

However, if I were you, I would return his gifts — if only to be rid of the reminders of this 35-year-old man who still has a lot of growing up to do.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from the young woman who was planning her wedding, I thought you might be interested in a family wedding I attended a few years ago.

The bridegroom was a cousin of mine. He had a sister and a younger brother. After the parents had taken their seats, the music began to play again, and a tall man in a tuxedo walked down the aisle alone — except for the seeing-eye dog who led him. The dog wore a very proper formal bow tie.

Thinking this was rather unusual, I asked the younger brother later, "Weren't you supposed to be the best man?" He laughed and said, "It was my brother's wedding, and it didn't bother me a bit that he asked his best friend to be his best man."

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Everything you'll need to know about planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Fraud charges still major election issue

MEXICO CITY (AP) — When candidates and parties face off in Mexican elections, the battle often doesn't end at the ballot box. Fraud charges fly for weeks after.

Four state elections over the past two months showed the issue of fraud is as alive as ever, despite President Carlos Salinas

de Gortari's pledges of clean elections, reforms in electoral laws and promises from his Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, that it's changing its ways.

Most accusations are aimed at the PRI, whose 61 years in power have made it synonymous with the government, thus helping it

continue to win.

What has changed since Salinas took office two years ago is that clear opposition victories are recognized, said Luis H. Alvarez, president of the National Action Party, or PAN.

The business-oriented National Action Party for many years was the only significant opposition and, even so, won few elections. With the leftist Democratic Revolutionary Party, it remains one of the two main minority forces.

"Here one has to win by knockout, by an ample majority," Alvarez said. It's more difficult when the vote is close.

"Now if we win and we show the documentation that we won, they recognize our triumph, but that shouldn't have to be.

"We have to prove it. The one who is robbed has to say, 'they robbed me,' and then catch the thief and put him in jail."

For eight days the rightist opposition party and the governing party claimed victory in the close Nov. 25 mayoral race in Merida.

"If the PRI wins, (it's) fraud; if the opposition party wins, (it's) democracy," Yucatan state Gov. Victor Manzanilla Schaffer was quoted as saying of the opposition

allegations.

PAN's Ana Rosa Payan Cervera was declared the winner after recounts and the inclusion of six disputed ballot boxes. Local governing party officials then said they would challenge the results.

"It is a significant advance, not because the PAN has won in Merida, but simply because they are giving the real results," the government newspaper El Nacional said in an editorial.

Minority parties receive congressional seats according to the percentage of the vote they win and are guaranteed at least 100 of the 400 seats in the Chamber of Deputies.

Commissioners for Port of Houston have their data scrutinized

HOUSTON (AP) — The Harris County District Attorney's is questioning some travel expenses charged to the Port of Houston and a practice of com-

missioners reimbursing the port for spouses' convention expenses.

The district attorney's Public Integrity Office has reviewed materials this week, and officials are considering launching an investigation into the Port of Houston Authority's travel practices to such places as the Bahamas and Paris.

"No state moneys may be used for private benefit or gain. No matter how you cut it, you can't make spousal travel anything but personal benefit or gain," a district attorney's official who asked to remain anonymous told the Houston Chronicle.

But Port officials say expenses being questioned do not involve tax dollars, but revenues generated from ship and cargo-handling fees.

"We're the voting body, and if we authorize it, it would seem appropriate," said Port Commissioner Michael Solar.

Port Commission Chairman Ned Holmes instructed staffers to survey other U.S. ports and their board's travel policies following reports on Houston television station KPRC, which questioned the Houston Port's travel expense policy. Holmes also met with Mayor Kathy Whitmire and Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay about the survey.

According to employee travel guidelines adopted by the port, "unreasonable entertainment expenses will not be reimbursed by the port. It is the responsibility of the traveler to control these expenses considering the location and circumstances of the trip."

The guidelines further state the submitted expenses "should directly precede, include, or follow a bonafide business discussion. A business benefit should be derived or expected to be derived from the entertainment."

Domestic air travel "should be booked in coach class," while international flights should be business class, the guidelines say.

Loot found hidden in back of false wall

HOOKS, Texas (AP) — Officers found thousands of dollars in stolen property, including a rifle used in the Revolutionary War, behind false walls in a home rented by a DeKalb Police officer who was arrested on burglary and drug charges, Bowie County officials say.

The property, worth an estimated \$100,000, was found Thursday at the home of DeKalb Police officer David Jackson, who was arrested along with his wife, Deborah, on burglary and drug charges earlier this week.

"If you weren't familiar with the house, you never would have known they were there," DeWayne Leverett, owner of the home, said of the false walls.

Leverett said he discovered the false walls Thursday and notified Hooks officers.

"I noticed they put a wall up and it just didn't look right," Leverett said. "Like possibly, there was something there besides just a wall."

Items found included the Revolutionary War rifle owned by DeKalb businessman Jerry Elkins, according to Bowie County District Attorney John Miller. He said they also found a disassembled tractor lawnmower reported stolen from the farm of County Judge James Carlow.

Other items included computers, a television set, tools and welding equipment.

DeKalb Police Chief Carroll Dodson said there had been a rash of burglaries and thefts during the two years since they hired Jackson.

"I think we're going to clear just about every burglary since March 1989," Dodson said.

Describing Jackson as a good officer who knew the law and worked hard to enforce traffic safety, Dodson said he became suspicious of Jackson following a burglary report submitted by the officer in October 1989.

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Your Birthday

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In the year ahead there could be a major shift of emphasis where your goals and objectives are concerned. What you previously thought was important could become less significant. You'll succeed where your new interests are concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your hopes and expectations have a good chance of being fulfilled today, provided they are of equal benefit to persons with whom you'll be involved. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Several signs could be very fortunate at this time at having their material desires fulfilled. You are numbered among the front runners.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions are rather unusual today in that you could be extremely lucky in areas where you would least expect and not so fortunate in areas you think are a shoo-in.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Give your most meaningful projects top priority today. You're in a good success cycle and if you effectively apply your efforts, objectives you establish are achievable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your present ambitions can be advanced at this time if you can win the support of persons who are in positions to assist you. Good public relations can do wonders for you now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Collective endeavors are the ones that could be the most rewarding for you today, even though you might be inclined to think otherwise. Focus on this area and see for yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Have faith in your judgment today, especially if you have taken the time to evaluate an important matter from every angle. Even if your decision isn't perfect, it can be adjusted to circumstances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you have been contemplating a change of occupation, you could be rather lucky at this time in finding what you want. Take measures today to set up interviews.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The secret to your success today is to put your non-material interests above your material ones. Building good will is the key to improving your other circumstances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be extremely alert at this time because there is an abundance of financial opportunities within your orbit. They might not be obvious, but they do exist.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might be able to put together a constructive alliance today with a person whose thoughts and concepts closely parallel yours. Collectively, you're a winning combination.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Throughout this cycle there will be days when your financial prospects look better than other times. This is one of those periods when you should be able to capitalize on these influences.

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The U.S. Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall in 1967 as the first black justice on the Supreme Court.

Dixon is ordered held without bond

DALLAS (AP) — Former Vernon Savings Association owner Don R. Dixon, convicted of defrauding the thrift's customers, has money overseas and may not stay in the country for sentencing, investigators told a federal magistrate.

U.S. Magistrate John B. Tolle responded Thursday by ordering Dixon held without bond until his Feb. 19 sentencing.

Dixon's attorney, Billy Ravkind, said he would appeal Tolle's decision to U.S. District Judge A. Joe Fish, who presided over the seven-week trial.

After two weeks of deliberations, a jury Thursday morning said Dixon was guilty of illegally spending money from Vernon on prostitutes and his California beach home. He was cleared of charges that he made illegal

campaign contributions.

Dixon faces a maximum prison sentence of 115 years and a \$5.75 million fine, said U.S. Attorney Marvin Collins.

Dixon, 52, was the 11th person and eighth Vernon officer convicted of criminal wrongdoing that contributed to the thrift's 1987 failure, which cost taxpayers \$1.3 billion — one of the most costly collapses in the savings and loan crisis.

Woody Lemons, who was Vernon's chief executive officer, was sentenced in April to 30 years in prison, the stiffest penalty yet handed any figure in the savings and loan crisis.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh praised the prosecutors and investigators who have worked on the Vernon case for four years. "Starting at the bottom rung of the corporate ladder, they have now worked their way

up to a conviction of the chairman of the board," he said.

Marvin Collins, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, said Dixon is the first of four major thrift figures under investigation in the region to be convicted.

Similar fraud and conspiracy charges have also been brought against former Western Savings Association owner Jarrett Woods and former Sunbelt Savings

chairman Ed McBirney, Collins said. Danny Faulkner, former owner of Empire Savings and Loan Association, faces a second trial after his first in 1989 ended in a hung jury.

"We are currently looking at approximately 50 savings and loans for prosecution in the Northern District of Texas and uncountable offenses in banks," Collins said.

Hightower accused of spending money

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Agriculture Commissioner-elect Rick Perry says outgoing Commissioner Jim Hightower is running up expenses in his final days of office and that the department will have cash-flow problems later.

A spokesman for Hightower denied the charge Thursday and attributed Perry's statement to his lack of knowledge about how to manage an agency.

"For the first time they are having to learn about what it takes to run an agency, and to run an agency you have to provide the tools for employees to do their job," Andy Welch said.

Perry, a Republican who defeated the Democratic incumbent in November, predicted that when he takes over the state Agriculture Department on Jan. 2, the agency may be suffering cash-flow problems because of recent employee bonuses and car purchases.

"There's been some money spent here in the last 30 days that had I been the commissioner, probably would not have occurred," Perry said during a news conference to announce his new staff.

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